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**Public Relations Director** 

#### MYSTERY AUTHOR/TEACHER TO LECTURE AT METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Mystery novelist Susan Oleksiw will give a free lecture entitled "Writing the Mystery Novel" Wednesday, April 21 at Methodist College. The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel.

Ms. Oleksiw will also read from her novel *Murder in Mellingham* (1993), the first in a mystery series published by Scribner's and set in a small town on the New England Coast. *Double Take*, the second in the series, is scheduled for release this winter. Her *Reader's Guide to the Classic British Mystery* was published by G. K. Hall in 1988.

In addition to writing mystery novels, Susan Oleksiw reviews fiction and nonfiction for local and national magazines and teaches mystery fiction and writing at Boston area colleges. She has 15 years' experience as a free-lance writer, editor, essayist, and lecturer.

The author received a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in Oriental Studies; her area of specialty is Sanskrit and Indian literature. She has lived and traveled in India and published scholarly articles in her field.

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#### METHODIST COLLEGE TO PREMIERE ORIGINAL PLAY ABOUT SHAKESPEAREAN ACTOR

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College Theatre Department will premiere an original play entitled *The Will of R.D.* or *He Loves His Shakespeare As His Life* April 2-4.

Written by Dr. Jack Peyrouse, professor of theatre and speech, the play chronicles life on the stage as experienced by Shakespearean actor R.D. MacLean from 1887-1945.

The play opens backstage as R.D. is applying his makeup and the crew is setting the scene.

Through a series of flashbacks, the audience shares the joys and sorrows of a classically-trained actor.

The story is set in 12 different states, as well as England and Canada. All events and characters are based on facts gleaned from extensive research by Dr. Peyrouse.

The play stars Robert Bloodworth as R.D. MacLean, Edwina Lindsay as actress Marie Prescott (R.D.'s first wife), and Susan Paschal as actress Odelle Taylor (R.D.'s second wife). Mary Rowland is directing the play and Paul Wilson is the set designer.

The production features R.D. and Company in scenes from the following dramas: Secret Service,
The Heart of Maryland, The Mission Play, The Taming of the Shrew, Julius Caesar, As You Like It,
School for Scandal, and Romeo and Juliet.

The Will of R.D. will be done on-stage, backstage in Reeves Auditorium Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 4 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Reservations are required, due to limited seating. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

R. D. MacLean was born in New Orleans in 1859. He became an avid reader of Shakespeare during his teen years in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. He attended the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia. MacLean was 20 years old when he made his acting debut as Brutus in *Julius Ceasar*. He formed his own touring company in 1886 and spent a total of 36 years performing on

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stage and in films. He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Southern California in 1928.

In 1891, R. D., was quoted as saying, "The Bible is the foundation of religion, and Shakespeare is the foundation of the stage. Take away the Bible and I would repudiate religion: take away Shakespeare and I would renounce the profession."

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**Public Relations Director** 

#### CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP TO GIVE AWARDS AT STOCK MARKET SYMPOSIUM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist College is now accepting nominations for three business awards to be given at its 12th Annual Stock Market Symposium Thursday, April 29.

An Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur Award will be made to a North Carolina resident who owns, has established, or manages a small business. The Award Committee will consider the individual's creativeness, innovativeness, and personal contributions to and involvement with the community.

A Small Business Excellence Award will be made to an outstanding small business employing fewer than 500 persons with annual revenues of less than \$15 million. The Award Committee will consider the creativity of the business, the uniqueness of the product, the employees' welfare, and the contributions of the business to its community.

The Silver Spoon Award, traditionally given at the Stock Market Symposium, will be continued.

This award is given to a person who, "though not born with the proverbial silver spoon in his/her mouth, has originated and built a successful business recognized for its uniqueness in planning, production, or some other aspect of its operation."

April 14 is the deadline for submitting nominations for any of the three awards. Persons wishing to make nominations should submit official forms (available from Dr. Sid Gautam) and supporting material to the Center for Entrepreneurship, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311. For more information, phone Dr. Sid Gautam at 486-1627.

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#### METHODIST COLLEGE ACQUIRES A CHRISTIAN LIBRARY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College recently acquired a rare 30-volume collection of what John Wesley called "the choicest pieces of practical divinity."

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley began compiling *A Christian Library* in 1749. The contents are theological, consisting of sermons, essays, and letters written by Christian writers who lived between the 2nd and 18th centuries.

"These writings are intended to offer the very best in spiritual classics to the average person," wrote Wesley in a preface to Volume 1. The 30-volume set obtained by the college was published by T. Cordeux in London, between 1819 and 1827.

A Christian Library includes a diverse group of Christian writers: for example, Don Juan Avila, Rev. Richard Baxter, Jonathan Edwards, Henry Scougal, Archbishop Fenelon, Anthony Horneck, Macarius of Egypt, and John Norris. The series also contains Wesley's prefaces to major theological works.

Methodist College purchased a re-bound set of *A Christian Library* "in excellent condition" from Rev. George Zimmerman of Greene, New York. The purchase was recommended by Dr. Ken Collins, associate professor of religion and philosophy, and authorized by Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, college president. Dr. Collins said he studied *A Christian Library* when he was a graduate student at Drew University.

Wesley's compilation will be housed in the Lafayette Room for Special Collections in Davis Memorial Library. *A Christian Library* will be used in conjunction with a new religion course (to be taught by Dr. Collins), entitled "The Life and Thought of John Wesley."

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#### METHODIST COLLEGE TO HONOR REV. RUFUS STARK AND REV. E. GLEN HOLT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College will award honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees to the Rev. Rufus H. Stark, II of Raleigh and the Rev. E. Glen Holt of Fayetteville May 16.

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#### CARTER POPE'S SENIOR ART SHOW OPENS APRIL 12 AT METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Carter Calvert Pope, Jr., an art major from Olivia, NC, will open his senior comprehensive art show Monday, April 12 at Methodist College.

A public reception will be held from 4-6 p.m, in the Mallett-Rogers House at Methodist. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Mr. Pope's art works will be on exhibit April 12-19 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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#### CARTER POPE'S SENIOR ART SHOW OPENS APRIL 16 AT METHODIST COLLEGE

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#### STOCK ANALYST TO SPEAK AT METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Robert S. Robbins, first vice president of Robinson-Humphrey in Atlanta, will give the keynote address at Methodist College's 16th annual Stock Market Symposium Thursday, April 29.

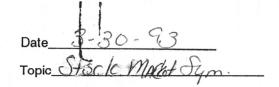
Mr. Robbins, a market strategist and technical analyst, will review the performance of the U.S. Stock Market in 1992 and investment prospects for 1993. In his current position with Robinson-Humphrey, he maintains technical ratings of approximately 250 stocks and develops strategies for institutional and individual investors. His commentary has been featured in national news media, including *USA Today, The Wall Street Journal*, and *Business Week*.

Bob Robbins has worked for Robinson-Humphrey, a subsidiary of American Express, since 1986. He was previously employed as a computer analyst with Citibank, a market technical/energy analyst with Bankers Trust, and an investment strategist with Thomson McKinnon. He holds an M.B.A. from the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration and a B.A. in economics from Dartmouth College.

Methodist College will honor three persons at the 1993 Stock Market Symposium—the Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur and winners of the Small Business Excellence Award and the Silver Spoon Award.

The symposium will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. in the Methodist College Cafeteria, followed by dinner and the program at 7 p.m. Persons who wish to attend should register by April 23 by sending a check for \$12 to Dr. Sid Gautam, Center for Entrepreneurship, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311.

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