



Larry Frazier teaching at Reid Ross Junior High School.

Clubs Nominate Candidates for Homecoming King and Queen

Twenty-two groups, ranging from Tri Beta and ODK to all four residence halls, have chosen nominees for the Homecoming Court. Voting will take place on Thursday, October 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The nominees are as follows:

Accounting Club:

Krista Riley

Beta Beta Beta:

Leann Gaby
Richard French

Cheerleaders:

Sandy Stevens
Lynell Johnson

Chemical Society:

Paula Carter

Christian Life Council:

Amanda Cook
Joey Douglas

Cross Country:

Jessica Houltra
Ben Sentz

Cumberland Hall:

Heather Owens
Rick Brown

Garber Hall:

Angie Conrad
Jay Kirkpatrick

Lambda Chi Alpha:

Pam Edwards
Matt Melvin

Methodist College Chorus:

Wyndee Owen

**Tim Belflowers
Omicron Delta Kappa:**

Kelly Sapp
John Hawkins

Pi Kappa Phi:

Heather Hyslop
Marc Tyndall

Political Science Club:

Pamela Johnson
Jason Fank

Reserve Officers Training Corps:

Tracy Garnett
David Leach

Student Council for Exceptional Children:

Rhonda Adams

Student Education Association:

Dorian Droege
Shane Gravitt

Student Government Association:

Dawn Thompson
Rob Foreman

Sanford Hall:

Kelly Canney
Jeff Hawes

Student Activities Council:

Cathy Clayton
Billy Holbrook

Students in Free Enterprise:

Jenny Cummings
Robbie Barnhill

Tennis:

Abigail Findlay
George Hendricks

Weaver Hall:

Anne Thorpe
Eric Holle

Methodist Alumnus Inspires Future Teachers

by Linda C. Welch

On September 3 Methodist College alumnus Larry Frazier presented a lecture entitled "The Teaching of the Exceptional Student" to Dr. Cline's special education class. Mr. Frazier spoke about his first-hand experiences as an exceptional student.

Mr. Frazier has *Arthrogryposis-Congenta*, a condition which disabled his hands and legs. Now teaching English at Reid Ross Junior High, he has been a teacher in Fayetteville for twenty years.

Mr. Frazier told the class that he did not always want to teach but that he always enjoyed science and math and feels he would have been a science major if he had had the use of his hands. It wasn't until he was a junior in college that he decided to teach English.

He recalled his early homebound schooling and explained that he was mainstreamed in his senior year of high school. His account, intimate and personal, was aimed at helping the class understand what it means to be handicapped in the educational system.

Larry was born in Phoenix, Arizona in 1947. His family moved to Fayetteville when he was two years old. He spent much of his early childhood in hospitals.

He shared his memory of the warm and genuinely caring nurses at the Shriner's Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina. His parents divorced when he was 12 and he went to live with his father in Phoenix, Arizona where he was educated at home until he attended Carl Hayden High School as a senior.

Mr. Frazier explained that he didn't find much difficult in being mainstreamed. At the high school he didn't need to worry about handicapped accommodations. He went on to say that he probably suffered what most adolescents do: not knowing what he really wanted but eventually wanting to marry and have children.

During high school, he once asked a girl for a date. She turned him down and the word quickly spread across campus. He didn't try to date again until college. Then he was delighted when he was asked out on his first date.

Finally settling in Fayetteville, Mr. Frazier graduated from Methodist College in 1970. He explained to the class that as a freshman his grades suffered from his lack of effort. He stated that his attitude and grades improved when he decided to become a teacher.

Mr. Frazier said it took determination to attend Methodist College since there are no handicapped accommodations. He explained that he had counted on strong friends to lift his manual wheel-chair. "A young handicapped student may not be as determined as I was," he said.

Mr. Frazier admitted to the class that he has grown more "militant in his advocacy for the handicapped." He explained that awareness of the handicapped is marked with reluctance, insensitivity and callousness. "The educational system should be *avant garde*, guiding the rest of the community toward more understanding of the disabled," he said. He went on to say that Reid Ross Junior High had only recently added a handicapped parking space and he

had worked there for 2 years. He added that the two narrow handicapped parking spaces at Methodist College should be replaced by one larger, more effective one and asked that faculty and students refrain from parking in the reserved spaces.

Mr. Frazier told the class that he prefers a positive portrayal of the handicapped in movies such as *Joni* over the negative portrayal expressed in *Mr. Left Foot* and *Born on the 4th of July*. He states that Hollywood needs to take a more balanced look at the handicapped and show both good and bad personality traits.

Mr. Frazier explained that he is not easily intimidated when he teaches. He stated that the worst handicaps we have are mental barriers. "You are what you think you are." He said he is a strict disciplinarian and not afraid of anyone in the classroom. "You don't have to use force, you just have to be forceful," he said.

Mr. Frazier's hobbies include painting with water colors and etching with a woodburning pencil. He holds his tools in his mouth. He invented a fishing pole holder which allows handicapped persons who do not have the use of their arms to cast and to reel with their mouths.

An aspiring poet, his "Alone, Waiting for the Light" was published in 1975. He has written enough poems to fill a book for his wife Kay. Married 14 years, Larry and Kay Frazier are the proud parents of Aaron, age 1, and Laura, age 5. Mr. Frazier stated that he would like to provide his children with a good education and that the main thing he hopes to teach them is to grow up to be nice to people.

SEA Leads The Way For Homecoming 1990

The Student Education Association held its first meeting of the year in late September. The officers elected for the 1990-91 club year were as follows: President, Shane Gravitt; Treasurer, Laure Shumacher; and Public Relations, Lisa Chavez. Dr. DeLapa, Director of the Division of Education is the club advisor.

For homecoming events the SEA has chosen Dorian Droege and Shane Gravitt as its candidates for Homecoming Queen and King. The club is very proud to have these two fine, studious members represent the SEA. The SEA is planning the best and most popular event for homecoming. SEA will sell their annual Homecoming Buttons to students, staff, and alumni. Please show your support by buying the famous Homecoming Buttons.

Another event of which the SEA is proud to be a part is the first ever Kiddie Carnival on October 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The carnival will be sponsored by the Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC). A portion of the money will be used for a trip to the convention of the National Council for Exceptional Children in Atlanta. A substantial amount will be donated as seed money to promote handicapped accessibility on campus.

The SEA will have their booth set up to paint clown faces for children. The club would like to thank Laura Zipper for her time and effort in coming out and painting faces for a most heart-warming cause. Please come by the SEA booth and support its effort.