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ADP Student Bill Black

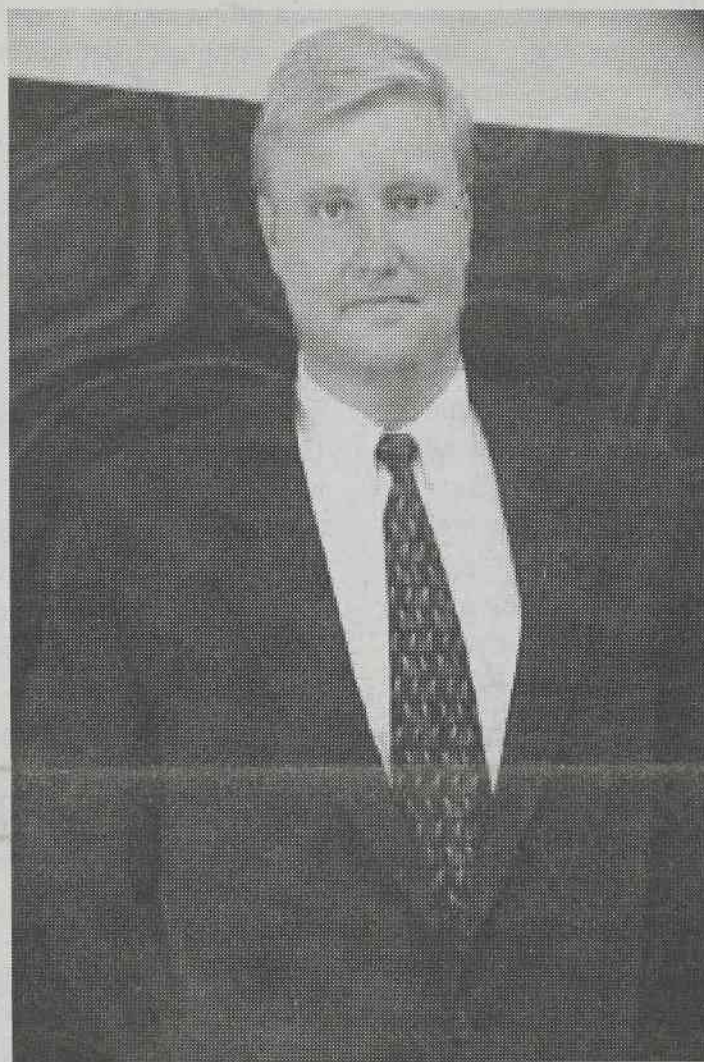
Writes Third Historical Novel

By Cathie McIntyre,
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Director

One? Two? No, three.
That's how many
historical novels Bill
Blake is writing about
World War II.

Bill is a graduating
Senior who attends the
Raleigh Adult Degree
Program in the evening.
He is busy with many
activities besides his
writing and studies,
including his full-
time job as a broker at
Deaton & Associates,
Wake County's largest
broker of multi-family
investment properties.
At Deaton & Associates,
Bill is in charge of direct
investor relations and
marketing.

also involved in his
community, where he
serves as President of the
Wake County Apartment
Association. Recently
Bill was appointed to the
City of Raleigh Tenancy
Task Force. He is active
in Republican Party
politics and his long-
term goals include a
political future, probably
at the state level. When
asked why he decided to
complete his degree in
Business Administration
at this time, he said,
"I need academic
credentials, and the
North Carolina Wesleyan
Adult Degree Program
fit with my goals. I
looked at a number of
options." Bill expects to
earn a graduate degree,



probably an MBA,
following his graduation
from Wesleyan.

Bill started college at
Midland College and
continued at University
of Texas, Permian Basin.
He then worked full-time
in radio and advertising,
eventually moving into
real estate and venture
capital investing. After
living in Florida for
several years, he moved
to North Carolina in
1999.

Life is busy for Bill.
When he graduates, he'll
begin getting ready for
another big event: Bill
and his wife Vicki are
expecting their first baby
in September.

This busy Senior is

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Artist Daisy Thorp: Commencement Speaker

By Susan Best,
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Daisy Thorp, well-
known and respected artist,
founder of the Rocky
Mount Arts Center, and
retired North Carolina
Wesleyan College faculty
member, will return to
Wesleyan on May 10
as guest speaker at the
College's 40th Spring
Commencement. During
the ceremony, Wesleyan
will recognize Thorp's
contributions to the
College and the community
with an honorary degree.

Wesleyan President Ian
Newbould said, "I am
delighted that the College
will honor Daisy Thorp by
awarding her an honorary
Doctorate of Fine Arts.

She has had a long and
distinguished career at
Wesleyan College and in
Rocky Mount and also in
North Carolina art circles. I
look forward to conferring
a well-deserved honor at
our May commencement."

While at Wesleyan, Thorp
was chosen as an Alumni
Distinguished Professor,
was named Professor of
the Year twice, and was
presented the Algernon
Sidney Sullivan Award.
When she retired in
1992, Wesleyan's board
of trustees honored her
with a formal resolution
recognizing that she had
"devoted her life to serving
the young people of North
Carolina Wesleyan College
in every aspect of their
lives."

Thorp, who now resides
in Chapel Hill, has long
been active as an artist and
patron of the arts. After
founding the Rocky Mount
Arts Center in 1957, she
directed its gallery for
10 years. She served as
a consultant to the North
Carolina Museum of Art,
and her own work has been
exhibited widely, including
at the Metropolitan
Museum of Art in New
York.

Prior to Wesleyan's
graduation ceremony,
friends of Daisy Thorp
may visit with her at a
reception for graduating
seniors and their guests,
from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
at the Wesleyan president's
home on the College
campus.

Commencement exercises
will begin at 1:30 p.m.
in Minges Auditorium of
the Dunn Center for the
Performing Arts, where
224 students will receive
their bachelors' degrees.
This number is in addition
to the 277 students who
graduated in December.

The public may attend
the baccalaureate service
on May 10 at 8:30 a.m. in
the Leon Russell Chapel,
as well as the Honors
Convocation at 10 a.m. in
Minges Auditorium of the
Dunn Center. Attendance
at the graduation ceremony
is reserved for students
and their guests.

