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ELEVENTH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HELD MAY 12

One hundred and seven Methodist College seniors received bachelor's degrees at the college's 11th commencement exercises held May 12 in Reeves Auditorium.

Spirits of friends and families of the graduates were not dampened when the rain came and stayed throughout the day. The showers did let up, however, for a few minutes just before and after the commencement hour.

Commencement speaker, Dr. Arnold K. King of Chapel Hill, told the graduates "they were graduating at the end of the most turbulent decade in our nation's history."



LUCIUS STACY WEAVER AWARD -- Methodist College President, Dr. Richard W. Pearce congratulates Mrs. Nancy Coleen Shaw Doucette of Fayetteville, who received the award at graduation.

ACADEMIC HONORS FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER AT METHODIST COLLEGE HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED BY DR. SAMUEL T. WOMACK, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE

Twenty-three students were named to the President's List. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must carry a 4.0 grade-point-average for the semester.

In addition, 175 students were named to the dean's list.

President's List students include Mrs. Lauren Bach, Mrs. Luz Maria Baumann, David Bradley, Daniel Donovan, John Eason, Sarah Edge, Charles Ekeleme, David Gregg, Ronald Komar, Mrs. Sandra Landis, William Langer, Mrs. Sandra Leechford, Mrs. Jennifer McDaniel, Mrs. Lorna Miller, Mrs. Betty Milligan, Wanda Moorefield, Donna KiKi Parrous, Robert Pemberton, Roy Philpott, Steven Plice, Marion DeBerniere Robertson Jr., Judith Sheldon, Kirk Simpson, Mrs. Patricia Van Dorsten and Mrs. Susan Yost.

The special assistant to the president of the Consolidated Universities of North Carolina asked the students to "reflect on events such as Vietnam, drug culture, inflation, increase in crime, civil disorders, sexual revolution, decline of birth rate, energy, food shortage, health care crisis and loss of confidence in the whole political system."

King told the graduates, their friends and relatives, "we're heading for an international disaster if the tide is not turned soon. We need to reestablish our faith... in God, in the system of justice, in the integrity of social process and we must also learn to think for ourselves."

"We may never go back to the good old days. It's now up to YOU to do something about the future of our country," he added.

Presenting the Lucius Stacy Weaver Award was Methodist College's Academic Dean, Dr. Samuel J. Womack.

Established in 1964 honoring Methodist College's first president, the award was presented to Mrs. Nancy Coleen Shaw Doucette of Fayetteville, who was graduated magna cum laude. Daughter of Mrs. Colon Shaw of Beulaville, and the late Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Doucette majored in religion and history.

The Lucius Stacy Weaver Award is given to the "outstanding member of each graduating class adjudged by the faculty to have best exemplified in personality and performance the qualities of academic excellence, spiritual development, leadership and service."

Also awarded A.B. degrees, magna cum laude, were Ronald Roy Glancy, Mrs.



ANXIOUS MOMENT FOR GRADUATES -- Three young women about to receive their degrees are shown prior to commencement exercises. From left are Miss Cynthia Marlowe of Whiteville, Miss Brenda Smith of Elizabethtown and Miss Margaret Cottingham of Dillon, S.C.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER -- Dr. Arnold K. King addresses graduates, their friends and families in Reeves Auditorium.

Sandra Jean Atwood Leechford, Mrs. Lorna Gail Miller, Miss Donna KiKi Parrous and Miss Marian Wells Williams.

Cum Laude graduates included Peter Valerian Astalos, William Vincent Barbieri, Donald Lee Brewer, Clayton McLam House Jr., Mrs. Sharon Santopadre O'Neil, Frank Robinson, Mrs. Janet Rae Ewers Stotts and Terry Floyd Swafford.

Organist for both the Commencement and Baccalaureate Services was Mrs. Jean B. Ishee, assistant professor of piano and organ at Methodist College. Special music during the commencement program was performed by Brian Cash, a 1974 graduate. Dr. Garland Knott, Methodist College chaplain, gave the invocation and benediction. He also presided at the 11 a.m. Baccalaureate Service.

Dr. Lorenzo P. Plyler, associate professor of religion at Methodist, was the Baccalaureate Service speaker. His sermon was entitled, "On The Christian Identity Crisis."

