



GRADUATION SPEAKER John T. Henley (center) shares a laugh with Dr. Mott P. Blair (left), chairman of the Methodist College Board of Trustees, and Dr. Richard W. Pearce, president of Methodist College.

Spring Commencement Held

North Carolina should rely upon its independent colleges rather than expanding state institutions State Senator John T. Henley said at Methodist College graduation exercises May 11.

Henley, a Hope Mills native who is currently serving as president pro tempore of the North Carolina Senate, told the 82 graduates that by the time the General Assembly adjourns next month, he expects passage of the bill which would grant \$400 to needy North Carolina students attending independent colleges.

Henley also attacked "nay-sayers" in the country saying the U. S. has survived worse crises than we face at present. He told graduates to be tolerant of others and to be confident in the future. "Take heart in our government and your community by seeking to right wrongs by becoming involved. 'Cop-outs' didn't turn this virgin land of ours into the country it is. An involved individual can make a difference," Henley said.

The Reverend James H. Bailey of Greenville's Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church delivered the baccalaureate sermon that morning. His sermon topic was: "What Must I Do?" and he told the graduates that to "make it" they must surrender all to God.

"Thinking and education, rather than doing, cannot solve the problems of mankind," he said. Knowledge and science and existentialism didn't answer the questions in the past centuries and off-times even asked the wrong questions. Improved thinking alone will not answer our most pressing problems.

"Instead we must surrender all if we are to 'make it.' Jesus Christ requires radical obedience to the cause. Trust your life, career, destiny, and surrender all to the spirit of Jesus Christ," Bailey concluded.

Of the 82 graduates, 78 received a bachelor of arts degree while four received a bachelor of science. Sarah Ellen Edge of Fayetteville received the L. Stacy Weaver Award as the outstanding senior.

Graduating summa cum laude (3.75 or better of a possible 4.00) were: Miss Edge with a A.B.; Mary Anne Martin of Hope Mills, A.B.; and Pamela Sue Walker of Elizabethtown, B.S.



BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER James H. Bailey (second from left) poses just prior to the service with Methodist College President Richard W. Pearce (left); Dr. Mott P. Blair (third from left), chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Dr. T. Garland Knott, college chaplain.

New Degree, Major To Be Offered In Fall

Methodist College will offer a new baccalaureate degree, the bachelor of applied science, beginning with the fall semester. A new divisional major in science has also received approval.

"This new degree program offers a bachelor's degree to persons who have earned the associate degree with concentration in certain acceptable areas of applied science. It is not intended for those whose associate degrees have been awarded for completion of two years of basic liberal arts courses. And associate degrees or credits earned in vocational skills and manual arts programs are not transferable," said Dr. Samuel J. Womack, dean of Methodist College.

The College already offers the bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degree.

Requirements for a B.A.S. degree will include: an associate degree (this will serve as the baccalaureate major), fulfillment of the basic liberal arts requirements (59-63 semester hours), which every candidate for a Methodist College degree must meet, and a liberal arts minor (15-18 semester hours). At least 64 semester hours of senior college work beyond the associate degree must be passed. At least 30 semester hours must be earned in residence, and at least 24 of these hours must be upper division courses.

As an example of the new degree, Dr. Womack mentioned that some 14 associate degree programs at Fayetteville Technical Institute can now be transferred. These are: accounting, agricultural business, banking and finance, business administration, electronic data processing, industrial management, marketing and retailing, secretarial science, nursing, dental hygiene, civil engineering, electronics engineering, environmental engineering, and mechanical engineering.

The new divisional major in science calls for two semesters of work in each of the four basic fields of biology, chemistry, physics, and geology utilizing two new course offerings: Introduction to Physical Geology and Introduction to Historical Geology. Such a program is of primary interest and benefit to students desiring to prepare themselves as public school teachers of science at the junior high school level, although the program will be open to all. Upon completion of this program and other college requirements, the student is awarded a bachelor of science degree in science.

