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FOUNDER'S DAY CONVOCATION HONORED WESLEYAN'S FOUNDING IN 1968.

Convocation honors birth of Wesleyan

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The 36th annual Founder's day Convocation was held Oct. 22 to celebrate the founding of North Carolina Wesleyan College in 1968 after several members of the Rocky Mount community contributed money towards its establishment.

The Convocation included several speakers, including Dr. Raymond Bauer, athletic director and physical education teacher, who is retiring at the end of this year.

Professors wore their academic regalia to add to the festivities. The faculty marshal, Dr. Allen Johnson, led the professors to the front. He carried a solid walnut and brass mace as a symbol that he is protecting the faculty.

Several members of the Board of Trustees were on campus to help celebrate the day's event. Several awards were given out to returning alumni and the Board

of Trustees. Dr. and Mrs. Les Garner hosted a tea party afterwards.

Mrs. Carolyn Whitener, assistant to the Dean, said she hoped that if there was anything to be remembered about the Convocation, it would be Dr. Bauer's speech. Asked what he would miss the most about NCWC, he said, "I will miss seeing how the students graduated and began to make a place for themselves in society. Even though it's good to look back and remember things, you still have to look into the good things that lie ahead into the future."

Compared to previous years, attendance at the Founder's Day Convocation decreased sharply. Whitener lamented, "Since the College 101 students were not required to attend, the students' absence is being noted." Throughout the previous years, all LSS classes were required to attend the Convocation, but now things have changed.

Station adds NPR programs

North Carolina Wesleyan College's radio station, WESQ, is now offering National Public Radio broadcasting for its listening audience.

"We are very pleased to be able to offer NPR programming to Rocky Mount for the first time," said Jerry Glass, WESQ

station manager. "We look forward to expanding our services to the community in the near future."

Monday through Friday, WESQ airs "All Things Considered" from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and "Morning Edition" from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. This special pro-

gramming is made possible by a special arrangement with NPR radio station WTEB in New Bern.

WESQ 90.9 FM extends its broadcasts to Rocky Mount, Wilson, Tarboro, Greenville, Spring Hope, Hobgood, Nashville, parts of Raleigh, and the surrounding area.

Dinner theatre slated Tuesday

North Carolina Wesleyan College will hold its second annual Dinner Theatre Concert next Tuesday in the Student Activities Center.

The fun-filled evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and entertainment provided by individual choir members.

This year, the Wesleyan Singers and the Tar River Chorus will combine to bring their version of Gilbert and Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore*, a humorous parody about class distinction in the British Navy. Various Wesleyan professors will be included in this performance.

Also featured in the concert will be the NCWC Madrigal Singers, who will sing traditional and contemporary madrigals.

Tickets are \$5 for the general public and \$4 for students. Children under 12 are free.

For more information or to order tickets, call Dr. Maria Manzo at 985-5210.



WORKING ON HABITAT HOUSE — Wesleyan students spent a Saturday working on the latest Habitat for Humanity house in Rocky Mount. The Oct. 24 community service project was organized by Rev. Kirk Oldham, campus minister. Habitat for Humanity builds the homes using volunteer labor and materials, and sells the homes at no interest to low-income families — using the proceeds to build more houses for other low-income families.