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LAILA GHAFUR



THEREASA BRADLEY

Ghafur, Bradley win major honors

Each year the Wesleyan community recognizes two graduating seniors with the President's Cup Award and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award.

Dr. Charles Glassick, interim president, presented the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award to Thereasa Bradley and President's Cup award to Laila Ghafur during the Honors Convocation.

Nominations were accepted from the entire Wesleyan community. The President's Honor List, the President's List, and a list of graduating seniors were posted on the VPAA's bulletin board for information.

Once nominations were received, a ballot was prepared listing the names, and the vote was cast.

Criteria for the President's Cup are that the recipient be a graduating senior and display a high standard of academic perfor-

mance, leadership and service to the college, and further the ideals and goals of the college.

Other nominees for the President's Cup were Shawn Anderson, Grant Ambrose, Jeff Barna, Alyssa Battle, Thereasa Bradley, Nick Buonocore, Danney Dailey, Laura Hilbert, and Candace Parker.

Criteria for the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award are that the recipient be a graduating senior and display compassion and love for one's fellow humans, adherence to Christian ideals, courteous and gentle behavior, and active participation in the college or community affairs.

Other nominees for the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award were Shawn Anderson, Nick Buonocore, Danney Dailey, Laila Ghafur, Laura Hilbert, Teresa Rossi, Mel Silver, and James Stevens.

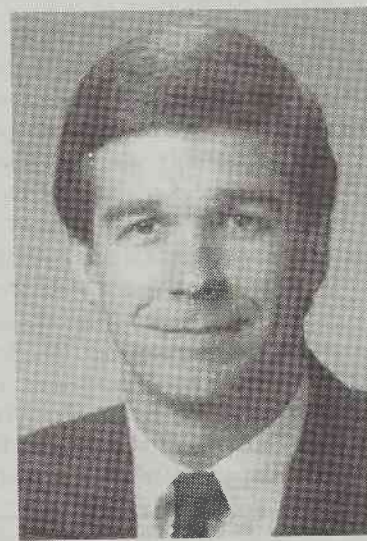
Commencement set for Saturday

North Carolina Wesleyan College will hold May commencement exercises on Saturday, May 12, at 10:30 a.m. on the lawn in front of the Braswell Administration Building.

A total of 236 students are eligible to participate. Of these, 93 are traditional students, and 143 are adult students from the College's four Adult Degree Program sites in Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Durham, and Goldsboro.

This number is in addition to the 150 students the College graduated last December.

N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper will deliver the commencement address. A Nash County native, Cooper has served as a state legislator and Senate Majority Leader, and as a lawyer,



SPEAKER ROY COOPER

civic leader, community volunteer, and member of N.C. Wesleyan's Board of Visitors.

Student speakers are senior class president Kenneth Childs, a computer information systems major from Northampton, Mass., and Gustavo Rodriguez, a business administration major from Raleigh's adult degree program.

The faculty marshal will be history professor Richard L. Watson III.

Benny St. Romain, vice president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, will induct the graduates into the Alumni Association.

In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the Dunn Center. The decision on where to hold commencement will be made by noon on Friday, May 11. If the ceremony is held inside, seating will be limited.

Felton to address baccalaureate

The Rev. Dr. Gayle Felton will speak at the annual baccalaureate service at North Carolina Wesleyan College on Friday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Leon Russell Chapel.

Rev. Felton, a trustee of N.C. Wesleyan and a recipient of the College's Distinguished Alumni Award, was a member of the College's first graduating class in 1964. She is considered one of

the world's leading scholars on the history and development of baptism in the Methodist Church.

A native of Pinetops, N.C., she taught social studies and English in the Edgecombe County public school system until 1979. Following her teaching career, she entered the ministry and received a master of divinity degree and a Ph.D. from Duke University Divinity School.

She was ordained a deacon in the United Methodist Church in 1983 and was ordained an elder in 1989. She taught religion at Meredith College and at Duke University until her retirement in 1997.

She is the author of several books and numerous articles, and has lectured throughout the world.

The public is invited to attend this event.

Academic awards presented at Convocation

Academic Honors Awards are presented every year to each recipient at an Honors Convocation to which all members of the Wesleyan community are invited and any visitors are welcomed. The convocation was held this year on May 6 in Minges Auditorium.

Dr. Fred Grissom offered the Invocation, and Interim President Dr. Charles Glassick offered a

welcome to all present.

Kenneth Childs, Senior Class President, followed tradition by naming and introducing the Speaker of the Address: Mel Oliver, Assistant Professor of Economics, chosen by the Senior Class as one who represents students as well as faculty. Oliver read from one of his favorite guides to living: *What I've Learned in Life*.

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The Academic Awards were introduced by Dr. Marshall Brooks, Dean of the College and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Each set of awards is presented by the appropriate department chair, dean, or director.

Dr. Paul J. deGatego, Chair, Humanities Division: Freshman Writing Award: Claude Marsolle; Theatre Award: Allison Dore; and Senior English Award: Grant Ambrose.

Ms. Gail Stafford, Chair, Mathematics & Science Division: Biology Award: Shawn Anderson; Exercise Science Award: Patrick Bullard and Chontae' Uptegrow; Environmental Sci-

ence Award: Marilyn Johnson; Mathematics Award: Laura Hilbert; and the Don Scalf Scholarship: Jami Rich, Courtney Wormuth, Chontae' Uptegrow, Jason Maurer, and Matthew Zoll.

Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Chair, Education and Social Sciences Division: Political Science Award: Alyssa Battle; Psychol-

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