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Library Dedicated On Founders' Day

Following the annual Founders' Day and Fall Convocation observance (Nov. 1) at Methodist College the Geraldine Tyson Davis Memorial Library was dedicated to the memory of the late benafactor and trustee of the institution.

It was the \$100,000 gift to the library building fund by Mrs. Davis in October 1962 which made possible the early construction of the library. It was occupied in November 1964.

A Midland, Tex. resident, Mrs. Davis was a member of the Methodist College Board of Trustees from July 1963 until her death in September 1966.

She was a native of the Grays Creek community of Cumberland County and had taught English in Massey Hill High School for three years following her graduation from college.

She and her husband, Walter R. Davis, an Elizabeth City native, were married in Fayetteville at Hay Street Methodist

Dr. Mott P. Blair of Siler City, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided at the service of dedication. Former Governor Terry Sanford, who served for 10 years as Board Chairman, presented the building for dedication.

The plaque was unveiled by College President Dr. L. Stacy Weaver who read the dedicatory inscription. Mr. Davis was present to respond to the dedication.

Dr. Eubank Speaks

The morning service, held in the Student Union, marked the eighth annual Founders' Day observance and the eleventh anniversary of the founding of Methodist College.

Dr. Graham S. Eubank, Fayetteville District Superintendent of the Methodist Church and former Fayetteville pastor, was principal speaker.

One of the original trustees of Methodist College, Dr. Eubank stated: "Of all the community enterprises sought and accomplished by the community of Fayetteville, none can excel the establishment of this college."



Construction progress shows the Administration Building (1), Fine Arts Building-Auditorium (2), and Student Union-cafeteria expansion well on the way toward the spring 1968 completion. Parking lots are also recent additions.

Fall Enrollment Reaches All-Time High

At the close of enrollment in late September, final figures compiled showed that Methodist College had its largest student body ever during the first semester of 1967-68.

The record number was 1069 as contrasted with the 88 students in the first student body in the fall of 1960.

Now in its eighth year of operation, Methodist College had a total of 944 students for the same period last year.

The figure of 1069 includes six special students and 17 part-time students. There are 1046 full-time students currently at Methodist College. Some 626 of these students are dormitory residents.

Of the 420 commuting students, 365 reside in Cumberland County. Next in order of representation by counties are Wake, 50; Durham, 33; Harnett, 30; Forsyth, 22; Guilford, 21; and Sampson, 19.

From 64 North Carolina counties, there are 797 students attending. Out-of-state students number 249 from 17 states.

Virginia boasts the highest number with 101 students. New Jersey is next with 40 and South Carolina is a close third with 33. Students come from as far away as California, Missouri, Massachusetts, Vermont and the Philippines.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Sharon Ruth (Sherry) Sellers

On September 23, 1967, driving alone to hear her father preach at a revival in Union, S. C., Sharon Ruth (Sherry) Sellers was killed in a two-car collision.

Her warm and sincerely spontaneous smile, vital and enthusiastic contributions to the campus life of Methodist tions to the campus life of Methodist College, were immediately missed. Through the leadership of the Student Government Association, the Sharon Ruth Sellers Memorial Scholarship has been established with contributions being received through the Public Relations Office.

Donna Davis, also a senior and Sherry's roommate, heads the threemember SGA Scholarship with John Briggs and Jo Anna Cherry.

Additional contributions may be mailed to: Sharon Ruth Sellers Memorial Scholarship, Public Relations Office, Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C. 28301



Three prominent leaders at the Annual Conference Session of the Methodist Youth Fellowship pause between meetings for a chat at their July meeting. They are (from left) The Rev. Conrad Glass, Raleigh, Director of Conference Youth Ministry; The Rev. William (Bill) Lowdermilk, ACS Dean and Assistant Director of Public Relations at Methodist College; and Tommy Smith, Rocky Mount, Conference MYF President. Some 450 youth attended.

Summer Conferences

More than 2000 people attended various conferences and retreats held on the Methodist College campus during the past summer.

These gatherings included the Annual

Guest and Artists

James Dick, a 25-year-old Kansas native and high honor winner in three international piano competitions. initiated the 1967-68 Concert-Lecture Series at Methodist College with a well-attended spectacular performance.

Guy Owen, author of "The Ballad of the Film-Flam Man" from which the successful movie was made, talked with members and guests of The Literary Club on Oct. 5 in the Library.

James Graham, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, spoke at Assembly on Oct. 23 under the sponsorship of the Senior Class. County agricultural leaders and interested citizens attended.

George Esser, Jr., executive director of The North Carolina Fund, visited the Social Science area on Nov. 15 during the afternoon.

Dr. Theodore Ropp, a Duke University history professor, will visit history and political science groups during the day on Dec. 8.

Serve More Than 2000

Conference Session of the Methodist Youth Fellowship (ACS), Tri-State Youth Conference of Church of Latter Day Saints, School of Christian Mission, Pastor's Conference on Evangelism, Annual Conference Laymen's Retreat. Conference for Subdistrict MYF Leaders and Conference for District Directors of Adult Work, studying the new Church School curriculum for adults.

