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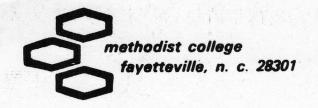
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Sylvia Tartt, Mary Pekarski, and Ted Davies, all of Fayetteville.



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Director of theatre arts, Jack Peyrouse, will direct the Fayetteville production of Sophocles' Oedipus Rex. Daniel Serrano of Spring Lake will serve as assistant director.

One of the most famous of the Greek tragedies, Oedipus Rex recounts the story of King Oedipus in his search for the murderer of his father, and his reactions when it is discovered that Oedipus himself killed his father.

Oedipus Rex is open to the public at no charge.

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Dr. Vogel is currently engaged in performing as a harpsichordist after studying the harpsichord under Igor Kipnis. She also performs as both a pianist and harpsichordist with the Raleigh Chamber Players.

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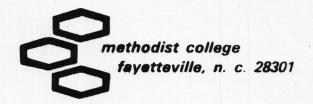
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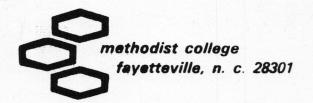
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The public is invited to attend both productions free of charge.

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February 7, 1980

Mr. John Eslinger, Editor THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER P.O. Box 849 Fayetteville, N.C. 28302

Dear John,

A reporter from WECT-TV teased me the other day about the quiet, conservative nature of our campus at Methodist. "It's not news, Gwen," he said, "but it's beautiful. You are meshed in blissful obscurity."

"Blissful obscurity" - the words were painfully accurate, I thought, and yet not complete. I accept the fact that Methodist does not grab headlines on a daily basis. I'm not sure that's our mission. But I believe the image of Methodist College depicted in the press is both positive and realistic.

Methodist Collge kicks off its annual fund raising campaign on Tuesday, February 19. I ask that you evaluate our role in the Fayetteville community and assess our stewardship of monies donated previously. If you find material there worth commentary, I hope you will address it in your editorials close to the kick off date. I have enclosed some data for your perusal. It is admittedly promotional, but it is also an honest representation of life on the Methodist campus.

We are a quiet campus, I suppose. You won't find Henry Kissinger nere lecturing on Nixonian foreign policy, but you will find a Fort Bragg major, formerly a military attache to the Middle East, lecturing on American Military posture in the Persian Gulf. You won't find presidential candidates speaking from Reeves Auditorium, but you will find open symposiums on the critical issues facing the next president.

We are a quiet campus, but our students are happy and our faculty is strong. We seek to celebrate the worth of each student - emulating Emerson's concept "In every work of genius, we recognize our own rejected thoughts" - while arming students against the "quiet lives of desperation" Thoreau perceives.



Blissful obscurity? I hope not. With my help, the Methodist College story is told - but with your help, it is understood. Thank you.

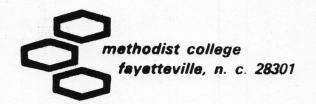
Sincerely yours,

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Gwen P. Sykes, Director Methodist News Bureau

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CUTLINE FOR PROCLAMATION PHOTOGRAPH:

Marie Stewart, president of the Methodist College Foundation, received a mayoral proclamation from Fayetteville's mayor Beth Finch proclaiming Tuesday, February 19, 1980 as Methodist College Day .

Members of the Methodist College Developmental Team will contact members of the Fayetteville business community seeking financial support for Methodist College during this annual Loyalty Drive. Walter Clark serves as chairman of the campaign.

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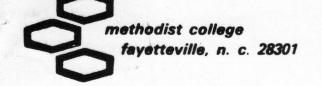
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Special to the FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER/TIMES
For publication on Sunday, February 17, 1980
Gwen Sykes

SMALL, PRIVATE COLLEGES FACE SECURE FUTURE IN THE 1980'S

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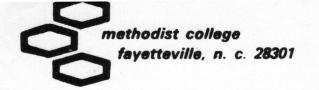
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of status institutions like Big Ten or Ivy League schools. Others choose a small college environment where they can achieve the recognition and the opportunity for leadership they need for the well-rounded life they seek.

