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DOGWOOD TO APPEAR IN CONCERT AT METHODIST

Dogwood will present a program of contemporary Christian music at Methodist College on Thursday evening, December 7 at 7:30 in Reeves Auditorium.

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During January of 1978 Dogwood added "East of the Altar" as their opening act and back-up band. The group's five members play a variety of instruments including acoustic and electric guitars, bass, drums, keyboards and percussion.

The program is sponsored by Koinonia, campus religious life organization. Tickets are \$2.00 in advance and \$3.00 at the door.

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DR. WOMACK RESIGNS POSITION
AS METHODIST ACADEMIC DEAN

FAYETTEVILLE--Dr. Samuel J. Womack, who has served 14 years as academic dean at Methodist College, has resigned from that position effective August 1979 in order to pursue a fulltime professorship at Methodist.

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"I am simply requesting to be relieved from my administrative duties so that I might devote my full focus to the classroom."

Dr. Womack has always held that the classroom was his real love, making sure that he taught at least one academic course during each semester in addition to his demanding administrative responsibilities. As a graduate of Florida Southern College and Duke

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University, Dr. Womack will assume fulltime duties in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Methodist beginning in the fall semester of 1979. Womack described faculty and family response to his decision as favorable.

"Methodist College has a strong meaning for the Womack family," commented Dr. Womack. "In fact, my daughter was just two weeks old when my wife and I first came to Methodist and she learned how to walk on this campus. Now, she is walking around this campus as a freshman!"

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"This means commitment not only to Methodist College but also commitment to the liberal arts college concept. The new dean

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needs to believe in the words of Earl McGrath, former U.S. Commissioner of Education, who stated that the Liberal Arts college will always have a vital place in the United States educational system provided it doesn't try to be all things to all men," Womack asserted.

And now Dean Samuel J. Womack, former University Scholar and Gurney Harriss Kearns Fellow at Duke University, leaves his post as an administrator of teachers to become a teacher of students. His selection as Outstanding Educator of America in 1975 attests to the fact that he does that well. Methodist College--alive and flourishing at 20 years old--attests to the fact that his commitment has paid large dividends.

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DISTRICT CHAIRMAN PUSHES INVOLVEMENT IN RECRUITMENT

The Reverend Sam Brown takes his appointment as District Chairman of Higher Education of the Fayetteville District seriously. As part of his directive to promote the N.C. Conference colleges, Brown initiated a program to bring the church members into the active role of recruitment.

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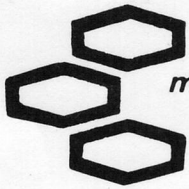
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"Financial Aid is currently being given to 85% of all students on the Methodist College campus," claimed Donna Holt, Director of Financial Aid, "and I predict the figure will be somewhere around 90-93% for 1979-80."



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The New Middle Income Act passed will provide more aid for BEOG recipients , according to Holt. Additional aid sources available at Methodist are the N.C. Tuition Grant, private scholarships, contractual aid for needy North Carolinians, work-study programs and NDSL loans. Aid is also available for ministerial dependents and those planning a church vocation.

Those attending the program also heard from the Reverend Paul Granger on religious life on campus, Gene Clayton on Athletics, Nell Thompson on admissions and Dr. Richard Pearce on student involvement.

"At Methodist, we don't want our students just to acquire knowledge - we want them to absorb wisdom," stated Pearce.

He asked those present to remember three things about Methodist College: that Methodist offers 3.7 leadership positions for each student as compared to .5 at larger Universities; that a liberal arts education prepares you for not only your first job, but also your second, third and fourth jobs; and that financial aid is available if you qualify.

Sam Brown is excited about higher education and his role in promoting the N.C. Conference Colleges.

"With involvement in recruiting and involving our Methodist youth in these schools, we can provide the colleges with their greatest resource - good students with Christian concern," stated Brown.

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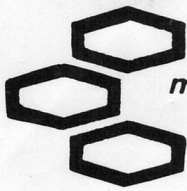
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Methodist Band Schedules Winter Concert in Reeves

Both classical and contemporary music will be the highlight of the Annual Winter Concert of the Methodist College Stage Band and Wind Ensemble to be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 12 at 8:00 in Reeves Auditorium.

Performing during the first part of the program, the Methodist Wind Ensemble will offer selections including "Bandology" by Eric Osterling, "The King's Musicians" by J. B. Lully, and "Prelude and Fughetta" by G. F. Handel.

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The Stage Band performance will be highlighted by Jobin's "Desafinado," Hancock's "Watermelon Man," and "Overture from Jesus Christ Superstar" by Rice and Webber. Junior Cindi Barr of Fayetteville will perform selected vocals with the band.

The concert is open to the public at no charge.

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Senior Citizens Theatre Presents

'The Story of Christmas'

Cumberland county Senior citizens theatre will present The Story of Christmas to the Spring Lake senior citizens groups on December 14 and as part of "Christmas on the Square" Dec. 16.

The Story of Christmas, adapted and Directed by Dr. Jack Peyrouse of Methodist College, will feature the enactment of the birth of Christ according to the Scriptures.

Mary will be portrayed by Bertha McRae while Mac MacNeill will play Joseph. Other cast members include Alice Pearce and Ted Davies as readers; Frances Bell and Verma Owen as angels; Betty Brumbles, Geneva Morris and Jean Williams as Kings; Eula King, Ester Jane West, and Viola Hargraves as Shepherds. The Spring Lake Senior Citizens will provide the chorus and the band.

