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March 13, 1996

Bill Billings
Director of Public Relations

METHODIST COLLEGE DEBATERS WIN NATIONAL TITLE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College debaters David Staiti and Alexis Parmenter finished first in the Novice Division of the American Debate Association's National Championship March 11, beating a top-ranked team from Liberty University on a 2-1 decision.

Thirty-one schools fielded 101 teams at this year's national tournament, which was held at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Staiti was voted the Best Speaker in the Novice Division, while Parmenter tied for eighth in that category. Although they were high school classmates in Massachusetts—Staiti is from Barre and Parmenter is from Hubbardston—neither of the Methodist freshmen debated in high school. They were recruited for the MC Debate Team by speech instructor John Humphreys.

Staiti and Parmenter had a remarkable debut as intercollegiate debaters, making the final round in all four debates in which they competed during the spring semester. They beat teams from Wake Forest, Boston College, and Liberty University and lost only once—to a different Liberty team from the one they faced at nationals.

John Humphreys, now in his third year as coach of the Methodist College Debate Team, was delighted with the outcome. "We worked 45 hours a week for three weeks prior to nationals doing research and preparing our argument briefs," he noted. "We had 20,000 individual quotations that we incorporated into briefs."

The team was required to defend both sides of this year's national topic—"Resolved, that the United States should substantially increase its security assistance to one or more of the following: Egypt, Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian National Authority, Syria." In the final round, David and Alexis took the negative side against Liberty's proposal to send nuclear emergency response teams to four Middle East countries.

Two other members of the Methodist College Debate Team—Todd Lyden and Thomas Wooldridge—finished fifth in the Junior Varsity Division at the tournament.

This marked the second year in a row that two members of the Methodist College Debate Team had won the ADA's national title in the Novice Division. Last year Julie Kahl and Ha Quach took top honors at Boston College.

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Public Relations Director

SAMMY HUDSON RECEIVES LOWDERMILK STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Sammy Hudson received the second annual Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award March 18.

The award is given by the Fayetteville Rotary Club in honor of Dr. William P. Lowdermilk, former vice president for church and community relations at Methodist. The recipient is selected by the Student Government Association on the basis of strong moral character and exemplary service to the college and the Fayetteville community.

A senior from Garner majoring in business administration with a concentration in professional golf management, Hudson is a member of Methodist's national championship golf team and helped organize the MC chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is the son of Wanda and Howard Hudson.

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FUND MANAGER TO SPEAK AT STOCK MARKET SYMPOSIUM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Mark Tincher, chief investment officer of U.S. equity investments for Mitchell Hutchins Asset Management, Inc., will give the keynote address at Methodist College's 19th Annual Stock Market Symposium Thursday, April 11. This year's event will be held at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux on Owen Drive.

Mr. Tincher will discuss the performance of the U.S. stock market in 1995 and projections for 1996. The Dow Jones industrial average has risen steadily since the first of the year and closed at a record high 5,683 on March 18.

Mitchell Hutchins Asset Management is a subsidiary of PaineWebber, Inc. Mr. Tincher oversees the management of \$6 billion in U.S. equity investments and also manages PaineWebber's Growth and Income Fund. He has been a Chartered Financial Analyst since 1982.

Methodist College will honor three persons at the 1996 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 banquet at 6:30 p.m., followed by the formal program at 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Checks should be made payable to Methodist College and sent to Dr. Sid Gautam, Center for Entrepreneurship, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311. Reservations can be made by phoning 486-1627 or 630-7032.

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

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March 27, 1996

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Director of Public Relations

METHODIST JOINS LIBRARY IN SPONSORING CANDIDATES' FORUMS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Tally Center for Leadership Development at Methodist College and the Cumberland County Public Library are co-sponsoring a series of candidates' forums during April. All three forums will be broadcast live by WFNC Radio on 640 AM. The public is invited.

Questions will be posed by a panel of professional journalists and a student. Members of the audience will have the opportunity to suggest questions as well. Approximately half of each forum will be devoted to the candidates from each party; Democrats will be questioned together and Republicans together. The party whose candidates will be questioned first will be determined by coin toss.

A forum for Cumberland County commissioner candidates is scheduled for Thursday, April 11 from 10 a.m.-noon in the Pate Room of the Cumberland County Library.

The second forum will feature candidates for the N.C. General Assembly (House of Representatives & Senate). It is slated for Thursday, April 18 from 10 a.m.-noon in the Pate Room of the Cumberland County Library.

The third forum will feature candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, 7th Congressional District. It will be held Thursday, April 25 from 7-9 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium at Methodist College.

Persons desiring more information about the candidates' forums may contact Dr. Suzan Cheek at Methodist College (Ph. 630-7070) or Jerry Thrasher at the Cumberland County Public Library (Ph. 483-1580).

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March 29, 1996

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Public Relations Director

SAM WILLIAMS SIGNS SUMMER CONTRACT WITH SNOW CAMP OUTDOOR THEATRE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Sam Williams III, a junior theatre major at Methodist College, will appear in four outdoor dramas this summer at the Snow Camp Outdoor Theatre in Snow Camp, N.C.

Sam was offered a contract after attending the Outdoor Drama Auditions at Chapel Hill. He will play William Morris in *The Sword of Peace* and Adam Crooks in *The Pathway to Freedom*. He will also appear in *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and *Charlotte's Web*.

Last summer Sam performed in the outdoor drama *Horn in the West*, staged annually in Boone, N.C. He has appeared in more than a dozen campus productions during his three years at Methodist. He received the Outstanding Actor Award last year.

Sam is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Williams, Jr. of Burlington, N.C.

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