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December 1, 1995

Bill Billings

Director of Public Relations

PSI CHI INDUCTS TWO STUDENTS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC —The Methodist College Chapter of Psi Chi, a national honor society in psychology, inducted two new members November 17.

They are: Mrs. Darlene Allen, a senior, and Ms. Rhonda Horne, a junior—both of Fayetteville.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 1, 1995

Bill Billings
Director of Public Relations

METHODIST COLLEGE P.A. PROGRAM BEGINS TAKING APPLICATIONS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College will begin taking applications for its physician assistant program December 1. Applications for the first class will be accepted through Jan. 15.

The first group of students will begin the "didactic studies" or professional phase of the program in May. After another year of clinical rotations, Methodist's first class of physician assistants will be awarded B.S. degrees in May 1998.

"We will conduct interviews in March and make our selections shortly thereafter," said Ron Foster, program director. "Letters of acceptance will be sent out in April."

Before the college can accept students, it must first win provisional accreditation of the P.A. program from a national review committee of the Commission on Allied Health Education Programs. The committee will visit Methodist Feb. 1-2 to evaluate the curriculum, staffing, and other resources.

After three years of planning and visiting 11 other schools with P.A. programs, Foster is confident that the review committee will grant the college provisional accreditation. "The committee will return in 1997 for a full accreditation review," he added.

Potential applicants for the six-semester physician assistant program must have been enrolled at Methodist College for one semester and must have completed 81 semester hours of prerequisite courses, meeting minimum grade and time requirements for specific courses.

Students accepted for the professional phase of the program must complete an additional 54 semester hours of course work during the didactic phase and 44 semester hours during the clinical phase.

The director concedes that the program has stiff entrance requirements. "We want to select the finest students we can find and put them through the most rigorous program we can develop to produce health care providers of exceptional quality," he explained.

Foster completed a physician assistant program in Wisconsin. He has 22 years experience as a P.A. and has worked for Methodist College since 1992.

He estimates that 25-30 students currently enrolled at Methodist are eligible to apply for

admission to the P.A. program. "We will probably accept less than half that number for the first class," he added.

The director said the college has received hundreds of inquiries about the P.A. program, some from as far away as Hawaii and Germany. "A lot of military wives have expressed an interest," he noted, "as have EMT's, nurses, lab technicians, and X-ray technicians."

Foster's assistant director, Peter Stanford, began work last summer. A graduate of Duke's P.A. program, he is in charge of the "didactic" or first year phase of the program. Stanford holds a master's degree in health education from U.N.C. and previously worked five years as a P.A. at a rural health clinic in Bluefield, W. Va.

Dr. Christopher Aul, co-founder of the Hope Mills Family Medicine Center, joined the staff in February 1995 as medical director of Methodist's P.A. program. Students will be taught by local physicians employed as adjunct instructors and will do clinical rotations in area hospitals, clinics, and health departments.

As previously announced, the P.A. program will be housed on one floor of a 13,000-square foot allied health building/family medicine clinic to be built on campus. Construction of that facility is scheduled to begin early next year.

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December 1, 1995

Bill Billings

Director of Public Relations

JOHN GRIFFIN TO DELIVER WINTER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC —Methodist College will award degrees to approximately 117 students at its 23rd winter commencement exercise Friday, December 15 at 2 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

Dr. John Griffin, superintendent of the Cumberland County schools, will deliver the commencement address.

Rev. Hope Morgan Ward, pastor of Soapstone United Methodist Church in Raleigh, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 10:30 a.m.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 11, 1995 Bill Billings
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METHODIST COLLEGE PLACES 40 STUDENTS ON THE WHO'S WHO LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Forty students from Methodist College have been selected for the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

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

Cape Fear Region

Fayetteville: Sayeh Saedi Araghi, Tiffany Rae Black, Brandon Todd Bridgers, Lara Bugeja, Kevin Wayne Combs, Daniel Devlin, Susan Embach, Daryl Hales, Monica Helen Herzog, Connie Holloway, Ruth Rachel Keegan, Kristin Klarenbeek, Marie Lakin, Ron Lavoie, Yvonne Pearce, Brunilda Rosa, Linda Spees, Bethany Surridge.

Fort Bragg: Rebecca Boland, Kirsten Pickles.

Spring Lake: Kellie Fernandez

Parkton: Chyenne Brooks

Wade: Jodie Young

Other Areas of the State

Beaufort: Sharnel Dunn; Concord: Darlene Dykas; Goldsboro: Todd Lyden; Greensboro: Derek Tang; Jacksonville: Kimberly Miller, Rebecca Morton.

