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## Summer sessions planned

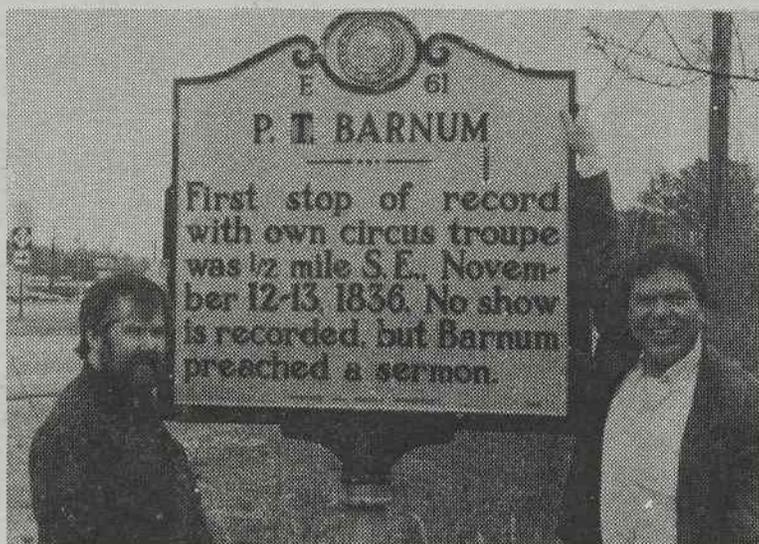
This summer, college and high school students can further their education and still have time for vacationing. Registration for North Carolina Wesleyan College's first summer session will take place Monday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Rocky Mount campus.

Both day and evening classes are offered. Courses offered for the first summer semester include Accounting, Life Science, Fundamentals of Communication, Multicultural Education, Criminal Law, Fundamentals of Music, Psychology, and more. Classes begin on May 19 and end June 25.

Registration for the second summer session will be held Tuesday, July 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Rocky Mount campus. Both day and evening classes will again be offered. Classes begin on July 8 and end Aug. 13.

Courses offered for the second session include Accounting, English Composition, Literature,

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**RECOGNIZING BARNUM** — Mike McAlister (left), assistant professor of music and chairman of the Performing Arts Department, stands with composer Neely Bruce at a historical marker recognizing P.T. Barnum. Bruce's piece, "Barnum's Band," kicked off the 1992 Contemporary Arts Festival this week.

## Officers selected for activity board

The Campus Activities Board held elections for the 1992-93 academic year on April 7.

Tommy Allen will assume duties as president, Matt Synder was elected as the next president-elect, Renee Mallard will remain treasurer for her third straight year, Valrye Barrington will be the secretary, and Tommy Shaw

will become the new membership coordinator.

CAB is committed to providing the best entertainment and activities that are possible. A portion of students' activities fees are used to bring top-name entertainers who appear on campuses to Wesleyan as well as to sponsor activities with the organizations on campus.

## Convocation honors year's achievements

Carl A. Turner won the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award and Melissa C. Joplin won the President's Cup Award during the 1992 Honors Convocation held last Sunday in Leon Russell Chapel to honor outstanding academic performers.

The following awards were also presented during the annual convocation:

Freshman Writing Award, William Kenneth Leonard; Religion/Philosophy Award, Charles H. Plowman; James Headlee Memorial Band Award, Brian J. Stuart; Helen Merriam Thorp Music Award, Michael Hawkins, Jr.; Theatre Award, Alan Felton; Outstanding Foreign Language Student, D.A. Lentz;

Business Administration Outstanding Senior Award, Deana R. Scott; Wall Street Journal Award, Renee Mallard; Outstanding Senior Accounting Award, Ray-



**PRESIDENT'S AWARD** — Junior Carl A. Turner won the 1992 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award.

mond L. Broadhead; Computer Information Systems Award, Edward R. Cohen; Outstanding Food and Hotel Management Award, Karin M. Leshner;

Physical Education Award, (Continued on Back Page)

## Thorp now in last semester on faculty

By CECILIA LYNN CASEY

For anyone who has ever met Daisy Thorp, worked with her, or been taught by her, the comparison between her and a fresh bouquet of daisies is natural. She is bright, warm, cheerful, and just as a daisy has a sunny center framed with white ray petals, Daisy Thorp is a woman with a sunny heart that is framed with rays of hope and happiness.

This will be Thorp's last semester on the faculty. She will be retiring this year, although she might be back next semester to teach an honors course.

Why is she retiring? "Because

I just feel like the time is right," she said.

"I feel a little sad and scared about leaving. I have had structured life furnished for me from working here at Wesleyan and now I'll have to find a new structure," she said, "but I'm sure it will be one that I'll enjoy just as much as I enjoyed working here."

Asked what she will do to fill up her time, Thorp said, "I'll work in my garden and continue to be a volunteer with Hospice." Hospice are volunteers who visit the house of people who are terminally ill so that family members can take a break, get out of the

house, or even just be able to relax while the volunteer stays with the patient.

"I'll also continue to work with the Bellemonte House," she said.

She said poor eyesight was not a reason for her retirement. She recently had two operations on her eyes, both of which have been successful.

"It's a mixed blessing, getting my eyesight back," she said. "I was out in my garden and I was able to see all my plants and flowers. It was wonderful.

"But when I went to the mirror and saw my face for the first time in years. I didn't really know how many wrinkles I had gotten," she

added, smiling. "It was a great comfort in a way. I know that people have to love me for me and not for my looks."

Thorp started working at Wesleyan in 1968 when she was recruited to work in a program called Upward Bound. High school students would come to campus to get a cultural education. Then in 1974 she was asked to join the faculty full-time and has been here ever since.

One of the Upward Bound students she remembers most was a boy who came from a family of 10 illegitimate children.

"That boy was so smart that even when he was given just a

little bit (of education), he was off and running with it," she said.

"One of the biggest changes has been the attitude toward black students. I remember going on trips with my Upward Bound students and the people would give us the dirtiest looks," she said.

"I remember this one time that we were sailing, and a student and I sat in this swing near the dock. I didn't realize it was private property, so when the lady came up to me and asked me to move, I was kind of embarrassed.

"She kept telling me, 'Oh, I

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