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# HANDBELL CONCERT SLATED AT METHODIST COLLEGE

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Approximately 140 handbell ringers will give a public concert Saturday, March 7 at 3:30 p.m. in the Berns Student Center at Methodist College. The concert is free and the public is invited.

The concert is the final event in a two-day handbell festival sponsored by the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, and Methodist College. The guest conductor for this year's festival is Bill Alexander, director of handbells at First United Methodist Church in Duluth, Minnesota.

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#### METHODIST COLLEGE MUSIC FACULTY TO GIVE RECITAL

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The music faculty at Methodist College will give a recital Tuesday, March 24 at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The program will feature instrumental and vocal performances by seven members of the Methodist College Music Department.

Valerie Oyen-Larsen, mezzo-soprano, will perform a song cycle she composed to fit texts by the New England poet Anne Sexton. She will also perform an aria from Mozart's *Mass in C Minor*. Her accompanist will be Jane Gardiner.

Betty Neill Parsons, soprano, will perform "Long Time Ago" by Aaron Copeland and "Nancy Hanks" by Katherine Davis. She will be accompanied by Joy Cogswell.

Alan Porter, tenor, will sing excerpts from French operas by Lully, Rameau, and Lalo. He will be accompanied by Harlan Duenow.

An instrumental trio featuring J. Michael Rogers (clarinetist), Mary Frances Boyce (violist), and Jane Gardiner (pianist) will perform "Märchenerzählungen" by Robert Schumann.

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# METHODIST COLLEGE RELIGION PROFESSOR WRITES TEXTBOOK

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Dr. Richard Walsh, professor of religion and head of the Religion and Philosophy Dept. at Methodist College, has written a textbook entitled *Reading the Bible: An Introduction*. It is designed for use in introductory biblical literature courses.

Using a literary critical approach, the book examines the literary aspects of Bible narratives and relates them to both ancient and modern literature. Published in January by Cross Cultural Publications, Inc. of Notre Dame, Indiana, the book has received excellent reviews from religion professors at Duke, Baylor, and Emory universities.

The first four chapters of the book offer a theoretical introduction to literary criticism attending to both story (plot, character, atmosphere) and discourse (medium, genre, narrator, narrative time, style, and implied reader). Chapters five through twenty-three apply the literary-critical approach to various sections of the Bible. The book is 620 pages in length and sells for \$29.95.

Trained as a historical-critic at Baylor University, Dr. Walsh believes that college students profit from diverse reading strategies. Therefore, his text incorporates other bodies of literature, numerous charts and insets, questions for student reflection, and suggestions for further reading. "I spent about five years writing and rewriting the book," said Dr. Walsh, "and I field-tested many parts of it on my students."

Dr. Walsh and Dr. Lloyd Bailey, another religion professor at Methodist, are using the text in their religion courses. In addition to teaching, Dr. Walsh also serves as assistant dean for academic affairs. Dr. Walsh can be reached at (910) 630-7077.

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# METHODIST COLLEGE DEBATERS WIN NATIONAL TITLE

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Monarch Debate Team finished its 1997-98 season in national championship-style in its final two tournaments.

For the third time in four years, Methodist captured the American Debate Association Novice National Championship, with Daniel Charpentier and Greg Thomas winning the final round on a 3-0 decision over top-ranked Liberty University at the University of Georgia. Charpentier and Thomas are freshmen from Fayetteville and graduates of Southview High School.

The MC duo defended the following proposition: "Resolved, that the USFG (U. S. federal government) should substantially increase its security assistance to one or more of the following Southeast Asian nations: Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam" by arguing for FMT (Foreign Military Financing) / EDA (Excess Defense Activities) grants of weapons for Thailand.

The Methodist team also reached the "sweet sixteen" octofinal round in their first year at the Junior Varsity National Championship of the Cross Examination Debate Association held at Towson State University. Debaters Susanne Graves and Alexis Parmenter lost a close 2-1 decision to the team from Cornell University. Taking the negative position on the resolution, they argued against Cornell's idea to send peacekeeping troop training to Malaysia.

Graves is a freshman from Fayetteville and a graduate of Douglas Byrd High School. Parmenter is a junior from Hubbardston, Massachusetts and a graduate of Quabbin Regional High School.

"This is a big boost for the program," said Debate Coach John E. Humphreys. "Our resources do not allow us to be competitive in the season-long nationals point race, but at Nationals in direct, head-to-head competition, it's our skills that get tested. We proved again that Methodist

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in direct, head-to-head competition, it's our skills that get tested. We proved again that Methodist College can pass the test."

In National Debate Association competition all schools compete on an equal basis, which results in Methodist debating against much larger schools such as Wake, Duke, UNC, Navy, and Boston College. "I believe that victories such as this at such high levels of competition demonstrate that Methodist prepares its students to intellectually compete against the nation's best," said Coach Humphreys.

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## METHODIST COLLEGE ENGLISH PROFESSOR WRITES BIOGRAPHY

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—A critical biography written by Dr. Mary Wheeling White, assistant professor of English at Methodist College, was recently published by Louisiana State University Press. Entitled *Fighting the Current: The Life and Work of Evelyn Scott*, the book examines the life and work of Evelyn Scott (1893-1963), known as both an expatriate of the South and an American modernist.