Marshals chosen for their high academic standings were Sarah Ellen Edge, Mary Anne Martin, Pamela Sue Walker, Mrs. Elizabeth Gail Vaughn Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison Glancy, Mrs. Frances Ann Leguerrier, Yvonne Bailey Walker, John Mahlon Lang, Jerry Flannigan, Paul David Saunders, Charles E. Ekeleme, Gary Gene Rigsbee and Frank Guy Braley.

Ushers were Delores Ann Coyne, Kenneth Kearns Daniel Jr., John Michael Eason, Mary Alice Gore, Brenda Gene Hester and Mrs. Kendall Clark Powers.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard W. Pearce hosted the President's Reception in the Student Union prior to the 3 p.m. Commencement exercises.

BRENDA SMITH, FRED PURYEAR WIN TOP ATHLETIC AWARDS

Miss Brenda Ann Smith of Elizabethtown and Frederick Wayne Puryear of Raleigh received the top awards at Methodist College's annual Athletic Banquet held in early May.

This year's chief cheerleader, Miss Smith captured four awards. In addition to receiving a Methodist College letter and being named Most Valuable Cheerleader, she also received an Outstanding Senior Trophy. The senior elementary education major was also named this year's recipient of the Sherry Sellers Award, which goes to the cheerleader "who best exemplifies the same qualities and character as Miss Sellers when she was a cheerleader."

A senior economics and business administration major, Puryear received the Monarch Club's Outstanding Senior Award for "contributing the most to athletics during his four years at Methodist College." He lettered in cross country, baseball, golf and bowling, all in different years. This year, Puryear lettered in both bowling and golf.

Also receiving Senior Awards were Alice Stuckey of Raleigh and Robin Eckley of Alexandria, Va., cheerleading; Nolan Becker of Silver Spring, Md., Mike Twiddy of Belcross, N.C., Charles Hill and George Copeland, both of Fayetteville, soccer; Jimmy Dean of Fayetteville, baseball; and Mike Kinlaw of Fayetteville, golf.

Soccer letters went to Doug Kump of Fairfield, Pa., Nolan Becker, David Russell of West Springfield, Va., Juan Morini of Cali, Colombia, Lenny Turtora of Lakewood, N.J., Jorge Berrios of Bay Shore, L.I., Walter Kennedy of Richmond, Va., Chang Fiedler of Spring Lake and Charles Hill, George Copeland, Jim Rowlette, Steve Quigley, Karoly Molnar and Mike Casey, all of Fayetteville.

Mike Twiddy also received a soccer letter and the Most Valuable Player Award in soccer.

Recipient of the Most Valuable Player Award in cross country was John Young of Raleigh. He also lettered in tennis and cross country. Also awarded cross country letters were Frederic Batchelor and Glenn Carter, both of Fayetteville; Vince Francis of Spring Lake, Richard Smith of Hallsboro, Larry Robinson of Orrum, S.C., Jim Nash of Silver Spring, Md., Ed Dowell of Trevilians, Va., and Jim Slater of Takoma Park, Md.



HONORS FOR THE BASEBALL COACH -- Bruce Shelley, right, Methodist College baseball coach, accepts a plaque from Bob Peele, left, SGA president. Gene Clayton, center, dean of students, also participated in the dedication ceremony of Shelley Field.

Elmer Hubbard of Fayetteville received a letter and the Most Valuable Player Award in bowling. Bobby Ayers of Fayetteville, Danny Fowler of High Point and Gary Rubart of Bennington, Vt., also lettered in bowling.

The most moving moment of the evening was the standing ovation given Rick Walrond of Montvale, Va. Injured in an automobile accident on his way to basketball practice in late January, Walrond returned to Methodist College for the banquet for the first time since the mishap. Awarded a letter in basketball, Walrond says he "plans to attend summer school and hopes to be able to graduate from Methodist College next May."

Craig Knight of Fayetteville, awarded letters in golf and basketball, also received the basketball team's Plus-Minus Award. Elton Stanley of Shallotte, also lettering in basketball, was the recipient of the Defense Award, while another teammate, Greg Jones of Rougemont, received the District 29 and NAIA Plaques. Jones is the first Methodist College basketball player ever to be named in the same year to both the District and NAIA All-American Teams. Don Boulter of Ft. Mill, S.C., who also lettered in basketball, received the team's Most Valuable Player Award.

Also receiving letters in basketball were Gerald Royal of Smithfield, Harold Boone of Hallsboro, Danny Hood of Durham, Clyde Lawer of Johns Island, S.C., Gary Porter of Richmond, Va., and Larry Robinson.

