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# People in the Methodist Spotlight

The **Monarch Booster Club** generously donated new carpet for the Riddle Center weight room. Student athletes installed the carpet themselves.

Paul Wilson, head of the Theatre Department, was a contributor to *The Animal Show*, a DVD resource designed to allow artists and animators to observe the mechanics and timing of animal motion with digital accuracy. Several of Dr. Wilson's ragtime MIDI sequences are used in the DVD's musical score. For more information, visit www.rhinohouse.com.

Director of the Tally Center for Leadership Development **Dr. Andrew Ziegler** was the keynote speaker at the Division III Leadership Workshop of the North Carolina Association of Student Councils.



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Barbara Beebe, coordinator of library evening services, was one of three winners of the Third Annual Student Research Competition sponsored by the Mississippi Library Association, the University of Southern Mississippi and Beta Phi Mu. Winning essays were published in the winter 2003 issue of Mississippi Libraries.

**Dr. J. David Turner,** assistant professor of speech and mass communication, along with authors **Willis Watt** (director of the Division of Professional Studies), C.B. Crawford, Mahboub Hashem and Eric



Watt

Krug, recently published the second edition of the textbook, *Speech Communication: Theories and Practices*, published by McGraw-Hill Companies.

### **Retirees Re-connect**

The past met the present as former and retired faculty and staff of Methodist College returned to the campus for a visit in October. The group was updated on the current comprehensive campaign, taken on a tour of campus and treated to lunch.



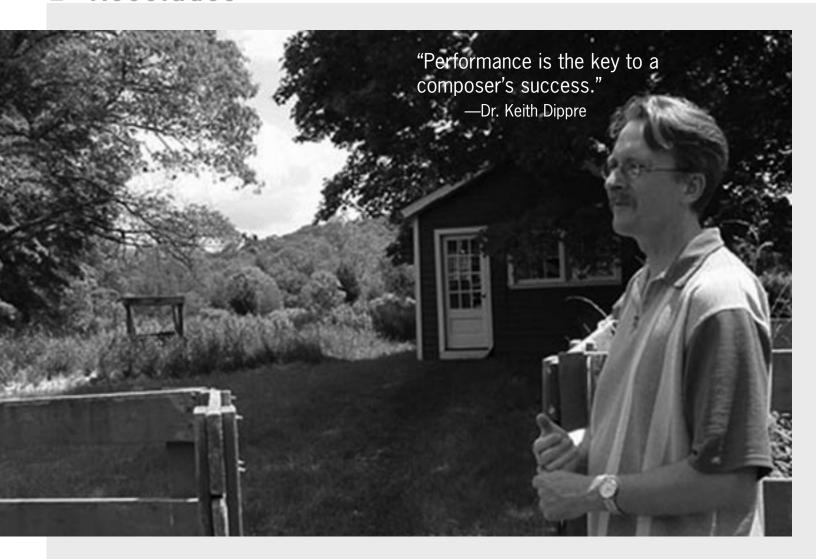
Eleanor Howell, retired art professor, and Betty Neill Parsons, college alumna and associate professor of music, spend time together reminiscing about old times at Methodist.

Those in attendance included Eleanor Howell, retired professor of art; Charles McAdams, the first director of public relations; Roy Whitmire, former business manager, Parker Wilson, retired professor of history; Major Charles "Chuck" Lipe former registrar; Dr. Janet Cavano, former professor of English; Dr. Sue Kimball, retired professor of English; William "Bill" Morgan, former comptroller; Barbara Olcott, former professor of mathematics; Alan Porter, retired professor of music; and Elaine Porter, newly-retired Distinguished Service Professor and head of the department of Foreign Languages.

Dr. Elton Hendricks shared information on the growth of the campus, college programs and enrollment, as well as the college's current campaign which includes plans to build an addition to the Science Building and a fitness/intramural center.

The College's honors vocal group, One Spirit, entertained the retirees. The ensemble is directed by Betty Neill Parsons, associate professor of music and a 1964 graduate. "It is a wonderful thing when retired faculty and staff can return to Methodist College for a visit," Parsons said. "We have them to thank for so many great things that we now enjoy at Methodist College. Let's make this a very important annual event."

If you are a retired or former faculty or staff member of Methodist College and would like to be informed of future events, please contact the Development Office at (910) 630-7200.



# **Methodist Composer Showcases New Piece**

Director of the Division of Fine Arts and composer Dr. Keith Dippre premiered his new piece *Pilgrim's Blues* in Northampton, MA this fall. The work is scored for piano, violin and cowbell and was commissioned for the Jonathan Edwards Tercentenary.

Former college philosophy and religion professor, Richard Hall, chaired the conference which honored the life and work of Jonathan Edwards, an 18th century Puritan preacher, writer and theologian who wrote "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." Edwards was a pivotal figure in "The Great Awakening" religious movement. Dippre's work was featured with those of three other composers, including Daniel Pinkham, a famous composer from Boston.

Dippre was able to research the life of Jonathan Edwards while he served as an artist-in-residence at the Artist's Enclave at I-Park in East Haddam, CT, last summer. "Everything just seemed to come together for this work with the Tercentenary," he said. "It was really an exciting opportunity.

"Having your work commissioned is quite an honor," Dippre said. "It is quite flattering to be invited to compose and to get your name out there in front of an audience that may have never heard of you before." Three professional musicians from the New England area performed the piece. "The most difficult aspect of composition is to have your work performed," said Dippre. "Performance is the key to a composer's success."

Pilgrim's Blues was performed once again, in-house, at Methodist's spring faculty concert in March. Jane Gardiner, associate professor of music, Bill Ayerbe local violinist, and Ted Zislis, local percussionist, performed the piece. "As I play this piece, I can literally hear and feel the journey that Edwards traveled," Gardiner said. "It has so much rhythmic interest."

Dippre has composed about 25 pieces in the last 10 years. In 1999, he served as the composer-in-residence for the Ohio State University Symphony. He recently received a Regional Artist Project Grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. As an assistant professor of music at Methodist, he teaches courses in music theory, aural skills, composition and music technology.

"It is extremely energizing to have a composer on faculty," said Gardiner. "To have someone share his first-hand experiences with our students—you can't replace that creativity."

To learn more about Dippre's work, visit his web page at: http://www.societyofcomposers.org/user/keithdippre.html.

# Staff Additions, Changes

ICHELLE PETTY, the College's former Perkins Loan coordinator, was named the assistant director of college relations in January. She has worked at Methodist since 2001 and is a 2003 graduate, having earned her bachelor's degree in business administration.

In her new role, Petty oversees all booking of college facilities by outside groups. Organizations wishing to rent campus facilities should call



Petty





Amerson

her at 630-7042. She is also responsible for supporting the college's marketing efforts.

In December, the campus community welcomed Heather Dunbar as the director of annual fund and parents programs. As director, Dunbar oversees the college's Loyalty Day fund drive, and is responsible for all annual fund campaigns for the College. She also serves as the liaison between the college and Parents

A former compliance/quality improvement specialist, Dunbar most recently worked with Magellan Health Services in Columbia, MD. A Westfield, NY native, Dunbar is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Management, Healthcare and Information Systems from the University of Maryland University College.

Charles Amerson has recently been hired to fill the position of director of student activities. This position was previously filled by Chris Ryan, who unexpectedly passed away in the fall.

Amerson has more than five years of experience in the student activities field. He comes to Methodist from the University of North Carolina - Charlotte where he served as the assistant director for auxiliary operations and programs. In that role he oversaw indoor recreation and games, managed the University Center's retail operations and advised the Student Employee Advisory Council.

He earned a master's of arts in communication and a bachelor's of music in music management from the University of Hartford. He is a member of the Association of College Unions International and the National Association for Campus Activities.

### A Show of Art

Because teachers can no longer count on the fact that schools will have fully-staffed or funded art and music departments, all education majors at Methodist are required to take classes in both subject areas.

