

Garner inaugurated as president

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realize that change can be positive. We can still hope for expanded economic opportunity for our citizens, and we still dream of the day when our cultural diversity can be a cause for celebration....

"We must use the knowledge that is ours to help this region prepare a new generation of leadership, to celebrate its cultural strength and prepare to take its rightful place among those geographic regions that will have a future of prosperity," he said.

About 1,000 guests and delegates from other colleges attended the event, which was held on the front lawn of the Braswell Administration Building on the Wesleyan campus. J. Phil Carlton, chairman of Wesleyan's Board of Trustees, presided over the inauguration ceremony. Greetings were brought to the new president by Bishop Carlton Minnick of the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church; the Rev. Alvin M. Home, member of the Board of Trustees and Alumni Association president; Lesley Freeman, president of the Student Government Association; and Dr. Linda Flowers, past chairman of the faculty council.

Earlier in the day about 500 people attended a symposium at Wesleyan titled "Eastern North Carolina in a Global Economy," where several business and community leaders discussed the prospects of Eastern North

Carolina in the emerging global economy.

Participating in the symposium were D. Wayne Calloway, chairman and CEO of Pepsico, Inc., who delivered the keynote address; former N.C. Governor James B. Hunt Jr.; and William C. Friday, president of emeritus of the UNC system and President of the William R. Kenan Jr. Fund.

Other symposium presenters were

Richard Levin, Hettleman Professor of Business at UNC-Chapel Hill; Carol Williams, director of the National Child Welfare Leadership Center in Chapel Hill; Dennis Campbell, Dean of the Duke University Divinity School; J. Phil Carlton, chairman of Wesleyan's Board of Trustees; and Bishop Carlton Minnick of the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church.

On April 5, about 1,000 people

attended a musical revue celebrating the history of the college and performed by alumni, students, and members of the Rocky Mount community.

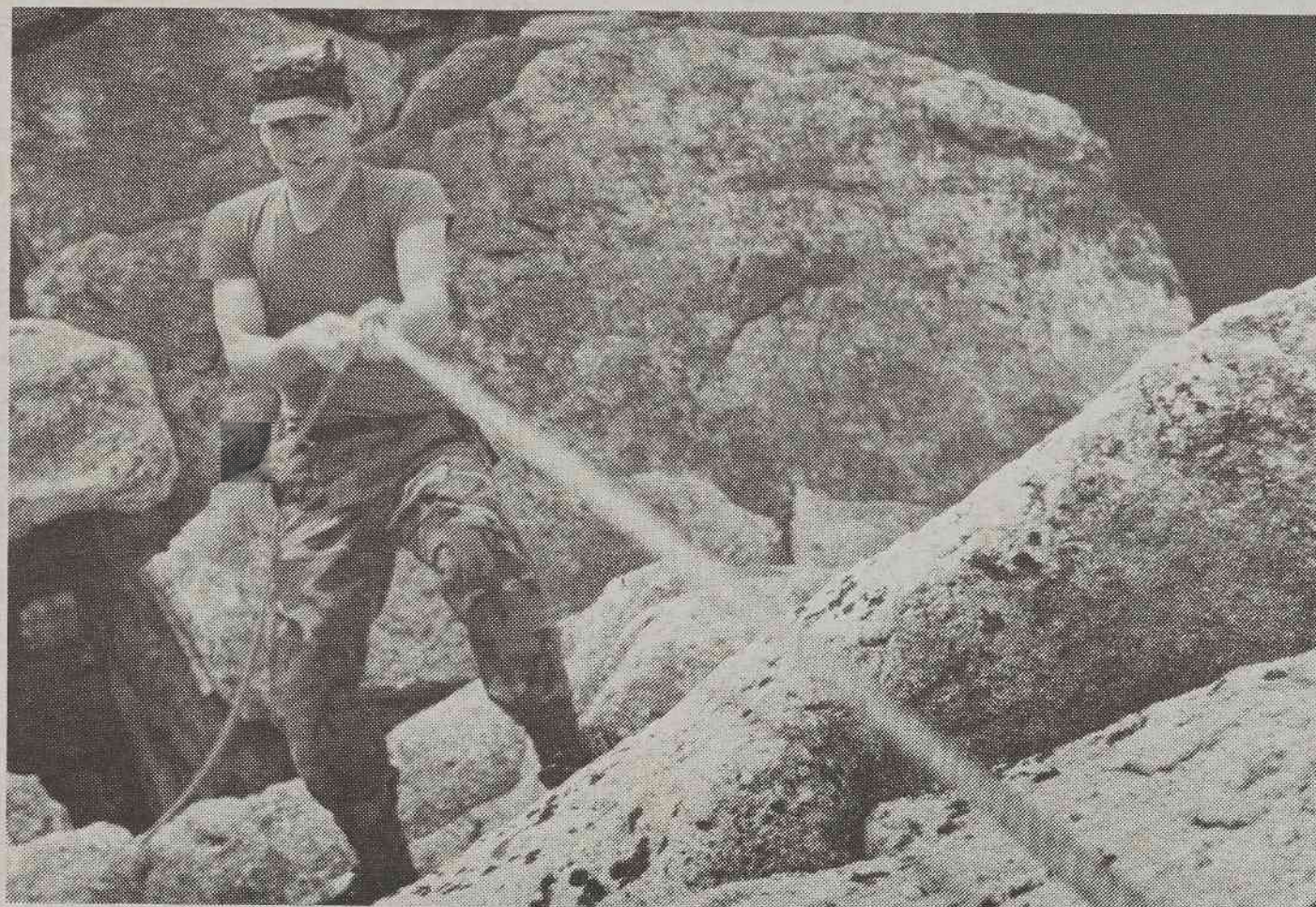
Garner took office as the third president of The United Methodist Church-affiliated college on July 1, 1987. Dr. Thomas Collins, a Raleigh minister, was Wesleyan's first president from 1959-1975. Dr. S. Bruce Petteway, a Kinston consultant, held

the office from 1975-1985.

Before his appointment as Wesleyan's president, Garner served as assistant professor of business administration, director of the Young Executives Institute and co-director of the University Management Development Program at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Garner and his wife Katrina, both Greenville, N.C., natives, have two children, Brantley, 4, and William, 2.

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