Born Elsie Dunn in Clarksville, Tennessee, Scott spent most of her adolescence in New Orleans and attended the Woman's College at Tulane. After leaving her native South for Brazil, she lived a promiscuous life and suffered many physical, emotional, and financial afflictions. She was acquainted with many well-known authors of her day, including Theodore Dreiser, Emma Goldman, Lola Ridge, and Charlotte Wilder.

Scott is best known for her autobiography *Escapade* (1923), her first novel *The Narrow House* (1921), and *The Wave* (1929), which has been called the greatest novel about the American Civil War. She also wrote: a second autobiography, two books of poetry, four children's books, a play (which was produced in New York), book reviews, essays, and short stories.

Dr. White's biography grew out of her doctoral dissertation at UNC-Chapel Hill and was the result of seven years of writing and research. "My research took me all over the U.S.," she said, "from the University of Texas at Austin to New York to Huntsville, Alabama. One of my goals was to reexamine someone who had been forgotten but was fascinating and popular. By 'fighting the current,' Evelyn Scott challenged the popular thoughts of her day and the inevitability of poverty and old age. The book is intended primarily for scholars of Southern culture."

Dr. White said she was excited when LSU Press accepted her manuscript. As a first-time author, she went through two years of editing and revisions, but now feels it was worth the time and effort. *Fighting the Current* is 280 pages in length and sells for \$35. Dr. White can be reached at (910) 630-7493.

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## **ALPHA CHI INDUCTS 26 METHODIST COLLEGE STUDENTS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Twenty-six Methodist College students were inducted into the North Carolina Mu chapter of Alpha Chi March 30.

Alpha Chi is a national academic honorary. Admission is limited to the top 3 percent of the junior class and the top 5 percent of the senior class in a given year.

The following students were inducted:

From Fayetteville: Polly Amorginos, Kenneth C. Asay, David L. Baggett, Mary E. Blewett, Karen Bouvier, Glenn S. Carter, Stephanie L. Decker, James J. Doucette, Peggy Graves, Barbara J. Lyrenmann, Michael E. Murray, Jean L. Peoples, Tricia Riordan, Steven Salisbury, Therese C. Snellgrove, Tiffany A. Sprouse, Nicole Tower, Maria A. Young.

From Fort Bragg: Linda S. Harding

From Stedman: Rachel E. Barry

From Sanford: Cynthia L. Filpansick

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FeaturesSportsBusiness	PFSH	Arts Council of Fay/Cumb. Co.
Challenger	TSHS	City of Fay. (Mayor's Office)
_Up and Coming	DBHS	Fay. Tech. Com. College
The Carolina Flyer (Pope AFB)	EES	Fay. Museum of Art
Arts & Leisure	SFHS	Fay. Chamber of Commerce
—Sanford Herald	SVHS	City of Fay. (Jason Brady)
The News Journal (Raeford)	CFHS	NC League of Savings Inst.
	WSH	Cumb. Co. Schools (Sarah or Supt.s Ofc.)
The Sampson Independent		
Cumberland County Outlook	Fay. Academy	Fort Bragg Schools
(Hope Mills)		Cape Fear Regional Theatre
		Museum of the Cape Fear
Special Sections	<u>OTHERS</u>	
Medical Notes	Hoke Co. H.S.	Western Harnett H.S.
✓Applause ✓	Pernell Swett H.S. \	Harnett Central H.S.
Saturday Extra	Triton H.S.	— Pinecrest HS
Community Calendar	_	
	NORTH CAROLINA	- newspaper in Poughkeepsre, (for Dzielecki)
RADIO	NC Christian Advocate	(for Dzielocki)
WFNC/WQSMV	Mount Olive Tribune	Winston Salem Journal
WFAI	Red Springs Citizen	Richmond County Daily
	Smithfield Herald	
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WUNC	The News Reporter (Whi	
WCLN	Spectator Magazine (Ral	eigh)Kinston Daily Free Press
WCPE	The Daily Tar Heel	Wilson Daily Times
	The Bladen Journal (E-T	
TELEVISION	Harnett County News	Laurinburg Exchange
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WTVD-TV (11)	Charlotte Observer	Duke Chronicle
WRAL-TV (5)	Greensboro News & Rec	
WNCN-TV (17)	Wilmington Morning Sta	
WFAY-TV (62)	Rocky Mount Evening T	elegram of North Carolina
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#### **DELTA MU DELTA AT METHODIST COLLEGE INDUCTS 15**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Eta Sigma Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, a national honor society in business administration, inducted 15 new members March 27 at Methodist College.

The new inductees are:

From Fayetteville: Martin W. Bridges, Heather M. Cain, David Durham, Mittie C. Elliott, David G. Hollister, Cheri A. Jordan, Molly V. McWilliams, Donnhugh A. Sweeney, Joy W. Thrash, Belinda Sue Weaver

From Zebulon, NC: Jason Andrew Joyner

From Poughkeepsie, NY: Kevin Dzielecki

From Japan: Kaori Ito

Inducted as honorary members were: Linda Lee Allan of Fayetteville, president of Consumer Title Co., Inc.; and Jerry Hogge of Hope Mills, director of the Professional Golf Managment program at Methodist College.