

Methodist College Today



In The Spirit Of The Season



Angelie Quinn and Christian Baumgart sing "Angel's Carol" at the second Annual Holiday Concert.



Mike Brown (far right) and nine other MC students adopted a local family for Christmas.



The MC Theatre Department's children's production of The Wind in the Willows drew 4,100 local school children to Reeves Auditorium Nov. 15-17.



MC students cut wood for the needy at the Jesse Smith Memorial Woodcutting Dec. 2.



The MC Show Choir performs at the Holiday Concert.



MC retirees lunched together Nov. 8 at a local restaurant. Front row, L to R, Loretta Swing, Nona Fisher, Peggy McCullen, Alma Rhodes and Earleene Bass; Back row, Walt Swing, Alan Porter, Sam Womack, John Parker, Roy Whitmire, Bill Morgan, Parker Wilson and Bill Lowdermilk.

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On the Cover

Wendy Wise adjusts beads for Dr. Tony DeLapa, academic dean, at the Mardi Gras Art Exhibit and Sale Dec. 13 in the south lobby of Reeves Auditorium. Wendy, her Art Ed 362 classmates, Susanne Hering and Kelly Holland, and other art students made this a festive occasion.

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SACS Authorizes PA Master's Program

Officials of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in Atlanta have authorized Methodist College to proceed with plans to award the master's degree to students completing its physician assistant program.

The College notified SACS in September of its desire for a "substantive change" in its status as an undergraduate institution. Methodist's PA graduates currently receive a Bachelor of Health Science degree.

"We've been doing a graduate level curriculum from the outset," said Ron Foster, director of the physician assistant program. "Our PA students now take 107 semester hours of course work over a two-year period. Add to that the 81 hours of courses required for admission to the program and you have 188 semester hours or the equivalent of a bachelor's plus a master's degree."

A master's level physician assistant program will be good for Methodist College, for our PA graduates, and for southeastern North Carolina," said College President M. Elton Hendricks. "I look forward to conferring these degrees in December 2003."

Last spring the College faculty and trustees approved a proposal from the PA faculty to adopt a master's degree-level physician assistant program. In the fall, the College submitted a rationale and detailed curriculum for the enhanced program to SACS and to the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

Foster said Methodist's PA program will be joining a national trend. "The number of physician assistant programs offering a master's degree has increased from 12 (of 120 programs) to over 50 in the last two years," he explained. "Moreover, the Association of Physician Assistant Programs and the American Academy of Physician Assistants now favor making the master's the standard entry-level degree to ensure



Second-year PA students who will graduate in December 2001.

standardization of the PA profession. In addition, little financial aid is available for students seeking a second bachelor's degree, and that hurts our recruitment efforts."

In making the transition from a bachelor's to a master's program, Methodist will add three courses worth a total of 18 semester hours to its current PA curriculum: a course in research methods and design, a statistics course, and a research project to be completed during the clinical (second year) preceptorship.

Methodist's PA program was started in 1996 and has graduated three classes to date, totaling 29 students. The first master's class would enter in Fall 2001 and graduate in December 2003.

Foundation Board Maps Plans For Loyalty Day 2001

The Methodist College Foundation Board met Dec. 12 in the Alumni Dining Room to finalize plans for Loyalty Day—Feb. 6, 2001.

The Foundation Board is made up of community leaders from throughout Cumberland County. Its principal responsibility is the annual Loyalty Day fund drive, which supports the College's day-to-day operating expenses.

Each member is responsible for recruiting five volunteers to call on local businesses and friends of the College for gifts during the Loyalty Day drive. In 2000, the Foundation Board helped raise more than \$105,000 for the College.

Foundation Board Members who attended the December meeting: L to R: Pedro Fonseca, Beverly Pone, Peggy Vick, Keith Tilghman, Carolyn Lancaster, Lou Tippett, Mary Erwin Olive, Debbie Cooper, Chris Cammack (2001 Loyalty Day Chairman), Ken Bellian, M.D., Robby Boswell, Ellis Felton, Dave Foster, Jeff Cobb, Elva Owen and Chappie Petree (Treasurer).



Tally Forum Explores Ethics of New Technology

What ethical principles should be used to judge the moral character of new technologies?

Methodist College's sixth annual Tally Leadership Forum will seek answers to that question Feb. 19-20, 2001. The theme for this year's event is "Leaders, Ethics and the Technology Revolution." The 2001 forum will address issues such as genetic reproduction, the digital divide, threats to individual privacy, and the social and moral implications of new technologies.

Presented by Methodist's Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development, the forum features an opening convocation with two keynote speakers, followed the next day by a series of student roundtable discussions. The convocation is set for 11 a.m. Feb. 19 in Reeves Auditorium; it is free and open to the public.

Dr. Jane Smith Patterson, senior advisor to NC Gov. Jim Hunt for science and technology, and the Reverend Bruce E. Stanley, Duke University Divinity School's director of field education, are the keynote speakers for the opening convocation. Dr. Patterson will discuss the role of government in the technology revolution, and Rev. Stanley will address the need for ethical guideposts to deal with emerging technologies.

Dr. Patterson is an expert on information technology infrastructure and its impact on the operations of government, industry and education. She developed and implemented the North Carolina Information Highway and has consulted with more than 20 countries and 38 states on the design and operation of information networks.

After serving as secretary of administration during Gov. Hunt's first two terms, she was a vice-president of ITT Corp.'s Network Systems Group for six years. She has published articles and chapters of books on information infrastructure policy and applications in Japan, England, and the United States. Dr. Patterson attended UNC-Chapel Hill, Harvard University and NC State University.

The Rev. Bruce Stanley participated in last year's Tally Leadership Forum, serving on a panel that examined "America's Role in the World." At that time he was director of missions and evangelism for the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. In that position he gained extensive overseas experience with humanitarian relief efforts in the Third World.

A native of Grafton, WV, Stanley received an undergraduate degree in history from West Virginia University in 1977 and a Master of Divinity from Harvard University in 1981. He was ordained by the

United Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. in 1982 and transferred credentials to the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1985. He held ministerial appointments at four churches before joining the Bishop's Cabinet as director of missions and evangelism.

The second day of the Tally Leadership Forum, Feb. 20, will be devoted to student roundtable discussions sponsored by various academic departments at Methodist. These will be held in the Alumni Dining Room of the Berns Student Center. MC students will be able to register in advance for two roundtable discussions lasting an hour and a half. Two to three tables of eight to 12 students will discuss a specific question. Both morning and afternoon sessions are planned.

George Blanc Named Vice President of Student Life

Methodist College has promoted George Blanc, director of international programs, to vice president of student life and dean of students, effective Jan. 15, 2001.

College President M. Elton Hendricks announced Blanc's appointment Dec. 21. He will replace Mrs. Kim Dowd, who recently resigned. Mrs. Dowd had served as dean of students since July 1, 1997; she came to Methodist as assistant dean for academic services in 1995.

Blanc, 55, joined the Methodist College staff in the summer of 1998. He served 27½ years in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of colonel.

"George Blanc has done an outstanding job working with our international students," said President Hendricks. "He has the skills and experience to build on what is already an excellent student life program. We are indebted to Kim Dowd for five years of outstanding work at Methodist, first as director of our new student orientation program and then as dean of students."

The new dean of students holds a B.A. in political science from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and is a graduate of the Army War College in Carlisle, PA. A native of Mexico, he grew up in San Antonio and became an American citizen at the age of 18. Blanc and his wife Carole, a registered nurse, are the parents of two grown daughters and have lived in Fayetteville for several years.

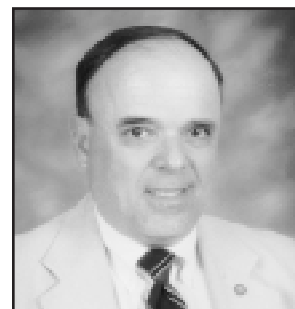
Blanc said he felt "honored and privileged" to have the opportunity to serve Methodist as dean of students. "Our College has one of the most active and successful student life programs in the state," he said, "and my intention is to build on past successes in an effort to provide even better service to our students in the future."



Dr. Jane Patterson



The Rev. Stanley



George Blanc

The Secret of Joyful Living

Joyful living requires service to others.

That was the theme of two speeches given at Methodist College's 28th winter commencement exercises Dec. 15.

The commencement speaker was Dr. Assad Meymandi, a psychiatrist/neurologist from Raleigh, NC. In an address entitled "A Few Thoughts on Life," Dr. Meymandi offered a 12-point prescription for joyful living.

"May your future be imbued with *barakat*," said Dr. Meymandi. "*Barakat* is a Sanskrit word that expresses the centrality, centricity and focus of God's abundance in the service of others."

The speaker said *barakat* encompasses the 12 characteristics of a joyful person: 1) an appreciation of life, 2) a thirst for knowledge, 3) curiosity and ideas, 4) love, 5) faith, 6) hope, 7) excellence, 8) personal growth, 9) altruism, 10) selflessness, 11) enthusiasm, and 12) service to others.

The baccalaureate speaker was the Rev. Dr. Peter Storey, a retired Methodist bishop from South Africa. In a sermon entitled "New Beginnings with God," Dr. Storey based his message on three Biblical passages from Luke (3:21-22, 4:1-2, 16-21) which describe Jesus' *affirmation* at his baptism that he belonged to God, his *renunciation* of secular power offered him by the devil during his 40 days in the wilderness, and his *declaration* that God had anointed him to preach the gospel to the poor and to liberate the human spirit.

"Each of you has special plans for your lives," said Dr. Storey. "I hope you will help the poor, help others reach freedom, and bring new light to others. I hope your life will be a bit of good news from God."

In other commencement activities:

—College President Elton Hendricks presented a citation of appreciation to Louis Spilman Jr. of Fayetteville. A retired businessman, a College trustee, and a member of Methodist's first graduating class (1964), Mr. Spilman was honored for his 30 years' service on the College's Board of Trustees.

—Dr. Hendricks presented a Methodist College Medallion to Dr. Meymandi in recognition of his service to his profession and to the arts.

