

On Campus

MC Ambassadors Reach Out

by Kimberley Shackelford

Methodist College is fortunate to have an elite group of student representatives--The Ambassadors. The Ambassadors were founded in the Spring of 1992--their mission: to seek and recruit prospective students. The Ambassadors are current Methodist College students with a desire to share the advantages of life at Methodist with prospective students. A few of their many duties are guided tours of the campus, housing prospective students for overnight visits, phonathons, and mass mailing projects.

Becoming an Ambassador is not an easy task. Because Ambassadors must represent the epitome of the Methodist College student they are carefully screened by the Admissions Office. Once admitted, Ambassadors must maintain a suitable grade point average, attend scheduled organizational meetings, and render enough services throughout the semester to maintain their organizational standing.

Ambassadors reap the benefit of their involvement in many ways, in particular, the development of a more professional attitude and the satisfaction of knowing that they have made a difference in their world--Methodist. For those who are interested in becoming an Ambassador, applications can be picked up from the Admissions Office.

Mason Amuses... With Help



From The Puppet's Eye

Comedian/ventriloquist/pianist Taylor Mason flew into town on January the 28th for an 8 p.m. show at Methodist. Boy, were his hands tired (Sorry, couldn't resist)! After barely missing the water tower/control tower at the airport, Taylor turned up at the Lion's Den, where he was greeted by a sizable audience.

Taylor's comedy routine was a hit with all present. He tackled a wide gamut of topics, from the women working at 7-11, to "Dr. Death", Jack Kevorkian, McDonald's, fishing sportscasters, and naturally, life at college. A strange combination, indeed, but by the end of the first 15 minutes, the crowd was in stitches.

And then, Romeo appeared. Romeo the puppet cracked everybody up with his antics, particularly with his constant attempts to pick up one of the female audience members. Later on, Juliet (who

else?) appeared with Mason's "Nazi baby" puppet. This trio of puppets served up humor on a sizzling hot plate, but the real highlight was Mason's singing routine.

As if his impressions of R.E.M., Prince, the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Bob Dylan weren't enough, he went right ahead and with his impression of Aerosmith doing the "Flintstones" theme. Hard to imagine? Well, instead of "Jannie's got a gun...", try "Pebbles's got a gun, Bam-Bam's on the run..." How did it go down with the crowd. They loved it. Besides that, Mason's composition, "I'm A Happy Blues Man" threw all conventions about blues music out the window (Sample line: "I've got no problems, my life's in order...").

All good things must come to an end, and this show was no exception. After about an hour-and-a-half of side-splitting entertainment, Taylor Mason called it a night.

"Running Start" Encouraged At Opening Convocation



Students laugh it up at convocation.



by Jessica Kiser

Students who attended the Opening Convocation February 1 were encouraged to get a "running start" on their spring semester. Mr. Parker Wilson, the faculty marshal, warmed up the crowd by performing a rap song which encouraged students to work hard and explain their "tardies" by saying "you've been at Har-dees."

The light-hearted mood of the event continued as Mr. Horace Davis, director of the Department of Community Relations for Carolina Power and Light Company delivered an address. Davis used

numerous jokes and stories to point to the three things which he said keep students at Methodist College moving. "First, you care about people. Secondly, you have committed your lives and work to lifting people up and caring about them. Finally, there is a spirit of community here that brings people together just as we have done for this Opening Convocation."

Mr. Wilson dismissed the convocation by reiterating the Convocation theme: "Hit the ground running, and get a running start."



Mason Captures The Lion's Roar