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FIRST DECEMBER GRADUATION HELD



ANXIOUS GRADUATES AWAIT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

At the very first December graduation ever held at Methodist College, 48 men and women received bachelor's degrees Dec. 21 in Hensdale Chapel, which overflowed with many friends and relatives. Some even stood in the aisles.

Commencement speaker, Lt. Gen. Richard J. Seitz, XVIII Airborne Corps and Ft. Bragg commander, congratulated wives, husbands and parents of graduates who were receiving degrees. He told the graduates, "we live in an auspicious time...in which in business, military, education and in human relations ...there are things and needs which have to be done. These graduates have the talent and credentials to go forth in their careers," he said.

Gen. Seitz discussed qualities necessary for the graduates to serve their community and professions well. He challenged the graduates to: "possess a sense of responsibility to see what needs to be done and to do it without being told; have the right attitude--among peers, subordinates and superiors, there is a time to be stern, lenient, exacting and tolerant; and to set a good example --in appearance, character, truth, sacrifice and control."

Dr. Samuel Womack, academic dean, presided at the informal ceremony. Dr. Garland Knott, college chaplain, gave the invocation and benediction. Mrs. Jean B. Ishee, assistant professor of piano and organ, was musical accompanist.

College President Dr. Richard W. Pearce conferred the degrees. As each received his or her degree, Dr. Pearce requested friends and family of the respective graduate to rise "so that they might also be recognized."

Following the graduation, a reception was held in the Lobby of Davis Memorial Li-

brary. At that time, Dr. Pearce presented PHT Certificates to the wives who "Pushed Hubby Through." Hosting the reception was the Faculty Concerns Committee.

Graduates included: James Lee Adcox, Larry Autry, Robert Lee Boykin, Roger H. Brown, Truman Earl Bullard, Danny A. Burns, Donald A. Bushnell, Paul Douglas Cain Jr., Donald Wilfred Charron, Earnest Lee Conner, James Daniel Delaney, William Leon Ellis Jr., Richard Holmes Everett, Miss Jane Christine Garrett, Ronald Jerald Gilreath, Gerald Franklin Gouge, Walter Joseph Gregory, Robert Raymond Hobdy, Earl Edward Hoffman, Jerry Ray Ivey, Mrs. Laurie Alston Jennings, Wallace Whiting Kidwell Jr., Miss Harriett Aprn Lancaster, Mrs. Lee Sloan Kesler, Oland B. Little, John Allan F. MacDonald, Miss Rebecca Anne McDiarmid, Herbert Stephens McGinnis, Mrs. Joyce Ann Blankenship Mize, Benjamin Ellis Moore, Mrs. Kimberly Stone Newman and James Richard Nicholson.

Other graduates are Thomas Edward Olander, Bennie Ernest Peets, Larry S. Philpott, Thomas Erwin Powell, Douglas Franklin Ricks, Bruno Franco Rizzato, Ted Roger Rowe, James Clinton Rowlette, David Lowell Russell, Alfred Robert Searle, Larry Van Sicheloff, Robert Allen Sisk, James Ralph Steverson, Carroll Wayne Street, Larry Travis and Haywood Leon West.

TRUSTEE RECEIVES HONOR

W. V. Register of Dunedin, Fla., a Methodist College trustee, has received the University of Florida "Distinguished Alumnus Award for 1974."

The award is described as "one of the highest recognitions the university can bestow on an alumnus."

Register is serving in his second term as a Methodist College trustee.

COACH GALLAGHER 'SHOCKED' WHEN NAMED NAIA DISTRICT 29 'COACH OF YEAR'

Joe Gallagher, Methodist College's first year basketball coach who directed his team to both the Dixie Conference regular season and tournament championships and also into the four-team NAIA District 29 Playoffs, has been voted NAIA District 29 Basketball Coach of the Year."

When he recovered from the initial shock March 4, he said he was "tickled pink."

"When I first received the word, I couldn't believe it. There are so many fine and more experienced coaches in the District. It's the kind of honor you always appreciate because it was voted by my peers, the district coaches."

