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## NEWS

McNEILL SMITH TO SPEAK  
AT METHODIST CONVOCATION

FAYETTEVILLE--McNeill Smith, candidate for the United States Senate, will address the Methodist College student body, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Lura Tally, Cumberland County legislator, will introduce N.C. Senator Smith during the convocation in Reeves Auditorium.

The Guilford County legislator had distinguished himself in N.C. politics during his tenure in the N.C. State Legislature, Smith was responsible for the establishment of statewide public kindergartens, the repeal of the N.C. Speaker Ban Law, the restructuring of the N.C. public university system, and the time-of-day pricing of electricity.

Prior to his legislative career, Smith was Chairman of the N.C. Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The North Carolina report received the distinction of being the only state report to be published.

Senator Smith is speaking on the Methodist campus at the invitation of the Student Life Committee. All political candidates are being invited to speak to the Methodist student body.

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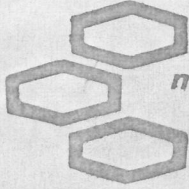
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DEAN'S LIST ANNOUNCED

Seven students have been named to the Dean's List for their academic achievement during the 1977 Summer Session.

Michael B. Bennett, Richard Blackford Genter, Michael Allen Ross, Dara Faye Royal, Herman David Spradley, Udoudo David Umoh, and Joan M. Vaughan achieved a 3.0 grade-point average or better, according to Dr. Samuel J. Womack, Academic Dean.





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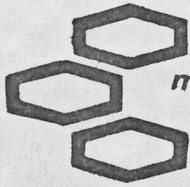
SMITH APPEARS

AT METHODIST

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The convocation address in Reeves Auditorium concluded his campus visit which included an informal session with economics classes and lunch with student leaders.

Also pictured are Cumberland County Legislator Lura Tally, who introduced N.C. Senator Smith and Bruce Pulliam, associate professor of history at Methodist College.



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METHODIST OPENS SOCCER

SEASON AGAINST CAMPBELL

FAYETTEVILLE--Methodist College Monarchs open their 1977 season in soccer against the Camels from Campbell College Wednesday night in Buies Creek. Kick off is 7:30.

The Monarchs boast 13 returning players to the team and a host of new talent. Campbell, currently 1-2 for the season, is relying heavily on John Yu and Greg Gunsalles to pull the team together, according to coach Wayne Cunningham.

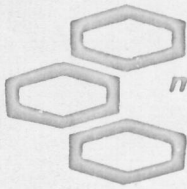
Methodist Coach Mason Sykes goes into this one with questions still to be answered as his team is as yet untested. "I don't know what to expect from this year's team," states Sykes. "It's better than teams of the past and has remarkable depth, but we'll have to out-hussle Campbell to win this one."

Monarchs see further action next week as they travel to Pembroke on Tuesday and Baptist College of Charleston (S.C.) on Friday.

Key players for the Methodist team are expected to be captain Bruce Fritz of Tacoma, Washington; junior Marty Martin, also of Tacoma, Washington; and Gary Hall, junior of Winston-Salem, N.C.

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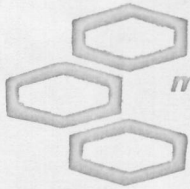
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Junior Gary Hall, of Winston-Salem, is one of 13 returnees from the 1976 Monarch squad and is optimistic going into the Monarch's opener. "Campbell is basically the same team as last year and they didn't impress me then. Yu and Gunsalles are their only two scoring threats. I think the Methodist team has more punch up front and better teamwork," Hall said, speaking of the Monarchs. We'll

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### METHODIST OPENS SCHEDULE (continued)

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"Methodist is 100% better," according to team captain Bruce Fritz, last year's Most Valuable Player on the Methodist squad. "We'll have to play to the top of our ability and out-hussle Campbell to win." Fritz is a junior from Tacoma, Washington.

Coach Sykes seems to agree with that statement. "We've got to beat them to the ball. If they out-hussle us, they'll beat us. We've got to keep the ball moving up and down the field. If it stays in our end, we'll lose."

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PICTURE: Greg Black, freshman from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is shown trapping the ball, Black plays right wing for the Monarch team.





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The study was conducted in Fayetteville of 23 families interviewing each member of the family. It began in October of 1976 and lasted to February of 1977 in which he interviewed families nominated by their ministers.

The results of the study proved the original theory of Talcott Parsons to be true in that a family will substitute close friends in the place of deseased family members.

