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February 12, 2001

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Director of Public Relations

## **LEIGH STEVENS RECEIVES LOWDERMILK STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Leigh Stevens, a Methodist College senior from Fayetteville, received the William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award February 11. The award was presented at the Fayetteville Rotary Club's Values and Ethics Night held at Methodist.

Dr. Lowdermilk, a Rotarian and former vice president of church and community relations at Methodist, established this annual award in 1996 to honor a Methodist College student who has demonstrated high ethical standards and spiritual values and provided exemplary service to the College and/or the Fayetteville community. Stevens received a certificate and a \$1,500 cash award from Dr. Lowdermilk.

Leigh Stevens is the daughter of Douglas and Jane Stevens of Fayetteville. She was nominated by Dr. Elizabeth Belford, professor of education, who said of her, "Leigh has demonstrated a genuine concern and caring for others and a readiness to offer time and help to other students." A Dean's List and President's List student, Stevens has been a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and Operation Christmas Child and has taught Sunday school at Cumberland Memorial United Methodist Church.

Other students nominated for the Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award this year were: Jennifer Packard, Rachel Beaulieu, Amanda Garcia, and Justin Rimbey. Each finalist received a \$200 award and a certificate of recognition.

The guest speaker for the Fayetteville Rotary Club's Values and Ethics Night was 2nd District Congressman Bob Etheridge. The congressman expressed his dismay over

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Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award

allegations that top executives of the energy firm Enron may have misled stockholders and employees and committed “the largest bank robbery in U. S. history.” Saying the Enron scandal is not typical of American business, Etheridge said he believes Congress should not overreact and pass new laws before it has all the facts about what happened with Enron.

The congressman expressed strong support for “character education” in the public schools, but added, “Both teachers and parents must be role models for our children.” He said he is pleased that record numbers of high school graduates are now attending college. “I believe education is the key to a brighter economic future, and I am optimistic about our future,” he concluded.

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## **METHODIST COLLEGE PRESENTS 'GODSPELL' FEBRUARY 21-23**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Theatre and Music Departments at Methodist College will present the musical *Godspell* Feb. 21-23 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

*Godspell* is a modern re-telling of St. Matthew focused on Jesus' parables and storytelling. The show utilizes clowning, pantomime, charades, and vaudeville to tell the story of Christ and the joy he imparted through his teachings. The show was originally conceived by John-Michael Tebelak for his master's thesis production at Carnegie-Mellon University. Stephen Schwarz wrote the musical score. He also scored *Pippin*, *The Magic Show*, *Children of Eden*, *Working*, *Pocahontas*, and *Prince of Egypt*.

Dr. Evan Bridenstine, assistant professor of theatre, is directing the show, with musical direction by Mrs. Betty Neill Parsons, associate professor of music.

"For this production, we're departing from the standard 'Christ as clown' interpretation," said Dr. Bridenstine. "This is more about how people use religion and how foolish that use can become. We've chosen the nature of Mardi Gras as a sort of lynch pin: a big party with bright colors, yes, but with a deeper meaning that often goes overlooked. We've created a style that reflects the manner of the parables—teaching in a way that both reveals and conceals the truth. You'll see a parable enacted in a humorous way near the front of the stage, but at the same time you'll see actors behind a scrim curtain enacting the same parable in a more symbolic style."

"This show is a lot of fun," said Mrs. Parsons. "It's a 2002 take on a 1971 show. We

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**Methodist College Presents *Godspell***

have a talented cast, and rehearsals are going very well.”

Jesus will be played by Christian Baumgart, a Methodist College senior who played the lead in *Bye Bye Birdie* last year and appeared the season before in *Young Mr. Berlin*. Bryan K. Reed will play John the Baptist, and Andrew Dailey, who played in last fall's *Just So Stories*, will be Judas. The large ensemble cast includes a mixture of Methodist College stage veterans, as well as MC and Cape Fear Regional Theatre alumni. These include: Melissa Anne Cain, Chuck Heaton, Andy Dickerson, David Morton, Kinsey Stuart, and Emmaline Taylor.

Tickets for *Godspell* are \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and students through high school, and \$5 for children. Reservations are not required; doors will open a half-hour before the show starts. For more information, call the Theatre Department Box Office at (910) 630-7483.

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February 27, 2002

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## **ECONOMICS PROFESSOR TO PRESENT PAPER ADVOCATING “VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY”**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Dr. Spencer G. Davis, assistant professor of financial economics, will present a paper entitled “An Economist’s Argument for Voluntary Simplicity” Thursday, March 7 at the College’s sixth annual B. F. Stone Endowed Lyceum.

The lyceum is slated for 7 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall. Admission is free and the public is invited. A reception will follow in Clark Hall.

Dr. Davis said “voluntary simplicity” describes a growing trend among Americans to consume less and work fewer hours. “I support this lifestyle,” said Dr. Davis, “because it allows more time for ‘life’s intangibles’: family activities, volunteer work, reading, and spiritual contemplation. About a year ago, the government released a study which showed that Americans work more hours per year than the workers of any other nation.”

The lecturer said he has been active in the voluntary simplicity movement for about four years. “This movement is tied closely to environmental and conservation groups,” he noted, “and I’m definitely a tree hugger.” After Dr. Davis’ presentation, two other faculty members—Dr. Jeff Zimmerman, professor of economics and finance, and Dr. Rebecca W. Wendelken, assistant professor of history, will respond to the paper.

The B. F. Stone Endowed Lyceum honors the late B. F. Stone of Elizabethtown, NC. A pharmacist and an active United Methodist, Mr. Stone made a large bequest to Methodist, portions of which have been used to create a scholarship and to endow this event. Faculty members selected to give papers at the lyceum are expected to focus on interdisciplinary subjects. Presenters receive an honorarium from B. F. Stone funds.



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## **Methodist College Music Dept. Presents “1825 - 1997 Perspectives in Music”**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Friends of Music at Methodist and the Methodist College Music Department will present a recital by selected music faculty and students Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Entitled “1825 - 1997 Perspectives in Music”, the event is free and open to the public.

Music faculty on the program include: sopranos Betty Neill Parsons, Ronda G. Spena, and Sue Snyder; pianists Jane Gardiner and Keith Dippre; and flutist Amber Rach. Senior music education majors Angalie Quinn (soprano) and Christian Baumgart (tenor) will perform a duet from *Secret Garden*.

The recital opens with Mrs. Parsons’ rendition of Schubert’s “Ave Maria”. Pianist Jane Gardiner will perform works by Federico Mompou and Samuel Barber. Ronda Speno will offer an aria from Puccini’s *Madame Butterfly*, and Sue Snyder will sing “Vocalise” by Henry Cowell. Pianist Jane Gibson will accompany Parsons and Spena; Patrick O’Briant will accompany Quinn and Baumgart.

The recital concludes with guest musicians Willie Lockett (electric bass) and Ted Zislis (drums) joining Rach (flute) and Dippre (piano) for ensemble performances of “Secret of the Andes” by Victor Felman and “Cram”, a composition by Dippre.

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## **Rev. Dr. Brian Gentle To Deliver Pastors' Day Lectures At Methodist College**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Rev. Dr. Brian Gentle, senior pastor of Haymount United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, will deliver the 2002 Pastors' Day Lectures at Methodist College Monday, March 4. His overall topic will be "Dancing with God': A Spiritual Leader in a World of Virtual Reality". The lectures are free and open to the public.

The Rev. Gentle's first lecture, "Rethinking Leadership", will be held at 11 a.m. in S-222, the Science Building Auditorium. His second lecture, "Daring to Work Yourself Out of a Job", is scheduled for 2 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall.

Reverend Gentle is a native of Melbourne, Australia. He holds a B.A. degree from Wheaton College, a B.D. from Yale University, an M.A. in Religion from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. in Religion with a major in Church History from Duke University. He has held pastoral appointments at five United Methodist churches in the North Carolina Conference and one in the New York Conference. He has also taught at Duke University Divinity School and at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C.



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March 4, 2002

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## **HANDBELL CONCERT AT METHODIST COLLEGE TO FEATURE 280 RINGERS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Church handbell choirs from throughout eastern North Carolina will gather at Methodist College March 15-16 for The North Carolina United Methodist Handbell Festival. The festival will conclude with a free public concert at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 16 in the March F. Riddle Center.

The annual handbell festival is sponsored by the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church's chapter of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts and by Methodist College. The massed choirs, consisting of approximately 280 ringers, will perform the following works at the public concert: *On Christmas Day in the Morn*, *Lumiere*, *A Jubilant Celebration*, *Nocturne No. 2* and *What Wondrous Love is This*. Handbell choirs from several churches will also perform independently.

