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METHODIST BOOSTS
FACULTY RANKS

FAYETTEVILLE-- Under the leadership of new academic dean Dr. Fred Clark, nine faculty members have joined the Methodist College staff. The Science department has four instructors added to its ranks including Dr. JoAnn Clark, M.S. from Huntington College, Ph.D. from the University of Miami; Dr. Linda Sue Donnelly, M.S. University of Mississippi, Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee; Dr. Howard D. Tyner, Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin; Ms. Barbara A. Olcott, M.A. from West Virginia University.

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Dr. Tyner has also been active in the field of applied chemistry, serving as a research chemist for such organizations as the U.S. Forestry Service, the Rocky Mountain Institute for Individual Research, the American Viscose Corporation and United Wallpaper Factories.

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Ms. Mary Holben has been named administrative assistant to Dr. Richard Pearce, president of Methodist College.

The college formally opened the 1979-80 academic year with Formal Convocation on Tuesday, September 6. Bishop Robert Black-burn of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church delivered the address.

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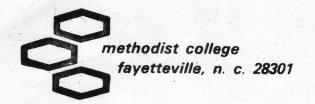
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Goal keeper William Thomas of Crisfield, Md., is not coming to Methodist unrecognized either. Thomas had the distinction of allowing



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"The team itself will have to depend upon quickness and speed rather than mere strength. Not because we lack the weight and height, but rather because our competition has improved greatly since last year. Virginia-Wesleyan and Averett colleges should prove to be our biggest challenge. However, I am confident that this year's squad will meet and overcome any obstacle set before them," said Coach Sykes.

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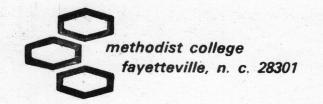
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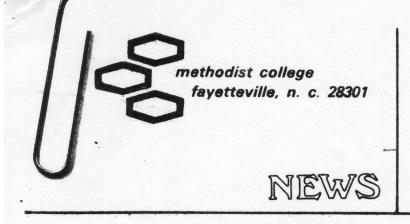
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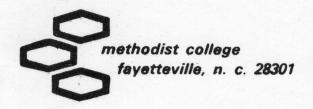
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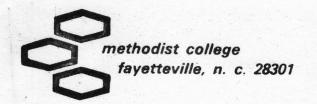
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Although the Monarchs came in thirteenth out of sixteen last year, Clayton intends to improve upon that position. "Methodist should be in the thick of the field, hopes Clayton. I am extremely excited about this year's tournament. A fine show of golf talent is on hand for the people of Fayetteville."

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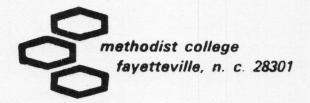
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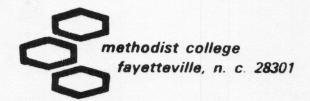
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What's worship- what is it really? Why do people worship?
What must the leader of a worship service do to make it effective?
Koinonia is the religious life organization on the Methodist College campus, presently sponsoring a workshop which explores these and other questions related to the worship service. The primary purpose of the four-part workshop is to provide a guide for people seeking degrees in church-related fields who will someday be leading worship services.

During the first session, the group discussed the Ritual of Worship under the guidance of Dr. John Sill, director of Guidance and and Placement at Methodist. The second session was devoted to exploring the Purpose of Prayer in the worship service. Dr. Lorenzo Plyler led this workshop. The Reverend Belton Joyner of Raleigh joined the workshop for the third session to discuss the Sermon portion of the service. The final workshop, to be led by Mr. Alan Porter, will deal with music in the worship service.

Methodist students attending the workshops have expressed a positive reaction in regard to their helpfulness. At the conclusion of the first session, the members present were divided into five com-



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mittees. Each committee will be responsible for conducting one Sunday night worship service during the year. The students will incorporate what they have learned into these services to provide an innovative type of worship. The first Sunday night service will be held on September 30. Dates for other services will be announced.

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'LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE' MUSICAL
PRODUCTION
TO OPEN METHODIST THEATRE SEASON

FAYETTEVILLE- <u>Little Mary Sunshine</u>, a musical spoof of the 30's, will be staged by the Methodist College Theatre Arts department on Thursday October 11 and Friday, October 12, in O'Hanlon Amphitheatre on the Methodist campus.

"Little Mary Sunshine is one of the most successful off-broadway stage shows ever produced in New York, "states Dr. Jack Peyrouse, Director of the Methodist College Theatre Arts department. "It played for almost three years."

The musical/comedy is a spoof of old operattas like <u>Rose Marie</u> and <u>Naughty Marietta</u>. The Methodist College Production includes 24 songs performed under the direction of Mike Rogers, orchestral director, and Karen Carlton, vocal director.

"The twenty-four songs includes thundering courses, schmaltzy waltzes and Lilting duets all of them poking fun at Jeanette McDonald and Nelson Eddie, "says Dr. Peyrouse.

