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COMMUNITY LEADERS TO LEAD METHODIST COLLEGE LOYALTY DAY CAMPAIGN ON THURSDAY

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"The success of last year's campaign was the Developmental Team. When you get 160 people--doctors, lawyers, brokers, educators, journalists ministers, officers and businessmen--to devote one day to talking to people about Methodist College, you can count on success," asserts Dr. Charles Speegle, Methodist College trustee and designer of the Developmental Team concept.



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COMMUNITY LEADERS . . .

"We aren't setting a goal as such. We ask the people of Fayetteville to evaluate the value of the Methodist College campus to our community--and then be as generous as they can," Speegle continues.

Dr. Richard Pearce, president of Methodist College, sees the college and community interaction as a vital part of the growth of each.

"To the community who established Methodist College, we give graduates eager to become responsible citizens of Fayetteville. To the community who gives financially for the perpetuation of Methodist College, we offer our facilities for community use. Methodist is proud to be a part of Fayetteville--its progress and its people," states Pearce.

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AUDITIONS SCHEDULED FOR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AT METHODIST COLLEGE

Fayetteville - Auditions for music scholarships to Methodist College will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 1:00 - 3:00p.m. College scholarships will be awarded based on the performance during the audition period.

Students are asked to perform two pieces of their own choosing during the audition. Those students who are unable to attend on the scheduled date may request another date or submit a tape recording.

Methodist College offers a major in music with concentrations in piano, voice, organ, violin, viola, clarinet, flute, brass and percussion.

Interested students should contact Ms. Jean Ishee, Department of Music, Methodist College, 488-7110.

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METHODIST'S WIGGINS PICKED AS DIXIE 'PLAYER OF THE WEEK'

LAURINBURG, NC - Clarence Wiggins, a sharpshooting forward for Methodist College, has been picked as the "Dixie Conference Player of the Week" for three outstanding performances, as his team won two and lost one.

Wiggins had 27 against UNC-Greensboro, and 23 in a game with Greensboro College. In a losing cause against St. Andrews he came up with 18 points.

He has also figured strongly in the Methodist attack, both as a rebounder and a playmaker. He had his rebounding high in the St. Andrews game, bringing down 17.

A Grifton native, Wiggins played his high school ball at North Lenoir High where he was named Most Valuable Player in basketball.

Wiggins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiggins.

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In the community interest

Methodist College will launch the annual Methodist College Loyalty Day Campaign on Thursday, February 8. The day has also been declared Methodist College day by proclamation of Mayor Beth Finch of Fayetteville.

The Developmental Team of 160 community leaders will canvass the Fayetteville area soliciting contributions for Methodist College.

I. B. Julian is chairman for the 1979 Methodist College Loyalty Campaign. John Corbett serves as president of the Methodist College Foundation, the organization responsible for coordinating community giving to the college.

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ALAN PORTER JUDGES

OPERA AUDITIONS

Alan Porter, assistant professor of Music at Methodist College, served as one of the judges at regional auditions for the Metropolitan Opera Company, held at East Carolina University last week.

Porter is a graduate of Mt. Union College, Alliance Ohio and the University of Illinois.

He has appeared in numerous productions for Fayetteville Little Theatre and Fort Bragg Playhouse.

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CAPTION FOR PHOTOGRAPH:

Mayor Beth Finch of Fayetteville (center) has proclaimed February 8, 1979 as Methodist College Day. Over 160 community leaders will canvass the Fayetteville area soliciting contributions for Methodist College on Thursday. Receiving the official proclamation are John Corbett, president of the Methodist College Foundation, and I.B. Julian, chairman of the 1979 Loyalty Campaign.

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COMBINED STUDENT ART EXHIBIT
SLATED FOR METHODIST

FAYETTEVILLE--The annual combined fine arts exhibit of Methodist College student work is currently on display in the lobby of Reeves Auditorium on Methodist campus through March 1.

A variety of media illustrating the development of artistic talent can be seen. According to Mrs. Eleanor Howell, assistant professor of art at Methodist, the works of beginning, intermediate and advanced art students is being displayed.