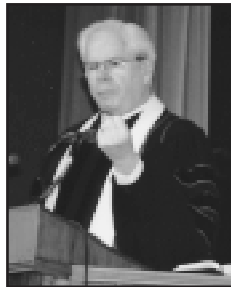
—Marie Frohm presented the flag of her native Sweden to the College.

—Sabrina Sabin received the Sam Edwards Award, denoting her selection as the outstanding Evening College graduate in the Class of 2000.

Degrees were awarded to 117 seniors at the winter commencement, bringing total membership in the Class of 2000 to 267. Thirty-three members of the winter class graduated with honors.



Dr. Assad Meymandi



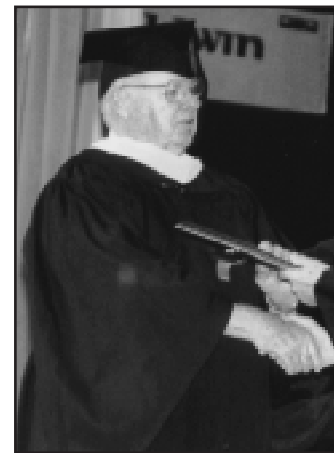
Dr. Peter Storey



Methodist's Scholarship Vocal Ensemble (Rainbow's End) performs "The Prayer of St. Francis" at the baccalaureate service.



Sabrina Sabin receives the Sam Edwards Award.



Trustee Louis Spilman '64 is cited for 30 years' service.



A mom hoods her son as he receives his degree from Dr. Hendricks.

DEGREES WERE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING DEC. 15, 2000:**BACHELOR OF ARTS****Cape Fear Region**

Fayetteville: Charles David Owens, *cum laude*, Music; Donald Murray Warren, Music and Business Administration; Marie Susanne Frohm, *cum laude*, Business Administration; Paula Andrea Palacio, Business Administration and Financial Economics.

Fort Bragg: Lisa Renae Crews, *cum laude*, History; Richard H. McGuinness, *magna cum laude*, History and Spanish.

Hope Mills: Jonathan Jay Barber, Music; Julio E. Pizarro Andino, Spanish.

Spring Lake: Danielle Latisha Jones, English.

Other States/Countries

Moorehead, KY: Sara Elizabeth Anderson, *summa cum laude*, English.

Nichols, SC: Chadwick Huggins, *cum laude*, English.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**Cape Fear Region**

Fayetteville: Polly Amorginos, *cum laude*, Elementary Education; Raul Antequera-Garcia, *cum laude*, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Tennis Management; Michael Gavin Christopher Baldauf, Political Science; Don C. Baden, Business Administration; Cindy Suzanne Bridges, *summa cum laude*, History; Tammy T. Brown, Biology; Vanessa Lynn Burnette, Accounting with a Concentration in Public Accounting; Angela Joy Carson, *magna cum laude*, Accounting with a Concentration in Managerial Accounting; Melanie S. Casey, *summa cum laude*, History; Joseph Charles Conner, *cum laude*, Financial Economics & Business Administration; Towanda Denise Cooper, Business Administration; Winnie Frances Smith Daws, History; Aimee Kristine Deca, Criminal Justice; Sara Jane Deming, *summa cum laude*, Business Administration and Accounting; Julia Ryan Dingle, Sociology; Jason Thomas Gentili, Business Administration and Marketing with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Andres Domingo Gomez III, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Heather M. Harris, Accounting and Marketing; Ginger Durden Hughes, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Charmaine Nicole Keel, Business Administration and Accounting; Thomas Nathan Litten, Sports Management; Mark William Lovell, Criminal Justice; Edgar G. Lupo, Jr., Biology with a Concentration in Zoology; Robert Francis Martin, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration; Sherri S. McCoy, *magna cum laude*, Elementary Education; Caroline Menor, Business Administration; La'Quata Murrain, Sociology; Tina Dianne Owens, Sociology and Criminal Justice; Anita Caldwell Paul, *cum laude*, Accounting and Finance/Economics; Chinedu Onochie Rapu, Biology with a Concentration in Microbiology and Cell Biology; Robert David Rutledge, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration; Christine L. Scholl, Business Administration and Marketing; Walker Winfield Scott III, Biology; Christie C. Sellers, *summa cum laude*, Elementary Education; James Michael Smith, Business Administration and Marketing; Matthew Daniel Tatman, *summa cum laude*, Finance/Economics and Business Administration; Gina Marie Thornton, Accounting; Michael John Trevisan, Business Administration; Rayfield Valentine, Jr., Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Carla Cummings Vaughn, Elementary Education; Tyronne Lawrence Webner, *cum laude*, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Jaimee Swanson Wilcox, *summa cum laude*, Marketing; Dawn Marie Kane Willis, Business Administration; Jimmie S. Wood, Business Administration; Tammie Clay Wright, Business Administration; Joy Nichole Yancey, Criminal Justice.

Fort Bragg: Rhonda LeMora Brown, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration

Dunn: Donna Fay Turlington, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration.

Erwin: Terry Creswell Darling, *cum laude*, Business Administration.

Hope Mills: Charles O. Blansit, *summa cum laude*, Sociology; Iris Bowman, *cum laude*, Business Administration; Carolyn Reece Lawrence, *cum laude*, Elementary Education.

Olivia: Michael Carter Hall, Criminal Justice.

Raeford: Rose A. McIntyre, Criminal Justice.

Sanford: Marcie Elena Spell, Business Administration and Marketing.

Spring Lake: Benjamin Neil Cain, Political Science.

Stedman: Jason Todd Masker, Criminal Justice; Jared Wesley McCullen, Mass Communications.

Other Areas of North Carolina

Charlotte: Chet Justin Capps, Physical Education.

Benson: Rodney Carson Parker, Physical Education with Teacher Licensure.

Broadway: Jason Scott McNeill, Criminal Justice.

Garner: Harden Junior Viers II, *cum laude*, Computer Science.

Greensboro: Elbony LaTeesa King, Criminal Justice.

Jacksonville: Laraby Shaun Jones, Sports Management.

Princeton: Bradley Kevin Massey, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management.

Statesville: Mickey Alan Jordan, Physical Education.

Winterville: Darnell Leroy Artis, Physical Education.

Other States/Countries

Hauppauge, NY: Jefferson C. Bell, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **United Kingdom:** Jonathan Bennett, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Tennis Management; **Arroyo Grande, CA:** Jill Ann Catron, Sports Management; **Charleston, SC:** John L. Cooper, Jr., Physical Education with a Concentration in Sports Management; **Latrobe, PA:** Matthew William Dira, Business Administration and Marketing with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Palmyra, PA:** Christopher Bowen Frost, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Garrettsville, OH:** Scott Robert Galayde, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **North Fort Meyers, FL:** Luisa Rengelde Harrison, Spanish and Business Administration; **Cali, Colombia:** Juliana Suso Jaramillo, Business Administration; **Egg Harbor TWP, NJ:** David J. Lee, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Lake City, SC:** Abraham Lewis, *summa cum laude*, Sociology; **Miami, FL:** Joseph Michael Mura, Physical Education; **Brownville, NY:** Vincent Michael Paolozzi, Jr., Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Tampa, FL:** Carlos Pinnace, History; **Seymour, IN:** Matthew Jacob Plumer, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Ft. Worth, TX:** James Christopher Sabin, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration; **White Settlement, TX:** Sabrina Janel Sabin, *summa cum laude*, Business Administration; **Milton, IN:** Matthew A. Schultz, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Media, PA:** Matthew J. Sullivan, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Ellicott City, MD:** Paul Francis Twining, Jr., Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Swanton, VT:** Brian J. Wilda, Sociology.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**Cape Fear Region**

Fayetteville: Peter Gregor Foublass, *cum laude*, Social Work; Melodi Ann Gill, Social Work; Elizabeth Alice Lewis, Social Work.

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE**Cape Fear Region**

Fayetteville: David L. Baggett, Physician Assistant.

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE**Cape Fear Region**

Erwin: Terry Creswell Darling, Industrial Management.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS**Cape Fear Region**

Fayetteville: Vanessa Lynn Burnette, Business Administration; Amy L. Doyle, Business Administration; Andrew W. Marshall, Jr., General Studies; Malessia Holmes Nelson, General Studies; Katrina D. Sheckels, Mathematics; Jimmie S. Wood, Concentration in Business.

Fort Bragg: Jay T. Bao, Foreign Language; Cary Don Carter, Concentration in Business; Lisa Renae Crews, Foreign Languages with a Concentration in Russian.

Spring Lake: George Russell Leard, Jr., Concentration in Sociology; William C. Zappa, Concentration in Sociology.

Stedman: Kirk K. Newman, Criminal Justice.

Other States/Countries

Fort Gordan, GA: Truzell DeRamus Jr., General Studies; **Worcester, MA:** Jeannine S. Germain, Sociology; **Lake Worth, FL:** Carlos Nieves, General Studies; **White Settlement, TX:** Sabrina Janel Sabin, Sociology.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE**Cape Fear Region**

Fayetteville: Gina Denise Brunson, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Sean Adrian Yancey, Business Administration.

Other States/Countries

Naples, FL: Beth Irene Dawson, Science/Biology.

Fourteen Take Part In Bahamas Mission Trip

For many college students, fall break is a time to vacation. Many students visit home. Others take the long weekend to travel with friends. This past October, Campus Ministries used the break for an entirely different experience.

Fourteen students and three staff spent fall break in Nassau, Bahamas. Theirs was not a trip simply for fun and sun, however. This was a journey of spiritual reflection and Christian service. The students and staff raised more than \$8,000 from private donations to spend fall break on a mission project.



Methodist College students and staff went to the Bahamas during fall break on a mission trip. Front row, L to R, Eric Porterfield, Susan Small, Patricia Smith; second row (L to R) Joel McMakin, Dr. Nicole Taylor, and Ryan Steele; third row, Rebecca Kennedy, Beth Edwards, Amelie Reiser; fourth row, Nicole Pratt, Takechia Jackson, and Jennifer Root.

