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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Davis Memorial Library at Methodist College will hold a book sale August 19-26 in the downstairs conference room.

Approximately 2,500 books of all types will be available, including fiction and nonfiction. Hardbacks will sell for \$1 and paperbacks will cost 50 cents.

Books can be inspected and purchased during the following hours: Monday and Thursday, 7:45 a.m.-10 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.



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METHODIST COLLEGE TO DEDICATE RICHARD L. PLAYER GOLF & TENNIS LEARNING CENTER

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College will dedicate its new Richard L. Player Golf and Tennis Learning Center Thursday, Aug. 29 at 3 p.m.

The college's newest building bears the name of one of Fayetteville's best-known real estate developers and golfers, now 88 years of age. In 1993, Mr. Player's son, Richard L. Player Jr., and other family members pledged \$100,000 toward the project as a means of honoring the founder of Player Realty and Construction Co., now known as Player, Inc. Additional funds were raised by the Methodist College Board of Visitors. The total cost of the project was approximately \$500,000.

Methodist's professional golf and tennis management staffs moved into the Player Golf and Tennis Learning Center in June. Located adjacent to the college's golf practice green and driving range, the 5,400 square-foot, two-story building contains offices, a class-room, locker rooms, a repair shop, a conference room, and a pro shop. It was designed by The LSV Partnership and built by Player, Inc., both of Fayetteville.

Jerry Hogge, director of Methodist's Center for Golf and Tennis Management and a P.G.A. professional, said his staff is delighted with the new facility. "This building will serve as an academic lab, with a model pro shop to teach golf and tennis operations and a variety of golf and tennis management courses," he said. "When our golf course (the second nine holes) is completed next summer, I think we will have the finest professional golf management facility in the United States."

Methodist's business administration majors with concentrations in professional golf or tennis management have a current enrollment of 260 students. The new facilities will enable these programs to serve 300 students by the year 2000.

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METHODIST COLLEGE BEGINS 37TH YEAR WITH NEW PROGRAMS, BUILDINGS, AND FACULTY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College began its 37th academic year Aug. 12 with the arrival of evening students. Day students begin classes Aug. 21.

College officials are expecting a total enrollment of around 1,800 students—1,300 in the day program and 500 in the evening.

New programs, new buildings, and new faculty are evidence of continued growth at the college. The Richard L. Player Golf and Tennis Learning Center will be dedicated Aug. 29 at the college golf course. New buildings now under construction are Joe Stout Hall, which will house the Admissions and Financial Aid offices, a Mathematics and Computer Science Building, and an Allied Health/Medical Office Building. The construction of nine more golf holes will begin in September, giving the college a complete 18-hole golf course by next summer.

The college has added three new majors to the curriculum: marketing, sports management, and sports medicine. Eleven new faculty members have been hired. Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, college president, will begin his 14th year in September. A \$6.5 million capital campaign will enter its third and final year, with just under \$5 million already pledged. The capital fund drive will finance construction of a new academic building and an addition to Davis Memorial Library.

Approximately 700 students will be living on campus. Four of the seven residence halls will have special "health and wellness sections" where students have signed contracts to abstain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs both on and off campus.

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METHODIST COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES FREE EQUIPMENT THROUGH UNIQUE PROGRAM

RALEIGH, NC- Methodist College Police Department recently received a car valued at \$6,572 from Law Enforcement Support Services (L.E.S.S.). The vehicle is a 1988 Plymouth Reliant which was used by the U.S. Navy.

L.E.S.S. is a unique state program that provides surplus Department of Defense equipment free of charge to state and local law enforcement agencies for use in counterdrug activities. The Methodist College Police Department has received items valued at \$11,412 through this program.

"We have found the equipment provided by L.E.S.S. to be extremely useful," states Richard Reece, Director of Methodist College Police and Public Safety. "This agency provides us with needed equipment and saves taxpayer money by supplying it free of charge."

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This law directs the Defense Department to make available to state and local law enforcement agencies, at no cost, excess property suitable for counterdrug activities.

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State of North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

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L.E.S.S. provides a coordinated means for local agencies to obtain federal surplus equipment by maintaining a list of requests from local agencies and then obtaining equipment in bulk and distributing it to the agency that requested a particular item first. In order to receive equipment, local agencies must describe their counterdrug efforts and justify the need for any items they request.

The items provided include everything from boots to binoculars and sleeping bags to helicopters. "Some of our more requested items include night vision scopes, 4-wheel drive vehicles, body armor, and helmets," states Neil Woodcock, director of L.E.S.S. "Our job is to make it easier for local agencies to obtain equipment they need."

Items valued at over \$30 million have been supplied to over 300 law enforcement agencies in 97 of the 100 counties of the state through this program.

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METHODIST COLLEGE TO AWARD B. F. STONE SCHOLARSHIPS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College will award three B. F. Stone Endowed Scholarships next fall to outstanding high school seniors within the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The scholarships are named for the late Benjamin Franklin Stone, an Elizabethtown pharmacist who bequeathed \$530,000 to Methodist College. Mr. Stone died in January 1995 at the age of 92. He and his wife Ann were members of Trinity United Methodist Church in Elizabethtown.

Three B. F. Stone Scholarships will be awarded in 1997 to United Methodist seniors: 1) nominated as Outstanding Seniors in their respective districts within the N.C. Conference, 2) accepted for admission to Methodist in Fall 1997, and 3) identified as having at least a "B" average in high school. The scholarships will be renewable for three additional years provided the recipient maintains a "B" average at Methodist.

District superintendents and United Methodist ministers in the North Carolina Conference will be asked to advise the three to five "Outstanding Senior" district finalists of the Stone Scholarship opportunity. In the event that more than three "Outstanding Senior" finalists apply, final selection of the scholarship recipients will be made by a committee of Methodist College administrators.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AWARDS METHODIST COLLEGE GRANT TO EQUIP MICROBIOLOGY LAB

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The National Science Foundation has awarded Methodist College a \$75,000 matching grant to buy equipment for a new microbiology lab.

Methodist's proposal was one of 600 approved for an Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement Award in 1996. These awards are made by NSF's Division of Undergraduate Education.

The grant will enable the Biology Department to purchase an assortment of microscopes, two refrigerators, an incubator, a sterilizer, and other laboratory equipment needed to support two new courses—"Medical Microbiology" and "Molecular Biology." An existing classroom in the basement of the Science Building will be renovated to create a new microbiology lab.

"We're delighted to receive our second NSF award," said Dr. Margaret Folsom, head of the Biology Department, "and we think this will take us to a new level for a small college biology department. Some of the equipment will be purchased in the near future and we hope to have the new lab up and running by next fall."

The NSF grant proposal was written and submitted by Dr. Folsom, Dr. Lori Brookman, Dr. Linda Sue Barnes, and Ms. Carla Raineri. The proposal sought new equipment "to enable students to learn new laboratory techniques and to provide a greater variety of research projects". It also noted that enrollment in "Cellular Physiology" and "Introduction to Microbiology" will likely double with the addition of a physician assistant program at Methodist.

Previous grants from the North Carolina Biotechnology Center enabled the Biology Department to introduce tissue culture, recombinant DNA technology and DNA and protein separation techniques into several lab courses. A high-speed centrifuge purchased with NSF funding and darkfield/phase-contrast microscopes purchased with college funds and funds from the Florence Rogers Foundation strengthened existing courses in the microbiology/cell biology concentration.

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