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# People in the Methodist Spotlight

**Tom Austin**, baseball coach, spoke on "Offensive Baseball and Practice Organization" to the Virginia High School Baseball Coaches Association in Newport News, VA, during the summer.

Associate Professor of English **Robin Greene** conducted a workshop for Cumberland County high school teachers focusing on what their students need to know in order to be successful in college English.



Greene

**Katherine Watt**, business affairs secretary, will have her biographical sketch included in the upcoming 58th edition of the *Marquis Who's Who in America*.

Head of the Theatre Department **Dr. Paul Wilson** played Gangster #1 in the Cape Fear Regional Theatre's October production of *Kiss Me Kate*.

**The Rev. Benjamin Wells**, campus minister, organized a Hurricane Isabel relief team to aid two churches in the flooded region of eastern North Carolina on Sept. 20. The team consisted of 11 students and **Suzanne Reese**, assistant director of the Academic Development Center.

**Dr. Maurice Godwin**, assistant professor of criminal justice studies, was interviewed for an article entitled "Mapping Mayhem: The Geography of Crime" by Gordon Young, which appeared in the Aug. 15, 2003 issue of *ComputerEdge Magazine*.

Director of the Division of Professional Studies **Bill Watt** was appointed as a review editor for the *Journal of Leadership Education*. His article "Effective Leadership Education: Developing a Core Curriculum for Leadership Studies," was published in the *Journal of Leadership Education*, Summer 2003, Volume 2, Number 1.

**Betty Neill Parsons**, associate professor of music, spearheaded a High School Honors Chorus Clinic which was hosted by the Methodist College Music Department on Sept. 6. Approximately 65 students from 11 area high schools prepared for honors choir auditions, which Methodist also hosted. **David Duke, Keith Dippre, Jane Gardiner** and students from **One Spirit** assisted with the clinic.



Parsons

## United Way Volunteers



L to R, **Nicolette Campos**, assistant dean for academic services; **Bob McEvoy**, athletic director; **Dave Smith**, men's basketball coach; and **Suzanne Reese**, assistant director of the Academic Development Center, volunteered for this year's United Way of Cumberland County's Days of Caring. Thank you for representing the College while serving our community! Not pictured, **Brandy Helm**, admissions counselor.

## 2 Accolades

# College Honors Faculty, Staff for Years of Service

Methodist College wishes to recognize the following faculty and staff members for their loyal service to the campus community:



**40 Years**  
Gene Clayton  
Business Affairs



**30 Years**  
Margaret Folsom  
Science & Math



**30 Years**  
Robert Preslar  
English



**20 Years**  
Elton Hendricks  
Administration



**20 Years**  
Peggy Hinson  
Art



**20 Years**  
Narendra Singh  
Chemistry



**20 Years**  
Cliff Wells  
Reeves Auditorium

**10 Years**  
John Dixon  
Printer

**10 Years**  
Robin Greene  
English

**10 Years**  
Darlene Hopkins  
Counseling &  
Psychological  
Services

**10 Years**  
Ernest Thomas  
Maintenance

Fall Convocation

# Students Reflect on Education's Purpose

**A**S IS TRADITION at Methodist, Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, college president, delivered the fall convocation address. His speech, entitled "To Instruct is not to Educate," explained the distinction between the Latin words *instruere* and *educere*. The first means "instruction," or to provide information, and the second translates as "education," or to nurture or draw out.

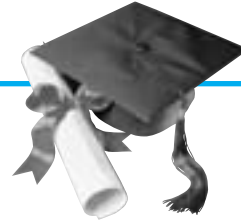
"Instruction has as its major thrust helping students to answer questions," Hendricks said. "Good instruction will leave no important question unanswered. Good education, in contrast, ensures that good questions are asked even if they cannot easily be answered."



Hendricks

Many times, students want professors to instruct them, rather than educate them, Hendricks said. "All teachers have experienced that immortal question, 'will this be on the next test?'" However, professors will not always be around to tell students what is important and what isn't.

"Professors will not always be around to tell students what is important"



Students must learn to discern what is important and to keep up with technological and information advances, Hendricks said.

He continued that he hoped the faculty at Methodist would prepare students to become like Don Quixote or Mother Theresa — people

with vision for a better world. Hendricks requested a special song to conclude the fall convocation. One Spirit, Methodist's scholarship vocal group, sang "The Impossible Dream" from *The Man from La Mancha*.

## Suzan Cheek Retires



Suzan Cheek, political science professor and director of the Tally Leadership Center, retired from Methodist College this summer after 16 years. She remains on staff as an adjunct professor. During her tenure, she helped implement three new academic programs including

criminal justice, paralegal studies and is perhaps best known for the creation of leadership studies through the Tally Center for Leadership Development. "I have come to know my students as individuals who are writing their own unique stories of growth through the college experience," Cheek said. "My greatest legacy will be the extent to which I have reached these students—inspiring in them more wisdom, knowledge, and commitment; to building a worthwhile and enjoyable life, to continue to develop their spirit, to love learning, and to appreciate their own gifts and those of others."

## Graduates Turned Recruiters



Who better to recruit new students to Methodist than recent graduates? Four members of the Class of 2003 joined the college's staff this fall to do just that. L to R, Nick Rose, resort business program, Brandy Helm, day program admissions; Alison Friend, day program admissions; and Justin Rimbey, professional golf management program.

## Southern Writers Symposium

Despite Hurricane Isabel's best efforts to cancel this year's Southern Writers Symposium Sept. 19–20, the symposium prevailed, albeit to a smaller-than-anticipated crowd. About 60 people attended this year's event which featured nine speakers and 30 scholarly presenters. Attendees came from as far away as Spain, Illinois and Mississippi.

"While our numbers weren't impressive, the quality of the presentations was very high," said Emily Wright, English professor and organizer of the symposium.

"I was very impressed with the whole event—the only thing I would consider changing is to schedule the symposium outside of hurricane season."

## National P.A. Day

Students from the Physician's Assistants Program participated in National PA Day on October 6th. The McDonald's restaurant on Ramsey Street co-sponsored a health fair that day during which Methodist students performed blood pressure checks, glucose levels, and promoted the program.

# Shaping Our Future

AS THE COLLEGE NEARS the end of its third strategic plan, "Methodist College at the Beginning of the Third Millennium, 2000–2005," the campus community has begun to take an introspective look at its future. Conversations have been taking place at many different levels on where we go from here.

The administrative committee has started a book club and is reading Jim Collins' national bestseller *Good to Great*. The committee reads a different chapter about every week and then spends time discussing the content.

The book addresses the question "Why do some good companies remain 'only' good while other good companies become great?" A central theme of the book is that all organizations wishing to become successful should confront the brutal facts while keeping the faith. The author challenges business leaders to put the right people on the

team and to not waste resources on the wrong people.

