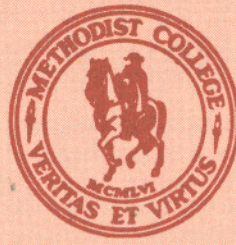


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Al Rummans of Sears Foundation presents Dr. Richard Pearce with a contribution for Methodist College in conjunction with Methodist College Loyalty Day held Tuesday, February 19, 1980.

Foundation Campaign 1980 Running Ahead of 1979

Pledge totals for the Methodist College 1980 Loyalty Campaign are running 5% ahead of the 1979 campaign totals according to Dr. Charles Speegle, campaign coordinator.

"The total amount received thus far is \$92,911," stated Dr. Speegle.

"This figure reflects \$31,933 restricted funds and \$60,970 in unrestricted funds."

The campaign goal is \$120,000 in unrestricted giving to meet the community pledge for annual support of Methodist College.

Over 20% of the pledge cards are in with an average gift of \$150 tallied.

Methodist College Foundation president Marie Stewart presided at the kick-off breakfast Tuesday, Feb. 19, for the 150 members of the Developmental Team who canvassed Fayetteville business for financial contributions for the college.

Monsanto Corporation presented Methodist College president Richard Pearce with a check for \$5,000 at the breakfast for unrestricted use.

Over 150 members of the Methodist College Developmental Team gathered for the meeting at Methodist College to receive last minute instructions before beginning their one-day blitz of Fayetteville/Cumberland County businesses.

The Developmental Team Plan, designed by Dr. Charles Speegle, enlists prominent Fayetteville business and professional people to give one day a year to solicit financial support for Methodist College from the Fayetteville community.

"Methodist College is so much a part of the Fayetteville family now that we can hardly remember what we did when the college wasn't here," states Mrs. Stewart.

"Methodist College Loyalty Day gives members of the community the

opportunity to respond to the commitment made when Methodist College was built."

"The college needs more than our applause for jobs well done. Our college needs our continued financial support to adjust to the spiraling inflation rate."

Methodist College Completes Annual Spring Tour

The Methodist College Chorus left under post-blizzard condition to present a concert tour of sacred music at selected churches North Carolina and South Carolina during the college's spring break, March 5-9. Under the direction of Alan M. Porter, assistant professor of Music at Methodist College, the Chorus conducted its fifteenth annual tour. This performing group is well known for its high quality music and spirited rendition of a variety of musical styles. The Chorus has sung regularly for church, civic clubs, military installations, conferences and rallies in eastern North Carolina. Their tours have taken them as far north as Manchester, Conn., and on three trips to Florida.

The Methodist College Chorus is a select group of 35 students from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, with one student from Japan. They are chosen by audition for their personality, moral character and leadership qualities, as well as for their musical talent. Less than one half the group are music majors--the remainder are concentrating in eight of the nineteen major fields offered by the college.

Five student officers manage the chorus affairs. Jon Strother, a senior Religion major from Sanford, N.C., serves as president of the Methodist

Chorus. John Harris, vice-president, is a junior Business major from Boonville, N.C. Treasurer is Tammy Hightower, a junior Music major from Mebane, N.C.

United Methodist Women Establish Archives At Methodist

The United Methodist Women of the North Carolina Conference have established a permanent archive for historical documents relating the activities of their organization at Methodist College.

Evelyn Ballance of Raeford, historical chairman of United Methodist Women, placed all documents in a special display area located in Davis Memorial Library on the Methodist College campus.

"It was important to me to complete this task before going out of office," stated Ms. Ballance. Her collection contains articles of history, files, photographs and journals dating back to 1878 which will now be available for viewing through the Methodist College librarian.

Ruth Cade, past president of the United Methodist Women and a resident of Fayetteville, reiterated the need for a central place to keep records for future generations.

Sophocles' 'Oedipus Rex' Plays To Packed Houses

Methodist College theatre students presented the classic Greek drama *Oedipus Rex* to a packed house on Thursday and Friday evenings, February 21 and 22, in Reeves Auditorium.

Jeff Cavano, senior from Fayetteville, N.C., was cast in the title role as Oedipus. Cavano, son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Cavano, Jr., has starred in previous Methodist College productions as Yellow Feather in "Little Mary Sunshine," as Chaunticleer in "Canterbury Tales," and as Marc Anthony, Shylock and Petrucio in "Brush Up Your Shakespeare." A graduate of Terry Sanford Senior High School, Cavano is an English major scheduled for May graduation from Methodist.

Director of theatre arts, Jack Peyrouse, directed the Fayetteville production of Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex*. Daniel Serrano of Spring Lake served as assistant director.

The large turnout for "Oedipus Rex" was exciting to Peyrouse.