Fred Gramann, director of music at The American Church in Paris, France, is the guest conductor for this year's festival. A native of Washington state, Gramann holds a bachelor's degree in organ performance from Syracuse University and a master's degree in organ performance from the University of Michigan. From 1972-75, he studied organ in Paris, France, with Marie-Claire Alain. He has been director of music at the American Church in Paris since 1976; in 1981, he started a handbell choir at the church. Gramann has composed and published numerous choral anthems and handbell works.

For more information about the United Methodist Handbell Festival, contact Mark Gourley, festival coordinator, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Goldsboro, N.C., phone (919) 734-2965, or at [music@stpaulgoldsboro.org](mailto:music@stpaulgoldsboro.org) via e-mail.

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## **CURTIS STEPHENS' SENIOR ART EXHIBITION OPENS MARCH 18 AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Curtis W. Stephens III, a senior art major at Methodist College, will present "Crossroads", his senior art exhibition, March 18-April 14 in the Mallett-Rogers House at the College. An opening reception is slated for Monday, March 18 from 7-9 p.m.

Stephens' art works deal primarily with Christian subjects and his own spiritual experiences; he is a United Methodist and a member of Salem United Methodist Church in Goldsboro, N.C. He took the theme of his show from Jeremiah 6:16, which reads: "This is what the Lord says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.'"

His exhibition includes about 20 pieces: drawings, prints, pen and ink sketches, and a unique altar piece. "Curtis is very sensitive to his subject matter," said Silvana Foti, professor of art at Methodist. "His work has a remarkable 'cleanness' to it."

Stephens said he became "a serious artist" while attending Charles B. Aycock High School in Goldsboro where he also played baseball. A pitcher for the Monarch baseball team, he started the Methodist College chapter of Athletes in Action during his sophomore year at Methodist. Two years ago he was part of a U.S. baseball team assembled by Athletes in Action which played national teams in Nicaragua and Mexico; team members witnessed for Christ following each game.

"I'd like to go into graphic design or advertising," said Stephens, and I'd like to be known as a Christian artist. I think there's a growing market for Christian art and churches are becoming more visually-oriented." Stephens' work can be seen at his Web site—<http://christianart.topcities.com>.

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## **DR. RONALD NUMBERS, WISCONSIN HISTORY PROFESSOR, TO DELIVER 3RD ANNUAL TEMPLETON LECTURE AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Dr. Ronald L. Numbers, chair of the Department of the History of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will deliver the third annual John Templeton Endowed Lecture in Science and Religion Monday, April 22 at Methodist College. He will speak at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Numbers will speak on the topic "Creation and Evolution in America: From Natural Selection to Intelligent Design." A native of Boulder, Colorado, Ronald Numbers has written or edited more than two dozen books, including, most recently, *Darwinism Comes to America* (Harvard University Press, 1998), and *Disseminating Darwinism: The Role of Place, Race, Religion, and Gender* (Cambridge University Press, 1999), co-edited with John Stenhouse.

From 1989-1993, Professor Numbers edited *Isis*, the flagship journal of the history of science, and is co-editing, with David Lindberg, the eight-volume Cambridge History of Science. He is a past president of both the History of Science Society and the American Society of Church History. He holds a B.A. degree from Southern Missionary College, a M.A. from Florida State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

Methodist's Templeton lectures honor Sir John Templeton, a renowned international investment manager. A native of Tennessee who now resides in the Bahamas, Templeton was educated at Yale University and was a Rhodes Scholar. He holds many honorary doctorates and is the author of several books, including *The Humble Approach* and *Laws of Life*.

Four years ago, Methodist College received a grant from the Templeton Foundation to establish a course entitled, "Religion in an Age of Science: Supplemental Spiritual Information." Dr. Lloyd Bailey, a retired religion professor and former faculty member at Duke Divinity School, developed and teaches the course.





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## **DR. LISA J. McLEOD TO SPEAK AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Dr. Lisa J. McLeod, assistant professor of philosophy at Guilford College, will give a lecture entitled “Racism, Fairness, and Affirmative Action” Monday, March 25 at Methodist College. She will speak at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall as part of the Tally Leadership Center’s Dialogues in Leadership Series. The event is free and open to the public.

A former deputy state public defender in California, Dr. McLeod will argue that “race-conscious affirmative action may be necessary if we are to confront the continuing legacy of historical racism.” The speaker holds a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of California-Santa Cruz, a J.D. from the UCLA School of Law, and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Stanford University.

Dr. McLeod’s lecture will discuss the basics of affirmative action, current workplace conditions, and the future of affirmative action programs as tools for combatting “invisible racism”. She will lecture for about 45 minutes and then take questions from the audience. Her appearance is supported in part by the North Carolina Humanities Council.



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## SILVANA FOTI HONORED AT METHODIST COLLEGE

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Silvana Foti, professor of art and head of the Art Department at Methodist College, received the Professor of the Year Award during the College's annual Awards Day ceremony April 1, 2002. She previously won the award in 1998.

A committee of faculty and students selected Foti for her teaching excellence, promotion of learning beyond the classroom, professionalism, and continuing professional growth. College President M. Elton Hendricks presented her with a plaque and a \$500 cash award.

"It is amazing to watch the drive and motivation levels rise to meet her high standards," said one of the two students who nominated her. In the last year, Ms. Foti and her art students conducted a paper sculpture workshop for local preschoolers and staged the College's first annual Juried Art Competition for Senior High School Students. Her students also exhibited their works at the Fayetteville Museum of Art and at the Cape Fear Regional Theatre.

Dr. Sue Snyder, director of the College's Fine Arts Division, describes Foti as "a dedicated and devoted teacher and colleague whose primary goal is the good of the students and the improvement of the Fine Arts Division." Silvana Foti joined the Methodist College faculty in 1980. A native of Youngstown, Ohio, she is an honors graduate of St. Mary's College in Indiana, earned an M.F.A. from the University of Notre Dame, and completed advanced studies in art education at Youngstown State University and Meredith College.

In her 22 years of teaching, Foti says she has sought to "push students to their true abilities and promote artistic growth and development beyond the norm." Of her art, she says her goal has been to express "harmony through equivalence of relationships of lines, colours, and planes, but only in the clearest and strongest way."

An accomplished printmaker, Foti has exhibited and judged works throughout North Carolina and in other states; studied non-toxic printmaking in Canada; and studied art and architecture in England, Italy, and France. Her next solo exhibition is slated for May 19-June 15 at the Somerhill Gallery in Chapel Hill.



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## **PATTI WISNIEWSKI'S SENIOR ART EXHIBITION OPENS APRIL 22 AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Patti Wisniewski, a senior art major at Methodist College, presents “Welcome to the House of Swing Where Jazz Is King”, her senior art exhibition, April 22-May 10 in the Mallett-Rogers House at the College. The show will be open to the public weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. A public reception will be held May 10 from 7-9 p.m.

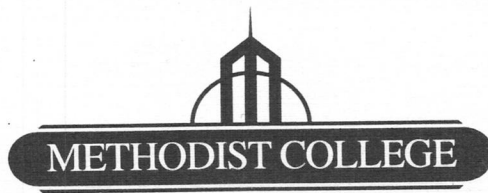
The 25 works in Wisniewski's exhibition reflect the social and cultural milieus of the 1930s and 1940s; 23 are prints that utilize bold lines and prominent shapes to capture the mood and life of this era. “Many of my pieces include faceless figures caught in lively and dramatic poses,” said the artist. “I like vibrant colors and party scenes. Last semester I did some prints on pillows, chairs, tables, and a fireplace screen.”

“To get fashion ideas,” said Wisniewski, “I read *Everyday Fashions of the Thirties As Pictured in Sears Catalogues* and a pictorial history called *The Hully Getty Picture Collection: the 1930s*. I also listened to Duke Ellington and Count Basie music for inspiration.”

A native of Lindhurst, Ohio, Wisniewski is the daughter of Gerald and Barbara Wisniewski and a 1998 graduate of Charles F. Brush High School. She credits her mother with sparking her interest in art. “She did arts and crafts with me as a child,” she recalls. “When I was in kindergarten, one of my crayon drawings was used on the program cover for a school music concert. I took six art classes in high school and developed a love for silk screening and batiquing.”

After graduating from Methodist, Wisniewski plans to move back to Cleveland and marry her fiancé, a golf professional at Sand Ridge Country Club in Chardon, Ohio. Her career goals include teaching private art lessons and/or working in an art gallery and pursuing a master's degree in art.





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## TWO POETS TO GIVE READINGS AT METHODIST COLLEGE

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Poets Nancy King and Lenard D. Moore will give public readings from their works Friday, April 19 at Methodist College.

