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For Immediate Release

FAYETTEVILLE--The annual business meeting for United Methodist Youth from across eastern North Carolina will be held here at Methodist College July 15-20. More than 250 senior high youth are expected to attend this Annual Conference Session, commonly known as ACS. Paul Stark, Morehead City, Conference Youth President, will preside.

According to the Rev. J. Edward Morrison, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, the purpose of ACS is to conduct the business of the conference youth, to help the youth learn about themselves and to be a part of a Christian community.

Morrison says the schedule includes personal and spiritual growth groups plus optional interest groups. Also planned are a folk dance, talent show and a clown workshop.

The election of new conference officers, to be held Thursday, will be one important decision made during the week. Also, the youth will study social issues and may take stands on various issues.

Youth who attend are delegates from the 848 churches in the conference. The event opens at 3 p.m. July 15 with registration and closes at noon on July 20.

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SIGNS WITH METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE-Kenneth Dwayne Simmons, W.J. Keenan soccer standout, will attend Methodist College in the fall, according to Mason Sykes, soccer coach at Methodist College.

Simmons broke the all-time career goals record at W.J. Keenan with 49 goals. He received the distinction of being named to the All-Midland, All-Metro and All-Area teams. Simmons was also selected as Keenan's best offensive player for two consecutive years.

"Kenny Simmons will give to the Methodist College soccer program the offensive thrust we need to be a top contender in Division III of the NCAA," states Coach Sykes.

"I'm excited to have someone with Kenny's talent and enthusiasm joining our team."

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NORTH BASKETBALL STAR SIGNS WITH METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE-Kelly Edward Smith, North High's most valuable basketball player, will attend Methodist College in the fall, according to Joe Miller, varsity basketball coach at Methodist.

Smith distinguished himself during the 1978-79 basketball season by being an all-conference guard and basketball MVP. Smith also was named the Orangeburg County all-area assist leader in his junior year.

"Kelly comes to Methodist after a fine high school career at North High under the coaching skill of Dwayne Howell," states Coach Miller. "I feel that he will be a fine addition to Methodist College and its athletic programs."

The 5'7" guard also received regional honors in baseball, being named all-conference infielder and receiving the slugger award this past season.

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SHAWSVILLE BASKETBALL STANDOUT SIGNS WITH METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE- Junior East, Shawsville high school basketball standout, will attend Methodist College in the fall, according to Joe Miller varsity basketball coach at Methodist.

East, known as "Mr. Hustle," maintained the highest free throw percentage his senior year and average ten points a game.

"I am excited about having Junior East in our program here at Methodist. Junior is a fine young man as well as a good basketball player," states Coach Miller. "I am looking for good things from him in the future."

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FLORIDA BASEBALL STANDOUT SIGNS WITH METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE- Jim Crews, All-Orange Belt conference pitcher for the Bishop Moore High School baseball team, will attend Methodist College in the fall, according to Coach Tom Austin.

Crews, Orlando Florida native, competed in varsity baseball for three years at Bishop Moore compiling a career record of 27 wins and 8 losses.

Coach Austin, who has just assumed baseball coaching duties at Methodist College, previously headed the coaching staff at Bishop Moore High School.

"Jim Crews is an outstanding athlete whom I had the privilege of coaching at Bishop Moore. I am excited that Jim will join me at Methodist this year because I know his talent and ability will serve the team well," stated Coach Austin.

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Crews/ Baseball

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WEST BRUNSWICK BASKETBALL STANDOUT SIGNS WITH METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE- Stefan Grissett, West Brunswick High School basketball star, will attend Methodist College in the fall, according to Methodist Coach Joe Miller.

Grissett, a native of Supply, North Carolina, led Gary Taylor's West Brunswick team in rebounding during his senior year. The 6'4", 182-pound freshman received the most rebounds trophy during this past season.

"Stefan is another player from West Brunswick to follow the tradition of Methodist College basketball," states Coach Miller. "Other players that have played for Methodist College from West Brunswick are Elton Stanley, Harold Johnson and Elroy Gore.

"I am glad to have Stefan here at Methodist; I look forward to him carrying on the tradition of these players. At 6'4" he gives us some needed size and strength."

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SOUTH CAROLINA BASKETBALL STAR
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FAYETTEVILLE- Willis Clay Williams, captain of the Lower Richland High School basketball team, will attend Methodist College, states Joe Miller, Methodist College basketball coach.

Williams, a native of Hopkins, South Carolina, led the state of South Carolina in shooting percentage this past season with 68 percent accuracy. The three-year lettermen led Coach Buddy McDaniel's Lower Richland team to an 18-5 season his senior year.

A Player of the Week for the Columbia Record, Williams stands 6'3" and weighs 180 pounds.

"I am extremely happy that Willis Williams will attend Methodist College," states Coach Miller. "I feel this gives us two fine recruits from Lower Richland in Willis and Brett Finley."

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FAYETTEVILLE- Alvin Williams, all-time leading scorer at James Monroe High School, will attend Methodist College, according to Methodist Coach Joe Miller.

Williams, a Fredericksburg, Virginia, native was twice named most valuable basketball player at James Monroe High School. Other honors include the James Monroe sportsmanship award and the selection to the All-Battlefield District basketball team for his junior and senior years.

