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TORCH LIGHTERS entertain at the Luau which was held last Thursday evening at Pearsall's Pond. The Luau, highlight of Orientation Week, was planned under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Collins.

Rev. Jack Page Speaks Sunday At Convocation

Sunday afternoon at four o'clock the opening convocation for the year 1962-63 at Wesleyan was held.

The guest speaker was the Rev. Jack W. Page, Rocky Mount District Superintendent of the Methodist Church.

His message was delivered to a crowd of parents, faculty, and students. Though the attendance was somewhat diminished by the inclement weather, the message he delivered was most stimulating. It was well indeed for all concerned with education to consider the impetus and hard work required for a verve for knowledge.

Lawrence Gupton presented a solo, "Spirit of God," by Neidlinger, and a pastoral prayer was presented by Dr. Jack Moore, Dean, the invocation having been presented by Dr. Thomas A. Collins, president of the College.

Wesleyan On Poetry Circuit

The "Poetry Circuit" has announced the election of Wesleyan as a new member for 1962-63, according to Dr. C. Edwin Harwood, coordinator for the project.

The "Poetry Circuit" consists of eight major colleges and universities in North Carolina and Virginia. It is sponsored by the University Press in conjunction with the Poetry Center of New York City.

Two young poets will be brought each year to the member colleges. Each poet will make the circuit, reading his works and meeting students, faculty, and guests.

This is the second of its kind in the nation and the first in the South.

The participating schools last year were the University of North Carolina, N. C. State College, Woman's College, Davidson College, Wake Forest, Duke, East Carolina and Hollins. The first poet will come during the fall semester.

Senate Meets

A special meeting of the Senate was called on Sept. 14 by Dr. James R. Hailey, Director of Student Life. Alice Kovarco, Student Government Secretary, president in the absence of the SGA President, Gary Garlow.

The meeting resulted in the appointment of a committee to report at the next Senate meeting on the type of Dorm Councils now existing in both the Men and Women's Dormitories, and to make recommendations of any necessary changes.

Other business included the appointment of an elections committee which was requested to outline the year's election procedure, including the "run-off tie" of candidates for vice-president of the sophomore class.

The Senate also approved the yearly budget of the Wesleyan Decree.

Dr. Collins Is Elected

College president, Dr. Thomas A. Collins was recently elected chapter president of the North Carolina Conference Alumni Chapter of Emory University, at their annual dinner meeting at Westminster Methodist Church in Kinston.

Dr. G. Ross Freeman of Atlanta, Georgia, was the featured speaker at the event. Freeman is director of student pastors for Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

Neese, Jerome Named Trustees

Reverend W. J. Neese and Rev. Robert Jerome were elected to serve as new college Trustees by the Methodist Annual Conference, which was held during the summer.

Rev. Robert Jerome, District Superintendent of the Elizabeth City District of the Methodist Church, succeeds Rev. J.D.A. Autry of Hamlet.

Rev. W. J. Neese, pastor of First Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids, was elected to fill the unexpired term of Dr. C. D. Barclif of Fayetteville.

312 Students Enroll For New Term; 11 Additions To Faculty Announced

In two years, Wesleyan enrollment has jumped from the first class of 95 students to an estimated 312 students enrolled this week for the 1962-63 year.

The greatest number of students are residents of North Carolina, but students also come from Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania in large numbers. Of the 312 students that have registered, 125 are freshmen, 37 are transfers and 136 are returning students.

There are 67 freshman men and 58 women on campus. The increased enrollment has put into use all available classroom space. The two dormitories are completely filled.

To meet the demands of the growing college two new dormitories are now under construction. Building progress is slow, but plans include construction of an infirmary and gymnasium in the near future, with a library to be added at a later date.

The two dormitories should be completed by next year in time to accommodate the growing student body.

New Faculty Members

The Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of 11 new members to the faculty for the 1962-63 academic year.

Additions to the English department are Dr. Jack Teagarden, Associate Professor of English, and Mrs. Wallace Johnson, Instructor of English.

Dr. Teagarden obtained his

B. A. from Rollins College and his M. A. and Ph. D. from the University of Tennessee and the University of Florida, respectively.

Mrs. Johnson obtained her B. A. degree from Duke University and her M. A. from the University of Pennsylvania.

New members of the Music Department are Dr. Peter Gerschefski, Assistant Professor of Music, and Laurence Gupton, part-time Instructor of Voice.

Dr. Gerschefski is a graduate of Yale University where he received his A. B. degree. He received his M. A. from the University of Southern California and his doctorate from Florida State University.

