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Bill Billings

September 2, 1998

Director of Public Relations

**SOUTHERN WRITERS SYMPOSIUM WILL EXAMINE
'THE IDEA OF HOME IN SOUTHERN WRITING'**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— "The Idea of Home in Southern Writing" will be the theme of Methodist College's fourteenth Southern Writers Symposium Sept. 18-19.

Over the two days, scholarly sessions will feature talks on the work of William Faulkner, Margaret Mitchell, Charles Frazier, Ernest Gaines, and many other Southern writers. Creative sessions will provide a venue for writers to read their original works of poetry, fiction, and memoir. Dr. Mary Wheeling, assistant professor of English at Methodist, is directing the symposium.

Fayetteville native Tim McLaurin—author of *The Acorn Plan*, *Keeper of the Moon*, *Woodrow's Trumpet*, and *Lola*—will give the luncheon address Friday, Sept. 18. Later Friday, Benson native Shelby Stephenson will join McLaurin in a reading session entitled "Returning Home."

Speakers at the Friday dinner will be Sylvia Bierschenk and Vickie Daley, both professors at Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas. They will talk about teaching Southern literature.

Rosalind Warfield-Brown of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia will conduct a fiction-writing workshop Saturday morning on the topic of "Leaving Home."

At Saturday's lunch, Donna E. Kelly, archival editor for the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, will detail her research on Civil War letters written between soldiers and their family members back home in North Carolina.

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SOUTHERN WRITERS SYMPOSIUM

To close the symposium, Barbara Presnell and Carole Weatherford, winner and runner-up of Methodist College's Longleaf Chapbook Award, will read from their poetry at dinner Saturday.

Persons may register for the symposium in advance with Dr. Mary Wheeling in care of Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC, phone 910-630-7493, e-mail address: wheeling @methodist.edu. The registration fee is \$30, which admits participants to all 13 scholarly sessions. Additional fees, ranging from \$10 to \$12 are required for the meals featuring keynote speakers addressing various topics of Southern literature.

A complete schedule of symposium activities is available on the World Wide Web at home.earthlink.net/~mwheeling. Upon arrival on campus, all registrants should proceed to the Reeves Auditorium lobby where they will receive a written program listing all sessions and locations.

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September 3, 1998

Director of Public Relations

CALIFORNIA VENTURE INVESTOR TO GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT 25TH ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK SYMPOSIUM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist College is pleased to announce that William H. Davidow of Menlo Park, Calif. will deliver the keynote address at the college's 25th annual Economic Outlook Symposium Oct. 28 at the Holiday Inn/Bordeaux.

Dr. Davidow has been a high-tech industry executive and a venture investor for more than twenty years. Before joining Mohr, Davidow Ventures, he held a number of management positions at Intel Corporation, serving as vice president of the Marketing and Sales, Microcomputer, and Microcomputer Systems divisions. He is the author of *Marketing High Technology* (1986), *Total Customer Service* (1989), and *The Virtual Corporation* (1992) and writes a column for *Forbes ASAP*.

"We are delighted to have a guest speaker of this caliber," said Dr. Sid Gautam, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and professor of economics at Methodist College. "Dr. Davidow has written and spoken widely about the creation of wealth in the 21st century. That is his area of expertise and his experience at Intel gives him a unique perspective on the growing importance of computers in the Information Age."

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William Davidow To Address 25th Outlook Symposium

Dr. Davidow holds a Ph. D. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University and a BA in Electrical Engineering (*summa cum laude*) from Dartmouth College. He is currently chairman of the Board of Rambus Corporation and Vantive Corporation and serves on the boards of several start-up companies. He is also a member of the California Institute of Technology Board of Trustees.

Dr. Davidow is expected to discuss the economic outlook for the U. S. and other free market economies in 1999. Mr. Billy E. Davidson, chair of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, will discuss prospects for the Fayetteville/Cumberland County economy. Business awards will be presented to the Entrepreneur of the Year, the Business Person of the Year, an outstanding business student at Methodist College, and the college's Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year.

Earlier in the day, at 2 p.m., Dr. Davidow will speak at a public forum in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist College campus. This event will be open to the college community and the general public at no charge; students at neighboring colleges and area high schools will also be invited.

Tickets and group reservations for the 25th annual Economic Outlook Symposium can be obtained by phoning Dr. Sid Gautam at (910) 486-1627 or by writing to him in care of the Center for Entrepreneurship, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311. Nominations for Entrepreneur of the Year and Business Person of the Year should be sent to Dr. Sid Gautam by Oct. 9.

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September 10, 1998

Bill Billings
Director of Public Relations

METHODIST COLLEGE ENROLLS RECORD NUMBERS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College began its 39th academic year with record enrollment in the regular day program, a record number of freshmen, and a record number of residential students.

As of Drop/Add Day Sept. 7, Methodist had enrolled 1,332 students in the regular day program compared to 1,291 in Fall 1997. Enrollment in the Evening College reached 481, up from 410 in Fall 1997. The total unduplicated headcount was 1,724 students. College officials are expecting 75-100 additional evening students for Fall Term II beginning Oct. 19, which would push total enrollment for the fall semester beyond 1,800 students.

Rick Lowe, vice president for enrollment services, reported that the College enrolled 587 new students, seven more than last fall. The new students include: 398 freshmen (41 more than last fall), 163 transfers, 23 re-admits, and three visiting students. The number of returning students was 745, up 34 from last fall.

A record 701 students are living on campus this fall, compared to 645 on Drop/Add Day last year. There are 511 male resident students and 190 females.

