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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES NEW CHAPBOOK RELEASE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Longleaf Press at Methodist University recently published Roger Weingarten's chapbook titled *Premature Elegy by Firelight*.

Weingarten is the author of ten collections of poetry including *Ghost Wrestling* (Godine, 1997), *Infant Bonds of Joy* (Godine, 1990), and *Shadow Shadow* (Godine, 1986). He is the co-editor of six poetry anthologies including *Manthology: Poems on the Male Experience* (Iowa, 2006), *New American Poets* (Godine, 2005), and *New American Poets of the '90s* (Godine, 1991). He edited and contributed to *Ghost Writing: Haunted Tales by Contemporary Writers* (Invisible Cities Press, '00). Weingarten also co-edited *Open Book: Essays from the Postgraduate Writers' Conference* (Cambridge Scholars Press, 2006).

His poems have appeared in magazines around the country including *The Paris Review*, *The New Yorker*, *The New Republic*, *The Kenyon Review*, *Antaeus* and *The Sewanee Review*. He has received an Ingram Merrill Award, a Pushcart Prize, fellowships from the Dana Foundation, a National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship, and three Vermont Council on the Arts Individual Artist grants. Weingarten edits the Invisible Cities Press poetry series, and has been contributing editor to *Interpoezia*—an international online and print journal—since 2004. He guest-edited the spring 2006 “Reincarnated Forms” issue of *Hunger Mountain*. He teaches in and directs the Vermont College Postgraduate Writers' Conference.

The chapbook is available for purchase on amazon.com. For more details, contact Robin Greene, associate professor of English, at (910) 630-7110, or visit www.methodist.edu/longleaf.



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**STEVE CONLEY SELECTED TO JOIN THE GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA HALL OF FAME**

BANQUET WILL BE HELD MONDAY, JAN. 22, 2007 IN FLORIDA

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— The Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) will be inducting Steve Conley, Methodist University's men's golf coach, as well as Mike Watley, Fresno State coach, into the Hall of Fame. The 2006 class will be honored at the GCAA Hall of Fame Reception and Awards Banquet on Monday, Jan. 22, 2007 at the Radisson Resort at the Port in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In his 21st season as head coach at Methodist University, Conley has led the Monarchs to nine NCAA Division III national championships. Methodist has finished in the nation's top five every year since Conley accepted the Methodist coaching position in 1987. Highlighting the successes are national championships from 1990-92 and 1994-99, plus three national runner-up finishes and nine third-place showings. In addition, Methodist has won 18 conference championships during his tenure. Conley has been a 14-time Coach of the Year in both the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the USA South Athletic Conference, a 10-time GCAA District/Regional Coach of the Year, and four-time Eaton/Golf Pride National Coach of the Year. He has produced nine individual national champions, 62 PING All-America selections, and 12 Cleveland Golf All-America Scholars. In 1998, Conley led the Americans to victory in the Fuji Xerox USA vs. Japan Collegiate Golf Championship.

The men's golf team will tee off their spring season February 26-27th at the Mid Pines Invitational in Southern Pines, N.C.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY PURCHASES KING'S GRANT GOLF COURSE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University closed sale today on King's Grant Golf Course. The University will now take ownership of 51 percent of the course and the members of King's Grant will hold the other 49 percent. The course will be run by King's Grant Golf Management, an LLC wholly owned by Methodist University.

Methodist University currently houses one of the premier Professional Golf Management programs in the country. This year the PGA of America approved an enrollment increase from 300 to 400 for all PGM programs. Of the more than 20 PGA-approved schools, Methodist University is one of the few in a position to take advantage of this opportunity.

“These additional students will require additional laboratory (golf course) and practice facilities. Fortunately, just as this opportunity for growth in the PGM program arose, the golf course at King's Grant became available for purchase,” said Dr. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist University.

On Dec. 19, 2006, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees by a unanimous vote authorized Methodist University to purchase a controlling interest in the King's Grant Golf Course.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES FIRST ANNUAL
MISS METHODIST PAGEANT**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Student Activities at Methodist University will be hosting the first annual Miss Methodist Pageant on Feb. 7, 2007 at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The pageant contestants are day and night students from Methodist University.

Tickets will be on sale at 7 p.m. and are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. The event is free to Methodist University students, faculty, and staff. Everyone is invited to attend.

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**THE HONORABLE RICK GLAZIER TO LEAD METHODIST UNIVERSITY
LOYALTY DAY FUND DRIVE**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—North Carolina State Representative Rick Glazier will lead more than 120 community volunteers as they canvass Cumberland County on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, seeking support for scholarships for Methodist University students. Eighty-five percent of Methodist's 2,100 students receive financial assistance, and scholarship funding for deserving students is a critical need.

“This year is significant because it is the first Loyalty Day that Methodist will undertake as a university,” said Rep. Glazier. “The new name and status reflect the progress the University has made since the Fayetteville/Cumberland County community came together in 1956 to establish this four-year, independent liberal arts college.”

Fifty-one years ago the group responsible for establishing the Loyalty Day tradition was the Fayetteville College Foundation, originally appointed by the Mayor. Recently, Board members voted to change the name to the Methodist University Foundation Board. Since its inception, the Foundation has raised more than \$7 million.

“‘Together We Can Make A Difference: For Our Students, Our Community, Our University,’ is the theme for this year’s campaign,” explained Lauren Cook Wike, director of the University’s annual fund. “Through Loyalty Day, the Foundation Board continues to keep the connection between the community, the university, and our students strong.”

“Loyalty Day is a wonderful display on the part of the volunteers and donors of how much Methodist University and the students mean to them and the future of this community,” said Rebecca Lewis, a junior who is majoring in accounting. “Through every dollar raised, [volunteers and donors] touch the lives of many students who receive financial aid, without which it would not be possible for us to study here and reach our goals.”

This year's Foundation Board members are Louis C. Feraca, president; Mac Edwards, vice president; Frank K. Barragan III, Treasurer; John B. "Brad" Hurley, immediate past president; Lauren Cook Wike, secretary; Jeffery F. Baker; Bill Bowman; Charles Broadwell; Alan Buffaloe; Jan Cobb; Kevin Dennison '95; Stephen Driggers '76; Mark Fisher; Mary Flagg N. Haugh; Bishop Kenneth L. Hill; Gwen Holtsclaw '68; Lucy T. Jones; Greg Klein; Barbara Lahiff; Jim Pittman; Gayle Nelson; and Anne C. Raper.

The Beasley Broadcasting Group and Cumulus Broadcast have donated public service announcements, which will air on multiple radio stations before the drive. Print advertising and other publicity is also planned.

The Loyalty Day Kick-off Breakfast is scheduled for 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. on Feb. 13 in the Green 'n Gold Café on the Methodist University campus. Media may R.S.V.P. for the Kick-off Breakfast by contacting Melissa Jameson, director of University Events, at (910) 630-7043. For more information, to make a contribution, or to volunteer for Loyalty Day 2007, call (910) 630-7200, e-mail lwike@methodist.edu, or visit www.methodist.edu and see upcoming events.



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METHODIST UNIVERSITY HOSTS “TAKE A KID TO THE GAME®” PROGRAM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host NCAA Basketball’s 12th annual “Take a Kid to the Game®” Day on Feb. 6, 2007. The Methodist University men's and women's basketball team will play the Averett University Cougars. The women will tip off at 5:30 p.m. and the men will play at 7:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity for youth (16 and under) to experience the college game-day atmosphere. With the purchase of a full-priced adult ticket, youth will receive a free ticket to watch the Monarchs take on Averett at the March F. Riddle Center. They will also receive a free popcorn and drink, and the first 100 will receive a t-shirt and other prizes. Adult tickets can be purchased at the door for \$4.

Methodist University is hosting one of more than 700 games that will be played across the nation this season as part of the Take a Kid to the Game program. This project is a grassroots marketing campaign created by Host Communications, Inc. to encourage alumni and fans to take their kids out to stadiums and arenas to experience intercollegiate athletics.

“We are pleased to extend the invitation to the community as we invite adults to bring children to experience a collegiate athletic event,” said DeeDee Jarman, head coach for the Lady Monarchs basketball team. “It is our hope that there will be a record turnout as more and more children are able to take advantage of this truly memorable experience and worthwhile program. Methodist is excited about the intense basketball action that you will have a chance to be a part of!”

NCAA Basketball is a national sponsor of the Take a Kid to the Game program. To learn about other NCAA Basketball initiatives, please visit www.ncaa.org/bkbmarketingresource.org for more information.

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**“STRATEGY, THE LUCK OF THE WHEEL, AND FATE”
PAYS OFF FOR A METHODIST UNIVERSITY STUDENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University student Debra Teasley will appear during Country Music Stars Week on the game show *Wheel of Fortune* airing on Feb. 14, 2007.

After seeing an advertisement in November for auditions at the Crab Tree Valley Mall in Raleigh, N.C., Teasley—on a whim—decided to try her luck one Saturday and attend the audition.

“There were a lot of people there,” recalled Teasley. She arrived late on Saturday, but that still allowed her the chance to develop a strategy to help her at the following day’s audition. The next day came and Teasley decided to make an attempt to be on stage again. This time she succeeded and made it.

Following the second audition on Sunday, she was contacted both by mail and by e-mail for the closed audition on Nov. 26 in Cary, N.C. “Technically I had two appointments with different times for the closed audition on the same day,” said Teasley. “It was meant for me to be there.”

She was one of 60 contestants invited back.

“This is when I knew I needed to shine a little bit,” she said. Midway through the audition, 36 contestants had been let go and Teasley was one of the 24 remaining.

Towards the end of December, she received a call from Los Angeles asking her if she could be in Charleston, S.C. on Jan. 13 for the taping. This was a special three-week taping that would be happening at the Convention Center in Charleston, S.C. (Vanna’s home state).

