



THE DECREE

"Wesleyan's Student Voice Since 1984"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1998

VOL. 14, NO. 4

College celebrates 42nd Convocation

North Carolina Wesleyan College celebrated its 42 years of service to Rocky Mount and the region with an annual Founders' Day Convocation this Thursday in the Dunn Center for the Performing Arts.

Keynote speaker for the event was Bishop Marion Edwards, resident bishop of the Raleigh Area of the United Methodist Church. His remarks were a continuation of the year-long discussion taking place at the College about the meaning and significance of Wesleyan's relationship with the United Methodist Church.

The Convocation, one of the highlights of the fall semester, followed academic tradition with a full procession by members of the faculty in colorful regalia.

Among the many awards presented by Wesleyan College during the ceremony was the announcement of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, the college's highest award and given to a citizen of the community for contributions to the college and

the region. Founders of the college, many of whom are still living, were recognized, along with annual awards presented to staff and faculty members.

In addition, new members of Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary society, were tapped. These students, faculty, and staff from the college were recognized for their outstanding scholarship and leadership qualities.

The New Wesleyan Jazz Ensemble and both the Wesleyan Choir and the Wesleyan Gospel Choir performed for the event.

A special highlight of this year's Founders' Day was the recognition of Thomas J. Pearsall, Jr. and his family. Pearsall, who resides in New York City, is a businessman and patron of the arts. After a luncheon honoring the founders, trustees, bishop, and award recipients, the Thomas J. Pearsall, Jr. Building will be dedicated.

The building features the Four Sisters Gallery, for the first time offering permanent display for the Robert Lynch Collection. In ad-

dition, the building houses N.C. Wesleyan's state-of-the-art enrollment management office.

Members of the Pearsall family attended the dedication, along with family members of some of the artists represented in the Lynch Collection. Included also were members of the Lynch family, Izetta Lynch, mother of Robert Lynch; and Rhonda McFarland, his sister as well as Eloise Stevenson (whose husband was an artist), Eula Alexander, and Pauline Nicholson, outsider artists.

Five-year service awards were presented to Erma W. Hedgepeth, Kenneth Lasiewski, Robert R. Mauldin, and LaNella Smith.

Ten-year service awards were presented to Vivienne M. Anderson, Dru K. Richardson, and Earlene W. Stewart.

Fifteen-year service awards went to LaRue L. Chuman and William H. Kincheloe. Marshall A. Brooks received a 20-year service award, and 25-year service awards went to Kenneth V. Finney and Leverett T. Smith.

Reception held for commuters

The Commuter Student Steering Group Reception was held on Oct. 7, organized by Student Life with the desire to increase interest in the Commuter Student Steering Group.

From all that was said by those participating in the program, there is a definite interest on the part of the staff and administration to help the nonresident student feel more a part of the campus community.

The reception got underway with some opening remarks by Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe, vice president and Dean of Student Life. In his welcome, Dr. Bledsoe reaffirmed an interest in wanting the commuting students more involved in campus life.

Charging the Steering Group to find an answer, he asked, "How can we plan programs and activities for commuter students to address their needs and concerns?"

One suggestion he made was to "work more closely with College 101 classes" in order to get commuting students as soon as they start their career here at North Carolina Wesleyan.

Kevin Hughes, director of Campus Activities and the Hartness Student Center, echoed some of Dr. Bledsoe's thoughts. He requested students "share your thoughts on when you would be available for us to do activities for commuter students."

Although he recognized that commuting students have other

responsibilities, he said he still wanted to be able to do some programming for commuting students.

On another topic, Todd Meiners, the Sodexo Marriott Food Service Director, discussed the food plans that were available to nonresident students. He stressed that "there are meal plans available and they can be constructed around your schedule and needs."

Meiners pointed out that there was Munch Money and Bishop Bucks programs that are available to nonresident as well as resident students. Munch Money is buying the dining room, all-you-

(Continued on Back Page)



NEW VICE PRESIDENT — Linda Pautz (right), new vice president for Adult Degree Programs, with December graduation candidate Sherry Dickson at the new Durham ADP site.

Pautz named vice president of adult degree programs

Linda Pautz, of Cary has been appointed vice president of Adult Degree Programs for North Carolina Wesleyan College, announced NC Wesleyan President Dr. John White this week.

"Linda brings extensive experience (in adult education, in the business world, and in the traditional classroom), skill, and energy to this position at the College," said White.

Pautz has worked for the College since 1992, when she became an adjunct instructor in Adult Degree Programs in the College's advantage program.

She worked as a fulltime assistant professor of English teaching traditional students on the Rocky Mount campus for the 1997-98 academic year, and this past summer she took on the new role of corporate liaison for the Adult Degree Programs in Raleigh. Most recently, she has served as the interim site director for the newly opened Adult Degree Program teaching site in Durham on Miami Boulevard.

Pautz earned her master's degree in English education from the University of New Hampshire and her bachelor's degree in English literature from St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Previous to her work with N.C. Wesleyan College, she had taught in several New England community colleges, designed educational programs for a career counseling firm in Portsmouth, N.H., and worked in human resources for Central Savings Bank in New York City.

She owned Creative Heirlooms of New England, a mail-order business specializing in unusual handcrafts and craft kits. She started her own consulting business in the Raleigh/RTP area, Summit Associates, specializing in communications skills training and writing programs. She facilitated programs in business writing, performance evaluation, facilitation skills workshops, effective communications for teams, and team-building.

Pautz has been on the executive board of directors for the RTP Triangle Council and is currently serving on the board of directors for the American Society of Training and Development.

Pautz lives in Cary with her husband and two daughters, Michelle, 17 and Jennifer, 14. Her husband Steve Pautz works for G.E. Capital Mortgage in Raleigh, as an internal quality control consultant/analyst.