“We didn’t stay in the big resorts. We stayed in the shadows of the resorts,” Chaplain Carl King said. King led the team which was hosted by the Rev. Shaun Ingraham, chaplain of Queens College in Nassau.

As a Commonwealth of Britain, the Bahamas educational system is a British system. In that system, Queens College is a private school for students elementary through high school age. The Methodist Church directs the school and receives government subsidies to aid the students with their tuition. The school is accomplishing much with limited means.

Under the direction of the Rev. Ingraham, the team worked on several projects at Queens College. They repainted several building exteriors and the main entrance of the school. They also removed old sand from a recreational complex to protect elementary-aged children from the threat of ringworm. Finally, the team led morning devotions for several hundred upper and lower school students.

In addition to assisting Queens College, the mission team studied the economic inequalities in the Bahamas. The students spent an afternoon at one of the beach resorts where tourists vacation. Then they spent a morning in the island’s interior, where the majority of Bahamians live. The contrast of surroundings was striking. Unlike tourists in the resort areas, the majority of Bahamians live without running water or electricity. The experience left team members wanting to return next year and to work in missions in the island’s interior.



Students clear sand from a recreation area at the lower school of Queens College.

Throughout the experience, the congregation of Ebenezer Methodist Church hosted the students. The church converted its Sunday school classrooms into living areas for the students. Neighboring Methodist churches fed the team each evening meal. In gratitude, team members spent Sunday morning visiting each of the area churches and led a worship service at Ebenezer Methodist Church Sunday night.

For these Methodist College students, fall break 2000 was not simply a vacation. Campus Ministry made fall break an experience of spiritual growth and personal service.

The Campus Ministry Office at Methodist College began sponsoring fall and spring break mission trips in 1994. In each instance, the volunteers have not only given their time but also shared the cost of food and transportation.

Operation Christmas Child Brings Joy To All

Christmas came early this year to Methodist College. From Nov. 13 through Nov. 20, Christmas presents rolled onto campus by the thousands. Shoeboxes filled with gifts for young boys and girls arrived on campus before Thanksgiving as part of the College's participation in Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Franklin Graham's organization Samaritan's Purse. The ministry sends shoeboxes filled with



Susan Small and friend help load the truck with shoe boxes.

Christmas gifts to boys and girls throughout the world. The gift boxes are specifically for boys and girls living in countries devastated by war. Persons bring gifts to collection centers around the country and Samaritan's Purse transports the gifts to children in need.

This year Methodist College served as the Collection Center for the Fayetteville area. The Fayetteville Area encompassed the cities of Fayetteville, Laurinburg, Spivey's Corner, Lumberton and Southern Pines. From these cities and more, Methodist College received and processed 16,751 giftboxes.

A total of 138 volunteers processed the giftboxes. Of these, 73 volunteers were Methodist College students and staff. They logged over 150 hours of service.

"We will be knocking on your door to do it again next year," said Ben Huske, the Fayetteville area coordinator. Until this



Dawn Parker, Paula McLean and others assist with Operation Christmas Child.



year, Huske had posted the collection center at a local church. Huske sought a new location to provide more space for tractor trailers that the ministry uses to ship the gifts.

"It was a great success," Huske said. "All the volunteers were nice and had a good spirit about them. Nobody was moping around. They all jumped right into the system."

Coordinated jointly by the Campus Ministry Office and the Office of Church and Community Relations, Methodist College looks forward to hosting Operation Christmas Child annually.

Carolina College Steps Find New Home At Methodist

Twenty guests gathered at the President's Home Nov. 16 to honor the memory of Carolina College and its alumnae.

Carolina College was founded in 1912 in Maxton, NC for the education of young women by the United Methodist Church. It offered a variety of programs, including a bachelor's degree program and teacher training. The college closed in 1926.

In 1976, the original Carolina College building was destroyed by fire. The granite steps from that building are now displayed outside Methodist's library near the belltower.

Since May 6, 1972, Methodist College has served as the repository of memorabilia and records from Carolina College, which are on permanent display in the Special Collections Room of Davis Memorial Library. An annual Carolina College Endowed Scholarship was established at Methodist by friends and families of Carolina alumnae.

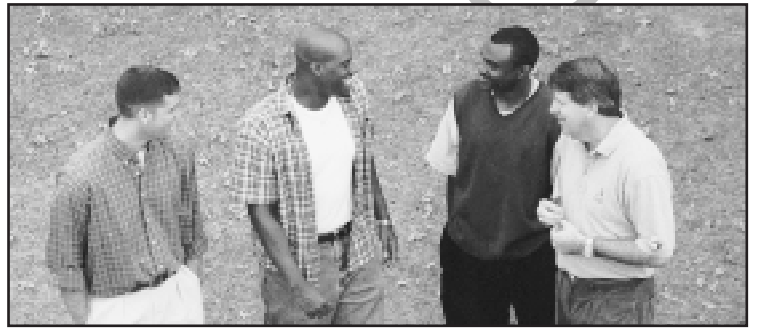


Friends of Carolina College gather around granite steps and commemorative plaque near the bell tower. L to R, Taylor McMillan, Evelyn Midgette, Betty Hasty (MC trustee), Jane James, Katherine Carter.

Homecoming



Rita Wiggs, Howard Hudson '69 and Kay Yow gather at the Hall of Fame Banquet.



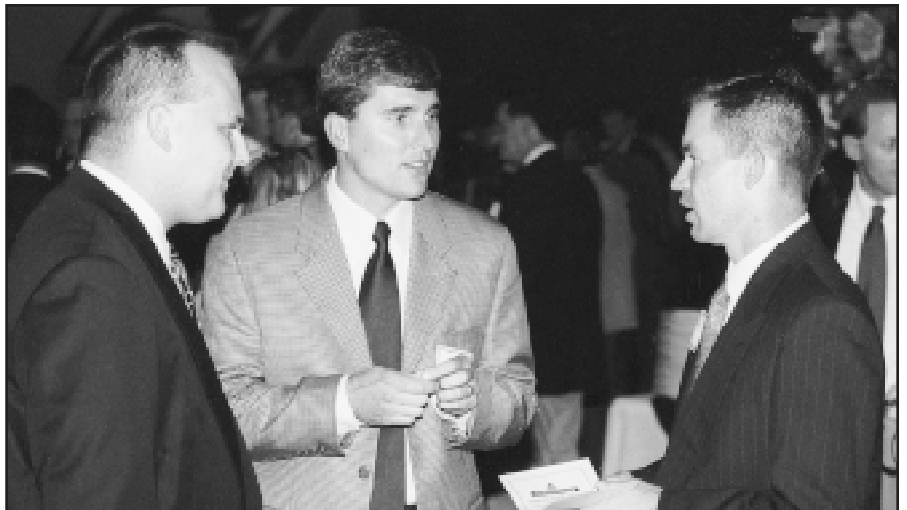
Alumni, reunite!



Former Methodist College student athletes and coaches gather in the gym one more time to reminisce.



Reese Edwards '64 was the Master of Ceremonies at the Hall of Fame Banquet



Former student-athletes Bryan May '92, Jeff Hawes '92, and Rob Pilewski '92 reunite at the Hall of Fame Banquet.

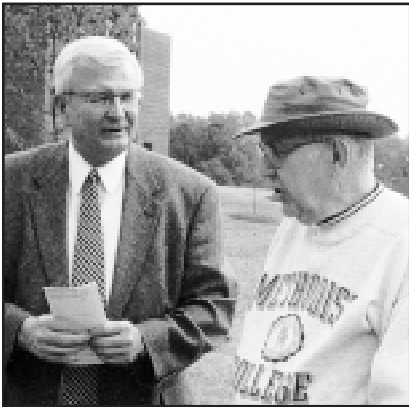
2000 Highlights



The Methodist College Stage Band performs during lunch.



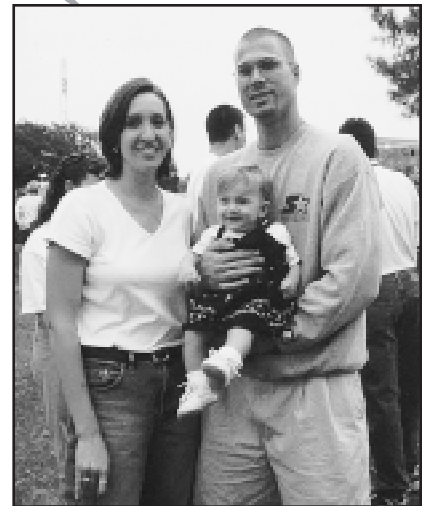
The Monarchs defeated Averett College 51-2.



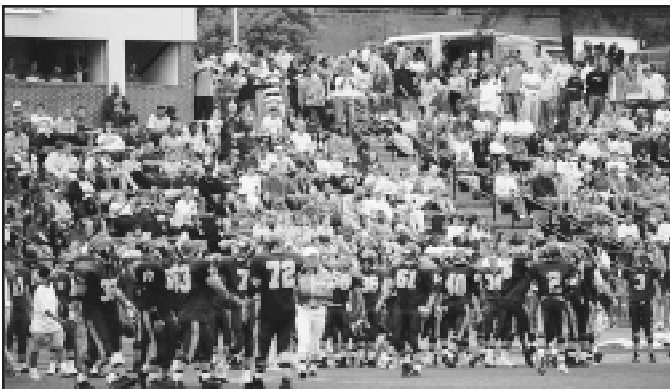
President Hendricks greets Professor Emeritus Parker Wilson at the registration tent.



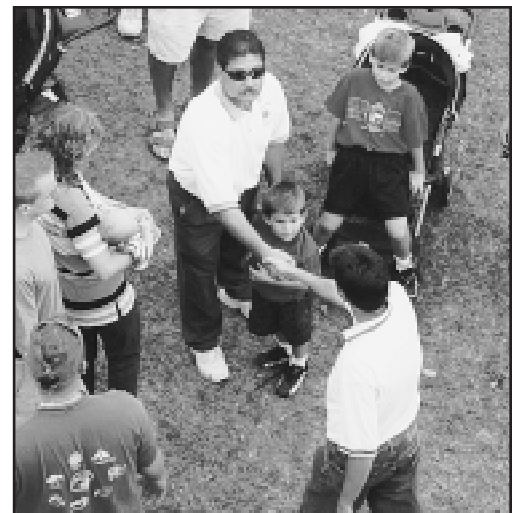
Former Monarchs returned for Men's and Women's Alumni Basketball games.