Gupton was graduated from Campbell College with an A. A. degree. He attended Westminster Choir College where he received a Bachelor of Music degree and his M. M. degree.

Frank Kalmbach, Associate Professor of Economics, received his B. S. degree from Temple University and his M. A. from the University of Texas. He had one year and a half of Ph. D. study at the University of Texas also.

The Psychology Department is established this year under Dr. Ed Seidel, Associate Professor of Psychology. Dr. Seidel obtained his undergraduate education at the United States Naval Academy. He received an M. Ed. from the University of Maryland and his Ph. D. from Maryland, also.

The Physical Education Department has added Donald Scalf and Mrs. Robert Edge to its staff.

Scalf, Instructor of Physical Education and basketball coach, received his B. S. degree from Wake Forest and his M. E. from

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Dr. Moore Attends Meeting In England

Dean Jack W. Moore was one of 35 American delegates to the Second Oxford Institute on Methodist Theological Studies which was held at Lincoln College, Oxford, England, July 17-27.

Chosen from more than 200 nominees, Dean Moore represented the college in the seminar. One hundred theologically competent professors on the seminary or college level and distinguished pastors from the world over participated.

According to Dean Moore, the purpose of the Institute was to "build a better understanding between the varied groups of World Methodists, and to bring unity by this understanding."

As the Statendam Ship sailed out of New York Harbor on July 6, on its way to London, England, Dr. and Mrs. Moore were filled with excitement about the coming voyage, for it offered luxury and fellowship not to be matched.

On July 13 they at last landed in South Hampden, England, and took a boat-train to London, where they spent four days sight-seeing. While in London they visited Buckingham Palace, where they saw Queen Elizabeth entertaining at a garden party, her guests in full dress. They also saw a musical on the London stage, "The Blitz." They then took a Night Scotsman's train to Edinboro.

While in Edinboro they saw castles, the church where John Knox began the Protestant Reformation in Scotland, Holyrude Palace, the summer palace of the Queen, and they enjoyed the parks which were in full bloom. Then came a steamer trip to Loch Lomond.

Monday brought a train trip down the east coast of England and a new venture they affectionately call "cathedral hopping." Among the cathedrals they visited were Newcastle, Durham, York, Lincoln, Cambridge.

July 17 arrived all too soon. It was time to join the group for Oxford for the Conference. The Conference featured sessions with time for local colleges of Oxford which is independent of the university. The Conference was held at Lincoln College, where Wesley studied.

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Fund Crusade Wins Approval

On Sept. 12, six hours were spent by 1,000 prominent delegates of North Carolina in Raleigh attending a special session of the Annual Conference, deciding whether or not to give Methodist Colleges in Eastern North Carolina \$3 million for their critical physical needs. The issue was passed by a narrow margin voting in favor.

Among the representatives of Wesleyan, Louisiana and Methodist College, were Dr. Thomas A. Collins and Vann Massey, who spoke in front of the group in behalf of Wesleyan.

Those who opposed the plan of giving \$3 million seemed to be headed for a clear victory in the beginning of the meeting, but after lunch the college administrators took hold of the situation by putting through amendments and amendments to amendments. The main amendment was made by Rev. E. C. Crawford who said, "Get this matter back to our people."

An amendment to Crawford's amendment made it possible for the District Superintendents to suggest quotas for the local churches.

The crusade will begin immediately by personal gifts given by the members of some 800 Methodist churches in North Carolina. The money, of which Wesleyan will receive 38.8 percent, is expected to take three years to raise.

Students Named On Dean's List

Winni Stine, Gayle Felton and Lucy Hinson were recently named on the Dean's List for the summer school session.

One hundred eighteen students registered for the first summer session. Of this number, 51 registered for college credit and 67 for the College Preparatory Reading-Writing Laboratories.

Two 'A' Students

Seventeen students appeared on the list for the Spring Semester of 1962. Two students maintained a straight "A" average, Betty Anderson of Richmond, Va., and Gayle Carlton Feldon of Tarboro, N. C.

Others included on the list are Bobby Hayes, Edward Hopkins, Etta Brokne Spivey, John Fleming, Vicki Taylor, Alice Kovarco and Mona Cozart.

Larry Denton, Christine Braswell, Bill Hoyle, Helen Jackson, Louise Kepley, Joan Lamberth, Gwen Joyner, and Robert Stephens complete the students honored.

To qualify for the Dean's List a student must carry a full academic load and maintain a minimum average of 3.2 quality points.

Welcome New Students