Methodist College set another record this summer by enrolling 825 students, 6 percent more than the preceding summer. The total unduplicated headcount for 1997--98 (fall, spring, and summer semesters) was 2,135 students.

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Bill Billings
Director of Public Relations

NEW FAEDC PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT METHODIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Harry Whalen, the new president of the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation, will speak at the Reeves School of Business Executive Speaker Luncheon Tuesday, Oct. 6 at Methodist College.

Mr. Whalen's topic will be "Welcome to Fayetteville." He will speak to a group of business students, college staff and faculty at 12:30 p.m. in the Alumni Dining Room of the Berns Student Center. A limited number of luncheon tickets are available to the general public at no charge; to make reservations, call the Reeves School of Business at 630-7047 no later than Thursday, Oct. 1.

Harry Whalen officially assumes his new post Oct. 1, replacing Danny Fore, who took a similar job in northern Kentucky. He comes to Fayetteville after serving 14 years as executive director of the Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission. During his tenure in Salisbury, he helped bring in \$520 million in new development and nearly 6,000 jobs.

FAEDC's new president holds a B.F.A. degree in advertising from the University of South Carolina where he also attended graduate school in journalism. FAEDC Chairman Keith Allison said Whalen's good rapport with companies specializing in industrial site selection and with state economic development officials made him the top choice of the Selection Committee.

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OLD TESTAMENT SCHOLAR TO SPEAK AT METHODIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, will deliver the fifth annual Samuel J. and Norma Womack Endowed Lectures Monday, Oct. 12 at Methodist College.

“Thinking Otherwise” is the theme for this year’s lectures, both of which are free and open to the general public. Dr. Brueggemann’s 11 a.m. lecture is entitled “Solomon and the Global Economy.” His 3 p.m. lecture topic is “Elijah’s Wild Card.” Both lectures will be held in Hensdale Chapel.

An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, Dr. Brueggemann holds a Th.D. in Old Testament Studies from Union Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Education from St. Louis University. The Nebraska native also holds a number of honorary degrees and is an honorary member of the British Society for Old Testament Study. He has served as a visiting lecturer at Cambridge, Yale, and Vanderbilt universities.

Dr. Brueggemann is the author of several books, the most recent being *Theology of the Old Testament* (Fortress, 1997). He has also written many scholarly articles and has served on the Editorial Council of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Interpretation*, and *Theology Today*. He currently serves as editor of the Overtures Book Series at Fortress Press, as a contributing editor of *Sojourners*, and as an associate editor of the *Journal for Preachers*.

For more information about the Womack Lectures, contact Dr. Richard Walsh in the Dept. of Religion and Philosophy at Methodist College, phone (910) 630-7077.

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METHODIST COLLEGE BOARD OF VISITORS ELECTS OFFICERS, WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College Board of Visitors elected officers for 1998-99 Sept. 22 and welcomed twenty new members.

On the recommendation of the Development and Nominations Committee, David Wilson, retired Fasco Industries executive, was re-elected chair. Cam Stout, vice president of Stout Properties, Inc., was elected vice-chair. Mrs. Lynn Breeden, former Spanish teacher and civic volunteer, was named vice-chair-elect. All the officers are Fayetteville residents.

New members of Methodist's Board of Visitors include: from Fayetteville: Keith Allison, president and CEO of Systel Business Equipment Co., Inc.; Larry Bass, Jr., CPA with Buie, Norman, and Co.; Lynn Breeden; Dr. Malcolm Fleishman, chief of occupational medicine at Womack Army Medical Center; Randy Gainer, president of Cavin's Business Solutions; Mac Healy, president of Healy Wholesale Co.; Dr. Joel Hedgecoe, dentist with Cape Fear Valley Dental Center; Lee Hedgecoe, broker with A. G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.; Arthur Ingalls, retired DuPont executive; Sarah Johnson, retired chemist and certified biofeedback therapist; David Little, senior vice president and city executive for BB&T; David Martin, president and CEO of Sigma Construction Co.; Charles Morris, financial consultant for Morris, Colyer & Associates; Richard Player III, vice president of Player, Inc.; Cam Stout; George Tatum, Cumberland County Register of Deeds; Clinton Weaver, assistant administrator for marketing and public relations, Cape Fear Valley Health System; from Autryville, NC: Judith Cashwell, president of Cashwell Appliance Parts, Inc.; from Holden Beach, NC: Alan Holden, owner of

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Alan Holden Realty; from Lumberton, NC: Dr. Harold “Mac” Teague, chemistry professor at UNC-Pembroke.

Five of the new board members are Methodist College graduates: Dr. Harold “Mac” Teague ‘64, Lynn Breeden ‘69, Alan Holden ‘71, Charles Morris ‘86, and Richard Player III ‘91.

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METHODIST COLLEGE THEATRE GROUPS TO STAGE MYSTERY PLAY/ DINNER

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Alpha Psi Omega and Monarch Playmakers at Methodist College will present *The Mild, Mild West*, a mystery play, Sept. 24-27 in the Alumni Dining Room of the Berns Student Center. The two student organizations are staging their first-ever dinner theatre presentation.

The dinner and play will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for children. Seating is limited. For reservations, phone 630-7279 or 630-7483.

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METHODIST COLLEGE STUDENT TO GIVE SAXOPHONE RECITAL

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Jason Taylor will give an alto saxophone recital Tuesday, Oct. 6 at Methodist College. The recital is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited.

A student of J. Michael Rogers, Taylor is a junior music performance major from Suffolk, Virginia. He will perform works by Paul Creston, J. S. Bach, Eugene Bozza, and Jeanine Rueff. Jane Weeks Gardiner, pianist and head of the Methodist College, will be Taylor's accompanist.