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Scholarship Established



Mrs. Margaret Andrews of Raleigh, president of the Carolina College Alumnae Association, discusses with Methodist College President Richard W. Pearce the establishing of the Carolina College Scholarship at Methodist College.

Two thousand dollars has been given for the scholarship. A contribution program is continuing to add to the principle amount from which the interest will be awarded each year.

Carolina College was a Methodist college for women located in Maxton from 1912-1926. Memorabilia of the college is on display at the Methodist College Davis Memorial Library.

Other Alumnae Association officers are Mrs. Mabel Berry of Fayetteville, vice-president, and Mrs. Rhoda McMillan of Parkton, secretary.



MC BUYS \$500 AFRICAN PARROT FOR STATE ZOO

LYNNE DIXON, president of the Methodist College Science Club, presents a \$500 check to Director William Hoff of the North Carolina Zoological Park in Asheboro. The proceeds will be used to purchase an African Gray Parrot, the best "talker" of the parrot family. The money was raised through a year-long fund raising campaign which began last August. Club members sold home-made terrariums, candles and dried arrangements, held bake sales, raked leaves and conducted an animal show to raise the money.

Scholars, Athletes Honored

Twenty-seven scholars and athletes were honored by Methodist College upon completion of the spring semester.

Elton Stanley, a 5-8 senior guard from Shallotte, claimed two honors and shared another at the Methodist College sports banquet. Stanley was named the most outstanding men's basketball player and received the Mister Plus trophy for his super hustle. The four year Monarch starter shared with Greg Jones of Rougemont a special award given for outstanding contribution to Methodist basketball. James McRae, Lumberton, won an award for outstanding defensive play.

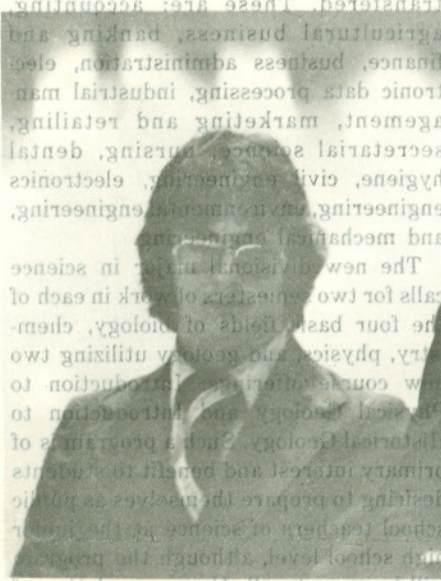
Earl Bunn, Zebulon, was named the Most Valuable Player in baseball, with John Donaldson, Statesville, winning the outstanding award.

Johnny Young, Cary, won the cross-country MVP, while Lenny Tutora of Lakewood, N. J., was named MVP in soccer. Guy Wilkerson, Winston-Salem, was MVP in golf; Bobby Ayers, Fayetteville, in bowling; Gloria Adams, Jonesville, in women's basketball; Susan Ipock, New Bern, in women's softball; and Dusty Woodbury, Jacksonville, for cheerleading.

Awards presented at Honors Convocation included: Fox Award in Philosophy to Daniel Harrell, Fayetteville; Balaez-Ambrose Award in Math to Mrs. Beverly Atwood, Garland; Contardi Award in English to Laura Sullivan, Wilmington; Ott-Cooper Award in Science to John Roberts, Fayetteville; Cowley Award in Spanish to Lynn Sloan, Hamptonville; Reardon Award in Economics to Daniel Donovan, Fayetteville; Martin Award in Sociology to Carl Chandler II, Fayetteville; Student North Carolina Association of Educators Chapter Award to Mary Gore, Tabor City; and the Carolina College Alumnae Award to Diane Long, Henderson.

Winners of Juried Art Show awards were: Steve Quigley of Glen Ellyn, Ill., first prize; Mrs. Nellie Smith of Fayetteville, second prize; and Greg Armento of Fayetteville, third prize.