"The exercise of analyzing *Good to Great* has been most worthwhile and quite stimulating," said Bob McEvoy, athletic director. "I plan on taking several of the concepts involved in the book and applying them within our athletic department and sharing them with our coaching staff. It was great food for thought and will enhance our program in the future."

In addition to studying *Good to Great*, Vice President for Academic Affairs Phil Williams initiated town hall brainstorming sessions for the campus community. The sessions were intended to open dialogue across departments concerning the future of the institution.

The sessions were held on two Saturday mornings this fall. More than 80 faculty and staff participated in answering the basic questions, "What attributes ought to define a Methodist College graduate?"



and "How do we create an environment in which students can develop those attributes?"

Three long-range projects developed out of the discussions. The first is the construction of an across-the-curriculum set of skills that all students should develop. The second is a re-organization of the college's academic structure and the third was the development of new academic programs.

The challenge for the campus community is to now take these ideas and concepts and put them into practice. Laying the groundwork for the next strategic plan, these discussions have opened the lines of communication and provided inspiration to further strengthen the entire college.

## *In Memoriam*

Methodist College lost a member of its campus family on September 24, 2003 with the passing of Chris Ryan, director of student activities. He had worked at the college for 16 years in the areas of student life, student employment and residence life.

He is survived by his wife, Suzy, and three sons, Christopher, Joshua and Caleb.

At the funeral service held on the Methodist College campus, Theresa Dwenger, a 2003 graduate of the college and former president of the Student Activities Committee, delivered a moving eulogy. "Chris's challenge to us all is to love often and much, to live life fuller than we possibly can, and to do everything with passion," she said. "We need to show the world what the Chris Ryan way of life is all about."





## College Honors DuPont

**T**HE CENTER FOR Entrepreneurship of the Reeves School of Business sponsored “DuPont Appreciation Day” on Sept. 23 as part of its second annual “Thank-You” Series. The series was designed to show appreciation to southeastern North Carolina industries who have contributed significantly to the area’s well-being.

The day was filled with special presentations and expressions of gratitude for all DuPont has done since opening its local plant in 1971. North Carolina Governor Mike Easley proclaimed the day DuPont Day, as did the mayor of Fayetteville and the Cumberland County commissioners.

DuPont’s guest of honor was David Peet, the global director of DuPont Fuel Cells Business. Peet spoke throughout the day

about the emerging fuel cell technology that DuPont is developing. Once perfected, the technology will provide an alternate form of energy that is cleaner and more efficient than current energy sources. “The DuPont company is about sustainable growth,” Peet said. “We want to grow as a company but only when that growth is economically attractive and environmentally viable.”

Students were given the opportunity to interact with Peet during an afternoon question and answer session. Later that evening, the public was invited to a banquet at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux where Peet delivered the keynote address.



Peet

In December 2000, the Teflon® Copolymers Plant, pictured right, started up at the DuPont Fayetteville Works Site.



## Three Join the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees welcomed three new members in September. They are: Dorothy Bell Hubbard, of Sanford, NC, wife of former trustee Ed Hubbard who passed away in 2002; Earl Leake, a 1973 graduate of the College, who is the vice president of human resources for Lance, Inc. in Charlotte, NC; and the Rev. Jerry Lowry, Sanford district superintendent of the United Methodist Church.



Hubbard



Leake



Lowry

# U p - C o m i n g E v

## *Friends of Music Concert Series*

The Friends of Music at Methodist announces the offering of a new Performing Arts Series with two performances remaining in the inaugural season. Concerts will be held in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist College campus. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

The new series is an effort to bring an eclectic mix of artists to the Fayetteville area, said Jane Gardiner, head of the Music Department at Methodist. "By offering this new series of performing arts events, we are adding a new dimension to the cultural life of Cumberland County," she said.

Funding for the series was provided by the Friends of Music. This project is also supported by the Arts Council of Fayetteville/ Cumberland County with funds from the North Carolina Arts Council, the City of Fayetteville, the County of Cumberland and private contributions.

The remainder of the season will feature multi-percussionist Richard Grimes on March 2, 2004 with an exciting blend of visual and sonic concepts. Grimes records exclusively for Pineland Records. His latest CD/DVD, "Tonight ... and every night," was released in October, 2003. The Tony Monaco Jazz Trio ensemble will conclude the season on April 6, 2004. Monaco, who plays a Hammond B3 organ, recently released his third national release CD titled "Intimately Live at the 5:01." These performances will feature pre-concert presentations.

One of the primary goals of the Friends of Music at Methodist is to enhance the cultural life of the community. Call (910) 630- 7100 for more information on this and other Methodist College offerings. Information is also available at [www.methodist.edu/music](http://www.methodist.edu/music).

### **March 2**

The Richard Grimes  
Percussion Ensemble  
8 p.m.

Pre-concert lecture, 6:30 p.m.

### **April 6**

The Tony Monaco  
Jazz Trio  
8 p.m.

Pre-concert lecture, 6:30 p.m.



Bring your family and friends to Reeves Auditorium during the Holidays to celebrate the season with music and dance. Enjoy holiday entertainment that has become part of the Methodist Christmas tradition.





# e n t s ...

## Calling All Poets

THE LONGLEAF PRESS at Methodist College is calling for poetry submissions for its annual poetry chapbook contest. Works must be postmarked by January 30, 2004. The contest is open to residents of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida who have not yet published a full-length collection of poetry.

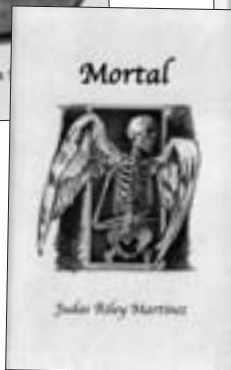
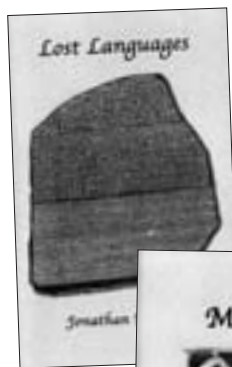
Manuscripts should be between 18 and 23 pages in length, including acknowledgements and a table of contents. Send a separate cover sheet with chapbook title, author's name, address, e-mail address, phone number, SASE and the \$10 entry fee.




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The Press was created to be a viable forum for budding southeastern poets to publish their works. Started in 1997 by professors Michael Colonnese and Robin Greene and a \$500 grant from the College, the press has published an average of two chapbooks every year since.

On average, 50-75 manuscripts are submitted for review. The Press prints

500 to 600 copies of a chapbook on the first run. All titles are currently available on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).



Previously published works by The Longleaf Press



## Holiday Season Opens With Music Department Gala

The holiday season at Methodist College unofficially begins with the annual Holiday Gala, hosted by the Friends of Music at Methodist. This year's concert is scheduled for December 2, at 7 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

Other events at Reeves Auditorium during the holiday season include a

performance of the *Nutcracker* by the Dance Theatre of Fayetteville Dec. 4 – 7. On Dec. 14, the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra performs. On Dec. 19, the Max Jones, Inc. Pageant will be held at 7 p.m.

