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Founders Day convocation held Thursday

Wesleyan's 35th Founders Day celebration was kicked off Thursday with a morning convocation on the front lawn of the Braswell Administration Building.

Dr. Allen Johnson, professor of history, was the convocation speaker. Special awards were also presented during the hour-long ceremony.

Winning the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award was J. Richard Futrell, Jr. of Centura Bank. The Distinguished Alumni Award for a professional went to Robert S. Cairns ('67) and for service to the community to Patricia G. Martin ('69).

The Alumni Distinguished Professor Award was given to Dr. Richard L. Watson III, and the Distinguished Staff award went to Carolyn L. Whitener.

A special presentation was made to recognize Poyner & Spruill for the law firm's \$125,000 contribution to the Capital Campaign. The Board of Trustees voted to name the major conference room of the new Performing Arts Complex the "J. Phil Carlton Room" in honor of former Judge Phil Carlton who has served on the board since 1969 and has been chairman since 1974.

Service awards were also presented. O.F. Dumas, a trustee emeritus, was honored for 35 years, and 25-year awards went to Lionel L. Bishop and Dr.

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Master storyteller to visit campus

Eastern North Carolina's master storyteller Louise Anderson will return to North Carolina Wesleyan College on Monday to tell her stories as part of the 1991 Visiting Writers Series. She will be joined by the Wesleyan Singers and the Oak Grove Inspirational Singers for an evening of stories and songs beginning at 7 p.m. in the Student Activities Center. The performance is free.

SGA requests extended hours for visitation

The Student Government Senate, responding to student concerns over the current visitation policy, has asked Dean of Student Life Pam Derrick to extend visitation hours.

"The Senate agrees that the extended visitation hours would be a privilege which would provide social and academic development for the resident students," said SGA President Carl Turner in an Oct. 10 letter to Derrick requesting the change.

With some stipulations, the Senate requested Derrick to extend room visitation on Sundays through Thursdays until 1:30 a.m. and on Fridays and Saturdays for 24 hours, with lobbies open for visitation 24 hours every day.

The stipulations are that quiet hours would remain in effect, the residence halls exterior doors would remain locked for security purposes, that the roommate at any time can ask the third party to leave the room, and that the opposite sex is not allowed to sleep in the room but may visit or study during the visitation hours.

Turner said that a review of visitation policies at other colleges and universities showed that "many schools have begun to extend visitation hours... as a result

of Co-ed residence halls as well as Co-ed study partners which are becoming more frequent on the campuses across the United States."

The Senate conducted a campus-wide survey of students who live in residence halls, with a participation rate of 83 percent, and found "the majority of the resident students are in favor of extended visitation hours," Turner wrote Derrick.

"The Senate believes that no major problems will arise as both of the Co-ed halls (South and North) have a student life staff which is able to provide a safe and quiet environment for its residents, with members of the opposite sex in the hall," Turner wrote.

Turner also said that, except for Edgcombe, the residence halls had no isolated study room for use of students of the opposite sex "except for the congested and noisy lobbies."

"Extended visitation would benefit those who wish to study in a peaceful environment with a person of the opposite sex, as they would be able to do so in the privacy of their own room during appropriate visitation hours," he wrote.

Annexation expected to enhance campus security

By NICOLE COX

North Carolina Wesleyan College was annexed into Rocky Mount this year. But what exactly does annexation mean for the students at Wesleyan? The college administration says there is nothing to worry about.

Being annexed to Rocky Mount simply means that the

Rocky Mount Police Department and Fire Department now serve the Wesleyan campus, where in the past Wesleyan had been served by Nash County.

According to Assistant to the President Fred Moore, "there is a tremendous benefit to students, faculty, and staff to be annexed to the city." For one thing, he said, the Wesleyan campus will

receive a much faster response time in the event of an emergency.

Wesleyan will also receive city fire protection where before it was served only by Nash County volunteer squads. In addition, the city police and fire department will assist campus staff with education and safety programs.

Many students have been concerned that annexation to the

city means "police can search our rooms and arrest us," as one student put it. But this is definitely not the case. Dean of Student Life Pam Derrick said, "The city policy will treat our campus like they would any apartment or house."

This means that police must have a search warrant in order to investigate a student's room.

"The most efficient way to understand this is to say that Rocky Mount police are bound by the Fourth Amendment on search and seizure," said Moore, who is also an attorney. "They will observe the Constitutional protections that all of us have." Only if the police have probable cause to believe criminal activity

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