Two weeks would feature scenes of the South Carolina Lowcountry and North Myrtle Beach, and the third week would feature country music stars paired up with contestants playing for charity. She was asked if she could make this appointment.

“You don’t turn down *Wheel of Fortune*,” said Teasley.

The first order of business at the taping involved filling out paperwork and reviewing the legalities of the program. Teasley and the chosen contestants were sectioned off from everyone. Rehearsals were held to practice spinning the wheel and calling out letters. Fifteen minutes prior to the taping, the country music stars came out. “It was wild seeing all those cameras, the lights,” she remembered. Teasley was paired up with Richie McDonald of Lonestar. “He is a sensational man, a loving spirit, and I could not have asked for a better partner,” she said.

“My primary focus was on that puzzle and I asked Richie to focus on the wheel. We worked together as a team and he picked it up in the end,” she said.

According to Teasley, she relied on strategy from the very beginning, the luck of the wheel, and fate knowing that it was all going to play out in the end. Teasley and McDonald can be seen on Feb. 14, 2007. Organizations such as St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and adoptaplatoon.org will benefit from the week’s fortunes.

Teasley is currently pursuing a bachelor of science degree in business administration with a concentration in health care.

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**REEVES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND THE ELECTRIC CAR COMPANY
CO-HOST "RIDE N'DRIVE"**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— James Marcin, instructor of marketing at Methodist University, announced that the Electric Car Company, a subsidiary of Bleecker Automotive Group, will be presenting "Ride N'Drive" on Friday, Feb. 16, 2007. The event will be in conjunction with his MKT 420 Sales class and MKT 470 Marketing Management class. Ride N'Drive will feature the company's electric cars from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in front of Clark Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

"We would like to show Methodist an alternative mode of transportation that is extremely beneficial to the environment," said Travis Hibler, vice president of Bleecker Electric Car Company. "The event will provide education about vehicles that are environmentally sound," he said. "Especially when there is such negativity towards gas consumption."

The Electric Car Company is headquartered in Fayetteville, N.C., but is in the process of creating a "footprint" of electric car centers throughout North Carolina. These centers will be located at shopping malls in Fayetteville, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Charlotte, and Winston Salem. These locations are designed to educate the public and promote awareness about electric modes of transportation. There is already an electric car kiosk at the Crabtree Mall in Raleigh.

Bleecker currently offers seven different brands of neighborhood electric cars – Miles Automotive Group, Dynasty, Zenn, Canadian Electric Vehicles, E-Ride Electric Vehicles (heavy duty maintenance applications), Evader Electric Scooters, and Tomberlin Golf Cars (road ready golf cars). The company has exclusive selling rights in the State of North Carolina for these electric vehicles.

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WAGNER CROWNED 2007 MISS METHODIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Tiffanie Wagner of Spring Lake, N.C., was crowned Miss Methodist on Feb. 7 at Methodist University's first annual Miss Methodist Pageant.

The inaugural pageant's 13 contestants were judged on talent, evening wear, and the on-stage interview. The Master of Ceremonies was comedian Ronnie Jordan, who has been featured on ComicView, Bad Boys of Comedy, and the Queens of Comedy.

Wagner is a sophomore majoring in social studies and a member of the co-ed cheerleading squad at Methodist. After graduation, she hopes to teach high school social studies as well as own and operate an all-star cheer gym.

The role of Miss Methodist is to serve as a spokesperson and model student for her university and surrounding community.

The pageant's runner up was Erin Yarborough, a senior from Rockingham, N.C. Second runner up was Rahila Muhibi, a sophomore from Kabul, Afghanistan. Yarborough and Keva Wilson, a senior from Wilmington, Del., tied in the talent competition. Autumn Langston, a senior from Fayetteville, N.C., was selected as Miss Congeniality.

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*Photo Attached: (L-R) Keva Wilson, Rahila Muhibi, Tiffanie Wagner, Erin Yarborough, and Autumn Langston.



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MU ANNOUNCES 19TH BIENNIAL SOUTHERN WRITERS SYMPOSIUM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— The 19th Biennial Southern Writers Symposium will return to Methodist University Feb. 23-24, 2007. The event, themed *Neglected Southern Writers*, will feature scholars from around the country who will present papers on southern writers and explore their relationships to the southern literary canon.

The keynote speaker is Trudier Harris, professor of English at UNC-Chapel Hill, whose works include *Saints, Sinners, Saviors: Strong Black Women in African-American Literature* (2001) and *The South of Tradition: Essays on African American Literature* (2002). Other attending scholars include Freda Beaty, Jesse Freeman, and Gary Richards.

A special focus of the symposium will be Georgia author Raymond Andrews (1934-1991). Readings, talks, scholarly papers, and a film in progress will address Andrews's life, his work, and the nature of his contribution to southern literature.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY INTERNS ON HI-TECH PATH

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University is pioneering a comprehensive program of training, technology, and work experience in sport video analysis. In January of 2007, MU Sport Management students started signing up for a local internship with Hall of Fame Productions to learn how to use the Dartfish sport video analysis program—the same technology used by over 90% of the Olympic Teams and professional teams throughout the United States.

Dartfish-trained students will work with coaches and managers throughout the region, filming and tagging games and meets for pre- and post-game analysis. The Dartfish student experts will work with teams during practice, capture athletes in action for drill and skill analysis and personalized coaching, and acquire immediate visual feedback.

The driving force behind this program is Greg Combs, B.S., M.A., Ed.D., assistant professor, director of the Sport Management Program at Methodist University, and president of Hall of Fame Productions. He has been involved in coaching and working in the sport industry for nearly 25 years and he was an Olympic Hopeful for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Dr. Combs notes that “seeing is believing” when it comes to getting through to athletes.

“MU Sport Management students have been using the ‘Tagging’ feature at local Fire Antz Hockey games and local high school and university events,” said Dr. Combs. “We are looking forward to using this special method of video statistics for the upcoming Fayetteville Guard events as well. My goal is to have a core of Dartfish student experts that I can call on for any athletic activity in the region.” said Dr. Combs.

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**DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN OF SCIENCE TO GIVE TEMPLETON-BULLARD
LECTURE AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The seventh annual Templeton-Bullard Lecture on Science and Religion will be presented on Monday, April 2, at 1 p.m. in Clark Hall at Methodist University.

The lecture will be given by Dr. Ronald Numbers, Hilldale and William Coleman Professor of the History of Science and Medicine at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He is a past president of both the History of Science Society and the American Society of Church History, and has written or edited more than two dozen books on the history of medicine, science, and religion.

His announced topic is: “Anti-evolution in America: From Scientific Creationism to Intelligent Design.” The lecture series is made possible by the A. Howard Bullard Jr. and Martha Bullard Science & Religion Series Endowment to the University. The lecture is open to the public without cost of admission.

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**METHODIST ALUMNUS ENDOWS SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHER
EDUCATION**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—G. Gordon Dixon, a 1966 graduate of Methodist College (now Methodist University), has endowed the **G. Gordon Dixon '66 Endowed Education Scholarship**, which will recognize the student enrolled in the Teacher Education program with the highest cumulative grade point average.

Dixon, who served as the College's second registrar from 1974 through 1983, established the scholarship in memory of his parents, Jasper and Jacqueline Dixon, and in honor of Margaret Hyde Dixon '81 and Beverly Dixon Cleverley '79. All have served as educators. Jasper and Jacqueline Dixon spent 15 and 25 years, respectively, as teachers. Gordon Dixon '66 invested 38 years in area public schools. Margaret Dixon '81 and Beverly D. Cleverley '79 are also veteran educators who are now in their 26th and 28th years of teaching, respectively.

"We are deeply grateful for Mr. Dixon's generosity with this scholarship and hope that it will be an enduring incentive for students to consider education as a career, especially in light of teacher shortages in our state," said Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist University. "We are also pleased that Mr. Dixon's award will encourage students in teacher education to excel in their studies."

Methodist University is an independent four-year institution of higher education with over 2,100 students from 41 states and 30 countries. Methodist University offers over 70 majors and concentrations, three master's degree programs, and 19 NCAA III intercollegiate sports. For more information, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (910) 630-7200 or via e-mail at rdavenport@methodist.edu.

***Photo attached:**

Caption: Robin Davenport, vice-president for Development; G. Gordon Dixon '66; Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president; and Lauren Cook Wike, director of Annual Fund and Alumni Affairs.



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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY MOURNS THE LOSS OF INTERIM
VICE-PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DR. WENDA JOHNSON**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—It is with great sadness that Methodist University announces the death of Dr. Wenda Johnson, 58, interim vice-president for Academic Affairs and dean of the University. Dr. Johnson was found dead in her home this morning. Details of her death are unknown at this time. Tentative plans are to have a campus-wide memorial service at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 22, in Reeves Auditorium. Dr. Johnson is survived by her mother, Mrs. Arvis Johnson of Haines City, Fla., and her brother, Francis Duane Johnson of Auburndale, Fla.

Dr. Johnson came to Methodist University on Aug. 14, 1991 as chair of the Physical Education Department. Prior to her appointment as interim vice-president for Academic Affairs and dean of the University, Dr. Johnson was extremely instrumental to the University as associate vice-president for Academic Affairs and dean of the School of Science and Human Development. She provided advice and counsel to the vice-president for Academic Affairs, oversight of nontraditional academic programs, including MC at Night, MC Online, and a variety of new initiatives designed to improve outreach to adult students in the six-county region surrounding Methodist University.

Dr. Johnson's hard work and long hours resulted in, among other things, the successful reaccreditation of the Methodist University Teacher Education Program by state and national accreditation teams. Dr. Johnson maintained her status as a tenured faculty member in the Department of Wellness and Exercise Science.

Dr. Johnson graduated from Haines City High School in Haines City, Fla. She earned her bachelor's degree from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. Dr. Johnson then went on to earn her master's degree from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green,

Ky., and her doctorate in physical education from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. She served as professor and chair of the Physical Education Department at Newberry College in Newberry, S.C., and visiting professor of Education at USC-Aiken in Aiken, S.C.