The former Pembroke State star gave credit to his Monarch team. "I feel very good about this, but the kids I coached are more directly responsible for it than anyone. They worked hard and they are the direct recipients of this award, not me," said Gallagher. "They earned it."

Our modest mentor was also named Dixie Conference Basketball Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the Dixie Conference Tournament.

*** ALL-DISTRICT TEAM ***

The NAIA All-District 29 Basketball Team was announced March 6.

Methodist's lone representative on the team is junior Greg Jones, 6-4 forward from Durham. Greg, a biology major, has an 18.9 per game scoring average.

He was also named earlier to the All-Dixie Conference Basketball Team.

*** DISTRICT PLAYOFFS ***

The Monarchs played "their hearts out" March 5 in the NAIA District 29 Playoffs... before bowing to first seeded Virginia State, 57-53.

Methodist, ahead many times during the game, seemed to confuse the bigger Virginia State team with...fantastic ball-handling, a slower-paced game and "hands up defense."

Methodist's offense, "patient and Patient-ed", almost "lulled" the Virginia State team to sleep.

With several clutch free throws in the remaining seconds, Virginia State forged ahead to win.

One observer noted before game time, "Virginia State looks too confident...they're positive they're going to outclass and blow us off the court."

After Methodist lost the squeaker, Methodist fans were saying "just you wait! We'll be back next year!"

GROUP RAISES CLOSE TO \$700

Dedicated, hard working, loyal supporters!
Lots of determination!

All describe one particular group of students at Methodist College.

The CHEERLEADERS.

This year the cheerleaders, some 14 strong, raised more money than ever before.

Close to \$700!

In fact, more than \$500 was raised in less than one month.

Sounds impossible! That's what the cheerleaders thought.

But they were set on going to Lynchburg last month to cheer "their" basketball team on to victory.

In the first semester, the cheerleaders sponsored a Bingo Night ... and raised \$140. This amount was used to purchase much needed uniforms.

In mid-January, the group wrote Lynchburg College concerning accommodations during Tournament weekend.

The reply was negative!

"Lynchburg notified us that it would not provide any overnight accommodations for other Dixie Conference cheerleaders attending the Tournament," according to our head cheerleader, Miss Brenda Smith of Elizabethtown.

The main question now ... How were we going to afford the trip?

Immediately, several people got together and organized a Bake Sale.

"We asked the entire college community (from students and faculty to the administrative staff) to help us. Many baked goodies while others donated money."

Friday, Feb. 1 was Bake Sale Day. What an array of homemade goodies we had ... from rye bread to old-fashioned pound cake, from cinnamon twists to different kinds of cookies, from brownies to exquisite cakes, and from butter mints to pies and muffins.

Everything was sold before 12:30 p.m. The profit was more than \$80.

At every home basketball game, "we sold cokes, popcorn and even candy. Following one instance of using 'store-bought' popcorn, we recruited several volunteers to make popcorn at home."

In addition, Sondra Nobles and Gwen Sykes each made cakes which were also sold at home games.

On Feb. 9, the cheerleaders got up at the crack of dawn, went out into the community and sold donuts. Profit, \$45.

The next Monday, the group sponsored a "50's and 60's Sock Hop and Carnival ... complete with sponge-throwing, fortune-telling, bingo, dance contests and lots of good, homemade Hungarian goulash. "Those oldies, but goodies music" was provided on tapes by WFNC, a local radio station. Amount raised, \$145.

Another bake sale, this one "a spur of the moment idea", was set for Saturday, February 16, at the K-Mart. However, all the goodies disappeared the day before. Many professors and students couldn't let temptation pass by. This bake sale raised more than \$50.

"To help us reach our goal ... to have all 14 cheerleaders attend the Tournament ... Earl Martin, assistant Professor of sociology at the college, came to our rescue. He contacted his two sisters who live in Lynchburg. They kindly volunteered to provide housing for the girls during the entire Tournament weekend."

The guys stayed at the Holiday Inn, along with the Basketball Team. We won ... the Tournament ... Regular Season play ... and Dixie Conference Coach of the Year.