"Reeves Auditorium is both a bain and a blessing sometimes. Trying to fill the 1120 seats is challenging, to say the least, but playing to a half-filled auditorium is frustrating," says Peyrouse.

"That's why seeing a full house is unbelievably rewarding!"

Full houses are not accidental, however. Dr. Peyrouse set about to both inform and enthuse the public about Greek tragedy in general and *Oedipus Rex* specifically. Travelling to regional and area high schools, Peyrouse lectured extensively on classical Greek drama. The results? "Overwhelming!" says Peyrouse.

"The students were anxious to see the staging and lighting processes for authentic Greek tragedy. Particularly, I was pleased with their response to the cast. Cavano received a standing ovation."

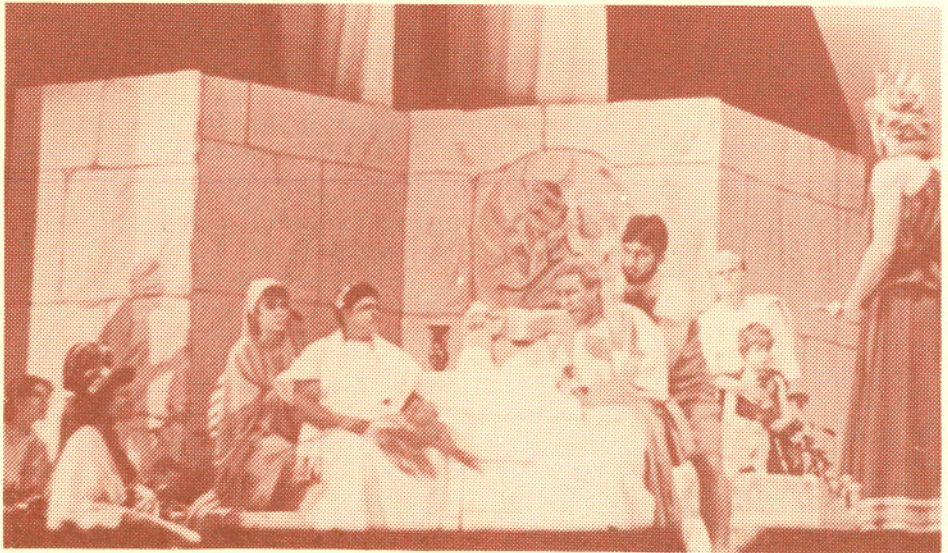
While a steady diet of classical Greek drama doesn't seem to threaten the modern theatre, Neil Simon had to step aside for a little while in February to let Sophocles' have a triumphant hour.

Other cast members for *Oedipus Rex* included Jeneal Whorton of New Bern as Jokasta; Jimmy Vestal of East Bend, N.C. as Creon; Mark Mooney of Baltimore, Maryland as Teiresias; Tanya McClain of Fayetteville as the Priestess, Dave Perry of Fredericksburg, Virginia as the Corinthian Shepherd; Angel Lopez of Fayetteville as the Theban Servant;

Clifford Wells of Fayetteville as the palace guard; Laura Hales of Fayetteville as Choregus; Cathy Clayton of Fayetteville as Antigone; and Scotti Sykes of Fayetteville as Ismene.

Additional cast members included Champagne Lister of Elizabeth City, Jay Reeves of Clinton, Donald Duff of Mooresville, Deborah Smith of Fuquay-Varina, Maggie Rucker of

Red Springs, Elois Gause of Shallotte, Kathy Erranton of Sanford, and Karen Carter, Karl-Michael Kroos, Jennifer Turney, Kathy Southerland, Alice Pearce, Cindy McCall, Eric Hyde, David Smith, Nolan Hyde, Becky and Denis Phalan, James Green, Jamie Sykes, Sylvia Tartt, Mary Pekarski, and Ted Davies, all of Fayetteville.



"Oedipus Rex" played to a full house with original staging for Greek theatre in Reeves Auditorium.

Summer Camps Expanded For Methodist Campus

Methodist College has expanded its summer camps program to include 13 day camps during June and July, 1980. Fayetteville youth will have a choice of beginning, intermediate and advanced camps in tennis and baseball as well as specialized camps in volleyball, basketball, golf, soccer, softball and all sports.

Methodist College opens its summer day camps June 16-20, according to Gene Clayton, athletic director and summer coordinator. During this week camps will be offered in beginning and intermediate tennis, girls' volleyball, boys' baseball and coed mini-basketball.

The following week, June 23-27, camps will be held in golf, boys' all-sports, girls' all sports and girls' basketball. Coed advanced tennis and boys' basketball will be held July 7-11. The Methodist summer camps program conclude with coed mini-

soccer, girls' softball and advanced boys' baseball for July 14-18.

