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December 1, 1994

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**RODNEY HARRIS EXHIBIT OPENS DECEMBER 11 AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**---The senior art exhibition of Rodney Harris, a student of Methodist College, opens Sunday, November 11 in the college's Mallet-Rogers House Art Gallery. An opening reception is planned for 2-4 p.m. The exhibition will also be open to the public December 12-December 30 from 2-4 p.m.

Baker is noted for his graphic and sculptural works. His work was displayed along with that of three other Methodist College students earlier this fall at The Arts Center in downtown Fayetteville.

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### **GADDY TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Methodist College will award degrees to approximately 113 students at its 22nd winter commencement exercise Friday, December 16 at 2 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

Mr. Charlie Gaddy, former WRAL-TV news anchor, will deliver the commencement address. A resident of Raleigh, N.C., Mr. Gaddy served as a trustee of Methodist College from 1987-92 and as board chairman from 1990-92.

Rev. Tommy Smith, Fayetteville District Superintendent, North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist College, will award two honorary degrees—a Doctor of Divinity to Rev. Tommy Smith and a Doctor of Humanities to Mr. Charlie Gaddy.



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## METHODIST COLLEGE PLACES 45 STUDENTS ON THE WHO'S WHO LIST FOR 1995

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Forty-five students from Methodist College have been selected for the 1995 edition of *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*.

Selection is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

From Fayetteville: Lauren Adams, Sayeh Araghi, Camisha Bell, Jack Bell, Timothy Benfield, Sherri Carl, Beth Castellano, Mary Choi, Barbara Dietrich, Michael Graham, Rodney Harris, Debra Johnson, Efharis Kelessidou, Marie Lakin, Michelle LeBlanc, Etsuko Martin, Tammy Murphy, Vicki Ronsick, Abeldeliz Rosa, Michelle Sellers, Louis Seymour, Lynly Spencer, Bethany Surridge, Beatrix van Geffen-Merril, Kimberly Weaver.

From Fort Bragg: Allison Thetford, Beth Wackerhagen.

From Spring Lake: Pamela Thibodeau-Dick, Kellie Fernandez.

From Hope Mills: Brenda Faircloth.

From Linden: Robert Corzett, Claudia Herrera.

From Raleigh: Joe Mabilia.

From Salemburg: Andrea Hairr.

From Apex: Britt Morton.

From Jacksonville: Kimberly Miller

From Other Areas: Brian Bishop, Wilbraham, MA.; William Capobianco, Port Richey, FL.; Oliver Champuis, Lyon, France; Jennifer Hersey, Presque Isle, ME.; Kimberly Lovely, Little Ferry, NJ.; Cassandra Paugh, Harleysville, PA.; Mark Roncace, West Palm Beach, FL.; Christopher Shaw, Burke, VA.; Benjamin Vanness, Anderson, IN.

November 23, 1994

The 1995 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES will include the names of 45 students from Methodist College who have been selected as national outstanding leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Student named this year from Methodist College are: (See attached list)

