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## Newbould inaugurated

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On Feb. 8, an assembly of students, faculty, staff, and alumni from the N.C. Wesleyan community gathered together with a group of people from the Rocky Mount community in the Mingus Auditorium of the Dunn Center to witness the inauguration of the fifth President of N.C. Wesleyan College: Dr. Ian David Campbell Newbould.

The festivities commenced at 2:30 p.m. on a Friday afternoon. Following a series of musical tunes provided by Carolina Brass, Rev. Edward F. Hill, Jr. addressed the crowd with a prayer on behalf of the community for God to bestow wisdom upon Newbould in his leadership of the college.

Raising their heads, the audience gave ear to a speech about a return to basics presented by the Chairman of the N.C.W.C Board of Trustees and Alumnus: Thomas A. Betts, Jr.. Next, the N.C.W.C. Board of Trustees member and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, Mrs. Vel H. Johnson, gave a recap of Newbould's career.

With their eyes focused on stage, the crowd watched as Betts returned to conduct the investiture of the new President.

Making his way to the podium, Newbould was awarded the medallion by Dr. William B. Pittman, Vice Chairman, N.C.W.C. Board of Trustees. With the official sym-

bol of college President now his, Newbould took his seat and listened to a number of greetings given by a host of reputable academic and government officials.

People such as Dr. Steve Ferebee (Chair, Faculty Council, N.C.W.C.), Mrs. Dorothy Grant (Staff, N.C.W.C.), Matthew Dyson (N.C.W.C. Board of Trustees, Alumni Association President and Alumnus), Niklaus Fusilier (President, Student Government Association, N.C.W.C.), Bishop Marion M. Edwards (N.C. Conference, The United Methodist Church and N.C.W.C. Board of Trustees), The Hon. Eva M. Clayton (United States House of Representatives), The Hon. Roy A. Cooper, III (Attorney General, State of North Carolina), The Hon. Frederick E. Turnage (Mayor, City of Rocky Mount), and Robert Giroux (President, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada) all gave greetings to the newest addition to the Wesleyan community.

With the presentation of delegates of colleges and universities taken care of and the musical number "O Canada" played to the fullest extent, everyone's eyes and ears were transfixed upon what happened next.

With the medallion around his neck and a smile upon his face, President Newbould made his way to the stand to give his address. The President began his address by giving thanks to his



TRUSTEES CHAT WITH NEW PRESIDENT NEWBOULD (CENTER) AT INAUGURATION.

wife and proceeded to ask the people gathered the age-old question: why are we here?

Specifically asking why we are here at college, Newbould began to talk about the history of education and spoke of placing a greater emphasis on learning communities. He made mention of such things as students' need to develop their own voices and the

financial situation of the average college student. Most of all, Newbould answered his question of why we are here. The answer he gave was that we are here for the fulfillment of individual studies.

The President concluded his speech and once again took his seat. After a few closing remarks by Betts and the musical selec-

tion "Voluntary on Old 100th," the Reverend Dr. Gayle Felton (N.C.W.C. Board of Trustees and Alumna) administered the benediction. The recessional was conducted with the musical El Capitan and Carolina in the Morning.

After the recessional, the audience enjoyed refreshments and conversation in the lobby.

## Wildlife group honors Wesleyan

North Carolina Wesleyan College has been recognized by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) for its efforts to develop an environmentally sustainable campus and provide a model for other colleges and universities.

In the first national survey of college and university environmental practices recently released by the NWF, Wesleyan was one of only 18 colleges and universities commended in the category "Leading Schools for Doing More with Goals and Written Policies

for Environment."

The category recognizes colleges and universities that have "established a written declaration of commitment to environmental responsibility and have a written declaration that educating students about environmental responsibility is part of their academic mission," according to the NWF report.

The full report is entitled "The State of the Campus Environment: A National Report Card on Environmental Performance and

Sustainability in Higher Education." It is based on questionnaires from 891 colleges and universities and lists findings for more than 20 categories, ranging from curriculum to transportation.

Dr. Erica Kosal, assistant professor of biology at N.C. Wesleyan, said that the College offers a bachelor of science degree in environmental science.

"Not all schools have an environmental science major as

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## Campus hosts counselors

High school and middle school guidance counselors throughout Eastern North Carolina gathered at the Dunn Center on Feb. 11 for a day-long professional workshop.

Nearly 100 counselors exchanged ideas and focused on common concerns such as financial aid, the college admission process, and guidelines for student athletes, among others.

Guest speakers included representatives from Texas Christian University, Duke University, Wake Forest University, Clemson University, and other educational institutions throughout North Carolina.

The workshop was sponsored by the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling and the North Carolina School Counselor Association. The meeting marks the first time the association has met on the N.C. Wesleyan campus.