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DAISY THORP RECEIVES ALGERNON SYDNEY SULLIVAN AWARD AT FOUNDER'S DAY.

## Wesleyan celebrates 40th year

North Carolina Wesleyan College celebrated its 40th birthday last week at its Founders Day Convocation and at a birthday reception given before the opening performance of the Wesleyan Theatre Department's musical, "1940s Radio Hour."

Thursday's convocation was marked with pomp and ceremony as the faculty processed wearing their regalia. Awards were presented for service, for distinguished faculty, staff, and the exemplary teacher of the year.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, the highest award given by North Carolina Wesleyan College, was presented to Daisy Thorp, retired arts and humanities instructor at Wesleyan. The Sullivan Award honors those who are compassionate, exhibit love for their fellow men and women, adhere to Christian ideals, behave in a courteous and gentle manner, and actively participate in college or community affairs.

Thorp was connected with

Wesleyan since 1968 when she began teaching arts and humanities. She worked with the college's Upward Bound program, becoming the assistant director, and then as an instructor in art.

She is a life member of the North Carolina Arts Council, restorer of paintings, art and art history lecturer, and has been an active contributor to the arts in the Rocky Mount community.

Also honored were Dr. Vivienne Anderson, director of Wesleyan's writing program and associate professor of English, as the 1996 Exemplary Teacher; Dr. Chris Carstens, associate professor of psychology and chair of the social science division, as the Distinguished Alumni Professor; and Janice Stump, RN, BSN and director of the college's wellness center, who received the distinguished Staff Award.

Receiving the 30-year service

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## Adult students honored

The Adult Degree Programs of North Carolina Wesleyan College conducted an induction ceremony Oct. 20 for new members of Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national honor society for adults in higher education.

New members inducted included Sharon Batchelor, from Rocky Mount; from Raleigh: Richard Allman, Lisa Elder, John

Firment, James Hobbs, William Hurst, Sandra Low, Sharon Massey, Rachel Pratt, Joanna Sorbi, Kristine Sparacio, and Roberta Stike; from the Goldsboro teaching site: Steve Farrell, Wayne Cowan, Paige Learnard, Darlene Leyva, and Richard Muntean; and from the New Bern site: Cassandra Richards, and Teresa Sartin

Fifty adult students from the College's four teaching sites in Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Goldsboro and New Bern, were invited to join the honorary society.

The criteria for membership included that students maintain a minimum 3.7 grade point average (out of a total 4.0); students

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## General election set for Tuesday

Next Tuesday is election day as North Carolina voters choose a president, governor, senator, congressmen, legislators, judges, and other officials as well as help decide two bond issues and three constitutional amendments.

The relatively few on-campus students registered to vote are in Rocky Mount 8 precinct, whose polling place is the YWCA on Hunter Hill Road. Commuting students, faculty, and staff will vote in their precinct of residence.

The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



CHERYL MCKENZIE

## McKenzie to leave Wesleyan

By MOLLY McCLUSKY

This month, Wesleyan will lose its popular Director of Housing, Cheryl McKenzie, who will be leaving North Carolina for Columbus Ohio, where her husband will be transferred.

She faces her move with mixed emotions, but said it will offer her an opportunity. "It's a challenge and I love challenges. I also love moving around," she said.

McKenzie came to Wesleyan eight years ago as administrative assistant to the Dean of Student

Life. McKenzie's proven ability in the office and ease in dealing with the students earned her the inevitable promotion.

McKenzie hopes to find another college to work at in Ohio.

"There are 12 colleges and universities in the area. I'll look in the field (or residence life) and then go from there," she said.

"I really love it here," she said. And her love for Wesleyan is apparent. "I've always enjoyed working with the students. I consider myself a student advocate and have always tried to make things

better for them and see things from their point of view, not just as an administrator," she said.

Head of Security Deborah Pittman said, "Cheryl is indeed an asset to the Student Life Department and she will be missed by all of us."

Pittman's sentiment is echoed by Resident Director Benny St. Romain, who adds, "I have known Cheryl a long time. She has been a true friend to me and to everyone else she has come in contact with. Her leaving will leave a hole on the Wesleyan campus."