The exhibit is opened to the public at no charge and may be viewed daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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METHODIST COLLEGE CADETS SURPASS NATIONAL AVERAGE

FAYETTEVILLE--Methodist College cadets enrolled in the Army ROTC unit on campus have surpassed the national average of ROTC cadets receiving Army commission upon graduation.

According to Lt. Col. Dywane D. Kude, 60% of the cadets at Methodist who applied for a regular Army commission have received tentative appointments. Reportedly, the national average was approximately 30%.

The Methodist College Army ROTC unit has been operational since 1977 and is headed by Captain Glenn Blackburn.

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METHODIST PRESIDENT TO SPEAK
AT SALEM METHODIST CHURCH

FAYETTEVILLE--Dr. Richard W. Pearce, president of Methodist College, will speak at Salem United Methodist Church on Middle Road on Sunday morning, February 18 at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Speaking on "Methodist higher education," Dr. Pearce will discuss the current status and future of conference colleges. Dr. Pearce has a broad background in Methodist higher education, having served as vice-president of Florida Southern College in Lakeland before coming to Methodist. The Reverend W. Eugene Tisdale, minister of Southern United Methodist Church invites the public to attend.

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METHODIST COLLEGE SENIOR TO VISIT MAINLAND CHINA

FAYETTEVILLE--Methodist College senior Greg Howard will depart for the People's Republic of China on or about April 1, where he will participate in seminars and briefings in the field of science.

Under the direction of the China Study Association, the tour is scheduled to follow the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society in Hawaii. Howard, a biology major from Fayetteville, will be joining science professors, chemists and pharmacologists from all parts of the U.S. in the Hawaii sessions and the China trip. He expects to be back in the United States by April 26.

In a letter to Methodist College from the China Study Association it was pointed out that ". . .China is now undertaking a program placing great stress on the sciences and is eager to exchange ideas and views with foreign visitors."

Howard currently serves as treasurer of the student body at Methodist.

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'OLDER AMERICANS' SEMINAR

FEATURES DUKE, METHODIST FACULTY

FAYETTEVILLE - A Seminar on "Employment for Older Americans: What Are the Options?" will feature speakers from Duke University and Methodist College at Fayetteville State University on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. John Sill of Methodist College and Dr. Erdman Palmore, noted Duke University gerontologist, will address the session.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Registration is currently being held for the Spring II term of Methodist College Evening Division. Over 32 courses will be offered at both the Main Methodist campus and the Fort Bragg campus.

For further information, contact the Continuing Education Office at Methodist College or phone 488-7110, ext. 221.

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Methodist Student to Tour China

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Howard, a resident of Fayetteville, is a biology major at Methodist with a minor in chemistry. He will be joining science professors, chemists and pharmacologists from throughout the U.S. for the China trip.

Currently serving as treasurer of the Methodist College student body, Howard is the son of Mrs. Golda S. Howard and the late Harry M. Howard of Fayetteville.

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METHODIST COLLEGE EVENING DIVISION
OPENS SPRING REGISTRATION

FAYETTEVILLE - Registration is currently being held for the Spring II term of the Evening Division at Methodist College. A schedule of over 32 courses will be offered at both the main Methodist campus and the Fort Bragg campus.

Spring Term II courses will begin March 5 and continue through April 26. In addition to the evening courses available, Methodist college offers courses in morning and lunchtime college at the Fort Bragg campus.

Registration information for Spring Term II courses is available from the Continuing Education Office at Methodist College or by phoning 488-7110, ext. 221.

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METHODIST COLLEGE SENIOR
TO VISIT MAINLAND CHINA

Methodist College Senior Greg Howard will depart for the People's Republic of China on or about April 1, where he will participate in seminars and briefings in the field of science and visit spots of interest.

Under the direction of the China Study Association, the tour is scheduled to follow the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society in Hawaii. Howard, a science major from Fayetteville, will be joining science professors, chemists and pharmacologists from all parts of the U.S. in the Hawaii sessions and the China trip, which will include a visit to the Chinese capital, Peking. He expects to be back in the United States by April 26.