Call Reeves Auditorium (910) 630-7100 for more information.

### Parents Association Council News

Bob Rossi, chairman of the Parents Advisory Council (PAC), challenged new parents to get involved in the council during the new student orientation in July. He set a goal of increasing the council membership to 50, and parents responded. As of October, the council is up to 32 members, the most ever. If you are interested in joining the PAC or would like more information, please contact Wendy Jones at (800) 488-7110 or e-mail [hdunbar@methodist.edu](mailto:hdunbar@methodist.edu).

#### 2003-2004 Parents Advisory Council

David & Pat Williams, *Martinez, GA*  
Elmore & Janet Curtis, *Newport, NC*  
Janice Rossi, *Atlanta, GA*  
Jim & Elayne Zellmar, *Paducah, TN*  
Mindy Bounan, *Monmouth, NJ*  
Deana Bennett, *Farmville, VA*  
Erik & Gale Woerner, *Charlotte, NC*  
Jerry & Joani Hartman, *Germantown, MD*  
Jackson & Winnie Frost, *Great Falls, VA*  
James & Deborah D'Amico, *Huntingtown, MD*  
Leslie Bounan, *Hillsborough, NJ*  
Bruce & Debbie Reilly, *Elma, NY*  
Peter & Anne Marie Zorio, *Shaftsbury, VT*  
Paul & Kathy Hillsinger, *Bowie, MD*  
Tony & Michelle Petty '03, *Fayetteville, NC*  
Mike & Kathy Holupka, *Manassas, VA*  
Douglas & Christy Gleason, *Montgomery Village, MD*  
Rev. Randy & Ann Wall, *Concord, NC*  
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Daniel & Sherry Jones, *New Bern, NC*  
Randy & Sandy Gurley, *Newport, NC*  
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## Methodist Joins College Savings Plan

**M**ETHODIST COLLEGE is participating in the Independent 529 Plan, a new prepaid college tuition plan tailored specifically for private colleges. To make higher education more affordable and more accessible, Methodist has joined with more than 200 other private institutions across the country to offer an income tax-advantaged way for families to save for tuition.

Section 529 Plans, so named for the IRS code that defines them, have gained in popularity over the last decade. Families have been attracted to these plans because accounts generate no federal income tax if used as intended, benefits are transferable to other members of the family, and refunds are available if the child receives a scholarship or decides not to

College or another one of the member institutions, the Independent 529 Plan represents a way for parents to contribute and pay for private college without worrying

### An income tax-advantaged way to save for tuition

about either investment risk or tuition inflation," said Cynthia Curtis, director of college relations.

"Independent 529 Plan proceeds can be used at any of the participating colleges," said Doug Brown, president and CEO of Tuition Plan Consortium, the Albuquerque, NM-based nonprofit group that oversees the Plan. "Think of it as buying a shopping certificate for use at any of the stores at a mall; students don't choose their college at purchase, but after they have applied and are accepted in the regular manner."

The purchase of a tuition certificate does not guarantee admission or enrollment at a participating institution, and may have an adverse effect on the beneficiary's eligibility for financial aid.

*For more information on the Independent 529 Plan visit [www.tuitionplan.org](http://www.tuitionplan.org), or contact Rick Rode, college comptroller; at (910) 630-7014 or [rrode@methodist.edu](mailto:rrode@methodist.edu).*



attend college. The effectiveness of the independent 529 Plan is that it is not dependent on the performance of the stock or bond markets. Rather, contributions are actually pre-purchasing tuition, in part or in whole, at less than today's prices.

"Regardless of whether a student attends Methodist

*Focus on Philanthropy*

# What's all the hoopla about giving away your IRA?

**W**HAT'S THE DEAL? First you're told you need to put as much away for retirement as possible; then you're told to give it away!

The reality is plans such as pension plans, profit-sharing plans, stock bonus plans, 401(k)s and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are good things as they can make quite a difference in your retirement lifestyle. What they aren't, however, are great estate-planning tools, especially if you've managed to accumulate a healthy estate.

The value of your retirement plan will be included in your estate for tax purposes. Although legislation has passed to gradually reduce the maximum federal estate tax rate, it can still consume nearly half of the value of your asset.

Retirement plan assets are different from most other assets. Upon your death, your retirement plan assets are subject to not only an estate tax, but also an income tax. Those you have designated to receive all or a portion of your retirement plan must pay an income tax when they receive the income. You also have to watch out for the generation-skipping transfer tax if you leave your retirement plan to grandchildren.

What to do? First, get with your estate planning specialist or tax advisor to value your estate and determine if you have an estate tax problem. If you do, consider using your retirement plan to fund a charitable gift at death. The estate tax on the asset can then be offset with a charitable estate tax deduction for a charitable bequest. Or, you may choose to fund a charitable remainder trust with the income going to your spouse or child. If the trust income is for your spouse, the income interest won't be subject to estate tax because of the marital deduction.

Another note about retirement plans: In addition to your primary beneficiary, you have the right to name one or more contingent beneficiaries. They only benefit if your primary has passed away. This is another great, but painless, way to remember your favorite college, church, or other non-profit.

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## Loyalty Day

Call for Volunteers

The College's Foundation Board and its volunteers will ask local citizens to help strengthen our purpose on Feb. 10, 2004, by contributing to the annual Loyalty Day fund-drive. We need great volunteers who are eager to help us achieve our Loyalty Day goal.

The day begins with a great breakfast and visits to area businesses and friends, and ends with an evening of celebration. If you are interested in helping with Loyalty Day 2004, please contact the Development Office at (910) 630-7169.



## College Welcomes New Volunteers

The Foundation Board and the Board of Visitors are pleased to announce their newest members.

