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Methodist College  
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301  
Division of Public Relations  
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RELEASE: AT WILL

September 3, 1968

METHODIST COLLEGE ANNOUNCES CONCERT-LECTURE SERIES EVENTS

Methodist College will offer fine cultural entertainment for the 1968-69 Concert-Lecture Series.

Making possible the appearance of large musical and dance groups are the opening of Reeves Auditorium on campus and the formation of the College-Community Civic Music Association.

Following are the events scheduled for the Concert-Lecture Series:

October 15	Danforth Lecturer, Davidson Nicol, African Affairs
November 16	Alan Porter, tenor (M.C. faculty member)
November 21	Chamber Symphony of Philadelphia*
December 4	Methodist College Wind Ensemble
December 14	Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra
February 21	North Carolina Symphony Orchestra
February 26	Jerome Hines, Metropolitan Opera bass*
March 1	Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra
March 5	Rodney Hill, flutist; Rowland Matteson, pianist (Methodist College faculty members)
March 14	Jose Greco and Company*
March 25	Danforth Lecturer, Henry Margenau, Natural Philosophy
March 29	Methodist College Chorus
April 23	Methodist College Wind Ensemble
May 10	Oratorio with Methodist College Chorus, Community Chorus, Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, Guest Artists

\* Open to only Methodist College students and CCCMA season ticket holders.

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METHODIST COLLEGE SCHEDULES FACULTY ORIENTATION

Methodist College will begin the faculty orientation program September 5 in preparation for the 1968-69 academic year.

Area chairmen will meet at that time with Dean Samuel J. Womack. The initial general session for all faculty members will be Sept. 6, 10 a.m. John H. Swope, executive director of the Industrial Development Corporation, in Fayetteville, will speak during the general session.

Other orientation events include the annual President's Dinner for Faculty, Sept. 6, 7 p.m.; area staff meetings, Sept. 7, 10 a.m.; and a guided tour of the Fayetteville Black and Decker plant, Sept. 9, 1:30 p.m.

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~~campus. The fountain is shown in one of its fourteen automatically changing~~  
campus. The fountain, which should be a point of interest for students returning  
patterns. Evening visitors to the Methodist College campus will see the fountain  
to campus September 7-11, is shown in one of its fourteen automatically changing  
under colored lighting.

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September 5, 1968

STUDENT ORIENTATION SCHEDULED AT METHODIST COLLEGE

New students will begin arriving at 1 p.m., Sept. 8 on the Methodist College campus for three days of orientation.

The Rev. William P. Lowdermilk, director of public relations, and Dr. Garland Knott, chaplain, will conduct a religious service for the arriving students at 7 p.m., Sept. 8 in the Science Auditorium.

Orientation begins at 8:30 a.m., Sept. 9 in Reeves Auditorium when students will be greeted by personnel in the Student Life Area as well as the academic dean, athletic director and administration representatives.

After the initial orientation meeting, students will take foreign language and English placement tests, motor abilities tests and receive library and campus orientation. Tuesday, Sept. 11 a general psychology test will be administered with an interest test set for Wednesday, Sept. 11. Academic advisors will meet with new students at 11 a.m., Sept. 11.

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September 6, 1968

CUTLINE:

METHODIST WORKSHOP--Registration began Friday, September 6 for the Church School Administrators Workshop being held this weekend (Sept. 6-8) on the Methodist College campus. Shown registering here is Cliff Shoaf, standing at extreme right. Acting as registrars are, seated left, the Rev. Belton Joyner, Director of Youth and Youth Adult Ministry, N.C. Conference Board of Education; and LaDonna Bogardus, United Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn. Standing are, left, the Rev. Keith Glover, Director of Children's Ministry and Camping, and John M. Meares, Director of Adult and Family Ministry, both with the N.C. Conference Board of Education.