Private colleges fill that role in American society—the small towns of higher education geography. While there was for a period of time in the early 1970's when private colleges faced a dismal financial future and a dwindling student pool, the initial panic has passed. Small colleges will continue to grow and flourish in American society, despite these real problems of inflated economy and fewer colleg—aged students, because they fulfill a need for individuals. To accept the premise that the private sector of education will pass into history to be replaced by a complex structure of public regional universities and community colleges is to accept the premise that all Americans will soon live in major metropolitan areas, leaving behind ghost towns named Sanford, Southern Pines, Laurinburg and Raeford.

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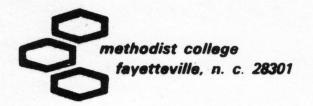
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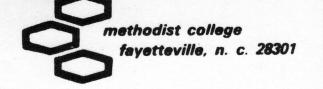
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R.G. Barker and P. V. Grump in BIG SCHOOL, SMALL SCHOOL provided statistical data revealing that students in small schools held an average of 3.5 responsible positions per student (members of play casts, musical groups, athletics teams, etc.) while students in large schools averaged .5 responsible positions per student.



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Dwindling Pool Theory Refuted

Small colleges are defined as those having fewer than 5000 students, although the majority of small colleges reflect an enrollment of 1000-2500. Statistics depict a decrease in the number of college-aged students in the coming years as a natural result of the decline in the birth rate during the 1960's.

Alarmists reason that these statistics are inflexible and will result in a decreasing pool of students planning to attend college, thus increasing the already fierce competition among colleges for these students. Small, private colleges with higher overhead and consequently higher tuition costs will simply not be able to attract students in an inflated economy, the reasoning goes. Without students, these institutions will close.

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Another contributing factor to the optimism for private colleges is the social trend toward continuing education. Older adults are returning to college campuses in increasing numbers to finish a degree, to obtain additional training in a different field, to prepare for graduate school, or to prepare for a second career after their first one has lost its challenge and appeal.

Although college choice for these people is governed primarily by proximity and convenience, many returning students



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prefer the smaller college setting. The transition seems to be easier on a campus where student/faculty ratio is smaller.

Individual Job Placement Possible

While major corporations many times limit their on-campus recruitment to major universities, energetic placement directors on small campuses can arrange personal interviews with these same corporations for individual students.

"Our advantage is that we know each graduate personally—we can attest to strengths and achievements, interpersonal relations and career potential," states Dr. John Sill, director of guidance and placement at Methodist.

"Because we have only some 200 graduates yearly to place, we are able to deal with each individually. Major universities must operate from a completely different perspective. They bring the corporate recruiters on campus, provide sign-up sheets for students and let the students take it from there. They really have no choice when dealing with some 10,000 graduates per year."

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Peaceful Coexistence For Private and Public

In North Carolina, public and private colleges and universities live in "peaceful coexistence." With the exception of occasional clashes on matters of tuition-equalization and the overlap of cultural offerings, there exists a mutual commitment to all students seeking



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The Future Is Bright

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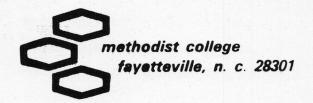
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PHOTOGRAPHY ON DISPLAY
AT METHODIST COLLEGE

<u>FAYETTEVILLE</u>-Reeves Auditorium lobby will feature a display of photographic prints by the photography students of Dick Johnson during productions of "Oedipus Rex" on Thursday and Friday, February 21 and 22.

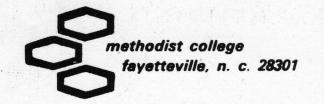
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The display and the productions of "Oedipus Rex" are open to the public at no charge.

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MONSANTO GIFT LAUNCHES ANNUAL
METHODIST COLLEGE FUND DRIVE

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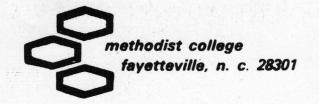
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Walter Clark, chairman of the 1980 Community Loyalty Campaign, stresses the contributions of the college to the Fayetteville area.



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METHODIST COLLEGE FUND LAUNCHED

"Methodist College enriches our lives by its contributions to our cultural, civic and academic climate. We have watched her grow from an idea to a reality, from a spadeful of dirt to a campus full of students," states Clark.