Each fall, students in the art education class display their projects at a show in the lobby of the Reeves Fine Arts Building. This year's assignment was to create an educational environment for students based on a book of children's literature and on the works of a visual artist which resembled the illustrations in the book they chose.

Beth Grey (pictured below), a senior from Amherst, NY, chose "Scranimals" and Henry Rousseau on which to base her display.





### It's All for Kids

The Theatre Department presented Susan Zeder's Step On A Crack as its fall children's production in November. Daytime performances were offered to more than 1,500 students in the third through sixth grades from Cumberland County schools, area private schools,

and home schools. Study guides about the production were provided to teachers for use in their classrooms.

"Children's theatre is so refreshing because of the reaction and interaction you get from the audience," said Paul Wilson, head of the Theatre Department. "Our students noticed, and reacted to, a marked difference in the energy level of the day performances versus the evening and weekend shows."

Money raised from the performances helps support the department's entire production program.

# 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Outlook Symposium

THE CENTER FOR
Entrepreneurship of the
Reeves School of Business
hosted its 30th annual
Economic Outlook Symposium
at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in
October. More than 300
turned out to hear keynote
speaker, Will Spence, Jr., CEO
of the Carolinas region for
Wachovia Bank.

Dr. Larry Norris, chair of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, delivered the outlook for Cumberland County. Robert Grover, chairman of the center's board, announced that the center would now be offering its Boot Camp for Budding Entrepreneurs in three new counties-Bladen, Sampson and Duplin. The boot camp is for high school juniors and seniors and teaches them the basics of entrepreneurship. Five annual business awards were also distributed at the dinner.

The winners are:

### **Wall Street Journal Award**

Ryan Steele, Rochester, IN
Each year, faculty members
from the Reeves School of
Business select an outstanding
business student with the
highest grade point average
to receive the Wall Street
Journal Award. Steele is a
senior pursuing two bachelor's
of science degrees in business
administration and marketing
with a concentration in
Professional Golf Management.

## **Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year**

B. Davis Horne, Jr. Raleigh, NC "Dave" Horne is an attorney with the law firm of Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan where he manages the Government Affairs practice. He lobbies the causes of clients as diverse as the North Carolina Medical Society, 3M, Progress Energy, Ford Motor Company, the National Association of Independent Insurers, the Motion Picture Association of America, Nortel, and the North Carolina Troopers Association. Since 1989, he has been ranked in the Top 25 North Carolina lobbyists by the North Carolina Public Policy Institute Survey. He rose to fourth on the list in 2002.

He started his law career representing non-profit organizations such as the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation and the North Carolina Bar Association. Soon though the political arena called to him and he left his law practice to serve as director of the 1992 "Mike Easley for Attorney General" campaign. Horne went on to serve Easley in his races for governor and senator and now continues to serve as treasurer for the Mike Easley Committee.

A 1978 cum laude graduate of Methodist College, Horne earned a Bachelor of Arts in business and economics. He went on to earn his Juris Doctorate, with distinction,



This year's award winners from L to R, Ryan Steele, B. Davis Horne, Jr., Robert Bleecker and William Bowman. Not pictured, Martha Duell.

from Campbell University. He is a member of the Wake County, North Carolina, and American Bar Associations.

### **Greater Good Award**

Martha Duell, Fayetteville, NC
Duell has set into motion many
organizations and programs that
have improved the well-being
and cultural diversity of the
Fayetteville community. She
is perhaps best known for the
creation of the Lafayette Society
in 1980 and the establishment
of Saint Avold, France as
Fayetteville's sister city. Through
her work with the society, Duell
made the dream of the Lafayette
Room, a collection of the
Marquis de Lafayette's

memorabilia, a reality. The collection, housed in the College's Davis Memorial Library, now features more than 300 original writings, books and artifacts.

Throughout Fayetteville there are numerous sites, activities and organizations initiated or improved by Duell. She founded or co-founded the Fort Bragg/ Fayetteville French Club, the International Folk Festival and the Cape Fear Botanical Garden. She was a charter member of the Fayetteville Museum of Art and raised \$10,000 to commission the writing of *The Story of Fayetteville*. She has served as

the chairperson or president of organizations such as the Lady Lions, the Woman's Club of Fayetteville, Operation Santa Claus, UNICEF, and Saint John's Episcopal Church Women, to name but a few.

She has been honored by many cultural and civic organizations. She is the recipient of the Red Cross Carolinas Division Volunteer of the Year Award, the Methodist College Medallion, the Fayetteville Citizen of the Year Award, and has been named the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Museum's First Lady.

### **Business Person of the Year**

William Bowman,
Fayetteville, NC
After a successful career as the national sales manager for the Pitney Bowes Corporation,
Bowman purchased a failing magazine called Fayetteville's

*Up & Coming* and set out to become a public relations machine for the community.

He now has 10 employees and estimated annual sales between \$1 and \$2.5 million. Circulation has increased from 12,000 to 15,000 issues a week. Through the "Quality of Life Participation Program," the publication donates an annual percentage of its advertising revenue to local area non-profit and civic organizations.

Bowman has served the community in many capacities, from a little league coach to an active member of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club, and Camp Ground United Methodist Church. His board responsibilities have included the Cape Fear Regional Theatre, Cumberland County Better Health, the Methodist College Foundation Board, the

Cumberland County Crown Coliseum, the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation and the Fayetteville Symphony. He is a proponent of downtown revitalization, having built a \$300,000 office building on Rowan Street. He has been honored by the Southeastern Advertising Publishers Association with numerous publishing awards and was presented the 1999 General Excellence Award, the association's highest honor.

### **Entrepreneur of the Year**

Robert F. Bleecker, Fayetteville, NC When "Bob" Bleecker assumed his family's business in 1962, it sold AMC and Fiat brand name vehicles. Today, customers can choose from Buick, Oldsmobile, GMC, Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge, Jeep, Pontiac, Chevrolet and a full line of used vehicles. Under his guidance, Bleecker Auto Group has grown to more than 200 employees with four locations in Fayetteville, Red Springs and Dunn.

A Fayetteville native, Bleecker attended East Carolina University and has been an active community leader involved in groups such as the Knights of Pythias, Kiwanis, Cape Fear Jaycees, the North Carolina Automotive Dealers' Association, and the National Automobile Dealers' Association. He has worked on many boards including those of the Fayetteville Academy, Presbyterian First School, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, the North Carolina Motor Division, State Bank, and First Citizens Bank. He is also an acting elder at First Presbyterian Church.

### **Celebrate All Cultures**

At the College's spring convocation on February 2, 2004, Dr. Terri Moore Brown, a 1985 alumna, spoke of the significance of Black



**Brown** 

History Month but encouraged the audience to celebrate all cultures equally.

A professor and lecturer, Brown is the current chair of the Department of Social Work at Fayetteville State University. Prior to that, she held positions at Campbell University and Methodist College. While at Methodist, she was instrumental in obtaining accreditation for the undergraduate social work

program from the Council on Social Work Education.

In her speech entitled, "Rising to the Challenge: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," Brown stressed the importance of

multiculturalism. "I think it is important that we reflect on the contributions of all ethnic groups," Brown said. "There are so many benefits of working and living in a multicultural society."

She said it is each citizen's responsibility to be actively involved in our communities, to partner with others in activities that support diversity, and to advance the well-being of our society. "Yesterday is gone," she said. "We can change today and we can shape tomorrow."

Brown earned her bachelor's degree in social work and sociology from Methodist College, her master's of social work from East Carolina University and her Ed.D. in higher education administration from North Carolina State University. She has been recognized for teaching excellence and for building high-performing, collaborative teams.

"Yesterday is gone. We can change today and we can shape tomorrow."