In a letter to Methodist College from the China Study Association headquarters in New York it was pointed out that ". . . China is now undertaking a program that they call 'the four modernizations,' to move their country into the ranks of the most-developed by the year 2,000. They are placing great stress on the sciences and very much want foreign visitors with whom they may exchange ideas and views in this area" Howard is the son of Ms. Golda S. Howard and the late Harry M. Howard.

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SCOTT WILKERSON TO SERVE
AS MINISTER-IN-RESIDENCE

FAYETTEVILLE--The Reverend Scott Wilkerson, minister of Jenkins Memorial United Methodist Church in Raleigh, will visit Methodist College during March 5-9 as part of the Minister-In-Residence program of The North Carolina Conference.

During his stay, Mr. Wilkerson will participate in campus activities, visit classes, meet with faculty and counsel with students.

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METHODIST COLLEGE NAMED LEGATEE
IN VIRGINIA RHODES WILLIAMS ESTATE

FAYETTEVILLE--Methodist College has received \$54,996.88 from the estate of Virginia Rhodes Williams, lifelong resident of Cumberland County, according to Dr. Richard Pearce, president of Methodist College.

Mrs. Williams was a prominent member of the community of Godwin where she lived with her husband, the late Will Williams. Her father, William Edgar Rhodes, was a major landholder in the area.

According to the terms of Mrs. Williams' will, Methodist College received all residuary estate. Black's Chapel Church, home church of Mrs. Williams, also received a small bequest.

Mrs. Williams was 87 years old at the time of her death, January 21, 1977.

The revenue from the Williams estate will be placed in the Methodist College endowment to be used for scholarships.

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METHODIST STUDENTS NAMED TO ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

FAYETTEVILLE--Six Methodist College athletes have been named to the Dixie Conference All-Academic team for 1978-1979.

Bev Vaughan, president of the D.I.A.C., has announced that A. Thomas Ntuk of Nigeria, Bruce Fritz of Tacoma, Washington, and Dennis Vass of Pedrick Town, New Jersey, are members of the Methodist College soccer team receiving All-Academic recognition.

Fayetteville residents David Cavano and David Smith are basketball players on the All-Academic team while track star Tony Porter of Fayetteville completes the Methodist roster.

"We are proud of these young people," says Vaughan. "They have been able to compete on an intercollegiate level, which is a time consuming matter, and at the same time have maintained atleast a B average over the last two semesters."

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CALENDAR FOR MARCH-APRIL

1979

March	1	"Once In A Lifetime"-Theatre Production-Reeves 8:00 p.m.
	7	Convocation-Child Abuse-Reeves-10:30
	5-9	Minister-In-Residence-The Reverend Scott Wilkerson
	8	Civic Music-Ellen Shade, Soprano-Reeves-8:00p.m.
	9-18	Spring Break
	18	Scuba Team to Florida-ROTC
	21	Convocation-SGA Report-Reeves-10:30
	23-24	"Under 39"-United Methodist Women Conference- Alumni Dining Rooms
	25	Student Recital-Music Department
	26-31	Spring Festival
	26	Ms. Monarch Pageant-Student Union-8:00 p.m.
	27	North Carolina Symphony-Reeves-8:00 p.m.
	28	Comedian-Tom Parks-Student Union-8:00 p.m.
	29	Miss Methodist Pageant-Review-8:00 p.m.
	30	Picnic Supper-Belltower Locomotion Circus-Comedy, Acrobatics
	31	Convention-ROTC Dance-"Deep South"
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- 4 Convocation-Stage Band-10:30-Reeves
- 7-8 Dance Theatre-Reeves-3:00 p.m.
- 9-13 ROTC-Week in N.C.
- 13 Concert-Fine Arts-Reeves-8:00 p.m.
- 17 Stage Band-Reeves-8:00 p.m.
- 15 Sunrise Service-Amphitheater-6:05 a.m.