Christy and Bill Nebrich '95 with Mary Caroline, a future Monarch.



A record attendance of 2,200 alumni and friends of Methodist cheers on the Monarchs.



Methodist alumni (right) and friends gather before the homecoming football game.



The Monarch Dancers perform at halftime.



The Jack Britt High School Marching Band performs at halftime.



Former Monarch football players pose for a picture during halftime.



Whitney Larrimore '00 (right) and her date take a break at the dance.



Jerry Keen '65 registers at the tent.



Former roommates Les Mengel '67 and Dennis Bruce '68 at the alumni dinner, where Bruce received the Distinguished Alumni Award.



Cheerleaders entertain the crowd.



Alumni and friends enjoy themselves Saturday night.



Tom and Sharon Sanders '69 have been to 31 consecutive Homecomings.



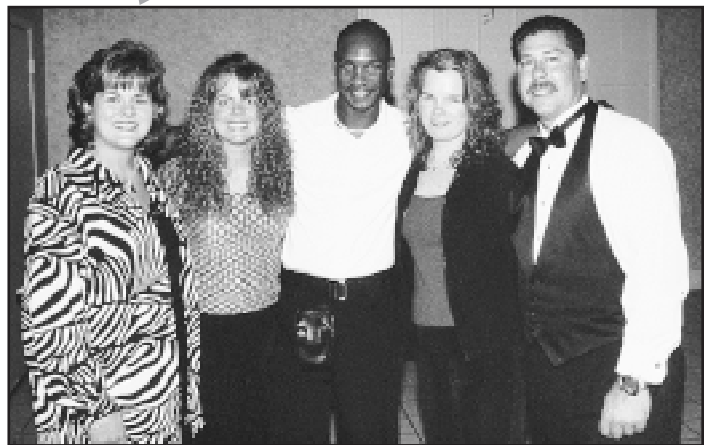
Alumni share a moment at the dinner.



The first annual Silent Auction raised more than \$2,100 for the Alumni Scholarship Fund.



MCAA President Bryan May '92 presents Sparky Rapalye '65 of San Antonio, TX, with the "Furthest Traveled Award."



Michee Olson '91, Tina Edmondson, Rickey Hill '90, Suzie Ryan '90 and Chris Ryan pose for a photograph.



Alumni take a break at the dance.



Mica Gay and Paul Twining were crowned Homecoming Queen and King of 2000.



Members of the Class of 1965.

Center Cites Four For Business Achievements

The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist College honored four persons for business achievements at its 27th annual Economic Outlook Symposium Nov. 8.

Business Person of the Year

Graham T. Moore Jr., president of Crowell Constructors, was named Business Person of the Year.

A native of Oxford, NC, Moore joined the Fayetteville-based highway contracting firm in 1973 after graduating from NC



Graham T. Moore Jr.

State University. From his first position as an estimator, he advanced through the ranks, working as project manager, division manager, general operations manager, and vice president. He became president in 1987.

During Moore's tenure as president, Crowell's annual revenues and work force have more than doubled, reaching \$34 million

and 300 respectively. In 1999, Crowell became a division of APAC Carolinas, Inc. Moore's associates at Crowell describe him as a motivator with a unique style of personal communication, one who is always looking for ways to improve safety, quality, and market share in a very competitive business.

Moore has been active in professional and civic organizations, serving as president of the Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association and on the boards of First Union National Bank, the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Commission, the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and Fayetteville Academy.

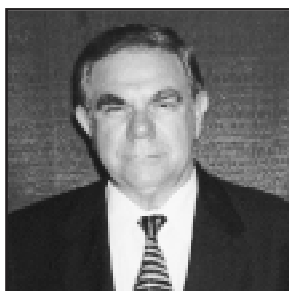
Entrepreneur of the Year

Carlton C. Martin, president and CEO of Martin's Abattoir and Wholesale Meats, Inc. of Godwin, NC, received the Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Martin's Sampson County operation is the largest beef processor in North Carolina, selling boneless beef to domestic and foreign distributors. In 1999, the company processed 111,674 cows, recorded sales of \$72 million, and employed more than 200 persons.

Martin's Abattoir and Wholesale Meats has operated at the same location since 1955, when Carlton Martin and his father, W. C. "Cap" Martin, bought a slaughterhouse from Hugh Draughon. It remains a family operation, with Carlton's brother, two sons, and nephew occupying key management roles. Carlton Martin manages the buying and selling operations.

The firm operates two satellite companies—Coastal Protein and Coastal Protein Products—and began processing pork in 1999. Martin plans to add grinding and packaging operations in



Carlton C. Martin

the future to further grow his business.

Carlton Martin is active in his home community, serving as a deacon at Clement Missionary Baptist Church and as a director of South River Electric Membership Corporation.

Economics & Business Alumnus of the Year

Bradley B. Minshew, Class of 1967, received the Economic & Business Alumnus of the Year award.

A native of Warsaw, NC, Minshew served 14 years at the Burroughs Corporation, three years at Interstate Securities in Raleigh as account executive and vice president, and over a decade as owner of Pelican Properties at North Topsail Beach.



Bradley B. Minshew '67

Pelican Properties has developed North Shore Country Club, Pelican Bay, Ocean Wynds subdivision, New River Beach Club, and Ashe Island. Brad and his wife Mary Nell live on Ashe Island.

In 1996, Minshew was listed as an Honored Professional in *Who's Who in Executives and Professionals*. He is the founder and charter member of Topsail State Bank and serves on the

Planning Board for the town of North Topsail Beach.

Wall Street Journal Award

Cpt. Matthew Tatman, a Methodist College senior, received *The Wall Street Journal Award*.

An Indiana native serving as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army Special Forces, Tatman graduated Dec. 15 with a degree in business administration and finance/economics. He was a Dean's List student and a member of Students in Free Enterprise.

The Wall Street Journal Award is given annually to a business major whose academic performance indicates great potential for success in a business career.



Cpt. Matthew Tatman



The Student Council for Exceptional Children hosted a conference for parents of special needs children Oct. 28.

Cooper, Holding Challenge Local Leaders

A bank president and a mortgage banker challenged Cumberland County business leaders Nov. 8 to do more to develop and diversify the local economy and improve the image of the greater Fayetteville area.

The occasion was the Methodist College Center for Entrepreneurship's 27th annual Economic Outlook Symposium. The keynote speakers were Frank B. Holding Jr., president of First Citizens BancShares, Inc., and Gary Cooper, regional vice president with SunTrust Mortgage. Cooper was speaking in his role as chairman of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.



Gary W. Cooper

Cooper told an audience of 400 that the Fayetteville/Cumberland County economy is falling behind the rest of the state. "We've become too dependent on the military and government sectors," he said, "which account for half our jobs." He also decried the county's dependence on retail and service industries, which he said pay low wages and do little to grow the local tax base and enhance the quality of life.

On a positive note, Cooper said two new downtown additions—the Airborne and Special Operations Museum and the Robert Williams Business Center—had helped Fayetteville's image, but that more needed to be done to promote the city abroad. "We ARE a good place to live and work," said Cooper. "Let's work together to build our economy."

Frank B. Holding Jr., president of First Citizens BancShares, said there are clouds on the horizon for the national and state economies. He warned that inflation, high consumer debt, a volatile stock market, and high energy prices could bring America's 10-year-old economic expansion to a halt. "We have one in three chances of a hard landing," he said.

Holding cited positive indicators for the North Carolina economy. "North Carolina has become a leader in medicine, higher education, agriculture, and technology," he noted. "Last year \$5.5 billion in new corporate investment created 43,000 new jobs. Technology hiring jumped 10 percent."

The First Citizens executive said many Tar Heels are becoming worried about urban sprawl, noting that 156,000 acres of land were developed annually between 1992 and 1997. He also expressed concern that the Cape Fear region had lost 10,000 textile jobs since 1995.

Having served as First Citizens' Fayetteville city executive from 1989 to 1991, Holding said he was well aware of the economic issues facing Cumberland County. "You're a \$3 billion (in annual sales) retail market," he noted, "but your population grew only 3.3 percent in the 1990s. You must shift from a services economy."

Observing that Fayetteville and other communities along the I-95 corridor are well-positioned for growth, Holding said each community must build its infrastructure, improve secondary and postsecondary education, and bring the public and private sectors together to promote economic development.

"Your labor force is a great asset," he noted, "with large numbers of ex-military. Focus on your strengths. *Forbes* has Fayetteville among the top 200 places to do business. I'm upbeat about Cumberland County."



Frank B. Holding Jr.

'When You Talk To Yourself, Who Talks Back?'

"Self and identity are stereotypes that we embrace. Each part does not do justice to the whole person."

That was the thesis of a paper presented by Dr. Carl Dyke at the fifth annual B. F. Stone Endowed Lyceum Nov. 30. Dr. Dyke is an assistant professor of history at Methodist.

Dr. Dyke argued that self and identity are relatively new concepts from a historical perspective.

"Status and function used to determine one's identity," he said, "but this began to disintegrate in the modern world. In the modern world people are many different things. In the modern capitalist world, identity is something you can sell—a market niche. In the post-modern world, tastes and preferences

determine identity."

Dr. Michael Potts, associate professor of philosophy, was the first to respond to Dyke's paper. He took issue with Dyke's assertion that there is no stable self, just many selves, adding, "I argue the middle way espoused by Father Norris Clark—that identity depends on dialogue with another self and is both substantial and relational. Relations with others reveal the true self."

The second respondent was Dr. John Sill, professor of sociology. He cited the views of sociologists Irving Goffman and Peter Berger. "We're all actors, but each of us has a lot of freedom," he said. "Identity movements today have taken us toward division and fragmentation into smaller groups."

