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ARMY ROTC AT MC

FAYETTEVILLE--Captain Glenn Blackburn has been designated as the Army Reserved Officer Training Corps (ROTC) representative for the newly-created ROTC program at Methodist College beginning this fall.

Methodist College and Campbell College have entered into a cross-enrollment ROTC program, and Blackburn has been assigned to develop the program at Methodist.

Blackburn will have the academic rank at Methodist of assistant professor of military science and initially will teach all ROTC courses. His office is room 212 in the Trustees Classroom Building and his telephone number is 488-8910.

Two programs will be offered on the Methodist College campus--the ROTC Basic Course which consists of six one-semester-hour classes offered through the Physical Education Department, and an Advanced Course consisting of five three-semester-hour classes which will be offered to juniors and seniors. The Basic Course is voluntary; however, fulfillment of the military obligation is required upon completion of the Advanced Course.

Methodist College is the only Fayetteville area institution of higher learning offering Army ROTC.

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Blackburn graduated from the University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill in 1968 with a bachelor of arts degree in recreation administration and was commissioned into the U.S. Army. He received a master of science degree in 1975 from Southern Illinois University.

Prior to coming to Fayetteville, he served in Washington, DC. He is not totally unfamiliar with Fayetteville, however, having taken training with the Special Forces at Ft. Bragg before joining the Tenth Special Forces Group at Ft. Devens, Mass. He served with the 101st Air Mobile Division (part of the XVIII Airborne Corps) in Vietnam in 1969-70.

His decorations include the Bronze Star for Valor, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Parachutists and Combat Infantrymen's Badges .

Blackburn, his wife and two children moved to Fayetteville earlier this month.

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