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## President candidate pays visit

By TOM RIVERS

On April 7, the Presidential Search Committee presented Dr. Leslie Garner, an assistant professor of business at the University of North Carolina, to the campus community as a candidate being considered for the presidency of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Garner addressed members of the Wesleyan community in plenary session in room 105 of the Gravely Science Building where he said his main objective in coming to Wesleyan would be to "build an institution of distinction."

Other goals, he said, are to enhance faculty strength by raising salaries, increase the college's endowment, increase enrollment, and build a performing arts complex.

Garner was born and raised in nearby Greenville, where his father is now mayor. He earned his masters degree and his PhD in Public Policy from Harvard University before beginning his teaching career at UNC as an assistant professor of business. At UNC, he has been a Morehead Scholar as well as contributed to many published works.

Garner said he likes Wesleyan and hopes to become a part of it. He said he hopes to "build community" and have close contact with faculty, staff, and students.



CANDIDATE ON CAMPUS — Dr. Leslie Garner, under consideration as a potential President for Wesleyan College, addresses the Wesleyan community during his recent campus visit.

## Committee still searching

Since October 1985 there has been a presidential search at North Carolina Wesleyan College. Upon the resignation of former president S. Bruce Petteway the search began, which has brought two candidates to campus, and has lasted a longer time than any previous presidential search at NCWC.

In 1975, Dr. Tom Collins resigned the president's position as the college was having financial difficulties. His resignation was effective May 1, and the new president (Petteway) was in office by mid-August, according to Dr. Raymond Bauer, Chairman of the Physical Education Department.

The current search, which began with Petteway's resignation at Founders Day in October 1985, has thus far been unsuccessful in

producing a president for the college.

According to Don Scalf, assistant professor of physical education, the search in 1975 was looking for an individual to immediately get the school out of financial trouble and Petteway seemed to be the person to do that. "What the search committee is looking for is someone who can pick up some loose pieces, put them together, and give us some long-range stability," said Scalf.

A couple of candidates have been brought on campus by the search committee since the search began, the latest being Dr. Leslie Garner, an assistant professor of business at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Jean Edge, assistant professor of physical education, said that this time the committee is looking for

someone with a good liberal arts background that wants to upgrade the quality of the school. She feels the length of this search may be attributed to the committee looking for so many important qualities in one person.

Bauer stated that the president is a very vital part of the public relations of the college and attracting money for the college. He said he did not really understand the search committee taking almost 18 months to find a person to fill the position.

The search committee is continuing their efforts in the search for a president at NCWC and according to Edge, she thinks the committee needs to have someone in place before the 1986-87 academic year ends.

## Convocation recognizes top students

By MELANIE BOLLING  
and SHARON EVANS

On Sunday, April 12, North Carolina Wesleyan held its annual Honors Convocation in the cafeteria. The purpose of this convocation is to recognize the accomplishments of the outstanding students at Wesleyan.

Following a prelude by the Wesleyan Wind Ensemble and an Invocation by the campus minister, Dr. Mark Ledbetter, Dr. Stephen Fritz, acting president of Wesleyan, welcomed a large, attentive audience of students, faculty, and parents. An address was given by long-time faculty member Dr. Raymond Bauer, chairman of the Physical Education Department.

Dr. Marshall Brooks, acting Dean of Wesleyan, presented the academic awards Dr. Carleton McKita presented the Student Life Awards.

The following were honored:

Conner Savings and Loan  
Biology — Lisa Brumble Griffin  
and Andrea S. Smith

Mathematics — Cindy Lou Bovee

Chemistry — Bonita Yulanda McClain-Williams

North Carolina Institute of Chemist's Award — Bonita Yulanda McClain-Williams

Chemical Rubber Company Award — Andrea S. Smith

People's Bank Business Administration/Economics Award — Jacque Baker Winslow

Planter's National Bank and Trust Company awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement:

Native — Douglas Lyman Yearwood

Transfer — Dixie Blume, Julianne Goodwin, Jacque Baker Winslow

Helen Merriam Thorp Music Award — Gay Ann Hendricks

W.C. Reid Band Award — James Michael Berry

John Paul Jones History Award — John G. Pridgen

SNCAE Education Award — Ellen Davis

Criminal Justice Award —

Douglas Lyman Yearwood  
Freshman Writing Award  
(English) — Carl S. Anderson

Senior English Award — John G. Pridgen

Politics Award — Jackie Walters  
Physical Education Award —

Lori Ann Blackburn  
Psychology Award — Douglas Lyman Yearwood

Religion/Philosophy Award — Joseph L. Bryant

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## Student Life Dean gets new position

By SHIRLEY SMITH

Dr. Carleton McKita has resigned as Dean of Student Life and has been appointed campus minister by Dr. Stephen Fritz, acting President of the college. Dr. McKita says that his decision to resign was partly based on the fact that the college is involved in strategic planning and he feels that the college should develop a stronger relationship with the conference. The conference is "looking for ways in which the church can express its interest in education through Wesleyan," says McKita.

Dr. McKita feels that he is very much qualified for the job as campus minister because it is a job that he's been trained for and one that he's done.

McKita doesn't plan to have any drastic changes in the way things have been done religiously on campus. "Mark Ledbetter has been a marvelous example as campus minister. He has done a great job here," said McKita. "The only difference will be that I won't have the teaching lead he had. I feel that a minister should serve the students."

An ad has been placed in The Chronicle of Higher Education for the position of Dean of Student Life of the North Carolina Wesleyan College.

The closing date for applicants as stated in the ad is May 15. Dr. Fritz says that Wesleyan will have a new Dean. "Just as soon as possible, early summer at the latest."