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1. ~~Ms. Lauren Adams Fayetteville, NC, 28311~~
2. ~~Ms. Sayeh Araghi Fayetteville, NC, 28306~~
3. ~~Ms. Camisha Bell Fayetteville, NC, 28301~~
4. ~~Mr. Jack Bell Fayetteville, NC, 28311~~
5. ~~Mr. Timothy Benfield Fayetteville, NC, 28311~~
6. ~~Mr. Brian Bishop Wilbraham, MA, 01095~~
7. ~~Mr. William Capobianco Port Richey, Florida 34667~~
8. ~~Ms. Sherri Carl Fayetteville, NC, 28311~~
9. ~~Ms. Beth Castellano Fayetteville, NC, 28311~~
10. ~~Mr. Oliver Chapuis Lyon, France~~
11. ~~Ms. Mary Choi Fayetteville, NC, 28307~~
12. ~~Mr. Robert Corzette Fayetteville, NC, 28311~~
13. ~~Ms. Barbara Dietrich Fayetteville, NC, 28311~~
14. ~~Ms. Brenda Faircloth Hope Mills, NC, 28348~~
15. ~~Ms. Kellie Fernandez Spring Lake, NC, 28390~~
16. ~~Mr. Michael Graham Fayetteville, NC, 28303~~
17. ~~Ms. Andrea Hairr Sateburg, NC, 28385~~
18. ~~Mr. Rodney Harris Fayetteville, NC, 28304~~
19. ~~Ms. Claudia Herrera Linden, NC, 28356~~
20. ~~Ms. Jennifer Hersey Presque Isle, ME, 04769~~
21. ~~Mrs. Debra Johnson Fayetteville, NC, 28305~~
22. ~~Ms. Efharis Kelessidou Germany~~
23. ~~Ms. Marie Lakin Fayetteville, NC, 28311~~
24. ~~Ms. Michelle LeBlanc Fayetteville, NC, 28311~~
25. ~~Ms. Kimberly Lovely Little Ferry, NJ, 07643~~
26. ~~Mr. Joe Mabilia Raleigh, NC, 27608~~
27. ~~Ms. Etsuko Martin Japan~~
28. ~~Ms. Kimberly Miller Jacksonville, NC, 28540~~
29. ~~Mr. Britt Morton Apex, NC, 27502~~
30. ~~Ms. Tammy Murphy Fayetteville, NC, 28311~~
31. ~~Ms. Cassandra Paugh Harleysville, PA, 19438~~
32. ~~Mr. Mark Roncace W. Palm Beach, FL, 33415~~
33. ~~Ms. Vicki Ronsick Fayetteville, NC, 28304~~
34. ~~Mr. Abeldeliz Rosa Fayetteville, NC, 28303~~
35. ~~Ms. Michelle Sellers Fayetteville, NC, 28303~~
36. ~~Mr. Louis Seymour Fayetteville, NC, 28301~~
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## **USPTA ACCREDITS METHODIST COLLEGE PROGRAM**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—The United States Professional Tennis Association granted accreditation to Methodist College's Professional Tennis Management Program December 7.

Directed by Dr. Theresa Warrell, the program combines a major in business administration from the Reeves School of Business with a concentration in professional tennis management. Through classes, workshops, and internships, students are prepared for careers as tennis professionals.

"We are proud to be associated with the USPTA," said Dr. Warrell. "Accreditation shows the world that our program meets the standards of excellence set by the world's oldest and largest trade association for tennis-teaching professionals."

Methodist's program is the fifth in the U.S. to be accredited by the USPTA, but only the third offered by a four-year college.\* Accreditation standards require that Methodist's PTM graduates complete 30 weeks of internships and pass the USPTA certification exam.

Since its inception in 1988, Methodist's PTM program has placed 100 percent of its graduates in jobs as tennis professionals. Three 10-week internships, one each summer, put students in touch with tennis professionals in both the U.S. and abroad. In addition, a tennis professional visits the campus each semester to present an educational seminar to PTM students.

Dr. Warrell and her assistant Tom Maze, a Methodist College graduate, are both certified professionals. Having received USPTA accreditation, they said their next goal is to enroll more students. They are also looking forward to Spring 1995, when the college will begin construction of the Richard L. Player, Sr. Golf and Tennis Learning Center.

Persons who would like to receive a brochure and additional information about Methodist's tennis management program may contact Dr. Theresa Warrell at (910) 630-7147 or Tom Maze at (910) 630-7484.

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\* Methodist College is a four-year college of liberal arts and sciences with a current enrollment of 1,700 students.

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## **CHARLIE GADDY ASKS WINTER GRADUATES TO “MAKE A DIFFERENCE”**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Winter graduates of Methodist College were challenged December 16 to make a difference in the world by voting, serving their communities, and showing concern for others.

The commencement speaker was Charlie Gaddy, former news anchor at WRAL-TV in Raleigh and a former trustee of Methodist College. He said today’s college graduates have the power to make the world of tomorrow much better than it is today.

