

PRESS RELEASES FOR 8/99

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SENT TO MEDIA</u>	<u>IN HOUSE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
8/19/99	MC expecting 2,000 students this fall	70	5	75
8/27/99	Symp. Southern Lit.	69	5	71
	TOTAL			146

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Methodist College Office of Public Relations

Topic MC expecting 2000 students this fall

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75 Total

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LOCAL/REGIONAL

- Fay. Observer-Times
- Features Education
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- CASE III Notes

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- Fay. Tech. Com. College
- Fay. Museum of Art
- Fay. Chamber of Commerce
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- Museum of the Cape Fear

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- The Bladen Journal (E-Town)
- Harnett County News
- The Robesonian (Lumberton)
- Charlotte Observer
- Greensboro News & Record
- Wilmington Morning Star
- Rocky Mount Evening Telegram
- Associated Press
- Winston Salem Journal
- Richmond County Daily Journal (Rockingham)
- Duplin Times
- Greenville Daily Reflector
- Kinston Daily Free Press
- Wilson Daily Times
- Laurinburg Exchange
- Duke Chronicle
- The Chapel Hill News
- Philanthropy Journal of North Carolina

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 19, 1999

Bill Billings

Director of Public Relations

Methodist College Expecting 2,000 Students This Fall

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College anticipates record enrollment when regular day classes begin Tuesday, Aug. 24. Evening and weekend classes started the week of Aug. 16.

The college begins its 40th academic year with a new library addition and a record number of students living on campus. Total registration in the regular day program is approaching 1,400 students, while approximately 550 students have enrolled in evening and weekend classes. In the day program, the college expects 580 new students—380 new freshmen, 200 transfer students and readmits—and 820 returning students. Recent trends suggest that another 100 students will enroll in Fall Term II of Evening College in mid-October, pushing Methodist's fall semester enrollment past 2,000 for the first time.

Approximately 750 students will move into the college's seven residence halls Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21 and 22. Some students will be placed in temporary overflow housing, some will have an extra roommate, and some have been referred to nearby apartment complexes. Another 650 commuting students are expected when day classes begin Aug. 24.

Methodist will soon begin construction of a new 68-student residence hall and is developing plans to build additional residence halls over the next several years. The first residence hall will be started within 60 days, pending completion of private bond financing, and will cost about \$3 million. The new residence halls will be located in a wooded area east of the March F. Riddle Center. They will feature private rooms clustered in four-person suites; each suite will have its own living room and kitchenette.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A schedule of this weekend's fall opening activities is attached.

Mary Wheating

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Area public libraries

Michelle Lounsbury

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Aug. 27, 1999

Bill Billings

Director of Public Relations

Symposium To Examine 'The Limits of Southern Literature'

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College's 15th Southern Writers Symposium will explore "The Limits of Southern Literature" Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17 and 18.

This fall's event will attempt to answer questions current in the realm of Southern writing: "What are the boundaries of the South? Who is considered a Southern writer and why? Why do some authors from the South resist the label 'Southern'? and Is Southern writing losing its distinctiveness?"

Literary scholars from around the country will speak on specific writers—Flannery O'Connor, Cormac McCarthy, Tom Wolfe, Charles Frazier, Mark Twain, Toni Morrison, and T. S. Eliot—as well as on thematic and critical issues. "We will also hear several Southern authors read from their works and discuss their thinking about these important questions," said Mary Wheeling, symposium director and assistant professor of English at Methodist.

The keynote speakers for this year's symposium are Robert Morgan, author and Kappa Alpha Professor of English at Cornell University, and Judy Goldman, a novelist, poet, and essayist from Charlotte, NC.

Robert Morgan has taught creative writing and British and American poetry at Cornell since 1971. He has published almost 20 books of poetry, fiction, and essays. His newest novel, *Gap Creek* (Algonquin Books) and a collection of short fiction, *The Balm of Gilead Tree and Other Stories* (Gnomon Press) will both appear this fall. Next year, Louisiana State University Press will be publishing Morgan's book of new poems, *Topsoil Road*.

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Morgan has received numerous prizes for his work, including the Southern Poetry Review Prize and the North Carolina Award in Literature. He has also held fellowships from the Guggenheim and Rockefeller Foundations, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the New York Foundation for the Arts. As a featured speaker at the Southern Writers Symposium, Morgan will give a reading at Friday’s luncheon and join other authors for a panel discussion that afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

Judy Goldman’s first novel, *The Slow Way Back* (William Morrow) will appear this fall concurrent with the Symposium. She is a commentator for National Public Radio in Charlotte and has written two books of poetry. Her poems and essays have appeared in *Southern Review*, *Kenyon Review*, *Ohio Review*, *Prairie Schooner* and other journals.

She has received the Roanoke-Chowan Award for Poetry and the Fortner Writer and Community Award, which recognizes “outstanding generosity to other NC writers and the larger community.” Goldman has taught creative writing at Queens College and currently teaches at the Duke University Writers’ Workshop, and at other writers’ conferences throughout the Southeast. Goldman will be part of an authors’ panel Friday at 3:30 p.m. and will give a reading after dinner Friday evening.

Bland Simpson—a fiction and non-fiction writer, musician (Red Clay Rambler), and writing teacher at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill— will read from his work at the Saturday luncheon. His books include *The Mystery of Beautiful Nell Cropsey*, a non-fiction novel, and *Heart of the Country*, a novel of Southern music.

The Southern Writers Symposium will culminate in a special poetry reading after dinner Saturday night. Wilkesboro, NC resident and recent N. C. State University graduate Jonathon Minton will read from his chapbook, *Lost Languages*, winner of the 1999 Longleaf Press Chapbook Contest. Judas Martinez will also read from her chapbook, *Mortal*, published this spring by Longleaf Press. Martinez has a Ph.D. in English from Oklahoma State University

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resides in Jacksonville, Florida.

To obtain registration forms and more information about the Southern Writers Symposium, please contact Dr. Wheeling at Methodist College, either by phone at (910) 630-7493 or via e-mail at *wheeling@methodist.edu*. A description of the symposium and a registration form can be found on the World Wide Web at *home.earthlink.net/~mwheeling*.

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