Starring in the Methodist Production will be Cheryl King, a
Methodist College alumnus, in the title role; Dave Perry of Alexandria,
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Little Mary Sunshine will begin each evening at 7:00. Admission is free to the public.

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METHODIST COLLEGE ANNOUNCES ONE-ON-ONE BASKETBALL MARATHON

FAYETTEVILLE- Methodist College students will attempt to set a world's record of continual one-on-one basketball play while raising funds for the proposed Gym on the Fayetteville campus.

According to Gene Clayton, athletic director at Methodist College, the One-On-One Basketball Marathon will begin at noon, September 27 and continue for the next 48 hours concluding on noon, September 29.

"Methodist College students have planned the marathon in a effort to raise funds for the proposed Gym at Methodist," says Clayton."

"They are hoping to have a high percentage of participation from the Methodist student body, faculty, and staff."

Students will sign up for one-on-one contests in 30 minute segments during the 48 hours. Monetary pledges will be given based on the number of continual hours of play. Prizes will be awarded to the student winning the most games and to the student playing the most games.

The marathon will be sponsored by the Intramurals class at Methodist and coordinated by senior Susie McNutt. It will be run in conjunction with the Eastern Collegiate Invitational Tennis Tournament to be held on the Methodist courts Sept. 27, 28 and 29. The Marathon will end at noon on Sept. 29 prior to the Methodist home soccer game against Averette College of Dan-

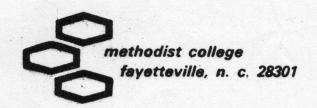
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BASKETBALL MARATHON

"We are hoping to schedule exciting challenge matches like Dr. Pearce vs. Dr. Clark, Dean McDaniel vs. Tom Holland, and Elaine Adams va. Clarence Wiggins."

Students wishing to participate are requested to sign up on the sheet provided in the Student Union.

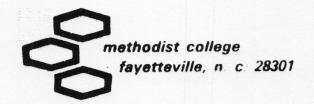
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TO: Area High School and Junior High School Music, Speech and Drama Teachers

FROM: Gwen Sykes

DATE: September 14, 1979

Have I got news for you! The Methodist College Homecoming production this year is the musical comedy Little Mary Sunshine in our outdoor theatre. We will be presenting this free of charge on October 11th and 12th in O'Hanlon Amphitheatre at 7:00 pm.

This musical spoof takes aim at such old favorites as Rose Marie and Naughty Marietta and it hits the spot with its twenty-four deliberately corny songs and naive situations. The familiar story concerns stalwart Captain Jim (our Nelson Eddy) saving Little Mary Sunshine (our Jeanette McDonald) from losing the Colorado Inn. Unique, it isn't, entertaining, it is.

Mike Rogers is directing the orchestra; Ann Clark is choreographing the dances: and Karen Carlton is leading the singers in song. Patricia Tyson (House of Beauty) is designing hair styles to compliment the glamorous costumes of the 1900's.

This should prove a marvelous outing for you and your students—and the price(free) and quality(high) are right!

Have everyone bring a bag lunch for a picnic before the play if you like! We have a lovely setting by the theatre which could accomodate all of you.

I look forward to having you see what we are doing at Methodist College. We are proud! See you the 11th or 12th!

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METHODIST MONARCHS TAKE ON DIAC CHAMPS, VA. WESLEYAN IN SATURDAY SOCCER MATCH

FAYETTEVILLE-- The Monarchs have come close. But, according to Methodist soccer coach Mason Sykes, "close" doesn't make a champion or fill a trophy case. He's out to change all that Saturday afternoon when his Monarch team meets the current Dixie Conference soccer champions, Virginia Wesleyan, in a two o' clock battle slated for the Methodist field.

Methodist is coming off a fresh victory against Carolina Conference member Catawba College last week, 7-1. Offensive standouts for the Monarchs were sophomore Atsuo Kumazaki with 2 goals; freshman Shahin Tahmassebi with 2 goals; sophomore Kenny Morgan with 1; freshman Kenny Simmons with 1; freshman Denny Laird with 1. Morgan is from Fayetteville.

"This team is fast and exhibits expert ball control at times," says Sykes.

"These gentlemen are the best ball handlers a Methodist team has ever had. But the secret to our success will lie with our ability to use our best qualities (speed and control) as a team. Composure is essential when you're facing a strong team like Virginia Wesleyan," says Sykes.

The Blue Marlins have more than a title going for them this season, like nine returning starters and a 12-4-0 record from last year. Virginia Wesleyan Coach Lenny Long anticipates outstanding play from All-South fullback Kurt Luginbyhl and All-VISA performer

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Methodist tied for second-place in DIAC Soccer last season, losing 1-0 to Virginia Wesleyan in Norfolk. The Blue Marlins were able to break the 0-0 deadlock with a penalty kick. "Our fullbacks must play almost error-free ball Saturday," asserts Sykes. "We can't afford any mistakes against Wesleyan."

Captains Mark Lange of Salisbury, Md. and Alan Wiltshire of Indian Creek, N.J. will lead the Monarchs into action Saturday.

