

Degrees Awarded To 112 At 5th Commencement

Methodist College awarded the bachelor degree to 112 students at the Fifth Annual Commencement May 27. The Bachelor of Arts degree was awarded to 104; the Bachelor of Science to eight.

Exercises were held in Reeves Auditorium, newly completed for commencement.

Honor Graduates

The college honored six as magna cum laude graduates: Jean Barkley, Raleigh; Alice Holmes, Aileen Jackson, Bruce Jones, Lydia Ricks, and Brenda Rosser all of Fayetteville.

Graduated cum laude were: Barbara Baranowski, Fayetteville; Donna Davis,

Raleigh; Amelia Harper, Rutherford College; Constance Lane, Roseboro; Linda Schafer, Fayetteville; and Ethel Warren, Wade.

Lucius Stacy Weaver Award

Donna Davis, a religion major, was selected to receive the Lucius Stacy Weaver Award. The award is made to an outstanding member of the graduating class who is adjudged by the faculty to have best exemplified in personality and performance the qualities of academic excellence, spiritual development, and leadership and service.

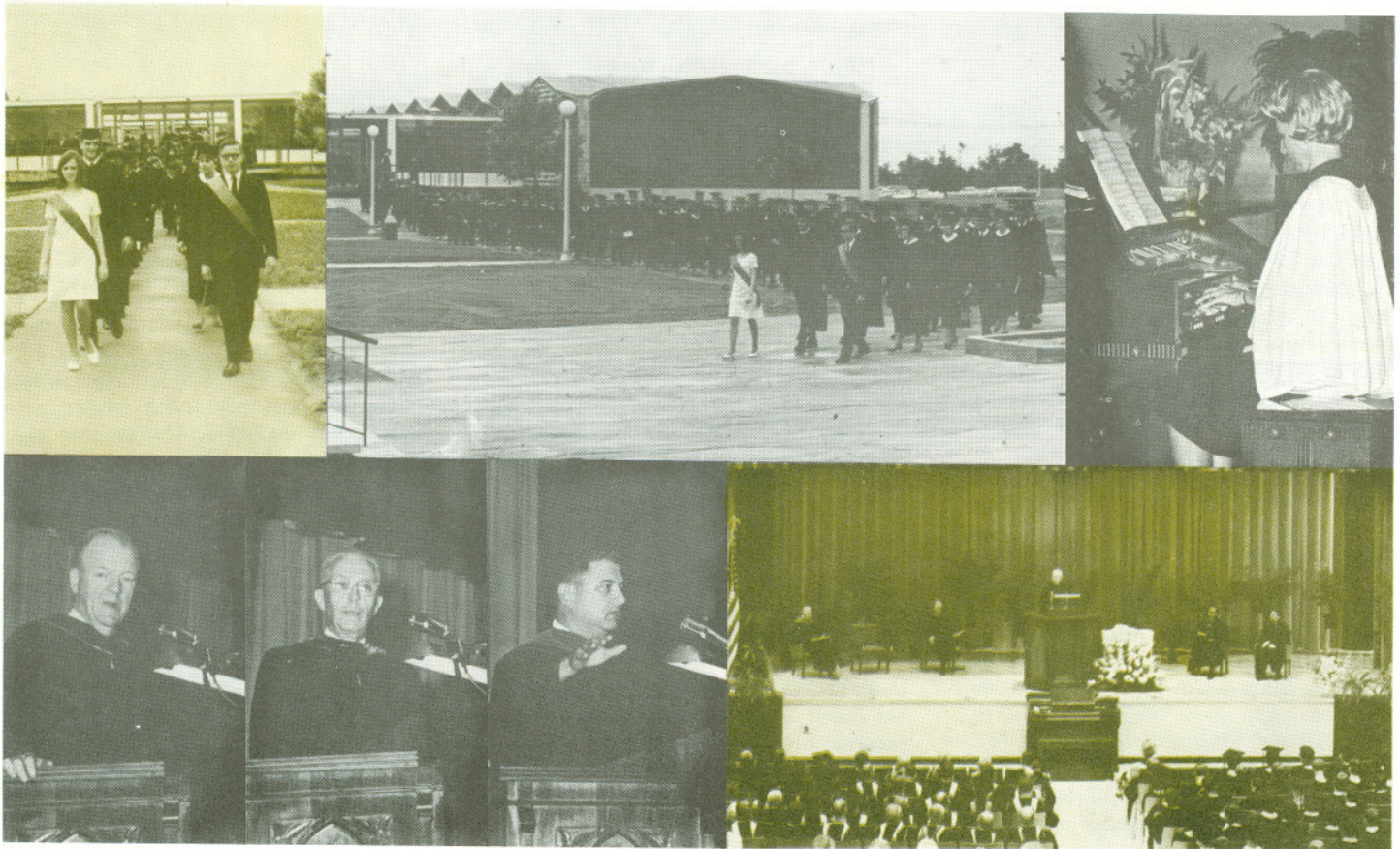
Miss Davis served in the student government, as a class officer, as a resid-