Letters in tennis were awarded to Steve Quigley, Don Coleman of Fayetteville, William Riddick of Come, N.C., Vicky Loose of Beaufort, N.C., and Richard Rose of Fredericksburg, Va.

Star baseball pitcher Sam Tolar of Hope Mills received a letter and the Most Valuable Player Award. Also lettering in baseball were Bobby Cobb, Jimmy Dean, John Donaldson and Frank Lopes, all of Fayetteville; Bob Bryant of Red Springs, Wayne Gooch, Mike Hayes and Jerry Neal, all of Durham; John McMillan of St. Pauls, Glen Hinnant of Wendell, N.C., Randy Lail of Asheboro, Wayne Spell of Salemburg, Earl Bunn of Zebulon, Les



SHERRY SELLERS AWARD -- Recipient of the top cheerleading award, Miss Brenda Smith, is speechless at the Athletic Banquet. Looking on is Robert Ambrose, master of ceremonies.

Colburn of Arlington, Va., Doug Nicol of Rutherford, N.J., and Barry Willard of Charlottesville, Va.

Walter Kennedy of Richmond, Va., received a letter and also the Most Valuable Player Award in golf. Mike Kinlaw, Charles Hill, Clark Hastings and Bob Castona, all of Fayetteville; and Marvin Rea of St. Pauls also lettered in golf.

Cheerleaders receiving Methodist College letters were Miss Stuckey, Miss Eckley, Dusty Woodbury of Jacksonville, Chris Moore of Galivant's Ferry, S.C., Debbie Inman of St. Pauls, Janice Price of Sanford, Dave Daniel of Sylva, Russ Davenport of Fayetteville, Levie Cameron of Broadway, Bryan Davis of Camp Lejeune, Tommy Dent of Summerville, S. C., Kenneth Reavis of Yadkinville, Mike Smith of High Point, Mike Hayes and Alan Kinney of Pennington, N.J.

Master of ceremonies was Robert Ambrose, assistant professor of mathematics at Methodist College. The invocation was given by Methodist College Chaplain, Garland Knott.

Athletic Director and Dean of Students Gene Clayton announced that the Dixie Conference, of which Methodist College is a member, has voted to enter Division 3 of the NCAA. The Methodist College baseball, cross country and tennis teams will enter the NCAA's Division 2. Clayton said "this is the first time Methodist College will have a chance to vie for a national title in the sports in which we participate."

SHELLEY FIELD DEDICATION TAKES PLACE

A dream has finally come true at Methodist College with the formal dedication of Shelley Baseball Field.

Dedication of the field, honoring the Methodist College Monarch baseball coach, Bruce Shelley, took place in late April during Spring Festival Weekend.

At the ceremony, Coach Shelley modestly explained "he was in the right place at the right time. The field is the result of lots of hard work and determination and dedication on the part of MY boys (the baseball players). There were days when the players would have rather relaxed than paint bleachers. I gave them an ultimatum Paint the bleachers or Run 10 miles. Of course, they painted the bleachers. This is really THEIR field."

Presenting a plaque to Coach Shelley was Student Government Association President Bob Peele. Methodist College Presi-

dent, Dr. Richard W. Pearce, praised the coach for the work he's done for the college and especially for the team.

Dean of Students Gene Clayton introduced Mrs. Janet Mullen, wife of former Monarch baseball star, Phil Mullen, now a professional baseball player.

Mrs. Mullen read a letter to Coach Shelley from her husband, who was unable to attend the festivities. It read in part "Coach Shelley taught me and the other players how to live. It's because of him and his dedication that I am able to pursue a professional baseball career. I only regret not being able to be there in person to express how I feel."

Co-captains of the current team, Doug Nicol of Rutherford, N.J. and Barry Willard of Charlottesville, Va., unveiled the sign, which says "Shelley Field, Dedicated April 20, 1974."

MARY ALICE GORE RECEIVES PILOT CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Mary Alice Gore of Tabor City has been awarded a District 6 Pilot Club Scholarship for the coming year.

According to Mrs. Delane Lee of Fayetteville, chairman of the education and international relations committee for the local Pilot Club, "this is the first time our local club has had a winner on the District Level. Sixteen young people from across the state competed for the scholarship."

