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Collier replaces Garner on interim basis



DR. LES GARNER
...Leaves for Cornell College

By KIMBERLY CORSEEN

After seven years as president of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Dr. Leslie H. Garner Jr. stepped down from his post at the end of the spring semester in order to become the president of Cornell College in Iowa.

The Board of Trustees named Dr. Herman Collier Jr., as interim president on June 9. Collier assumed his duties as president of Wesleyan College on July 15 and is expected to serve no more than 12 months as the Board of Trustees conducts a search for a permanent president.

"I am grateful for the opportunity at Wesleyan and for the support I have received from the staff and the community," Garner said in his letter of resignation. He continued by saying, "While there are challenges yet to be mastered at Wesleyan, I believe that the College is ready to face these challenges."

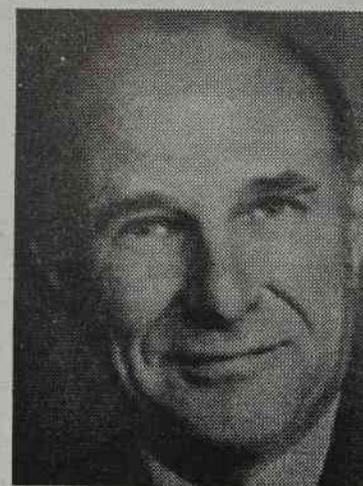
Garner also said he would miss Rocky Mount but was "excited and honored" concerning his new position. Garner will be the 14th president of Cornell College, ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the country.

Collier, a resident of Point Harbour, served as president of Moravian College in Pennsylvania for 17 years. In 1991, Collier assumed the duties of interim president of Salem College in Winston-Salem.

Collier said the opportunity to serve at North Carolina Wesleyan College appealed to him for a number of reasons. He said the size of the college and its Methodist Church affiliation were important factors in his decision to serve.

Also, Collier referred to the staff and faculty as a major rea-

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DIGNITARIES PARTICIPATE IN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER GROUNDBREAKING.

NCWC starts construction on Performing Arts Center

By MICHELE A. CRUZ

On June 23, a 30-year dream for North Carolina Wesleyan College came true. Wesleyan staff, faculty, students, and friends broke ground for the new 48,000 square-foot Performing Arts Center, expected to be complete by the spring of 1996.

Major financial support for the

building came from the Nash/Edgecombe community. As the focal point of the "Vision For the Future" capital campaign, the Center is expected to draw major performers to Eastern North Carolina.

The first of many exciting events for the Center will be the 1997 North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist

Church, involving 1,500 delegates from the region. According to North Carolina State University travel and tourism experts, an average convention at the Center will bring \$100 daily per delegate to the community. Business leaders in Eastern North Carolina see the Center as an added incentive to recruit management to the area.

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Student Life appoints new RDs for halls

By SCOTT ROLFE

The Student Life Department chose three new Resident Directors and Student Life Associates for North Carolina Wesleyan College during the summer.

According to Dr. Nancy Vankuren, Vice President and Dean of Student Life, from 150 to 160 applicants applied for the nationwide job offer. The Student Life staff, the President of the College, RA's, and students were involved in on-site interviews, and helped in the screening process.

The major qualities the college was looking for were: graduate degrees in Student Affairs, prior experience in Resident Life, and experience in the three major Student Life positions: Leadership, Campus Activities, and Athletics.

According to the 93-94 student handbook Resident Directors, (RDs) are full time professional staff members, employed to live in the Residence Halls, and are responsible for the edu-

cational and operational functions of the living area. RDs also manage the operation of their buildings, including direct supervision and evaluation of Resident Assistants (RAs). The RD gets to know the students within his or her dorm and offers help and guidance, as well as discipline.

The new RD for Edgecombe Hall is Sigrid Bonner. Bonner, 23, is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. She is a graduate of Cornell, with a undergraduate degree in Industrial Labor Relations.

Bonner is working on her Masters in Education at N.C. State, where she was also an RD. While working as the Student Life representative, Bonner will be in charge of the Johnston Fellows program.

Bonner describes herself as friendly and enthusiastic, and invites anyone to come meet her. She said she wants to give her all to NCWC and put her experience to work. Her goal for the year is "to create a good environment in

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