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**AWARD WINNERS** — Wesleyan students and faculty were honored for their achievements in academics and student life during the annual Honors Convocation this month. With College President Dr. Leslie H. Garner are (from left) Amy Seate, Garner, Greg Laughinghouse, and Jay Quigley. Seate won the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, and Laughinghouse and Quigley shared the top honor for the President's Cup. (Photo by Kevin Davis.)

## Convocation gives awards to achievers

By DAWN MCGLOHON

More than 30 students and faculty members were honored for their achievement in academics and student life during North Carolina Wesleyan College's 30th Annual Honors Convocation in April.

Dr. Leslie H. Garner, Jr., president of the College, welcomed more than 400 visitors to the Honors Convocation ceremony. "As a College, we aspire to excellence in academics and commitment to achievement," he said. "We are here today to honor those who are an essential part of the College's mission."

The keynote address was given by Daisy A. Thorp, instructor of art at Wesleyan. She told the Wesleyan students, that like Michelangelo, they should never

be satisfied that their work was "finished."

"Do not rest upon your honors. You are never finished. The only real finishing school is a cemetery," she said.

Academic Dean of the College, Dr. Marshall Brooks, said that Wesleyan aspires to "turn good students into extraordinary citizens." He commended the award winners on their self-discipline, commitment to high standards, and compassion and service to fellow human beings.

Gregory Thomas Laughinghouse and James Milton Quigley were co-recipients of the President's Cup Award, the top student award given to a graduating senior. The award represents academic competence, leader-

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## 'Unwanted visitor' upsets dorm residents

By DANIELLE MECKLEY

The fluid state that North Carolina Wesleyan College is in because of its flexibility with programs and organizations new to the school has led to various imperfections which need to be brought to the attention of those in authority, Tim Millerick remarked.

The Administration's Student Life is a fairly new in organization. South Hall is also new at NCWC. Visitation policies are loosely structured and filled with loopholes. These three unstable factors easily combined into a problem: Rhonda Haggins "visited" South Hall for approximately six months without Student Life becoming aware of it.

A common complaint of South Hall residents in this peculiar case is that "we pay \$10,000 a year to come here, and no one should be able to stay for nothing, especially if she doesn't even go to the school," said freshman Chad Utter.

Many South Hall residents share this view, and

Utter reviewed more than 50 signatures in a petition to protect residents' rights over "unwanted" visitors, those who far outstay their welcome.

Millerick claims most of Rhonda's initial stays were by the book. She had never failed to find someone in South Hall to claim responsibility for her, as far as he knew, and so by NCWC's visitation policy, she could stay. But, there is a time limit to visitations, and six months far outweighs the limit.

"We added up all the days. She stayed six months. And she ate free from the care, too," Utter explains. He's bitter, and he feels he has a right to be. He works constantly to pay the expenses to come here. Rhonda only had to have someone sign her name on a piece of paper in order to stay free of charge.

Rhonda's bitter, too. Her ex-boyfriend, a freshman at NCWC, broke up with her a few weeks before she was asked to leave. She didn't like being asked to leave. She felt she had a right to stay. In conversation with freshman Kristi Larson in February, 1990, Rhonda

said, "The RAs don't have a problem with my staying here, so I don't see why you should," Larson quoted Rhonda.

The RAs of South Hall were aware that Rhonda was staying much longer than normal visitors. But she worked around the visitation policies, and was permitted to stay.

After the sixth month, Utter decided to take initiative, and confronted Student Life with the situation. Once they checked into the situation, and found she had broken the time limit of visitations, they asked her to leave. Student Life decided she could continue to visit NCWC, but limited her visits to weekends, according to both Millerick and freshman Todd Waters.

Millerick says the situation is unfortunate. He recognized Student Life's lack of awareness in some aspects, such as breaches in visitation policies. Millerick hopes authorities will continue to pay closer attention to and correct imperfections to curb such problems as these in the future.