Other States

Maitland, Fla., Michele Brown; Palm Harbor, Fla., Paul Michael Boehm; Chicago Heights, III., Brett Ciancanelli; Presque Isle, Maine, Jennifer Jo Hersey; Salisbury, Md., Amy Smith; Groton, N.Y., James Case; Holland Patent, N.Y., Mark Andrew Kiser; Boardman, Ohio, Kelly Cap; Middletown, Ohio, Elizabeth Anna Horton; Carlisle, Pa., David Eavenson; Ellwood City, Pa., Kerry Oliastro.

December 5, 1995

Mr. Bill Billings Methodist College 5400 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, NC 283111420

RE: Confirmation & Publicity Release

Dear Mr. Billings:

Your nominations for WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES have been received and approved by the national office. Campus and local publicity on these students should be released as soon as possible. We would appreciate copies of any publicity given these students.

Our organization will contact each nominee in about ten days to secure biographical material for publication in the current book, information for our student reference files, and other pertinent data.

Sincerely,

Beakie Powell Associate Director

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NEWS RELEASE

December 5, 1995

The 1996 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES will include the names of 40 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.

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

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Ms. Sayeh Saedi Araghi-Faux
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     Ms. Kirsten Pickles Ft. Bragg
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     Ms. Amy Smith Salesbury, MD
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METHODIST COLLEGE GRADUATES 107 AT 23RD WINTER COMMENCEMENT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College graduated 107 students at its 23rd winter commencement December 15.

Dr. John Griffin, superintendent of the Cumberland County schools, asked members of the winter class to become true "laborers" by sharing with and helping those in need. He used as his text Matthew 9:37, in which Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few."

Dr. Griffin challenged each graduating senior to take part in the political process, to become a volunteer, and "to reach out and show that you care for others." He said Americans need to change their mode of thinking from "me" to "we" and unite to restore the virtues of caring, integrity, and responsible citizenship.

In her baccalaureate sermon, Rev. Hope Ward, pastor of Soapstone United Methodist Church in Raleigh, urged class members to embrace "the simple and profound wisdom rooted in faith" and to "go forth nobly, humbly, and selflessly." Using as her text Matthew 11:2-19, Rev. Ward said Jesus invites his followers to "stand and shine."

Thirty-one members of the winter class graduated with honors—21 "cum laude," six "magna cum laude," and four "summa cum laude."

College President Elton Hendricks presented the Sam Edwards Award to Mrs. Linda Johnson Hood of Harrells, N.C., denoting her selection as the outstanding Evening College graduate of 1995. Mrs. Hood received a degree in business administration in May and is now employed as the human resources manager at Danaher Controls in Elizabethtown.

Continuing a tradition begun in 1985, two international students presented the flags of their native countries to President Hendricks. Konde Joe Mabiala presented the flag of Zaire and Simone Young presented the flag of The Barbados.

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PLEASE NOTE: A COMPLETE LIST OF GRADUATES IS ATTACHED.

METHODIST COLLEGE AWARDED DEGREES TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ON DECEMBER 15, 1995

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Cape Fear Region

Fayetteville: William N. Andrews, cum laude, *Spanish*; Chris Alexandra Katsoudas, *Art*; Alisdair R. MacDonald, cum laude, *History and Spanish*; Jerry Dean Martin, cum laude, *Political Science*; Oriana Eunice Mellott, cum laude, *French*; Ana María Ruaño, cum laude, *Spanish*; Michelle Ledford Sellers, cum laude, *Business Administration*; Deidra Laverne Vandervort, *Music*.

Lumber Bridge: Yvonne Charmaine Hair, cum laude, Art Education.

Parkton: Anita Nichole Evers, cum laude, Psychology.

Stedman: Laura Garland Flanary, Writing.

Hope Mills: Angela Gay Lauofo, magna cum laude, International Studies.

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Stroudsburg, Pa.: Amy Lychock, cum laude, Art Education.