The Senior Citizens theatre is supported by the Grassroots Arts Program of the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency; the Cumberland County Grassroots Arts Fund is administered by the Arts Council of Fayetteville. Senior Adult Theatre is sponsored by Methodist College under the guidance of Dr. Jack Peyrouse.

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J.P. Riddle Named Fayetteville's 'Entrepreneur of the year

Fayetteville - J.P. Riddle, successful Fayetteville realtor and home builder, received the 'Entrepreneur of the Year' award presented annually to an outstanding Fayetteville businessman.

Presented by R. Richard Allen, Jr., the award is an presentation of the outlook Symposiums held annually at Methodist College. Mr. Riddle was recognized as "a man not content to simply build houses, but a man who seeks to create communities."

Outlook '79 was held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 as part of the Business and Economic Club community outreach program. Keynote Speaker for the event was C.C. Cameron, President of First Union National Bank Corporation.

Other awards included the Wall Street Journal Award to an outstanding business student at Methodist College, presented to John M. Terry of Raleigh.

Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Terry of 1017 Trailwood Drive and a 1976 graduate of Needham Broughton High School. A junior at Methodist, Terry currently serves as president of the Business and Economics Club on campus.

The Outstanding Business Award for Alumni went to Joe M. Shepherd of Fayetteville, a 1974 graduate of Methodist.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR FEATURES:

1. A unique way to reduce the high cost of a college education - CLEP -

The high cost of a college education has been substantially reduced for some 288 students at Methodist College. They are the individuals who have taken advantage of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) since it was adopted by Methodist College in 1972. Use of the CLEP was extremely limited in 1972 and 1973, but in 1974 the college began using CLEP General Examinations for entering freshmen who were competing for merit scholarships. Virtually all the statistics to follow cover the years 1974 to 1978. They show that the 288 students earned by CLEP exams a total of 2,775 semester-hours of credit. This is the equivalent of 173,44 semesters, or 86.7 years, of normal academic work (a semester=16 s.h.) In terms of 1978-79 tuition the credit comes to a monetary-cost total of \$143,086 if computed as though every student were enrolled fulltime. If figured on a per-semester-hour basis, it would amount to \$174,825. That averages out to \$496.82 per student, figured on the former basis, or \$607.03 per student on the latter basis. The records show that, since 1974, the exams have produced 7 "instant sophomores" (earning 30 s.h. of credit), with some 53 others earning at least one full semester's equivalent of academic credits. It is also shown that 62.2% of those taking the examinations were successful in earning some amount of academic credit. The data used include the results of examinations administered by the college to entering freshmen and those administered on a regularly scheduled basis at the CLEP Testing Center located on campus in the Student Union.

2. Away from Home at Home

An interesting phenomenon that appears with some frequency at Methodist College is dormitory students who are Fayetteville residents. Why do they choose Methodist - and why pay the additional cost when they could commute? Over 40 such students are enrolled at Methodist and have a number of interesting reasons for living in the dorm and some perceptive comments on the change in lifestyle it creates.

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Dr. McCarver currently serves on the Methodist College Board of Trustees and has held numerous offices within the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Prior to his appointment as superintendent of the Sanford District, Dr. McCarver has served as minister of Duke Chapel, Sunset Park in Wilmington, Trinity in Troy, First Church in Washington, University in Chapel Hill and Hayes Barton in Raleigh.

A native of Vidette, Ga., Dr. McCarver has received degrees from Emory University, University of Georgia and Duke Divinity School. He has also completed special studies at Yale University.

Most notable among his civic accomplishments is his work with crippled children through the Sudan Temple of the Shrine, where he currently serves as Chaplain.

Methodist will present diplomas to 22 candidates for graduation who have completed their requirements during the fall semester.

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SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION SCHEDULED
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All high school seniors seeking to qualify for academic scholarships are invited to take part in the annual Methodist College Scholarship Competition on Saturday, January 13 and Saturday, February 17.

Over \$47,000 in scholarship money was awarded last year, according to Director of Admissions Nell Thompson. Three Presidential Scholarships of full tuition are given based on this competition along with over 27 partial scholarships.

All interested students are requested to contact the Admissions office at Methodist College at 488-7110 for further information or to pick up application forms from high school guidance counselors.

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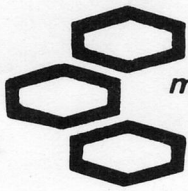
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METHODIST COLLEGE HOLDS WINTER GRADUATION EXERCISES

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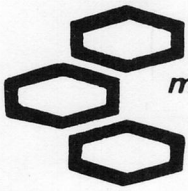
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Other BA degrees went to Mariam Rollins Caison of Roseboro, Reza Khoshatefeh of Iran, James Ralph McFayden, Jr. of Ellerbe and Bonnie Jean Strawder of Lillington.



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Bachelor of Science degrees were awarded to John Larry
Buffaloe of Raleigh and David Lamar Radford of Durham.

Roderick R. Wilce received an Associate in Arts degree.

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In presenting the degree, Dr. Richard W. Pearce, president of Methodist College, stated that Dr. McCarver had "served his churches, his districts, his conference and his congregations with an energy and enthusiasm personified in his faith."

Dr. McCarver was at Methodist to deliver the graduation address to twenty-seven Methodist graduates.

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