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OUTLINE:

METHODIST FACULTY--Attending the September 6 session of faculty orientation at Methodist College were the twelve new members of the instructional staff pictured above, front row, l to r: Mrs. Ingeborg Dent, Jerry Lehman, Mrs. Faye Lehman, Earl Martin, Roy McClelland and Robert Christian. Back row, l to r, Frances Garrett, James Price, Dr. Robert Bryant, Milton Loyer, David Hutto and Dr. James Howell. The local college will begin classes September 12 at 8:30 a.m. with an expected student body of about 1100 and 66 [REDACTED] faculty members.

*with 4 pics*

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September 11, 1968

RELEASE: SEPTEMBER 18  
COLLEGE ISSUE

#### METHODIST COLLEGE OPENS FOR NINTH ACADEMIC YEAR

FAYETTEVILLE - Methodist College opened its classroom doors for its ninth academic year September 12 with approximately 1100 students.

Through those classroom doors a faculty of 66 (an increase of five) are teaching over 200 courses in seven academic areas, making available 13 majors and 17 minors. This contrasts sharply with the enrollment of 88 students and the faculty of 8 persons with which the college began operation in 1960.

In addition, there are more classroom doors to open in 1968; 17 buildings are now complete in comparison to the four which were in use in 1960. New facilities which will be available for the first time this year include a Student Union expansion, the Fine Arts Building, and the Horner Administration Building.

Expansion of the Student Union has provided 300 more chairs in individual dining rooms, a new snack bar, bookstore and post office within 15,000 additional square feet.

The Fine Arts Building on the lower level provides offices, classrooms, ensemble practice rooms, and several individual practice rooms for the music department. On the upper level the art and drama departments are housed in space provided

MORE



offices, studios, classrooms, and costume and dressing rooms. The 1200-seat Reeves Auditorium is also a part of the new structure.

Completion of the Horner Administration Building in mid-June not only provided spacious new office area for the administrative staff but also enabled addition of faculty offices and an audio-visual center in the Classroom Building. The A/V center, which makes available extensive equipment for the teacher education program, was also made possible by a federal grant.

In addition to these structures the central mall of campus is graced by the Methodist College Fountain which began spraying skyward September 4 from Fleishman Pool.

Academic innovations for 1968-69 include a new major, Sociology, and a new minor, Art. Upgrading of introductory courses has also been made in Mathematics, Physics, Biology and Chemistry.

In Economics and Business Administration, two additional semesters of work in accounting, a course in investments, and one in probability and statistics are available.

Now offered on a continuing basis is the introductory course in Science (for non-science majors) which was inaugurated on a trial basis in 1967-68. The course offers a half-semester's work in each of the four sciences: biology, chemistry, earth science, and physics.

Besides the academic and building expansions, the extra-curricular program will see the first varsity baseball team in the spring of 1969. This brings Methodist's entries into the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference to eight: cross country, soccer, basketball, wrestling, bowling, tennis, golf and baseball.

Alumni will be welcomed back during Homecoming Week, October 21-26, with the Monarchs pitted against St. Andrews Presbyterian College in soccer October 25.

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September 18, 1968

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OFFICER'S MEET--Officers for 1968-69 meet before the first meeting of the Methodist College Women's Club, September 17 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. Stacy Weaver. Officers are front row l to r: Mrs. Elaine Porter, president; Mrs. Cynthia Green, vice president; Mrs. Laura Smith, secretary; Mrs. Esperanza Sarenac, treasurer; and Mrs. Lillian Cooper, historian.

September 19, 1968

COLLEGE CHAPLAIN COUNSELS

FORCING PARENTAL AMBITIONS ON CHILD DANGEROUS

Dr. Garland Knott, chaplain at Methodist College, speaks out on the danger of parents enforcing their own ambitions on adult offspring in the September, 1968 issue of "The Christian Home," a publication of The Methodist Church.

"I Know They Love Me But--", the title of Dr. Knott's article, treats the question of parental control of the college student.

The chaplain recounts the story of the parent who threatens to withhold love and financial support because his adult offspring wishes to pursue a career different than that selected by the parent.

Dr. Knott states that certain things can reasonably be expected of a college student, but large areas of decision must be open to him.