For more information please contact Mike Safley, vice-president of University Relations, at (910) 630-7515 or Melissa Jameson, director of University Relations, at (910) 630-7043.



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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES THE DEDICATION OF
ARMSTRONG-SHELLEY FIELD**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will celebrate the dedication of Armstrong-Shelley field at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2007. The field's name now honors not only Bruce Shelley, but George H. Armstrong, a 1968 graduate, and his wife, Carolyn Riddle Armstrong. Tomorrow's celebration will honor their most recent gift, stadium lights for the field. The Armstrongs have supported the Methodist Baseball team for over 15 years, making possible a new press box and concession stand.

Bruce Shelley came to Methodist in 1966 as a physical education instructor, cross country and junior varsity basketball coach. He began the Methodist baseball program in 1969, and designed and built Shelley field, which was first dedicated in his honor on April 20, 1974.

Shelley guided the Monarchs to their first winning season, 15-10, in 1972. He coached from 1969 to 1977, winning 153 games, four conference titles and two NCAA Division III tournament berths (1976, 1977). At the time of his death in 1997, a newspaper article stated: "Bruce Shelley and Methodist College baseball are not just linked. They are laced like a shortstop's glove, stitched like a gleaming white baseball, and as intertwined as the roots of lush outfield grass."

Mark Bond coached the team in 1978 and 1979 before passing the torch to current coach Tom Austin. Under Austin's guidance, Methodist has tallied 11 Dixie Intercollegiate/USA South Athletic Conference and six NCAA Division III South Regional titles, and advanced to the NCAA Division III National Tournament 19 times. Methodist has also earned recognition as the country's top ranked NCAA Division III team in the 1989, 1996, and 2002 seasons. Throughout his tenure, the Monarchs have averaged an impressive 32 victories a season, a true model of consistency and success.

Tom Austin has been named Conference Coach of the Year nine times, the NCAA Division III South Region Coach of the Year seven times in 11 years, and the North Carolina

College Coach of the Year twice. In the 2005-06 season, he became only the eighth coach in the history of NCAA Division III baseball to reach the 800-victory plateau. A total of 27 players under Austin have garnered NCAA Division III All American honors, while 115 have been selected first team All-USA South. Methodist has been listed among the nation's top 20 teams for 22 out of the last 24 years.

In the Methodist University Baseball program's 36-year history, the Monarchs have tallied a 1,004-358-9 record, including 47 post-season wins. Since 1990, the Monarchs have posted 488 victories, the 12th most among all NCAA Division III member institutions.

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STUDENTS HONORED FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Eight students were honored with the Fayetteville Rotary Club William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award at the 13th Annual Lowdermilk Student Achievement Awards program at Methodist University on March 26, 2007.

Ashley Hale of Raleigh, N.C., Jessica Hatcher of Buies Creek, N.C., Gosha Jarnea from Poland, Mollie Jefferson of Washington, N.C., Daryl Lawrence of Jacksonville, N.C., Jeremy Perkins of Rose Hill, N.C., Nicole Raynovich of Swanton, Md., and Sana Sabri from India earned the William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award.

Each of the awardees received a \$1,000 cash award. Hale, Hatcher, Jarnea, and Perkins received a Methodist University scholarship in the amount of \$4,000. Jefferson, Lawrence, Raynovich, and Sabri received Methodist University scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. The students were presented with a plaque and their names will be inscribed on a plaque that is on permanent display at the University.

The award was established in 1995 by the Fayetteville Rotary Club to honor the late Rev. Dr. Lowdermilk for his service to Rotary International and his 32 years of service to Methodist University from 1963-1995. The awards are given to eight full-time Methodist University students who have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0, provide exemplary service to the University and/or the Fayetteville community, and demonstrate by action and deed high ethical standards and spiritual values in their educational, professional, and personal lives.

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**THE CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP HOSTS THE 30TH ANNUAL
STOCK MARKET SYMPOSIUM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University invites the public to the 30th Annual Stock Market Symposium on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. Tickets are \$50 per person, or \$375 for a table of eight.

This year's speaker, James H. Morgan, is the Chairman of Covenant Capital LLC, the General Partner of Morgan Crossroads Fund. Morgan served from April 1998 to January 2000 as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Wachovia Securities following the acquisition of Interstate/Johnson Lane (IJL), Inc. by Wachovia Corporation. He retired in January 2000, but continued to serve as a consultant to Wachovia Securities until April 1, 2001. Prior to its acquisition by Wachovia, Morgan served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of IJL. IJL engaged in securities and futures brokerage, market making, investment management, investment banking, and other financial services for individuals and institutional clients throughout the United States and abroad.

In addition to the keynote address, the Center will honor four business leaders with the Small Business Excellence Award, the Silver Spoon Award, the Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and the Business Ethics Award.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE 44th ANNUAL SPRING
COMMENCEMENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will celebrate its 44th Annual Spring Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. There are 151 candidates for graduation.

The day's events will begin with a baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The Rev. Carol W. Goehring, superintendent of the Fayetteville district of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. In 2006, she was elected to serve on the Methodist University Board of Trustees.

This year's commencement speaker is Dr. Philip O. Geier, executive director of the Davis United World College (UWC) Scholars Program. Dr. Geier has more than 33 years of experience as an educator and administrator, and his teaching career includes positions at Syracuse University in New York, Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, and the University of Paris.

Four R.O.T.C. cadets will be commissioned during the graduation ceremony.

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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES THIRD BSFN PROGRAM
AND BOOT CAMP LINEUP**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) has announced the Business Succession Forum Network’s third program titled “Attorneys, Accountants, and Appraisers: Your Estate Planning Team.” The event will be held on May 9, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Azalea/Dogwood Board Room of Fayetteville’s Hilton Garden Inn.

The key note speaker for the event is Attorney James W. Narron of Narron, O’Hale & Whittington PA in Smithfield. Tom Keith, president of Tom J. Keith & Associates, Inc., and Thomas Bell of Tom J. Keith & Associates, Inc., will also be speaking at the event.

In addition, the CFE has announced this summer’s Boot Camp for Budding Entrepreneurs lineup. The dates for summer 2007 are as follows:

- **Hoke County:** May 9 - June 1
- **Bladen County:** June 11 - June 14
- **Cumberland County:** June 18 - June 22
- **Moore County:** July 9 - July 12

Boot Camp for Budding Entrepreneurs is a summer program sponsored by the CFE at Methodist University designed to provide selected high school students with the opportunity to learn entrepreneurship firsthand from the region’s business leaders and entrepreneurs. The camp is open to gifted and talented high school students, 16-19 years of age, with an interest in business.

Each day runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The morning session consists of a presentation on business fundamentals by someone from the local business community. Topics of speakers include: leadership; state of the economy; development of goals; process of disruption leading to innovation; overview of banking services; developing a business

plan; globalization and its implications for Cumberland County; discovering your niche (case study of Google, Inc.); history of business (steam engine to search engine); and management and marketing. During lunch, selected business owners give detailed accounts of the startup, growth, and challenges of owning a company. In the afternoons, students visit various enterprises to see how they operate. The students also are taught to develop a sustainable business plan, which at week's end, is presented to a group of entrepreneurs for a chance to win \$300 for the best plan. Parents and their guests are invited to this last session.

Tuition for Boot Camp for Budding Entrepreneurs is \$500 and there are scholarships available for those with financial need.

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**KATHRYN WASSERMAN DAVIS 100 PROJECTS FOR PEACE AWARDS
FUNDING TO STUDENTS FROM 66 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

\$1 MILLION TO FUND 100 PROJECTS AS DAVIS TURNS 100 YEARS OLD

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Kathryn Wasserman Davis (KWD) 100 Projects for Peace program has announced that students from 66 colleges and universities will receive funding to undertake their proposed projects. Philanthropist Kathryn Wasserman Davis, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, established the new program with a donation of \$1 million so that each of the projects will receive \$10,000. The objective of the program is to encourage and support motivated youth to create and implement their ideas for building peace throughout the world in the 21st century.

KWD 100 Projects for Peace invited all students from schools participating in the Davis United World College (UWC) Scholars Program to submit a plan for their own grassroots projects for peace that the students themselves would implement during the summer of 2007. A competition for the funding took place on 65 of the 76 campuses in the UWC Scholars Program, which provides grants to select American colleges and universities in support of students from all over the world who have completed their pre-university studies at UWC schools.

“We are very grateful to all the students who submitted proposals and the many faculty and staff on all those campuses across the country who played a part in evaluating and submitting the students’ work,” said Executive Director of the Davis UWC Scholars Program Philip O. Geier. “Mrs. Davis, who just turned 100 years old in February, sends her congratulations to all the students for their creativity and commitment. She feels this is a wonderful way to celebrate her birthday.”

The winning projects propose specific plans of action that will have lasting effects—from youth empowerment and education programs to improved community water supplies worldwide to a multitude of agrarian enterprises in countries where famine is pervasive. Students will travel to more than 40 countries over the summer to implement their projects and report on their experiences once they return.

Three projects were selected from Methodist University. Sana Sabri, 23, a rising senior from India majoring in financial economics, will open a vocational center for women in Saharnapur—a small city in northern India. The center will help teach young to middle-aged women skills such as sewing and handicrafts. Sabri hopes these projects will empower women through education and prevent crime and prostitution that is an ever growing problem in her home country.

Rahila Muhibi, 22, a rising junior from Afghanistan majoring in global studies, is establishing “The Youth Leadership for Peace”—an organization that will host activities such as summer camps, offer community services and family picnics that promote international understanding among many individuals and ethnic groups. The organization will be headquartered in Neckpay, Baghlan, and will accept 20 youths ranging from 11 to 13 years of age.

