

Methodist Graduates Hear Sam Ragan At May Commencement Exercises

Dr. Sam Ragan, editor and publisher of *THE SOUTHERN PINES PILOT*, spoke to a graduating class of 96 during Commencement Exercises at Methodist College on Sunday, May 4, in Reeves Auditorium.

Ragan called for an affirmation of the American system and the American people.

"It seems to me that the American system, the American people have been subjected to some heavy doses of criticism in recent years, a criticism adversely affecting the American spirit. Now is the time for affirmation -- an affirmation of America and the human spirit."

"Go into the world with wonder, because there is still much to wonder about, and there are still people who believe there are truths which are self evident, and that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are rights for all to enjoy."

In other special presentations during the exercises, Dr. Ragan was presented an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Methodist College for his contributions to the profession of journalism and for his unflinching support of the arts in North Carolina.

The Honorable Beth Finch, mayor of Fayetteville, was awarded the prestigious Methodist College Medallion for outstanding achievement in local government and continued commitment to civic affairs. Mayor Finch is the third recipient of the Methodist College Medallion in the history of the college.

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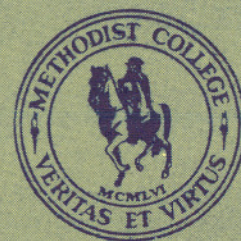
Presidential Medallion to be worn by the college president at official college ceremonies' and presented the first Presidential Medallion to the current president Dr. Richard W. Pearce, praising his enthusiasm and energy in creating an academically strong, financially strong college of liberal

arts in Fayetteville.

Graduating senior Jeffrey Paul Cavano received the Lucius Stacy Weaver Award for excellence in academics, activities, character and leadership. He is the son of Dr. Arthur Cavano and Dr. Janet Cavano of Fayetteville.

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Methodist College Announces 1980-81 Scholarship Recipients

Methodist College has awarded academic scholarships to 15 incoming freshmen for the 1980-81 academic year, according to George Thomas Dent, Director of Admissions at Methodist.

Cheryl L. Epperson of Hubert, N.C. received the prestigious Presidential Scholarship for complete remission of tuition and expenses for her freshman year based on her performance on stringent CLEP examinations and a series of panel interviews. A graduate of Swansboro High School, Ms. Epperson is the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. James S. Epperson of Hubert.

The Mary Gene Blackburn Scholarship, awarded by the North Carolina Conference in memory of the wife of Bishop Robert Blackburn, has been awarded to Norma G. Walters of Rougemont, N.C. Ms. Walters is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Walters and a graduate of Person Senior High School in Roxboro.

Raymond C. Mann of Oxon Hill Maryland has been awarded three scholarships for his freshman year at Methodist -- the W.E. Horner Scholarship, the Durwood Johnson Murray Scholarship, and the Alan Brantley Scholarship. Mann is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Lee Mann and a graduate of Friendly High

School in Oxon Hill.

Donna DeWayne Gore of Nakina, N.C. has been chosen to receive the Culbreth Scholarship. A graduate of Nakina High School, Ms. Gore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Gore.

James F. Vasquez of Fayetteville is the recipient of the Holt-Williamson Scholarship and the Mildred C. Dunn Scholarship. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. H.T. Vasquez and a graduate of E.E. Smith High School.

Carol Denise Jones of Wilmington, N.C. has been awarded the C.G. McCarter Scholarship, the Culbreth Scholarship and the Mildred C. Dunn Scholarship. She is the daughter of Mrs. Christine J. Jones and a graduate of New Hanover High School.

Cynthia Lorraine Peterson of Fayetteville will receive the W.R. Smith Scholarship and the Tom McLean Scholarship. A graduate of Westover High School, Ms. Peterson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie R. Peterson.

Sheila Dawn Yates of Fayetteville has been named recipient of the Alex Bethune Scholarship and the P. L. Browning Scholarship. Ms. Yates is a graduate of Pine Forest Senior High and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Yates.



Cindy Gilliam, 1980 graduate, receives wishes of congratulation from Mayor Beth Finch of Fayetteville during Commencement Exercises.



Astrid Hoy

Astrid Hoy Wins Mortgage Brokers Scholarship

Astrid Hoy, daughter of Mrs. Ormyard K. Hoy of Fayetteville, has been selected the recipient of a \$1000 scholarship award from the Mortgage Brokers Association of the Carolinas, Inc.

Ms. Hoy is a junior majoring in business administration at Methodist College. She was chosen as the deserving student in North Carolina whose primary field of study is related to real estate or real estate financing and a comprehensive background in general business.

Presenting the award to Ms. Hoy

were David G. Martin, vice-president of Curtis E. Martin, Inc. and Jarvis Billy Moore, vice-president of Cameron Brown, Inc.

The award represents the mortgage brokers contribution to public awareness of their role and financial support of exceptional students.

Small Talk Wins Again

For the fifth consecutive semester, the Methodist College student newspaper *Small Talk* has won the First Class Honors Rating from the Associated Collegiate Press.

Mary Skar, national judge for Associated Collegiate Press, called *Small Talk* "a trendsetter in collegiate papers."

"*Small Talk*" is a lively publication reflecting a realistic picture of the energy and enthusiasm of a small college campus," says Ms. Skar.

Methodist College admits student of any race, sex, color, national or ethnic origin or any religious denomination to all the privileges, programs and activities generally made available to students at the College. Methodist College does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national or ethnic origin or religious denomination in the administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics and all other College administered programs.

NEWS

Major Glenn Blackburn Named Distinguished Professor 1980

Major Glenn Blackburn, coordinator of the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Methodist College, was named the Distinguished Professor for 1980 at Methodist College.

Blackburn, an assistant professor of military science, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and holds an M.S. degree from Southern Illinois University.

Blackburn was cited by his colleagues for exceptional performance of professional duties, strong commitment to all phases of the Methodist College program, compassion and concern for the individual student, and energy and enthusiasm for all college activities.

"Blackburn brought ROTC to the Methodist campus in 1977 and successfully integrated the military element into the small college at Methodist College," stated Dr. Richard Pearce, president of Methodist College.

"Glenn Blackburn leaves Methodist College a better place for having shared three years of service here."

Major Blackburn completes his tour of duty at Methodist in July and begins his new assignment at Anchorage, Alaska in August. He is married to Michele Moreau Blackburn and they have two children, Chip and Stephanie.

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