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## Presidential search making progress

By MACK PEARSALL

The Presidential Search Committee met most recently on Oct. 24. At this meeting, working with our consultant to the search, the committee completed a screening exercise, which marks the beginning of candidate review. We are only now beginning to receive credentials in response to our recruitment, but have reason to be-

lieve our candidate pool will be of very good quality.

For the next five weeks, members of the committee will be reviewing the credentials of all candidates coming to the search. We are scheduled to meet next on Nov. 29, at which time we will narrow the total pool to a group of approximately 12-15 individuals whose candidacies the committee would like to pursue in

greater depth. We will conduct intensive reference checks on each, and from that process will select a smaller number who will be invited to meet with the committee at an off-campus site in mid-January. After these interviews, approximately three candidates will be invited to the campus for meetings with all of you. Each of you will be given an opportunity to provide written input

to the committee after meeting with the candidates.

During this next month, we will also continue to generate candidates for the search. In that light, I would once again ask that each of you consider persons who in your mind could provide strong leadership for Wesleyan. Please forward their names to me in care of Cindy Hope in the President's Office, and I will write to each,

encouraging their consideration of this opportunity.

The search appears to be going well and the Search Committee has increasing confidence that its task will be completed successfully. I will correspond with you again when we reach the next phase of the search in late November.

(Mack Pearsall is chairman of the Search Committee.)



VALENTINE HONORED — Trustee Chairman Lindy Dunn presents the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award to 98-year-old Hazel Armstrong Valentine of Nashville during the Founder's Day Convocation on Oct. 27. Valentine was honored for her involvement in the community.

## SGA recognizes BACCHUS

By GREG PURCELL

The North Carolina Wesleyan Student Government Association approved the new campus organization BACCHUS on Oct. 24, pending two minor changes in the organization's constitution.

According to the organization's constitution, the club Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students (BACCHUS) has the purpose "to promote positive lifestyles and decision-making

skills toward the use or non-use of alcoholic beverages."

The Student Government Association also approved funding for four student organizations from the SGA contingency fund. The SNCAE was given \$75, the Psychology Club was allotted \$200, the Gospel Choir was given \$120, and Health Services was given \$50. About \$1,400 remains in the SGA contingency fund for this semester.

Campus Activities Board

president Lionel Moad and Commuter Representative Tammy Menchow resigned from the SGA at the meeting. Erin Durbin will replace Moad as the CAB president and a new Commuter Representative will be named at the next Student Government meeting.

Miles Anderson was approved as the junior class president. Anderson said, "I am very happy to fill this position and am looking forward to getting started in the job."

## Wesleyan celebrates founding

By ALAN P. FELTON

The 1994 North Carolina Wesleyan College Founder's Day Convocation was held Oct. 27 in the Student Activities Center.

Founder's Day is held each year to remember the founding of North Carolina Wesleyan College and to recognize individuals from the college's staff and faculty, as well as those from the Rocky Mount community, who have provided distinguished service to the institution.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Leon A. Dunn, Jr., delivered the convocation address, in which he discussed the current state of the college and its future plans. Dunn said that the college "is in excellent shape and faces an exciting and dynamic future. We are financially sound in our operating budget."

Regarding the new performing arts center, Dunn said that the building is proceeding "ahead of schedule and should be completed by the end of 1995. We need to raise another \$1 million to complete the project, along with \$3

million more for an endowment to maintain the facility."

Dunn continued by announcing that the 1997 North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church would be held in the new performing arts center. After 1997, the annual conference will alternate between North Carolina Wesleyan and Methodist College in Fayetteville, the current location for the yearly Methodist session.

Dunn, reporting on the continuing search for a permanent president for North Carolina Wesleyan College, said "the search was on schedule and will be completed on or before March 1, 1995." In addition to a new president, Dunn said that North Carolina Wesleyan College should "think of adding younger trustees to the Board. Perhaps this effort is the most important move for the future of the college."

Several important awards were presented during the convocation including the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, which was presented to Hazel Armstrong Val-

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