The third project chosen from Methodist University was submitted by Husein Nasiro-Sigo, 21, a rising senior from Ethiopia majoring in business administration and computer science. His project will make quality drinking water available in his hometown. A 30 meter deep bore well will be constructed in Arsi province in the Oromia region of Ethiopia. Nasiro-Sigo believes this will help deter the fighting for scarce resources amongst his people.

Davis, an internationalist and philanthropist and the mother of Shelby M.C. Davis, who funds the Davis UWC Scholars Program, said, “I want to use my 100th birthday to help young people launch some immediate initiatives—things that they can do during the summer of 2007 that will bring new thinking to the prospects of peace in the world.”

A complete list of the winning schools and projects, as well as a video interview with Davis from 2006, is available on the program’s Web site at www.kwd100projectsforpeace.org.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2007 GRADUATES
FROM THE CAPE FEAR REGION**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University celebrated its 44th Annual Spring Commencement ceremony on May 5, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. The Rev. Carol Goehring, superintendent of the Fayetteville district of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. In 2006, she was elected to serve on the Methodist University Board of Trustees. This year's commencement speaker was Dr. Philip O. Geier, executive director of the Davis United World College Scholars Program. There were 132 degrees awarded to 130 candidates for graduation.

The following **Cape Fear Region** students graduated from Methodist University on May 5:

Cumberland County: Salem Adnan, Angela Allen, Brian Basham, Thomas Bonner, Anne Bonti, Abigail Boone, Shauna Bunn, Michael DePuy, Rose Diaz, Laurice Evans, Stephanie Evans, Eva Gardner, William Gray, Richard Gutierrez, Mark Guzman, Jessica Hall, Abbie Hallaren, Dianne Kemppainen, Reginald Key, Ashley Kotz, Erin Lowe, Catherine McDaniel, Curtis Newkirk, Jamie Oakes, Kevin Page, Suzanne Passow, Walter Redman, Regina Reeves, April Santos, Oscar Santos, JoAnna Sloggy, Aaron Smith, Alicia Smith, Elizabeth Smith, and Sharon Valentine

Harnett County: Lynne Godwin

Lee County: Jeremiah Oldham

Moore County: Julie Angrick

Robeson County: Megan Shemenski

Sampson County: Colleen King

Students who graduated from Methodist University, but whose names do not appear on this list, have specifically requested omission from external publications.

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**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE SEEKS FOUR PROFESSIONALS
TO VISIT INDIA**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Rotary District 7730 is seeking four outstanding professionals to visit India in December 2007 as part of the Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Young adults between the ages of 25 and 40 who are interested in applying should be employed full-time in a business or profession. This is an outstanding opportunity for these young professionals to share their knowledge with others in their field. They should also be able to make the 4-week commitment to participate in the program. All professions will be considered.

The Rotary Foundation pays for round-trip airfare and Rotary club members in the host country provide meals, lodging, and group travel in their district. Team members pay only for personal and incidental expenses.

Rotary's Group Study Exchange program allows local residents to foster international understanding by building relationships. Participants will stay in Rotarians' homes, meet their professional peers, and experience the people and culture of India. They will also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country.

Team member applications are due **June 1, 2007**. Potential candidates will be interviewed at the Holiday Inn Express in Wallace in June.

GSE Applications are available at:

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/161en.pdf>. Send all applications and referrals to Dave Baggett, District Outbound GSE chair. For more information, please call 910-487-4931 or e-mail dbaggett@nc.rr.com



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METHODIST UNIVERSITY RELEASES SPRING 2007 PRESIDENT'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Two hundred and fifteen students were named to the **President's List** at Methodist University for the 2007 spring semester.

To merit inclusion on the President's List, a student must achieve a 3.7 grade point average with at least 44.4 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of D, F, or Incomplete, and no developmental courses.

The following students from North Carolina* earned a place on the President's List:

North Carolina

Asheville: Robert Kisiah and Scott Russell

Benson: Stephen Bazan

Buies Creek: Jennifer Hatcher

Butner: Ryan Stephenson

Cameron: Darrell Dedeaux and Courtney Kurinec

Cary: Kelly Shipkowski and Mark Weadon

Charlotte: Charese Allen

Coats: Brian Raynor

Dunn: John Peregoy and Stormie Souter

Erwin: Lindsey Hargrove and Melinda Price

Fayetteville: Salem Adnan, Cynthia Anderson, Lea Augustowski, Rebekah Bakdoud, Richard Bautista, Rafael Bernaola, Fallon Bethel, Amber Boemker, Jaclyn Boneshefski, Abigail Boone, Anna Boone, Tiara Broadhurst, Sharon Brown, Tammy Brunson, Mario Burnette, Justin Cains, Shawn Clay, Margaret Coates, Alyson Conyers, Ashley Cothran,

Ximena Davidson, Michael Depuy, Rose Diaz, Sharley Ditmore, Ana Erdelyi, Susan Follum, Abigail Forester, Shino Fukunaka, Marc George, Melissa Gray, Richard Gutierrez, Ashley Hale, Abigail Hallaren, Marilyn Harris, Scott Hazlinsky, Eileen Hood, Sarah Howard, Jessica Hutzul, Tia Imel, Frankie Jackson, Malgorzata Jarema, Dzmitry Kanunnikau, Sarah Keil, Rebekah Kelly, Lisa Kendziera, Nathan Krawczyk, Anastasia Krikunova, Merisa Lahaie, Sherry Leslie, Rebecca Lewis, Krystina Lucas, Mame Mbodji, Theresa McCarten, Julie Melton, Sarah Merritt, Ashley Miller, Candis Milligan, Jessica Miner, Dixi Moody, James Moore, Kristin Morris, Marianne Mosch, Michael Murray, Richard Myers, Mlungisi Ndwandwe, Curtis Newkirk, Suzanne Passow, Taisiya Petrucheny, Manjola Prifti, Christopher Robinson, Elizabeth Roehl, Bo Rong, Christine Rudolf, Jacqueline Ruiz, Elena Sabakar, Sana Sabri, Todd Sackewitz, April Santos, Emily Sassaman, Laura Sheedy, Deepak Shrestha, Ekaterina Skripova, Amy Slate, Whitney Sowers, Linda Szulc, Masahiro Takahagi, Paul Taylor, Joni Tellis, Caroline Thomas, Ainura Togisbayeva, Rudolph Valentine, Shannon Ward, Shannon Welden, Laura Wickens, Jennifer Wielgoszinski, Vincent Worrell, Xiangming Wu, Marcy Zacherl, and Guillerminia Zamora

Fort Bragg: Angela Allen, Leah Bartram, Margaret Coen-Rollins, Elizabeth Goughnour, and Benjamin Carden

Fuquay Varina: Tangela Robinson

High Point: Jennifer Smith

Holly Springs: Ashlea Rice

Hope Mills: Brent Deems, Anthony Hampe, Randi Lee Johnson, Kristina Kalevas, Krystal Patton, and Tenille Woodward

Knotts Island: Jennifer Hicks

Laurinburg: Allison Averitt

Matthews: Holly Knox

Monroe: Amber Smith

Newton Grove: Amanda Harris

Raeford: Jennifer Cartlich, Erin Craig, Laurice Evans, Rayanne Herrera, Patricia Jones, Lynette Smith, Basil Tweede, and Bambi White

Raleigh: Katherine Mason

Rocky Point: Sara Poling

Roseboro: Jessica Hall

Sanford: Christie Bolton, Robin Childress, Randy Crabtree, Kelli Deese, William Kamffer, Karen Oldham, Sherry Pitts, Amanda Reeder, and Jessica Worrell

Southern Pines: Lance Hoepner

Spring Lake: Juanita Bradley

Stedman: Bradley Baxley

Tyner: Landon Jordan

Wade: Erin Lowe

West End: Angela Thomas

Wilson: Rhyan Breen

Winston Salem: Kayla Talbert

Zebulon: Josiah Maulsby

The **Dean's List**—honoring students who have achieved a 3.2 grade point average on a 13-point grading scale with 12 or more semester hours—will be released next week.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY RELEASES SPRING 2007 DEAN'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Two hundred and eighty six students were named to the **Dean's List** at Methodist University for the 2007 spring semester.

To merit inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.2 grade point average on a 13-point grading scale with 12 or more semester hours.

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

North Carolina

Fayetteville

Averi Jordan Ahye
Joseph Aldridge
Brian Basham
Anthony Baskett
Alicia Bates
Melissa Birdwell
Tara Bland
Thomasa Bonner
Anne Bonti
Joanne Burnett
Nicole Butler
Shinia Carter
Crystal Castle
Louis Cisti
Heather Coffman
Sara Collert
Sarah Davenport
Kelyn Davis
Nadine Digiammarino
Sarah Dillashaw
Elizabeth Dugan
Pamela Ellis-Phipps
Dwayne Faulkner
Jill Flynn

Fallon Fuller
Bryant Gainey
Sakun Gajurel
Ashley Genova
Laura Gilbert
Chrystal Gillespie
Helen Godwin
Janice Goldsmith
Jessica Goldston
Katusha Gonzalez
Stephanie Halbleib
Marc Halcomb
Cara Hale
Brittany Hall
Angela Herring
Billy Herring
Dianne Kemppainen
Maria Khokhlova
Jennifer Kiner
Jason Koehler
Austin Lehmann
Ricardo Libero
Byron Lowe
Rodney Machokoto

Catherine Mcdaniel
Michael Mcduffie
Michael Mcevoy
James Milligan
Christina Moore
Ksenia Nikolaeva
Shanelle Olliver
Santana Owens
Eunique Phillips
Jeanne Pingitore
Maria Pyanzina
Bernadette Raby
Valerie Rawls
Aubrette Reid
Wen-Hui Ren
Jennifer Rhoads
Randy Rhynes
Billye Rivas
Precious Robins
Nelson Rodriguez
Oscar Santos
Irina Shamonova