The authors will appear at 7:30 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall, as part of the Blumenthal Writers and Readers Series. Admission is free, and the public is invited. After the readings, the College's Longleaf Press and the Methodist College English Department will host a public reception for the authors in the Mallett-Rogers House.

Nancy King is from Wayne County, North Carolina, and has twice been a finalist in the North Carolina Writers Network Harperprints Poetry Chapbook Competition. Her poems have been published in the last eight issues of the *Poetry Society's Award-Winning Poems*, as well as many literary journals, including *Pembroke* and *Wellspring*. A retired school cafeteria worker and grandmother, Mrs. King is a self-taught writer who has studied informally with other poets for eleven years.

Lenard D. Moore of Raleigh, NC, teaches English and world literature at Shaw University. His poems, essays and reviews have appeared in over 300 publications and 30 anthologies. He is the author of *The Open Eye*, *Forever Home*, and *Desert Storm: A Brief History*. Moore is founder and executive director of the Carolina African American Writers' Collective and co-founder of the Washington Street Writers Group.

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## **METHODIST COLLEGE HOLDS 39TH SPRING COMMENCEMENT MAY 11**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist College will hold its 39th spring commencement exercises Saturday, May 11. Approximately 188 seniors are slated to graduate.

Bishop Marion M. Edwards, resident bishop of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

Phillip J. Kirk, Jr., president and secretary of the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry and publisher of NORTH CAROLINA magazine, will deliver the commencement address. The commencement exercise begins at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. Methodist College President M. Elton Hendricks will award an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree to Bishop Edwards during the ceremony.

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## **METHODIST COLLEGE CHORAL GROUPS TO PERFORM APRIL 29, 30**

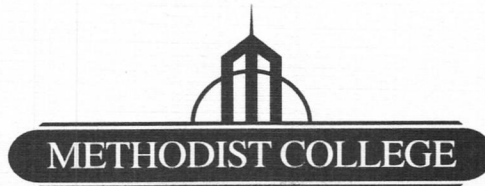
**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist College choral groups will appear in concert Monday, April 29 and Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The April 29 concert features Synergy, the 76-member show choir, and the 17 members of One Spirit, the honors vocal ensemble. Synergy will perform: “Swing Dancin’”, “God Bless the U.S.A.”, “Smooth”, “Best of the Boys”, and “What’s Goin’ On?”. One Spirit’s program includes: “The Boy from New York City”, “Calendar Girls”, “Blue Moon”, “Barbara Ann” and “Come Rain or Come Shine”.

The April 30 concert features the 50-member Methodist College Concert Choir and One Spirit. The Concert Choir’s program includes: “Old American Songs” by Aaron Copland, “Cantique de Jean Racine” by Gabriel Fauré, “Song of Democracy” by Howard Hanson, and “Worthy To Be Praised” by Byron J. Smith. One Spirit will perform: “Sing Me To Heaven”, “Creation Will Be At Peace”, and “Many Gifts, One Spirit”.

Betty Neill Guy Parsons, associate professor of music at Methodist, will conduct the choral groups. Accompanists will include: pianist Jonathan Barber, percussionist Jason Wabick, and guitarist Kevin Lindley.





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## **METHODIST COLLEGE TRUSTEES TO ANNOUNCE MAJOR FUND DRIVE MAY 2**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Methodist College Board of Trustees has scheduled a press conference for Thursday, May 2 at 10 a.m. to announce a new three-year fund drive for the College. The announcement will be made in the auditorium of Clark Hall to invited guests.

Trustees Ramon L. Yarborough and Richard R. Allen, Sr., co-chairs of the campaign, will reveal an overall goal, the amount raised to date during the “silent phase” of the campaign, and how campaign funds will be used. The co-chairs will also unveil architectural sketches of two proposed buildings.

Methodist College President M. Elton Hendricks will explain how the campaign originated, and two current students will discuss the College’s capital needs. Campaign literature and an official press release will be distributed by the Development Office.

The newest campaign will be the third conducted during Dr. Hendricks’ 19 years as president of Methodist College. The only major fund drive prior to that occurred in 1956-60, when the Fayetteville community and the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church each raised \$2 million to start construction of their new college. From 1986-90, the “Come of Age” campaign raised \$3.5 million to build a new physical activities center. From 1994-98, the “Expanding the Vision” campaign netted \$8.5 million; those funds were used to build an addition to Davis Memorial Library and a classroom building for the Reeves School of Business, and also to build the College endowment.

More details about the forthcoming campaign will be available after May 2 from Cynthia J. Curtis, director of development, at (910) 630-7200 or [cjcurtis@methodist.edu](mailto:cjcurtis@methodist.edu).

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## METHODIST COLLEGE TO RAISE \$11 MILLION

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Board of Trustees of Methodist College announced today the beginning of a comprehensive campaign to generate \$11 million. Themed “Seeds On Good Soil, A New Season,” the campaign will enable Methodist College to further its growth by investing in both its physical and financial resources.

“Methodist College has enjoyed incredible support from the community and our growing number of alumni,” said Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of the College. “In return, we have worked hard to develop a College and programs worthy of this community and that support. In that same spirit, we have very specific goals for this \$11 million — goals that will be a benefit to our students, to our College, and to this community.”

According to Board of Trustees members and campaign co-chairs, Ramon L. Yarborough and Richard R. Allen, Sr., the \$11 million will be invested in strengthening the College’s annual fund (\$1.5 million), building the College’s endowment (\$1 million), funding a state-of-the-art addition to the Science Building (\$5 million), and creating a fitness center and intramural field house (\$3.5 million). “Each of these investments was identified in the strategic plan for the College, which was adopted by the board in 1999,” says Allen.

“Building both our endowment and our annual fund will make Methodist College less tuition-dependent and allow us to further develop our programming and our student body,” adds Yarborough. “The Science Building addition and the fitness center are greatly needed to keep up with the caliber of students we are now attracting and our advancing curricula.”

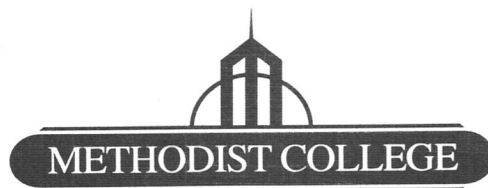
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### **Methodist College Launches Fund Drive**

The “Seeds On Good Soil” campaign will occur over a three-year period. The silent phase of the campaign began 18 months ago, with solicitation of the College trustees. For more information on the campaign and to make a donation, contact the Methodist College Development Office at 910-630-7200 or visit its Web site at [www.methodist.edu](http://www.methodist.edu)

Methodist College was chartered in 1956 and opened in 1960. This is its third major fund-raising campaign. Methodist College serves more than 2,000 students and employs more than 400 faculty and staff.



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## **A Brief History of Methodist College**

In 1955, a group of Fayetteville citizens joined together to bring a private college to the city. They formed the Fayetteville College Foundation and began to secure pledges of land and money toward their goal.

In March of 1956, foundation leaders met with and invited the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church to establish a four-year, coeducational college in Fayetteville. The foundation pledged 600 acres of land, \$2 million for capital projects and \$50,000 annually for sustaining funds. The Methodist Church pledged \$2 million for capital construction and annual sustaining funds of \$180,000. By July, the first Board of Trustees of Methodist College was formed and Fayetteville lawyer Terry Sanford, a future governor of North Carolina and U.S. senator, was elected chairperson. Methodist College was chartered in November of that year.

Methodist College opened its doors in the fall of 1960, serving 88 students with 12 faculty members and four buildings on campus.

Today, Methodist College remains a four-year, coeducational institution related by faith to the North Carolina Annual Conference, Southeastern Jurisdiction, The United Methodist Church. The College serves more than 2,000 students and employs more than 400 faculty and staff. Fifty-two majors and eight degrees—one master's, five baccalaureate, and two associate—are offered. The campus has grown to include 29 buildings.

More than 8,000 people now call Methodist College their alma mater. Two thousand of them have chosen to remain in and lend their talents to the Fayetteville area. Because of the alumni who live in Fayetteville and because the College was created and sustained by the efforts of the people of Fayetteville, Methodist College is closely intertwined with the community. The College strives to be a premier resource for intellectual discourse, cultural events, and intercollegiate athletics for the area.



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## **KIRK, EDWARDS URGE THE CLASS OF 2002 TO PUT VALUES INTO ACTION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Addressing the Class of 2002 at Methodist College's 39th spring commencement exercises May 11, a business leader and a religious leader extolled the traditional "family values" of character and compassion for others.

Reflecting on things he had learned in his 57 years, Phillip J. Kirk Jr., chairman of the State Board of Education and president of N.C. Citizens for Business and Industry, urged members of the Class of 2002 to, "Live so that when your family and friends think of fairness, caring and integrity, they think of you."