Miss Virginia Gayle Godwin of Fayetteville, a graduating senior at Methodist College, has been the recipient of the local Pilot Club Scholarship for the past two years.

Mrs. Hazel Horton of Fayetteville, co-chairman of the education and international relations committee for the local Pilot Club, said "the Pilot Club, a service organization for business and professional women, is made up of approximately 1,500 members in the 33 clubs around North Carolina."



PILOT CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS -- Mrs. Delane Lee, center, chairman of the education and international relations committee for the local Pilot Club, poses with Miss Virginia Gayle Godwin of Fayetteville, left, and Miss Mary Alice Gore of Tabor City, right. Both students have received scholarships from the club.

RETIREMENT DINNER HONORS SAM EDWARDS

More than 100 friends gathered the evening of April 25 to honor Samuel R. Edwards, who will retire as Methodist College registrar July 1.

Greeting guests prior to the dinner in the college dining rooms were Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, their son, S. Reese Edwards; Dr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Womack and Col. and Mrs. O. C. Culbreth.

Dr. Womack, honoring Edwards, talked of the patriarchs those who were at Methodist College at the beginning Edward's son, Reese (a member of the first graduating class); Dr. Willis Gates, professor of music; Frank Eason, who retired last year as comptroller; Dr. Charles Ott, Louis Spillman Jr. (also a member of the first graduating class) and Dr. James Heffern.

C. Reid Ross, former superintendent of schools, spoke as a representative of Edwards' past. He said he was happy to honor Sam Edwards, a former superintendent of Fayetteville schools. "Edwards was a man who built quality education in the school system. When Edwards began in the Fayetteville school system, he started with a firm, but just hand. He came to Methodist College with the same principles and ideals."

Methodist College President Dr. Richard W. Pearce said, "I call Sam Mr. Accuracy. He's straightforward. Sam's comment to next year's contract was 'I'm going fishing.'"



PLAQUE FOR EDWARDS -- Retiring Methodist College registrar, Sam Edwards, right, receives a gift from Academic Dean, Dr. Samuel J. Womack.

Students who paid tribute to Edwards were Bob Peele, Student Government Association president; Gayle Godwin, who worked in the Registrar's Office; and Fred Kervin, a student completing requirements for a degree under the Army's Degree Completion (Bootstrap) Program.

Gifts included a plaque from the SGA "for sincere devotion and dedication"; a check "for the man who has everything" to purchase some stocks; and a plaque which reads "Samuel Reese Edwards, Methodist College Registrar, 1960-74, For Outstanding and Dedicated Service." William P. Lowdermilk, assistant to the president, gave the invocation. Dr. T. Garland Knott, Methodist College chaplain, gave the benediction.

Master of ceremonies was Dr. Womack.

FOUR ARE NAMED "OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS"

Four Methodist College educators have been selected to appear in the 1974-75 edition of "Outstanding Educators in America."

Named were Dr. Sudhakar Gautam, associate professor of economics; Dr. Fred C. McDavid, professor of education and psychology and chairman of the education and psychology department; Mrs. Pauline Longest, assistant professor of biology and chairman of the science and math department; and Dr. Lorenzo P. Plyler, associate professor of religion and chairman of the religion and philosophy department.

A native of India, Dr. Gautam came to Methodist College in 1968. Author of some 30 publications dealing with India's economy, Gautam previously taught in his native country.

Dr. McDavid came to Methodist College in 1970 from Bloomington, Ill., where he was superintendent of public schools. He was also a visiting lecturer at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

A member of the Methodist College faculty since 1962, Mrs. Longest taught science at Seventy-First High School from 1951 until her appointment at Methodist. She is the author of several scientific articles. Dr. Plyler, who came to Methodist College in 1966, is an ordained Methodist minister. He has served as pastor of churches in Iowa and in Massachusetts. He has also served as assistant professor of religion and was chaplain at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa.

The educators were selected for this honor on the basis of their professional and civic achievements.

SPRING FESTIVAL DRAWS LARGE CROWD

This year's Spring Festival, held April 17 through April 20 at Methodist College, was filled with a variety of activities.

A hot dog roast, sponsored by the Weaver Hall coeds, took place Wednesday evening on the patio of the dorm. Dorm President Linda Allvord of Bridgeport, N.J., said "even though it drizzled, we had a good crowd. Everyone ate heartily and the students asked when we would hold another roast."