# UP-COMING EVENTS...

### **Performing Arts Series**

The third and final concert in the new Friends of Music at Methodist Performing Arts Series will be Tuesday, April 6 at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Featuring the Tony Monaco Jazz Trio, the evening will kick

off with a pre-concert lecture at 6:30 p.m.

Monaco plays the Hammond B3 organ and is accompanied by Louis Tsamous on drums and Robert Kraut on guitar. In October 2002, Monaco released his third national CD entitled "Master Chops T." Monaco has been favorably reviewed by Keyboard Magazine, Jazz Improv Magazine and Jazz Times.



Monaco

# General Shelton to Speak at Commencement

Retired General Henry "Hugh" Shelton will address Methodist graduates at this year's spring commencement May 8, 2004 in the March F. Riddle Center. Shelton became the fourteenth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1997 before retiring in 2001.

Throughout his tenure as chairman, United States forces were in



**Shelton** 

heavy demand and participated in numerous joint operations around the globe.

Currently, Shelton is the vice-chairman of the Board of Advisors and president of International Operations for M.I.C. Industries, Inc. He is also a consultant and member of the advisory boards of Northrop Grumman Corporation, Cisco Systems, Inc. and a Senior Leadership Fellow at North Carolina State University.

Shelton is no stranger to Fayetteville having commanded the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg after the Gulf War. While in Fayetteville, he also led the XVIII Airborne Corps.

### Center for Entrepreneurship Stock Market Symposium

This spring's Stock Market
Symposium will feature Joseph
Quinlan, managing director and
chief market strategist of Bank
of America. The event is
sponsored by the Reeves
School of Business' Center for
Entrepreneurship and will be
held in Fayetteville at the Holiday
Inn Bordeaux at 6:30 p.m. on
Tuesday, April 20. The following
annual awards will also be given
at the dinner: American Business
Ethics Award, the Silver Spoon



Quinlan

Award, the Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur Award and the Small Business Excellence Award.

Tickets are \$50 per person, or \$375 for a table of eight. Call Maria Taro at (910) 630-7642 for more information.

# Soccer Powerhouses to Play at Methodist

**5th Annual Cup of Life Women's Soccer Showcase** Saturday April 3, 2004

Kickoff	Teams
8:30 a.m.	Methodist College vs. St. Andrews
	Presbyterian College
9:35 a.m.	Duke University vs. University of Florida
10:40 a.m.	East Carolina University vs. University of
	Akron
11:45 a.m.	Old Dominion University vs. Duke University
12:50 p.m.	University of Florida vs. East Carolina
	University
1:55 p.m.	University of Akron vs. Duke University
2:30 p.m.	Duke University vs. East Carolina University
3:35 p.m.	University of Florida vs. University of Akron
5:00 p.m.	Old Dominion University vs. University of
	Florida

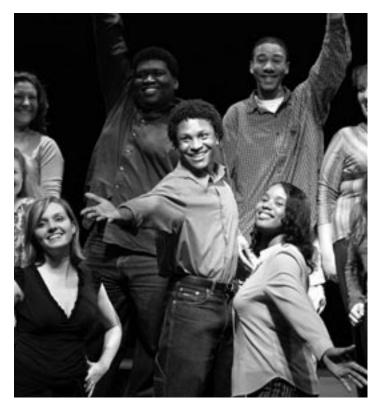
# An Idol of Our Own

ELLY CLARKSON. Ruben Studdard. Clay Aiken. Kinsey Stuart. Who?

If the name Kinsey Stuart doesn't ring the same bells as the other three names, wait a few years and it just might.

The recent explosion of reality television has brought us a host of "idol" shows searching for America's most talented up-and-coming stars. Clarkson, Studdard and Aiken have all achieved a certain level of fame because of their successful "American Idol" appearances. The Methodist College community hopes that the same is true for Stuart, who was voted Fayetteville's Idol last fall.

The Cape Fear Regional Theatre hosted the contest for people aged 16 to 24 from Cumberland County. More than 40 auditioned, but only



The judges told him his performance left them "speechless."

10 proceeded to the final round.

Stuart is a senior from Freeport, Bahamas, majoring in mass communications. He is very involved

at Methodist, lettering in cross country track; serving as a residence hall advisor; and singing with the gospel choir, Synergy, and One Spirit.

He began his quest to become an idol in November 2002 when he traveled to Miami Beach, FL, to audition for the national program "American Idol." "After watching the first season, I said to myself that I could do that," Stuart said.

There were 7,997 people there to audition ahead of Stuart. "When I arrived for the 8 a.m. call time, it took me a half hour to find the end of



"I went into that audition with confidence: A didn't hold back," Stuart said.

the line," he said. The line was cut off two people behind him. "I felt that it (my auditioning) was meant to be," he said.

"Unfortunately, I didn't make it beyond the first round, but it was still a great experience. It looks easy, but it's not."

Going into the show's third season, Stuart decided to try again. This time, he was accompanied by fellow students David Merrill and Emmaline Taylor, who all traveled to New York City for the open auditions. Merrill advanced to the second round, but again, Stuart did not make it beyond the first level. "I did learn from the constructive criticism offered that I had to work on my confidence and my performance presence.

"I felt that God would open a door for me but I had to meet him halfway," Stuart continued. So, he took advantage of every opportunity to perform, including an on-campus talent show, and worked on honing

Then one day, a classmate of Stuart's told him about the Fayetteville Idol contest. "I went into that audition with confidence; I didn't hold back," Stuart said. The judges told him his performance left them "speechless." One judge described his performance as "sexy."

"I didn't quite understand that comment, as I sang a gospel song," Stuart noted. "I preferred the 'speechless' one."

Stuart made the final cut and competed against five other finalists, due to a tie, for the idol title. He was the last to perform and the only one to sing a gospel selection. Half of the final score was based on a vote of the audience, which put him at a distinct disadvantage because he has no family in the area and only had a small group of supporters present.

But, he won the crowd over and took the Fayetteville Idol title. He won \$250 and an opportunity to record a three-track demonstration CD. Ray Kennedy, one of the competition judges, offered Stuart a job this summer singing on the Princess Cruise line.

Stuart said he hopes to pursue an on-camera job in the future. "You have to take advantage of every opportunity," he said. "All experiences teach us something."





# 31st Winter Commencement

Methodist College graduated its first graduate students at its 31st annual winter commencement ceremony in Reeves Auditorium on Friday, December 12, 2003. The master's candidates shared the stage with 137 undergraduates. Thirty-eight graduates earned academic honors.

Dr. Loleta Wood Foster, of Fayetteville, gave the commencement address. A College trustee since 1993, Foster is a licensed psychologist and owns Assessment Counseling and Consulting.



**Foster** 

Foster took the audience and graduates on a visual and figurative journey across the commencement stage, which she likened to a bridge. She defined a bridge as a structure by which you pass to another place, or a time of connecting or transitioning.

"Today, as you travel across this bridge, or stage, you will be ready to begin a new phase of life," she said. "It is what you do after you cross it that matters most."

Foster measured the stage to be approximately 22 footsteps, broken into five sections. Each section carried its own unique message.

The first phase included public recognition of the graduate by his or her full name and the announcement of having earned academic honors. The second showed appreciation to the graduate's sponsor for the role he or she played in the graduate's journey. These were followed by a final walk in front of the faculty and staff and then the actual receipt of the diploma from the president. Then, as the graduates were greeted by the chairman of the Board of Trustees, they took the final steps off the bridge into the next phase of their lives.

In conclusion, Foster encouraged the graduates to repeat the following three statements as often as necessary in their life journey:

- 1. I only have the power to work on changing me.
- 2. I owe it to myself to believe in me.
- 3. I deserve to be more intentional as I manage my life's journey.

Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, college president, presented Foster with the Methodist College medallion for her dedication and service to the college, the community, and her clients. The medallion is the college's highest honor.