Citing a book by the late Adlai Stevenson, *If I Knew Then What I Know Now*, Kirk said he agreed with the author that the knowledge gleaned from people, places, actions, faith and "things you cannot see" is much more important than "the knowledge of formula, forms or words." Kirk said he had learned that "after God, one's family is the most important thing." He advised members of the graduating class to spend more time learning from and listening to their families, to relax more, to schedule time for themselves, and to do what is right.

Kirk said America needs leaders who trust God, do what is morally right, and are willing to make tough decisions without regard to "popularity polls." He said good leadership skills can be learned at any age. He said effective leaders: develop goals and a vision, inspire trust and confidence, have a sense of humor, are resilient, and "know that life has a lot of chapters."

The former state legislator and Cabinet official concluded his speech by urging class members to have a positive but realistic outlook on life, pick their battles, establish flexible

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goals, reach out to those in need, stand up for their beliefs, and take part in community affairs.

In his baccalaureate sermon, Bishop Marion M. Edwards, resident bishop of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, told the graduating seniors the most important thing they would take from Methodist College would be their character. He said his mother had taught him and his brother that character was “the one thing the world can never take from you.” She defined character, he recalled, as “what you do when you think no one else is watching.”

Saying “Your character will define your future,” Bishop Edwards asked the seniors sitting before him, “Are you living well and loving much? Are you nurturing and growing your character? Crises and hard times will reveal your true character, which consists of the capacity to give, to create, to be proactive. Character is a development of the human soul.”

Bishop Edwards based his sermon on Psalm 1, which he paraphrased as: “If you delight in the law of the Lord, you will grow in character and be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, a tree which will blossom in its season and bear fruit.” He concluded by saying, “My hope and prayer is that as you graduate that you will remain childlike—learning, full of eager imagination, searching for truth—but that you will never become childish or immature. The one thing that will carry you will be your character.”

In other commencement activities:

—Army ROTC candidates Karl E. Gregory and Anthony R. Hanson took the Oath of Allegiance and were commissioned second lieutenants.

—College President M. Elton Hendricks received the flag of Bosnia-Herzegovina from Milan Savic and the flag of Norway from Arild Visth.

—President Hendricks presented the L. Stacy Weaver Award to Carole Blanc, denoting her selection by the faculty as the senior who best exemplified academic excellence, spiritual development, leadership and service.

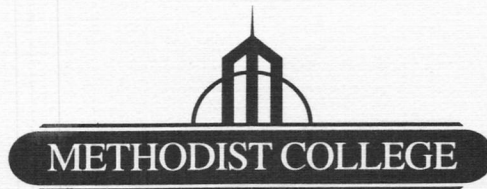
—Dr. Hendricks presented a Methodist College Medallion to Thomas F. Miriello, a 1970

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graduate of Methodist, in recognition of his 31 years of outstanding service in North Carolina as a mental health clinician and program manager.

— President Hendricks awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree to Bishop Marion M. Edwards for 42 years of exemplary service to the United Methodist Church, his diligent and inspired leadership of the North Carolina Conference, and his strong support of United Methodist institutions of higher learning.

— Among the 183 spring graduates, 46 graduated with honors, eight *summa cum laude*, 10 *magna cum laude*, and 26 *cum laude*.



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**LANCE E. FRANSICO RECEIVES DEGREE AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Lance E. Fransico of Kingsport, TN, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management and Marketing from Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC, May 11. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lance of 524 Kimbark Lane, Kingsport.

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## **LAWREN M. CODY RECEIVES DEGREE AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Lawren M. Cody of Lexington, NC, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics with a Concentration in Secondary Education from Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC, May 11.

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## **YVONNE AMANA BESSE FOLSOM RECEIVES DEGREE AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Yvonne Amana Besse Folsom of Fort Bragg, NC, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC, May 11. She graduated *summa cum laude and made the President's list for the spring semester*. She is the daughter of Pierre and Vickie Besse of 405 N. Chevis Street, Rayne.

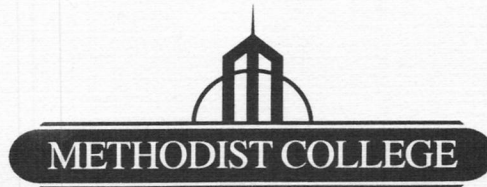
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**RYAN P. FOUNTAINE RECEIVES DEGREE AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Ryan P. Fountaine of Endicott, NY, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management from Methodist College in Fayetteville May 11. He is the son of James and Bonnie Fountaine of 13 Mansfield Drive, Endicott.

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### **JENNIFER D. ROOT RECEIVES DEGREE AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Jennifer D. Root of Hope Mills, NC, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a Concentration in Zoology from Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC, May 11. She is the daughter of Kay and Alan Root of 2304 Davis Road, Hillsborough, NC.

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## **METHODIST COLLEGE RELEASES SPRING PRESIDENT'S LIST**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—One hundred fifty-six students were named to the President's List at Methodist College for the 2002 spring semester.

To merit inclusion on the President's List, a student must achieve a 3.7 (A-) grade point average on the college's 13-point grading scale.

Methodist College is a four-year, coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences with a current enrollment of 2,000 students.

The following students earned a place on the President's List:

### **CAPE FEAR REGION**

**Fayetteville:** Adrienne Elizabeth Acosta, Rafael Alvarez, Richard A. Bailey Jr., Sarika Dominguez Bellis, Mary Carole Blanc, Jack Wilbur Bond, Steven Martin Boone, Tara Brown, Darl Hilton Champion Jr., Melinda Renee Deshong, Brandee Leann Dew, Daphne Donaldson, Angela K. Duncan, Hollie D. Franklin, Tamika Shena Gamble, Amanda Garcia, Warren Bradford Gilbertson, Floyd McClinton Goods, Karl Eric Gregory, Muriel Gregory, Anthony Wayne Hahn, Corina Hakkarainen, Melissa Hansraj, Kristin Hockaday, Tara Lea Holmes, Stephanie Lynn Jackson, Gregory Jorgenson, Derek Richard Keller, Ericka Jonelle Kimbrough, Kenneth Kontras, Jane Lee Leechford, Valdean McLean, Tony James Mezera, Tara Lee Mielo, Karen D. Miller, Nadia Dena Morgan, Nicole Michelle Mueth, Michelle Muthiani, Andrew Newton, Mary Lou O'Connor, Sarah Paige Otto, Victoria L. Page, Marianne Coe Parker, Mae

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Parsons, Jessica Lynn Payton, Jennifer Ann Petty, Jessica Marie Phillips, Monique Renee Raduziner, Anthony Stewart Raphael, Cynthia Register, Teodoro Rivera-Resto, Nicholas David Rose, Elfi E. Roth, Donald Wayne Sapp, Jennifer Leigh Smith, Sondra Sue Smith, Leigh Buie Stevens, Kristine Armstrong Stewart, Christopher Swartz, Mark A. Tomeucci, Christy Lynn Turner, Philina Corinthia Urbach, Long Fa Wu, Anne Elizabeth Zahran

**Fort Bragg:** Sheila Lynnette Campbell, Robin Lynn Dragon, Yvonne Folsom, Christine Gavia, Cynthia Ann Suter, Marcie Lynn Waldrip

**Pope AFB:** Angela Shawn Barrons

**Autryville:** Kristy Nicole Melvin

**Cameron:** Jennifer Lynn Goeglein, James A. Kolar

**Godwin:** Lisa Ann Parnell

**Hope Mills:** Ronald Thomas Berry, Paula Jean Betts, Ricky Curtis Byrd, Nicole Marie Frank, Amy Diane Quinn, Richard Walker

**Jackson Springs:** Linda Brooke Thompson

**Linden:** James E. Brown, Dawn Knox Brunet, Katherine Leigh Franklin

**Lumberton:** Samantha Joan Byrd

**Red Springs:** Katherine Denise Mouser

**Roseboro:** Paula Joyce McLean

**Saint Pauls:** Stacey Leigh Sheppard

**Sanford:** William Hawkins

**Spring Lake:** James Goeglein, Heather Cherie Griffin, Heather Hoss, Bridgett K. Jefferson, Melinda Thompson

**Stedman:** Victoria L. Cleverly, Wanda Nunnery, Kristin Erryn Stafford

**OTHER AREAS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**Beaufort:** Matthew Dylan Kenworthy

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—3-3-3— **Spring 2002 President's List / Methodist College**