Yvonne Simmons
Estelle Singletary
Adam Sippy
Shelby Smelcer
Alicia Smith
Elizabeth Smith
Stephanie Smith
Carli Soltis
Sabrina Steigelman
Sonya Stokes
Madona Tartt
Betty Thaggard
Noel Thompsen
Jason Tovar
Sharon Valentine
Matthew Vencill
Maxim Vershinin
Adam White
Talesha Williams
Tyrone Williams
Max Zaldivar

Fort Bragg

Carie Green
Jessica Mayeaux
Jessica Moore
Renee Robinson

Other Areas of North Carolina

Apex	Christopher Scerri Zachary Yonk
Bladenboro	Brittany Purdie
Boone	Frank Aycock
Buies Creek	Jessica Hatcher
Cameron	Debra Brown Christine Gregory Karey Perez Jessica Wells
Cary	John Duckworth
Clinton	Colleen King
Coats	Christopher Coats
Concord	Heather Aldridge
Dunn	Adam Tew Corinna Woolett Sara Yeatman
Durham	Jeremy Belnap Anna Edge Walter Redman

Elizabethtown	Stuart Murphy
Erwin	Averi Grady
Fuquay Varina	Virginia Harrington
Gibsonville	Jerry Bates
	Christopher Macdonald
Godwin	Patsy Walker
Goldsboro	Brian Lane
Graham	Stacey Vaughn
Greensboro	Brian Goodwin
Havelock	Stacy Williams
Hickory	Nicklaus Cannon
Hope Mills	Valerie Bell
	William Henry
	Timothy Light
	Mary Mclean
	Olivia Olvera
	Kenneth Washington
Hubert	Natasha Sunday
Huntersville	Jennifer Brophy
Jacksonville	Ashley Caldwell
	Romin Pousson
King	Jared Boyles
Kitty Hawk	Whitney Roberson
Lexington	Max Dinges
Lillington	Annette Kuchcinski
Linden	Byron Johnson
	Jamie Oakes
	Debra Yeatts
Lumberton	Kevin Branch
Moncure	Julia West
New Bern	Hadylene Brzys
Newport	John Gurley
Peachland	Kyle Eudy
Raeford	Aldys Fields
	Tracy Gonzalez
	Angela Goods
	Brandon Kidd
	Marian Kidd-Lee
	Heather Thompson
Raleigh	Zachary Greenhaw
	Christopher Jones
	Lindsay Shields
Rocky Mount	Geya Norwood-Shaw
Rocky Point	Christopher Sholar
Rose Hill	Jeremy Perkins
Sanford	Shala Cook
Shallotte	Stacie Canady
Siler City	Laura Crystal Clark
	Drew Wilkie
	Lance Wilkie
Smithfield	Austin Barbour

Southern Pines	Alexander Smith
Spring Hope	Courtney Bissette
Spring Lake	Shauna Bunn
	Joshua Canfield
	Taka Fleming
	Sarah Hammond
	Mustapha Silla
Statesville	Timothy Pope
Tryon	Joshua Gardner
Vass	Jessica Peeken
Wade	Elizabeth Adcox
Wilmington	Adrian Bascom
	Krystal Poirier

Other States and Countries

Cornwall Bridge, Conn.	Kyle Berry
Woodbridge, Conn.	Frederick Geisinger
Ridgefield, Conn.	Brian Lopez
Wallingford, Conn.	Justin Sheehan
Delmar Del.	Alison Baker
Millsboro, Del.	Jason Hastings
Wilmington, Del.	Keva Wilson
Christmas, Fla.	Sara Elliott
Sebastian, Fla.	Antronyanna Holiday
Palm Beach Gard, Fla.	Evan Monteiro
Melbourne, Fla.	Deanna Piacente
Senoia, Ga.	Benjamin Creighton
Norcross, Ga.	Susan Martin
Albia, Ind.	Eric Duea
Preston, Ind.	Shane Eickert
Davenport, Ind.	Mary Flaherty
Bloomington, Ill.	Nicholas Bova
Cordova, Ill.	Joshua Hart
Vernon Hills, Ill.	Lauren Hulse
Bloomington, Ill.	Emily Ranney
Kenilworth, Ill.	Alana Swain
Winona Lake, Ind.	Trent Barlow
Valparaiso, Ind.	Emily Brown
Overland Park, Kan.	Jessica Wanger
Louisville, Ky.	Jennifer Crews
Boylston, Mass.	Ryan Billings
Leominster, Mass.	Logan Decarolis
Gardner, Mass.	Benjamin Egan
Lunenburg, Mass.	Rob Jobin
West Yarmouth, Mass.	Kathryn Levins
Duxbury, Mass.	Tyler Smith
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White Plains, Md.	Michelle Anderson
Crofton, Md.	Brice Busse
Silver Spring, Md.	Colleen Delaney

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM TO
HOST SECOND ANNUAL “HOT SUMMER DAY 5K”**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Physician Assistant Program will be hosting the Second Annual “Hot Summer Day 5k” on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007. Event proceeds will go to the Dr. Harvey Estes Student Society of the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program, and a portion will be donated to The Care Clinic—a non-profit medical clinic in Fayetteville serving the uninsured and underinsured of Cumberland County.

The 5-kilometer run/walk will be held on the Methodist University campus. Registration/check-in is at 8:00 a.m., and the race begins at 9 a.m. The cost is \$20 for pre-registration and \$25 for race-day registration. There is a \$5 discount for students and military personnel and each participant will receive a free T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to age group winners and to the top three male and female finishers.

To register as a walker/runner or event sponsor, stop by the PA Program Building at 5107-B College Centre Drive, or e-mail hotsummerday5k@yahoo.com. For more information visit www.methodist.edu/5k.pdf or call (910) 630-7531.



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**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM ANNOUNCES WHITE COAT
CEREMONY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Physician Assistant (PA) Program will host its annual “White Coat Ceremony” on Friday, Aug. 17, 2007. The service will be held at Cedar Falls Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m.

The ceremony is an opportunity for PA students, families, and guests to acknowledge the commitment that students have made to the service of others in the field of health care. Donning the white coat—a symbol of the medical profession—is a rite of passage into the role of clinician.

Members of the faculty will share words of inspiration with the students regarding spirit, knowledge, loyalty, excellence, compassion, integrity, and commitment.

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LONGLEAF PRESS ANNOUNCES 2007 CHAPBOOK AWARD WINNER

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Jeannette Cabanis-Brewin’s poetry chapbook titled *Patriate* won Methodist University’s 2007 Longleaf Press Chapbook Award.

A business writer and editor from Cullowhee, N.C., Cabanis-Brewin writes for a variety of publications on business topics, and has been co-editor or co-author of several award-winning business books. Her poetry has been published in *The Nomad*, the *Atlanta Review*, and *Appalachian Heritage*, as well as on the North Carolina Arts Council’s Web site. Cabanis Brewin’s work has also appeared in the anthologies *Tree Magic* (SunShine Press, 2004), *The Gift of Experience* (Atlanta Review, 2005), *Immigration, Emigration, Diversity* (Chapel Hill Press, 2005), and in the forthcoming anthology *The Moveable Nest* (Helicon Nine Press, 2007), edited by Marilyn Kallet and North Carolina Poet Laureate Kathryn Stripling Byer. She was a finalist in the *Atlanta Review’s* poetry competition in 2000 and 2005, and in the 2000 Greensboro Awards.

Patriate is Cabanis-Brewin’s love letter to her home ground: a presently unspoiled mountain cove in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. The outside world—in the form of rapacious developers, world politics, and other aspects of the larger community—is present in the poems but always less important than the relationship she feels to the ecosystem of Blackbird Branch. Says poet R.T. Smith, editor of *Shenandoah*: “*The Washington and Lee University Review*, “At once wild and disciplined, [Cabanis-Brewin] is a trustworthy guide ‘around the weedrank barnyard,’ ‘into the tunnel of rhododendron’ and beyond ‘the dark iris of the mind.’ You come too.”

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English with a professional writing concentration, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Western Carolina University. She has studied poetry

in seminars and master classes with a number of poets, notably Kathryn Stripling Byer, Cathy Smith Bowers, B.H. Fairchild, Jane Hirshfield, and R.T. Smith.

The contest was open to residents of North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia, and Florida who have not yet published a full-length collection of poetry.

The chapbook will soon be available for purchase on www.amazon.com. Readings are being scheduled at Malaprop's Bookstore in Asheville, N.C., City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C., and other venues in Western North Carolina. For more information, contact Robin Greene, associate professor of English, at (910) 630-7110, or visit www.methodist.edu/longleaf.

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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University is calling for nominations for the following business awards, to be presented at the 34th Annual Economic Outlook Symposium, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. Nominations and supporting materials should be directed to the Center no later than Friday, Oct. 5 via fax: (910) 630-7657; e-mail: sgautam@methodist.edu; or mail to Methodist University, Center for Entrepreneurship, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, N.C., 28311.

Entrepreneur of the Year Award

A risk-taker in the free enterprise system: a person who sees an opportunity and then devises strategies to achieve specific objectives.

Business Person of the Year Award

An executive who makes great contributions, not only to the successful operation of local business and industry, but also to the civic and cultural life of the community.

Greater Good Award

A professional, entrepreneur or business leader who has shown kindness, charity, humanity, love, and friendship to his/her associates and made significant contributions to the community at large.

For more information on the Call for Nominations other Center for Entrepreneurship programs, please call (910) 630-7642.

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2006 Entrepreneur of the Year Award – *Carlie C. McLamb*
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2006 Greater Good Award – *Dr. Linda T. McAlister*

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Please submit supporting material -- e.g. newspaper articles, letters of recommendation, other awards received.

(Nomination will only be considered with supporting materials.)

Deadline for nominations: Friday, October 5, 2007

Please mail, fax or e-mail nomination materials to:

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**LOCAL FAMILY COMMISSIONS SCULPTURE
FOR METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Dr. Gerald and Mrs. Naoma Ellison, long-time supporters of the arts in Cumberland County, have commissioned a sculpture for Methodist University. An installation ceremony will take place on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 11:00 a.m. on the plaza in front of Methodist University's Reeves Auditorium.