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April	16	Awards Convocation-Academic Awards-Reeves-10:30 a.m.
	18	Registration for Fall-Student Union Ballroom
	20	Air Force Band Concert-Reeves-8:00 p.m.
	21	Choral Concert-MC Chorus-Reeves-8:00 p.m.
	28	ROTC-City-Cty Orienteering Championship
	30	Finals Begin

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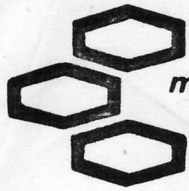
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'ONCE IN A LIFETIME'
COMING TO METHODIST

FAYETTEVILLE - Kaufman and Hart's "Once In A Lifetime" will be presented by the Methodist College Theatre Arts department on March 1-2 at 8:00 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

This satiric farce focused on the life of Hollywood during the era of the introduction of talking motion pictures. Cast in leading roles are Dave Perry of Fredericksburg, Va., as George Lewis; JoAnne Jones of Ellerbe as May Daniel; Jimmy Vestal of East Bend as Jerry Hyland; Lynn Granger of Fayetteville as Susan; Ann Morrow of New York City as Hedda Hopper and Wayne Stewart of Wade as Samuel Goldwyn.

According to the story line, George Lewis, May Daniels and Jerry Hyland set their sights on coming out to Hollywood as a golden opportunity to get rich quick by setting up an elocution school for the silent film actors. On their way there, they run into a country bumpkin hopeful-to-be actress, and the Hollywood columnist Hedda Hopper who sets up the threesome in a school of elocution at Samuel Goldwyn's Studio. Once in Hollywood, George, by some stroke of uncommon and uncanny luck becomes a highly successful film producer. The play mirrors the many unpredictable and comic outcomes in the portrayal of the lives, brains and personalities that helped build and shape the Hollywood industry.

Director Jack Peyrouse commented on the play's try-outs as "one of the most pleasant and enjoyable try-outs I have ever been through. We had around thirty-five people try out for parts. The production will introduce some new faces to our stage along with some of

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Other cast members include Rosemarie Brantley, Dwight Dickson, Karl Michael Kroos, Champagne Lister, Roberta Sue Logan, Mark Mooney, Rick Spicer, and Jennifer Ann Turney. Supporting roles will feature Masaru Yanaka, Kathy Southerland, William Mackinzie, Jeff Canham, Timothy Zeller, Robert Groggard, and Kymberly Klink. Cameo features will spotlight such greats as Clark Gable and Fay Wray with appearances by Anne Wilce, Kathy Erranton, Cynthia Phelps, Cindi Barr, Valerie



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Houston, April Gray, Daralee Morris, Anita Graves, Ruth Huggins, and Debra Mays.

College staff members making a debut performance on the Methodist College stage are Michelle Blackburn and Nell Thompson. Dr. Sue Kimball (MACBETH) and Dr. James Vann (THIS WAY TO HEAVEN) will return to the delight of the audience.

The campus Greek fraternities will also join the cast in cameo appearances with Pi Kappa Phi as the Warner Brother and Alpha Xi Delta and Kappa Delta as the Goldwyn girls.

Faculty children Jay Peyrouse and Dave and Greg Porter will also be among the 113 people involved in the ONCE IN A LIFETIME production.

Admission is free for the public March 1 and 2 performances.

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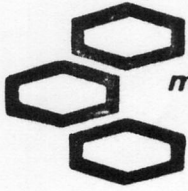
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METHODIST COLLEGE CAMPAIGN RAPIDLY APPROACHES \$120,000 COMMUNITY GOAL

FAYETTEVILLE--Methodist College has received \$86,050 in unrestricted funds thus far in community giving for the Methodist College Loyalty Drive, according to Dr. Charles Speegle, campaign coordinator.

These unrestricted funds are used by the college for operational expenses and retirement of debt and represent two-thirds of the \$120,000 campaign goal.

Additionally, the college has received \$80,827 in restricted funds from two estates in Cumberland County to be used exclusively for scholarships.

"Approximately 60% of the cards have not been completed," stated Dr. Speegle. "These cards have an estimated value, based on last year's gift, of \$41,448."

"There are about 300 cards in this group which are new prospects and have an undetermined value. These figures indicate that we will be able to reach or even surpass the goal of \$120,000 set for unrestricted funds."

The Methodist College Loyalty Drive for community giving officially got underway on February 8 and is conducted under the direction of the Methodist College Foundation.