ence hall officer, and on the academic affairs committee. She also was youth director at Hay Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville.

Commencement Marshals

Marshals for commencement are also positions honoring academic achievement. Traditionally, seven underclassmen are selected for positions. The member of the junior class holding the highest scholastic average is named Chief Marshal. Two marshals, one male and one female, are then selected from each class on the basis of highest academic standing.

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COMMENCEMENT—Top row, left to right: Freshmen marshals Harriet Rollins and Kenneth Reeves lead the processional as the Class of 1968 leaves the Classroom Building and approaches the Fine Arts Building as from inside Reeves Auditorium is heard "Choral Song" played by organist Mrs. Jean Ishee. Bottom row from left: President L. Stacy Weaver welcomes the graduation audience; Dr. Clarence E. Ficken delivers the commencement address; and Chaplain Garland Knott gives the benediction. At the right is the stage as it appeared during commencement exercises.

Methodist Conference Brings 1,050 To Campus

Methodist College is pleased to have had the 1968 session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church meet on campus June 4-7.



MAYOR EVANS

Approximately 1050 ministers and laymen attended the conference with 540 of them being housed in the dormitories.

The session was presided over by Bishop Paul Neff Garber, who has served as the Resident Bishop of this area for the past seventeen years.

Dr. Graham S. Eubank, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District, was host district superintendent and Dr. C. D. Barclift, pastor of Hay Street Methodist Church, served as host pastor. The other Methodist churches of Fayetteville also assisted in various ways in the arrangements and entertainment.

Mayor Monroe Evans of Fayetteville, along with President Weaver and Dr. Barclift, were on hand to welcome the

IN APPRECIATION

Methodist College wishes to take this opportunity to express appreciation to Bishop



Paul Neff Garber whose vision, courageous leadership, and devotion to the cause of Christian education led to the establishment of Methodist College in 1956.

Garber Hall, one of the women's dormitories, was named in his honor on April 10, 1964.

conference on the opening night. Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Hong Kong-Taiwan Area; Bishop Willis J. King, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Bishop Walter C. Gum of the Richmond Area also participated in the conference.

President Weaver Named Layman of Year

Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of Methodist College, was recognized as Layman of the Year of the North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church during the recent session of the Conference which met on the Methodist College campus. This recognition came from the Conference Board of Lay Activities as the tribute not only for his contributions of the past year but more importantly as a recognition of President Weaver's witness and service as a Christian layman over a broader span of time.

He is a man of many honors, broad academic experience and strong Methodist background.

In the academic area he taught Latin and Greek and assisted in coaching sports at Rutherford College where he later became president. In 1934 he entered public school work as principal of Jonesville Public Schools. He later served as superintendent of schools in Statesville and the city schools of Durham. He served as president of the North Carolina Education Association and national president of the Horace Mann League. He was secretary of the Governor's Commission on Revision of Public School Law and vice chairman of the Governor's Commission on Public School Finance. He is a member of the Governor's Commission on Educational Television and is chairman of the State Evaluation Committee on Teacher Education.

His most significant contribution to the field of education has been through the presidency of Methodist College to which office he was elected on June 22, 1957, as the first president of the college. Under his leadership and guidance the college has grown to the present stage of development.

As a churchman he has served as Sunday School teacher, official Board Member, member of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance and in many other relationships in the local church. He has served as president of the Commission on World Service and Finance of the North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church. He was elected a lay delegate to the General Conferences of The Methodist Church of 1960, 1964 and 1968 and to corresponding Jurisdictional Conferences. He has served as a member of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council and as chairman of the Committee on Education for the Jurisdictional Council.