Naoma Ellison said, speaking for herself and her husband, "We feel that Methodist University is the gateway to the city from the north, and as the city grows and expands, we would like Methodist to be a venue for sculptures and other visual arts."

The sculpture, titled "Elevated Visions," is the first piece of external art to be installed on the Methodist University campus. Mrs. Ellison added, "My husband and I felt that Baker's sculpture would be an ideal start to what we hope will become the first of many visual art pieces on campus."

The stainless steel abstract weighs approximately 350 lbs. and is over 10 feet tall and five feet wide. Michael Baker, a nationally-recognized North Carolina sculptor, took four months to complete the sculpture.

The Ellisons were introduced to Baker through Silvana Foti, chair of Methodist University's Art Department, and Kieth Dippre, chair of the Music Department. Ellison said, "We saw examples of his work and we were very impressed."

The installation ceremony is open to the public. Admission is free.

About the Artist

Michael Baker, a self-taught artist, has been working in sculpture for over 20 years. He first became aware of the visual arts while teaching tennis at a resort in Santa Fe, N.M.,

where there was a particular sculpture yard of large and monument pieces. A move to Loveland, Colo., another artistic community, led him to pursue his interest first-hand. He began by taking a technical course on welding techniques.

For two years, Baker worked with the well-respected Colorado sculptor, George Tate, which he feels laid the foundation for his career as a professional artist. Baker now lives in Salisbury, N.C., where he and his wife Connie have converted a former bakery into both a studio and home.

Baker's art has been recognized by the North American Sculpture Show in Golden, Colo., and he has won various other awards at national juried fine art shows throughout the United States.

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**LAFAYETTE COLLECTION TO BE DISPLAYED AT FAYETTEVILLE'S
HISTORIC MARKET HOUSE**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—As part of the celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Marquis de Lafayette, Davis Memorial Library of Methodist University will be exhibiting items from the Library's Lafayette Collection at the Fayetteville Market House on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The exhibit is a joint effort between Methodist University and the City of Fayetteville.

The Historic Properties Division will have display panels telling the story of Lafayette's visit to Fayetteville in March of 1825. Items from Davis Memorial Library's Lafayette Collection may also be viewed at the library by appointment.

Slated for display are letters written by Lafayette, commemorative medals and stamps, newspapers, articles, and books. Of particular interest are a burl wood snuff box bearing the image of Lafayette, an 1829 edition of "Lafayette in America," and a newspaper from 1825 detailing Lafayette's visit to Savannah, Ga. Display panels will provide information about Lafayette's early life, his coming to the American colonies, and his wife Adrienne.

Gilbert du Motier, the Marquis de Lafayette, was a young Frenchman who left his country to offer his services and his family fortune to further the cause of the American colonists during the American Revolution. He was instrumental in the defeat of Cornwallis at the battle of Yorktown, which led to the British surrender. He became an iconic hero in America, and in 1783 the North Carolina towns of Campbellton and Cross Creek merged and chose the patriotic name "Fayetteville."

After Lafayette's return to France, he remained active in politics. In 1824, Lafayette was invited to tour the United States as "The Nation's Guest," and he stopped in Fayetteville

March 4-5, 1825. Despite torrential rains and muddy streets, thousands turned out to greet the “Hero of Two Worlds.” As far as can be determined, Fayetteville, N.C., is the only town in the United States named for Lafayette that he actually visited.

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**MU PA PROGRAM RAISES \$5,000
AT SECOND ANNUAL “HOT SUMMER DAY 5K”**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Physician Assistant (PA) Program raised \$5,000 at its Second Annual “Hot Summer Day 5k” Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007. Of the money raised, \$1,000 will be donated to The Care Clinic—a non-profit medical clinic in Fayetteville serving the uninsured and underinsured of Cumberland County—and \$4,000 will be allocated for a review course in Philadelphia, Pa., and student travel expenses to the Physician Assistant National Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

There were 123 participants in the event. The top finishers were:

Top 3 Males

1. Husein Nasiro-Sigo (16:22)
2. Aaron Barnes (17:04)
3. Philip Vance (18:44)

Top 3 Females

1. Krystal Patton (21:28)
2. Diane Doroftei (22:49)
3. Electa Kearney (23:34)

Age Group 13 - 19

Male: Dominick Dockery (19:21)

Female: Kara Rice (24:40)

Age Group 20 -29

M: Kalama Kabongo (19:11)

F: Jen Kiner (23:49)

Age Group 30 - 39

M: Sam Anderson (19:16)

F: Wendy Menendez (24:22)

Age Group 40+

M: Richard Ferguson (18:49)

F: Pam Williams (23:53)

The PA Program would like to thank the following supporters:

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GENEROUS GIFT CONTINUES LEGACY OF SUPPORT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University received a \$50,000 gift from the estate of Mrs. Flora Cornelia “Neill” Wilkins in August 2007. This gift will increase the **Flora Cornelia Wilkins and Dr. Samuel B. Wilkins Jr. Scholarship** that was established 30 years ago through the estate of Dr. Samuel B. Wilkins.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilkins were involved in the local community and attended several functions at Reeves Auditorium. They appreciated and supported education during their lives and established an endowed scholarship after Dr. Wilkins’ death in 1977. Throughout the remainder of her life, Mrs. Wilkins continued to support Methodist and attend on-campus events, including the annual Endowed Scholarship Luncheon. She enjoyed meeting the students who were recipients of their scholarship.

Dr. Samuel B. Wilkins Jr. graduated from the University of Georgia and Harvard Medical School. He then spent the next 34 years in service to the government and the Veterans Administration. While working for the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, he met and married Flora Cornelia “Neill” Bullard. Mrs. Wilkins was born and raised near Autryville, N.C., and graduated from Campbell Junior College and East Carolina University. She worked as a teacher in the Fayetteville City School System. After they were married, Dr. Wilkins served at VA Hospitals in Georgia and Tennessee before retiring in 1973 and moving back to Fayetteville.

Mrs. Wilkins died June 6, 2007, but the support provided by Dr. and Mrs. Wilkins will continue to assist generations of Methodist University students.

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MU HOSTS BUILDING DEDICATION CEREMONY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will dedicate two new buildings Friday, Sept. 21, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The buildings include a \$6.1 million addition to the Science Building and a \$4.1 million fitness center. Both of these buildings were funded through the *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign. The event is open to the public and attendees are invited to enjoy refreshments in the Nimocks Fitness Center following the ceremony. Guided tours of the Science Building addition will be offered from 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

About the Science Building Addition

Housed on the second floor of the Science Building addition is Methodist University's new Environmental Simulation Center with its fully-interactive 3-D simulation room. This Center was made possible by the support of U.S. Representatives Bob Etheridge, Mike McIntyre, and Robin Hayes, and U.S. Senators Elizabeth Dole and Richard Burr in a 2005 Department of Energy appropriation.

The Simulation Center will provide computer-animated virtual environment simulations and in-depth examinations of case studies and experiential learning for students. The Center will offer a training site for employees of industry and government to increase awareness in occupational and environmental management and decrease preventable incidents.

Researchers will enter a three-dimensional, wholly-immersive, fully-interactive computer-simulated environment where they will experience potential environmental hazards and determine best management practices while meeting the requirements for occupational and environmental safety regulations. Through this interdisciplinary program, students are taught how to troubleshoot and avoid potential disasters, and how to manage the situation

should an incident occur without endangering people or the environment. Initial simulation programs include an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) walk-through of an industrial complex, spill containment of a tanker onto a dirt road, and the poisoning of a municipal water supply.

Artwork in and Around the Science Complex

Methodist University is the proud recipient of new artwork both inside and on either side of the Science complex entrance. In front of the buildings (facing Robert Johnson Drive) are two pieces of artwork designed and constructed by local artist David McCune. The first, closest to the D. Keith Allison Math & Computer Science Building, is of the Greek letter π , used to identify an important ratio in mathematics. The second sculpture, closest to the Science Building, represents the double helix model for the structure of DNA.

David McCune, president of McCune Technology/Fayetteville Steel, has been a professional artist for 15 years. His media include, but are not limited to, metal sculpture, metal wall art, watercolors, photography, acrylic, jewelry, and custom furniture. His pieces range from designer jewelry to a 60,000-pound steel sculpture, and are located in homes, offices, restaurants, historical sites, colleges and universities. His work can be seen in over 25 art galleries in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Nevada.

On the first floor of the Science Building addition is a painting of a red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) by artist Thomas A. Bennett. Bennett is the current artist-in-residence for the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences. His style emphasizes anatomical accuracy, capturing shade and shadow, and the micro-architecture of fur and feather with striking precision. Often compared to artist John James Audubon, many of Bennett's paintings are being transformed into limited edition fine art prints and collector plates.

Methodist University is home to two red-tailed hawks, often seen together on the light poles in front of the Horner Administration Building and soaring above the football field during games.

About the Campaign

At its conclusion in 2006, *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign was believed to have raised the largest amount in private dollars—\$14.7 million—in the history of Cumberland County, including the first ever \$1 million gift to the University. In fact, during the campaign, the University received four \$1 million gifts. These included the gift from the Nimocks family to name the Fitness Center, as well as a gift from the Thomas R. and Elizabeth E. McLean Foundation for the Science Building addition. Other significant gifts included \$750,000 from BB&T Foundation (the largest corporate gift in Methodist's history)

and \$550,000 from the Kresge Foundation. Also significant was the fact that over 2,857 individuals, corporations, and foundations contributed to the campaign. Of this number, 1,385 were alumni; a positive statement given that the University has only 42 years of graduates with an average age of 38 years.

The primary Donor Recognition Wall—honoring those who gave \$1,000 or more—is housed in the lobby of the Nimocks Fitness Center, with a smaller recognition wall honoring those that gave specifically to the Science Building addition housed in the lobby of that building.