**Creedmoor:** Chad Everette Abbott

**Durham:** Kelly Jeanette Lynch

**Greensboro:** Russell Bart Scott

**Henderson:** William Scott Davis

**Hillsborough:** Casey Brock Williams

**Kenly:** Kelly Michelle Holland

**Kernersville:** Justin Loyd Ijames

**Mount Gilead:** Kenyatta Ray Little

**New Bern:** Jennifer Marie Packard, Milan Savic

**Oriental:** Gary Bruce Futch Jr.

**Polkton:** Brett Austin Carpenter

**Raleigh:** Robert August Fritz, Jennifer Leigh Neal, Jason Perrow, Suthathip Suanmali

**Siler City:** Melody Alisa Dark

**Tobaccoville:** Elizabeth Stanley

**Warsaw:** Andrew Harris Bell

**Wendell:** Lesley Dawn Marshburn

**OTHER STATES / COUNTRIES**

**Bedford, VA:** Joseph Jared Wilkerson; **Berlin, CT:** Rebecca Lindsey Collis, **Blasdell, NY:** Andrew Thomas Yakovac; **Carlisle, PA:** Zachary Thomas Fidler, Ryan Scott Hocker; **Cincinnati, OH:** Robert Neel Kirkham; **Colorado Springs, CO:** Sara Kathleen Beavers; **Corry, PA:** Timothy Joseph Adamaszek; **Ellicott City, MD:** Matthew Malpass Laun; **Endicott, NY:** Jason R. Benko; **Freeport, Grand Bahama, Bahamas:** Ann Knowles; **Germantown, MD:** Jill Marie Hartman; **Kinderhook, NY:** Philp L. Kaminski; **Longmont, CO:** Paul Monroe Jackson; **Lyndhurst, OH:** Patricia B. Wisniewski; **Magnolia, NJ:** Tara Lynn Nestopoulos; **Manassas, VA:** Justin Layne Fawley; **Mechanic Falls, ME:** Rachel Ann

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—4-4-4— Spring 2002 President's List / Methodist College

Beaulieu; **Midland, GA:** Katherine Ilene Fisher; **Monticello, MN:** Andrew Jon Sandman;  
**Moscow, Russia:** Roman Trudnenko; **Naperville, IL:** Jennifer Joy Lymangood; **New  
Castle, DE:** Christopher Ryan Muldoon, Kevin Patrick Muldoon; **Novosibirsk, Russia:**  
Elena Bryxina; **Omsk, Russia:** Elena Berdenikova, Tatiana Kolmychevskaya; **Ormond  
Beach, FL:** Courtney Lynn Teschner; **Preston, MD:** Chad Ryan Craft; **Queenstown, MD:**  
Kirbie Jean Britt; **Rochester, IN:** Ryan Boldry Steele; **Smyrna DE:** Josh Dunning;  
**Stratford, NJ:** Susan Marie Hering; **Sumter, SC:** Kimberly M. Wiley; **Sweetser, IN:** Justin  
Tyler Johnson; **Waterloo, NY:** Mary C. Schweitz; **Westminster, MD:** Kasey Nicole Owings



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## **METHODIST COLLEGE RELEASES SPRING 2002 DEAN'S LIST**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Two hundred one students made the Dean's List at Methodist College for the Spring 2002 semester.

To merit inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average on a 13-point grading scale, with 12 or more semester hours of course work and no grade of D, F, or Incomplete.

Methodist College is a four-year, coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences with a current enrollment of 2,100.

The following students earned a place on the Dean's List:

### **CAPE FEAR REGION**

**Fayetteville:** Christina Armistead, Jorge Avalos, Loretta Baskett, Bud Timothy Benson, Brian Jacob Boss, Frances Denise Burress, Sylvester Cancer, Charles Lee Christie Jr., Etienne Henri Dion Clement, Cindy Dale Clough, Melonde Roxshunna Colvin, William Bryan Cotton, Annette Roselle Coy, Justin C. Curlee, Karen Elizabeth Dasher, Vanessa Nicole Dawson, Emily S. Donovan, Thomas Duranet, Vanessa Louise Eastman, Michelle Delcid Evans, Holly Jo Filas, Angela Renee Flynn, Belinda M. Goff, Ingvild T. Guerrero, Davidson Dougall Hall, Brandy Leigh Helm, Desiree Tami Horton, Rebecca Howard, Stephanie Dorothy Hrabovsky, Eric J. Hutton, Nicole Marie Janson, Bobbie Joe Jessel, Letitia Sharmaine Jones, Alllee Fern Lafave, Valerie Lynn Latimer, Nicole Long, Goncalo Marques, Graciella Marroquin, Maria Linda Martínez, Kevin Daniel Matthews, Manuel Menendez, Amy Lynn Mitchell, Joshua Morgan, Brandon Scott Muflett, Itzel Morales Navarro, Sonji Nock, Sean O'Connor, Joseph Michael

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Ondrako, Kleida Pani, Jnata Danyale Pass, John Adam Petty, Midori Jea Plumley, Lena Polyaskayarup, Michael Raymond Porter, Collins Prayer-Green, Tabitha Ann Rudolph, Steffenee P. Shaffer, LaKesha Shonte Sims, Kimberly M. Singer, Matthew Frank Spinicchia, Kimberly D. Stephenson, Michael Edward Thaman, Joanna Trapp, Timothy Michael Vogel, Craig Thomas Walker, James Hoyt Warren, Matilde H. Webster, Wesley William Whitehead, Jennifer Ann Whiteley, Sean Mackey Wilson, Yvette V. Windham, Kenichi Yokota

**Fort Bragg:** Jennifer Rene Agee, Leemour Georgetta Banks, Andrew John Bullock, Melissa Lynn Gascamacho, Jason A. Meier, Desiree Santiago-Spence, Molly Whitehead

**Pope AFB:** Douglas Barnes, Elsa C. Pearce, Yolanda Woods

**Hope Mills:** Andrea Michele Allen, Caryl Dianne Edwards, Alexander Fernandez, Kara Renee Jernigan, Shannon Jeannine McMillan, Christina Scott Perry, Sean Patrick Valente

**Spring Lake:** Casime P. Cadet

**Stedman:** Carrie Lynn Horne

**Benson:** Nyla Elizabeth Thompson

**Bladenboro:** Stephanie Lee

**Cameron:** James Wight Phillips, Carla Ann Simpson, Glenn Tollefsen

**Elizabethtown:** George Williams

**Erwin:** Amanda Lynne Hathaway, Mary Ashley West

**Harrells:** Michael Casey Cavanaugh, Janet Michelle Munn

**Lillington:** Justice Nicole Thibodeaux

**Parkton:** Amanda Gail Strouble

**Pinehurst:** Kristin Anne Ziska

**Raeford:** Kelly Jean Boucher, Daniel R. Padgett

**Roseboro:** Sarah Kelli Bradshaw

**Sanford:** Diana Cameron, Autumn Tyre Devore

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**OTHER AREAS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

- Advance:** James Harlon Stewart  
**Angier:** Melissa Blakelly Overby  
**Apex:** Christopher Stephen Novits  
**Burlington:** Stephen Matthew Rein  
**Carrboro:** Neilani Merina Siatini  
**Cary:** Jennifer Lee Willoughby  
**Goldsboro:** Sarah Marie Salter  
**Graham:** Daniel Caleb McKeel  
**Greensboro:** Brad Douglas Smedberg  
**Havelock:** Angalie Quinn, Susan Arendell Small  
**Hillsborough:** Christopher Daniel Kidd  
**Jacksonville:** Jamaal Kien Legette  
**Kernersville:** Anna M. Baker  
**Lake Junaluska:** Emmaline Susannah Taylor  
**Lexington:** Lawren Michelle Cody  
**Matthews:** Travis C. Haynes  
**McLeansville:** Joel Thomas Silver  
**Mooreville:** Ashley Virginia Abrams  
**Raleigh:** Michael Joseph Oeser  
**Reidsville:** Joshua Walker Small  
**Rockingham:** Heather Asbury Collins

**OTHER STATES/COUNTRIES**

- Allentown, PA:** Stephen William Frederick; **Amherst, NY:** Elizabeth Marie Grey;