"The surest way to show love to your child is to help him become responsible by letting him take responsibility, for love generates freedom," the chaplain counsels. "'Love' that prevents him from growing up is not love at all, but sheer selfishness."

The parent who refuses to let the child make independent decisions and enforces demands by withholding love may well force his child to comply with parental desires, but this compliance does terrible things to the child, Dr. Knott writes.

"Every day there are students who develop ulcers or have to seek psychiatric help because they cannot reconcile the pressures from home with the demands of their own insights about life," he states.

"If you are ever tempted to dictate to your adult offspring, please remember that they did not ask to be brought into this world. You have a far greater obligation to them than they will every have to you."

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Dr. Knott states that parents must recognize that a desire to be independent is not a negation of love for parents.

"It is much more like a compliment, <sup>in which</sup> ~~which~~ the young adult says, "I want to be my own man or woman, just as I believe my father or mother to be," the chaplain counsels.

Dr. Knott, a native of New Albany, Miss., holds the B.S. degree from Mississippi State University, the B.D. from Emory University, and the Ph.D. from Boston University.

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Released by phone: September 20 after closed registration Sept. 19

	<u>Full Time</u>				<u>Total</u>
	<u>Day Men</u>	<u>Day Women</u>	<u>Dorm Men</u>	<u>Dorm Women</u>	
New Students	76	56	96	89	317
Returning Students	<u>148</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>202</u> 103	<u>186</u>	<u>652</u>
Total	224	172	298 299	275	969

	<u>Part-Time</u>				<u>Total</u>
	<u>Day Men</u>	<u>Day Women</u>	<u>Dorm Men</u>	<u>Dorm Women</u>	
New Students	2	5	0	0	7
Returning Students	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>
Total	2	13	0	0	15
Total Academic Students	226	185	298	275	984
Special non-academic	2	6	299		8

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September 20, 1968

METHODIST COLLEGE TO PRESENT 'GLASS MENAGERIE'

Tennessee Williams play, "The Glass Menagerie," will appear Oct. 22-23 as the first dramatic production on the Reeves Auditorium stage at Methodist College.

Williams' modern stage classic is under the direction of Raymond Conley, assistant professor of English and speech. Sponsoring the show is Green and Gold Masque-Keys, the college drama club.

Appearing in the cast will be: Edna Contardi, assistant professor of English, as Amanda Wingfield, the mother; Lanette Shanks, senior English major, as Laura Wingfield, the daughter; Jack Kerr, senior history major, as Tom Wingfield, the son; and Mike Moore, a freshman, as Jim O'Connor, the gentleman caller.

Commenting on the play, director Conley referred to "The Glass Menagerie" as a memory play in which Tom, a merchant seaman who has abandoned his mother and sister, recalls his life with them in an alley tenement apartment in St. Louis in the thirties.

In the playwright's words, the action takes place in "the rear of one of those vast hive-like conglomerations of cellular living-units that flower as warty growths in overcrowded urban centers of lower middle-class population and are symptomatic of the impulse of this largest and fundamentally enslaved section of American society to avoid fluidity and differentiation and to exist and function as one interfused mass of automatism."

Describing Amanda Wingfield, Conley called her "one of the most vital women of the modern stage. This displaced Southern belle has failed to establish contact with reality, but she continues to live vitally in her illusions."

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ADD ONE--M.C. DRAMA

The daughter, Laura, is crippled from a childhood illness. Stemming from this, Laura's separation from life increases till she is like a piece of her own glass collection, too exquisitely fragile to move from the shelf out into life.

In characterizing Tom, director Conley referred to Williams' recurrent theme of the poet in an unfriendly world. Tom, the son, is a poet with a job in a warehouse. To escape from a trap of family and job, he has to act without pity. He abandons his family responsibilities. However, he is not remorseless for Laura remains in his memory. Tom stages the play to get these haunting memories out of his system and thoughts.

