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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 16, 1995

Bill Billings
Director of Public Relations

WACHOVIA, INACOMP EXECUTIVES TO SPEAK AT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK SYMPOSIUM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—What do business leaders project for the economy in 1996? The president of Wachovia Bank and the chair of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce will give their answers November 9 at the Economic Outlook for 1996 Symposium in Fayetteville.

J. Walter McDowell, president and chief executive officer of Wachovia Bank of North Carolina will discuss the outlook for the nation and North Carolina. Johnny Dawkins, president and CEO of Inacom Computer Center in Fayetteville and Inacom Information Systems of Myrtle Beach, S.C., will offer his predictions for the Fayetteville/Cumberland County economy. Mr. Dawkins is the current chair of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

This year's symposium, the 22nd annual forum/awards dinner organized by the Methodist College Center for Entrepreneurship, will be held at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville. Co-sponsors are the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, the N.C. Small Business and Technology Development Center, Wachovia Bank, and Sprint/Carolina Telephone.

Methodist College will recognize outstanding business achievements in 1995 by presenting awards to: the Entrepreneur of the Year, the Business Person of the Year, an outstanding business student at Methodist (Wall Street Journal Award), and the college's Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year. The community awards will be presented by Mr. Fritz Healy, 1994 Business Person of the Year and Mr. Lewis Jourden, 1994 Entrepreneur of the Year.

Tickets for this year's symposium/dinner are \$15 per person. Reservations can be made by phoning 486-1627 or by writing: Dr. Sid Gautam, Director; Center for Entrepreneurship; Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street; Fayetteville, NC 28311. The last day for registration is November 3. Checks should be made payable to Methodist College.

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Topic Economic Outlook Symp.

James Wood
Yvonne Harris
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October 18, 1995

Bill Billings
Director of Public Relations

N.C. TEACHER OF YEAR TO ADDRESS METHODIST COLLEGE ALUMNI

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—North Carolina Teacher of the Year Vernestine Kent Taylor will be the guest speaker for a homecoming breakfast Saturday, October 28 at Methodist College. The public is invited.

Mrs. Taylor is on leave this year from her job as a mathematics teacher at Hunt High School in Wilson County. She was selected N.C. Teacher of the Year in May and is now a candidate for National Teacher of the Year.

Her Fayetteville appearance was arranged by the Methodist College Teacher Education Alumni Association, of which Sharon Weeding is the president. The breakfast begins at 9 a.m. in the Alumni Dining Room of the Berns Student Center. The cost is \$5 per person. Local residents interested in attending are urged to make reservations no later than Wednesday, Oct. 25 by phoning 630-7167.

A Lucama, N.C. native and the youngest of 14 children, Mrs. Taylor credits her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. James Thomas Kent, with instilling in her the habits and attitudes needed to succeed. She has taught mathematics at Hunt High for the last three years; before that she taught at West Mecklenburg High and at Wake Technical Community College. She holds a bachelor's degree from Elizabeth City State University and a master's from N.C. Central University.

She has expressed the view on several occasions that mathematics teachers need to work harder at building rapport with students. "You have to reach them before you can teach them," she says.

Mrs. Taylor has been active in professional organizations, her church, and the sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha. She has worked as a tutor with the Upward Bound and Summer Migrant programs, and writes inspirational poetry as a hobby. She and her husband Dwight, a teacher and coach at Hunt High, are the parents of a six-month-old daughter.

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Topic Teacher of Year

*Dr. Hendricks
Dr. DeLoach
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Gene Clayton

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 20, 1995

Bill Billings
Director of Public Relations

METHODIST COLLEGE PREPARES FOR HOMECOMING

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College students, alumni, and staff will celebrate Homecoming '95 Saturday, October 28.

This year's theme is "Rock Around the Clock." Reunions are scheduled for the Classes of '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, and '90. A variety of special events has been planned by the Student Activities Council for Homecoming Week. Students will elect a Homecoming King and Queen Friday. The African-American Society will hold a dance in the Berns Student Center Friday night.

Saturday's events begin at 8 a.m., with the third annual William P. Lowdermilk Golf Tournament at King's Grant Golf and Country Club.

A pre-game picnic is slated for 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on the field across the street from Davis Memorial Library. The Methodist College Stage Band will perform during the lunch hour.

The Monarch football team will face the Fighting Scots from Maryville College (Maryville, Tenn.) at 1 p.m. A halftime program will feature the Homecoming Court, the Cape Fear High School Marching Band, and the Methodist College Dance Team.

The Methodist College Alumni Association will hold its annual awards dinner at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Dining Room of the Berns Student Center.

Alumni and current students will gather at the Holiday Inn I-95 Saturday night for the homecoming dance featuring The Drifters ("Up on the Roof," "Under the Boardwalk"). The Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned at 11 p.m.

Dr. Hendricks
Clayton

Bobby Tuggle
Mike Saffery

Date 10/19/95

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Topic Homecoming

Dr. DeLoach
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Jay Dowd

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October 23, 1995

Bill Billings
Director of Public Relations

INACOMP EXECUTIVE PRESENTS GIFT TO METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Johnny Dawkins, president of Inacomp Computer Center and chair of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, made the first corporate gift to the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development today at Methodist College.

Mr. Dawkins presented a Compaq 4666 personal computer system, with hard drive, color monitor, fax modem, and four popular software programs. He said he felt a personal obligation as chamber president to do something for the Tally Center, the first of its kind in this region. "I wanted to make the first corporate gift," he said. "This is one of the most important things I will do as president."

The Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development, which opened this fall with 20 students, offers a three or four-year interdisciplinary program leading to an academic minor in leadership. It is named for a Fayetteville educator and civic leader who served five terms in the N.C. House of Representatives and six terms in the N.C. Senate. Dr. Suzan Cheek, associate professor of political science at Methodist College, is the program coordinator.

"In this gift," said Dr. Cheek, "our leadership students see a leader giving to his community. They will learn many skills through the hands-on applications that this sophisticated machine makes possible. We are deeply grateful to Johnny Dawkins and his leadership of the business community for this first corporate gift to the Tally Center."

Dr. Cheek said Tally leadership students and faculty will use the new computer for decision-making simulations and exercises, word processing, Internet communication, and to build databases for statistical analysis.

Date 10/23/95

Topic Gift to Tally Center

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Director of Public Relations

PAUL WILSON COMPLETES WORK ON Ph.D.

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Paul Wilson, associate professor of theatre and speech at Methodist College, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation October 16 at Florida State University. The Fayetteville resident will receive his Ph.D. in theatre December 16 at FSU.

Wilson's dissertation is entitled "North Carolina Opera Houses, 1878-1921: A Sourcebook for Local Theatrical History." Wilson has taught theatre production and speech at Methodist College for eight years. He is an accomplished actor, director, and playwright.

Date Paul Wilson
Topic 10-26-95

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METHODIST COLLEGE DEBATERS TAKE 'SECOND PLACE' IN TOURNAMENT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Two members of the Methodist College Debate Team recently took Second Place in the Junior Varsity Division of the Mary Washington College Debate Tournament at Fredericksburg, Va.

Todd Lyden and Ha Quach defeated teams from the U.S. Naval Academy and George Mason University before finishing second in the final round to a team from George Washington University. Lyden is a senior from Goldsboro, N.C. Ha Quach is a junior from Fayetteville, N.C.

Methodist was among 16 schools debating this year's national topic: "Resolved, the U.S. should substantially increase its security assistance to one or more of the following: Egypt, Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian National Authority, Syria."

Methodist debaters Alexis Parmenter and David Staiti participated in the Novice Division, where they narrowly missed qualifying by one preliminary round win.

John Humphreys, now in his third year as debate coach at Methodist, said he was "very pleased" with the performance of his debaters, especially the novices, in the team's first outing of the current academic year.

Date 10-26-95

Topic DebatERS

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Dr. Kendrick
John Henshaw
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ERIC RHEW NAMED HOMECOMING KING AT METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Eric Rhew, a junior communications major from Burlington, N.C., was recently voted Homecoming King at Methodist College.

Eric was sponsored by the men's basketball team, of which he is a member. He is the son of Pam and Gary Ball.

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PATTY HOWARD NAMED HOMECOMING QUEEN AT METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Martha "Patty" Howard, a junior from Vero Beach, Florida, was recently voted Homecoming Queen at Methodist College.

An honors student majoring in physical education, Patty was sponsored by the Methodist College Dance Team, of which she is a member. She is the daughter of Dana and Jennie Howard.

Methodist College is a senior coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences with a current enrollment of 1,800 students.

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REV. BILL PRESNELL RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College Alumni Association has awarded Rev. Bill Presnell of Elizabeth City its Distinguished Alumni Service Award for 1995. The award was made at the homecoming banquet October 28.

A 1971 graduate of Methodist College, Rev. Presnell is currently serving the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church as superintendent of the Elizabeth City District. During his 24 years in the ministry he has served churches in Goldsboro, Snow Camp, Maxton, Windsor, and Kitty Hawk.

He was elected a delegate to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church earlier this year and has twice represented the N.C. Conference as a delegate to Southeastern Jurisdictional Conferences. He has served on the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Home for Children and on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

In each of his church communities, Rev. Presnell has worked actively to support programs for youth and the elderly. He has led several study tours to Israel.

While a student at Methodist, Bill Presnell was active in student government and served as president of the Interfaith Council and the Methodist Student Movement; after graduating he became director of Christian Education at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Goldsboro. He subsequently earned his Master of Divinity degree at Duke University.

In 1991, Methodist College awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. Last year he was appointed to the Methodist College Board of Trustees.

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METHODIST COLLEGE ALUMNI HONOR DR. TRYON LANCASTER

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College Alumni Association has presented its Outstanding Faculty Award for 1995 to Dr. Tryon Lancaster, professor of education and head of the Education Department. The award was made at the homecoming banquet October 28.

Dr. Lancaster joined the Methodist faculty in 1991, after working 32 years with the Cumberland County school system as a teacher, principal, and associate superintendent. The Fayetteville native holds degrees from Louisburg College, East Carolina University, and Duke University.

The veteran educator has been very active in professional associations and served for many years as a consultant to the N.C. Elementary Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the agency which evaluates elementary schools for accreditation. He was previously named Educator of the Year by Phi Delta Kappa and a Distinguished Educator by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He has worked with the Boy Scouts, the Mental Health Association, and the Southeast Speech and Hearing Board.

Dr. Lancaster is an active member of the United Methodist Church, currently serving as lay minister at Wesley Heights United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. He has also been a church school teacher, lay leader, and lay speaker.

He and his wife Anne are the parents of four grown children.

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