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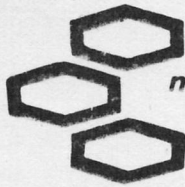
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METHODIST COLLEGE NAMES

OUTSTANDING STUDENT EDUCATOR

FAYETTEVILLE - Methodist College has named Katheryn K. Parker of Fayetteville and O.C. Holland, Jr. of Clinton as outstanding student educators for 1979.

Parker and Holland will join other representatives from N.C. colleges and Universities at the N.C. Association of Educator's Convention scheduled for April 4-6 in Charlotte.

A native of Cary, Ms. Parker now resides in Fayetteville with her husband Anthony L. Parker and their two children. She is a junior education major specializing in grades 4-9.

Mr. Holland, a senior from Clinton, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Holland. He is majoring in elementary education with a language arts/history concentration for grades 4-9. He is married to the former Rosalyn Talton of Clinton.

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NEW DEAN OF MEN

FAYETTEVILLE - Florida native Arthur H. McDaniel has been named Dean of Men at Methodist College by College President Dr. Richard W. Pearce. He succeeds Richard Coleman who has returned to graduate school.

Dean McDaniel comes to Methodist from Barney Academy in Orlando Florida, where he served as Dean of Students and Assistant Headmaster. He attended Florida Southern College during the years Dr. Pearce was vice-president of the Lakeland Florida institution.

"Because I was a student during Dr. Pearce's tenure there, I feel that I understand the President's philosophy of education here even more freely," states McDaniel.

In addition to being Dean of Men, McDaniels is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Student Union Board.

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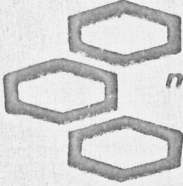
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Approximately 80 people gathered for the annual Handbell Festival held Saturday, February 24 on the Methodist College campus. Representatives of eight churches participated in the day-long seminar and presented a concert of English Handbells on Saturday afternoon. The Festival was sponsored by the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church.

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Glenn, I thought perhaps you could use this picture and caption for the NCAE Journal at some point in time. These UniServe Representatives, if they are anything like Mr. King, are the grassroots contact for NCAE and they do their job admirably. Maybe a little recognition would be in order sometime if there is space.

I hope this finds you well and as eager for spring as I am! My day was made Sunday when I saw the jonquils coming up-- and realized that I really would get warm before July! If you ever have to come to Fayetteville, please plan to come by and let me treat you to lunch.

Gwen



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All work and no play sometimes seems to describe the life of an NCAE UniServe Representative as he deals with the grassroots level of NCAE membership. Yet, B.R. King, Jr., who serves the District 10 unit of NCAE, combines the two while extending his involvement with teachers to the Methodist College campus in Fayetteville.

Shown here at a reception sponsored by the Student Education Association at Methodist College, Mr. King addressed students on the rights and responsibilities of North Carolina educators. His theory of providing the facts to all those seeking to join the teaching profession may well be a start toward the unified, knowledgeable NCAE we envision.

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COLLEGIATE DRAMA - UNSUNG HERO OF AMATEUR THEATRE

Among the myriad of theatre productions from high school to Broadway, collegiate drama remains the unapplauded proving ground for developing talent. The current revival in theatre prompted by "Applause", "The Wiz" and other contemporary plays has heightened interest nationwide. On the college campus, there is an energized core of professionals who are capitalizing on this popularity.

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Over 110 people were involved in the production of "Once In A Lifetime" including students, faculty, secretaries and even faculty children. This figure represents approximately 14% of the student body.

"It's really a community effort," states Ms. Morrow

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ingenuity and donations to provide costumes, props, or other staging needs. That's where the college community helps-- whether we're looking for clothes from the 30's for "Once In A Lifetime" or a witches' cauldron for 'Brush Up Your Shakespeare'."

But when the curtain goes up in Reeves Auditorium the magic of theatre transforms the scavenger hunts into tasteful, often elaborate scenery and the thrift - shop bargains become authentic costume designs. To that is added remarkable student talent and exceptional direction under Dr. Jack Peyrouse.

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PHOTOGRAPHS: "Once In a Lifetime", by Kaufman and Hart, was presented by the Methodist College theatre arts department during March. The 65-member cast represented all segments of the college community including students, faculty, secretaries and faculty children.

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