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KAPPA DELTA PI AT METHODIST COLLEGE INDUCTS SEVEN

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, inducted seven new members April 2.

The new inductees are: Elizabeth Greathouse, from Pope AFB; Sheila Jones, from Fayetteville; Heather Lucas, from Mars, PA; Sandra Neill, from Fayetteville; and Emily Taylor, from Lilllington. Membership is limited to those students who have been accepted into the teacher training program and who maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Two retired teachers—Mrs. Jerry Hendricks and Mrs. Pauline Longest—were inducted as honorary members. Mrs. Hendricks, an English teacher at Pine Forest High School, is retiring this year after 32 years of public school teaching. Mrs. Longest, already retired, taught biology at Methodist College (1962-79) and Seventy-First High School (1951-62). Both Mrs. Longest and Mrs. Hendricks are Fayetteville residents.



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PINEHURST RESIDENT HONORED BY FAYETTEVILLE ROTARY CLUB

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Fayetteville Rotary Club recently honored Rev. William P. (Bill) Lowdermilk of Pinehurst by naming him 4-Way Test Citizen of the Year.

An ordained United Methodist minister, Rev. Lowdermilk is assistant for church/community relations at Quail Haven Village in Pinehurst. He joined the Quail Haven staff two years ago, after retiring as vice president for church and community relations at Methodist College in Fayetteville where he had worked since 1963.

Presented March 24, the award signifies Rev. Lowdermilk's adherence to the Rotary principles of truth, fairness, goodwill, and concern for others. The recipient is a former president of the Fayetteville Rotary Club.

Rev. Lowdermilk is a native of Norman in Richmond County and graduated from Ellerbee High School. He holds earned degrees from Emory University and Duke Divinity School and an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. In 1994 he received the Francis Asbury Award for Fostering United Methodist Ministries, first from the North Carolina Conference and then from the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.

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William P. (Bill) Lowdermilk was born and reared in Norman, a small community in northern Richmond County. After graduating from Ellerbee High School, he enrolled at Emory University in Atlanta, where he earned a B.A. degree in English. Three years after graduating from Emory, he received his Master of Divinity degree at Duke University. He was ordained a Methodist minister by the North Carolina Conference in 1956.

From 1958-63 he was pastor of Culbreth Memorial Methodist Church in Fayetteville. In 1963 he joined the staff of Methodist College as assistant director of public relations. He was subsequently promoted to director of public relations (1968), assistant to the president (1974), vice president (1977) and vice president for church community relations (1985). He currently chairs the Values Committee at the college, which surveys students periodically to determine their values and how they are influenced by the Methodist College experience.

Over the last 37 years, Bill Lowdermilk has been very active in youth ministries in the North Carolina Conference, has conducted numerous church relations workshops and seminars, has preached throughout eastern North Carolina, and has served as coordinator of 22 annual sessions of the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church held at Methodist College.

In 1984, Methodist College and the North Carolina Conference honored Bill Lowdermilk by commissioning and presenting an oratorio, *The Invisible Fire*, in his honor. In 1979, a scholar-ship was established in his name. In 1986, N.C. Wesleyan College awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. In 1994, he received the Francis Asbury Award for Fostering United Methodist Ministries, first from the North Carolina Conference and then from the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.

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METHODIST COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SUMMER SEMESTER

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The summer semester at Methodist College begins May 19.

Registration for day classes opens May 1. Registration for the evening term opens May 13.

Daytime courses will be offered in three different terms—Term 1: May 19-June 6; Term II: June 16-July 11; Term III: July 15-August 11. Day classes will meet every weekday of each term.

One term of Evening College will be offered from May 26-July 18. Evening classes meet either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

Tuition for the summer semesters is \$115 per semester hour. Tuition is free for senior citizens age 65 or older. Applicants seeking admission as visiting students must have a letter of permission from their current college forwarded to the Admissions Office.

Registration for the summer semester will be held Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Registrar's Office (Horner Administration Building) at Methodist and at the Fort Bragg Community Center, Building 1-3571, Room 16. Evening students may also register in the Evening College Office, Room 203, Trustees Classroom Building.