Martin has been a member of the Methodist College staff for the past eight years, teaching sociology, anthropology and criminology.



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METHODIST COLLEGE CALENDAR

FOR OCTOBER ANNOUNCED

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- 4 Bible Study ---Hensdale Chapel
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- 7 "The Haunted House" drama production of the Methodist College  
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- Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest--Bell Tower Mall--10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Law School Admission Test--Student Union Building
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Alumni Banquet and MCAA Annual Meeting--Alumni Dining Rooms--6:15 p.m.
- 9 Homecoming Worship Service--Hensdale Chapel -- 11:00 a.m.
- 10 Meeting of the Piedmont Mineral and Gem Society--Science Building
- 11 College/Community Civic Music Association Concert, Andre-Michael  
Schub, pianist--Reeves Auditorium--8:00 p.m.  
  
District Nurses Association Meeting  
  
Methodist College Foundation Meeting--Alumni Dining Room--12:30 p.m.



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## METHODIST COLLEGE CALENDAR (Continued)

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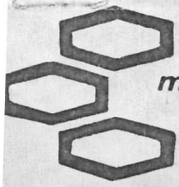
- 12 Convocation Speaker, Dean Henry Kamphoener, Humanist-in-Residence--  
Reeves Auditorium--10:30 a.m.
- 12-13 College Caravan
- 14-15 Board of Church and Society Meeting
- 15 Admission testing  
Graduate Record Exam--Student Union Building  
American Business Women's Association sponsored Beauty Pageant--  
Reeves Auditorium--7:30 a.m.
- 17 Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society--Science Building
- 19-20 Division on Evangelism, United Methodist Church
- 20 Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting
- 21 -22 World Hunger Workshop--Divisions of Missions, United Methodist Church
- 22 Ethos Field Day
- 24 Piedmont Mineral and Gem Society--Science Building  
Director of Health Services--Alumni Dining Rooms
- 28-29 United Methodist Women

### NOVEMBER

- 5 Fayetteville Symphony--Reeves Auditorium--8:00 p.m.

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METHODIST SELECTED  
AS TEST CENTER

FAYETTEVILLE-Methodist College has been selected to serve as an area test center for the ACT Proficiency Examination Program (ACT-PEP), an examination-for-credit service being made available nationwide by The American College Testing Program (ACT).

The ACT-PEP Program features 47 college-level proficiency tests based on course requirements and covering a broad range of subject areas, including arts and sciences, business, criminal justice, education, health, and nursing.

The tests are designed for use by individuals interested in obtaining course credit at a college or university on the basis of test scores representing an appropriate level of knowledge in a specific subject area.

The ACT-PEP tests are offered on four national weekday test dates each year at area test centers located in educational institutions and agencies throughout the nation. The test center at Methodist College is supervised by Mr. Gordon L. Joyner, Dean of Students. The center here is established to serve individuals in the surrounding area.

The test center at Methodist College has descriptive materials about the tests and detailed information about the procedures to follow in registering to take one or more of the examinations.

The schedule of national test dates and corresponding registration periods is as follows:



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TEST DATE	REGISTRATION PERIOD OPENS	REGISTRATION PERIOD CLOSES
November 3-4, 1977	August 8	October 14
February 2-3, 1978	November 7	January 13
May 4-5, 1978	February 6	July 14
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METHODIST PROFESSOR

RECEIVES DOCTORATE

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Dr. Martin concluded, based on his research, that the original theory of Talcott Parsons, a noted sociologist, was true in this region. Families will choose substitutes for aunts, uncles, and grandparents who either live large distances away or are dead from friends, teachers, and church personnel.

Courses taught by Martin, who has been a member of the Methodist College faculty for eight years, include areas of sociology, anthropology, and criminology.



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METHODIST ENROLLMENT CONTINUES

UPWARD TREND FOR THIRD YEAR

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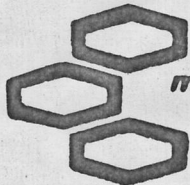
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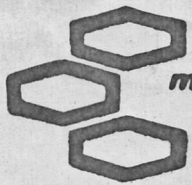
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"M.C. is where it's happening," laughs Pearce. "We make leaders of our students, and they require enormous energy to keep up with on campus."

Innovation is apparent in the physical plant of the college as well as in the curriculum. A new asphalt track encircles the newly-constructed soccer field. New intramural fields and a practice soccer field were also part of the landscaping enterprise.