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Zaire: Konde Joe Mabiala, Criminal Justice.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Cape Fear Region

Fayetteville: James R. Attaway, Business Administration; Tiffany Rae Black, cum laude, Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care Administration; Margaretta C. Blackwell, summa cum laude, Accounting; Brandon Todd Bridgers, Criminal Justice; Kevin Wayne Combs, Chemistry; Robert J. Cooper, Psychology; John Jeffrie Demos, Psychology; Karen R. Dorman, Business Administration; Stefanie Duncan, Physical Education with a concentration in Sports Management; Rhonda Michelle Duryea, Psychology; James William Fair, Jr., Accounting; Sara Beth Falcon, Criminal Justice; James Anthony Godwin, Criminal Justice; Monica Helen Herzog, magna cum laude, Elementary Education; Catherine Mary Horvath, Elementary Education; Derrick Lee Johnson, Criminal Justice; Susan Hayes Johnson, cum laude, Business Administration; Robert Harold Kringel, Jr., Business Administration; Ron Lavoie, Business Administration; Evelyn R. London, Business Administration; Sherry Yvonne Martin, Business Administration; Julie Kristen McLaurin, Elementary Education; Susan Penland Myers, summa cum laude, Elementary Education; Orlando Nieves, cum laude, Business Administration; Karen Ann Rafferty, Elementary Studies; Sophia A. Scott, cum laude, Sociology; Christine Annette Summers, cum laude, Business Administration; Katina R. Thorne, Physical Education;

G. Scott Trahan, *Political Science*; Donna Kay Weisbrod, cum laude, *Special Education*; Karen Lynn Williams, *Business Administration*.

Fort Bragg: Victoria Ann Allen, summa cum laude, *Special Education*; Carlton Lee Beahm, summa cum laude, *History*; Mary K. Campbell, cum laude, *Criminal Justice*; Gerarda W. Suraj Persad, magna cum laude, *Sociology*; Tamara Michelle Shotts, magna cum laude, *Special Education*.

Garland: Vander Ray Outlaw, Jr., Sociology.

Hope Mills: Kyle Howard Capehart, *Criminal Justice*; Teresa Marie Goosley, *Accounting and Business Administration*; Raymond Eugene Gressley, cum laude, *Criminal Justice*.

Linden: Yvette Faye Jackson-Carson, Sociology; Kevin G. Connors, Physical Education.

Parkton: Chyenne J. Brooks, Business Administration.

Raeford: Michael Anthony Hendricks, Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care Administration; Paul Nigel White, Biology.

Sanford: Melissa Collins Thomas, Educational Studies.

Spring Lake: Christine Suzanne Priestley, cum laude, Criminal Justice and Sociology.

Stedman: Stephanie Leigh Garris, Psychology.

Other Areas of the State

Cary: Vickie Renee Loop, Accounting and Business Administration; Jacksonville: Kimberly Anne Miller, History; Rebecca E. Morton, Sociology; Kinston: Troy A. Pennington, Physical Education; Winston-Salem: Gregory Lance Banner, Physical Education; Yadkinville: Jonathan H. Kiger, Business Administration with a concentration in Professional Golf Management.

Other States

Madison, Ala.: Pamela Ivey Cain, Accounting; Gainesville, Fla.: Kevin V.

Dennison, Criminal Justice; Palm Harbor, Fla.: Paul Michael Boehm, Business Administration;

Presque Isle, Maine: Jennifer Jo Hersey, cum laude, Mathematics; Easton, Md.: D. Scott

Kakabar, Business Administration with a concentration in Professional Golf Management;

Salisbury, Md.: Amy Kristen Smith, Elementary Studies; Marshfield, Mass: Raymond

Robert Hayes, Business Administration with a concentration in Professional Golf Management;

Brooklyn, N.Y.: Simoñe Bonita Young, Mass Communications; Forestville, N.Y.: Holly

S. Reslink, cum laude, Sociology; Holland Patent, N.Y.: Mark Andrew Kiser, Physical

Education; Kings Park, N.Y.: Kevin M. Starke, Physical Education with a concentration in

Athletic Training; Williamsville, N.Y.: William Clarke Nebrich, History; Boardman, Ohio:

Kelly Cap, Physical Education with a concentration in Sports Management; Hubbard, Ohio:

Douglas Paul McMullin, Business Administration; Middletown, Ohio: Elizabeth Anna Horton, Biology; Carlisle, Pa.: Brian Keith Trolinger, Business Administration; Ellwood City, Pa.: Randall E. Chesko, Jr., Business Administration with a concentration in Professional Golf Management; Kerry Elizabeth Oliastro, Sociology; Columbia, S.C.: Jane Ruth Beatty, cum laude, Accounting; Lacey, Wash.: Katherine Dunn Ris Hammill, Business Administration; Franklin, W.Va.: Adam Richard Lough, Physical Education; Huntington, W. Va.: James Nelson Whitt, Business Administration with a concentration in Professional Golf Management; Edgerton, Wis.: David W. DiStefano, Business Administration with a concentration in Professional Golf Management.

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