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**Annapolis, MD:** David Burdette Merrill; **Ashburn, GA:** William J. Thompson; **Auburndale, FL:** William Jamar Brown; **Bel Air, MD:** Kerri Elizabeth Dimartino; **Belle Plaine, MN:** Nathan Patrick Ollhoff; **Bowie, MD:** Elli Bray, Emily Grace Brown; **Butler, PA:** David Alan Bossung; **Cali, Colombia:** Viviana Abella; **Canadaigua, NY:** Rachel Elizabeth Coles; **Clairton, PA:** Adrienne Michele Midgly; **Clifton Forge, VA:** Charles Ellis Simpson; **Dayton, OH:** Christina Marie Gipson; **Edgewater, MD:** Ryan S. Hauck; **Elm Grove, WI:** Glen W. Murray; **Fairport, NY:** Bryan William LePage; **Fernandina Beach, FL:** Shaun Keith Forbes; **Fort Myers, FL:** Darmarcus Lemonte Wilson; **Great Falls, VA:** Brian Scott Conover; **Greenfield, IN:** Joseph Paul Brookfield; **Hamburg, NY:** Ryan A. Hayden; **Hampton, VA:** Kara Jo Ellen Alexander; **Heathsville, VA:** Jeffrey Neale Crabbe; **Holmes Rock, Grand Bahama, Bahamas:** Kinsey Stuart; **Jupiter, FL:** Terry J. Eve; **Knoxville, TN:** Benjamin Bochette Patin; **Lee, FL:** Joseph B. Truesdale; **Manville, RI:** Erin Marie Patenaude; **Mesick, MI:** Todd Joseph Barta; **Miami, FL:** Carrie Louise Toms; **Moscow, Russia:** Elena Blanina; **Munhall, PA:** James Matthew Ondo; **Myrtle Beach, SC:** John Joseph Benazzi; **New City, NY:** Emily Alice Rentz; **New York, NY:** Oghenetejiri Eruotor; **Newport, RI:** Michael Jeremiah Wood; **Northern Cambri, PA:** Jennifer Renee Patrick; **Northfield, MN:** Gregory Michael Flicsek; **Nova Scotia, Canada:** Nigel Selig; **Oakland, NJ:** Brian Alexander McMahon; **Ocala, FL:** Torie Shamar Crockett; **Ocean City, MD:** Matthew John Whitaker; **Omsk, Russia:** Oleg Otten; **Orchard Park, NY:** Michael Anthony Ippolito; **Providence, KY:** Colin O'Neal Gooch; **Reading, MA:** Michael John Giordani; **Rehoboth, MA:** Christopher Russell Knowles; **Rockford, IL:** Matthew Charles Klein; **Rockwood, PA:** Scott Gregory Rush; **Salix, PA:** Eric Scott Knipple; **Sault St Marie, Ontario, Canada:** Darren Lavallee; **Seaview, WA:** Erik John Lashley; **Shenandoah, VA:** Eric Todd Woods; **Shohola, PA:** Patrick Kelly Giblin; **Smedesboro, NJ:** Erica Noel Dryden; **Spartanburg, SC:** Jonathan Michael Sherman; **Stafford, VA:** Richard Joseph Scanlon Jr.; **Steilacoom, WA:** Marie Nicole



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Herrera; **Sterling, IL:** Leighann Michelle Rastede; **Temperance, MI:** Ben E. Graff; **Thief River Falls, MN:** John Stanley Sjoberg; **Virginia Beach, VA:** Nikysha Lorraine Jackson; **Waldorf, MD:** Richard Michael Bamber; **Webster Groves, MO:** Emily Christine Neilsen; **West Springfield, MA:** James Michael Chojnowski; **Wilmington, DE:** David Joseph Taylor; **Winchester, VA:** Michael Matthew Gerometta; **Yorktown, VA:** Dante Raphael Alvarado

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July 9, 2002

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Director of Public Relations

## **Longleaf Press Publishes Poetry Chapbooks by Tina Barr, Barbara Presnell**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Longleaf Press at Methodist College is publishing two poetry chapbooks this summer.

*Red Land, Black Land* by Tina Barr is a collection of poems about the Middle East which won the 2002 Longleaf Poetry Chapbook Contest.

Barr's poetry has been widely published in *American Poetry Review*, *The Antioch Review*, *The Harvard Review*, *The Southern Review*, and other well-known journals. She has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. She directs the Creative Writing Program at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN.

Longleaf is also publishing *Los Hijos* by Barbara Presnell, a Lexington, NC, poet, teacher, and columnist. Presnell's *Unravelings* won Longleaf's 1998 chapbook contest. Her newest collection of poems is dedicated to the children of The Children's Home Fountain of Love, an orphanage in Mexico where she and her husband and son took part in a mission project.

Both poets will be featured in a public reading this fall at the College. Due for release in August, the chapbooks will sell for \$5 each (\$6 including postage and handling). Copies may be purchased from the Methodist College Bookstore or by mail from Longleaf Press, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311, phone (910) 630-7110.

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## **Methodist College President Slates Major Announcement**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist College President M. Elton Hendricks will hold a “press conference” Monday, July 15 at 11 a.m. in the Board Room of Horner Administration Building. The purpose of the press conference is to announce a new initiative by the College’s Center for Entrepreneurship.



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July 15, 2002

Bill Billings

Director of Public Relations

## **Methodist College President Announces ‘Thank You Series’ Initiative by College’s Center for Entrepreneurship**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist College President M. Elton Hendricks announced this morning that the College’s Center for Entrepreneurship will launch a new series of “thank you” events to honor local industries Sept. 26. Kelly Springfield Tire Co., Cumberland County’s largest private employer, will be the first industry recognized.

The Center’s Sept. 26 “thank you” for Kelly Springfield will include a morning welcoming ceremony at the Cumberland County Courthouse, a noon luncheon at the College, and a 6 p.m. community banquet at which a souvenir booklet, “The Untold Story of Kelly Springfield,” will be released. Kelly Springfield employs 3,100 persons from a 10-county area and has an annual payroll exceeding \$275 million.

The Center has asked North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley to proclaim Sept. 26 “Kelly Springfield Tire Co. Day” and has invited John Polhemus, president of North American Tire, Goodyear Tire and Rubber, to attend its “thank you” events. In his announcement, President Hendricks noted that contributions from Kelly Springfield employees make up 12 percent of the Cumberland County United Way’s annual budget and that Kelly’s Business Center had spearheaded other charitable donations totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Dr. Hendricks said the Center for Entrepreneurship would sponsor another industry “thank you” within a few months of the inaugural Sept. 26 event. He said the Advisory Board for the Center for Entrepreneurship will select other Cumberland County industries which have significant economic and social impact on the entire area.



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## Methodist College Expecting 2,000 Students This Fall

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist College officials expect approximately 2,000 students to enroll for the Fall 2002 semester which starts next week.

Methodist begins its 43rd academic year August 12 when evening and online courses get under way. Regular day classes start Tuesday, August 20. A total of 1,496 students were registered for the day program as of Aug. 8; in Fall 2001, the College enrolled 1,429 day students. Another 500-600 students are expected for the evening program.

New resident students arrive Saturday, August 17, and returning resident students arrive Sunday, August 18. Members of the Monarch football team return to campus Sunday, Aug. 11, followed by the soccer, volleyball, and cross country teams Aug. 14. College employees will gather for their third annual Family Day Picnic on campus Saturday, Aug. 10.

As of Aug. 2, a record 864 students have been assigned living space on campus. Because Cape Fear Commons II, the new apartment-style residence hall now under construction, will not be ready for occupancy until mid-September, approximately 40 students will be living three to a room on a short-term basis. When Cape Fear Commons II opens, the College will have a total residential capacity of 869.

In addition to Cape Fear Commons II, students and staff will encounter a totally renovated cafeteria in the Berns Student Center. Sodexo, Inc., which operates the cafeteria, paid for most of the renovation; College maintenance workers assisted with wiring, plumbing, and carpentry. College maintenance workers recently expanded the irrigation system to green spaces north and east of Horner Administration Building and finished renovations to a third floor bathroom in Cumberland Hall.

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Aug. 14, 2002

Bill Billings

Director of Public Relations

**METHODIST COLLEGE THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS A SPECIAL PRODUCTION OF LANFORD WILSON'S *TALLEY'S FOLLY***

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Methodist College Theatre Department will present a special production of Lanford Wilson's Pulitzer prize-winning play, *Talley's Folly* at the O'Hanlon Amphitheater on the Methodist College campus, Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 19-22 (Family Weekend). All performances, including Sunday, will begin at 8:00 p.m.

*Talley's Folly* was winner of both the 1980 Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award as Best Play of the Season. Part of a cycle of plays about the tradition-bound Talley family of Missouri begun with *Fifth of July* and rounded out by *Talley & Son*, *Talley's Folly* deals with the courtship of the not-quite-young-anymore Sally Talley and her middle-aged suitor, Matt Freidman, a Jewish accountant from St. Louis.

The play is set in an ornate, deserted Victorian boathouse on the Talley place in Lebanon, Missouri in 1944. Matt has arrived to plead the case of his love for Sally, the susceptible and uncertain only daughter of the Talley family. On one side Matt is bookish, erudite, and reserved; on the other totally honest and funny with the timing of a Borscht-belt comedian. Matt refuses to accept Sally's rebuffs and her fears that her family would never approve of their marriage.