MU Goes Green

With the potential addition of two new buildings on the north end of campus, Methodist University became concerned about the additional storm water runoff that would be created. Historically, the campus has piped its storm water into a creek which feeds into the Cape Fear River. In an effort not to add to the existing erosion problem in the creek, the University consulted with hydrologist Thomas S. Blue, of BLUE Land, Water, Infrastructure, PA of Southern Pines, N.C., when planning these buildings. Mr. Blue developed a plan for the building sites that employs the current best management practices for storm water runoff.

The plan called for the development of 20 bioretention areas, designed to absorb normal rainfall back into the ground after no more than 48 hours. Half of the areas would be covered with sod, the other half with over 760 plants of 50 species native to the state. This will provide Methodist's biology department an opportunity to research which plant species and soil compositions are best suited for these applications in the Cape Fear region.

These bioretention areas will be living laboratories, as well as a regional demonstration site for this innovative method of managing storm water. Recognizing the potential of this type of system, PWC partnered with the University on four of the bioretention areas.

Additional Recognition

Thanks to a generous gift from D. Keith Allison and his daughters, Cara Allison, Jacqueline Allison, and Janene D. Aul, the Math & Computer Science Building will be renamed D. Keith Allison Hall.

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SPORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION CREATES NEW PARTNERSHIPS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—In an effort to develop a strategic plan that will effectively market the Fayetteville area as a destination for sports and entertainment, Sport Management students at Methodist University have created a partnership with the newly-formed Fayetteville Area Sports Authority. The Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau made a \$350 donation in support of the association's efforts.

The students have also formed a partnership with Barefoot Saddles of Whispering Pines, N.C. The company's owner, Brita Rizzi, imports treeless saddles from Germany. The students are working with Rizzi to market her product.

“My goal is to immerse my students into as many aspects of the sport industry as possible to help them find their niche. Once they find their area of interest, I want them to gain as much experience as possible to help land their dream job,” said Greg Combs, B.S., M.A., Ed.D., assistant professor and director of the Sport Management Program at Methodist University.

MU's Sport Management Association also conducted marketing audits for fifteen businesses within the Fayetteville area during the last academic year. The purpose of the audits were to assess the effectiveness of the organizations' marketing orientation, marketing objectives, strategic planning processes, target markets, products and services, promotions, planning, pricing, and distribution methods.

Dr. Combs pointed out that the program has a specialty in sports business, which is one of its distinguishing characteristics. He is currently seeking accreditation with the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP'S 34TH ANNUAL ECONOMIC
OUTLOOK SYMPOSIUM SET FOR NOVEMBER**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University is pleased to announce its 34th Annual Economic Outlook Symposium, Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. Guest speakers for the Symposium include Paul Ferley, assistant chief economist, Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Financial Group, and Gordon Rose, chair of the Cumberland County Business Council.

Ferley, keynote speaker, is responsible for the analysis and forecasting of macroeconomic and financial market developments in Canada, the United States, and key overseas economies. He is a regular contributor to a number of RBC Financial Group publications. A graduate of Queen's University and the University of Manitoba, Ferley recently joined the Economics Department of RBC Financial Group in 2007 after working 20 years at another financial institution where he was responsible for generating the macroeconomic outlook for the United States, Canada, and Canadian regional economies. He started his professional career as an economist in the Research Department at the Bank of Canada. Ferley is a member of the Economic Policy Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and he is on the Editorial Board of Canadian Public Policy/Analyse de politiques. He is past president and director of the Toronto Association of Business and Economics (TABE).

Gordon Rose is the chair of the Cumberland County Business Council. Rose is a lifelong resident of Fayetteville. He worked with his father in the surveying and engineering business for over 25 years. About two years ago, The Rose Group—their firm—merged with the engineering firm of McKim & Creed, where Rose now works as director of planning and land development for the Fayetteville office. Rose has served as chair of the Transportation

Committee of the Chamber and chair of the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation before its merger under the Business Council.

Several awards will be presented at the Symposium including Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Business Person of the Year Award, and Greater Good Award. The event includes dinner and tickets can be purchased for \$50 per person or \$375 for a table seating eight.

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Methodist University Mixes Business with Blankets

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Student and staff representatives from Methodist University, Davidson College, Duke University, and Meredith College will gather together Nov. 3 to make fleece blankets for Fayetteville’s City Rescue Mission homeless shelter. The Rescue Mission—located a few blocks from the Cumberland County Courthouse—was damaged in a fire Sept. 25. The service project is part of the North Carolina Association of International Educators (NCAIE) conference taking place Nov. 2 - Nov. 4 at Methodist University.

“Saturday afternoon we will be making fleece blankets to donate to the Rescue Mission,” said Patrick Morris, program coordinator of the International House at Duke University. “Prior to the conference we are asking all registered participants to bring items to donate,” said Morris. Preferred donations include towels, clothing, and toiletries.

Leadership principles and community service will be the focus of this year’s conference. Keynote Speaker Clark Plexico, president of International Strategies, Inc., will present a workshop during the conference. He is former state president in North Carolina of Law and Government Affairs for AT&T, and a former North Carolina state senator. He is known for his international experience in business and education, including over a decade living and working in the Middle East, Europe, and Asia.

NCAIE is a professional organization of over 600 administrators, educators, and community volunteers committed to promoting the cause of international education in North Carolina. To learn more about the conference visit www.ncaie.org. For more information contact Melissa Jameson, director of University Relations, at (910) 630-7043 or e-mail mjameson@methodist.edu.



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METHODIST UNIVERSITY PREPARES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will serve as a drop-off site for “Operation Christmas Child - A Project of Samaritan’s Purse” during National Collection Week, Nov. 12-19. Students and volunteers will be available to collect shoeboxes filled with age- and gender-appropriate school supplies, toys, and personal items. Shoeboxes may be delivered to the parking lot in front of Reeves Auditorium Nov. 12-19. Boxes will be collected from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

“This year our goal is to collect 50,000 boxes,” said the Rev. Dr. Mike Safley, vice president of University Relations and Campus Ministry at Methodist University. Last year, about 34,000 shoeboxes were loaded on tractor trailers and taken to the processing center in Charlotte, N.C.—one of six processing centers in the United States. In total, Operation Christmas Child packs and delivers about seven million shoe-boxed gifts for children in over 90 countries worldwide.

How do I pack a shoebox?

Samaritan’s Purse offers the following suggestions:

Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

School Supplies: Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Personal Supplies: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Miscellaneous Items: Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

A Personal Note: In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child, a photo of yourself or your family, and your name and address (optional).

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STUDENT ART EXHIBITION OPENS AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Larissa Wilson, a senior art education major at Methodist University, will present “The Awakening” Dec. 2 - Jan. 11. Wilson’s senior art exhibition will hang in the Mallett-Rogers House behind the University’s soccer field. An opening reception is scheduled for Dec. 2 from 4-7 p.m.

“My current works are whimsical and vibrant,” said Wilson. “They represent a stage of growth during the period of time that marks the maturation of my soul.” She added, “My newer pieces are playful, joyous, and full of laughter marked with bright, saturated colors, imaginative figures, surprises within the pieces, and much love. The color harmonies pull the viewer into a timeless world where I hope to strike the cord within their soul with my sensitivity to detail and pure emotion embraced so gracefully.”

Wilson’s exhibition will feature about 21 pieces including paintings, prints, and sculpture. “Combining media allows me the freedom to explore and expose clay, painting, and copper. The body of clay is forgiving because of its plasticity, which inspires me to dive in and create from the earth.”

The event is free and open to the public. Methodist University is an independent four-year institution of higher education with over 2,100 students from 41 states and 30 countries. Methodist University offers over 70 majors and concentrations, three master’s degree programs, and 19 NCAA III intercollegiate sports. For more information, please contact Silvana Foti, professor of art and chair of the Art Department, at (910) 630-7107.



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**CUMBERLAND COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE AWARDS GRANT TO
THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Physician Assistant Program has received a grant from the Cumberland County Medical Society Alliance in the amount of \$8,308.90. The funds will be used to purchase a spirometer system, three venipuncture extremity models, an ear examination training model, an eye examination training model, and six educational training films for use in the program.