He is listed in *Who's Who in American Education*, *Who's Who in the South and Southwest* and *Who's Who in Methodism*.

College Serves 1200 During June Meetings

Methodist College hosted some 1200 persons during June conferences on the campus.

Leading off the summer conferences was the June 4-7 North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church which brought 1050 delegates (ministers and laymen) from 56 eastern and Piedmont North Carolina counties to the campus.

Some 80 young people and adult staff members then were served the following week (June 9-15) during the Civitan Youth Leadership Conference.

The conference, held for the purpose of developing leadership in the area of human relations, was attended by rising high school seniors who will occupy positions of leadership during 1968-69. The students were from North Carolina District East of Civitan International.

A French workshop June 10-21 brought nearly 30 secondary school teachers to the college for two weeks of concentrated study. The workshop was conducted by two native French teachers.

Nearly 1500 more persons are expected on campus during July and August. Dates for other summer conferences are listed under Coming Events, pg. 3.



U. S. STEEL GRANT—Dr. L. Stacy Weaver (left), president of Methodist College, receives a United States Steel check for \$1,000 from Robert P. McGregor, U.S.S. assistant manager of sales from Charlotte. The \$1,000, given for unrestricted use by the college, is part of the Aid-to-Education program of United States Steel Foundation, Inc. It was presented by McGregor on behalf of R. C. Tyson, chairman of the U.S.S. Foundation financial policy committee.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS



Newly elected officers of the Student Government Association are from left to right: President, Bob Swink, Greensboro; Vice President, Bill Blalock, Fayetteville; Secretary, JoAnna Cherry, Charlotte; and Treasurer, David Hatchell, Florence, S. C. All will be seniors.

Faculty Footnotes

Mr. Ray Kinder, instructor in history passed his Preliminary Doctoral Oral Examinations "with distinction" at the University of Chicago. He, therefore, was offered the opportunity for dissertation research in this country and in England. Mr. Bruce Pulliam, assistant professor of social studies, has been selected to participate in the NDEA Summer Institute for Advanced Study in Civics to be held July 15-August 23 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Alumni Association Elects 1968-69 Officers

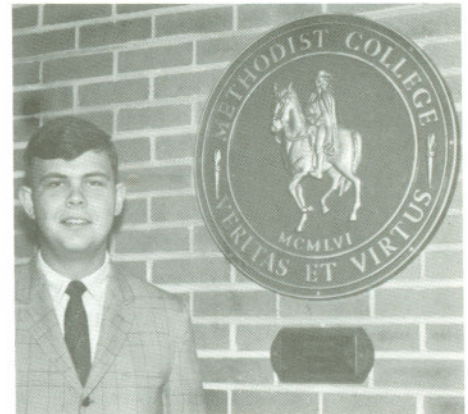
PRESIDENCY TO BARNES

Alumni officers for 1968-69 were announced at the Fourth Annual Alumni Banquet, May 25.

The new executive committee is pictured below. New members of the board of directors are: Phil Levine, '65; Becky Starling, '65; and Ray Ussery, '66.

The Annual Alumni Giving Effort for 1967-68 ends June 30, 1968. A report will be made in the alumni newsletter scheduled for late summer publication.

Presentation of the gift from the Class of 1968 was also made at the banquet. President Milo McBryde presented the gift, a metal replica of the Methodist College seal (see picture), to Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college.



COLLEGE SEAL—Class President Milo McBryde views the metal replica of the Methodist College seal as it hangs in the foyer of the Fine Arts Building.



ALUMNI OFFICERS—Leading the Alumni Association for 1968-69 will be, from left to right: Vice President, Whit Collins, '66; President, Larry Barnes, '66; and Secretary, Jean Hutchinson, '67. The three, who were formally installed at the May 25 Fourth Annual Alumni Banquet, are teachers in Fayetteville area schools.