The construction of outdoor basketball courts and recreation areas has enhanced the intramural program.

Major renovation of the student union building will include the conversion of the snack bar into a cafe decor.

With the increasing enrollment and decreasing drop rate, students are indicating that Methodist College is not only "the place to be" but also that it is "the place to stay."

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METHODIST COLLEGE  
TO HOST SECOND EASTERN  
COLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT

FAYETTEVILLE--Methodist college will defend its title in the Second Annual Eastern Collegiate Invitational Tennis Tournament on the Methodist campus here, September 30 - October 1.

The Monarchs, who finished fifth in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national tourney in June, are presently 2-0, having defeated East Carolina, 6-3, and Pembroke State, 8-1. Both the Pirates and the Braves will field entries in the two-day event.

Five other squads will be in the competition for the title, those being: Meredith College, UNC-Wilmington, Atlantic Christian, Campbell, and High Point, the team Methodist coach Gene Clayton considers the favorite.

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But Clayton noted that, though one team may be more talented than another, the best team doesn't always win.

"There could be some real surprises in this year's tournament," he said.

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### METHODIST TO HOST TOURNAMENT

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"Some of the good players and teams could get beat in the early going and that would spread the points around. I predict the winner will be the victor by two or three points. It will be that tough."

Methodist, which won the title by nine points over High Point last fall, finds itself paired with East Carolina in many flights.

"If we're going to win this tournament, it looks like we'll have to beat East Carolina first and worry about everyone else later," Clayton said.

The two best players in the tournament, in Clayton's opinion, will be East Carolina's Debbie Spinazzola, a freshman ranked number three among Pennsylvania's 18's and who was an high school All-American last year, and Vicki Williams of High Point, the number seven player in Virginia.

Singles action is set to begin at 10 a.m. Friday, the doubles getting underway that afternoon. Semifinals in both events will take place Saturday morning and the finals are set to be held Saturday afternoon.

"I have good feelings about this tournament," Clayton said. "I expect it to be a very close, very tight tourney."

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STAFF NOTE: Methodist College will provide results of tournament action on

"Some of the good players and teams could get beat in the early going and that would spread the points around. I predict the winner will be the victor by two or three points. It will be that tough."

Methodist, which won the title by nine points over High Point last fall, finds itself paired with East Carolina in many flights.

"If we're going to win this tournament, it looks like we'll have to beat East Carolina first and worry about everyone else later," Clayton said.

The two best players in the tournament, in Clayton's opinion, will be East Carolina's Debbie Spinazzola, a freshman ranked number three among Pennsylvania's 18's and who was an high school All-American last year, and Vicki Williams of High Point, the number seven player in Virginia.

Singles action is set to begin at 10 a.m. Friday, the doubles getting underway that afternoon. Semifinals in both events will take place Saturday morning and the finals are set to be held Saturday afternoon.

"I have good feelings about this tournament," Clayton said. "I expect it to be a very close, very tight tourney."

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COLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT

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FAYETTEVILLE -- Methodist College will defend its title in the Second Annual Eastern Collegiate Invitational Tennis Tournament on the Methodist campus here, September 30 - October 1.

The Monarchs, who finished fifth in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national tourney in June, are presently 2-0, having defeated East Carolina, 6-3, and Pembroke State, 8-1. Both the Pirates and the Braves will field entries in the two-day event.

Five other squads will be in the competition for the title, those being: Meredith College, UNC-Wilmington, Atlantic Christian, Campbell, and High Point, the team Methodist coach, Gene Clayton, considers the favorite.

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To Times

Methodist To Host  
~~Invitational~~ Collegiate  
Tennis Journey

Fayetteville —

Eight teams are entered in the second annual Eastern Collegiate Invitational Tennis Tournament <sup>to be</sup> held at Methodist College ~~XXXX~~ in Fayetteville September 30 and October 1.

Joining the hosting Monarchs in the competition are Pembroke State University, East Carolina University, Meredith College, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Atlantic Christian, High Point College and Campbell College.

Singles action gets under way Friday at 10:00 a.m. with ECU's Debbie Spinazzola ~~XXX~~, High Point's ~~XXXX~~ Vickie Williams and Methodist's Jeanne Edwards .