The 6'2" Williams is the all-time leading scorer at James Monroe with a career record of 1,070 points. Williams also competed in football and track at James Monroe High School and was selected to the all-area football team and to the second team all-state football team in his senior year.

"I'm really happy that Alvin Williams is attending Methodist College in the fall. He has had an outstanding career at James Monroe and Methodist College is eager for the opportunity to further develop his excellent talent," states Coach Miller.

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NORTHERN BASKETBALL STANDOUT SIGNS WITH METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE- Christopher Lee, captain of the Northern High School basketball team, will attend Methodist College in the fall, according to Methodist Coach Joe Miller.

Lee, a Durham native led Coach Kelvin Billerman's Northern Knights to the State 4-A playoffs this past season. The 6'1" forward will provide some size for the Monarch team along with others freshman recruits Alvin Williams, 6'2" all-time leading scorer at James Monroe High School, Fredericksburg, Va., and Willis Williams, 6'3" top shooting percentage in South Carolina at Lower Richland High School, Columbia, S.C..

"I am really pleased that Chris has chosen Methodist College," states Coach Miller.

"We've had a number of athletes from Northern Durham and I look forward to Chris continuing that winning tradition at Methodist. He is a fine young man with much basketball potential."

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Chris A. Lee / B. Ball

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OHIO SOCCER STANDOUT SIGNS WITH METHODIST

FAYETTEVILLE- John Tackis, soccer standout from Fairborn, Ohio will attend Methodist College in the fall, according to Methodist Coach Mason Sykes.

Tackis, a fullback for Parkhills High School in Fairborn, received the Best Defensive Award during his senior year. He also participated in the track program at Parkhills.

"John Tackis has the talent and desire which characterizes a good soccer player," states Coach Sykes. "I believe he has the leadership qualities to improve any club, and I look forward to having John at Methodist for his collegiate soccer career."

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CHEERLEADERS BEGIN

SUMMER TRAINING

FAYETTEVILLE- While high school football players nation-wide are beginning summer football workouts, their females counterparts, the cheerleaders, are also preparing for the kick-off for the 1979 football season.

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The week-long training of cheerleaders at camp resembles the training scheduled at any sports camp for athletes with its emphasis on physical conditioning, expert performance and genuine enthusiasm. Attending schools will compete for awards of best junior high, best junior varsity, and best varsity squads during competition schedule for Friday afternoon. West-over senior high school of Fayetteville will defend its current title as best senior high squad in the south.



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"The training these cheerleaders receive in camps like this one serves to legitimize their claim as true athletes."

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METHODIST COLLEGE ROTC CADET
RECEIVES AUSA MEDAL FOR SUPERIOR
CAMP PERFORMANCE

Cadet John Schoffstall, rising senior at Methodist College, was decorated by General John R. Guthrie, with the Coveted AUSA Medal on July 18, 1979 during closing ceremonies of the '79 ROTC Advanced Camp, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Cadet Schoffstall finished in the Top Four of 3,100 ROTC Cadets from Universities and Colleges East of the Mississippi. He performed exceptionally well in both Leadership Ratings and Military Subjects.

He was selected by a Board of High Ranking Military Officers to receive the AUSA Medal and given the additional honor of acting as the Cadet Battalion Commander of the First Battalion. Cadet Schoffstall will also act as the Cadet Commander, Monarch Company, Methodist College when he returns to campus in the fall.

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FAYETTEVILLE--More than 900 United Methodists from across eastern North Carolina are expected here at Methodist College for the annual Conference Leadership School, August 3-8. This expanded mission school, one of few of its type in Methodism, is sponsored by the North Carolina United Methodist Conference.

According to Jane Hook, Mebane, Dean of the School, the event is held in two sessions to accommodate non-working and working persons. The first session opens Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon and the second session runs from Sunday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Hook says the purpose of the school is to help persons develop leadership skills and knowledge in various aspects of the church's ministry.

The participants may choose three of 24 classes offered. These include mission studies, Christian art, the Bible and Science, the Middle East and dealing with grief.

Guest preacher for the school is Dr. David James Randolph of Christ United Methodist Church in New York City. A former staff person with the denomination working in the areas of worship and theology, Randolph is the editor of three volumes on worship and has written five books.

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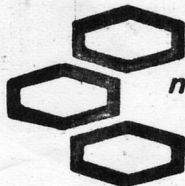
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Northern High School of Durham boasted the Best Senior



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High Cheerleader as Jennifer Cooper, captain of the Northern Squad received the top award in individual competition. Northern Varsity Cheerleaders place second to Westover in Senior High Squad competition.

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Runnerups to Best Senior High cheerleader were Terry Hall from Westover and Kathy Smith from Seventy-First, both Fayetteville's schools.

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Billy Witherspoon of Kizer Junior High in Greensboro was selected Best Junior High Cheerleader. Runnerups in Junior High competition included Betsy Holdren of Carrington in Durham, Kathy Janowski of Anne Chesnutt in Fayetteville and Kim Putman of Southwest in Gastonia, N.C.

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The 10 outstanding cheerleaders of the 350 attending East Coast Cheerleading Camp were Steffanie Burt and Karen Ryley of Northern; Amy Herndon and Betsy Holdren of Carrington; Terry Hall, ^{Kathy Allen,} Donna Lovelace, Sherry Moore and Janet Gupton of Westover and Olivia Tyson.

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