The gentleman caller is a nice, ordinary, young man, Conley comments, an emissary from a world of reality that the Wingfield family is somehow set apart from. He is also a symbol of the long delayed but always expected something that all people live for.

The play, which appears as part of the college Homecoming Week (Oct. 21-26), will be open to the public at no admission charge.

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September 24, 1968

LOCAL GIRL WINS COLLEGE DRAMA ROLE

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.-Lanette Shanks of Dublin has won the role of Laura for the October 22-23 Methodist College production of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie."

Miss Shanks, a senior English major at Methodist, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Shanks of Dublin. She is a Dean's List student and a member of Green and Gold Masque Keys, the college drama club.

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September 24, 1968

LOCAL YOUTH WINS ROLE IN COLLEGE DRAMA

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Michael D. Moore of Rochester has won the role of Jim O'Connor for the October 22-23 Methodist College production of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie."

Moore, a freshman at Methodist, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hummel of 111 Gordon Drive. He is a 1968 graduate of Oak Ridge Military Institute in Oak Ridge, N.C.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.-W. Jack Kerr of Ft. Lauderdale has won the lead male role, Tom, Wingfield, for the October 22-23 Methodist College production of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie."

Kerr, a senior history major at Methodist, is the son of John H. Kerr of 1040 N.F. 9th Ave., and the late Isobel P. Kerr. He is a member of Green and Gold Masque Keys, the college drama club.

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*Greensboro Daily News*

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THE GLASS MENAGERIE--Bob Swink of Greensboro (center, standing), president of the Methodist College student government, discusses plans for Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" with the cast. The play, which will kickoff the Methodist College Homecoming Week on Oct. 22 and 23, is sponsored by Green and Gold Masque-Keys, the campus drama club. Members of the cast with Swink are, l to r: Mike Moore, Rochester, N.Y. freshman playing Jim; Lanette Shanks, Dublin, Va. senior playing Laura; Raymond Conley, assistant professor of English and Speech and play director; Swink; Edna Contardi, assistant professor of English playing Amanda; and Jack Kerr, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. senior playing Tom.

September 24, 1968

Mr. Jim McAllister  
Greensboro Daily News  
Post Office Box 20848  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27420

Dear Mr. McAllister:

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Productions planned for later in the semester include George Washington Slept Here by Kaufman and Hart on December 10 and 11 and the Pyramus and Thisbe scenes from Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. A presentation date for these scenes has not yet been determined. Additional information will be sent at its earliest availability.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Carol M. Oувerson  
Assistant Director of Information Services

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Enclosures

# METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

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Sincerely,

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September 25, 1968

FAYETTEVILLE - Charles L. McCullers, a Methodist layman from Dunn, will assume the position of director of institutional advancement October 1 at Methodist College, Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president, announced today.

As director of institutional advancement McCullers both fills an existing vacancy on the staff and heads a newly created administrative division. This division will bring together and coordinate the department of public relations and the department of development. He will give particular attention to fund-raising and financial support.

McCullers brings to his position 17 years experience as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Kinston and 3 years in a like capacity at Dunn. For the past three years McCullers has been a platform and convention speaker, traveling throughout the United States and Canada.

A native of Raleigh, McCullers was educated at North Carolina State University and for 10 years was a high school instrumental music instructor. He served as president and secretary of the N.C. Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and as president and district governor of Rotary International. He is presently Conference Director of Stewardship Education in the N. C. Conference of The United Methodist Church.

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LOCAL NEWS MEDIA  
HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT  
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MEMORANDUM

From: President L. S. Weaver

To: Whom it May Concern

The administrative reorganization undertaken following the resignation of Mr. Charles McAdams has been completed with two new appointments to the administrative staff. This does not represent an enlargement of the staff. When these two men report for duty, the staff will be the same size it was last year. However, there has been considerable rearrangement, some change in our organizational pattern, and reassignment of responsibilities.