Summer schedules and registration forms are available in the Registrar's Office,
Horner Administration Building (630-7036); in the Evening College Office, Room 203,
Trustees Classroom Building (630-7074); and at Methodist's Fort Bragg Office (436-3624).
Schedules will be mailed upon request.

The college reserves the right to cancel scheduled classes for which there is insufficient enrollment.

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KIM DOWD NAMED V.P. FOR STUDENT LIFE / DEAN OF STUDENTS AT METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Mrs. Kim Dowd will become Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students at Methodist College July 1. She replaces Rev. Michael Safley, who recently resigned as dean of students to become president of the Methodist Home for Children.

"During her two years as Assistant Dean for Academic Services, Mrs. Dowd has done an outstanding job directing and teaching our orientation classes for new students," said College President Elton Hendricks. "I am confident she will be a strong and effective leader of our student life program."

A native of Scottsdale, Arizona, Mrs. Dowd holds a B.S. degree in justice studies from Arizona State University and a M.Ed. degree in higher education administration from the University of South Carolina. She graduated with honors at both institutions.

"I am thrilled to have this opportunity to serve Methodist College as dean of students," said Mrs. Dowd. "I look forward to enhancing each student's college experience by providing co-curricular opportunities for student development. I believe it is important for students to have a voice in campus affairs, and together with the student life staff, I will strive to empower students and help them discover the abilities they have to make a difference."

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METHODIST COLLEGE STUDENTS ELECT S.G.A. OFFICERS FOR 1997-98

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College students recently elected a new slate of Student Government Association officers for 1997-98.

Brett Patrick Davis, a sophomore from Gaithersburg, Md., was elected president. Others elected to an executive office include: <u>Vice President:</u> Felix Sarfo-Kantanka, a sophomore from Glenn Allen, Va.; <u>Secretary:</u> Lalique Renee "Lea" Metz, a junior from Fayetteville; and <u>Treasurer:</u> Lamika Bell, a junior from Hope Mills, N. C.

The following students were elected S.G.A. senators for 1997-98:

Chet Capps, a freshman from Charlotte, N. C.; Taplie Coile, a junior from New Bern, N.C.; Priscilla Farhan, a sophomore from Hialeah, Fla.; Andrew Farriss, a junior from Zebulon, N.C.; Cliff Harris, a junior from Greenport, N.Y.; Tyler Harrison, a sophomore from Raleigh, N.C.; Shawn Hartman, a freshman from Chambersburg, Pa.; Chad McCall, a sophomore from Lenoir, N.C.; Thomas Rozdilsky, a junior from Danbury, Ct.; Scott Schwarzer, a junior from Blythewood, S.C.; and Joe Ulatowski, a senior from Norwood, Ma.

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BRETT DAVIS ELECTED S.G.A. PRESIDENT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Brett Patrick Davis, a sophomore from Gaithersburg, Md., was recently elected president of the Student Government Association at Methodist College.

Davis defeated two other candidates to win the post. A Dean's List student majoring in business administration with a concentration in professional golf management, Davis is the son of Patricia Davis of 124 Kendrick Place, Gaithersburg.

Methodist College is a senior, coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences with a current enrollment of 1,700 students.

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BUSINESSMAN, CHURCH LEADER TO ADDRESS METHODIST COLLEGE GRADUATES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Jerry Richardson of Spartanburg, S.C. and United Methodist Bishop Marion Edwards of Raleigh, N.C. will be the principal speakers at Methodist College's 34th spring commencement exercises Sunday, May 11. Approximately 170 seniors will receive their bachelor's degrees.

Bishop Edwards, newly elected leader of the N. C. Conference of the United Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 14,a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Jerry Richardson, owner of the Carolina Panthers NFL franchise and former president and CEO of Flagstar Companies, will address the Class of 1997 during commencement exercises beginning at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Physical Activities Center. Richardson was a football standout at Fayetteville Senior High School and Wofford College and played professionally for the Baltimore Colts.

Methodist College President Elton Hendricks will award honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees to Jerry Richardson and to William James Weisser, diaconal minister of music at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Raleigh.

Commencement activities will get under way Sunday morning with a breakfast for graduates and their families hosted by the Methodist College Alumni Association. This event will be held on the central mall of the campus near the Yarborough Bell Tower.

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METHODIST COLLEGE ANNOUNCES ANNUAL AWARDS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College recently honored 91 students and two faculty members during spring award ceremonies.

The following is a list of the awards and their recipients:

<u>Professor of the Year:</u> (co-recipients) Dr. Lori Brookman, Assistant Professor of Biology; Mrs. P. Jennifer Rohrer-Walsh, Assistant Professor of Education and English

The Balaez-Ambrose Mathematics Award: Viktor Miladinov

Walter B. Clark Maximum Effort Award: Jamie Hurless

The Fred Clark Memorial Science Service Award: Eileen Humphreys

The Edna L. Contardi English Award: Andrea Dennis and Michael McDermott

The Pauline Longest Education Award: Elizabeth Greathouse

<u>The Publisher's Award</u> (Given by Ramon Yarborough of Fayetteville Publishing Co.): Michael McDermott

The Elizabeth Weaver Award: Yvette Williams

The Methodist College President's ROTC Award: Stanton Trotter

The Mullen-Mansfield Memorial Award: Teyles Bandy

The Plyler Humanities Award: Stanton Trotter, Samuel Williams

Cumberland Oratorio Singers Choral Award: Travis Kornegay

Networth Award: Deborah A. King

J. Elaine Porter French Award: Luisamaria Rengelde

The Military Order of the World Wars: Theodore Painter

The Pulliam History Award: Michael Olin

The Reserve Officers Association Award: Isabel Barcelo

Female Senior Athlete of the Year: Jennifer Cieslak

Male Senior Athlete of the Year: Jason Childers

Cape Fear Chapter of the Retired Officers Association: Kelly L. French

The Gautam Award in Business Administration: Rafal Szwejkowski

Samuel J. Clark Award in Accounting: Carol Schaefer

Charles M. Reeves, Jr. Outstanding Scholar Award: Cindy del Rosario

Plyler-Knott Award in Religion: James Randall

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The Ott-Cooper Award: Joe Minyon

The George and Lillian Miller History Award: Julie Badger

Chemical Rubber Company Award: Stephanie L. Oldham

American Institute of Chemists Award: Beate Kanamine

Yolanda M. Cowley Spanish Award: Antje C. Crawford

Outstanding Social Work Student Award: Deborah Chavis

Outstanding Criminal Justice Graduate Award: Donna Saunders

Outstanding Criminal Justice Freshman Award: Melissa Aldrich

Criminal Justice Service Award: Yvette Williams

Criminal Justice Scholar Award: Sean McConnell, Sherry Sparks

Joe Cannata Memorial Sociology Award: Angel Lasater, Tamera Josephson,

Steve Basilici

Outstanding Health Care Administration Student Award: Patricia A. Hurley

USPTA Southern Division PTM Scholarship Award: Kevin Jackson

Theatre Awards:

Male Performer—Sam Williams

Female Performer—Denise Roni Shuey

Rising Female Performer—Ruthe Miller

Rising Male Performer—Clint Edwards

Male Technician—Clint Edwards

Female Technician—Denise Roni Shuey

Rising Technician—Stephanie Decker

Alphi Psi Omega Award for Overall Contribution to Theatre: Denise Roni Shuey

S.G.A. Hall of Fame Awards:

Academics-Viktor Miladinov

Fine Arts—Travis Kornegay

Athletics—Teyles Bandy, Jason Childers, Clifton Tyrone Bennett

Campus Life—Michael McDermott

Religious Life—Scott Rutterbush

Peer Tutor of the Year: Lea Metz

Excellent Service to the Peer Tutor Program: Andrea Dennis

Outstanding Service for Peer Tutor Program: Susan Smith

Outstanding Peer Tutor: James Randall

<u>Peer Mentors:</u> Kris Broneill, Danielle Dombrowski, Heather Lucas, Lea Metz, Tiffany Sprouse, Laura Szyikowski, Llndsey Via

Marshals for the Class of 1997:

Chief Marshal—Neil Scott

Marshals—Dianna Martin, Jeffrey Crowe, Laura Landreth, Nicole Tower, Gordon Burns,

Steven Salisbury, Jr., Eileen Humphreys, Theresa Brown, James Coile, Justine

Neumann, Amanda Fellers, Monica Leak, Mytrang Dang

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