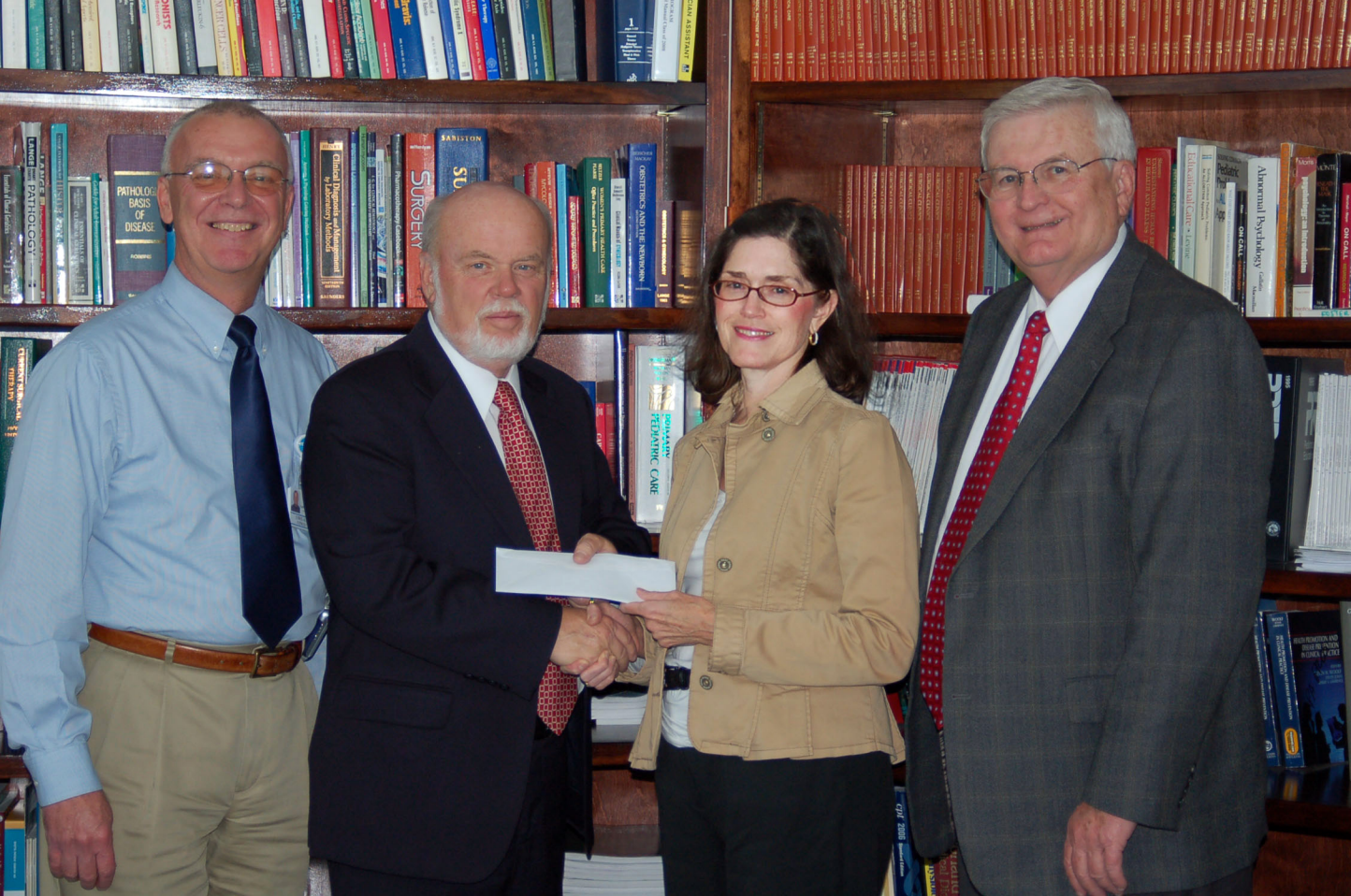
The Cumberland County Medical Society Alliance, an organization of physicians' spouses, was formed in 1928 to improve the quality of life in Cumberland County by promoting health and health education projects. The Medical Society Alliance has been making community awards for health projects since that time. The major recipients of their awards have been the Care Clinic, Stanton Hospital House, and annual scholarships to FTCC nursing students. The alliance is particularly proud to have founded the Stanton Hospitality House connected with the Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation.

The Methodist University Physician Assistant Program, one of only four in the state, was established in 1996. Accredited at the national level by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistants (ARC-PA), this program is recognized as a very high quality and competitive program. The national board pass rate for MU graduates during the history of the program is 98 percent. The pass rate for the past five years (2002-2006) is 96 percent as compared to the national average of 90 percent. More than 82 percent of the 132 graduates of this program are practicing in North Carolina, with most in medically underserved areas.

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Pictured from left to right: Dr. Christopher Aul, PA Program medical director, Ron Foster, PA Program director, Lucy Jones, Medical Alliance Grants chair, and Methodist University President Dr. M. Elton Hendricks.





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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE 35TH ANNUAL WINTER
COMMENCEMENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will celebrate its 35th Annual Winter Commencement ceremony Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. There are 228 candidates for graduation. The University's Master of Justice Administration (MJA) Program has 13 candidates in its inaugural class and there are ten candidates for graduation from The Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Pinehurst's® inaugural class.

The day's events will begin with a baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The Rev. Albert Shuler, a native of Calhoun County, S.C., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Shuler earned his bachelor's degree in French with a minor in religion and philosophy from Claflin University in Orangeburg, S.C. He attended the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga., and received his Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School. Shuler has held appointments in Wilmington, Fayetteville, Elizabeth City, and Durham, and he currently serves as senior pastor at Jarvis Memorial Church in Greenville, N.C.

This year's commencement speaker is Dr. Delmas S. Crisp, Jr., vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the University. Dr. Crisp came to Methodist University in June 2007, having served in the same capacity for six years at Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga. His tenure at Wesleyan College began in 1988 as the chair of the Division of Humanities. In 1988, he was also named Fuller E. Callaway Professor of English. Prior to his time at Wesleyan, Dr. Crisp taught at Southeastern Louisiana from 1968-1988, rising from the rank of instructor of English to associate professor of English and department head.

Dr. Crisp received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi, where he specialized in British Medieval and Renaissance Literature with a secondary specialty in linguistics.

The Methodist University Chorale, directed by Professor Michael Martin, will perform special music, and the Samuel R. Edwards award will be presented to a student from the MU at Night program in recognition of his or her academic excellence, spiritual development, and community service. The award was established in 1990 to honor Edwards, who served simultaneously as the first registrar, admissions director, director of financial aid, and instructor of physical education. Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, Methodist University president, will receive a flag from Shanelle Olliver of St. Vincent & the Grenadines.

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**GRADUATING CLASS SET TO RECEIVE FIRST-EVER
METHODIST-AWARDED MJA AND MBA**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Of the 228 candidates for graduation Dec. 15, 2007, 13 candidates from Methodist University’s Master of Justice Administration (MJA) Program, and ten candidates from *The* Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Pinehurst®, will walk with their respective inaugural class. Until this graduation, the University has only awarded the Master of Medical Science degree—first awarded Dec. 12, 2003—to those students who successfully completed the Physician Assistant Program.

“Over the past two years the members of this MJA graduating class have had the opportunity to build life-long bonds and to acquire the knowledge, skills, and abilities to succeed as criminal justice professionals,” said Dr. Darl Champion, director of the MJA Program. “Seeing their growth and development through the program has been priceless. They have met the challenge and are now prepared to be the future leaders of the North Carolina criminal justice system.”

MJA Graduates

- Thomas Bergamine (Fayetteville, N.C.)
- Matthew Burleyson (Mooresville, N.C.)
- Milton Wayne Coates (Winterville, N.C.)
- Phillip Paul Firrantello (Kings Mountain, N.C.)
- Kimberly Gagnon (Bell Gardens, Calif.)
- Kimberly Gordon (Brevard, N.C.)
- Bradley Hendren (Taylorsville, N.C.)
- Benson Hoyle (Cornelius, N.C.)
- Richard Lloyd, Jr. (Mebane, N.C.)

Phillip Patterson (Mount Pleasant, N.C.)

Lacy Pittman (Holly Springs, N.C.)

Mark Strickland (Salemberg, N.C.)

Anthony Westbrook II (Wilmington, N.C.)

“I am extremely proud to call them MJA graduates,” said Dr. Champion.

All of the graduates are members of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Many of this year’s graduating students have already secured top positions in their field. Tom Bergamine, named Fayetteville’s chief of police April 10, 2007, will receive his master’s degree in justice administration. Chief Bergamine is a native of the Bronx, N.Y., and began his career with the Fayetteville Police Department in 1978.

“I strongly recommend the MJA Program to law enforcement professionals. The learning experience is truly rewarding,” said Bergamine, who holds a bachelor's degree in political science and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He also served for three years in a military police unit in the U.S. Army.

“The program is not only based on strong academics, but networking with law enforcement personnel throughout the state. I have truly enjoyed the academic journey, the excellent staff, and great classmates.”

Kimberly Gagnon, a detective with the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office, will also receive her MJA degree.

“Whether they are professionals in the courts, correctional facilities, law enforcement, or training, it is a blended, two-year program for leaders in the criminal justice profession,” said Kristine Thomas, program coordinator and instructor of justice studies.

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Jens Klemsche, for example, is the golf pro at Highland Country Club in Fayetteville, N.C. Tom Incauskis is one of six PGA Professionals on staff at Methodist University and serves as head golf professional and director of instruction.

MBA Graduates

Scott Ellender (Pinehurst, N.C.)

Alison Friend (Lisbon, Ohio)

Thomas Inczauskis (Fayetteville, N.C.)

Wayne Kearney (Southern Pines, N.C.)

Jens Klemsche (Fayetteville, N.C.)

Carla McKenzie (Cameron, N.C.)

Justin Rimbey (Apex, N.C.)

Michael Schubach (Pinehurst, N.C.)

Michael Townsend (Raleigh, N.C.)

Richard Walters, Jr. (Salemburg, N.C.)

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CONGRESS APPROVES FUNDING FOR METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University is pleased to announce that Congress has approved \$399,500 for its Methamphetamine Educational Training Project. The University will use the federal funds to train students and professionals to combat methamphetamine production and remove and dispose of hazardous materials from clandestine methamphetamine labs.

According to Methodist University President Elton Hendricks, “Our faculty members are developing this training program in response to the needs of the local community and the State of North Carolina to increase advanced technology used in the field. We can assist law enforcement, the first responder, and environmental personnel utilizing this funding secured by Congressmen Bob Etheridge and Mike McIntyre and Senators Elizabeth Dole and Richard Burr.”

Methamphetamine is an extremely dangerous drug. In 2001, the State Bureau of Investigation reported there were 34 methamphetamine labs discovered in North Carolina; in 2004, there were 322 labs discovered. The labs pose multiple dangers to both public health and the environment. Its production also creates a toxic and exceptionally dangerous environment for law enforcement and environmental personnel. Although no deaths have currently been reported in North Carolina, the N.C. Division of Emergency Management reported 27 first responders being injured in meth lab bursts as of 2004.

The meth production process can create disastrous environmental effects. In addition to poisonous gas and threat of fire or explosion, a minimum of five to seven pounds of chemical waste are produced for each pound of methamphetamine manufactured, most of which is dumped near the laboratory, contaminating soil and groundwater and killing vegetation. Site remediation costs can range from several thousand to millions of dollars. By establishing this training project, Methodist University will purchase specialized forensic lab equipment and advanced technology to train professionals and students to combat methamphetamine production, and remove and safely dispose of hazardous materials from clandestine methamphetamine labs.

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