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Bill Billings

September 3, 1990

News Bureau Director

METHODIST ENROLLS 1,280 FOR FALL SEMESTER

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Methodist College enrolled 1,280 students for the fall semester. The college began its 31st academic year with 972 students in the day program and 308 students in the evening program.

Day enrollment fell two percent from fall 1989, while evening enrollment declined 34 percent. College officials had expected a slight decline in the day program, because the number of high school graduates has been declining nationally since 1988. The recent deployment of troops from Fort Bragg to the Middle East caused substantial losses to the evening program.

The number of students living on campus reached 495, the largest number since 1969. "Methodist has experienced its eighth consecutive year of increased residential enrollment," noted College President Elton Hendricks. "This can be attributed to continued improvement in retention and to a large freshman class."

Methodist enrolled 405 new students for the fall semester, four percent more than last year. The new students represent 29 different states and 10 foreign countries.

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METHODIST COLLEGE STUDENT WINS POETRY AWARD

FAYETTEVILLE, NC - Cathy Pospichal, a sophomore at Methodist College, recently won Third Prize in Lyric magazine's 1990 College Poetry Contest.

The Fayetteville resident won the award with a poem entitled "Persimmon Creek." The poem was selected from 900 entries and will be published in the Fall 1990 issue of Lyric.

Ms. Pospichal is an English education major. Dr. Michael Colonnese describes her as "one of my best creative writing students."

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(A copy of the prize-winning poem is attached.)

ospichal

- by Cathy Pospichal

Persimmon Creek

A creek rises from the side of a big slope
on Uncle Billy's place,
where it cools the whitewashed springhouse
along with whatever watermelons
might be waiting there.

Spilling out from the darkness,
water seems to blink for a moment in sunlight
before hurrying down hill to the meadow,
rushing through red clay banks,
crumbly undercuttings,
dangerous beneath their disguise
of coarse grass and thistle.

The creek shoots deep and straight,
under the fence, into Daddy's pasture
until it slows, broadens, warms,
under the influence of the cow's soft
hypnotic gazes.
They drink with long lazy tongues
and water laps at their legs,
before it slips under the bridge.

Relaxed, shaded from the glare of the sun,
it seems to lie back like a woman
in a shadowy cotton dress
and sings soft bubbling songs.
Finger roots of persimmon trees
stroke it into flowing braids,
as it ripples through dense
green woods to the river.

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September 19, 1990

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MONARCH PLAYMAKERS TO OPEN SEASON WITH COMEDY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Monarch Playmakers at Methodist College will present Eric Overmyer's comedy "On the Verge" Oct. 5-7 in O'Hanlon Amphitheater.

"On the Verge" chronicles the exploits of three Victorian lady explorers who are propelled 67 years into the future through encounters with 20th century artifacts. Paul Wilson, assistant professor of theater and speech, is directing the production.

Written by a former script writer for the TV show "St. Elsewhere," "On the Verge" satirizes modern "slanguage" and man's attempts to control his environment by creating modern gadgets. The Victorian women take their journey through the future in stride, with Fanny and Alexandra settling down in 1955 and Mary resolving to push on.

Cast members include: Amy Currie as Alexandra, Tracy Maness as Fanny, and Patrice Spangler as Mary. Timothy Callahan plays Alphonse, Grover, Mr. Coffee, and other colorful characters.

The show times are 8 p.m. October 5 and 6 and 2 p.m. October 7. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens.

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ANNE THORPE NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Anne Thorpe of Dublin, Ireland has been named to the 1990 Summer Semester Dean's List at Methodist College in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

To merit inclusion on the Dean's List a student must achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average on a 4.0 scale while taking an academic load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of D, F, or Incomplete.

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METHODIST COLLEGE RELEASES SUMMER PRESIDENT'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Nine students were named to the President's List at Methodist College for the Summer, 1990 Semester.

To be included on the President's List, a student must achieve a perfect 4.0 grade point average (straight A's) on 12 or more semester hours of course work.

The following students earned a place on the President's List:

CAPE FEAR REGION

Fayetteville: Deborah D. Kent, James J. Rapalje, Karol Thompson, Devita Cain Widmer, and Steven D. Williams.

Pope AFB: Carolyn E. Jackson.

Fort Bragg: Tina M. Trainor.

Laurinburg: Thomas R. Cotton.

Proctorville: Melody W. Parnell.

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METHODIST COLLEGE RELEASES SUMMER DEAN'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Thirty-four students were named to the Dean's List at Methodist College for the Summer, 1990 Semester.

To be included on the Dean's List, a student must achieve at least a 3.2 (B) average on a 4.0 scale while taking an academic load of 12 or more semester hours, with no D, F, or Incomplete.

The following students earned a place on the Dean's List:

CAPE FEAR REGION

Fayetteville: Kyle J. Adrian, Tammy J. Alvis, Sasan S. Araghi, Janet L. Beatty, Charles E. Brown, Terry D. Cathey, Franklin E. Caufield, Amy M. Cook, Robert D. Hamilton Sr., Kelly Jackson, Hyon Jackson, Lisa A. Johnson, Paula Johnson, Donald S. Kline Jr., Emma G. Marquez, Gregory A. Melvin, Gregory B. Mulligan, Caroline Orama, Jamie L. Papp, Margaret P. Plunkett, Sarah M. Raynor, Gelsumina C. Saucer, Delores B. Strickland, Rex T. Thomas, and Keith Winter.

Elizabethtown: Patricia K. Atkinson.

Stedman: Yvonne M. Burdick.

Willard: Norma W. Garcia.

Fort Bragg: Rhonda W. Hagans and Linda K. Karalfa.

Cameron: Michael H. Johnson.

Cumberland: Eric L. Spiwak.

Linden: Dennis Swan.

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September 28, 1990

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COLLEGE SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR BUSINESS AWARDS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist College is seeking nominations for two business awards to be presented at the 17th annual Economic Outlook Symposium Nov. 15.

The Business Person of the Year Award recognizes an executive who has made outstanding contributions to a local business or industry and to the civic and cultural life of the community. The 1989 award was given posthumously to Joe Wiley Stout Jr., the developer of Eutaw and Bordeaux Shopping Centers.

The Entrepreneur of the Year Award recognizes "a risk taker in the free enterprise system, a person who sees an opportunity and then devises strategies to achieve specific objectives." Charles Holt, president of Holt Oil Company in Fayetteville, received the award in 1989.

Award recipients are chosen from nominees submitted to a committee appointed by the Center for Entrepreneurship. Anyone wishing to nominate a person for an award should send a nomination form and supporting material to: The Center for Entrepreneurship, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, NC 28311-1499. The deadline for nominations is Oct. 25, 1990.

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