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PROSPECTIVE MINISTERS FIND
PRACTICAL EXPERENCES IN
'WHAT'S WORSHIP?' SEMINARS

Fayetteville----Students seeking to enter the ministry are throughly drilled in Theology, Biblical history, comparative religions and philosophical thought in the highly - regimented curricula of undergraduate and graduate schools.

The question remains, however: will these students be able to preach? With all the knowledge these prospective ministers of the gospel acquire, will they be able to conduct a service of worship? Will they select appropriate hymns and athems to fit varying needs of a service ? Will they be able to compose a prayer of benediction as well as invocation?

Widespread concern has been expressed within clergical ranks that practical instruction in routine matters of ritual is not adequate for the increasing demand for liturgical expertise.

Methodist College has recognized this need for practical instruction and is seeking to fill it through a series of seminar programs entitled What's Worship?

What's Worship presented a series of four lecture/seminars on liturgical guidelines for congregational participation, prayer, sermon and music.

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"As a pre-ministerial student myself, I felt a real need for a course getting down to the basics like how to choose a hymnof invitation and how to compose a pastoral prayer,"

Cribb states.

Campus and conference leaders joined to give this practical instruction. Dr. John Sill of the Methodist College faculty presented the first seminar on congregational



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participation. Dr. Lorenzo Plyler and Mr. Alan Porter, also members of the Methodist faculty, conducted sessions on prayer and music, respectively. The Reverend Belton Joyner of Durham presided over the seminar on worship.

"We found that the Bible gives a clearly defined outline of worship in Isiah 6: 1-8," explains Cribb.

"The anacronyn of ACTS- Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication-is essentially the structure of worship. But dedication is also a vital part of every service."

Someone must instruct prospective ministers in the elementary etiquette of the pulpit. From some source, these students will learn to pray with the inclusive "we" rather than the exclusive "I"---they will learn to discern between phrases of invocation and benediction---they will learn to choose hymns of dedication and meditation.

Methodist College has taken positive action to provide these basics for its students through seminars like the What's Worship series. METHODIST COLLEGE NEWS BUREAU Publications Center, C-101

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POPE NAMED TO ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION
AT METHODIST

Fayetteville - Arnold Pope has been named as assistant to the Dean of Students at Methodist College, according to Dr. Richard Pearce, college president.

Pope has served as assistant professor of religion at Methodist since 1967. He will continue to teach in the religion department in addition to assisting in the area of student life. Partcular responsibility for Pope will be in the men's dormitories.

A native of Enfield, N.C., Pope holds B.A. and M.Div. from Duke University and a M.Ed. from N.C. State University and received the Distinguished Service Award from the N.C. High School Athletic Association.

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METHODIST COLLEGE
SCHEDULES OUTDOOR
MUSICAL COMEDY

On October 11 and 12 Methodist College presents a musical comedy, <u>LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE</u>. It takes one back to the days of Jeanette McDonald and Nelson Eddy. You're invited to the free performance on October 11 and 12 at 7:00 in the O'Hanlon Outdoor Theatre.

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SCHEDULES OUTDOOR
MUSICAL COMEDY

Nelson Eddy and Jeanette McDonald fans--welcome back your favorite singers. Methodist College Homecoming musical comedy LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE recreates these 1930's stars. At 7:00 on October 11 and 12, the O'Hanlon Outdoor Theatre will come "alive with the sound of music." The forest rangers will save Little Mary and they will live happily ever after. Methodist College invites everyone to be their guests at this free performance.

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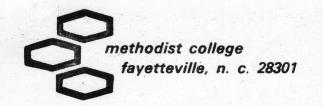
The first meeting of the 1979-80 year of the Methodist
College Women's Club was held on Sunday afternoon, September
23 at the home of the college's Dean of Women, Mrs. Bruce
Dent. After a devotional by the club's chaplin, Mrs. Samuel
Womack, a business meeting was conducted by Dr. Sue Kimball,
incoming president. Yearbooks for 1979-80 were distributed
and plans for the coming year were discussed. Members and
guests introduced themselves followed by a refreshment period.
Mrs. Dent was assisted by Mrs. Gordon Dixon, Mrs. Robert Christian,
Mrs. Alan Porter and Dr. Sue Kimball.

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Over 60% of the Methodist student body comes from the Eastern North Carolina counties served by the N.C. Conference.

Other students represent over 16 states and 11 foreign countries.

Methodist begins the academic year with a faculty of 54% doctorates and numerous capital improvements completed over the summer. New lighting, designed to utilize less than 50%



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of the current energy expended on lighting, has been installed in Davis Memorial Library and the Methodist Gymnasium. Tennis courts and track have been resurfaced and a golf practice range has been constructed.

Vice-President Bill Lowdermilk stated that 25 years ago
Eastern North Carolina dreamed of a college of Christian ideals.

"Methodist College strives to be true to be true to those dreams of 25 years ago," pledged Lowdermilk.

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