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President's Medal of Honor to be awarded

Twenty-five native North Carolinians, whose contributions to the quality of life in our state and nation cover a large and varied spectrum of pursuits, have been selected to be the first recipients of the President's Medal of Honor during commencement exercises May 8 at North Carolina Wesleyan College.

The medal presentations will be the final event of the celebration of the College's 25th anniversary year. According to College President Dr. S. Bruce Petteway, "It seems fitting in this stage of the history of our College that we acknowledge the contributions of native Tarheels who have done so much to improve the quality of life in our state."

"The identification of these 25 North Carolinians also helps to focus upon the progress and influence North Carolina Wesleyan College has achieved during the quarter-century since its founding," Dr. Petteway added. "The future of the College is closely tied to the future of our state; as one prospers the other will follow."

The selection of the President's Medal recipients was made by a seven member blue ribbon committee chaired by Nancy and Dail Holderness of Tarboro. Mr. Holderness is a retired Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company President.

Other members of the selection committee are: Ivie L. Clayton, President-Secretary of the North Carolina Citizens Association; Frank A. Daniels, President and Publisher of the Raleigh News and Observer; Dick Herbert, Executive Secretary

for Football Coaches of America; Sara Hodgkins, Secretary of the North Carolina Cultural Resources Commission; and Dr. Norman Wiggins, President of Campbell University.

"We feel that the selection committee is representative of the business and professional communities within our state," Dr. Petteway said. "The committee contains many distinguished North Carolinians worthy of recognition in their own right."

According to Dr. Petteway, the chief constraint placed upon the committee was the insistence that the medal recipients were born in North Carolina. "They were also asked not to select people currently occupying political office," he added. "This eliminated many outstanding Tarheels from our list."

"The recognition of these 25 people is symbolic and serves to recognize all North Carolinians who have contributed to the quality of life in this state and nation."

Many of the medal recipients are expected to be present at the May 8 commencement. Those chosen to receive the Medal of Honor are:

John Montgomery Belk, Charlotte, department store executive

David Brinkley, Wilmington, television journalist

Jonathan Worth Daniels, Raleigh, publisher and journalist (deceased)

Archie K. Davis, Winston-Salem, banking executive

John D. DeButts, Greensboro, telephone company executive

Samuel J. Ervin, Jr., Morganton, former U.S.

Senator

Roberta Flack, Black Mountain, entertainer
Ava Gardner, Smithfield, actress

W. Kenneth Goodson, Salisbury, retired Bishop of The United Methodist Church
William (Billy) F. Graham, Charlotte, evangelist
Andy Griffith, Mount Airy, actor

James A. (Catfish) Hunter, Hertford, professional athlete
Charles (Choo Choo) Justice, Cherryville, professional athlete

Elizabeth Koontz, Salisbury, educator

Charles B. Kuralt, Wilmington, television

journalist

Kay Kyser, Rocky Mount, entertainer

Ronnie Milsap, Robinsville, entertainer

Dan K. Moore, Asheville, former North Carolina Governor and jurist

Frances Gay Patton, Raleigh, author

Gaylord J. Perry, Williamston, professional athlete

Richard Petty, Randallman, professional auto racer

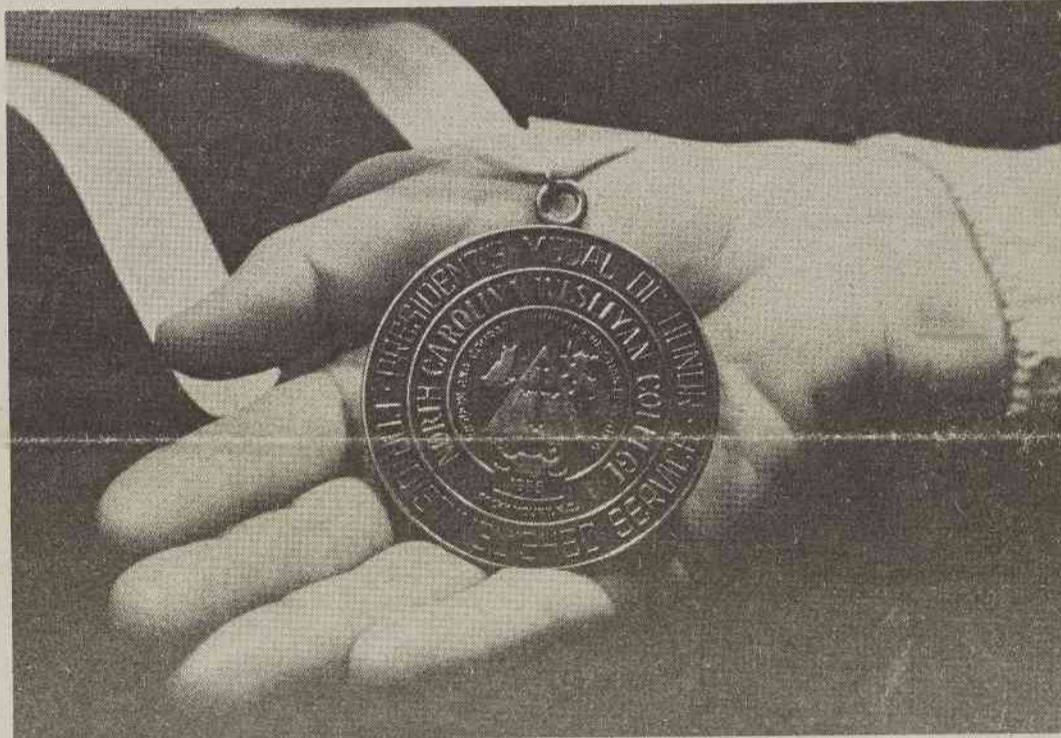
Vermont (Connecticut) Royster, Raleigh, journalist