The Florence Rogers Charitable Trust and trustee Nolan Clark, were also honored at graduation with a medallion. Under the direction of Clark and John Tally, the foundation has been instrumental in starting such noteworthy programs as the CARE Clinic pharmacy and the Methodist College physician assistant program.

With assets now over \$5 million, the Trust supports about 35 projects a year. Primarily focusing on the medical field, the Trust funds diverse organizations and programs in the arts, the environment, human services and education.

One international flag was presented to the College during the "Ceremony of the Flags," a tradition since 1985. Paola Klockner was the first student from Chile to graduate from Methodist. Her flag will be displayed with 67 others, in the Berns Student Center and used in special ceremonies such as commencement and receptions.

The Sam Edwards Award is given annually during winter commencement to an evening college graduate who has excelled in the areas of academics, spiritual development and community service. This year's winner was Francesca Rolando Heller, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in international studies.



Nolan Clark, trustee for the Florence Rogers Charitable Trust, received a College medallion for the Trust's support of programs such as the College's Physician Assistant Program.





### Find the Rhythm

Living a successful life is about finding the right rhythm, said the Rev. Raymond Gooch, this winter's baccalaureate speaker and College alumnus. The world will try to knock you off balance, but the Lord will hold you steady.

The obstacles in our path may be minor or catastrophic, he said. Either way, it is easy to be distracted by life's intrusions. That is why we all need a guide, or a helper, to restore our sense of hope. Christ is that guide, he said.

"Achieving a spiritual balance is about seeing ourselves in relation to others," he said. "It's about seeing the truths in the past, present and future." Quoting from Ecclesiastes, Gooch reminded the graduates that "to everything there is a season."

Gooch related the story of Jesus and his disciples on the boat after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Peter asked the Lord to make him walk on water but, as he was doing it, he began to doubt the Lord's power and he lost the rhythm of his walk. "As college graduates, you have been walking in a rhythm," he said. "But do not doubt the

power of God—he will hold you steady.

"This is your season, your time," Gooch said. "God is faithful."



Gooch

Currently serving the Pittsboro United Methodist Circuit in Chatham County, Gooch has been active in the North Carolina Conference Youth Ministry for 30 years. He earned his bachelor's degree in religion from Methodist and went on to graduate from Duke Divinity School. In 1985, he was awarded the College's highest honor, the Methodist College medallion, for his service to his alma mater and the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

### The Bridges We Cross

The bridges we cross as we travel along Go often unnoticed, whether weak or strong. The bridges that help us, from here to there, Are seldom remembered, when we've arrived somewhere.

The true bridges aren't usually made of concrete or steel, They're the people, the places that helped make us real. The bridges with voices that gave words of cheer That encouraged and guided, when we faced a strong fear.

The bridges that prayed for us, as we journeyed along. The faces, familiar, when we needed to be strong. Some bridges are strangers, we find on our path Who strengthen our studies or tutor us in math.

Some bridges we've lived with for most of our lives. They watch us; they pray for us and hope we'll become wise. Some bridges are teachers, or coaches, or friends Who help us prepare for our losses or wins.

Our bridges are many, we cross everyday, Those people and places that help us on our way. Remember those bridges when you've successfully crossed, The struggle, the challenge, no matter the cost.

Your challenge in life is to make sure you become, As often as possible, a bridge for someone. A bridge who remembers it wasn't you alone, Who traveled this pathway, not just on your own.

Some bridges made easier the ups and the downs, They helped paddle your rivers and helped flatten your mounds. Look around you and notice those bridges, I say, Then thank them by being a bridge along someone else's way.

Dr. Loleta Wood Foster, this year's winter commencement speaker, wrote this poem in honor of the graduates.

### A Class of Their Own

Methodist College's first master's degree candidates graduated from the physician's assistants program during the winter commencement ceremony in December. The program was started as an undergraduate program in 1996 and is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.

In 1996, the program had four students. There are currently 10 undergraduates and 35 graduate students in the program. By this fall, the undergraduate component of the program will be phased out.

In 2003, the College welcomed Dr. Michelle Heinan to lead the Medical Science Division and the physician assistant program. She came to Methodist from East Carolina University where she was the interim chair and program director of the Physician Assistant program. She has also held a teaching post at the University of Findlay in Ohio. She filled the position vacated by Ron Foster, who was the founder and director of the College's PA Program.

Graduates of the program have achieved an average 98 percent pass rate on their national board exams since 1996, surpassing the national average pass rate of 83 percent.



Methodist College's first master's level graduates: L to R, Jennifer Crump-Whiteley, Sarah Bradshaw, William Cotton, Sean Wilson, Jason Perrow and Genevieve Costello Hansen. Not pictured, Rebecca Cower.

### **December 2003 Graduates**

### **Associate of Arts**

Patricia Carruthers, Melissa Cox, Christine Eberl, William Fischer, Jr., Alice Price, Claudia Vargas, Bobbie Jo Jessel

### **Bachelor of Arts**

Amanda Anderson, Erica Dryden, Jeffrey Golden, Andy Harrison, Charles Heaton, Francesca Heller, Omar Hoyos, Bobbie Jo Jessel, Tiffany Johnson, Robert Mangus, Larynilsa Medina, Deborah Mellott, Sarah Salter, Neilani Siatini, Veronica Tovar, Dwain Tremayne, Lisa Tripp, Eshawn Young, Anne Zahran

### **Bachelor of Health Science**

Christina Perry, Elena Ruppe, Frances Ward-Burress

### **Bachelor of Science**

Jennifer Adams Agee, Brian

Akom, Craig Archer, Katina Bailey, Theresa Barbour, Jason Benko, Susie Biddle, Elena Blanina, Charles Bollech, Cassandra Bolston, Myesha Boykin, Kelly Brown, Tonia Campbell, Stacey Colborn, Dallas Cooke, Torre Crockett, Shatara Cross, Emery DeLong, Jr., Connell Elmore, Yadira Evans, Sarah Fast, Alexander Fernandez, Kamina Fitzgerald, Jennifer Foreman, Angel Garcia, Laron General, Jeannine Germain, Michael Giordani, Daniel Glies, Chad Goins, Gary Goodman, Ben Graff, Gabriela Graham, Bradley Gregorin, James Grossi, Thomas Harris, Christopher Hazelwood, Melvin Hill, Stephanie Hogan, Stephanie Hrabovsky, Jessica Hunter, Jennifer Huntsman, Paul Jackson, Jillian Jensen,

Reid Johnson, Daina Jordan, Philip Kaminski, Timothy Kerr, Christine Kilkenny, Jack Klingelsmith, Paola Klockner, Eric Knipple, Shaun Maher, Michael Mayhugh, Sean McCarty, Daniel McKeel, Jennifer McLamb, Cassandra McNeill, Stacey McVeigh, Joshua McWhorter, Michelle Meadows, Thomas Mitchell, Brandon Muffett, Kevin Muldoon, Christopher Muldoon, Jeffery Muldrow, Michael Nesbit, Lisa Parnell, Nicole Pelfrey, James Perleth, Emily Peters, Janice Petersen, Bryan Porro, Frederick Poteat, Nathan Presnal, Noemi Price-Zanpa, Frederick Quick, Cynthia Register, Syvilla Reynolds, James Ross, Matthew Sadler, Timothy Selders, Stuart Shaw, Ronald Smith, Kimberly

Stephenson, Nathan Stith, Amanda Strouble, April Terry, Courtney Teschner, Michael Thaman, Stacey Tipton, Carrie Toms, Roman Trudnenko, Albert Tucker, Robert Tunstall, Timothy Vogel, Brad Walker, Jennifer Lloyd White, Molly Whitehead

### **Bachelor of Social Work**

Amanda Bullard, Sylvester Cancer, Melinda DeShong, Bridgett Jefferson, Andrew Newton, Wanda Nunnery, Collins Prayer-Green, Nekia Shaw, John Young

### **Master of Medical Science**

Sarah Bradshaw, William Cotton Rebecca Cower, Jennifer Crump-Whiteley, Genevieve Costello Hansen, Jason Perrow, Sean Wilson

# Donors and Scholars Come Together

ORE THAN 100 DONORS and students gathered in November for the Endowed Scholarship Luncheon. The annual event provides an opportunity for scholarship donors and student recipients to meet face-to-face.

