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July 3, 1978

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Mr. Robert Warren WRAL-TV Middle Road Fayetteville, North Carolina

Dear Robert:

Enclosed you will find informational material on the East-West Summer Program for 180 Japanese exchange students on the Methodist campus. These students will be attending various college and universities in the United States in the fall and will have a seven-week orientation session here into American culture, language and lifestyles.

The Japanese students will arrive in Los Angeles on July 5 and will board a flight for Fayetteville, arriving late in the evening. A formal reception will open the East-West Foundation on Thursday, July 6. Students will reside on the Methodist campus until approximately August 20.

Also enclosed are copies of promotional material for ECCC which will bring the best of junior and senior high cheerleaders to our campus. I think there is a story here—either on the staff members or the intense competition on Friday afternoon, July 28.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance in coordinating story possibilites. Thank you for your consideration in this and all matters.

Sincerely yours,

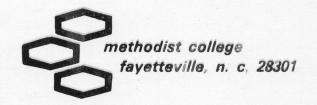
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CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN TO ATTEND OPENING OF EAST-WEST FOUNDATION

FAYETTEVILLE-- The Honorable Yoshifumi Itoh,
Consul General of Japan, will head a list of dignitaries on
hand to welcome 175 Japanese students to the United States
at the formal opening of the East-West Foundation. Ceremonies
will be held on Thursday evening, July 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Student Union Building.

Japanese students participating in the East-West Foundation's summer institute at Methodist College will arrive Wednesday, July 5 from Tokyo.

Fayetteville mayor Beth Finch; a representative of Senator Robert Morgan's office; the Reverend Paul Carruth, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District of the United Methodist Church; and Dr. Richard Pearce, president of Methodist College will join the Consul General in greeting the East-West students.

These Japanese students will spend seven weeks on the Methodist campus in a program designed to acquaint them with American lifestyle, language and culture prior to their entering colleges in the fall. All students will attend various



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colleges and universities across the nation.

Over one hundred Fayetteville families will act as host families for the Japanese students during their stay at Methodist. They will provide a look at American family life for the East-West students.

In addition to seven hours of class daily, the Japanese students will tour the state museums and landmarks, attend plays and concerts and shop the various mall and centers.

Dr. Ken Nishimura of Atlanta is Director of the East-West Foundation.

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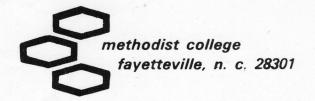
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Rattz and Peele chose Methodist after serious consideration of a number of schools.

"I was looking for a small college with a winning program in athletics-Methodist is small and was a title contender in both soccer and baseball last year," states Peele.

Rattz and Peele are both Sanford natives.

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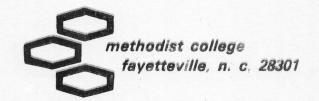
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NEW HANOVER DUO
TO ATTEND METHODIST

FAYETTEVILLE -- Steven Farabee and Dennis Henderson, both graduates of New Hanover High School in Wilmington, will attend Methodist College this fall and play basketball for the Monarchs, coach Joe Miller announced.

Both played two years of varsity basketball at New Hanover. Henderson, the tallest of the two at 6-4, 180 pounds, captained the team this past year and averaged 15 points and eight rebounds per game. The All-Conference honorable mention selections shot 84 per cent from the foul line last year.

Farabee, who saw action this season as a reserve, stands 6-1, 165 pounds.

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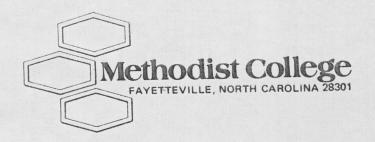
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July 6, 1978

Mr. Harold Warren, Education Editor The Charlotte Observer 600 South Tryon Street Charlotte, North Carolina 28233

Dear Mr. Warren:

Thank you for your expressed interest in the East-West program being held on our campus this summer. Enclosed you will find copies of informational materials concerning the East-West Foundation which will hopefully provide sufficient background for you.

I will continue to send information to you as it becomes available. If you decide to persue a story, please let me know any way I can be of service to you. As a Gastonia native, I grew up reading the Charlotte Observer-it is a personal excitement for me to work with The Observer. I look forward to that opportunity.