Thursday evening, The Prophets performed in concert in the Student Union. The semi-formal concert-dance was attended by students and guests.

Singletree, formerly known as Sweet Thursday, played to a packed audience Friday evening in the Student Union. A casual atmosphere prevailed with many students sitting on the floor. During one number, senior Dave Daniel of Sylva and junior Dusty Woodbury of Jacksonville "clogged to the music." Singletree, popular with the students, played several encores.

Saturday was packed full of events. A noon picnic was held at the baseball field. Everyone was able to cook their own hot dogs and hamburgers. An added delight was the homemade chocolate, strawberry or vanilla ice cream made by Methodist College's newest fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha.

The baseball team played an unusual triple-header against Virginia Wesleyan College. The first game, held early Saturday morning, was a make-up game. The Monarchs lost, but came back to win both afternoon games.

Prior to the afternoon games, Shelley Field was formally dedicated.

The crowning of the 1974-75 Spring Festival Queen also took place. Miss Dusty Woodbury was crowned queen by last year's queen, Miss Karlene Wagner of Kings Park, L.I. Members of Miss Woodbury's court include Miss Alice Stuckey of Raleigh, senior representative; Miss Faith Finch of Henderson, junior representative; Miss Brenda Hester of Bladenboro, sophomore representative; and Miss Ginger Workman of Raleigh, freshman representative.

SECOND FRATERNITY COMES TO METHODIST

Methodist College has gained its second national fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha. Junior John Young of Raleigh is president of the newly-formed colony, which is composed of approximately 20 members. Other officers are Danny Hood of Durham, vice president; Travis Hurt of Tavares, Fla., secretary; and Kenneth Reavis of Yadkinville, treasurer. Jim Bargar, instructor in psychology at Methodist College, is advisor.

Gary Tiller of Indianapolis, Ind., national representative in charge of colonial expansion, visited the Methodist College campus in May to discuss leadership and the local colony's progress. President Young feels the local chapter "needs to stimulate interest in student affairs as well as become a close knit body which may work with the college's Student Government Association and the administration in making Methodist College more active in community affairs."

Methodist College's Lambda Chi Alpha colony has as its big brothers, the Gamma Mu Chapter from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



SPRING FESTIVAL QUEEN -- Miss Dusty Woodbury and her escort, Ed Housley, a Methodist College student from Charlottesville, Va., are all smiles following the ceremony naming Miss Woodbury 1974-75 Spring Festival Queen.

Rounding out the activities Saturday was a semi-formal dance in the Student Union. Sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, the dance followed the fraternity's chartering banquet which was held in the college dining rooms. The Sunstorms, a Fayetteville rock group, provided music for dancing. Several of the group's members are Methodist College students.

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES LISTED FOR SUMMER

Although Methodist College dormitories and the cafeteria are officially closed during the summer, thousands of people come to the campus for various conferences throughout June, July and August.

More than 1,100 people are registered so far for the North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, scheduled for June 2 through June 6. From June 17 through June 20, approximately 100 young people will stay on campus for the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church Music Workshop.

ACS of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at Methodist College from July 14 to July 19. Some 300 teenagers are expected to attend.

Immediately following will be the East Coast Cheerleading Camp. According to Gene Clayton, camp director and dean of students at Methodist College, "we expect some 300 cheerleaders to attend." Camp dates are from July 20 through July 27.

Concluding the summer conference schedule will be R&R (Renewal and Recreation) from Aug. 1 through Aug. 8. A week and a weekend session will be offered this year. Approximately 1,000 are expected to attend.

COLLEGE SUMMER SESSION TOPS 800 REGISTRATIONS

Methodist College's summer session is bursting at the seams.

According to Dr. Fred C. McDavid, summer school director, "we now have more than 800 registrations for the session, which is more than 200 over last year ... and we expect to receive more for the second term, which begins June 10, and for the third term, a directed study program, which begins July 15."

Professor of education and psychology and chairman of the education and psychology department, Dr. McDavid explained that "we're teaching more courses than ever before. A student

may now earn 15 semester hours during the three summer sessions ... and with the permission of the dean, even earn 18 to 21 semester hours."

Dr. McDavid sees a positive attitude toward the summer session, which has grown tremendously. "And the schedule is much more flexible than before," the director explained.

A survey shows popular courses to include economics, religion, minority relations, psychology of personal adjustment, educational psychology, special research topics, science courses and health in the elementary school.

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