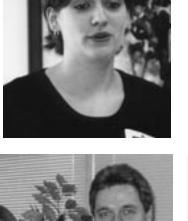
Attendees were treated to entertainment provided by students Laretha Payton, recipient of the Edward Bert Lassiter Scholarship; Bethany Ford, recipient of the Harold and Josephine Sturdivant Music Scholarship; and Jessica Lynn Stewart, recipient of the William F. and Frances L. Grimes Endowed Scholarship.

A couple of students shared what the scholarships meant to their college careers. Payton, who left a teaching position at Cliffdale Elementary School and returned to college to study music, talked about the impact of financial assistance on a student's life. She will complete the requirements for a music certification this spring. Rebecca Kennedy, a senior majoring in psychology, also spoke about what receiving a scholarship had meant in her life.

Scholarship donor Frances Grimes explained that her son, Bill, who teaches music at Louisiana State University, actually planted the idea for her and her husband's fund. He has volunteered with the College's summer MusiCamp, and she taught music in Fayetteville,

Students and donors in attendance at the luncheon were, clockwise from top left, student Rebecca Kennedy; Frances Grimes; Von Autry; and Jim and Janice Melvin '80, representing the **James and Florence Black** Scholarship with recipient Julie Gore.







Lumberton, Wake Forest and Georgia. She was also instrumental in organizing the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra.

Von Autry, a representative of the Hensdale Scholarship, spoke of John Hensdale, for whom the scholarship is named. Autry described Hensdale as the "finest Christian gentleman" he had ever known or worked for. Hensdale, the executive vice-president of 12 Belk-Hensdale stores, was a driving force in getting Methodist College to Fayetteville and served as treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Autry challenged students to remember there is "no right way to do a wrong thing." Also present at the luncheon representing the scholarship were Dick Hensdale and Dot Gardner, children of the late John Hensdale.

Robin Davenport, director of development, thanked the scholarship donors for their support, stating that about 85 percent of Methodist's students receive financial aid. During the 2002-2003 academic year, the College provided approximately \$7 million, of a total \$30.8 million budget, for tuition assistance. The endowed scholarship program provided an additional \$229,000 to assist 266 students in paying for their education.

The following scholarships were awarded for the first time in 2003: The James Carter Black, Sr. and Florence Siems Black Scholarship; the

> Claudia H. Dudley Scholarship; the John C. Rosser, Jr. Scholarship; and the Donnell G. "Buck" Adams Scholarship.





### **FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES FUND**

The Titmus Foundation, of Petersburg, VA, made a gift of \$50,000 to the College in late 2003 to establish the Titmus Family Scholarship Fund. The first recipient will be selected in the fall of 2004.

The scholarship is based on financial need and gives priority to students from Southside, VA; Virginia; or North Carolina. The commonwealth of Virginia consistently ranks as one of the top five states from which Methodist students hail.

A family foundation, Titmus was formed in 1945. It provides endowment funds for colleges and independent schools located primarily in Virginia and North Carolina.

For more information on endowing a scholarship, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (910) 630-7200.

# Family Names Fitness Center

AVID R. NIMOCKS, JR., his wife, Elisabeth Burns Nimocks; and their family businesses, of which David R. Nimocks, III is president, have made a commitment to the College for a gift of \$1 million to name the proposed fitness and intramural center outlined in the comprehensive campaign, Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season. The gift marks the third of its size made to the College in its 48-year history.

The Nimocks family has generously supported Methodist College for many years. In 1998, the Nimocks family established the Col. David R. Nimocks Endowed Professorship in the Charles M. Reeves School of Business, and followed it with a second endowed professorship in 2003.

The fitness center will bear the Nimocks' family name and will be approximately 22,000 square feet. It will house a basketball court with two cross courts, a walking track, an exercise and weight-lifting area, lobby, bathrooms and offices.

"For years our family has reflexively given to our respective alma maters such as Georgia Tech, St. Mary's and UNC-Greensboro," said Nimocks, Jr. "However, we have come to realize that Methodist is an important and vital asset to the Fayetteville community, which is worthy of investment."

"The fitness center is an important addition to the college that will make it an even more attractive place for young men and women to enjoy learning," Nimocks, III added. "Our businesses are delighted to be able to redirect some giving back home to something that can make a real difference."

Methodist College has now raised \$8.6 million in the \$11.4 million Seeds in Good Soil, A New Season campaign. In addition to the fitness and intramural center, campaign funds will help build an addition onto the existing science building, add significantly to the college's endowment, and provide annual operating money for the institution.

"This major gift from the Nimocks family will help Methodist College achieve its continuing goal of providing a quality educational experience," said Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of the College. "The multifaceted growth Methodist College has experienced would not have been possible without support from our good friends."

Photo at left: David R. Nimocks, Jr., his wife, Elisabeth, and their son, David R. Nimocks, III, with President M. Elton Hendricks. Below, architect's drawing of the new fitness center that will bear the Nimocks family name.



### **Benefactor Remembers Methodist**

Robert Dedman, Sr., former chairman of the board of ClubCorp, has remembered Methodist College in his estate for \$1 million of ClubCorp stock. The gift, which will be housed at the Communities Foundation of Texas, will provide annual income for student scholarships.

Dedman was the College's spring commencement speaker in 1998, a presentation he noted in his book, "King of Clubs: Grow Rich in More Than Money." That same year, the College awarded him an honorary Doctorate of Humanities.

Prior to his death, the College had approved awarding annual scholarships honoring Dedman to academically-gifted students enrolled in the Resort Management, Professional Golf Management or Professional Tennis Management programs. At the time, Dedman's son, Robert, Jr. wrote, "It was always Robert's dream to provide today's youth with an opportunity of education in the hospitality management arena. Thanks to Methodist College for fulfilling Robert's vision."

Dedman was noted to be one of Texas' most prolific philanthropists, having contributed more than \$100 million to education and other causes. Founder and chairman of ClubCorp Inc., he was named to the Forbes list of America's 400 wealthiest individuals.

ClubCorp, which was founded in 1957, owns or operates almost 200 golf courses, country clubs, private business clubs and resorts worldwide. The corporation has been very supportive of the College's Professional Golf Management program through gifts, speakers and internship opportunities.



**Dedman** 

### We Are Family

The Parents Association welcomed Monarch family members to campus during Family Weekend 2003, November 7 - 9. Participants were treated to a career services workshop; golf on the Methodist College course: a visit to the annual Fayetteville arts and crafts show, The Holly Day Fair; and great Monarch athletics.



### **Board Hosts First Student Am Tourney**

The Board of Visitors hosted the College's first Student Am Golf Tournament at Baywood Country Club this past fall. More than 50 players participated in the event during which each team was given the option of having a Professional Golf Management (PGM) student play as part of its foursome. The PGM program, accredited by the PGA of America, is a concentration available to business and marketing majors in the Reeves School of Business.

The Methodist College Board of Visitors serves as an advisory council to the faculty, staff, president and Board of Trustees. One of its missions is to involve the community in the life of the College.

"Methodist College is a true resource for the community, and the board wanted to showcase the wonderful talents of the students there by throwing this tournament," said Steve Driggers, a 1976 graduate and area director for SunCom. "This fun-filled tournament gave the public the opportunity to meet some of Methodist's brightest students —accomplished golfers who will, upon graduation, be the future leaders of the golf industry."

Valley Auto World, Inc. and SunCom AT&T Wireless were the major sponsors of the tournament and Pappa Jack's Catering provided a barbecue and chicken dinner for participants. Net proceeds, totaling \$2,900, were donated to the PGM Program and for student activities planned by the Office of Student Development and Services.

