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November 3, 1997

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REV. WESLEY BROWN RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College Alumni Association has awarded its Distinguished Alumni Award for 1997 to The Reverend Wesley Brown, Class of 1973. The award was presented Nov. 1 at the College's annual alumni banquet.

A resident of Durham, N.C., Rev. Brown is the Associate Dean for External Relations at Duke University Divinity School, where he received a Master of Divinity degree in 1976. An ordained elder in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, Rev. Brown held several pastorates before joining the administration of the Divinity School in 1981. His primary duties are fund-raising, alumni relations and public relations. He is a member of the faculty for the Divinity School and serves on advisory boards for the National Association of Theological Schools.

A native of Kinston, N.C., Rev. Brown majored in religion at Methodist and graduated *summa cum laude*. While a student at Methodist, he was an S.G.A. senator, sang in the college chorus, and served as a residence hall counselor in Sanford Hall. Since graduating, he has served on the board of directors of the Methodist College Alumni Association and has been a trustee of Methodist Retirement Homes of N.C. and the Methodist Home for Children. In 1991, Methodist College presented him a Methodist College Medallion for his devotion and service to ministerial education within the United Methodist Church.

After accepting the award, Rev. Brown expressed his appreciation to the alumni board and to Parker Wilson, Dr. Lorenzo Plyler, Dr. Bob Christian and other Methodist College faculty members who had made "Quality Education in a Christian Atmosphere" a reality for him and thousands of other undergraduates. He said he remains proud of his alma mater.

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November 10, 1997

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**NCATE CONTINUES ACCREDITATION OF METHODIST COLLEGE'S
TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College's Teacher Education Program has been granted continuing accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Continuing accreditation has also been granted by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

In a letter to College President Elton Hendricks dated October 24, Arthur Wise, NCATE president, said "Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you and your professional education unit for displaying the high quality necessary to be granted accreditation and to express appreciation for the cooperation received from faculty, staff, and administration of your institution."

"I am pleased that we continue to enjoy national and state recognition of our program," said Dr. Gillie Benstead, director of Methodist's Division of Education, Physical Education, and Military Science. "Our teacher education program reflects the excellence and professionalism of our faculty."

Every five years the program receives an on-site visit and review by a Board of Examiners made up of professionals from the education community. Institutions meeting NCATE standards have shown that they: place a high priority on subject matter content and how to teach it, focus on candidate performance, emphasize school district collaboration, use technology in instruction, and prepare teacher candidates to teach students from diverse backgrounds.

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Bill Billings

November 12, 1997

Director of Public Relations

KAPPA DELTA PI AT METHODIST COLLEGE INDUCTS 15

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor society for undergraduate students majoring in education, inducted 15 new members Oct. 29.

Dr. Elizabeth Belford, KDP advisor, presented the following new inductees: Sondra Benson, a senior from Fayetteville; Karen Bettencourt, a senior from Wilmington, NC; Gloria Briglin, a senior from Fayetteville; Lara Lee Bugeja, a senior from Fayetteville; Angela Caramanno, a senior from Fayetteville; Susan Cherry, a junior from Fayetteville; Bobby Dorman, a senior from Fayetteville; Edwin Guzman, a senior from Sanford; Robin Horne, a senior from Fort Bragg; Janie Jones, a junior from Riegelsville, PA; Annette Rochelle, a senior from Fayetteville; Denise Rowell, a senior from Pope Air Force Base; Thomas Sorensen, a senior from Fort Bragg; Shelly Vinson, a junior from Hope Mills; and Darla Williamitis, a senior from Fayetteville.

Requirements for membership in Kappa Delta Pi are: acceptance into the teacher education program, a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better, and an invitation to join from current members and education faculty.

The 1997-98 officers for Kappa Delta Pi are: Darla Williamitis, president; Robin Horne, vice president; Susan Cherry, secretary; Shelly Vinson, treasurer; Angela Caramanno, historian/reporter; Gloria Briglin, foundation representative.

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TUCKER, HASHEMI CROWNED HOMECOMING KING & QUEEN

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Darrien Tucker, a sophomore education major from Sanibel, Florida, was recently elected Homecoming King at Methodist College. He was sponsored by the football team, of which he is a member.

Sema Hashemi, a junior from Fayetteville, was elected Homecoming Queen. A cheerleader and Dean's List student, she was also sponsored by the football team.

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METHODIST COLLEGE PRESENTS *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Monarch Theatre at Methodist College will present the musical classic *Fiddler on the Roof* Nov. 20-23 in Reeves Auditorium.

Based on a book by Joseph Stein, with music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, *Fiddler on the Roof* is set in the Russian village of Anatevka at the turn-of-the-century. Dr. Paul Wilson, professor of theatre at Methodist, plays the lead character Tevye, a Jewish dairyman caught between village tradition and a changing world.

Ed Cohn, assistant professor of theatre, is directing the show, which won ten Tony awards during its Broadway debut. His previous directing credits include: *Of Thee I Sing*, *Players in a Game*, and *She Stoops to Conquer*. He describes *Fiddler on the Roof* as “one of those rare musicals that combines great tunes with great characters and poignant drama.”