Terry Sanford, Louisburg, former North Carolina Governor and educator

Susie M. Sharp, Rocky Mount, former chief justice N.C. Supreme Court

Asa Timothy Spaulding, Whiteville, insurance company executive

North Carolina Wesleyan College, located just north of Rocky Mount is a four year liberal institution closely associated with The United Methodist Church. Last fall, more than one thousand people participated in graduate and undergraduate programs offered on the Wesleyan campus and at the College's Goldsboro, Jacksonville, and Raleigh extensions.



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SNOW!

by Rusty Styron

"Sleigh bells ring are you listening, in the lane snow is glistening... walking in a winter wonder land." These famous words, like those of many other popular carols, talk of sleigh bells, winter, and most of all snow!

As a Floridian, I have found it almost impossible to sing these songs without wondering what snow looks like, feels like, or even tastes like. For the entire 18 years of my life I have marveled at what snow could possibly be like. Let's face it folks, "I'm dreaming of a palm tree Christmas," just doesn't cut it. After all, have you ever tried to throw a sandball, or make a sandman, not to mention the difficult feat of sand angels, or how about an igloo made of palm leaves!

Finally after much anticipation on my part, we had our first snowfall. And then two days later four more inches. Now I realize that some of you have grown to hate this stuff, but you had a childhood full of snow. I have been deprived of one of nature's wonders. So, if I act like a little kid then that's

okay!

All one needs with snow is an optimistic attitude. While shoveling the sidewalk just remember if you get it high enough, you can hide from your prof. whenever you have a paper due and have yet to start on it. Or when the snow begins to melt and turns to mush remember how much you have always loved snowcones. Then when it finally turns to hard ice, think about your dream of becoming an Olympic ice skater, then just see how good you really are. If you're as good as you thought you were, you needn't walk to class, just slide!

The idea of a snowfall is no longer just a fantasy but a reality. Trudging through messy, mushes of white snow can easily make one appreciate the warmth which spring soon brings. I had loads of fun building a snowman, throwing snowballs and making snow angels. But one thing I will always treasure is a thought which was shared with me by someone who was a veteran to all of this wonderful whiteness of winter. Never eat yellow snow!

Wesleyan's New Extension

by Brooks Skinner
Decree Staff

We as students on Wesleyan's campus should remember that we have classmates most of us never see. NCWC has an extension program which offers classes to students in other areas of the state.

North Carolina Wesleyan College has opened its third college extension program. This program, located in Jacksonville, offers four classes during the Spring term which began January 12.

According to Wesleyan's Director of College Extension, Dr. Harry P. Meinhardt, the college opened its Jacksonville program as an extension of the Criminal Justice Department at the request of officials of Coastal Carolina Community College, the Jacksonville Police Department, and the Onslow County Sheriff's Department.

"We have been operating successful extension programs in Raleigh and in Goldsboro for several years," said Dr. Meinhardt. Based on

our experience in those two locations, especially our experience with dealing with military personnel at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, we are confident that our Jacksonville program will successfully fill the needs of

this community." During the Fall 1981 term, more than one thousand people were enrolled in graduate and undergraduate programs offered on the Wesleyan campus and at its two extensions.

25th Anniversary Events

Community
Appreciation Day

Community Appreciation Day, a campus open house for the community will be held on Saturday, April 24. A committee made up of staff, faculty, students, and alumni is presently at work planning for this special day.

Church

Appreciation Day

On Sunday evening, April 25, Bishop William R. Cannon, Bishop of the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church, will address the College community and friends at First United Methodist Church, Rocky Mount. This program will be held in appreciation for the

support the United Methodist Church has given to our College.

Commencement

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