All camps will be conducted by Methodist College coaching personnel and on the Methodist College campus. Gene Clayton will direct the golf camp and Joe Miller, basketball coach at Methodist, will direct boys' basketball and mini-basketball day camps.

Mason Sykes will direct the majority of summer offerings including boys' and girls' all-sports camps, all tennis camps and the mini-soccer camp. Sykes is soccer coach and men's tennis coach at Methodist.

Laura Ferrell heads the volleyball, softball and girls basketball camps this summer. Ferrell in her first year of collegiate coaching has won state championships in volleyball and basketball. She also coaches softball at Methodist. Tom Austin, baseball coach, will direct baseball day camps. Austin also coaches cross country at Methodist.

Dr. Knott Named To National Post

Dr. Garland Knott, professor of religion at Methodist College, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the United Methodist Association of Professors of Religious Education.

The association boasts 100 chapters in colleges and seminaries across the United States and will hold its annual convention in August at Estes Park, Colorado.

Dr. Knott has been at Methodist for 16 years and has authored numerous publications for use in religious education nationwide.

A graduate of Mississippi State University, Dr. Knott holds advanced degrees from both Emory University and Boston University.

Southern Theatre Magazine Features Peyrouse Article

The fall issue of SOUTHERN THEATRE MAGAZINE, journal of the Southeastern Theatre Conference, features an article by local dramatist Jack Peyrouse.

"Turn-of-the-Century Touring Theatre in Southern Appalachia" describes the contributions of Oliver Taylor to the development of theatre in the South during the early 1900's. According to Dr. Peyrouse, Taylor toured Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, N.C., S.C. and Tennessee offering theatre to remote parts of the mountain regions.

Dr. Peyrouse is director of theatre arts at Methodist College, a position he has held since 1977. During his tenure at Methodist, Dr. Peyrouse has also coordinated the Senior Adults Theatre under the auspices of the Grassroots Funding of the Arts Council. He has been active in local theatre productions, most recently the Fort Bragg Playhouse production of *A Man For All Seasons*.

Scholarship Awarded To Honor Dr. Ott

United Methodist Women at St. Andrews UMC in Fayetteville have awarded the Charles Ott Scholarship to Lora Jane Pyle, freshman at Methodist College.

The scholarship was established to honor the late Dr. Charles Ott, first faculty member at Methodist College, who was an active member of the St. Andrews Church.

Ms. Pyle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pyle of Fayetteville and a graduate of Pine Forest Senior High. Active in Methodist Youth groups and the St. Andrews Choir, Ms. Pyle performed with the Pine Forest Chorus.

East-West Foundation Selects Methodist for Third Summer

Methodist College has again been selected to host the exchange students of foreign nations in a 7-week session this summer, under the auspices of the East-West Foundation of Atlanta and Tokyo.

Over 180 Japanese students attended the 1979 East-West Foundation summer orientation last year on the Methodist campus, according to Dr. Ken Nishimura, director of the East-West Foundation.

"We are returning to Fayetteville and to Methodist College because of the hospitality and warmth of the people in your community," said Dr. Nishimura.

"You always create an atmosphere of welcome for our Japanese students that help them make the transition of being a foreign visitor in a strange country with greater ease."

Dr. Nishimura stated that the success of the previous years' program was a strong factor in the decision of the East-West Foundation to return.

An expanded program will bring not only Japanese students to the Methodist campus for the summer but also Korean and Chinese students. Approximately 150 students are expected to arrive at Methodist in early July and to stay through August 21. These are students who will be attending American

Accreditation Comes Early With Plaudits To Financial Turn-Around

Methodist College received its 10-year reaccreditation from the prestigious Southern Association of College and Universities one year early, according to Dr. Richard Pearce, president of Methodist.

"Although we were not scheduled to submit reaccreditation self-study until 1980, the college staff felt that we were prepared at this point to qualify for approval," says Dr. Pearce.

Reaccreditation efforts were coordinated by Dr. Samuel J. Womack, former academic dean at Methodist, prior to his return to the classroom in September, 1979. According to the current academic dean, Dr. Fred G. Clark, the reaccreditation committee was "most complimentary of the financial turn-around the college has made and the performance of Methodist College graduates in professional fields."

The Southern Association Accreditation of Methodist College is now valid through 1989.

colleges and universities in the fall. The summer session seeks to offer them a cultural and language bridge from their homeland to the college campus here. Courses will be given as well as other academic introductions to courses they will see in the fall.

In addition to the classroom instruction provided, the students will receive opportunities to assimilate American lifestyle through visits to museums, shopping malls, theatre, zoos and other points of interest. Host families are being solicited for providing another opportunity for the Japanese students to see American family life first-hand.