Alan Porter, professor of music, is the musical director. The production will feature a 12-piece orchestra and such memorable songs as: “Tradition!”, “Match-maker,” “To Life,” “Miracle of Miracles” and the showstopper “If I Were a Rich Man.”

The supporting cast includes a cross section of the College family—both students and staff—and the Fayetteville community. MC student Martha Clark plays Golde, Dave Rice (college registrar) is Lazar Wolf and Tony DeLapa (academic dean) in the Constable. Monarch Theatre veterans include: Stephanie Decker as Tzeitel, Phil Colby as Motel, Ruthe Miller as Fruma Sara, Danny Harrington as

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Methodist Presents *Fiddler*

Fyedka, Denise Shuey as Yente and Lynley Asay as Grandma Tzeitel. Newcomers are: Kori Bennett as Hodel and Amy Robertson as Chava.

Performances are slated for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 20-22, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens, and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets will be sold at the door. Methodist College students, faculty and staff will be admitted free with an I.D.

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DELTA MU DELTA INDUCTS 8 BUSINESS STUDENTS AT METHODIST COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College circle of Delta Mu Delta, a national honor society for undergraduate students in business administration, inducted ten new members Nov. 7.

The new members are: Priscilla L. Belliveau, Lori Bremer, Brian Jones, Robert Adam Konopka Jr., Charity Lynn Lott, Susan Nethery, Jean L. Peoples, and Alana Womack.

The following were inducted as honorary members: Robert H. Cooper, associate professor of accounting at Methodist, and Harvey T. Wright II, vice president/senior consultant with Merrill Lynch. Mr. Wright is a 1970 graduate of Methodist and currently serves on the College's Board of Trustees.

Members of Delta Mu Delta must have completed half their course work toward the business administration degree, have a cumulative grade point average of B or better, be in the top 20 percent of their class, and be of good character.

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ODK AT METHODIST COLLEGE INDUCTS 18 NEW MEMBERS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, inducted 18 new members Nov. 10.

The new members are: Travis Britt Atkins, Sarah Kelli Bradshaw, James Taplie Coile, Michael Crouse, Kelli Lynn Davis, Cynthia Lonigan DeVos, Andrew Ray Farriss, Robin Lincoln, Jody McIntyre, Eileen M. Humphreys, Tricia Marie Riodan, Steven Russell Salisbury, Felix Sarfo-Kantanka Jr., Scott A. Schwarzer, Denise Roni Shuey, Tiffany Amber Sprouse, Donald Murray Warren, and Cynthia M. Wrenn.

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Director of Public Relations

O'BERRY CENTER FOUNDATION PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The O'Berry Center Foundation recently presented a \$1,500 scholarship to Darla Williamitis, a Methodist College senior majoring in special education. Ms. Williamitis is an honor student from Fayetteville.

J. C. Faircloth, secretary-treasurer of the Foundation, made the presentation in memory of Lamar Williams Sr. of Fayetteville, a former member of the O'Berry Center Foundation board. Mr. Williams' wife Susan, a current member of the Foundation board, and son Lamar Jr. were present as Ms. Williamitis and College President Elton Hendricks accepted the scholarship check.

The O'Berry Center Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports programs for persons with developmental disabilities within the 17 counties in the South Central Region of North Carolina served by O'Berry Center in Goldsboro. O'Berry Center is a 440-bed treatment facility that provides care and training to persons with profound developmental disabilities.

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METHODIST COLLEGE TO OFFER LOVE FEAST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College will celebrate Christmas with a Moravian Love Feast Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel.

The traditional Moravian Love Feast celebrates the birth of Christ through scripture reading and prayer, the singing of hymns, the lighting of candles, and the serving of Moravian bread and coffee. The Love Feast has been an annual tradition at Methodist since 1974.

The Rev. Carrie Parrish, campus minister at Methodist College, will be the liturgist. She will be assisted by student servers, a guest soloist—Tammy Hightower Edens—and a guest organist—Ralph Mills.

Admission to the Love Feast is by ticket only. Tickets are free and can be obtained by sending a request, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Rev. Carrie Parrish, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311 by Dec. 2.

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METHODIST COLLEGE TO HOLD THANKSGIVING SERVICE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College will hold a Thanksgiving service Monday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. The public is invited.

Thanksgiving reflections will be given by Methodist College students and staff.

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November 25, 1997

Director of Public Relations

METHODIST COLLEGE CHORAL GROUPS TO PERFORM 'SONGS OF THE SEASON'

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College Music Department will present a winter concert of Christmas music Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Two vocal groups—the 32-member Methodist College Concert Choir, under the direction of Alan Porter, and the 12-member Methodist College Scholarship Ensemble, under the direction of Betty Neill Parsons—will perform.

The program includes a wide range of classical, traditional, spiritual and popular songs, including: “You Are the Light,” “He Has the Power,” “In the Bleak Midwinter,” “White Christmas,” “Cool Yule,” “Cold and Fugue Season” and “Silver Bells.” For the finale, the audience will join the College choristers in a Christmas Singalong of five well-known Christmas carols.