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DR. CHARLES GLASSICK

Glassick takes helm as interim president

Robert R. Mauldin, chairman of the Board of Trustees at North Carolina Wesleyan College, announced the appointment of Dr. Charles E. Glassick as interim president of the Rocky Mount college on May 9.

He officially took the position the first week of August.

"We are very excited that Dr. Glassick has accepted the interim presidency," said Mauldin. "He

comes to Rocky Mount with significant experience in higher education and in running small colleges. Having a person of Dr. Glassick's experience eliminates the need for a hurried search and allows the trustees to search thoroughly for the next chief executive and to choose wisely," Mauldin continued.

Glassick replaces Dr. John B. White who resigned effective

May 31, citing personal reasons for his resignation.

Glassick was reached at his home in Spartanburg, S.C.

"Both my wife Mary and I are looking forward to coming to Rocky Mount and joining the team at North Carolina Wesleyan College," he said. "My experience as president of one small college and interim president of another will be useful in helping to address the challenges that NCWC faces now. I'm confident that we can turn those challenges into real opportunities."

Glassick, 69, is currently a senior associate of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, having also served the foundation as its interim president and senior fellow and vice president for administration. The Carnegie Foundation is a policy center devoted to strengthening America's schools and colleges.

While a senior fellow, Glassick assisted Ernest L. Boyer in the preparation of major Carnegie reports including "Campus Life: In Search of Community" and "Scholarship Reconsidered: Priorities of the Professoriate."

Glassick was president of the Robert W. Woodruff Arts Cen-

ters in Atlanta, Ga., from 1991 to 1995. The center includes four fine arts companies: the Alliance Theater, the Atlanta College of Art, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and the High Museum of Art.

Glassick has considerable administrative experience with colleges. Recently he served as interim president at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., from January to June 1999. He was the 11th president of Gettysburg College, in Gettysburg, Pa., a position he held from 1977 to 1989.

During his tenure at Gettysburg, he was named in a national survey as one of the 100 "most effective college presidents" in the country. (The survey is "The Effective College President," by James L. Fisher, funded by the Exxon Education Foundation).

Additionally, Glassick has been vice president and provost for the University of Richmond, in Virginia; dean for academic affairs at Albion College, in Albion, Mich.; vice president for the Great Lakes College Association in Ann Arbor, Mich.; and a professor of chemistry at Adrian

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Do the math and you might win Goldwater Scholarship

Dr. Amy Casselman has announced that N.C. Wesleyan students of mathematics, engineering, and natural sciences can now apply for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program.

Congress established this program in 1986. The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation operates an educational scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for outstanding U.S. students with excellent academic

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records and demonstrated interest in, and potential for careers in mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering.

In April 2001, the Foundation will award scholarships to students who will be college juniors or seniors during the 2001-2002 academic year.

The scholarship award covers

eligible expenses up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year. Junior scholarship recipients are eligible for a maximum of one year of support.

In order to be considered for an award, students must be nominated by their institution. The deadline for all 2001 nominations is Feb. 1, 2001.

For more information on this scholarship, contact Dr. Amy Casselman, Assistant Professor, Biology, Room 107 A, x5157 (ACasselman@ncwc.edu).

Rocky Mount honors Monk with park

By RIKKI HESS
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Last May, the city of Rocky Mount dedicated a park to famous pianist and composer Thelonious Sphere Monk (1917-1982), called one of the most influential figures in the history of jazz.

Although born in Rocky Mount on Oct. 10, 1917, Monk moved out of the area at a very young age. The majority of his childhood was spent in the cultural center of New York City's

Harlem where Monk began piano lessons at a young age.

By the time he was 13, Thelonious had won the weekly amateur contest at the Apollo Theater so many times that he was barred from entering.

As Monk progressed musically, he joined the house band at Minton's Playhouse in Harlem. During this time, he worked with other up-and-coming musicians such as Charlie Parker and Dizzie Gillespie. The group developed a style of jazz now known as bebop.

The year 1947 became one of the most momentous of Thelonious Monk's life. Not only did he make his first recordings, but he also married his long-time love, Nellie Smith.

His early albums are now thought of as "unique compositional and improvisational style, both of which employed unusual repetition of phrases, an offbeat use of space, and joyfully dissonant sounds." Monk's later recordings included partnerships with great artists, including Miles

Davis, Charlie Parker, and Sonny Rollins.

Thelonious Monk died on Feb. 5, 1982. His death ended an impeccable career as a jazz musician, pianist, and composer. He left behind more than 70 compositions, which continue to inspire artist in all forms of music. In his lifetime he received numerous awards and continues to be honored today.

Other than the Thelonious Monk Park dedication on the corner of Washington and Dunn

streets in Rocky Mount, Thelonious Monk has earned a variety of achievements. His music has been archived at The Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C., and a feature documentary on his life, called *Straight, No Chaser*, was released for critical acclaim.

In addition to this, the United States Postal Service has issued a stamp in his honor. The Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz was founded to honor Monk by preserving the music to which he dedicated his life.