He said people from different groups must find a way to recognize their common humanity and move toward social unity and cooperation. "That is our challenge for the 21st century and survival of civilization may depend on it," he concluded.



Dr. Carl Dyke

MCAA Honors Two Alumni, Professor

The Methodist College Alumni Association presented awards to two graduates and one faculty member at its annual Alumni Dinner Nov. 4.

T. Jerry Hogge, associate professor of business administration and director of the Institute for Professional Golf and Tennis



Management, received the Outstanding Faculty Award. He holds a B.A. degree from Elon College and an M.S. degree from the University of Tennessee. During his 14 years at Methodist, Hogge has coached the women's golf team, won accreditation of the Professional Golf Management program by the PGA of America, and helped plan and

build an 18-hole golf course and the Richard L. Player Golf & Tennis Learning Center. He takes great pride in the fact that Methodist's PGM program has a current enrollment of 300 students and has placed 100 percent of its graduates in the golf industry.

A native of Poquoson, VA, Hogge has been an active member of the PGA, representing the Carolinas PGA Section Board of Directors at the PGA's annual meeting and winning the Horton Smith Trophy (1999), given by the Carolinas Section for outstanding contributions to continuing education among PGA members. He is also a member of Delta Mu Delta (a business honor society), *Who's Who Among Professors in American Colleges*, and Village Baptist Church where he teaches Sunday school.

Dennis L. Bruce of Spartanburg, SC, received the Distinguished Alumni Award. A native of Elizabeth City, NC,



he recently retired as Spartanburg County Librarian after 25 years' service. Bruce entered Methodist College in 1966. After receiving a degree in English in 1968, he earned his M.S. in Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill and worked five years with the Wake County Public Libraries. He also served 21 years in the North Carolina

National Guard, attaining the rank of major. He and his wife Beatrice have two grown children.

During his tenure in Spartanburg, Bruce worked tirelessly for passage of a local bond issue to build a \$14.6 million headquarters library in downtown Spartanburg. He also raised \$5 million from private sources. The library opened in 1996. More recently, the voters of Spartanburg County approved another \$9 million bond issue to build four new branch libraries, to expand and improve two others, and to improve security measures in all libraries.

When Bruce joined the Spartanburg Public Library, there was a central library and two branches and the system had 35 employees, a budget of \$425,000, and ranked 45 among 46 counties in terms of local tax revenues allocated to the library system. When he retired this fall, the system was second only to Columbia, SC, in terms of local funding. Spartanburg County Public Libraries had a \$6 million budget, 123 employees, and

eight branches.

Bruce held several key leadership roles in the South Carolina Library Association, the Association of Public Library Administrators of South Carolina, the Rotary Club of Spartanburg, and the Appalachian Network. He has given many hours of service to the United Way, the AWARE Literacy Council, the Mobile Meals program, and his church. He received the Spartanburg Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award in 1978, the Citizen of the Year Award from the Spartanburg Lions Club in 1997, and the Order of the Palmetto from SC Governor Jim Hodges in 2000.

Lynn Moore Carraway of Fayetteville received the Outstanding Alumni Service Award. The immediate past



president of the Methodist College Alumni Association, Mrs. Carraway is the owner of Glory Marketing and Exhibit Services. She is a native of Beaufort, NC, and a 1971 *cum laude* graduate of Methodist with a B.A. in Religion. After graduating, she spent five years in religious education at United Methodist churches in Lumberton, NC, and

Irmo, SC. She then moved back to Fayetteville and spent 17 years with Cross Creek Mall, advancing to marketing director. She also worked as vice president of marketing and general manager of WZFX-FM Radio before starting her own company.

Lynn Carraway has been named Outstanding Chamber Member by the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and Cumberland County Volunteer of the Year. She also received the Governor's Award for Volunteerism. In recent years, she was very active in Fayetteville's Coalition on Services to the Homeless, spending more than 100 nights as a volunteer worker at the homeless shelter. She and her husband Mike are members of Fayetteville Community Church.

While serving as president of the Alumni Association, Mrs. Carraway worked hard to expand communication among alumni and encouraged alumni to share their expertise with each other and with current students at Methodist. Under her leadership, the Alumni Association staged a fun-filled 40th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Methodist College in October 1996.

Faculty, Staff Honor Kim Dowd

Kim Dowd, vice president for student life, is all smiles at a baby shower held for her the second week in December. Mrs. Dowd and husband Jay are expecting their first child in late January 2001.





The Monarch Pages

From football to basketball to track, MC athletes excel both on and off the field

Monarchs Win 'Unofficial' Dixie Conference Title

The Methodist College football team went undefeated in "unofficial" Dixie Conference play this season with wins over Chowan, Ferrum, Greensboro, and Averett. The Dixie Conference will officially begin football as a conference sport next season as seven schools will have the sport.

In his ninth season at the helm of the Monarch football program, head coach Jim Syputl led his 2000 squad to a 7-3 overall record and second place finish in the Atlantic Central Football Conference after being picked to finish sixth out of seven teams in the preseason coaches poll. An all-time program-high of 18 seniors helped toward the 7-3 record that tied the second best overall record in school history and earned Coach Syputl DIAC Coach of the Year Honors.

The 2000 season was highlighted by a season-opening 22-8 win at rival Chowan College 22-8 and an MC Family Weekend 10-7 victory over preseason ACFC/DIAC favorite Ferrum College. The Monarchs also ended the season by winning the prestigious 51st annual Oyster Bowl in Newport News, VA with a 30-8 win over Apprentice. The Monarchs also were tabbed the North Carolina Division-III State Champions for the fourth time in five years.



The Monarchs moved the ball well this season with some very effective running and passing plays.

Listed below are the All-Conference honors earned this season by Methodist College student-athletes:

Atlantic Central

1st Team Offense:	Brandon Muffet (OL) Antonio Wilkerson (WR) Jason Marion (TE)
1st Team Defense:	Quincey Malloy (DT) Kenneth Hiscock (Spec.)
1st Team Spec. Team:	Antonio Wikerson (Ret.) Philip Kever (PK)
2nd Team Offense:	Mikey Brumbles (FB)
2nd Team Defense:	Jason McCarty (LB) C.C. Dunn (DB) Fred Ford (Spec.)
Honorable Ment.:	Dustin Daniels (QB) Kenod Powe (WR) Anthony Hibbert (DE) Jamar Brown (DB)

Dixie Intercollegiate

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Coach of the Year:	Jim Syputl

Men's Team Tested Early Against Non-Conference Foes

Despite a 3-4 overall record, the Methodist College men's basketball team entered the holiday break playing some of its best basketball of the season.

Under second-year head coach David Smith, the men opened the 2000-01 campaign with perhaps one of the toughest non-conference schedules in school history. All of the Monarchs' early season losses came at the hands of a NCAA Division-I team, a nationally-ranked team, or an undefeated team.

The Monarchs opened the season in Charleston, SC with a 55-80 loss to The Citadel (a Division-I team), and the road did not get any easier from there. Methodist then fell at Wingate University (ranked #11 nationally in Division-II) 58-78 before losing at Savannah College of Art & Design (ranked #19 nationally in Division-III) 61-77.

Methodist got in the win column in grand fashion, opening its home schedule with an exciting 69-62 upset win over the visiting Bees of Savannah College of Art & Design. The win was the first career win for Coach Smith over a nationally-ranked team.

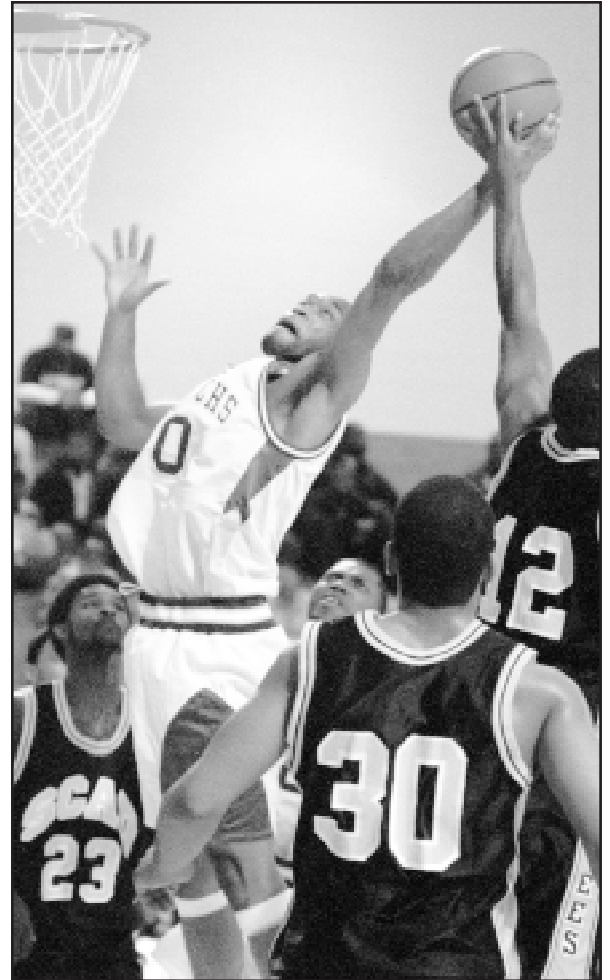
From there the Monarchs secured a runner-up finish at the Salisbury State University Optimist Classic with an 86-64 pounding of Lincoln (PA) College before falling to the undefeated host Sea Gulls 67-73 in a hard-fought championship game.

To wrap up their pre-Christmas schedule, the Monarchs defeated Division-II Francis Marion 66-63 as part of the second annual Cape Fear Basketball Classic held in the Cumberland County Crown Coliseum.

Heading into the holidays, the Monarchs had won three out of their last four games, making the tough non-conference schedule pay off. "Our brutal schedule will help us in February (conference play). The guys have kept in mind that this schedule will eventually be a bonus," said Coach Smith.

The Monarchs are led by junior forward Demarkus Byrd, a second team All-Conference selection last season. The 6'4 post is averaging 11 points while securing 7.7 rebounds per game. Forward David Carr has provided a solid interior supplement to Byrd with 9.6 points and 5 rebounds per game. Junior guard Carl Ollinger lead the team in 3-pointers with 14 and notched a season-high five in the win over Lincoln. Additionally, freshman reserve center Arthur Hatch leads the Dixie Conference in blocked shots with 16 in only 9 minutes of action per game.