"The college needs more than our applause for jobs well done. Our college needs our continued financial support to adjust to the spiraling inflation rate."

According to current figures, over 750 students from various parts of the state and nation bring over \$1 million in annually to Fayetteville tuition, board and room. These students spend an additional quarter of a million dollars on books, clothing and entertainment.

Another \$1 million enters the Fayetteville economy from the 120 staff and faculty members at Methodist who spend and save in Fayetteville.

First-day totals are expected to top the \$100,000 mark, according to campaign officials.

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MONARCH BASEBALL
'LOOKING GOOD'

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"The key to the pitching staff are the freshman. They anchor the staff with four young talents that have great potential," states Austin.

Dewayne Grimes, a right-hander from Ocoee, Fla., is a probable starter for the Monarchs. Grimes led the team during the

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fall season and Coach Austin expects good pitching from Grimes this spring. Left-hander Dean Buck entered school this semester after graduating from Durham Technical Institute. Buck hails from Durham.

Terry Watson and Steve Myers add potential to the pitching staff. Watson is a native of Madison, Va., and Myers also played for Coach Austin while at Bishop Moore High School.

Possible help could be coming from senior Rick Ketchem, who is currently coaching J.V. Basketball. Ketchem is a senior from Chesapeake.

The Monarchs lost two outstanding pitchers in David Flowers and Norman Paytes. Flowers, of Lumberton, was drafted by the Montreal Expos professional baseball team. He has been a mainstay on the team for the past three years. Paytes, a sophomore from Orange, Va., was severely injured in an automobile accident on New Year's eve. He was 2-1 last spring with an ERA of 2.59

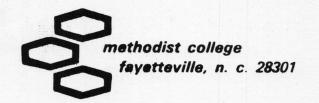
Coach Austin will go with four starters while carrying three mid-relievers and one short reliever. Coach Austin stated, "The pitchers are the key to our success this season. The kids are working very hard and I am excited."

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FIRST-DAY TOTALS FOR
METHODIST COLLEGE CAMPAIGN
AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

FAYETTEVILLE--Pledge totals for the Methodist College 1980 Loyalty Campaign are running 5% ahead of the 1979 campaign totals after the first-day results were tabulated, according to Dr. Charles Speegle, campaign coordinator.

"The total amount received thus far is \$74,200," stated Dr. Speegle.

"This figure reflects \$31,000 is restricted funds and \$42,400 in unrestricted funds."

The campaign goal is \$120,000 in unrestricted giving to meet the community pledge for annual support of Methodist College.

Over 20% of the pledge cards are in with an average gift of \$150 tallied.

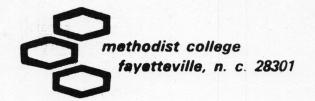
Methodist College Foundation president Marie Stewart presided at the kick-off breakfast Tuesday for the 150 members of the Developmental Team who canvassed Fayetteville businesses for financial contributions for the college.

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February 21, 1980

ST. ANDREWS UMW AWARD CHARLES OTT SCHOLARSHIP

FAYETTEVILLE--United Methodist Women at St. Andrews UMC in Fayetteville have awarded the Charles Ott Scholarship to Lora Jane Pyle, freshman at Methodist College.

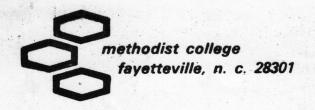
The scholarship was established to honor the late Dr. Charles Ott, first faculty member at Methodist College, who was an active member of the St. Andrews Church.

Ms. Pyle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pyle of Fayetteville and a graduate of Pine Forest Senior High. Active in Methodist Youth groups and the St. Andrews Choir, Ms. Pyle performed with the Pine Forest Chorus.

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METHODIST COLLEGE CHORUS LEAVES ON TOUR

The Methodist College Chorus of Fayetteville, N.C., will present a concert tour of sacred music at selected churches

North Carolina and South Carolina during the college's spring break,

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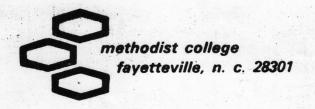
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Director Alan Porter is a native of McKeesport, Pa., and has been a member of the Methodist College music faculty for seventeen years.



