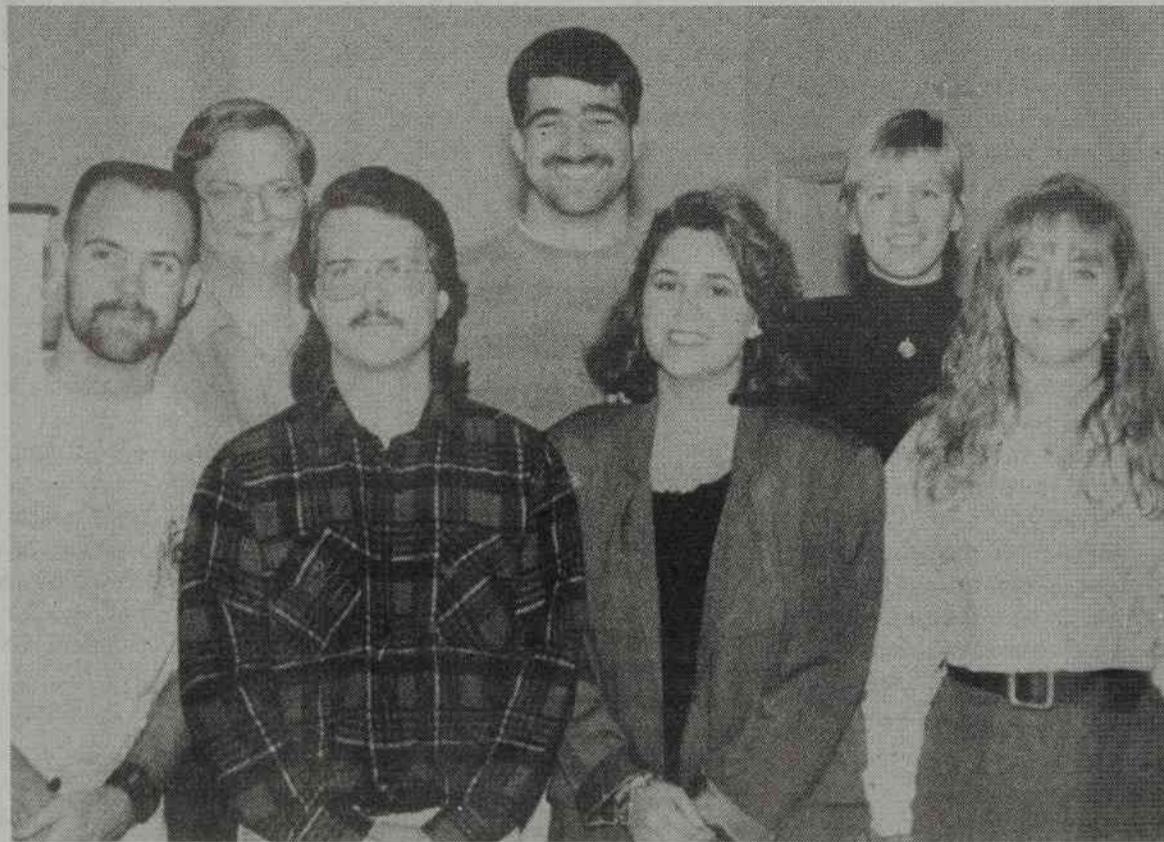


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HONOR STUDENTS INDUCTED — Omicron Delta Kappa inductees during the recent Founders Day convocation were (from left) Roger B. Budd, Jr., Ken Leonard, Lionel Moad, Tim Elmore, Delinda Lee, Jessica Johnson, and Julie Salkeld. Not pictured: Patrick Brannan, Shannon Johnson, and Marie Lenane.

New business course offered

This fall, a new course has been offered during the day schedule in Rocky Mount — Business 475: Small Business Consulting, which provides students the opportunity to consult with small businesses in the region.

The course is offered in cooperation with the Small Business

and Technology Development Center.

The class, divided into three teams, has been assigned to work with three small businesses. The problems they are working to solve are: developing a marketing strategy for a sheet metal fabrication business; developing a quality control program for a fur-

niture manufacturer; and formulating a business plan for the Fenner Market Warehouse in downtown Rocky Mount.

All three teams have been busy doing research and meeting with business owners, leaders, and competitors. Team sessions have been held at night to filter through gathered information.

NCWC joins schools in science project

The North Carolina Wesleyan College Education Department recently received a \$35,000 Eisenhower Science and Math Staff Development Grant from the UNC Mathematics and Science Education Network for a science instruction project in collaboration with Nash-Rocky Mount Schools.

The project is designed to establish a cadre of elementary and middle grade teachers who will serve as instructional leaders in science. Teachers involved will include representatives from

Nash-Rocky Mount Schools and from interested private schools.

Members of the science instruction team are Dr. Marshall Brooks, NCWC professor of education; Dr. Lynn Bradshaw, Nash-Rocky Mount director of human resource development; Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, NCWC director of education division; Tim Tucker, clinical resource teacher; and Bonnie Lovelace, science resource teacher.

A 1991 report of the Carnegie Commission on Science, Technology, and Government stated

that only about 35,000 of the nation's one million primary teachers are trained in science, and two thirds of the elementary teachers feel unprepared to teach science.

Of the 26 schools in the Nash-Rocky Mount school system, 18 indicated in their School Improvement Plan the need for increased student achievement in science. The new project is intended to give teacher-leaders in-service work in content and hands-on activities in earth science, chemistry, and physics, as well as tech-

niques for peer coaching. Teacher-leaders will increase their knowledge of science, develop lessons designed to give students a positive attitude toward science, increase students' science achievement, and develop and present to colleagues modules demonstrating the best approach to teaching science.

The school system has established a Teacher Resource Center for curriculum and staff development, which will be staffed by a locally-paid science resource

for the same reason. He led us at the beginning and along our way. No more than the founders of the nation did Wesleyan's founders know what lay ahead in the three decades which have become our past."

Jones also recalled the rough times in the '70's when Wesleyan was faced with the possibility of closing.

"What Oliver Wendell Holmes called the 'felt necessities of the time' compelled us at Wesleyan, all of us, to make a virtue of necessity," he said. "Wesleyan did not survive by hewing to the vision of the founders or insisting on the purity of the liberal arts.

"We survived by making a virtue of necessity. We must never lose the vision or let the dream die," he said, "but when we tell the story of Wesleyan let us tell it truthfully, conceding the necessity and confessing that we made it a virtue."

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NCWC's top award goes to Mauldins

Robert and Pat Mauldin won the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, the highest award given by North Carolina Wesleyan College, during this year's Founders Day convocation.

The Sullivan Award honors those who are compassionate, exhibit love for fellow men, adhere to Christian ideals, behave courteously and gently, and are actively participating in college or community affairs.

Robert Mauldin is chairman of Centura Bank in Rocky Mount. His wife, Pat, has been a leading force behind the Rocky Mount Habitat for Humanity program.

Dr. David A. Jones, professor of history, delivered the Founders Day address, highlighting the past and taking an optimistic look into the future.

"George Washington is most significant as an American president precisely because he was not our only one," Jones said, "and Thomas A. Collins is most significant as a Wesleyan president

teacher and a clinical resource teacher jointly supplied by the Nash-Rocky Mount Schools and North Carolina State University.

"In partnership with North Carolina Wesleyan College," said Nash-Rocky Mount School Superintendent Travis Twiford, "these individuals will be able to provide peer coaching and follow-up support that will ensure that the knowledge and skills shared by the teacher leaders with their colleagues will be successfully transferred to the classroom."