In the first half of his speech, Mr. Gaddy discussed the importance of the press in a free society—as a watchdog over government and a conveyor of truth and vital information. He decried the “confounding arrogance” shown by some in the news business and “a dangerous turn” in television news toward “show business techniques,” as exemplified in programs like *A Current Affair* or *Inside Edition*. Mr. Gaddy said the press can stand some self-analysis and criticism, and that consumers should make their views known to their local newspapers and TV stations.

December graduates were also addressed by Reverend Tommy Smith, Fayetteville District Superintendent, North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Reverend Smith said the graduates would be tempted in the world, just as Jesus was tempted in the desert following his baptism.

“Remember your river experience,” he said. “You’ll need it to live through the tough times. Remember your faith and aspirations...Jesus said pay attention to what’s inside, that which won’t let you rest or give up...Faith is what holds us together.”

Methodist College awarded degrees to 98 persons at its winter commencement. Dr. Elton Hendricks, college president, also presented two honorary doctorates—a Doctor of Divinity to Reverend John Thomas “Tommy” Smith of Fayetteville, and a Doctor of Humanities to Mr. Charlie Gaddy of Raleigh.

Dr. Hendricks presented the Sam Edwards Award to Ricky Darwin John, denoting his selection as the outstanding Evening College student of 1994.

Mrs. Julia Abner, a native of Cuba, presented a Cuban flag to the college. Since 1985, foreign-born graduates have presented the flags of 40 nations to Methodist College at the spring and winter commencements.

Thirty-seven members of the winter class graduated with honors—16 “cum laude,” 11 “magna cum laude,” and 10 “summa cum laude.”



**METHODIST COLLEGE AWARDED DEGREES TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS  
DECEMBER 16, 1994**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Cape Fear Region

Fayetteville: Julia G. Abner, Spanish; Rodney Charles Harris, Art with a Concentration in Sculpture, cum laude; Hector L. Prieto, magna cum laude; Spanish; Maria Elena Fernandez Todaro, Spanish; cum laude; Beatrix Maria Van Geffen-Merrill, History, summa cum laude; .  
Hope Mills: Brenda Sue Faircloth, French.

Other Areas and States

Jeffery D. Baker, Lugoff, S.C., Art with a Concentration in Ceramics; Charles Wayne Marshall, cum laude; Raleigh, N.C., Business Administration; Mark R. Roncace, magna cum laude; West Palm Beach, FL., Religion; Terri Jo Stem, Easton, PA., Psychology with a Concentration in Counseling/Clinical.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Cape Fear Region

Fayetteville: Lauren Barham Adams, Business Administration, cum laude; Sheila Marie Just Arrington, Accounting and Political Science; Josef Bath, Business Administration, cum laude; Jack Newell Bell, Jr., Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Timothy Paul Benfield, Accounting and Business Administration, magna cum laude; Robert L. Billeaud, Jr., Business Administration and Finance/Economics, magna cum laude; Steve E. Black, Business Administration; James Matthew Boucher, Criminal Justice; Steven La Mar Briggs, Business Administration; Melissa G. Burch, Sociology, summa cum laude; John Buzas, Sociology; Patrick A. Cardenas, Business Administration; Beth Ann Castellano, Elementary Education, cum laude; Mary Louise Gilmore Cosby, Sociology; Barbara M. Dietrich, Elementary Education, magna cum laude; Daniel G. Dodd, Business Administration, cum laude; Van Quincy Dues, Accounting; Daniel Stephen Dunham, Physical Education; Carol Henderson Elrod, Sociology, summa cum laude; Christi A Erhart; Elementary Education; Jonathan L. Flynn, Biology; Jeanette Denise Graham, Accounting, cum laude; Charles Ryan Gray, Criminal Justice; Joseph David Hindsley, Jr., Computer Science, cum laude; Ricky Darwin John, Sociology, summa cum laude; Debra Craddock Johnson, Elementary Education, magna cum laude; Robert C. LaMonda, Business Administration; Michelle G. LeBlanc, Elementary Education, Maria A. Garcia-Prieto Male, Criminal Justice; Robert J. Mezera, Accounting and Business Administration, summa cum laude; Tammy Jean Murphy, Chemistry and Mathematics, summa cum laude; Jon Bradley Parker, Sociology; Nathan Allan Pierce, Political Science; Veronica Maria Pilot, Criminal Justice; Daniel J. Plourd, Business Administration, magna cum laude;