Methodist College is pleased to have had the opportunity to share its facilities for these purposes. The Public Relations Staff has considered it a privilege to share in the coordination of these activities.

Coming Events

November

15—(lecture) Chinese Thought
Student Union (8 p.m.)
Through 22—N. C. Artists' Exhibit
Library

December

9—(concert) Community Chorus 9, 10—Student Art Show/Sale Student Union

10—Senior Voice Recital Amelia Harper

13—M. C. Wind Ensemble Student Union (8 p.m.)

16—Fayetteville Symphony Student Union (8 p.m.)

18—Christmas Music (Chorus) Student Union

Monarchs Become NIAA Members

A boost for the Methodist College sports program came in late September in the form of official membership certification from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Word was received by Gene Clayton, Methodist College Athletic Director, from A. O. Duer, Executive Secretary of NAIA, in that group's home office in Kansas City, Mo.

District 26, composed of North and South Carolina and Virginia, now contains the Methodist College sports program. Varsity teams recognized for competition by NAIA are basketball, bowling, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis and wrestling.

The Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, of which Methodist College is a member, joined the Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and nine at-large teams, including Campbell College and Wofford, in NAIA's District 26.

Because of the new certification, Methodist College teams are eligible to participate in any district and national tournaments recognized by NAIA.

Sports Schedule

Saturday (Nov. 11) marked the end of both the soccer and cross country seasons for the Methodist College Monarch varsity teams. On that day they met at N. C. Wesleyan in Rocky Mount to complete in the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament.

Intramurals have been providing ample outlets for excess energy. Teams representing each floor of both Sanford and Cumberland Halls as well as day students have been competing in football and tennis. Soccer may be added following the regular varsity season.

The first game of the 1967-68 varsity basketball season will be held away on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at UNC-Greensboro. College of Charleston squad men will provide opposition for the Monarchs at home on Friday, Dec. 1.

Other games in 1967 are. St. Andrews (home), Dec. 4; Campbell College (away), Dec. 6; Lynchburg College(home) Dec. 9; Greensboro College (away), Dec. 12; Pembroke State (away), Dec. 14; Washington and Lee (home), Dec. 16; and UNC-Greensboro (home), Dec. 18.

Newly-elected tri-captains of the Monarch basketball team are Davis Bradley of Raleigh and Johnson Murray of Goldsboro, both seniors, and Jim Darden, a junior from Clinton

All basketball games, at home and away, will be broadcast by Fayetteville's WFLB-Radio four-man sports staff.



Nine of the dozen "Who's Who" winners stand together following the announcement that they are the 1967-68 recipients, all Methodist College seniors, of the coveted recognition, "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Women (from left) are Jean Barkley, Mrs. Amelia Hall Harper, Mrs. Gwen Pheagin Sykes. Men (from left) are Jim Gosier, Robert Harper, Wayne Trousdale, Steve Hopkins, Paul Reinert and William Billings. Not pictured are Donna Davis, Pam Zollars and Bill Honeycutt.

Faculty Footnotes

A science building laboratory at Hollins College has been named for Dr. Paul M. Patterson, Biology Professor . . . Dr. Walter Blackstock won the N. C. Poetry Council's Oscar Arnold Young Memorial Cup for the unprecedented second time . . . He and Mrs. Edna Contardi, both English instructors, attended the South Atlantic Modern Language Association Convention Nov. 9-11 in Atlanta where Dr. Blackstock appeared on WAGA-TV . . . Mrs. Contardi and Parker Wilson are active thespians in the community: she, a society matron in "You Can't Take It With You" (Fayetteville Little Theatre); he, to appear as Peter in "The Zoo Story" in the new Gallery . . . Alan Porter's recent concert drew acclaim. He is directing the Chorus and the Community Chorus, both presenting Christmas programs . . . Dr. Garland Knott is writing the teacher's manual for the new Methodist youth curriculum series: "Paul and the Christian Life" . . . Dr. Willis Gates presented a paper at the N. C. Music Teachers Convention in Charlotte . . . Mr. Philip Smith, Librarian, and Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, Reference Libarian, represented Methodist College at the biennial conference of the N. C. Library Association . . . Donald L. Green, instructor in art, exhibited many of his noted geometric sculptures in a Fredericksburg, Va. twoman show.

College Foundation Plans County Drive

In mid-January 1968 a new \$150,000 fund-raising drive for Methodist College will begin in Cumberland County.

Announcement of prominent banker I. B. Julian, vice president of First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., as chairman of the drive has been made by Jerome B. Clark, Jr., President of the Fay-

etteville College Foundation Inc.

Announcement of Mr. Julian's acceptance of the post was made at a recent executive board meeting of the Foundation. The President noted that under the leadership of Mr. Julian the support and interest of towns and cities in the county, already excellent, would be greater.