Spinazzola, a freshman from Altoona, Pennsylvania is the number one seed for the ~~MONARCHS~~ Pirates <sup>this</sup> ~~late~~ year after starting all four years at the same position for her high school team. As a prep standout, Spinazzola was 47-4 and was named to the High School All-American list in 1976. She is currently ranked number three in Central Pennsylvania in the 18s division and is number 25 in the Middle States in singles and number eight in doubles.

Williams, who meets Pat Brogden of Campbell College in the opening round Friday is ranked seventh in Virginia in the 18's division. Edwards, a junior from Hamlet, N.C., will play number one for the Monarchs this year. She was 17-3 last season playing many positions for Methodist.

<sup>Caroline</sup> East ~~Carolina~~, High Point, and Methodist are the favorites to win the team title, according to tournament director Gene Clayton. Methodist won the first tournament last year with 41 points while High Point finished second with 32 and the Pirates collected 27 points for a third-place finish.

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"High Point has added two fine new players to their top two seeds and East Carolina had added depth ~~as~~ as four of their top six players are new and improved" said Clayton <sup>head</sup> ~~Head~~ coach of the Monarchs.

*51+50 (includes all males + tournament play)*

Last year the Monarchs finished 56-5 in only its third year of competition and ~~XXXXXX~~ placed fifth in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for ~~Women~~ <sup>Women</sup> ~~Women~~ tournament in Oklahoma.

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Spinazzola and Dorcas Sunkle of East Carolina ~~and~~ Brogden and Brenda Smith of Campbell College head the list of double teams listed in the single elimination ~~XXXXXX~~ tournament which according to Clayton boasts "some of the best tennis on the east coast". "





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September 26, 1977

HOMECOMING DRAMA SET

(30 second spot announcement)

FAYETTEVILLE--For an hilarious outdoor comedy, see Methodist College's production of **THE HAUNTED HOUSE** by Plautus. This play shows the capers of a clever slave who tries to keep his master from finding out what is going in his own house.

The antics will entertain audiences of all ages. Join the fun on Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8 at 4:30 p.m. in the O'Hanlon Outdoor Theatre at Methodist College. See this free production.

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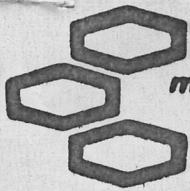
FAYETTEVILLE-- of will play  
the role of in the Methodist College drama production,  
"The Haunted House" to open October 7 at O'Hanlon Amphitheatre on the Methodist  
campus at 4:30 p.m.

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"The Haunted House" is a comedy staged on the streets of Athens, Greece,  
in 405 B.C. The action surrounds a plot to hide the marriage of Philolaches to  
a courtesan from his father, Theoropides. The Roman farce, written by Plautus,  
boasts a cast of thirteen and a stage crew of twenty-two. Staging is under the  
direction of Dr. Jack Peyrouse, professor of theatre arts at Methodist.

The production is part of the week-long Homecoming festivities at Methodist  
College during October 3-8. Admission is free to the public.

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METHODIST COLLEGE DRAMA

SET FOR AMPHITHEATRE

FAYETTEVILLE--The Green and Gold Masques will present "The Haunted House," a Roman farce by Plautus, as a part of Homecoming Week at 4:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8, in O'Hanlon Amphitheatre.

Five Fayetteville residents will appear in the comedy performances. They are Ian McDowell playing Theopropides, Rick Whitmire playing Callidamates, Drena Todd playing Scapha, Jennifer-Ann Turney playing Delphium, and Karl Michael Kroos playing Sphaerio.

Admission is free for the production, which will be directed by Dr. Jack Peyrouse, Methodist College's new professor of drama. It will mark the first time a play has been featured in the O'Hanlon Amphitheatre during Homecoming week.

The play fuses witty dialogue and character interaction to produce a comical plot and outcome. The action begins on a common street in Athens in 405 B.C. and later focuses on an attempt by Tranio, a city servant, to persuade his master, Theopropides, that he is living in a haunted house.

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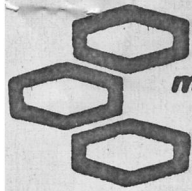
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(continued)

She also feels the cast is well-prepared to present a comedy, and that Homecoming is the right time for one.

"The play was written by one of the great comedy writers of all time, Plautus, and it is being enacted by experienced amateurs. You don't have to be crazy to see it, but it might help. The play is being produced with the pleasure of Homecoming in mind and it fits in with the campus celebration of that time."

The outdoor performances are open to the public for both the Friday and Saturday afternoon sessions.

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