The men's team will return to action on January 5 and 6 when it takes part in the Flagler (FL) College tournament in St. Augustine, FL.



Junior Demarkus Byrd, an All-Conference selection last season, is the Monarchs' leading scorer and rebounder this season with 11.4 points per game and 7.7 boards per contest.

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Earl Bunn

Robin Baxley-Long



Greg Jones

Lady Monarchs Keep Home Winning Streak Alive

The Methodist College women's basketball team entered the holiday break with two different winning streaks to its credit. After starting the season 1-4, the Lady Monarchs wrapped up the pre-holiday season with two consecutive wins and more importantly extended their home winning streak in the March F. Riddle Center to 19 games – a record that spans over three seasons.

The Lady Monarchs opened Coach DeeDee Jarman's fourth season with two tough losses at the Randolph-Macon Lady Yellow Jacket Tip-Off Classic. The Green & Gold fell to the host 58-60 in the season-opener, then lost to Lynchburg College, another ODAC school, 54-60 in the consolation game. The Lady Monarchs notched their first win of the season when they opened up their home schedule with a 67-46 thrashing of the visiting Pride of Peace College.

The Lady Monarchs then traveled to New Concord, OH and took part in the 12th annual Memorial Tournament hosted by Muskingum College. The women lost two games there—a 34-58 decision to Denison University and a 63-81 loss to Moravian College.

Coach Jarman rallied her troops to end the pre-Christmas schedule with two consecutive wins—a 49-45 home win over Meredith College and a 58-43 road win at Chowan College. All four of the Lady Monarch losses have come at neutral-site tournaments while the Green & Gold are 2-0 in the Riddle Center and 1-0 in road games.

"The caliber of teams we played in our four losses is definitely preparing us for our Dixie Conference schedule," said Coach Jarman.

Methodist has used a team effort in the early part of the season as 12 players are averaging over a basket per game and are led by center Melody Dark's 9.4 per game average. Ten different Lady Monarchs are averaging over 10 minutes per game.

Dark and LaQuitta Tuttle have been controlling the boards for the Lady Monarchs with 8.6 and 7.6 rebounds per game respectively. Veteran point guard Sissy Sink is the team leader with 13 assists and has made seven 3-pointers, moving her Methodist College career record to 132.

"We are confident that the strategy of keeping five fresh people in the game will benefit us come February (conference play)," said Jarman.

Methodist return to action Jan. 5 and 6 in the Ferrum College (VA) Lady Panther Invitational.



Forward Mica Gay, one of four seniors on this year's Lady Monarch squad, is Coach Jarman's second leading offensive rebounder this season with 16 through seven games.

COLLEGE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Joe Pereira



Rita Wiggs

Elton Stanley



2000-2001 Fall Sports: Inside the Numbers

0 Matches lost out of 15 by the men's golf team en route to winning the 2000 *Golfworld* National Match-play Event in Tupelo, MS.

1 Unofficial Dixie Conference Championships (football).

2 Monarch Atlantic Central Football Conference finish out of 7 teams after being picked to finish next to last.

5 Current Methodist College DIAC President's Cup standing after fall sports.

6 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees in the 2000 class bringing the prestigious count to 17.

15 NCAA national ranking of football PK Phillip Keeever in field goals (10).

16 Goals scored by women's soccer player Anna Baker, the DIAC women's soccer Rookie of the Year.

24 Times a Monarch student-athlete has won a Player or Rookie of the Week honor within the conference (after fall).

36 Competition miles run by men's cross country runner Ivan Little (second team All-Conference).

37 Monarch student-athletes who have garnered All-Conference honors (after fall).

44 Games lost all fall (compared to 111 won) by the women's tennis doubles team of Elena Blanina and Carla Simpson en route to winning the school's first ever Rolex® Small College National Championship.

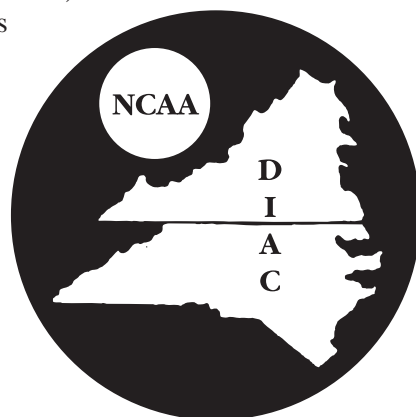
45 Career games won by football head coach Jim Sypult who was voted as the 2000 Dixie Conference Coach of the Year.

115 Points scored by the Monarch football team in its season-ending 3-game winning streak (38.3 average).

308 18-hole team score and season low of the MC women's golf team.

1088 Season assists by Monarch volleyball setter and second team All-Conference selection Theresa Dwenger.

3361 Frequent flyer miles logged round-trip by the men's soccer team on its road trip to Colorado Springs, CO.



Monarchs Earn DIAC All-Conference Honors

Eight different Methodist College student-athletes were honored by the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference for their stellar play on the fields and courts this fall season. With these honors, Methodist College has now earned a total of 771 All-Conference honors since becoming a charter member of the DIAC in 1963.

Anna Baker	Women's Soccer	Rookie of the Year and first team All-Conference
Beth Grey	Women's Soccer	1 st team All-Conference
Stephanie Noonan	Women's Soccer	2 nd team All-Conference
Courtney Teschner	Women's Soccer	2 nd team All-Conference
Ivan Little	Men's Cross Country	2 nd team All-Conference
Theresa Dwenger	Volleyball	2 nd team All-Conference
Jamie Bennett	Men's Soccer	2 nd team All-Conference
Bryan Madej	Men's Soccer	2 nd team All-Conference

Monarch Winter Sports Updates

Methodist College Monarch sport fans can keep up with the latest action of their favorite team by logging onto the official website of Monarch Athletics at www.methodist.edu/athletic or by calling the MC Monarch Sports Information Hotline at 1-800-488-7110.

A new feature of the website is an Athletics Scoreboard, updated nightly with the day's scores and highlights from Monarch Athletics. The comprehensive website also includes the most recent athletics press releases, schedules, rosters, and team/individual statistics.

Monarch fans can also subscribe to the MC E-News Service. By subscribing to this service, Monarch fans will receive the latest sports and campus news via an email account weekly.

Louis Seymour Enjoys The Good Life At Beechwood

Baritone Louis Seymour '95 has always enjoyed singing, and now that's his vocation. Since February 1999 he has been music director at the Beechwood mansion in Newport, Rhode Island, where he directs and performs in live theatre productions. He also lives on the third floor in what used to be servants' quarters.

"I landed the job after interviewing with Historic Newport in the fall and winter of 1998," he said. "I select the repertoire and conduct rehearsals for musical presentations like those the



*Back row: Amber Rose, Alex Aschinger, Mary Bailey
Front row: Deb Ourdmik, Louis Seymour, Brooke Kennell*

Astors staged in their ballroom. I sing, dance and play the role of John Jacob Astor IV (the man who perished on the Titanic). We have an Astor Ball starting in June and running each Tuesday through October. Our primary goal is to educate people about the Victorian era, circa 1891."

During the Christmas season, Seymour directs three Christmas balls and eight Victorian Christmas feasts at Beechwood. His cast includes five full-time staff members, 10 interns, and a company manager.

Seymour enjoys performing the songs and dances of the 1890s. "We end every Astor Ball with a polka—the 'Champagne' finale to *Die Fledermaus*," he noted. "We've even done some Sousa marches. We also offer murder mysteries on Thursday nights and two improv showcases each year."

While Beechwood is privately owned, its 40 rooms and five acres are expensive to maintain; the revenues generated by tours



Beechwood House is a Victorian living history museum.

help the owner preserve it and also help the local economy. Beechwood was built in 1855 and purchased by William Backhouse Astor Jr. for his wife Caroline in 1880. In 1890, Mrs. Astor remodeled the house and added a ballroom.

Beechwood and eight other Newport mansions were built by wealthy families in the 1800s as summer cottages. Today they are open for daily tours and attract thousands of visitors to picturesque Aquidneck Island. Maintained by a staff of six, Beechwood is open daily from May 23 through the first weekend in November. The house is also rented for weddings, parties and corporate events.

For \$15, visitors to Beechwood receive a guided tour conducted by four to six persons who portray various members of the Astor family. "Each presentation includes three musical selections," said Seymour. "Our audiences range from 40 to 120 persons and 90 percent of them are amazed and very appreciative of what we do. They enjoy learning about the art of flirtation, as well as ballroom and dinner etiquette. Our dancemaster is from Boston, and he has taught us the Bohemian Polka Quadrille and the Cazordi."

On his days off, Seymour likes to visit Boston or New York. "I draw upon my research skills to portray historic people," he said. "*The New York Times* and the New York Public Library have been good resources."

Seymour said he would like to spend "a couple of years" at Beechwood, where he has learned a lot about musical direction and performing. "I may eventually teach," he added, "but performing is what I enjoy most. I had a fellowship at Ohio State University in opera, and I did summer stock at the University of Southern Illinois."

He invites his friends and former classmates from Methodist to visit Beechwood and find out what "the good life" was like in 1891. For information about tours and other events at Beechwood, visit www.astors-beechwood.com.

Louis Seymour came home to Fayetteville and Methodist Nov. 28 to be a guest soloist in the Music Department's Second Annual Holiday Concert. Just prior to the concert, he sat down for an MC Today interview.

After graduating from Methodist with a degree in music education and performance, Seymour entered graduate school at Ohio State University. He received two master's degrees there, the M.A. in Vocal Performance in 1997 and the M.M. in vocal pedagogy in 1998.

For his part of Methodist's Holiday Concert, Seymour sang "Maria Wiegenlied" by Max Reger and "Alleluia!" by Ferdinand Hummel. The audience responded warmly to his performance.



MC Focus On Alumni

Look Out Tiger Woods, Kelly Cap Is On Her Way!