If you would like to learn more about the Board of Visitors, please contact Robin Davenport, director of development at (910) 630-7200. To learn more about the PGM program, contact Jerry Hogge, director, at (910) 630-7144.

### **Congressman Chairs Fund Drive**

North Carolina Congressman Mike McIntyre chaired this year's Loyalty Day fund drive on February 10, 2004. The College's Foundation Board and its 160 volunteers spent the day canvassing area businesses and citizens for support.

Volunteers were treated to breakfast in the Green -n- Gold Café where several local dignitaries, including Fayetteville Mayor Marshall Pitts, spoke in support of the many contributions the College has made to the community. Dave Foster, Foundation Board president, emceed the breakfast.



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McIntyre shared his many connections to the College and praised Methodist for its

growth and ethical education of students. He also encouraged the volunteers to think of three "Ls" as they went out on behalf of the college: loyalty, learning and leadership.



M. Elton Hendricks, college president, awarded D.P. Russ this year's "Loyalty Day Supporter of the Year" award. Russ was part of the college's original steering

committee and has consistently donated through Loyalty Day every year since 1956. "I am proud to be a supporter of this college," Russ said. "This community can truly be proud of all this school has accomplished and what it has done for Fayetteville."

The Loyalty Day drive is a tradition that pre-dates the College's opening in 1960. A group of citizens, that was later named the Foundation Board, pledged to raise yearly operating funds to offset budget demands. Through the years, the Foundation Board has raised more than \$7 million for the College.



**Community members** enjoyed a day of golf with Professional Golf Management students in October.

### **Corporations Support Scholars**

Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. provided \$5,000 to the College in 2003 to fund the first Progress Energy Presidential Scholarship,

which is available to entering full-time students who meet certain academic requirements.

"Progress Energy is not just a power company—we are a family of people who live and work in the communities we serve," said Jeff Corbett, vice president of Progress Energy's eastern region. "We strive to be good corporate citizens, but we also have a personal interest in educating youth. Our hope is



that this scholarship program will make a positive difference in the lives of Methodist College students."

The foundation's investments reflect the company's vision for improving the quality of life in the communities it serves.

Pictured L to R: Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, College president; Jennifer Strouble, scholarship recipient; and John K. Elliott, manager of Community Relations for the eastern region of Progress Energy.

### Methodist Remembers Trustee

OHN WYATT, JR., a member of the Methodist College Board of Trustees since 1988, passed away on January 30, 2004. He was 73.

Wyatt had served the College on many committees including the Nominations, Development, Executive and Finance Committees.

In 2003, the College's Center for Entrepreneurship honored Wyatt with the "Silver Spoon" award in recognition of his successes despite his humble beginnings.

He was the founder and owner of Valley Motors and Valley Auto World in Fayetteville. The businesses employ 120 people and include a Mazda showroom on Sycamore Dairy Road, which has a service and parts facility. Adjacent to it is the new state-of-the-art Volkswagen Marketplace Facility.

He adamantly shunned public recognition for his



Wyatt

philanthropy, instead choosing to graciously remain behind the scenes. He was a faithful member of Haymount United Methodist Church for almost 40 years and was an active board member of the West Fayetteville Rotary Club and the YMCA. He was a founding member of Cape Fear Bank, which later became United Carolina Bank, and then Branch Banking and Trust, Co., where he served on the local board of directors.

Wyatt is survived by his wife, Dot Bankhead Wyatt, a daughter, Melanie Smith of Cary, NC; a son, J. W. "Jay" Wyatt III of Fayetteville; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

### In Celebration of Wesley

Dr. L. Elbert Wethington and wife, Lois, have established a fund that will provide an annual grant to Methodist College to celebrate the heritage and continuing promise of the John and Charles Wesley tradition.

"Wesley Heritage Fund" monies can be used for lectures, dramas, library resources, workshops, special faculty studies, ecumenical conversations, regular course offerings, a visiting Wesley scholar, or other approved projects. Funded projects will be selected by an advisory committee made up of the president, chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religion and a representative chosen by the Wethingtons.

Dr. Wethington, a missionary for many years, served as president of the Wesley Heritage Foundation. The Wethington's donations to the college include Mrs. Wethington's "Visual Poetry—My Journey into Chinese Painting" and a set of Wesley's works in Spanish entitled "Obrus de Wesley." Dr. Wethington wrote the first Methodist College curriculum while on a break from his travels.

Pictured L to R, Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, College president; Dr. L. Elbert Wethington, Lois Wethington and Lynn James, executive director of the United Methodist Foundation.



# Showcases Bring High-Level Soccer to Fayetteville

HIS YEAR'S CUP-OF-LIFE soccer men's and women's showcases promise tremendous talent, fierce competition, and a homecoming for former Methodist students and staff alike. The invitational events feature Division I powerhouses College of Charleston, Duke University, East Carolina University, Old Dominion University, the University of Akron and the University of Florida. US Open Cup quarterfinalists, The Wilmington Hammerheads, will play East Carolina University and Francis Marion University in the men's showcase.

In addition to Methodist's head women's coach, Bobby Graham, a 1998 alumnus, and head men's coach Justin Terranova, a 1997 alumnus, several of the coaches have connections to the Monarchs. Old Dominion's men's coach, Alan Dawson, coached the Lady Monarchs soccer team from 1988 to 1995. Old Dominion University women's team is coached by Joe Pereira, who started the MC women's soccer program in 1984, and Ruth Keegan '95. Becky Burleigh '89; Victor Campbell '85; and Steve Springthorpe '87 coach the University of Florida women's team while Catherine Byrne '91 coaches The University of Akron. In addition, the Hammerheads' president, Bill Rudisill, is the father of Garrison Rudisill, who was captain of the Methodist men's soccer team in 2003.

The women's event will take place Saturday, April 3rd. See page 8 for a complete schedule of matches or call Coach Terranova at (910) 630-7097 or Coach Graham at (910) 630-7096.



Former coaches and alums gather at a recent Cup of Life soccer event. Pictured L to R, Ruth Keegan '95, Joe Pereira, Becky Burleigh '89, Steve Springthorpe '87 and current women's head coach Bobby Graham '98.

### **Home Schedules**

### **Baseball**

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 3	Shenandoah	12 p.m.
Apr. 4	Shenandoah	2 p.m.
Apr. 6	St. Andrews	3 p.m.
Apr. 9	Greensboro	12 p.m.
Apr. 10	Greensboro	2 p.m.
Apr. 24	York	2 p.m.
Apr. 25	York	2 p.m.
May 1	Alumni Game	1 p.m.
May 7	Salisbury	12 p.m.

### **Men's Tennis**

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 2	Palm Beach Atlantic	2:30 p.m.
Apr. 3	Piedmont	2 p.m.
Apr. 7	Ferrum	3 p.m.
Apr. 10	Averett	12 p.m.

### Softball

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 31	Chowan	2:30 p.m.
Apr. 1	Meredith	2:30 p.m.
Apr. 3	Shenandoah	12 p.m.
Apr. 10	Christopher Newport	2 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 3	Shenandoah	3 p.m.
Apr. 4	Queens	2 p.m.
Apr. 9	Ferrum	4 p.m.

### Women's Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time
Apr. 2	Palm Beach Atlantic	3 p.m.
Apr. 3	Piedmont	2 p.m.
Apr. 6	Peace	3 p.m.
Apr. 9	Averett	1 p.m.
Apr. 13	Christopher Newport	3 p.m.

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

# Fall Sports Wrap-Up

### **FOOTBALL**

The Monarchs showed improvement from the 2002 season, finishing 4-5 overall and 3-3 in the USA South Athletic Conference in 2003. The evidence of that improvement was the fact that three of the Monarchs' five defeats were by a combined 13 points. The highlights of the 2003 season were a thrilling 37-34 victory at Ferrum in which Methodist rallied from a two-touchdown deficit to win, plus a 50-24 Homecoming victory over Chowan and a 19-7 home victory over Greensboro.