### Foundation Board

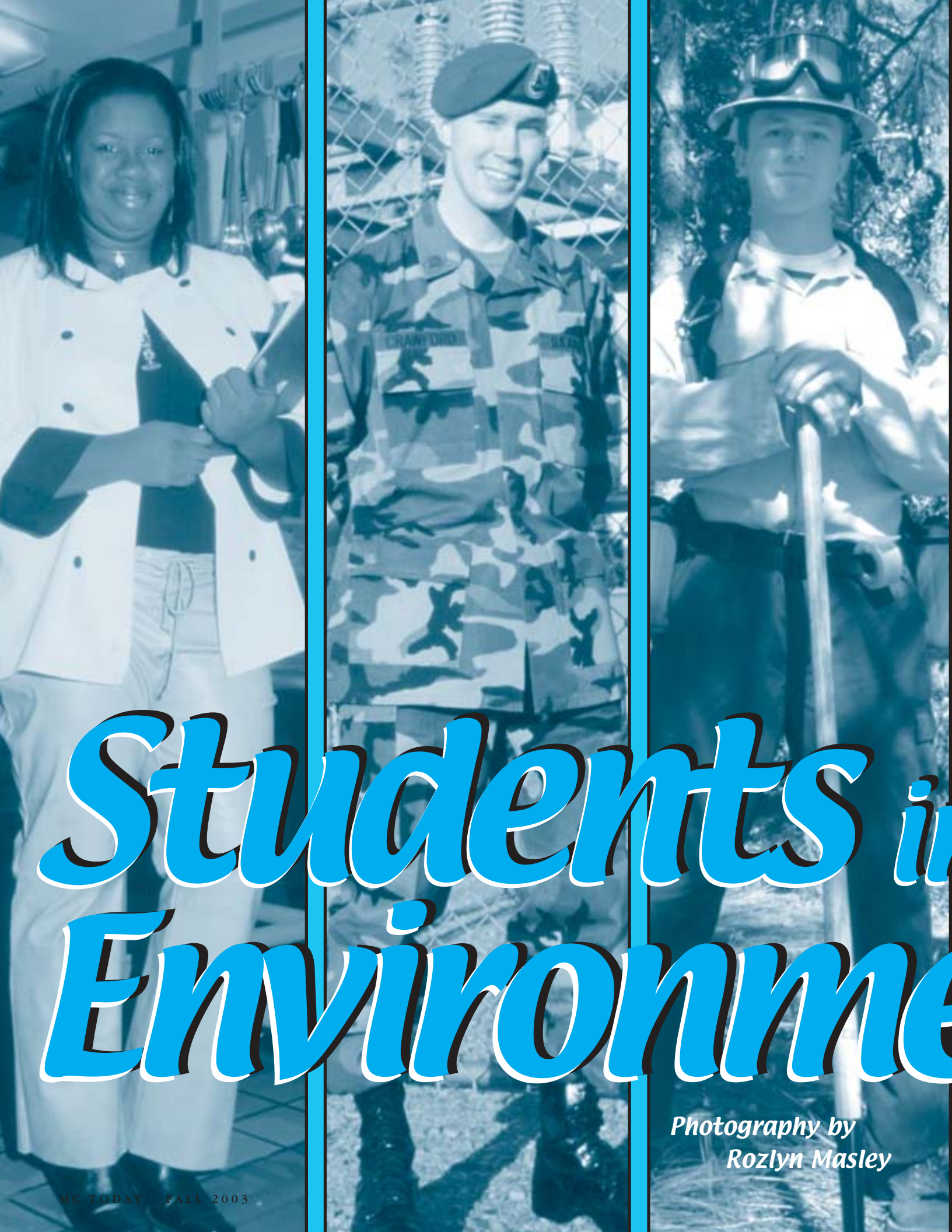
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### Board of Visitors

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# Students in Environme

*Photography by  
Rozlyn Masley*



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Last year, Methodist College launched a number of new academic programs which focused in on the environment. They included biology concentrations in environmental biology and conservation biology and a new interdisciplinary major of occupational environmental management. The programs appeal to broad audiences of traditional and non-traditional students alike. We'd like you to meet four students who are translating their interests and previous work experiences into these areas of study. What led them to Methodist College and their academic choices might surprise you.

### *Doug Austin— Into the Fire*

While hiking may be a national pastime, Methodist College sophomore Doug Austin spent his summer hiking into forest fires to combat this deadly threat to our nation's parks and cities. It's not exactly what most recreational hikers picture as their ideal outing, but to Austin, it's pretty close to perfect.

Austin spent his summer vacation fighting forest fires with the U.S. Forest Service. Stationed at the Monterrey Ranger District in California, he worked on fires in Arizona, Washington and Colorado. The largest fire he worked on covered an 88,000 acre area, with flames shooting more than 100 feet into the air.

"The best moment of the summer was when we arrived at the Aspen fire and there were a bunch of people in our camp who gave us a standing ovation as we came in," Austin said. "These were folks whose houses we had saved from the fire."

His 20-person unit is classified as a "Hot Shot" unit and is considered the Forest Service's equivalent to the Army's Special Forces. Hot Shot units hike directly into harm's way carrying 40 lbs. of gear on their backs. There are only 80 "Hot Shot" units in the country employing approximately 2,000 people. To be considered for a position with this unit, everyone must pass a minimum fitness standard of completing a three-mile hike in 45 minutes or less with a 45 lb. rucksack on your back.

Working in 16-hour shifts, Austin describes fighting forest fires as "tiring and very dirty." The crew could be on the job for four or five days straight, all without showers and other creature comforts.

During the school year, Austin works as a volunteer firefighter at two Cumberland County fire stations. His work there mostly centers on house fires, medical calls and the occasional brush fire. His entrance into wildlife work began with the North Carolina Forest Service. He began this work at the tender age of 16.

"My dad always took us on vacations out west and I loved it out there," he said. "We saw the effects of forest fires and I decided to start helping locally. I thought that this work was a great way to combine my love of the outdoors with a career."

Like most civil servant jobs, the work became a passion with Austin. Law enforcement and emergency response workers don't usually enjoy high salaries or prestige, yet are the public's first line of defense in horrific situations.

Austin is majoring in biology with a concentration in conservation biology, one of the department's newest offerings. He wants to make the Forest Service or Parks Service his career. He is the son of men's baseball coach Tom Austin. He plans to return to the Forest Service next summer but wants to try something new—instead of hiking into fires, he'd like to rappel into them from a helicopter. ❖

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## **Philip Crawford— A Power Source**

Phil Crawford's regular job is to supply energy to the Army. This year, however, he has temporarily switched vocations to become a full-time student, a benefit of the Army's re-enlistment program.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Crawford enlisted in the Army after high school. His father, an electrician, encouraged him to work in the power generation field. "We knew that supplying power would never become outdated," Crawford said. "In or out of the Army, I would always be able to use the skills I've acquired."

As a specialist with four years under his belt, Crawford repairs power generation equipment that supplies energy to base camps and missile systems. He has mostly served state-side but was deployed to Kosovo in 2000.

When it came time to re-enlist, Crawford did not hesitate. He plans to make the military his career. Through the GI Bill, though, he became a college student.

"When I looked at colleges, I wanted to study something that would be in demand," he said. The new occupational environmental management major at Methodist seemed to fit the bill. "I thought it would be a worthwhile course of study and beneficial to me and the environment."

Of course, the fact that his wife, Renae, is a senior at Methodist, didn't hurt our chances of recruiting him. "Well, that certainly helped," he said, "but the OEM program was a huge draw."

