

# Greeks Growing At Methodist

(Editor's Note: The following is a condensed version of an article researched and written by Nancy Pate for the December 12 Fayetteville Observer-Times. Ms. Pate is a reporter for the People Department of the Fayetteville Times.)

There was a secret ceremony at Methodist College December 9. The women all wore white dresses. Candles were lighted. Vows were solemnly intoned.

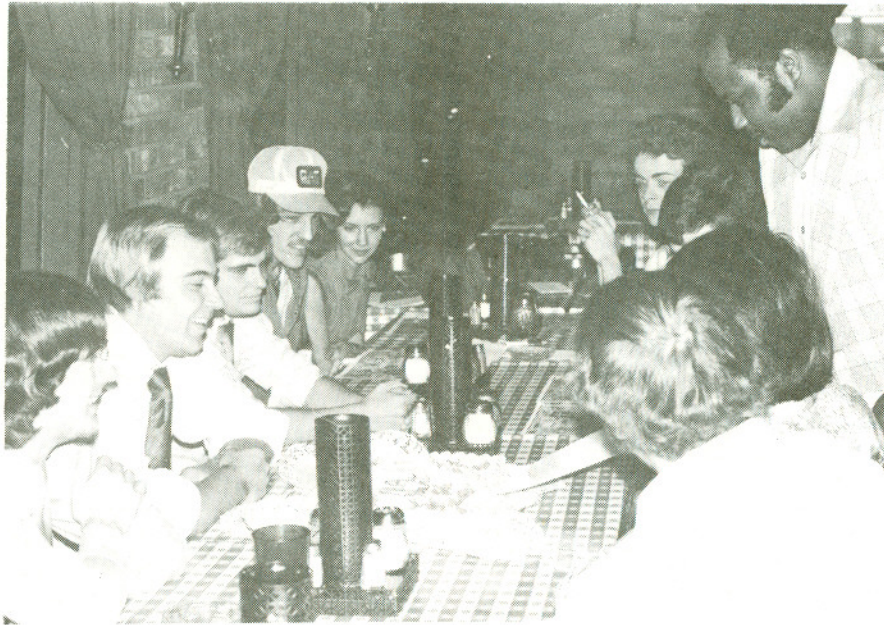
It was the beginning of a new sorority at Methodist College. With all traditional ritual a group of female students became the 115th chapter of the Kappa Delta sorority.

College fraternities and sororities thrived in the fifties, almost died in the sixties and are being revived in the seventies. Long a part of the collegiate scene, the Greek-letter system fell into decline during the period of student activism. But now that signs, sit-ins and flower children have faded from the campus scene, Greeks are making a comeback.

Not only are membership figures up on a national level, but new chapters, like the one at Methodist, are colonized every year.

Greeks are relatively new to Methodist College. Two fraternities and a sorority were formed in 1974, and, although things were slow at first, interest is now picking up.

"As a whole, Greeks are



The president of Lambda Chi cuts a cake during a party in honor of their "Crescent Girls."

weren't very popular," she says. "We didn't have them here then at all. But I think now it is a good thing and can help the school."

James Malloy, president of Lambda Chi Alpha at Methodist, says however, that Greeks on campus still are battling stereotypes.

"More criticism comes from outside the fraternities from people who don't know anything about it," he says. "You've got to come inside to find out what it's all about."

Greeks at Methodist also pride

"It's a way of getting to know people," says Malloy. "The fraternity is my second family. They really are my brothers."

Joy Cogswell was a Kappa Delta at Florida State University in the late sixties, and is president of the local alumni group helping to colonize Methodist College.

Methodist College admits students of any sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin or any religious denomination to all the privileges, programs and activities generally made available to students of the college. Methodist College does not discriminate on the basis of sex,

"I feel like there's more interest now," she says, "But it still meant a lot to me when I was in school. It was a big school and I was from out of state and didn't know a soul. The sorority became my family."

Greeks, however, are still selective in their membership.

"I personally don't go for the old 'one black ball with keep you out' deal," Holland says. "Sometimes it can just be a personality conflict and I think you should overlook personal grievances and look for the good of the group."

Other students don't join fraternities or sororities because they find the cost prohibitive. "There's just not a whole lot of loose money," Malloy says. "But our dues are only \$12.50 a month and that includes a lot of things like parties. You can spend six or seven dollars on one pizza."

Greeks at Methodist are convinced that students who really want to join a fraternity or sorority will come up with the money. Pi Kappa Phi arranges loans for its pledges if needed.

Fellowship, a sense of belonging and identification are all benefits of Greek membership, the students say. It's also a good way to get involved and develop contacts that may be helpful in the future. Seventy percent of U.S. Congressmen are former Greeks.

"Maybe sororities and fraternities aren't right for everyone," says Debbie



reinforcement for the sorority and fraternities already here."

Dean Ingeborg Dent is pleased that Greeks are doing well at Methodist.

"There was a time when they

wives belong to Alpha Xi," says president Steve Holland.

Reasons for joining a fraternity and sorority seem to have changed little, if at all, according to members.



The national alumni president of Methodist's newest colony, Kappa Delta, poses with some of the pledges.



The Pi Kaps painted this sign on the College billboard welcoming the alumni to Homecoming 1975. They also sponsor the annual Miss Methodist College pageant.

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# Mary Jeanne Blackburn Scholarship

Wanda G. Willett of Sanford is the first recipient of the Mary Jeanne Blackburn Scholarship. Congratulating her is Bishop Robert M. Blackburn (left) and President Richard W. Pearce.







Paris : Champs-Élysées

## European Tour Open To Students

Would you like to see Paris in the springtime? How about touring the cathedral in Geneva when Calvin preached, the Voltaire Museum and Rousseau's birthplace?

A tour of Europe has been organized by the Departments of French and Art. The 22-day tour will visit 20 cities and towns in France and Switzerland beginning June 21. Most of the time (five days) will be spent in Paris.

The cost of \$1,253 includes round-trip air fare from Fayetteville, accommodations in tourist class hotels and inns based upon double occupancy, continental breakfast and the main meal, baggage and handling fees, insurance, service charges and most admissions. Tuition for those auditing or working on academic credit is \$35 per semester hour. A \$100 reservation deposit is required, and the remaining cost must be paid by April 20.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Cape Fear

# New Athletic Fields Being Built

Methodist College is in the midst of some major construction work which is designed to improve the present physical education, intramural and intercollegiate athletic facilities on campus.

Three projects currently underway are the construction of a track around an enlarged soccer field, the leveling of two new intramural fields, and the construction of new concrete basketball-volleyball courts.

The soccer field is being enlarged by 75 yards and a quarter-mile track is being built around it, making possible home track meets and a more extensive track program. A track team was formed two years ago, and is now coached by Joe Miller.

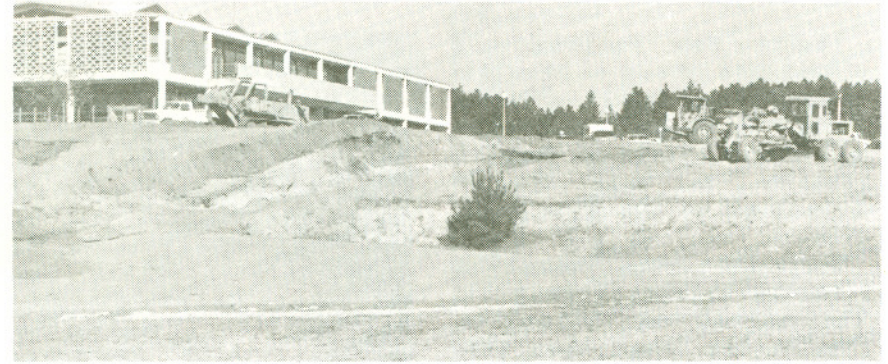
The two intramural fields being built southeast of the tennis courts behind the Student Union will provide a place for intramural sports such as flag football and softball. These fields will be seeded

## Alpha Chi

# National Academic Honorary Established

Ten Methodist College undergraduates and 24 alumni were inducted as charter members of the North Carolina Mu Chapter of Alpha Chi, national collegiate scholastic honor society, in ceremonies at the college on October 8.

Installation of the new chapter was conducted by Dr. Susan Logan



Workmen grade the track at the north end of the enlarged soccer field.

with grass.

The outdoor basketball-volleyball courts will be located northeast of the Student Union in the area known in the past as the "bonfire area." The concrete surface, 150 x 75 yards, will provide an area for playing intramural basketball and volleyball as well as other recreational activities such as

roller skating.

Athletic Director Gene Clayton is "extremely excited" with the improvements. He sees convenience as the main advantage to these projects. "Bringing all the facilities closer together also brings them to the main campus, to the spectator, and to shower and dressing facilities and equipment," he says.

of Appalachian State University, member of the National Council of Alpha Chi. Dr. Logan was also principal speaker at a dinner following the installation and induction ceremonies.

Membership in Alpha Chi is limited to no more than 10 percent of the junior and senior classes of senior colleges.

In addition to Dr. Logan those participating in the ceremonies were Dr. Richard W. Pearce, Methodist College president; Dr. Samuel J. Womack, academic dean and sponsor of the Alpha Chi chapter; Professors J. Michael Rogers and Harry Motes, assistant chapter sponsors; and James Bathurst, Methodist College senior elected as first president of the new chapter.

The objectives of Alpha Chi are



French; or Mr. Donald Green, assistant professor of art.

### ITINERARY

Day 01: Arrival in Paris; transfer to accommodations. Evening boatride on the Seine.

Day 02: Free in Paris.

Day 03: Free in Paris.

Day 04: Free in Paris.

Day 05: Depart by motorcoach to Chartres; visit the Cathedral and tour the town. Continue to Caen to see the oldest tapestry on display. Overnight.

Day 06: Visit Mont Saint-Michel (abbey-fortress begun in 7th century.) Travel to Saint Malo (coastal walled town of corsairs and tomb of Chateaubriand). Overnight in Rennes or vicinity.

Day 07: Excursion to megaliths of Druids in Carnac and scenic tour of coast. Overnight in Anger.

Day 08: See 12th and 13th century Cathedral in Anger and Tapestry of the Apocalypse (14th century). Travel through the Loire Valley to see the chateau country of 16th century royalty. Sound and Light at one of the Chateaus in the evening, if available. Overnight in Anger.

Day 09: Depart the Loire Valley for Limoges. Visit the porcelain works and if conditions permit visit the prehistoric caves of Les Eyzies. Overnight.

Day 10: Leave Limoges for Albi (pink city) via Toulouse. See Albi's 13th century pink cathedral and Toulouse-Lautrec museum in 12th century Archiepiscopal Palace. Overnight in Albi.

Day 11: Drive to Carcassonne, medieval city as it was 700 years ago. Continue to Nimes for overnight.

Day 12: Stay in Nimes. Tour Roman ruins, Maison Carree, arenas, Magnus Tower, etc.

Day 13: Tour Avignon (Palace of Popes and 12th century bridge) Back to Nimes for overnight.

Day 14: Travel to Aix-en-Provence via Arles (Roman Ruins, Romanesque cloister, Daudet's windmill). Overnight in Aix-en-Provence.

Day 15: Full day to explore Aix-en-Provence: 5th-16th century Cathedral, Fine Arts Museum, Cezanne's studio, 19th century mansions, Beauvais tapestries, music, dance and drama festivals in area.

Day 16: Travel to Grenoble, gateway to the Alps. See 16th century Palace of Justice, Art Museum and Stendhal museum. Overnight.

Day 17: Travel Alpine Route into French-speaking Switzerland to Geneva in sight of Mont Blanc on a clear day. Overnight.

Day 18: Free day to see Geneva. Suggestions: Cathedral where Calvin preached, University, home of Red Cross, Reformation Monument and Palais des Nations, Rousseau's birthplace and Voltaire museum. Swiss Fondue dinner tonight.

Day 19: Drive to Dijon, France, capitol of Burgundian culture and gastronomic center. See Palace of Dukes and museum. Overnight.

Day 20: Drive to Vezelay (largest Romanesque cathedral) with a visit to the museum and continue on through Fontainebleau (16th century palace) and Barbizon to Paris. Overnight.

Day 21: Free day in Paris.

Day 22: Transfer to airport for your return flight to U.S.A.



*President Richard W. Pearce accepts vehicle titles to a 1973 Ford pickup and a 1972 Plymouth Fury from employees of the Nello L. Teer Co. who delivered the vehicles to the campus. The College was able to obtain the vehicles through the significant assistance of trustee R. Dillard Teer of Durham.*

## MC Receives Gifts



*Fritz Lopez's bust of Lafayette now resides in Lafayette Room of Davis Memorial Library.*

Methodist College has received two gifts recently: a \$1,200 unrestricted grant from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and a \$750 unrestricted grant from the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. In addition Wanda G. Willett of Sanford has been named the first recipient of the Mary Jeanne Blackburn Scholarship. The Blackburn Scholarship is named in honor of the wife of Robert M. Blackburn, resident bishop of the Raleigh Area United Methodist Church. The scholarship fund was begun by ministers and lay persons of the Fayetteville district. Fayetteville District Superintendent James H. Miller Jr. said that the scholarship will provide a meaningful and effective way to express appreciation for the creative and meaningful leadership which Mrs. Blackburn has demonstrated. Miss Willett is a President's List student, a member of Alpha Chi (national scholastic honorary), The English Handbell Ensemble and The Judicial Board. She is also a recipient of a United Methodist Women Scholarship, and is a senior elementary education major.

scholarship and those elements of character which make scholarship effective for service. The society, founded in 1922, has more than 150 chapters in 39 states and represents the highest academic honor of any member campus. In addition to Methodist there are 10 other Alpha Chi chapters at North Carolina senior colleges.

## Enrollment Up Again

For the fourth consecutive semester, enrollment is up at Methodist College. Total spring semester enrollment is 803 compared to 672 at the same time last year. In addition, another 46 students are registered for five non-credit special interest courses.

Most of the growth occurred in the resident student population which increased from 239 in 1976 to 306 this year.

Ten more out-of-state students, representing 15 states, are registered this semester as compared to spring semester, 1976. Most (18) come from Virginia, followed by New Jersey (14) and South Carolina (8).

The Evening College increased from 52 to 127 including 19 in the inaugural Weekend College.

Non-credit courses planned for the future include: Parent Effectiveness Training (PET) which will begin Wednesday, February 23, and meet weekly for six weeks from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; and The Family In Crisis which is scheduled to begin Wednesday, April 6, and run for six weeks.