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Coming Events

JULY

- 19—Summer School Final Examinations
- 19-21—Youth Conference, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- 21-26—Annual Conference Session (A.C.S.), Methodist Youth Fellowship

AUGUST

- 2-3—Methodist Youth Fellowship Subdistrict Leaders Workshop
- 3-8—School of Christian Mission, N. C. Conference of The United Methodist Church
- 11-17—North Carolina Classroom Teachers Association and North Carolina Education Association Leadership Conference



STRAWBERRY QUEEN—Methodist College once again can claim the Strawberry Queen. The 1968-69 winner is petite Connie Autry, a raven-haired beauty from Fayetteville who plans to become a special education teacher. Here Connie displays that winning smile shortly after the crowning ceremony May 9 in Chadborn.

Spring Dean's List Numbers 152

Some 152 students earned academic honors by qualifying for the 1967-68 spring semester Dean's List, according to Dr. Samuel J. Womack, Jr., dean of the college.

Seniors led the way with 47 students earning at least a "B" average on 15 or more semester hours. The juniors placed 43; sophomores, 41; and freshmen, 21.

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Chief Marshal was James F. Loschiavo of Fayetteville. The six other marshals were: Juniors, Sandra Johnson, Maple Shade, N. J. and Raymond H. Smith, Jr., Fayetteville; Sophomores, Diane Qualiotine, Fayetteville, and Donald E. Marshall, Kernersville; Freshmen, Harriet Rollins, Goldsboro, and Kenneth J. Reeves, Fayetteville.

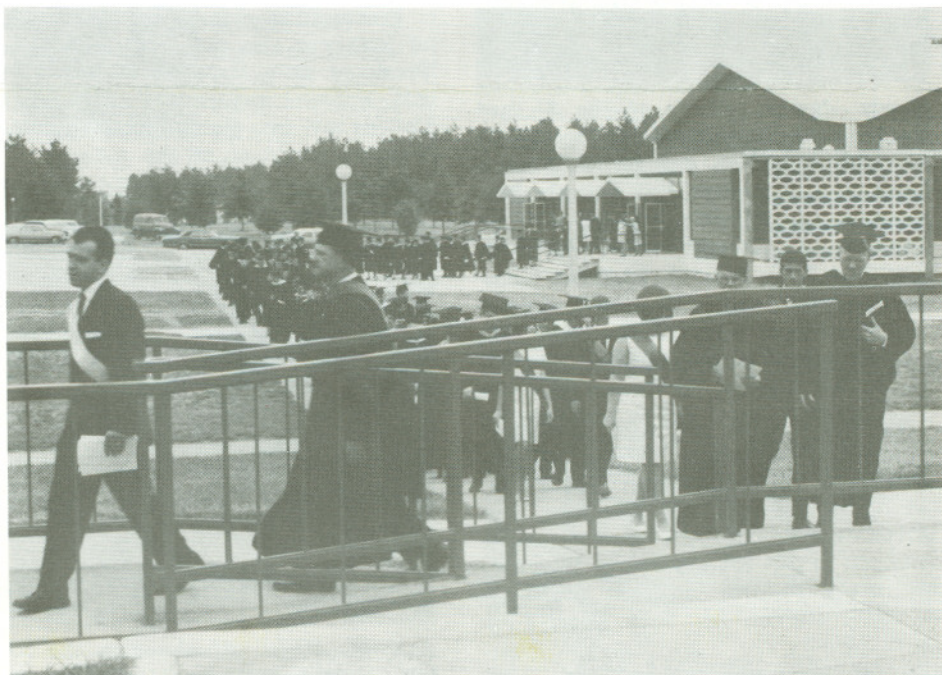
Bishop Paul N. Garber, retiring resident bishop of the Raleigh Episcopal Area, preached the baccalaureate sermon. Bishop Garber spoke on "The Light of the World."

Dr. Clarence E. Ficken, first dean of

the college from 1960-62, delivered the major address at commencement. Speaking on the question, "Where do we go from here?" Dr. Ficken said, "The only place to go from here is to the cultivation of a creative response to the challenge of change."

In order to make a creative response, man must be able to think and speak for himself, Dr. Ficken said. Also, man must be able to recognize his biases and pre-judgements; he must develop a mental hospitality to new ideas.

Dr. Ficken also challenged the graduates to discipline themselves to cooperative problem-solving in today's technological world.



BACCALAUREATE—Chief Marshal James Loschiavo, left and baccalaureate speakers lead the recessional as it winds its way from the Fine Arts Building to the Classroom Building.

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