All students will be housed in the Methodist College dormitories.

Monsanto, Sears, WECT-TV Lead

Early 1980 has been "most profitable" for Methodist College, according to Dr. Richard Pearce, college president.

The Monsanto Corporation and the Monsanto Fund Board of Directors has selected Methodist College to participate in its three-year Rotational Grant Program.

According to Mrs. Lois B. Johnson, Grants Administrator for Monsanto, this program includes an unrestricted grant totaling \$15,000 for the academic years 1979-80, 1980-81, and 1981-82.

Dr. Richard Pearce president of Methodist College, viewed the selection of Methodist as a vote of support for the work the college is doing.

Over \$14,000 in cash and properties were received at Methodist College during the months of December and January. Gifts from the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation and a college trustee completed payments for a new organ for Reeves Auditorium, while a deed and contract gift totaled over \$80,000. A home appraised at \$25,000 was also given to the college.

These gifts, coupled with announced contributions of WECT-TV of Wilmington and Sears-Roebuck Foundation recently, place the Methodist College Foundation considerably ahead in their goal for 1980.

Methodist College is one of 39 privately supported colleges and universities in North Carolina selected to receive grants from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation totaling more than \$49,381.

According to A. E. Rummans, Methodist College will receive grants totaling \$700.

Lady Monarchs Win State Title

Methodist College Women just keep on winning, capturing the NCAIAW Division III State basketball championship and securing a berth in the Regionals in Maryville, Tennessee.

This marks the second state championship for the Lady Monarchs this year, the first being the NCAIAW State volleyball title in November. Rookie coach Laura Ferrell has led both teams to state titles in her first year out of Campbell University.

"Methodist is full of potential," says Ferrell. "I'm just taking advantage of it."

"These girls are superior team players and strong in fundamentals. Attitude is a real strength."

The Monarchs defeated UNC-Greensboro to cap the NCAIAW title, after losing to the Spartans twice in regular season.

"I think we're too good a team to beat three times," Coach Ferrell told her girls before the game. Her words prove prophetic.

Ferrell's Monarchs stand 14-7 overall and approach the AIAW Region II championship with enthusiasm. The top eight teams for Kentucky, N.C., S.C., Tennessee and Virginia will vie on March 6 - 8 for the right to advance to the AIAW National Championship slated for Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington.

Baseball Looking Good

Methodist College baseball prospects are looking good as the opening of the 1980 season approaches Exhibition games with UNC-Chapel Hill and the MC Alumni team have shown a strong and healthy pitching staff for Coach Tom Austin's Monarchs. Methodist defeated the alumni 19-3 and tied the Tarheels 4-4.

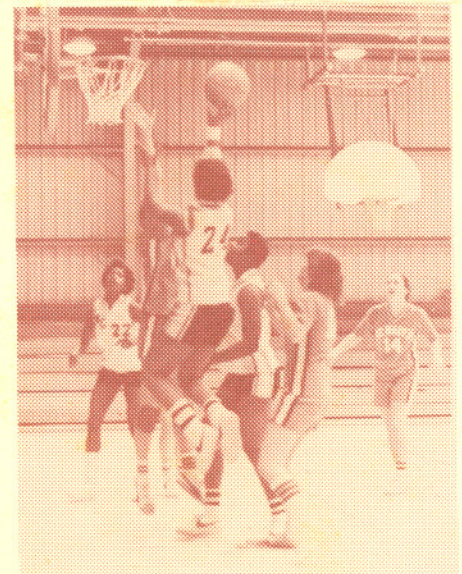
Two lettermen return from last year's 14-14-1 squad and add depth to the starting rotation. Butch Bailey, a senior from Clayton, led the team in saves last season and had an ERA of 1.85. Sophomore Terry Tolbert, a native of Dublin, Va., led the team in innings pitched with 53 1/3 while recording a 3-4 record. His ERA was 3.21.

Coach Tom Austin stated that the two will be called upon to be the leaders and to improve last year's stats.

Two seniors, Ronnie Reece and Mike Stinson are also listed on the staff. Reece, a right-hander from St. Pauls, will be trying to make a comeback from leg injury sustained playing softball two summers ago. He played varsity his freshman year at Methodist. Stinson, a native of Fairborn, Ohio, will be starting at first base but will also see some pitching action. He will be called upon if left-

handed power is needed on the mound. Junior Kyle Stephenson is also making a comeback this year. Stephenson, a native of Benson, played two years ago for the Monarchs.

"The key to the pitching staff are the freshmen. They anchor the staff with four young talents that have great potential," states Austin.



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, race, color, national and ethnic origin or religious denomination in the administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics and all other College administered programs.

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