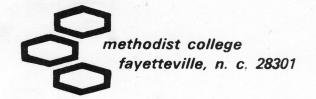
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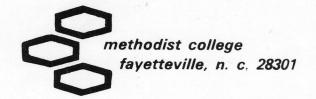
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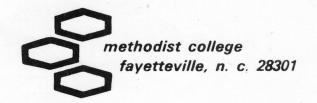
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Wildcat Most Valuable Player Tony Cothran and offensive standouts Mark Bloodworth and Chuck Sullivan will remain soccer teammates at Methodist College in the fall.

Bloodworth and Sullivan led the offense for the Wildcats that finished as co-champions with a 10-3 mark. Bloodworth scored 14 goals last season and Sullivan booted in 13 scores. Both have received All-Conference honors while at Millbrook High School.

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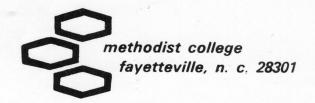
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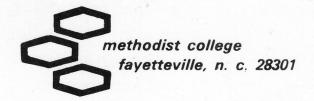
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OUTER BANKS TOUR HIGHLIGHTS
YOUTH MUSIC WORKSHOP

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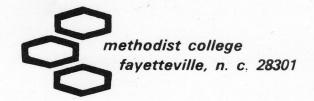
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Dr. Andress expressed enthusiasm for his workshop participants. "Teenagers are exciting to work with after they let themselves go," stated Dr. Andress, who serves the director of music for 5,400 member First United M ethodist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana.

During the instructional hours, Dr. Andress entreated the young people to protec



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He condemned smoking as a destructive agent to the voice strength.

Youth Music Workshop '78 marked the eighth annual music workshop for youth offered in the North Carolina Conferece.

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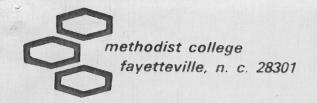
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LARGEST INDIAN CHURCH TOUR
HIGHLIGHTS JURISDICTIONAL
HISTORICAL MEETING

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The road was U. S. 301 and the path led to Prospect United Methodist Church, the largest Native American Methodist Church in the continental United States.

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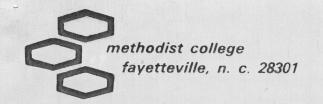
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SEJ TOUR HIGHLIGHTS MEETING (continued)

The original sanctuary of Prospect Church is visible from the current church building which was constructed in 1946. With a membership of 600, Prospect United Methodist Church averages 400 in weekly attendance.

"Our congregation is about 98% Lumbee Indian with the remaining 2% composed of non-Indian spouses. Prospect United Methodist Church is similar to any active, involved church--our uniqueness lies in our heritage as the largest Native American Methodist Church," states Dr. Dial.

In other action, the SEJ Historical meeting members participated in a panel on new theories in researching local church history and heard an address from Bishop Robert Blackburn of the North Carolina Conference. Bishop Blackburn praised the wisdom of those who seek to preserve the history of society, voicing his support of Eric Goodman's theory "The good things won't let themselves get lost."

Dr. Brooks Little, chairperson of the SEJ Historical Society, adjourned the meeting on Thursday, July 13 after distributing mounted pieces of the wood from Wesley's Chapel in London to attending members.

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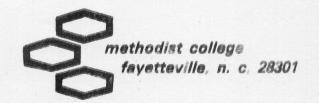
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Russell was a three-year starter at center and forward at Northern and also participated in football and track. The 6-4, 180 pound Durham native played tight end in football and ran the 440, high hurdles, and mile relay on the Northern track team. He was named All-Conference and All-State in the mile relay in 1977.1977

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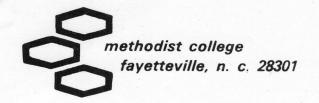
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"It's been a spiritual week," stated Ed Morrison, Conference coordinator for youth.

"An attitude of commitment and sincerity has pervaded this group. They have been well-behaved and intensely interested in the business before ACS."

The spiritual leader for ACS was the Reverend Eckie Lancaster who ledd services surrounding the session theme "Let's Grow for Goodness Sake."

Lancaster told the Methodist youth that they were "the church--a part of the greatest church in the world."

"You will not pass this way again--but God is going to do great things with you now," he told the 220-member delegation.

Elected to serve as members-at-large of ACS 1978-79 are Terri Benfield of Fremont, Kate Cooper of New Bern, Eugene Everett of Goldsboro, Cathy Meggs of Elizabeth City, Sue Nicholson of Rocky Mount; Emma Shaw of Laurinburg and Margaret Whiteside of Dunn.

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