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### CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR BUSINESS AWARDS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist College is now accepting nominations for three business awards to be given at its 17th Annual Stock Market Symposium Thursday, April 28.

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 8 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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### CHURCH HANDBELL CHOIRS TO GIVE CONCERT AT METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—More than 275 church handbell ringers will give a free concert Saturday, March 19 during a United Methodist Handbell Festival at Methodist College.

Phyllis Kirk, director of music at Shades Valley Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama, will serve as guest conductor/clinician.

After eight hours of rehearsal over a two-day period, the massed handbell choirs will give a free concert Saturday, March 19 at 3:30 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center at Methodist College. The public is cordially invited. The concert will last approximately 45 minutes.

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### METHODIST COLLEGE PROFESSOR RECEIVES NEH STUDY GRANT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Dr. Michael Colonnese, associate professor of English at Methodist College, has received an independent study grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study journalism in eastern Europe and the former Soviet republics.

The \$3,000 award will support six weeks of independent study, which he plans to carry out this summer. Dr. Colonnese was one of 100 college teachers in the U.S. to receive an NEH Study Grant Award. He will submit a report on his research at the conclusion of the project.

Dr. Colonnese joined the Methodist College faculty in 1989. He directs the writing major at Methodist and teaches courses in creative writing and writing for the mass media. He holds a Ph.D. in English from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

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### **METHODIST COLLEGE DEBATE TEAM FINISHES 5TH**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College Debate Team finished fifth in the Novice Division of the American Debate Association's National Championship Tournament March 5-7. The three-day event was held at James Madison University and drew 64 teams from 24 schools.

The Methodist team of Gene Parris and Todd Lyden completed the preliminary competition with a 5-3 win loss record which qualified them for advancement to the elimination bracket. After advancing to the quarter-final round, they lost a close 2-1 decision to Liberty University, to finish as the 5th place school.

Methodist Debate Coach John Humphreys was pleased with the team's performance in his first year. "This performance at the national championships is very important to us," he said. "In direct head-to-head competition against the best and largest teams in the nation, we learned that Methodist can be very competitive with anyone. This was comparable to the basketball team winning the sweet-sixteen round and advancing to the great eight at the NCAA tournament."

Mr. Humphreys noted that all colleges and universities compete equally on the debate circuit, with no divisions based on school size or financing. He said the Methodist Debate Team had experienced a great deal of growth this year and received strong support from the college library staff and the administration. "We have a terrific foundation and now a record of success to build on that should make us even more competitive in the American Debate Association in the future," he added.

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### METHODIST MUSIC FACULTY TO GIVE RECITAL

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Eleven members of the Methodist College music faculty and staff will give a recital Tuesday, April 12 at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Faculty and staff slated to perform are: Diane Guthrie, soprano; Valerie Oyen-Larsen, mezzo-soprano; Alan M. Porter, tenor; Jane Weeks Gardiner, pianist; Joy Cogswell, pianist; Polly Benton, pianist; Mary Francis Boyce, violinist and violist; Lynda Beard, harpsichordist; Gina Harvey, violinist; Hennigan Kearns, violinist; and Sonia Licata, cellist.

The program features a wide range of music, including works by Mozart, Strauss, Handel, Turina, Vaughan Williams and others.

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### METHODIST COLLEGE CHORUS PRESENTS SPRING CONCERT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College Chorus will present a spring concert Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Alan Porter will conduct the 28-member chorus. The Rainbow's End and The Monarch Quartet—two special ensembles of six and four singers respectively—will also perform. Valerie Oyen-Larsen will accompany the chorus and vocal ensembles on the piano.

Alan Porter is now in his 31st year as choral director at Methodist; he is also head of the Music Department and director of the Fine Arts Division. A Pennsylvania native, Mr. Porter holds a master's degree from the University of Illinois and a bachelor's degree from Mount Union College.

Ms. Oyen-Larsen teaches voice at Methodist, serves as rehearsal pianist and accompanist for the chorus, and directs the Monarch Quartet. She holds degrees from the University of North Dakota, Austin Peay State University, and the Franz Schubert Institute in Austria.

Methodist's chorus and vocal ensembles will present a variety of popular, classical, and sacred works, including a portion of the Brahms *Requiem*, a Swahili hymn, a Baroque piece by Schein, a medley of gospel tunes, and show tunes by Gershwin and Kahn.

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### FUND MANAGER TO SPEAK AT METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Whitney Merrill, director of domestic equity management for Mitchell Hutchins Asset Management, a division of Paine Webber, Inc., will give the keynote address at Methodist College's 17th annual Stock Market Symposium Thursday, April 28. He will review the performance of the U.S. Stock Market in 1993 and investment prospects for 1994.

Mr. Merrill manages \$1.7 billion in assets for the Paine Webber Trust Asset Allocation Fund. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst with 25 years experience in the securities industry. He holds an M.B.A. degree from Long Island University and a B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Methodist College will honor three persons at the 1994 Stock Market Symposium—an Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur and winners of the Small Business Excellence Award and the Silver Spoon Award.

The symposium begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m. in the Methodist College Cafeteria, followed by dinner and the program at 7 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person, payable by April 25. Checks should be made to Methodist College and sent to Dr. Sid Gautam, Center for Entrepreneurship, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311.

Symposium sponsors, in addition to Methodist College, are: The Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce, the N.C. Small Business and Technology Development Center, Paine Webber, and Sprint/Carolina Telephone.

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### MONARCH PLAYMAKERS TO STAGE 'OUR TOWN'

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Florence Cohen will direct Methodist College's Monarch Playmakers in an outdoor production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" April 21-24 in O'Hanlon Amphitheater.

The play will be staged at 8 p.m. April 22 and 23 and at 3 p.m. April 24. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and children.

School matinees are slated for April 21 at 9 a.m. and noon and April 22 at 10 a.m. Admission for these performances is \$1 per person. Teachers may phone 630-7483 to make reservations for school groups.

Director Florence Cohen is well-known to Fayetteville audiences, having directed plays for Monarch Playmakers, Spring Lake Little Theatre, Bordeaux Dinner Theatre, and Mannie's Dinner Theatre in Southern Pines. Of "Our Town," she says, "It's a wonderful play, which gives insight into personal relationships and life in a small town. I played Mrs. Webb in a Fort Bragg Playhouse production in the early 70's and my husband played Editor Webb."

Thornton Wilder's play *Our Town* won a Pulitzer Prize in 1938 and is now considered an American classic. Set in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, in the early 1900's, the play recounts the life the Gibbs and Webb families from childhood through courtship, marriage, and death.

The stage manager who tells the story will be played by Michael Thrash, a sophomore from Fayetteville. Phil Colby, a sophomore from Fayetteville, is Dr. Gibbs and Jeannie Denman, a senior from Slate Hill, NY, is Mrs. Julia Gibbs.

Local children appearing in the production include: Pete Robertson of Pine Forest High, Tami Goodwin of Edgewood Elementary, and Daniel Greene Colonnese who is enrolled in home schooling.

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### DENMAN HAS ROLE IN METHODIST COLLEGE PRODUCTION

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Jeannie Denman, a senior at Methodist College, plays the role of Mrs. Julia Gibbs in a Monarch production of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* April 21-24.

Jeannie is the daughter of E. John and Joan Denman of P.O. Box 213, Slate Hill, NY. She attended Minisink Valley High School.

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