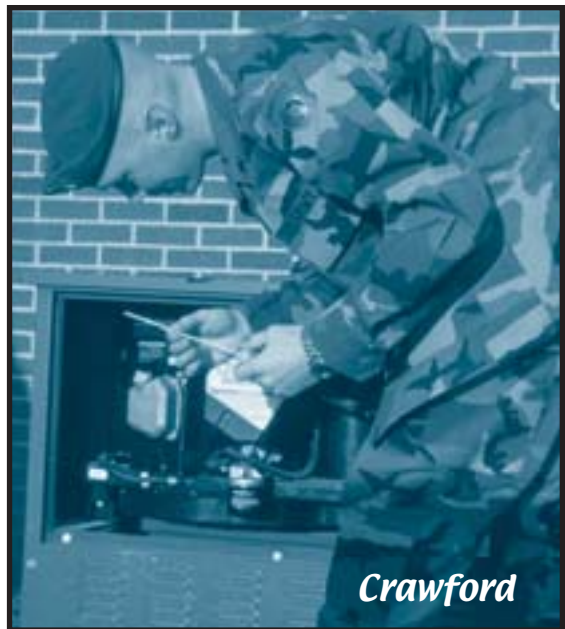
From his work with the Army, Crawford had a basic understanding of power and its effects. What he has learned in his classes, though, has been eye-opening, he said. "My courses have made me even more careful at work," Crawford said. "I think more about the future of our environment, not just what we want or need today.

"While we cannot afford to destroy the environment, we also cannot ignore the economic benefit of jobs and the demands of the population. It is important that we balance all the concerns," he continued.

The Army's power generation program is closely regulated, he said. "We have a responsibility to the public to take care of our resources. The things I learn in this program will help me take a more active role in our future power programs." ❖

## **Cynthia Webb— A Second Career**

After serving 20 years in the United States Air Force and rearing four children, Cynthia Webb wanted to do something "just for her." Upon her retirement, she





had taken a three-year hiatus, devoting time to her family, church and community activities such as the Johnsonville Ruritan Club. She struggled figuring out what she should do, but finally decided to go back to college and learn a skill which she could use to help others.

Because of a physical condition that developed during her military career, Webb qualified for the military's vocational rehabilitation program. This program offers participants money for college to begin new careers. She originally thought of pursuing a career in nursing but had to put that aside due to her physical limitations. Then she spoke with a representative in Methodist's Fort Bragg office and learned of a new major—occupational environmental management.

During her time with the Air Force, Webb worked primarily as a C-130 crew chief, overseeing maintenance and personnel issues. Toward the end of her career, she was asked to become an environmental manager, supervising safety measures, air pollution, budgets, compliance, waste streams and more. It was an assignment she enjoyed.

"It was fun to me to educate others on the hazards of certain practices and materials," Webb said. "I have always been a fan of Mother Nature's and it's important to save our valuable resources for our children."

The Air Force sent Webb to conferences on pollution, recycling and other topics. She said they were educational, and fascinating. It is estimated that as a result of an internal inspection Webb conducted, the Air Force saved at least a half a million dollars in



**Webb**



**Malcolm**

potential fines and other clean-up costs.

Webb plans to use her degree in the government arena, rather than industry. "I am very interested in confronting and solving environmental issues," she said. "I want to help the government do the right thing, not skirt around the issues."

As for being a non-traditional student in a classroom full of recent high-school graduates, Webb said she learns things from fellow students every day. "Of course, we come from different perspectives, but our ideas and experiences feed off of each other.

"Quite often, I clearly remember an event in our history that the other students may not even have been alive for; but they are eager to hear about it so I don't mind relaying my knowledge to them," she said. "School is something I'm thoroughly enjoying—it is where I need to be at this stage of my life." ❖

## ***Rashe Malcolm—The Health of Food Service***

Like most of us, Rashe Malcolm loves food. But, unlike most of the population, she is driven to know what goes on behind the scenes in the kitchen. She pays particular attention to the cleanliness ratings at restaurants she frequents.

After graduating from high school, Malcolm moved to Jamaica and worked in

a restaurant there. Upon returning to the states, food service jobs followed with the Georgia Department of Corrections and St. Mary's Health Care System.

She moved to Fayetteville in 1999 to become the patient services advisor for the health care division of Sodexo Marriott Food Services at Cape Fear Valley Health System. Shortly after, the system's contract with the company was terminated and Malcolm was laid off. She considered going back to Georgia but she did not want to leave Methodist College where she had been taking evening classes in business with a concentration in healthcare administration.

At about the same time, Malcolm learned of a new degree offering at the College of occupational environmental management. "I said to myself that this was just what I was looking for—just what I wanted to do," she said. "I want to be a health inspector so I'll need a background in science. The courses in this program will actually allow me to do more than health inspections if I want; I could be a surveyor, or earn other certifications.

"When I finish with this program, I will be ready to go to work," she said. "Many college programs out there graduate you but you still end up needing additional training. This isn't one of them."

Health inspections interest Malcolm because she feels strongly that "if I don't feel it's safe to eat somewhere, then I don't want anybody else to eat there either." Too many restaurants just want to make money fast, she said, but they really should keep the place clean and the food healthy.

A single mother of two children, Malcolm is struggling to find work in today's job market while she pursues her degree. To make ends meet, she runs her own catering service and substitute teaches math and science classes at Seventy-First High School.

"Right now, I am struggling financially, but God is on my side and I don't have time for worry," she said. "I want to earn my degree and make a better life for my two children." ❖

# Track Coach Inducted Into Hall of Fame

**A** FORMER NCAA All-American and Olympian, Methodist College cross country and track and field head coach Halcyon "Tudy" Blake will be inducted into the Public Schools Athletic (PSAL) League Wingate Funds Hall of Fame in New York City this fall. This Hall of Fame recognizes top athletes in the history of New York City public schools and the Public Schools Athletic League, founded in 1903.

Blake will be one of 27 in this year's induction class. It

includes former Major League Baseball greats Bobbie Bonilla, Lee Mazzilli, Rico Petrocelli and Frank Torre, plus former NBA power forward John Salley. Blake will be honored at the PSAL 100th Anniversary Luncheon on Nov. 22 at the New York Marriott Brooklyn.

"The Hall of Fame induction will be a wonderful opportunity for me to meet and greet other great athletes that you've been in awe of," said Blake, now in her third season at Methodist. "One of

the greatest feelings will be getting this award in front of my family and friends because they were with me through the good and bad."

A native of Jamaica, Blake attended John F. Kennedy High School in New York, where she was a cross country and track and field standout for three seasons. Blake was city champion in cross country in 1979, a two-time state champion in the indoor 300-meter run, a two-time state champion in the outdoor long jump, and a three-time state champion in the outdoor 4 x 100-meter relay.

Blake followed that with a stellar collegiate career at Kansas from 1979-1983. While at Kansas, she was an All-American in the long jump and garnered three Big Eight indoor championships and four Big Eight outdoor championships. She still holds two Kansas school records.

Representing her native Jamaica in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, Blake was a part of the 4 x 100-meter relay team, which won the Bronze Medal in 1988.

"I guess I was good," Blake said. "I am still amazed that anyone would look at me as great. I just did what I loved to do. I am very passionate about track and field."

That passion has carried over into coaching where Blake has transformed the Methodist men's and women's track programs into perennial contenders in the Mason-Dixon Conference. She led the Monarch men's team to second place finishes in both indoor and outdoor in 2003, and was honored as the 2003 men's indoor Coach of the Year in the Mason-Dixon Conference.



Blake

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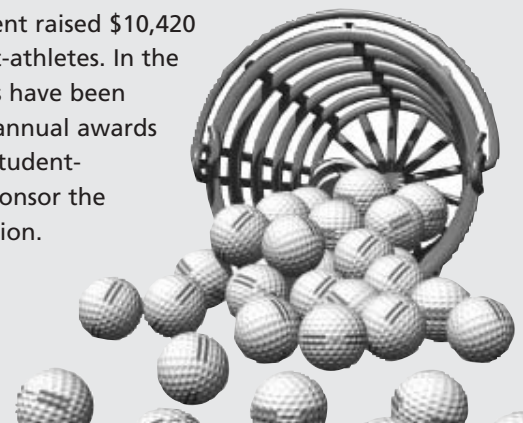
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## Hall of Fame Golf Classic

Eighty-two players enjoyed the 6th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Golf Classic at King's Grant Golf Club, sponsored by Clark Sporting Goods and Lakeview Urgent Care. This year's winning team, pictured at left, included Matt Standley, Ben Keefer, Matt Dira '00 and Phil Keefer '02.

The tournament raised \$10,420 to benefit student-athletes. In the past, the proceeds have been used to fund the annual awards letter system for student-athletes and to sponsor the champion's reception.



## Convocation Award Winners

Three student athletes were honored for their achievements, on and off the field, at fall convocation.

L to R, Michelle Meadows, of the women's golf team, was awarded the Sykes Cup for being the outstanding athlete of the year. Charlie Christie, of the men's soccer team, received the male scholar athlete award, while Kirbie Britt, of the women's soccer team, received the female scholar athlete award.



## Home Schedules

### Men's Basketball

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Time</i>
11/26	LaGrange	7:00 p.m.
12/3	Savannah Art & Design	7:30 p.m.
1/11	Mary Washington	2:00 p.m.
1/17	Ferrum	4:00 p.m.
1/20	Averett	5:30 p.m.
1/24	Chowan	4:00 p.m.
2/4	Greensboro	7:30 p.m.
2/16	NC Wesleyan	7:30 p.m.
2/21	Shenandoah	4:00 p.m.
2/22	Christopher Newport	4:00 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Time</i>
11/29-30	Methodist/Ramada Limited Turkey Shootout	TBA
11/29	Trinity	8:00 p.m.
11/30	Savannah College of Art & Design	4:00 p.m.
12/15	Wesleyan	3:00 p.m.
1/17	Ferrum	2:00 p.m.
1/20	Averett	7:30 p.m.
1/24	Chowan	2:00 p.m.
2/4	Greensboro	5:30 p.m.
2/16	NC Wesleyan	5:30 p.m.
2/18	Peace	7:00 p.m.
2/21	Shenandoah	2:00 p.m.
2/22	Christopher Newport	2:00 p.m.

For a team's complete season schedule, visit the official web site of the Monarchs at [www.methodist.edu/monarchs](http://www.methodist.edu/monarchs) today!

## Lymangood Earns PGA Scholarship

Jennifer Lymangood of Naperville, IL, a senior in the Professional Golf Management Program (PGM), has received the Paul Runyan Collegiate Golf Management Scholarship from the PGA of America. The annual award of \$5,000 is presented to a college junior enrolled in one of the 14 PGA-accredited PGM programs in the nation. Lymangood has also been honored as the Methodist College Female Scholar Athlete in the fall of 2001 and the spring of 2002.



# HALL OF FAME INDUCTS SIXTH CLASS

**T**HREE FORMER METHODIST College athletes—Daphne Akridge, Elizabeth Horton and Clinton Montford—were inducted as the sixth class in the Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 31 at the Sixth Annual Hall of Fame Banquet at the Riddle Center. The event was sponsored by Pepsi and Innkeeper.

The prestigious honor, which is voted on each year by the Athletic Hall of Fame committee, recognizes outstanding contribution and excellence to the campus through the field of athletics. The Athletic Hall of Fame currently has 26 inducted members. The class of 2003 was commemorated with an engraved plaque with their portrait and athletic highlights. These plaques will be displayed proudly on the Athletic Hall of Fame wall across from the Methodist Athletic Department office.

## The 2003 inductees:

· *Daphne Akridge, Class of 1993:* An offensive force for the Lady Monarch women's basketball team from 1989-1993, Akridge was the first ever Methodist women's basketball player to garner first team All-Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors. She was a two-time first team selection in 1992 and 1993, and helped lead Methodist to its first DIAC Championship in 1992. In addition, Akridge holds Methodist career records for points scored, field goals and free throws, plus single-season records for points scored.

· *Elizabeth Horton, Class of 1995:* Horton was one of many standouts that have made the Methodist women's golf program the national powerhouse that it is today. She was one of only two Methodist women's golfers to win consecutive national championships when she won titles in 1994 and 1995. In addition, Horton was also a four-time All-American, and she helped lead the Lady Monarchs to four straight NGCA Division III national championships (1992-1995).



Montford and Akridge at the Hall of Fame induction.

· *Clinton Montford, Class of 1990:* In his short time with the Monarch men's basketball team, Montford was a rebounding force for the Monarchs from 1988-1990. Despite his 6-foot-1 frame, Montford shares the NCAA Division III record for rebounds in a single game with 36 against Warren Wilson in 1989. He also holds the Monarch single-season record for rebounds with 459 in 1989, and he led the nation in rebounding while leading Methodist to its first winning season in more than a decade.



Akridge accepts her award.

To be nominated, the inductees have to be athletes, coaches, or administrators that have compiled an outstanding career for the Monarchs. Athletes become eligible for the honor five years after completing their eligibility, while coaches and administrators become eligible for nomination two years after leaving the department.

## Softball Recruits World Series Standout

**C**ARYN MORELAND has yet to play an official NCAA Division III intercollegiate softball game for the Methodist Monarchs, but is sure to become an integral part of the women's softball team. Prior to enrolling at Methodist in August, Moreland helped bring a world championship to her hometown of Waldorf, MD, when her team defeated Latin America 3-1 in the finals of the Big League Softball World Series in Kalamazoo, MI.