From the time I started to play golf at 16 years old I knew that someday I wanted to be on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour. I played golf at Boardman High School in



Boardman, OH, and continued my career here at Methodist College.

I graduated in the fall of 1995 and enjoyed my tenure there. I was fortunate to meet many wonderful people, to receive an excellent liberal arts education, to play on a four-time Division III national championship golf team, and ranked as high as No. 2 in all of NCAA women's golf (Fall

'94 after winning three consecutive tournaments).

I turned professional in the middle of the summer of 1996. The tour that I played on was then called the Futures Tour (now known as the SBC Futures Tour). This tour is the so-called "training grounds" for the LPGA Tour similar to the Buy.com Tour of the PGA Tour.

The transition from college to professional golf was a tough one. First, there were no teammates or coaches to cheer me on. I was playing for myself. Second, there was a far greater number of tournaments—at least 20 or more. Third, the traveling was more extensive and very expensive, with events on both the east and west coasts. Entry fees, as well as hotel and food costs, were substantial. At times I thought, "Is this what I want to put myself through?" It took me more than a year to adjust to the tour life.

In 1997, I went to my first LPGA qualifying school. The school consists of two stages and lasts from the end of August to mid-October. There are four rounds of tournament golf at each stage. Players from all over the world compete for an LPGA tour card. The first stage is in Venice, FL, and if you don't qualify there, you have another chance in Palm Springs, CA. The final stage is in Daytona Beach, FL.

After failing to advance to the finals in 1997 and 1998, I decided to work harder in the off-season, knowing that 1999 would be my year. I began an intense exercise program. I felt in order to beat my opponents on all of the different golf courses, I had to be in better shape physically.

This is when I was introduced to Ted Sheftic from Hanover, PA, who agreed to help me with my golf game. Ted and I have now been working together ever since, and he has had a tremendous impact on my game. I see him close to ten times a year and talk to him by phone at every tournament in which I play.

In the 1999 season, I finished in the top 30 on the SBC

Futures Tour money list. I felt I was going to make it to the finals of tour school then and earn my LPGA card. At the first stage only the top 30 finishers (no ties) advance. I finished in a nine-way tie for 24th place. After the sixth hole, I was eliminated.

At Palm Springs I tied for 27th and forced a playoff with seven other players. I was eliminated on the first hole. You might think this was a low point in my career, and at the time it was.

In the winter prior to the 2000 season, I worked harder than I had ever done in my golf career. I continued my exercise program, spent countless hours on the golf course, and even added something new to my training regimen—a sports psychologist. I felt I needed to improve my mental approach, and understand more of what my mind goes through when I'm under pressure. That's when Oscar Coetzee entered the picture and the outlook improved. He is one of the main reasons for my success.

Back on the SBC Futures Tour I finished in the top 30 on the money list. Once again I made the trip to Venice, FL. This time I was determined to advance past this stage. Sure enough, I finished 11th out of 200 players in the field. I had just over a month to play in the final stage in Daytona Beach, FL.

At the final stage in Daytona Beach, I was very focused in each of the four rounds. In the final round, I kept telling myself, "Just stay calm. Go for the middle of the green and stay patient and positive."

As I was approaching the 72nd hole, I knew my dream was about to come true. When I finished the tournament, I felt a huge sense of relief. All I could do was go to my car and cry with tears of joy, knowing what I had just accomplished. I had qualified for the 2001 LPGA Tour!

I finished in the top 45, which officially gave me non-exempt status. This allows me to enter up to 18 events with the chance to qualify in other tournaments filled by current tour members.

There are many people to thank: my parents; family; friends; Ted Sheftic; Oscar Coetzee; my Methodist College family—Coach Ann Davidson, my teammates and classmates; the staff at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Resort in Southern Pines, NC; and God, who gave me the talent to play the great game of golf.

I'm very excited about what lies ahead for me. I feel I have room to improve—that I am nowhere near the pinnacle of my career. I will continue to work hard and get through the ups and downs that golf produces.

I have this advice for my fellow alumni and friends. Hold on to the dream and never let it go. Have an incredible amount of self-discipline, because you create your own destiny. Be positive mentally. Put in the extra time. Go the extra mile.

—Kelly Cap

Boots Kubota '82

After M. Boots Kubota graduated from Methodist in 1982, he went back to Japan and joined RCA Purchasing Company in Tokyo. In 1984 he married Lynn Morton, who graduated from Methodist that year.

Boots returned to the United States with RCA parent Thomson Consumer Electronics in 1988. Thomson sent Boots and Lynn to Thomson's Television Factory in Bangkok, Thailand in 1993. They returned to the U.S. in 1995 and currently reside in Carmel, IN, with their three-year-old son David.



Boots is a manager of VCR Product Planning at Thomson Consumer Electronics in Indianapolis. He is responsible for development of over 2.5 million VCRs sold under the RCA, GE and ProScan brand names.

Boots has many fond memories of Methodist College. "I will never forget my arrival to the United States and to Methodist College," he said. "The spacious, green and beautiful campus helped minimize the anxiety of a new place, different culture and the unfamiliar English language."

The confidence I received at Methodist has helped me to be comfortable in the Midwestern city of Indianapolis. I feel that I am on the same level as graduates from the "Big Ten" Schools such as Indiana, Purdue and Ohio State. Every American experience I had at Methodist helped me to have strong confidence and take leadership positions in tough business environments."

The size of Methodist allowed me to get involved in a variety of activities and meet other students. Many of the faculty, staff, and other students became close friends. I even met my wife through college life at Methodist. I joined Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, was active in the Student Union, and was a member of the Alpha Psi Omega honorary theatrical fraternity.

Methodist College Grads Are Making Their Mark At AIT

Technology is taking the world into another dimension and Fayetteville is joining the ranks. Advanced Internet Technologies, Inc. was incorporated in 1996 and has grown over the years in the Web presence and e-commerce provider market. AIT has expanded its business through a series of partnerships across the United States and has expanded into Asian markets.

Clarence Briggs III, AIT founder and CEO, had this to say about the relationship with Methodist College. "Methodist College has had a big impact on AIT. Our CFO as well as several managers and software developers are Methodist graduates. We look forward to a continuing relationship with Methodist, which has provided us with top notch folks."

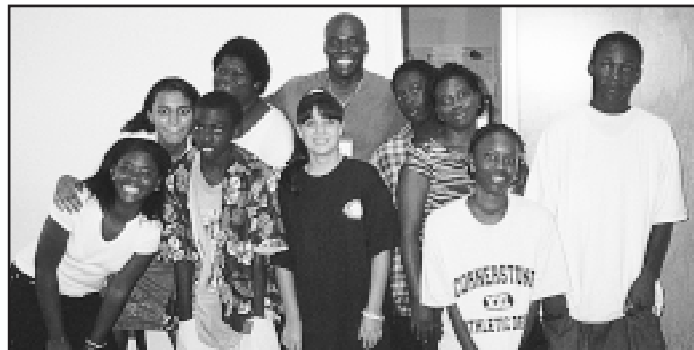
Pat Fountain, associate professor of marketing at the College, says that AIT has been a great resource for his classes and students. Steve Young and Mike Roberts have both come to speak in the Reeves School of Business.



Steve Young

Johnny Wilson '99

"I sincerely enjoyed my four years at Methodist and met many wonderful people there. The guidance of the staff prepared me for the professional world and opened my eyes to many wonderful ideas. Dr. Champion's advice and



Johnny (back row, center) poses with at-risk juveniles.

encouragement kept me focused. Dr. DeLapa was upbeat and positive. Surviving the many term papers, legions of lectures and a multitude of seminars is my greatest accomplishment.

I also learned the true joy of being a CHAMPION while playing basketball for Methodist. My coaches and fellow teammates were a constant support athletically, academically and personally. I was blessed with beautiful people during my college life, many of whom will be life-long friends.

I am proud to say that I have a B.S. in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. I am the Guided Growth Coordinator and Assistant Program Director for the Fayetteville Find-A-Friend Program through Urban Ministries. I enjoy the challenges that working with delinquent and at-risk juveniles gives me. Without my experience from Methodist College, I would never be able to touch young lives and help kids realize their potential. Knowledge really is power."

Here is a brief look at the alumni. **Steve Young '99**, Chief Financial Officer, is responsible for AIT's strategic financial planning and management. He joined the company in May of 1997 while attending Evening College; he was a member of an eight-team staff and was the billing clerk and a sales and technology representative. **Mary Fuller '98**, Executive Director of Finance, is responsible for AIT's current customers and outside clients. **Bria Lovelace '00** is Accounts Receivable Executive.



Mike Roberts

Michael Roberts '98, Executive Director of Business Development, oversees all of the sales and marketing. **Clint Edwards '99**, Chief Software Engineer, handles all product and software development. **Kiyofumi Takahashi '00**, Account Manager, is responsible for the 120,000 domains that AIT serves.

To learn more about AIT, check out their Web site at <http://aircom.net>

Class Notes

Are taken from newspaper clippings, the Alumni Phonathon and your write-ins. Every effort is made to report the information accurately. Because of the volume of information received, we can only do random verification checks. Please let us know when there is an error. Information in this issue was received prior to December 11, 2000. Addresses and phone numbers are not published except by your request. To get as much information in each issue as possible, we reserve the right to condense some announcements.

Class Notes

The Who, What and Where of Methodist College Alumni

1969

CAROLYN MARKS BALDWIN and her husband Gray Baldwin are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Anna Marks Baldwin, *magna cum laude*, from Harvard University on June 8, 2000. Her thesis received magna recognition and will be housed permanently in the collection at Widener Library.

JOANNA CHERRY PALUMBO is pleased to announce that her daughter, Monica, was crowned Miss North Carolina USA on November 25, 2000 in Asheville, NC. Monica is a sophomore at East Carolina University. The national pageant will be on March 2, 2001.

1974

LEE WARREN was recently elected chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners. Warren was just elected to his third term on the board.