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Margie Leigh Rector, Elementary Education; Audra Jackson Renth, Criminal Justice; Sharon L. Revels, Communications; Lisa Ann Roberts, Elementary Education, magna cum laude; Sheri Weeks Rogers, Mathematics; Linda M. Sanders, Business Administration; Marlene Elizabeth Smith Criminal Justice; Robert A. Spatorico, Criminal Justice, magna cum laude; Toshiyasu Suzuki, Business Administration; Amanda Jean Sykes, Business Administration; Elizabeth Margaret Talbott, Elementary Education; Leslie E. Williams, Sociology, cum laude.

Fort Bragg: Jamie Lynn Blackenship, Sociology; Joseph Patrick Brown, Business Administration, summa cum laude; Beth Windley Wackerhagen, Elementary Education, cum laude; Kristin Marie Weidemann, Criminal Justice, magna cum laude.

Sanford: Cheryl L. Blackman, Criminal Justice.

Raeford: Michelle Anderson Givens, Business Administration, summa cum laude; Douglas Anderson Simpson, Physical Education with a Concentration in Sports Management.

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Linden: Claudia Patricia Herrera, Business Administration and Spanish.

✓ Hope Mills: Paula Jean Herring, Business Administration.

#### Other Areas, States, And Countries

Shawn Michael Andrews, Boonville, N.Y. Business Administration; Brian William Bishop, Wilbraham, MA., Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Ronald Erick Brock, Sunbury, PA. Business Administration; Charlene Jon Brophy, St. Charles, IL., Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Brian William Caco, Avon, OH., Business Administration; Roxanne R. Cannaday, Fuquay Varina, N.C., Physical Education; Billy Ray Canterbury, Pence Springs, W.V., History; William Frank Capobianco III, Port Richey, FL., Physical Education, cum laude; Olivier Champuis, Lyon, France, summa cum laude; Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Jody Allen Christopherson, Boonville, N.C., Business Administration; Wayne Allen Foster, Leonard, N.J., Business Administration; Christopher Paul Gillen, Jenson Beach, FL., Communications; Allyson Greer, Millbrook, N.Y., Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; David Zachary Hambrick, Midlothian, VA., magna cum laude; Psychology; Andrew Robert Hartz, Concord, N.H., Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Diann Lee, Raleigh, N.C., Sociology; Richard Gene Lloyd, Delmar, MD., cum laude; Business Administration; Melissa A. Raide, Dundee, N.Y., Accounting; Christopher Douglas Shaw, Burke, VA., Physical Education, cum laude; Trisha Jo Stem, Easton, PA., Elementary Education; Stephanie Jane Thompson, Vero Beach, FL., Mathematics, cum laude; Andrew D., Walmsley, Souderton, PA., Business Administration.

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Fayetteville: Lauren Barham Adams, Associate Degree Concentration in Real Estate; Daniel G. Dodd, Associate Degree Concentration in Civil Engineering Technology; Van Quincy Dues, Associate Degree Concentration Banking and Finance.

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Cape Fear Region

Fayetteville: Melissa G. Burch, Criminal Justice; Jeffrey Dean Darnell, Chinese Mandarin; Evelyn R. London, Business Administration; Hector L. Prieto, English; Roberto Rodriguez, Spanish; Timothy James Schmitt, Business Administration.

Sanford: Sandra Salinas Lane, General Studies.

Fort Bragg: Pedro de la Mar-Lasso, Business Administration.

Spring Lake: Cynthia Darlene Trujillo, Business Administration.

Other Areas and States

William Edgar Cagle III, Seagrove, N.C., Sociology; Larry D. Wright, Olympia, WA., Chinese Mandarin.

## **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE**

Fayetteville: Steve E. Black, Health Care Administration.

Shannon, N.C.: Debra Chamra, Health Care Administration.

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Cum Laude—3.40

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