The aim of the campaign is to raise \$70,000 for a capital loan amortization, \$30,000 to complete the 1966-67 budget and \$50,000 to cover major plant and operating expenses such as faculty salaries, library books, athletic equipment and instructional supplies.

Interfaith Study Groups

Three informal study groups sponsored by the Interfaith Council are involving citizens of the Fayetteville area as well as interested students this fall.

Topics under discussion are "Theological Implications of the Plays of Hendrik Ibsen," "Doctrinal, Liturgical and Ethical Results of the Vatican Council II" and "Christian Ethics in a Secular Society."

Language Lab Is Valuable New Aid

Nearly half of the 1046 full-time students at Methodist College are taking advantage of the new language laboratory. It was installed during the summer in the Classroom Building at a cost of more than \$10,000.

The lab features 24 units for hearing and speaking practice. Half the units contain tape decks for recording, enabling students to alternate between listening and recording sessions. The master unit plays six different tapes simultaneously.

"The language teaching profession acknowledges the primacy of the spoken language," notes Dr. Gilbert Rowe, chairman of the new Area VII (Foreign Languages).

"The lab will supply students with practical listening and speaking experiences and it will train teachers who often find such equipment where they teach."

All beginning and intermediate foreign language students now add an hour of lab instruction per week to their regular three hour-long classroom sessions.

Scheduled lab hours are supervised by one of the college's seven foreign language instructors. Trained student console operators hold after-hours and Saturday lab sessions.

Facilities of the lab will be completed by a departmental library featuring books, magazines, maps and charts of the language taught.

If practice makes perfect, nearly 500 French, Spanish and German students will at least be closer to perfection because of the new lab's facilities.





These fortunate Spanish students enjoyed a summer of travel and study in Spain, largely as a result of efforts by an active and enthusiastic Spanish Club. On the front row they are (from left) Bill Estes of Richmond, Va., a junior; Janet Smith, sophomore, Sandra Strickland, senior, and Dr. Esperanza Escudero, instructor, all of Fayetteville. Back row students (from left) are Steve Atkinson, junior, Mary Fermanides, senior, and Gloria Autry, senior, all of Fayetteville.

COLLEGE CLUBS ACTIVE

Spanish Club Plans Again Ambitions

Nearly half of the \$735 required for the study-tour to Spain last summer was supplied for three of six students through projects of the SPANISH CLUB.

Hoping to send more students this year, Club members have held a successful candy sale, a dance (another is in the making) and spring fashion show and more are planned.

ART CLUB members will hold a show and sale Dec. 9 and 10 in the Student Union from morning until late in the evening. Future plans are ambitious.

FRENCH STUDENTS may enjoy a study-tour program similar to that of the Spanish Club if the county-wide French Club is successful with its Christmas bazaar. Partial proceeds of that venture will establish a scholarship for a Methodist College student to study in France, reports 1966 graduate Madelaine Schoenborn.

THE LITERARY CLUB has sponsored the visit of Dr. Guy Owen and is working on its publication of "Tapestry."

Interested members of the public have been fortunate in hearing speakers provided by the **SCIENCE CLUB.** Dr. K. O. Bowman, lecturer at the University of Tennessee, spoke on "Application Statistic With Computing Machines." Prior to his early November talk, William Dress, a graduate student at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, spoke on "A History of Nuclear Reactions."

CIRCLE K sponsored the highly successful, hilarious "Miss Boiler Plant Pageant" in the Student Union on Halloween Night.

Six members of the HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB attended a "Conference on the Cold War" recently at Appalachian State University with Professors Bruce Pulliam, Ray Kinder and Parker Wilson. Club speakers are planned.

Homecoming Hailed

This year's Homecoming activities proved Methodist College to be fully matured. The bonfire Thursday night (Nov. 2) kicked off a full weekend of events on campus.

All the dormitories were decorated, spontaneously, by enthusiastic students. Cumberland Hall was named "Best Decorated." Garber Hall girls had made a green soccer sock so large they could not get it outside.

Friday night saw the spectacular concert by "Little Anthony and the Imperials" (from New York and backed by a Charlotte group) cheered by some 800 students and guests.

Saturday morning, even the cafeteria was in the spirit with a "continental breakfast." An afternoon soccer game had the Monarchs holding Pfeiffer (recent victors over Duke and N. C. State) to a scoreless tie.

At halftime Jo Anna Cherry of Charlotte was crowned Homecoming Queen with Trudie Jaber of Clarksville, Va., 1st runner-up; Donna Davis of Raleigh, 2nd runner-up; and Olivia Ann White of Shallotte, 3rd runner-up.

In the evening an alumni dinner was held in the cafeteria with Jerry Wood, '64, of Fayetteville presiding at the informal gathering. Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, Dean Samuel J. Womack, Jr. and Eddie Barber, SGA President, brought remarks from the college.

Garber and Weaver Halls held open house Sunday afternoon.



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