Individually, quarterback Chris Roncketti, halfback Damarcus Wilson, offensive guard Jonathan Byrd and punter Colt Laney were each selected second team All-USA South Athletic Conference. Roncketti, a sophomore from Fayetteville, led the USA South in scoring and ranked third in total offense. The 6-foot, 193-pounder completed 56-for-115 passes for 791 yards with six touchdown passes, while rushing for 519 yards on 89 carries with 10 touchdowns. He had the highest single-season rushing yardage for a quarterback at Methodist, and now ranks second all-time in school history in scoring, fourth all-time in passing and seventh in rushing.

Wilson, a junior from Fort Myers, FL, was the workhorse this season in the Monarch backfield. The 6-foot, 195-pounder led the USA South in all-purpose yards with 981. He rushed for 514 yards on 99 carries with six touchdowns, while catching 20 passes for 304 yards and two touchdown receptions.

Wilson became the fifth Methodist player to eclipse 1,000 yards rushing in his career this season. He is now third all-time with 1,215 yards in three seasons with the Monarchs.

Byrd, a 6-0, 280-pound junior from Maysville, NC, is a two-year starter at Methodist. He graded out 83 percent in blocking for the season, and allowed only one quarterback sack.

A 6-3, 216-pound freshman from Huntsville, AL, Laney added a new dimension to the Monarch special teams with superb numbers at punter. He ranked second in the USA South, averaging 39.5 yards a punt. His season-long was a 75-yard blast against Emory and Henry.

### **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

For the last four seasons, the Methodist Lady Monarchs have been knocking on the door for a conference championship. In the 2003 season, however, the door came crashing down.

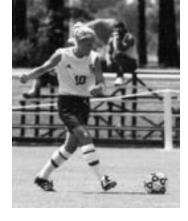
Methodist put together a 12-6-1 campaign in 2003, including a 7-1 mark in the USA South Athletic Conference for the Lady Monarchs' first conference championship since the 1995 season. The Lady Monarchs won in dominating style, recording nine shutouts on the season, including six consecutive shutouts to end the regular season.

Individually, head coach Bobby Graham became the third Lady Monarch head coach to garner conference Coach of the Year honors, while five players were honored as All-USA South. Selected first team All-USA South was forward Lesley Oyen, midfielder Anna Baker, defender Teri Almond and goalkeeper Keri LaSalla. Defender Stacey Noonan was honored on second team All-USA South.

Baker and LaSalla were honored first team All-Conference for a third straight year. It was the first time for Oyen, Almond and Noonan.



Oyen, a junior from Dubuque, Iowa, transferred to Methodist from Dubuque and made an immediate impact offensively. She led the USA South in scoring with 15 goals and two assists for 32 assists. Twice, she was honored as USA South Player of the Week and recorded two hat tricks this season. Baker, a senior from Kernersville, NC, controlled the midfield with four goals and three assists for 16 points.



Almond, a senior from Indialantic, FL, anchored the defensive backline for Methodist, and added three goals and five assists for 11 points. She led the Lady





Monarchs in assists. LaSalla, a senior from Sound Beach, NY, was a stalwart once again in goal. She led the USA South in goals-against average at 1.03 with seven shutouts. In addition, LaSalla also scored four goals in the field.

Noonan teamed with Almond to give the Lady Monarchs a sound defensive backline. The sophomore from Manassas, VA, started all 18 games.

In addition, LaSalla became the first Methodist All-American for women's soccer in eight seasons as she was selected third team NCAA Division III All-American.

### **MEN'S SOCCER**

The 2003 season marked the continued return to excellence for the Methodist men's soccer program under head coach Justin Terranova.

For the second straight year, the Monarchs posted a winning season and posted double-digit totals in victories with a 10-7-1 season and 4-3 in the USA South Athletic Conference. The team accomplished this while playing against one of the tougher schedules in NCAA Division III with four ranked opponents on the slate. The highlight was a convincing 2-0 victory at home on Oct. 29 against 10th-ranked Greensboro.

Individually, Methodist had four players honored as All-Conference. Selected first team All-USA South was forward Kevin Gray, while goalkeeper Justin Agema, forward Michael Davis and midfielder Garrison Rudisill were voted second team All-USA South.

It was the first time for Gray and Davis as All-Conference, while Agema and Rudisill were second team selections last season.

Gray, a sophomore from Burke, VA, led the Monarchs in scoring

this season with 10 goals and three assists for 23 points. He finished tied for second in the USA South in scoring and in goals scored. He is the first Methodist player to receive first team All-Conference honors since Bryan Madej in 2001.

A junior from Columbia, SC, Agema once again was a stalwart in goal for Methodist. He surrendered 20 goals in almost 1,600 minutes of play, good for a 1.13 goals-against average. Agema also recorded six shutouts to lead the USA South, and he ranked fourth in the USA in saves with 89.

Rudisill, a senior from Wilmington, NC, directed the Monarch offense at the midfield. He scored five goals with three assists for 13 points. Two of his goals were game-winning goals, good for second in the USA South.

Davis made an immediate impact at forward with his speed and ball-handling abilities. He finished second on the team in scoring with eight goals and one assist for 17 points. Davis' best game was a hat trick against Chowan, and he's the first Methodist freshman to receive All-Conference honors since Eric Norfleet in 1999.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

With a young team, the Methodist Monarch volleyball team experienced the growing pains of the 2003 season. The Monarchs finished 10-24 overall and 6-10 in the USA South Athletic Conference. Due to injuries, the Monarchs struggled during the middle of the season, dropping 15 of 16 matches. However, Methodist recovered and finished strong, winning six of its last 11 matches.

For the second straight season, Methodist's Jennifer Ellis was honored by the USA South Athletic Conference for volleyball. The sophomore outside hitter from Chapel Hill, NC, was voted second team All-USA South. Last season, Ellis was voted second team in the All-Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selections.

Ellis led the Monarchs in numerous categories, including kills (450), service aces (55) and digs (347). She ranked second in the USA South in kills and seventh in digs. This season, Ellis reached a tremendous milestone at Methodist as she set a school record for career kills with 991. Last season, she set the single-season mark for kills with 541.

### **MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY**

The 2003 season marked one of the more successful for the Methodist men's and women's cross country teams.

The Lady Monarchs finished third in the USA South Athletic Conference and the Monarchs placed fourth in the USA South. In addition, the Monarchs advanced to the NCAA Division III Regionals in Atlanta, and garnered a 20th-place finish.

Individually, the Lady Monarchs had two runners earn All-USA South Athletic Conference honors. Sophomore Lisa Saunders placed 10th overall in the conference, while Tara Prewitt placed 14th. That garnered both runners second team All-Conference honors.



# LaSalla Reclaims All-American Honors for Soccer Team

The dry spell for women's soccer All-Americans at Methodist College is over.

For the first time in eight years, the Methodist Lady Monarch women's soccer team had a player gain All-American honors. Senior goalkeeper Keri LaSalla was selected in December as a third team NCAA Division III All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

LaSalla became the twelfth Lady Monarch to receive All-American honors in women's soccer, and the first All-American since 1995, when Ruth Keegan and Jennifer Maurer were second team All-American selections. She is also the first All-American under current head coach Bobby Graham.

"When I first came to Methodist, Coach Graham asked me what my short- and long-term goals were," LaSalla said. "Right from the beginning he challenged me to work toward the All-American honor.

"I didn't know if I could do it realistically," she continued. "But I worked toward it and, with the support of coach and my teammates, I did it."

A native of Sound Beach, NY, LaSalla led the USA South Athletic Conference in goals-against average at 1.03 and recorded six shutouts. She also combined for three more shutouts in leading Methodist to its first conference championship since 1995.