Charming, easygoing, but indomitable, he gradually wears down her defenses, telling her his innermost secrets, and, in return, learning hers as well. Gradually, he awakens Sally to the

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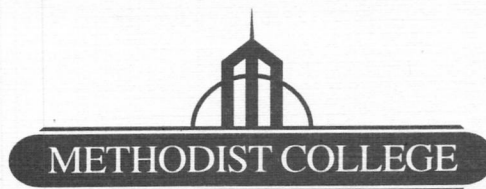
### **Methodist College Presents Talley's Folly**

the possibilities of a life together until, in the final, touching moments of the play, it is clear that they are two kindred spirits who have truly found each other—two “lame ducks” who, in their union, will find a wholeness rare in human relationships.

The Methodist College production of *Talley's Folly* will feature member Paul F. Wilson as Matt and distinguished alumna Pam Thibodeaux as Sally. Both actors have appeared in many productions of *Footloose* and *Twelfth Night*, and Ms. Thibodeaux also appeared in *Twelfth Night* before joining a new local improvisational comedy group and performing in their staging of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*. For Methodist College, she appeared in *The Glass Menagerie* and *Knight of the Burning Pestle*, among others.

Tickets for *Talley's Folly* are \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and students through high school, and \$5 for children. Reservations are not required; doors will open a half-hour before the show starts. For more information, call the Theatre Department Box Office at (910) 630-7438.

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Aug. 21, 2002

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## **METHODIST COLLEGE HIRES NEW DIRECTOR FOR REEVES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist College has named Michael R. Truesdell, a California business executive, director of its Charles M. Reeves School of Business, effective Sept. 1.

Truesdell replaces Joe Doll, who directed the school for the last ten years. Doll will be teaching full-time at Methodist this fall while continuing his doctoral studies.

A resident of Novato, CA, Truesdell most recently served as vice president of Ethos Consulting, Inc., of Greenbrae, CA, a Fortune 50 firm which recruits senior-level executives for high-technology clients. He worked at Ethos from 1997-2001, where he helped engineer the spinoff of five subsidiaries of that firm, increasing the value of each up to seven-fold and adding \$300 million to stockholders' equity.

For nine years prior to that, Truesdell was president and CEO of RIS (Reming Information Systems) based in San Francisco, a firm specializing in client/server hardware and software systems integration. During his tenure at RIS, annual revenues grew from \$2 million to \$6.4 million. He was twice appointed by IBM to serve on a 12-member national advisory council representing over 700 systems integrators. He was vice president of Guaranty Office Systems of San Francisco from 1980-89.

Truesdell holds a MBA degree from Washington University and a BA in Modern Languages from the University of Notre Dame. He is fluent in French and has taught Dale Carnegie Sales and Management courses.



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September 6, 2002

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### **METHODIST COLLEGE ENROLLS 1,953 STUDENTS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist College began its 43rd academic year by enrolling 1,953\* students. The number of freshmen and the number of students living on campus were the highest in the history of the College.

As of September 4, Drop/Add Day, fall day enrollment stood at 1,438, up 1 percent over a Fall 2001 figure of 1,429. Evening/weekend enrollment totaled 559, down 9 percent from last fall's 612.

Methodist enrolled 593 new day students—390 freshmen plus 203 transfers and readmits. The number of returning day students numbered 847, an increase of 30 over last fall's 817.

"This was our largest freshman class to date," said Rick Lowe, vice president for enrollment services. "We are most pleased with the academic quality and the fact that 29 percent of our freshmen received academic scholarships."

A record 819 students are living on campus, 35 more than last fall and 21 students over the current capacity for the College's eight residence halls. Some initial overcrowding will be eliminated during the next three weeks when 71 students move into Cape Fear Commons II, a new apartment-style residential hall which is nearing completion.

College officials expect another 100-200 students to enroll in Term II of Evening/Weekend College, which begins October 14. In Fall 2001, after enrollment in both evening/weekend terms was tabulated, Methodist enrolled 2,143 students.

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\* This is an unduplicated headcount. Some students are taking day and evening courses simultaneously; these students are duplicated in the day and evening counts listed in the second paragraph above.

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September 25, 2002

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Director of Public Relations

**KELLY- SPRINGFIELD APPRECIATION DAY ANNOUNCED BY THE CENTER FOR  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC-** Methodist College President Dr. M. Elton Hendricks is pleased to announce that the Center for Entrepreneurship is organizing Kelly-Springfield Appreciation Day on September 26. Kelly-Springfield Tire Co., Cumberland County's largest industry with a payroll exceeding \$275 million annually, will be recognized for its tremendous contribution to the community. Governor Easley has proclaimed the day "Kelly-Springfield Tire Company Day."

Media are invited to attend the following events: The Kelly-Springfield Day Banquet, Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville, NC. and the Kelly-Springfield Day Celebration, Thursday, September 26 at 10:30 AM at the Kelly-Springfield Tire Company - 6650 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, NC.

John Polhemus, President of North American Goodyear Tire and Rubber will address the community at the banquet and a souvenir booklet, "The Untold Story of Kelly-Springfield," will be released.





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October 1, 2002

Director of Public Relations

### **FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT METHODIST PRESENTS CONCERT PIANIST, FREDERICK MOYER**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**-Critically-acclaimed pianist Frederick Moyer will appear in concert Wednesday, October 16 at 7 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist College campus. Admission is \$8. Advance reservations may be made by phone at (910) 630-7100.

"This is the first, in what we hope to be a series, of guest artists performing at Methodist College by invitation of the Friends of Music," said group chairman, Walter Swing. " Mr. Moyer is a high-profile, talented artist; we are lucky to have booked him."

Moyer received his musical training at the Curtis Institute of Philadelphia and at Indiana University/Bloomington. He has appeared as piano soloist with orchestras including the Cleveland, Philadelphia and Minnesota Orchestras, the St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Houston, Boston, Singapore, and Dallas Symphony Orchestras, the Buffalo, Japan, and Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestras, and the major orchestras of Australia. He has 16 recordings to his credit. For additional information on Moyer, please contact Gail McCarthy, personal representative, toll-free at (800) 399-8526 or e-mail [dgmcarthy@aol.com](mailto:dgmcarthy@aol.com).

On October 16, Moyer will feature selections from Bach, Beethoven, Schubert, Gershwin and Donal Fox, recent composer-in-residence for the St. Louis Symphony.

"This will be a wonderful music event for our community. We hope that it is the beginning of an annual performing arts series on our campus," said Jane Gardiner, head of the Methodist College music department.

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Moyer's concert will be followed Thursday, October 17, with a Master Class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. This is free and open to the public.

This project is supported by the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County with funds from the North Carolina Arts Council, the City of Fayetteville, the County of Cumberland and private contributions.

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October 2, 2002

Cynthia Curtis

Director of Public Relations

## **TWO POETS TO GIVE READINGS AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Longleaf Press at Methodist College presents poets Barbara Presnell and Tina Barr, who will give public readings from their chapbooks Saturday, October 19 at Methodist College.

The authors will appear at 7:30 p.m. in the Clark Hall Auditorium. Admission is free, and the public is invited. After the readings, the College's Longleaf Press will host a public reception for the authors in the Mallett-Rogers House.

Longleaf Press is a non-profit literary press housed at Methodist College that specializes in quality poetry chapbooks from authors living in the Southeast. All editorial and staff positions at the Press are unpaid; there is no external funding of any kind. Reading fees, contest fees, and profits from book sales pay for production costs.

"Longleaf Press is unusual in that we offer a wonderful publishing opportunity for deserving contemporary poets in our area. We have an annual contest; then, we bring our winners to campus and invite the public to enjoy their work," said Robin Greene, editor of Longleaf Press. "Our October reading promises to be excellent, I certainly hope many in our community will come and hear these authors."

Barbara Presnell of Lexington, KY, has published two award-winning chapbooks, *Snake Dreams* (Nightshade Press, 1994) and *Unravelings* (Longleaf Press, 1998). She received a 2001-02 North Carolina Arts Council Fellowship for writing and a 1992 Kentucky Arts Council award for poetry. Her poetry and prose have appeared in many journals and anthologies, including *The Southern Review*, *The Laurel Review*, *Cimarron Review*, and *Claiming the Spirit Within: A Sourcebook of Women's Poetry* (Beacon Press, 1996). For more information, e-mail Ms. Presnell at [bpresnell@lexcominc.net](mailto:bpresnell@lexcominc.net).

Tina Barr directs the Creative Writing Program at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN. Her poetry has been published in *American Poetry Review*, *The Antioch Review*, *Boulevard*, *boundary 2*, *Chelsea*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *The Harvard Review*, *Louisiana Literature*, *Notre Dame Review*, *The Southern Review*, *Southwest Review*, *West Branch* and elsewhere. She has received Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. For more information, e-mail Ms. Barr at [tinabarr@rhodes.edu](mailto:tinabarr@rhodes.edu).