1978

THOMAS POPE recently co-authored a biography of the late NASCAR star Davey Allison titled

Mrs. North Carolina



Dana Zimmer, Methodist College Class of '92 and native of Fayetteville, was recently crowned Mrs. North Carolina 2000-2001 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Dana is an A.C.E. certified personal fitness trainer and she owns Personal Fitness Training by Dana. Mrs. Zimmer is also a dancer for the NBA team, The Charlotte Hornets and manages the dance team for the WNBA team, The Charlotte Sting.

Going through the pageant experience again after almost 10 years was very interesting. The last pageant that Dana competed in prior to becoming Mrs. North Carolina was The Miss Methodist College pageant where she was chosen first runner up.

Dana has been very busy since becoming Mrs. North Carolina. She has been a guest in many parades across the state. On December 9, 2000, she took part in Fayetteville's annual Christmas Parade.

Dana is married to Patric Zimmer, Methodist College Class of '89. They live in Eden, North Carolina where Patric owns Development Advisors Inc., a site location consulting firm. They have been married for six years.

Full Circle: The Story of Davey Allison, which is available from Rising Star Publications at www.risingstarpub.com

1980

JOHN NELSON is a senior information insurance analyst with Electronic Data Service. He is also engaged to be married in May of 2001.

1981

ASTRID HOY TODD and her husband, Allen, had their first child, Anneka, in February. Astrid is an associate professor of information systems at Guilford Technical Community College. They live in Winston-Salem.

1984

The Rev. Dr. G. JEROME SMITH is the director of communications for the Southeastern Jurisdictional Annual Conference's ministry division. He and his wife Leona have a new son, William Andrew, born on November 16, 2000.

1989

HERBERT (Gerald) DAVIS is working with *The State* newspaper in Columbia, SC, as a prep sports writer, covering northeast and downtown Columbia. He was previously with *The Sumter Item* for eight years.

1991

DENISE PRIBIS and her husband, Berry, announce the birth of their son,

Joshua Paul, born on July 16, 2000. They live in Stedman.

1992

ERIC KIMBEL recently wrote two journals for the University of Pittsburgh's Law School. They were titled Nachfrist Notice and Avoidance Under the Cisc and The Ecological and Economic Failures of Florida's Mangrove Regulatory Scheme.

FRANCES WHEELER JOHNSON and her husband Jonathan welcomed a baby boy, David Reese, on September 3, 1999.

LISA CARDEN BURGESS of Hyco Lake, NC, received a Master of Education Degree with a Concentration in Reading (K-12) from Averett College in Danville, VA on December 11, 1999. She is a reading recovery teacher at North Elementary School in Roxboro, NC.

CINDEE CAMPBELL was promoted to branch manager at the Spring Lake Branch Library in Spring Lake, NC. She previously was working for the North Regional Branch Library in Fayetteville, NC, as the information services manager.

1993

BILLY ANDERSON recently won the Carolina's PGA Pro-Pro Classic in Pinehurst. He is the head golf professional at Eagle Point Golf Club in Wilmington, NC. In October, Billy finished 2nd at the Carolina's PGA Section Championship at Daufuskie Island, SC.

TRACY MANESS married Darren Huber on October 7, 2000. Tracy is a regional sales manager with Advanced Data Processing while Darren is a sales

manager with Bristol Myers Squibb. They live in Lexington, KY.



LECARLA ROYAL GARDNER and her husband, Keith, of Lumber Bridge, announce the birth of their second child, Meghan Hope, on September 20, 2000. They also have a 4-yr old daughter, Carley Paige. LeCarla is staying home with their children while Keith is employed as a trooper with the North Carolina Highway Patrol. She would like to hear from any classmates, e-mail to: Lroyal10900@aol.com.

Capt. BRYAN MILLER graduated from United States Air Force pilot training in September. He has been assigned to fly C-130 aircraft at Little Rock Air Force Base. His wife, Kathy, and their two children are anxiously awaiting their fifth move in seven years. Bryan would welcome e-mails from all Class of '93 Monarchs. He can be reached at bdmiller61@aol.com.

SCOTT STOKER of Concord, NC married Marnie Loraine Nicholson Oct. 28 in Charlotte. The bride graduated from Appalachian State University and is a sixth grade teacher with the Cabarrus County Schools. The groom is a juvenile court counselor in Cabarrus County.

1994

Capt. BEN H. DENNIS-United States Army, still single, recently wrote in and was weeded through 50,000 applicants for the final interview process for the show "Survivor Part II." He

currently lives in the Los Angeles/Hollywood area and would like to hear from friends. He can be reached at hideo156@aol.com or hideo@rockatmail.com.

1995

KIM JOHNSON and her husband LYNELL '98 announce the birth of their daughter KyLee Elise. She was born on October 17, 2000. Lynell is a foster care specialist with the Methodist Home for Children and Kim is a teacher with the Cumberland County Schools.

DAVE SIBLEY recently left Pinehurst Resort to become the head golf professional at Wild Wing Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC. Wild Wing is a 72-hole facility and has been recognized by *Golf Week* and *Golf Digest*.

KIM WEAVER recently married Shaun Wixson on October 22, 2000. She is a third-grade teacher with the Cumberland County Schools while he works with Kelly Springfield Tire Company.

SCOTTI SYKES married Steve Marshburn, both of Fayetteville, on September 16, 2000. Scotti is a fifth-grade teacher at Sherwood Park Elementary School while Steve is the general manager of Piedmont Moving



Over 30 alumni and parents attended the 51st Oyster Bowl in Hampton, VA. The Monarchs defeated Newport News 30-8.

and Storage.

1997

JEFF JOHNSON has been named general manager of Fiddlers Green Golf Club in Jacksonville, FL.

LESLIE MILLER received her master's degree in exercise physiology from East Carolina University in November of 1999. She is currently a sales manager with GlaxoWellcome in Bloomington, IN.

1998

ISABEL BARCELO is the Director of Junior Programs at Casely Tennis Center in Miami, FL.

ALANA WOMACK-FISHER is currently enrolled at North Carolina Central University working on her Master's in Library Science and is the director of the Given Memorial Library in Pinehurst, NC.

CANDICE PATRICK-WAGONER currently lives in Raleigh with her husband, Scott. Candice manages a clothing store and teaches voice and piano. Scott is a pre-salesman for Harris Wholesale. She welcomes e-mails from her classmates from the music department at DIVAP06111973@aol.com.

JASON WILLIAMS married Lacy Carson on October 21, 2000. They

live in Seattle, WA. Jason is a software manager with Book Publishing Company while Lacy is a project manager with Lariat.

1999

RACHEL BERRY is currently in her second year of completing her master's degree in sports medicine at East Carolina University.

KEVIN DZIELECKI is living in New York and is a financial technical analyst at Paine Webber in Manhattan.

ERIN SWINK is living in Elmsford, NY and is working for Bayer Pharmaceuticals in the marketing department at the diagnostics division headquarters.

NICOLE VRENTAS is currently in her second year of graduate school studying physical therapy at Armstrong State University in Savannah, GA.

FUTURE ALUMNI EVENTS

- February 20—Atlanta Alumni Meeting. Watch your mail.
- March 30—2nd Annual MC Alumni Night at the Fayetteville Force hockey game. More information will be mailed.
- Spring 2001—Charlotte Alumni Meeting hosted by Phil Levine '65. Watch your mail.

If you would like to host or help with an alumni event in your area, please call Tom Maze in the Alumni Office at 1-888-221-4826.

What's New?

Send your news or change of address to: Alumni Office, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, NC 28311, or call 1-888-221-4826, or send e-mail to tmaze@methodist.edu

Keep in touch with old friends. Use the alumni e-mail directory!

The Methodist College Alumni Association now has a new e-mail directory located on the College Web site. It's easy to use and sign up. This is a great way to keep in touch with your classmates and friends. Simply go to www.methodist.edu and click on Alumni Affairs.

Lambda Chi Alpha alumni (right) and their families gathered recently in Fayetteville at the Huske Hardware House. Back row: Bill Lowdermilk, David Wentzel '83, Michael "Champagne" Lester, Wayne Preslar, Ken Hall, Kari Hall, Cu Phung '87, Todd Collins '83, Lynn Dubota, Linda Wise '83, Randy Egsegian '84. Front row: Gordon Dixon '66, M. "Boots" Kubota '82, Gil Wise '83, John Harris '81.





L to R, Ken Tart, Stan Mazingo '87, Mike Brewington '89, Robbie Boswell '85



L to R, Phil Mullen '74, Don Leatherman '72, Larry Philpott '73, Russell Warren



L to R, Glenn Hinnant '74, Fred Puryear '74, Roy Rogers '75



L to R, Dave Martin, Tim Holtsclaw '92, Brian Walker, Steve Marshburn

Eighth Annual William P. Lowdermilk Golf Classic

This year's event was the largest to date. Alumni, faculty and friends gathered for a festive time at King's Grant Golf Club. A special thanks to Bill Lowdermilk and Dennis Bruce '68 who served as class sponsors. Also thanks to Tri-Co Insurance of Lillington and Robbie Boswell '85 of Bleecker GMC for their corporate sponsorship and Larry Philpott '73 for his time and dedication with the event.



L to R, Jamie Sykes '93, Mason Sykes, Jerry Gregory, Scott Roberts



L to R, Dennis Bruce '68, Sammy Hudson '69, Ron Thompson '71



L to R, Mike Stone '92, Jerry Monday '71, Greg Staderman



L to R, Jared Zalewski '99, Phil Levine '65, Allen Hayes '65, Sparky Rapalye '65.



L to R, Joe Myrtle '93, Brad Maloney '93, Mike Ciani '93, Carmen Serbio '95



L to R, David Roller '78, Bobby Cobb '75, Wayne Spell '77, John Donaldson '75



L to R, Jeff McDowell '93, Bucky Douthit '77, David Radford '78, John Capps '77

Winter Scenes



- 1. Methodist received its first snowfall Dec. 3.*
- 2. Tammy Hightower Edens '82 sings "O Morning Star" at the Moravian Love Feast.*
- 3. Weaver Hall residents won the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Dec. 6.*

**For a complete list of spring classes,
or admission information, visit
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Happy New Year!

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