LaSalla enjoyed a decorated career as a four-year starter in goal at Methodist and was a three-time first team All-DIAC/USA South selection. In her four seasons in goal at Methodist, the Lady Monarchs compiled an impressive 42-27-5 record, including 20-6-2 in conference play.

"Keri has been a tremendous asset to Methodist College," said Graham. "For four years she has been a class act not only on the soccer field but more importantly in the classroom as well. She's a true leader and has the respect of her peers.

"Keri will be missed but she will always be a true Lady Monarch," he said.

LaSalla plans to graduate this May with a degree in physical education. Currently, she is a student teacher at John Griffin Middle School in Fayetteville. She said that she would like to go into teaching and coaching, but is open to where.



"Keri will be missed but she will always be a true Lady Monarch."

—Bobby Graham

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### **Spend Your Summer With** the Monarchs

If you are looking for something fun, challenging and active for your young people to do this summer, consider a Methodist College-sponsored youth athletic camp. To date, the following camps have been scheduled:

### Boy's & Girl's Golf

Contacts: Steve Conley, (910) 630-7146, sconley@methodist.edu or Vici Pate, (910) 630-7689, vpate@methodist.edu

June 14-18 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (8 a.m. to noon on Friday) Ages: 10-17, \$395, Commuter

### Boy's & Girl's Soccer

Contacts: Justin Terranova, (910) 630-7097, iterranova@methodist.edu or Bobby Graham, (910) 630-7096, bgraham@methodist.edu

June 16-20 9 a.m. to noon Ages: 5 and up, \$95

June 16-20 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ages: 5 and up, \$175

June 16-20 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m., Residential Ages: 5 and up, \$350



Aug. 2-6 9 a.m. to noon Ages: 5 and up, \$95

Aug. 2-6 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ages: 5 and up, \$175

Aug. 2 -6 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m., Residential Ages 5 and up, \$350

### Volleyball

Contact: Eddie Matthews, (910) 630-7187, ematthews@methodist.edu

Beginners - July 19 & 20 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grades 6-12, \$65

Advanced - July 22 & 23 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grades 6-12, \$65

Setting – July 26 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grades 6-12, \$35

Hitting - July 27 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grades 6-12, \$35

To learn more and check for updated camp offerings, visit www.methodist.edu/monarchs/ camps.htm.



### **Alumni Hoop Action**

The alumni basketball games are always popular events during Homecoming weekend.



This year, the following former members of the men's basketball team participated: Back Row, L to R, Bill Nebrich '95, Bobby Nobles '03, Jason Childers '98, Kevin Dennison '95, Johnny Wilson '99, Demarkus Byrd '02 and Shane Pierren '01. Front Row, L to R, Current men's head coach David Smith '81, Brandon Mish '03, Taplie Coile '98, Dee Jenkins '01, Byron Young '99, Aureice McCain '03 and Brandon Blalock '03. Kneeling, Aaron Winston '01 and Elliott Williams, current student.



Former women's team members getting in on the action included: Front row, L to R, Jennifer Neal '02, Mary Beth Warfford '03, Tasha Thompson '99, Kisha Becton '01, Priscilla Farhan '00, and Daphne Akridge '93. Back row, L to R, Simoné Dennison '95, Kelly Holland '02, Brandy McCollum '03, Mica Gay '01, Melody Dark '02, Amy Todd '99, LuShonda Ganus '01 and Christy Nebrich '95.

# OMECOMING

Left: Walter Turner '65 recently published a book titled Paving Tobacco Road and presented a copy to Dr. M. Elton Hendricks and the College library on Friday, Oct. 31, 2003, during the 60's luncheon.

Below, left: Kalli Ziegler '01, Professor Drew Ziegler, Christine Eberl '03 and Kris McLamb '03 are ready for a safari at Saturday night's dinner/dance.

Below, right: Former student Ronnie Bullard entertained

the crowd Saturday night with some stand-up comedy.

Below: Alan Pittman '68, Donna Pittman '71, Steve Hopkins '68, Lorene McBryde and Milo McBryde '68 enjoy the comedy stylings of Ronnie Bullard.





Right: "Uncle Bill," pictured second from right, congratulated the winning team of this year's William P. Lowdermilk Golf Classic. L to R, Karl Molnar '77, Nan Palmer, Harvey Palmer and Carl Riggins.

Above: Amy Sachs, Brian Rodgers '96, Jeremy Sachs '96, and Dawn Thompson '92.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

April 17 Men's Soccer Alumni Day

May 1 Baseball Alumni Day

May 23 Pinehurst area Alumni event

Home of Tom & Debbie Miriello '70

June 6 Central Virginia Alumni event

Home of Chip & Sarah Dicks '73

June 11 Alumni Minister's Luncheon hosted by Dennis

Sheppard '78 at Hope Mills United Methodist Church

June 25 Hall of Fame Golf Classic King's Grant Golf Club

Information on these events will be forthcoming.





Homecoming 2004 is set for October 22-23. Special reunions are being planned for the Class of 1964 (40th); the Class of 1969 (35th); and the Class of 1979 (25th). Information will be mailed in the future. If you are interested in getting involved with a reunion or would like to learn more, contact the Alumni Office at (910) 630-7167 or e-mail tmaze@methodist.edu.





### **Alumni Association Honors Members, Staff**

The Alumni Association honored two graduates and a faculty member at the annual Homecoming dinner on November 1, 2003 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. Nominated by alumni, winners were selected by a vote of the Association's board of directors.

Jim Weeks, dean of the Bryan School of Business at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, was awarded the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award, for outstanding achievement in his profession and service of the highest order to his community.

Under his leadership, the Bryan School has expanded international programs, added information technology management programs, expanded degree offerings, increased the enrollment and raised the school's endowment to just over \$19 million. Several Methodist College alumni have graduated from the Bryan School under his leadership.

A Fayetteville native, Weeks is a 1968 graduate of the College, having earned a Bachelor of Arts in business administration. While at Methodist, Weeks served as chief justice of the Student Judicial Council and was a

member of the Circle K Club. After graduation, Weeks went on to earn his MBA from East Carolina University and his Ph.D. in business administration from the University of South Carolina. He has remained active with the College, having served on the Reeves School of Business Advisory Board.

Nona Fisher, a Fayetteville native and a partner of Bottom Line Accounting in Fayetteville, received the 2003 Alumni Service Award for her many years of service to her fellow alumni and the College. Fisher is a 1988 cum laude graduate, having earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration and accounting. While here, Fisher

was president of the Green and Gold Masque Keys Theatre Club and Omicron Delta Kappa and a member of both Alpha Psi Omega and the Business Club.

Fisher remained at the college upon graduation, working as an admissions counselor, payroll and personnel administrator and finally as the director of human resources. She has been an active member of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors from 1993 to the present. She is a member of the college's Endowment Society and



This year's alumni awards go to: L to R, Jim Weeks '68, Professor Theresa Clark and Nona Fisher '88.

has awarded Greatest Gift Scholarships to in-coming students. From 1998 to 2002, Fisher chaired Homecoming Weekend, donating time and resources to make the event a success.

For her excellence in teaching and her involvement with the college and the local community, Theresa Clark received the 2003 Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award. Clark is a professor of business administration and oversees all of the college's business programs. In addition to her work at the college, Clark practices law through her private firm in Fayetteville.

### **Alumnus Honors MLK**

The Rev. James Malloy '78 of Lakewood United Methodist Church was the guest speaker at a special service held in Hensdale Chapel on Jan. 21, 2004, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Some of his former professors and advisors returned for the event.

Pictured below at the event are L-R: Dr. Sam Womack, Dr. Bill Lowdermilk, Dr. Bob Christian, the Rev. James Malloy '78, Parker Wilson and the Rev. Ben Wells '95, College chaplain.



### Alumni Business Cheers Its Way to the Top

Cheer, