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METHODIST ANNOUNCES YOUTH THEATRE CLASSES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--The Methodist College Theatre Department will offer two series of youth theatre classes during the 1989-90 school year.

Both series will be taught by Mr. Robert Bloodworth, theatre and communications instructor at Methodist. Bloodworth is a professional actor and former television producer.

Creative Dramatics classes for 7-12 year-olds will be offered Mondays, 4:30-5:30, Sept. 11-Nov. 13. Formal Dramatics for 12-17 year-olds will be offered Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30, Sept. 13-Nov. 15.

Both classes will be held in Room 123 of the Reeves Fine Arts Building. The cost is \$60 per class and registration will be limited to 15 students.

The youth theatre classes will stage two productions during the fall semester--a Halloween production and a Christmas pantomime production. Auditions for the Halloween production will be held Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. in Reeves-123. Auditions for the Christmas production will be held Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. in Reeves-123.



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METHODIST TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR BICENTENNIAL PLAY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Methodist College will hold open auditions Aug. 28 and 29 for "The Patriots," Sidney Kingsley's play about the men who wrote the U.S. Constitution.

Auditions will be held from 4:00-5:30 p.m. and 7:30-9:00 p.m. each day in Reeves Auditorium. A cast of 35 persons will be needed for the Oct. 13-15 production of "The Patriots" -- a joint effort by the Methodist College Theatre Department and the Cumberland County Bicentennial Committee.

"The Patriots" is a Pulitzer Prize winning play which dramatizes America's formative years and the conflict between Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton.



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METHODIST COLLEGE JOINS U.S. CONSTITUTION CELEBRATION

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--The Methodist College Theatre Department and the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Bicentennial Committee have joined forces to help Cumberland County and the Cape Fear region celebrate North Carolina's ratification of the U.S. Constitution. The ratification occurred Nov. 21, 1989 in Fayetteville, the state capital at that time.

The college's major contribution to the celebration will be a production of The Patriots, Sidney Kingsley's Pulitzer Prize-winning play which dramatizes America's formative years and the conflict between Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton. Matinee performances for area school children will be held Oct. 12-13 at 9 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Other performances will be held Oct. 13-14 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 15 at 2 p.m.

Other events taking place during the celebration include a touring Constitutional Fashion Show featuring 1790-1800 costumes designed by Roberta High; a French dinner with George Washington Lafayette (Chris Ward) on Oct. 13; a touring docu-drama on the French Revolution; and a colonial supper with Martha Washington (Betsy Dunn), Patsy Jefferson (Jane Sellars Collier), and Dolly Madison (Pinky Jackson) on Oct. 14. Theatre students will operate a Colonial Gift Shop in conjunction with the activities in Reeves.

The dinners will be served in the south lobby of Reeves Auditorium. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations are required.

For more information contact the Bicentennial Box Office at 488-7110.



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METHODIST BEGINS 30TH YEAR

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Methodist College enrolled 1,461 students for the fall semester, a decrease of 4 percent over last year.

The college began its 30th academic year August 23 with 994 students in the day program and 467 students in the evening program. The day enrollment increased 4 percent over Fall, 1988, while the evening enrollment declined 18 percent. A total of 480 students are living on campus, 9 percent more than last fall.

Methodist enrolled 389 new freshmen and transfer students. Of that number, 230 are residential students and 159 are commuting students. The new students represent 27 different states and seven foreign countries.

The average SAT score for the freshman class is 901. The college received 1,345 applications for the fall semester, for an increase of 7.5 percent from last year.

College President Elton Hendricks, now beginning his seventh year at Methodist, notes this will be an important year for the college. On Saturday, September 9, the college will play its first home football game against Cumberland College (Williamsburg, KY). In January, the college will occupy its new \$3.8 million Physical Activities Center.

This fall the college launched the Atlantic Coast Center for Language and Culture (a program of American studies for international students) and a new writing major.

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Twenty-eight new persons have joined the college faculty. In addition, the following have been promoted: Dr. Linda Sue Barnes, from associate professor to full professor of biology; Dr. Ken Collins, from assistant professor to associate professor of religion; Mr. Alan Porter, from associate professor to full professor of music; Dr. James Ward, from assistant professor to associate professor of English.

Kevin Carlson, a senior from Palmyra, NY, is serving as president of the Student Government Association. The SGA and the Homecoming Committee are already making plans for Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 27-29.