Lots of thanks goes to "all our bakers". Take away those goodies and we would have failed, according to Miss Smith.

"But, most of all, thanks to everyone (students, faculty, administration, alumni and Fayetteville residents and businesses) for supporting us."

"Without all of you behind us, we would not have reached our goal."

PRESIDENT'S LIST

This year has brought many FIRSTS to Methodist College.

When the fall semester honors list was announced following the extended Christmas holiday, 155 students were named to the dean's list.

In addition, 20 other students ... for their 4.0 grade point average for the semester ... were named to the college's very first President's List.

In establishing the President's List, Methodist College President Dr. Richard W. Pearce said, "the college feels those students who maintain a perfect 4.0 average, deserve special recognition."

ALPHA XI DELTA ESTABLISHES ZETA MU COLONY AT COLLEGE



FIRST FORMAL PICTURE OF ALPHA XI DELTA PLEDGE CLASS

JOHN DICKS NAMED ASSISTANT PR HEAD

John Gaudry Dicks 3rd has been appointed assistant director of public relations at Methodist.

One of his main areas of responsibility will be the alumni relations program.

In making the announcement, director of public relations William P. Lowdermilk said, "we feel fortunate in being able to secure the services of a person who has held positions of leadership while a student at the college and who possesses a commitment to this institution. Chip's knowledge of the college and contact with recent graduates will make him an invaluable addition to this office."

Dicks was graduated cum laude last year from Methodist, where he was a political science major. At graduation, he received the Grace Tobler Political Science Award and the Outstanding Senior Award.

While a student, he served as freshman and sophomore class president; SGA vice president; president of the Young Democrats Club; and was named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Dicks, a member of the Circle K Club, the SGA Senate, a High Court Justice, was also a student representative on the Methodist College Presidential Search Committee.

He is married to the former JoAnna Walker, also a 1973 graduate of Methodist College.

President's List (cont'd.)

Students named to the President's List were: Sarah Edge, Mrs. Sharon Elliott, Mrs. Lillian Evans, Carolyn Harrison, Ronald Komar, Mrs. Sandra Landis, William Langer, Mrs. Sandra Leechford, Mrs. Frances Leguerrier, Rebecca McDiarmid, Patricia Meeks, Donna Parrous, Steven Plice, Mrs. Kendall Powers, Bruno Rizzato, Marion Robertson, Mrs. Nancy Shaw Doucette, James Steverson, Mrs. Janet Stotts and Marian Williams.

Methodist College has gained national recognition.

Alpha Xi Delta sorority chartered a new chapter, Zeta Mu, on our college campus the weekend of Feb. 16.

A tea on Feb. 16 was held at the home of Mrs. Alan M. Porter, assistant professor of French, and the advisor to the new chapter.

Entitled "An Introduction to Alpha Xi Delta", the tea provided an opportunity for the prospective pledges and initiates to meet Mrs. Maxine Blackburn, member-at-large of the National Cabinet of Alpha Xi Delta. She informed the women of all facets of the national sorority. At the end of the program, the college girls signed a petition "requesting that a colony be established at Methodist College." The signers of the petition will be designated charter members of the college chapter.

A formal pledging ceremony took place Feb. 17 in Dining Rooms 3 and 4 of the College Cafeteria. Mrs. Blackburn was the presiding officer. Twelve members of the Gamma Phi Chapter at East Carolina University conducted the pledging ceremony. Miss Mahala Dees of Fayetteville is president of the Gamma Phi Chapter.

Following the ceremony, a buffet dinner was held in Dining Rooms 1 and 2. Methodist College pledges are: Sarah Edge, Carmen Evans, Faren Elliott, Mary Alice Gore, Marion Hawkins, Brenda Hester, Mrs. Valerie Jones, Deborah Walker, Mary Anne Martin, Debra Maynard, Betty Jo Mitchell, Wanda Moorefield, Mary Joan Nunnery, Rebecca Stephens, Debra Underwood and Pamela Walker.

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