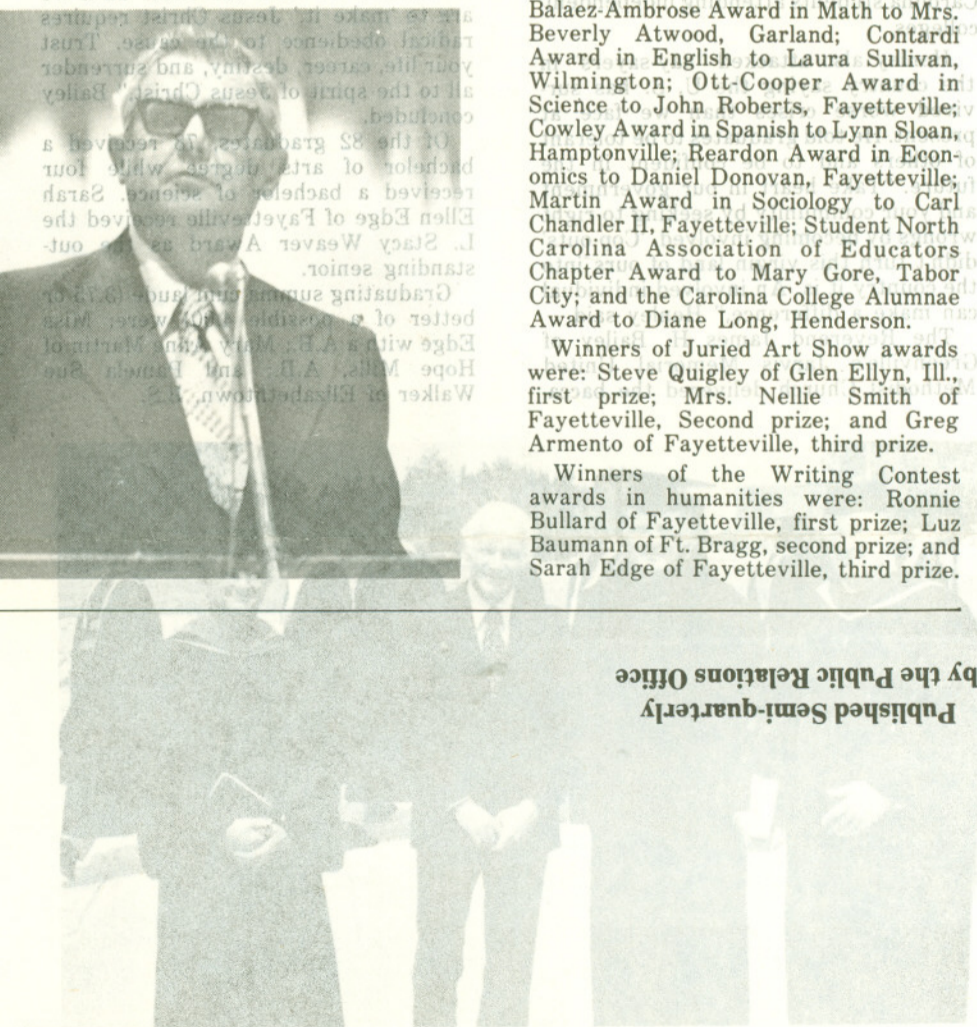
Winners of the Writing Contest awards in humanities were: Ronnie Bullard of Fayetteville, first prize; Luz Baumann of Ft. Bragg, second prize; and Sarah Edge of Fayetteville, third prize.



\$650 Raised For Charity

COL (retired) James Duncan, executive director and coordinator of North Carolina National Health Agencies, addresses the Honors Convocation after accepting a \$650 check from student body president Danny Hood of Durham.

The money was raised by Methodist College students in the annual United Student Appeal (USA) campaign. Students sold drinks in the Student Union, conducted a run-a-runathon to Raleigh, and solicited funds in the month-long drive.



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