*October!*  
Mr. Charles L. McCullers, a Methodist Layman from Dunn, North Carolina, has been appointed as Director of Institutional Advancement. Mr. McCullers will head an administrative division which will bring together the Department of Public Relations and the Department of Development. He will be responsible for the coordination of the work formerly performed in these two areas. He will give particular personal attention to fund-raising and financial support at whatever level. Mr. Lowdermilk, as Director of Public Relations, and Dr. Berns, as Director of Development, will continue in their respective capacities. Dr. Berns also has part-time instructional responsibilities.

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Mr. McCullers was educated at North Carolina State University. For ten years he was a high school band and instrumental music director. Following service in the Army during World War II, he entered the Chamber of Commerce management field and served for seventeen years as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Kinston, North Carolina, and for three years in a like capacity at Dunn, North Carolina. For the past three years he has been a platform and convention speaker, traveling throughout the United States and Canada. He has been active in the stewardship program in the Methodist church and as President and District Governor of Rotary International.

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Mr. Neil H. Thompson is appointed as Director of Admissions, with chief responsibility for student recruitment. He will be assisted in this area by Mr. Lowdermilk and Mr. Paul West. For the purposes of organization, Mr. West is transferred from the Office of the Comptroller to the Director of Admissions. Mr. Edwards will continue as full time Registrar.

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Mr. Thompson is at present a minister in the North Carolina Conference, serving in the Raleigh district. He is the father of Rosalind Thompson, a sophomore here at the college. Following his graduation from the University of North Carolina, he entered a period of military service. For ten years after the war, he was in business with a background also in public education. In 1955, being desirous of devoting his life to full time Christian service, he entered the North Carolina Conference, completed the course of study at the Duke Divinity School, and was ordained as an Elder in the Methodist church. He has been particularly effective in his ministry with young people and now wishes to devote full time to that ministry.

September 25, 1968



*Fay. Ob. & radio stations, Raleigh papers, Lometaown news*  
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Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301  
Department of Public Relations  
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September 27, 1968

FAYETTEVILLE--Despite the unexpected loss of seven key players, Mason Sykes, coach of the Methodist College soccer team, predicts an improvement over last season's 2-7-1 record as the team enters its third year of varsity competition, Monday, September 30, by hosting Pembroke College.

Key to the team will be Howard Arden, a junior co-captain from Scarsdale, N.Y. Last season Arden was selected for All-South honors at halfback and has an excellent chance for All-American if the team performs to Syke's expectations.

The most important change in the team will be its offense makeup. After losing seven straight games at the start of the last season, the Monarchs switched to what Sykes termed a rover offense in which the inside linemen played a greater defensive role than usual. Employing this alignment, Methodist finished the remainder of the season unscored upon, winning shutout victories over Guilford College and N. C. Wesleyan College and gaining a 0-0 deadlock against Pfeiffer College. This season the insides will return to their normal offense chores but will continue their added defensive duties.

Sykes rated the center forward and halfback positions as the strongest. At center forward will be Terry Boose, a senior from Winston-Salem. Boose had played the past two years at the wing and inside positions. Joining Arden at half will be Steve Blanchard, a senior from Burlington who has seen a lot of action in the past two years as the team's number 12 man.

Loss of four experienced wings (or outsides) creates Syke's biggest problem. To take up the slack he is moving sophomore Bob Costello of Long Island, N.Y. to wing from



Costello's inside position. Methodist's letterman goalie from last year John Tugwell of Arlington, Va., is expected to play the other wing position.

"We will definitely win more games this year," stated Sykes. "The loss of those seven hurt, but the ones we have are really improving. There's no question we'll be ready when tournament times rolls around."

Defense will be the key for any Monarch success. Of the three fullbacks and goalie which comprised the defense last year only one fullback, senior Richard Swink from Greensboro, N.C., is returning. All three goalies on the Methodist College roster are new.

"It's a problem," Sykes said. "The guys have to learn to work together and the goalies must take charge and tell the others what to do. They're progressing rapidly, and the defense is definitely tightening."

Methodist will open its season Monday, September 30, by hosting Pembroke State College. Kickoff is 3 p.m.

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