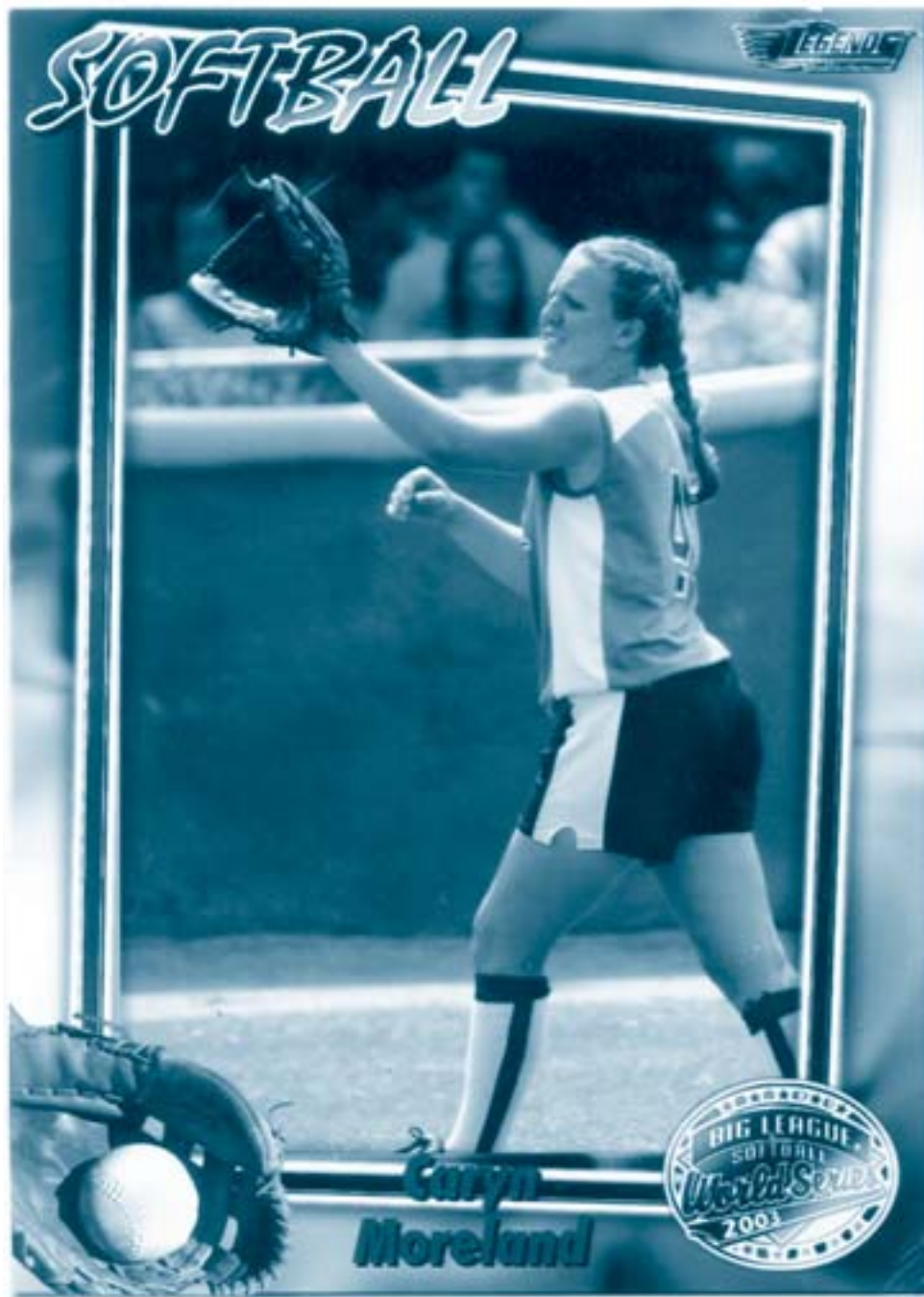
The 10-team tournament included six teams from the United States and international teams from the Netherlands, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Phillipines. Maryland had won the Big League softball championship in four of the last six seasons heading into the tournament.

Moreland is now trying to settle into college life and life as a student-athlete. Her role may be small at first, since Methodist lost only one player from last season in which the Monarchs finished 38-10, won the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament Championship and advanced to the finals of the NCAA Division III South Regionals.

### Moreland helped bring a world championship to her hometown

"I know that I bring something to the future of this softball team. My experience at the world series gave me confidence I never thought possible," Moreland said. "I'm always looking to improve my game and help our team in any way I can."

Moreland selected Methodist College because she loved the location and she has family in the area. Of course, she said, softball had a lot to do with her decision. She has declared justice studies as her major. She aspires to work



for the federal government—for the Central Intelligence Agency perhaps.

"I'm really looking forward to my time with the team," Moreland said. "We get along easily and we've really bonded on the field. We play hard and we won't give up on each other."

# Great Friends, Great Times

FAYETTEVILLE ALUMNI KICKED OFF the local *Seeds on Good Soil Campaign* for the College at Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks' home on July 8th. Lynn Carraway '71, chair of the alumni division, recounted her student experiences and stressed the importance of alumni participation in the campaign.

The annual Raleigh alumni event continues to be a success. Thank you to our generous hosts, Jerry and Mary Cynthia Monday '71!

Central Virginia alumni had to prepare for Hurricane Isabel, so, unfortunately, we had to cancel the event planned at the home of Chip and Sarah Dicks '73 in Richmond. We will re-schedule for the spring of 2004.



Janice Melvin '80 and her husband, Jim (left), and Dave Foster '76 and his wife, Patty (below), enjoy the kickoff celebration at the Hendricks' home.



## Engagements

**Shelby Hutton '98** is engaged to be married to Andy Bettencourt in October 2004. The wedding will take place in Wilmington, NC.

## Weddings

**Jack Honeycutt '66** married Nancy Dorman May 24, 2003 at Blacks Chapel United Methodist Church. The couple resides in Apex, NC.

**Monica Dunn '96** married James Patrick Larkin, Jr.,



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June 22, 2002. **Anne Uleman '94** and **Patty (Howard) Mattingly '96** served as bridesmaids. The couple resides in Fredericksburg, VA.

**Cari Hare '97** married Bill Green May 10, 2003. **Leslie Miller '97, Stephanie (Legg) Hurless '97, Scotti (Sykes) Marshburn '96** and **Tricia Bierkan**, a former student, served as bridesmaids. The couple resides in Raleigh.

**Jerome Crews '98** married Tangii Graves May 10, 2003, in High Point, NC. The couple resides in Asheboro, NC.



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**Casey Nuckols '98** married Matt Daimler July 5, 2003, at Canaan Valley Resort in West Virginia. The couple resides in Annandale, VA.

**Stacy Cook '01** married Latina Hardy June 7, 2003, at the Hensdale Chapel on the Methodist College campus.

**Melanie Tipps '01** married Todd Loughin Sept. 27, 2003, in Carlinville, IL.

**Jessica Phillips '02** married John Snyder June 21, 2003. The couple resides in Fayetteville.

**Jason Wabick '02** and **Bobbie DeGrand '02** were married in New York Sept. 20, 2003.

## Births

**Lynn Carraway '71** is pleased to announce the birth of her second grandson, Noah Alex Burney. He was born July 25, 2003, weighing

8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 22 inches long.

**Bobby Graham '88** and his wife, Lori, announce the birth of their son, Thomas Keegan Graham. Thomas was born Sept. 16, 2003, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19¾ inches long.

**Deanna (Moulder) Hamm '91** is pleased to announce the birth of her second daughter. Abigail Dawn Hamm was born July 19, 2003, weighing 5 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

**Mike and Julia (Parrish) Riddle '93, '93**, announce the birth of their second child, Zachery Parrish Riddle. He was born May 14, 2003 and joins older sister, Anna, 3.

**Cara (Vandenberghe) DeBock '95** and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of their first child, Julianna Noel DeBock. She was born Dec. 21, 2002, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long.





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Bullard children

**Jodie (Owen) Bullard '96** and her husband, Doug, welcome the birth of their third child. Malorie Jane Bullard was born July 3, 2003, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long. Their two other children are Madison, 3, and Megan, 2.

**Matt Mura '98** and his wife, Kim, announce the birth of their daughter, Faith Jane. She was born May 12, 2003, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces and 19 inches long.

**Sharmis Powell '99** and her husband, James, announce the birth of their first child. James Bennett Powell was born Aug. 10, 2003.

**Michelle (Jones) Weeks '99** and her husband, De'Angelo Van Weeks, announce the birth of their son, Jeremiah Jordan Weeks. He was born Sept. 14, 2003, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

## Class Notes

**1965**  
**Mary Coates** retired after 37 years of teaching in Broward County, FL. She spent the last 27 years teaching elementary art. She will be moving to Highlands County, FL.

**1970**  
**Diane (Qualliontine) Mann** is the administrative director of the General Clinic Research Center for the School of Medicine at Wake Forest University.

**1972**  
**Bob Hamilton** is semi-retired from IBM and managing a toy store in Southern Pines, NC. He is very involved with the United Methodist Church lay-speaking program.

**Stephen Magnotta** recently wrote in to say that his son, Matthew, will be entering William Patterson University this fall while his younger son, Andrew, will begin Wallkill Valley Regional High School.

**1976**  
**Lorrence Fiscus** has retired from the United States Air Force as a chief master sergeant.

**Carol Lloyd** was honored Sept. 17, 2003, as the Teacher of the Year for the Cumberland County Schools. Carol teaches math at Massey Hill Classical High School. Her husband, Tim, is a '78 alumnus and teaches music at Terry Sanford High School.

**1978**  
**Bettie McMillan-York** has recently received several honors. Iliad Press and The National Authors Registry recognized her as the

recipient of the 2003 President's Award of Literary Excellence for her entry *Fires of Passion*. She also has been named to *Who's Who in American Education*.

**1983**  
**Jeff Coghill**, a faculty member at East Carolina University, has co-authored a new book entitled *Cliffs Study Solver English Grammar*, published by John Wiley & Sons. This is Jeff's third book with Cliffs Notes. The other titles include *Analyses of the Novels Frankenstein* and *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*.

**1989**  
**Elice (O'Brien) Brooks** is currently the music director of the Malletts Bay Congregational Church, UCC, in Colchester, VT.

**Matt Hoose** was promoted to Major in July and is now assigned to Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. He can be reached at mtmbdr@cox.net.

**1991**  
**Wayne Parsons** is the Southeast human resources director with ARAMARK Campus Services. He and his wife, Susan, live in Greenville, NC.

**1992**  
**Patricia Blais** received her Master of Arts Degree in telecommunications management from George Mason University. She is an adjunct staff member in the Information Technology and Systems Division of the Institute for Defense Analysis in Alexandria, VA.

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## Myrtle Beach Reminder

Don't forget the 2004 Myrtle Beach golf weekend February 19-22. Information has been mailed. Packages range from \$99 to \$269. Contact the Alumni Office at (910) 630-7167 for more information.

## A Challenge to the Class of 1968

To celebrate your class's 35th anniversary, a classmate will match \$.50 for every \$1.00 received or committed by the end of 2003 as part of the *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign. Make your gift go further by meeting this challenge. Contact the Alumni Office at (910) 630-7167 for more information.



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**1993**

**Catherine (Krause) O'Neal** received her MBA in finance from Northern Illinois University in May. She was promoted to manager of contract administration at Deluxe Media Services. She and her husband built a house in Lake County, IL.

**1994**

**Chris Shaw** is the head women's soccer coach at Mount Olive College in Mount Olive, NC. He can be reached at cshaw@moc.edu.

**Ed McEnroe** was named the tournament director for the Royal Caribbean Golf Classic on the PGA's Champions Tour.

**Erika Moyer** is living in Phoenix, AZ, and is a pharmaceutical salesperson.

**Kevin Roberts** recently produced a 30-minute video entitled "Golf is for Kids." Roberts is the head golf professional at The Woodlands Club in Falmouth, ME.

**1995**

**Rich Parker** is this year's winner of *The Merchandiser of the Year* in the private club category by the Carolinas PGA Section. Parker is the head golf professional at

Benvenue Country Club in Rocky Mount, NC.

**Elizabeth (Horton) Schnarr** is the director of corporate accounts at Advanced Testing Laboratory in Cincinnati. She was accepted to the Executive MBA program at Xavier University.

**1996**

**Yvonne Harris** is a financial specialist with the Vanguard Group and lives in Charlotte. The former receptionist for Methodist College welcomes e-mails from friends at W\_H\_Harris@Vanguard.com.

**Derek Tang** is the children's and youth minister for New Covenant United Methodist Church in Mount Holly, NC. Tang is also the boys and girls soccer coach at Stanley Middle School. He is working on his master's in Christian education at Pfeiffer University.

**1997**

**Teronda (McNeil) Hueitt** earned her Ph.D. in higher education administration from Capella University in July 2003. She lives at Ft. Bragg with her husband, Michael, and is an instructor at Robeson Community College.

**1999**

**Lindsey (Via) Plumley** recently took a position in

the Washington, D.C., office of Congressman Elton Gallegly of California.

**2000**

**Scott Kauffman** is currently teaching fourth grade at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School in Elizabeth, NJ. He is looking to enter graduate school in the future to obtain a master's degree in administration.

**Ebony King** is in the United States Air Force and is stationed in Portugal. She is also working on her master's in human relations.

**2001**

**Scott Canevit** will be starting doctoral work in urban studies this fall at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**2002**

**Jennifer "JP" Packard** works at Methodist College as an area coordinator and director of the First Year Experience, and she advises the Residence Hall Association. She can be reached at supdupj@aol.com.

**Leighann Rastede** was named the assistant women's golf coach at Penn State University. Previously, she was a teacher with the Dana Rader Golf School in Charlotte.

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### Music Department Holiday Gala

Reeves Auditorium  
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### Nutcracker—Dance Theater of Fayetteville

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