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Holding a Bachelor's degree in vocal music from Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, and a Master of Music (with performance honors) from the University of Illinois, Porter teaches Voice, Conducting, various other music courses, and directs the Methodist College Hand Bell Choir.

A lyric tenor, Porter is a well-known recitalist and clinician in eastern North Carolina and serves as Choir Director for the Fayetteville Theater and the Fort Bragg Playhouse.

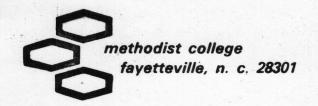
The concerts will include choral works from the various historical periods. While some pieces will be sung a capella, the chorus will be accompanied at various times by piano or organ. The keyboard accompaniments will be played by various chorus members, including Meg Hyde, Beverly Moyland and Jo Tarkington. Among the highlights of the program will be Te Deium Laudamus by Hayden, It Is A Precious Thing by the Moravian composer Johann Peter, and If Ye Love Me by Thomas Tallis. In addition the chorus will sing several contemporary numbers in popular style.

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METHODIST COLLEGE PRESENTS
SOPHOCLES' 'OEDIPUS REX' TO
PACKED HOUSES

FAYETTEVILLE--Methodist College theatre students presented the classic Greek drama Oedipus Rex to a packed house on Thursday and Friday evenings, February 21 and 22, in Reeves Auditorium.

Jeff Cavano, senior from Fayetteville, N.C., was cast in the title role as Oedipus. Cavano, son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Cavano, Jr., has starred in previous Methodist College productions as Yellow Feather in "Little Mary Sunshine," as Chaunticleer in "Canterbury Tales," and as Marc Anthony, Shylock and Petrucio in "Brush Up Your Shakespeare." A graduate of Terry Sanford Senior High School, Cavano is an English major scheduled for May graduation from Methodist.

Director of theatre arts, Jack Peyrouse, directed the Fayetteville production of Sophocles' <u>Oedipus Rex</u>. Daniel Serrano of Spring Lake served as assistant director.

The large turnout for "Oedipus Rex" was exciting to Peyrouse.

"Reeves Auditorium is both a bain and a blessing sometimes.

Trying to fill the 1120 seats is challenging, to say the least, but playing to a half-filled auditorium is frustrating," says Peyrouse.

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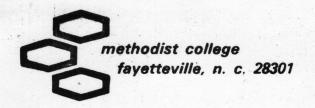
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Full houses are not accidental, however. Dr. Peyrouse set about to both inform and enthuse the public about Greek tragedy in general and Oedipus Rex specifically. Travelling to regional and area high schools, Peyrouse lectured extensively on classical Greek drama. The results? "Overwhelming!" says Peyrouse.

"The students were anxious to see the staging and lighting processes for authentic Greek tragedy. Particularly, I was pleased with their response to the cast. Cavano received a standing ovation."



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While a steady diet of classical Greek drama doesn't seem to threaten the modern theatre, Neil Simon had to step aside for a little while in February to let Sophocles' have a triumphant hour.

Other cast members for <u>Oedipus Rex</u> included Jeneal Whorton of New Bern as Jokasta; Jimmy Vestal of East Bend, N.C. as Creon; Mark Mooney of Baltimore, Maryland as Teiresias; Tanya McClain of Fayetteville as the Priestress; Dave Perry of Fredericksburg, Virginia as the Corinthian Shepherd; Angel Lopez of Fayetteville as the Theban Servant; Clifford Wells of Fayetteville as the palace guard; Laura Hales of Fayetteville as Choregus; Cathy Clayton of Fayetteville as Antigone; and Scotti Sykes of Fayetteville as Ismene.

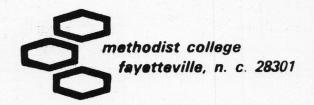
Additional cast members included Champagne Lister of Elizabeth City, Jay Reeves of Clinton, Donald Duff of Mooresville, Deborah Smith of Fuquay-Varina, Maggie Rucker of Red Springs, Elois Gause of Shallotte, Kathy Erranton of Sanford, and Karen Carter, Karl-Michael Kroos, Jennifer Turney, Kathy Southerland, Alice Pearce, Cindy McCall, Eric Hyde, David Smith, Nolan Hyde, Becky and Denis Phalan, James Green, Jamie Sykes, Sylvia Tartt, Mary Pekarski, and Ted Davies, all of Fayetteville.

