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Convocation honors students



TOP AWARD WINNERS — Wesleyan College President Dr. Leslie Garner (right) presents Bobbie Jones (center) the President's Cup Award and Graeme Stewart the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award during last Sunday's Honors Convocation.

S.G.A. President Bobbie Jones was the winner of the President's Cup and Graeme Stewart won the prestigious Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award during North Carolina Wesleyan College's annual Honors Convocation, held last Sunday in the Student Activities Center.

A special church service and Sunday brunch preceded the event, which drew approximately 200 people.

Other top winners were Levrett Tyrrell Smith III, who received the Outstanding Senior Accounting Award, the Marc M. Harris Accounting Award, and the Alternating Cooperative Education Award; and Lisa Brumble-Griffin, who received the Planter's National Bank and Trust Company Award for the highest GPA for a graduating North Carolina senior and the American Institute of Chemists/N.C. Institute of Chemists Foundation Award.

Other awards presented during the convocation were:

Freshman Writing Award: Melissa Carey Joplin.

Planter's Bank Award for highest GPA for graduating senior transfer: Michele Hill.

People's Bank Business Administration/Economics Award: Daniel Glenn Wilson.

Computer Information Systems Award: Wendy Dew Bass.

Outstanding Food Service

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Proposal ties aid to service

Democratic leaders ended a three-day conference in Philadelphia March 11 with a talk not about the budget, the Middle East or the greenhouse effect but about college students.

They want students to join the military or perform a community service in order to get financial aid in the future, they said.

The aid, in turn, would be grants — not loans — that, of course, would not have to be repaid.

And while the idea of swapping college grants for "national service" is an old one, a number of plans now before Congress seems to have a chance of pass-

ing this year, observers say. The prospect, however, scares most college groups.

"Our group is opposed to any bill that would tie national service to financial aid," said Janet Lieberman of the U.S. Student Association, which represents campus governments around the country in Washington, D.C.

"I don't like it at all," said Daniel Martinex, financial aid director at New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU).

Critics worry campuses will become the exclusive property of rich kids because everyone else will be working in hospitals or in the armed forces to get money for

college.

Yvette Torres of the National Education Association, the country's biggest teachers' union, charges the idea presents "serious obstacles to higher education" for middle and lower income students.

But some collegians like NMHU student Suzy Chavez says they like the idea, and the political leaders like House Speaker Jim Wright, Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and Democratic Committee Chairman Ron Brown who promoted the idea in Philadelphia March 11 called it a great way to feed

volunteers into the public sector while teaching students that democracy has a cost.

Students also would graduate debt-free, the Democrats said in their two-hour presentation.

The most popular plan, sponsored by Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and Rep. Dave McCurdy (D-Okla.), would junk the existing financial aid system in favor of a "Citizen Corps."

Students would perform at least one year of community service — at, say, a hospital — or enlist in the military for a minimum of two years. They

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Open Forum slated April 20

A second Open Forum has been scheduled for April 20 at 8 p.m. in the Student Activities Center.

The President's Council will once again field questions from students. The last open forum on March 28 was attended by 62 students.