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OCTOBER 2, 2002

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**PROFESSOR JORGE L.A. GARCIA TO DELIVER WOMACK LECTURES AT  
METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**-Dr. Jorge L.A. Garcia, professor of philosophy at Boston College, will deliver the annual Samuel J. and Norma Womack Endowed Lectures, Friday, October 11 at Methodist College. The lectures are free and open to the public.

Professor Garcia's 11 a.m. lecture in the Science Auditorium is entitled, "The Advantages of Virtues: Practical and Theoretical." The 2 p.m. lecture "Races and Persons," is scheduled for the Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall.

Garcia taught at Rutgers University, GeorgeTown University, The University of Notre Dame, and was a senior research scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics. He also serves as chair of the American Philosophical Association Committee on Blacks in Philosophy.

The Womack Lectures bring a noted authority in the field of religion, philosophy, or ethics to Methodist College every year. They honor Dr. Samuel J. Womack, Methodist's first instructor in religion and a former academic dean, and his wife Norma Womack, who served as director of library services at Methodist College from 1979-1988.



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## **PROFESSOR AKRAM F. KHATER TO SPEAK AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**-Professor Akram F. Khater, associate professor of history at North Carolina State University, will give a lecture Monday, October 28 at Methodist College entitled "The United States and the Middle East: A clash of civilizations?" He will speak at 11 a.m. in the Clark Hall Auditorium as part of the Terry Sanford Lecture Series. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Professor Khater's lecture will address the clash of civilizations thesis presented by Harvard professor Samuel Huntington in 1993, who said, "World politics is entering a new phase...the dominating source of conflict will be cultural. The clash of civilizations will dominate global politics. The fault lines between civilizations will be the battle lines of the future." Khater will focus on the accuracy of Huntington's prediction and how it pertains to the current war on terrorism.

Khater, a native of Lebanon, completed his B.S. degree in electronics engineering from California Polytechnic State University, holds his M.A. and Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and the University of California, Berkeley, respectively. He is a member of the Lebanese Studies Association; the Middle East Studies Association, Association for Middle East Women's Studies, Triangle Islamic Studies Group, and the Mediterranean Studies Group.

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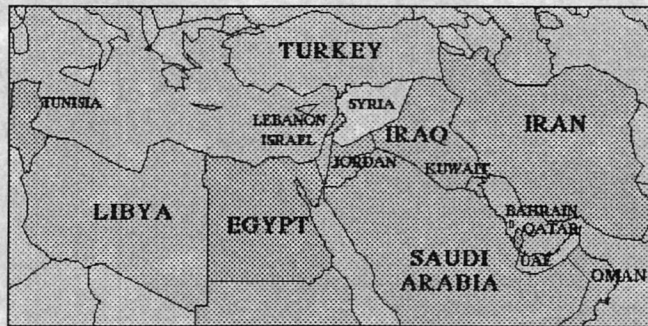
Khater's contributions to the field of Middle East history include the publication of two books: *Inventing Home: Emigration, Gender, and the Making of a Lebanese Middle Class, 1861-1921*, and *Glimpses of the past: A reader of Primary Sources for the History of the Middle East and North Africa*. In addition to his books, Khater has published many scholarly articles and reviews. His lecture will last 50 minutes and is sponsored by the Political Science Department.

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*Almost 10 years later, how accurate does this prediction appear? To what extent does the war on terrorism conform to this view? Guest speaker Akram F. Khater will address these questions and others as he examines the clash of civilizations thesis in regard to the United States and the Middle East. The lecture is free and open to the public.*

**Professor Akram F. Khater**

North Carolina State University

Monday, 28 October, 11:00-11:50 a.m.

Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall

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## **METHODIST COLLEGE ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGE, ADDITION**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC - **Cynthia Curtis** has been named director of public relations at Methodist College. She assumed her new role this fall.

Curtis is the College's former director of development, responsible for fundraising. She has worked at Methodist College since August 1998.

As director of public relations, Curtis serves as the College's official spokesperson and oversees all marketing efforts. She is also responsible for producing the College's quarterly magazine, *MC Today*.

Curtis holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. She is a member of the Cape Fear Kiwanis Club and NetWorth, Inc. She sits on the executive board of Leave A Legacy Cumberland County and the Cumberland County Workforce Development Board. She is also an active volunteer with the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

In September, the Methodist College community welcomed **Robin Davenport** as the director of development. Davenport fills the position vacated by Cynthia Curtis, who was named the College's director of public relations.

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As director, Davenport oversees the operation of the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, and is responsible for all external fundraising for the College. The office also houses parents programs.

The largest campaign in the campus' history, *Seeds on Good Soil: A New Season Comprehensive Campaign for Methodist College*, is currently underway. During the next three years, the College intends to raise \$11 million to build a state-of-the-art addition to the Science Building and an intramural field house while strengthening both the endowment and the annual fund.

A former financial advisor, Davenport most recently worked with Merrill Lynch in Fayetteville. Prior to that, she worked as part of the administrative team at Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital. A Fayetteville native, Davenport holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Campbell University.



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**KELLY GREENS' ART EXHIBITION OPENS NOVEMBER 22 AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**-Kelly K. Green, a senior art major at Methodist College, will present "Eye Candy for Strangers," her senior art exhibition, November 22-December 15 in the Mallett-Rogers House at the College. An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, November 22 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

"I try to nourish my creative work by surrounding myself with elements that bring me joy: paintings by Salvador Dali, Max Ernst and Mark Ryden, boxes by Joseph Cornell, Escher designs, books about Philosophy, Universal Theories, Alchemy, Buddhism and Astronomy," said Green. "I add some excitement to the mix by skydiving every chance I get, and I hone my imaginative edge by analyzing works by Freud, Plato, Joseph Campbell, Nietzsche and Mother Goose. I fill my studio with music: reggae, alternative, 80's big-hair bands, metal, rock, and techno. I blend all this together in my mind and try to fill my canvases with awe and wonder."

Kelly's exhibition will include about 25 to 30 pieces: paintings, prints, and sculpture. The event is free and open to the public.





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**METHODIST COLLEGE ADDRESSES HAZING INCIDENT**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Amidst allegations of hazing, one Methodist College student has been suspended, effective immediately, for the remainder of the academic year. Suspension, as defined in our student handbook, results in the student being separated from the college both academically and socially. The student is not allowed to complete his ongoing academic studies and is placed on a “withdrawn failing” status for all classes. The student is not allowed to return to campus without the written approval of the dean of students and also forfeits all tuition and other fees that have been paid.

Three other students have received all of the following sanctions: they have been placed on disciplinary probation status, prohibited from all future participation in Methodist College athletics, been assessed a substantial monetary fine, required to perform community service, required to formally apologize to the victim, and must enroll in a formal counseling program. One student whose involvement was deemed less serious, received all of the above sanctions, except for the substantial monetary fine. Due to the introduction of new evidence, the cases of two students have been re-opened and continue.

Dean of Students George Blanc has conducted a lengthy and thorough investigation into all allegations. The students involved have been notified of the disciplinary actions. In addition, an appropriate communication regarding this incident has been made to the football coaching staff.

The incident occurred on Monday, November 11, 2002 in the football team’s locker room after practice. The victim did sustain minor physical injuries but was examined at a local hospital and released.

“This entire situation has been both sobering and disturbing,” said college president, Dr. M. Elton Hendricks. “I’d like to express my deepest concern for the victim and any other students who felt endangered or bullied. Methodist College deplores any activity which causes anyone to feel unsafe.”

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Campus officials said they believe the situation began as horseplay but then escalated. "This incident is completely out of character with the mission and beliefs of Methodist College. What resulted should not occur in civilized society, and certainly not in an academic community," Hendricks said. "There is no justification for what occurred; it was unacceptable."

Each year, the director of athletics and coaching staff present the college's policy and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules regarding hazing to all student athletes. "This incident has made us acutely aware that our presentation and enforcement of the college's policies regarding inappropriate behavior and hazing need to be re-examined," Hendricks stated.

The review process is currently underway. Changes to the policies will take effect in the spring 2003 semester which begins on January 14, 2003.

"There is a dual tragedy here – first and foremost, the violation of the victim, and then the fact that the other students involved, in the latter part of their college careers, have brought pain to the victim and to the entire College community," Hendricks said. "They have embarrassed themselves, their families and Methodist College. I am extremely disappointed in these young men, many of whom have been good campus citizens throughout their time here.

"Again, I wish to convey to the victim and his family my sympathy and concern. I would also like to express my deep appreciation to the many friends of Methodist College who have communicated their support and concern for our students and the College during this incident," he continued. "In our 40-year history, we have never had to deal with a situation like this. I hope we never do again."

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