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The Methodist College chorus will conduct its 15th annual spring tour March 5-9, performing in churches throughout North Carolina and South Carolina.

Alan Porter directs the 35 member choral group, whose members represent a number of states and one foreign country.

Concerts will include choral works from various historical periods highlighting the compositions of Haydn, Peter and Tallis.

The spring tour runs concurrent with the yearly spring break on the Methodist campus.

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TO NATIONAL POST

METHODIST PROFESSOR ELECTED

FAYETTEVILLE--Dr. Garland Knott, professor of religion at Methodist College, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the United Methodist Association of Professors of Religious Education.

The association boasts 100 chapters in colleges and seminaries across the United States and will hold its annual convention in August at Estes Park, Colorado.

Dr. Knott has been at Methodist for 16 years and has authored numerous publications for use in religious education nationwide.

A graduate of Mississippi State University, Dr. Knott holds advanced degrees from both Emory University and Boston University.

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METHODIST COLLEGE WOMEN TAKE
STATE BASKETBALL TITLE

Fayetteville - Methodist College Women just keep on winning, capturing the NCAIAW Division III State basketball championship and securing a berth in the Regionals in Maryville, Tennessee.

This marks the second state championship for the Lady Monarchs this year, the first being the NCAIAW State volleyball title in November. Rookie coach Laura Ferrell has led both teams to state titles in her first year out of Campbell University.

"Methodist is full of potential," says Ferrell. "I'm just taking advantage of it."

"These girls are superior team players and strong in fundamentals. Attitude is a real strength."

The Monarchs defeated UNC-Greensboro to cap the NCAIAW title, after losing to the Spartans twice in regular season.

"I think we're too good a team to beat three times," Coach Ferrell told her girls before the game. Her words prove prophetic.

Ferrell's Monarchs stand 14-7 overall and approach the AIAW
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Player Commentary by Coach Ferrell

Illean Phillips - Center - 6'0" - Jr. - Farmville, N.C.

"Transferring from Campbell University, Illean has developed confidence in her playing ability. She is an outstanding rebounder and aggressive defensive player."

Priscilla Rickenbacker - Guard - 5'7" - Ereshman - Kings Mountain, N.C.

"Priscilla has made the adjustment to college basketball well, having matured into a good shooter and a good defensive player. She man-

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Barbara Buie - Forward - 5'7" - Senior - Olivia, N.C.

"An All-NCAIAW Tournament selection, Barbara is a consistent player on both ends of the court. Her shooting percentage is greatly improved."

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"An All-NCAIAW Tournament Selection, Connie is one of the finest female players in N.C. She's our team quarterback; her passing ability and court leadership has turned this team into a state and regional contender."

Ethel Ferrell - Forward - 5'10" - Jr. - Pittsboro, N.C.

"Ethel is a clutch player and has contributed a great deal at 6th man position. She's a mature, determined player."

Janet Doss - Guard - 5'3" - Sr. - Dobson, N.C.

"Janet is a state champion in two sports - volleyball and basket-ball - this year. She has great leadership on and off the court."

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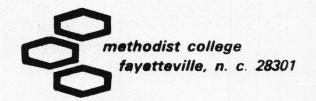
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MARSELENE STANLEY NAMED SENIOR SWEETHEART AT METHODIST COLLEGE

Fayetteville - Marselene Stanley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius G. Stanley of Shallotte, has been crowned Senior Sweetheart at Methodist College.

A social work major, Ms. Stanley is active in the Ethos Club, Student Union Board, Omicron Delta Kappa national honorary and Garber Dorm Council.

Ms. Stanley was one of 12 nominees for the Senior Sweetheart title given on Valentine's Day. Members of her court were Becky Suggs of Snow Hill, first runner-up; Denise Lugo of Fayetteville, second runner-up; and Karen DiDolci of Bloomington, N.J., third runner-up.

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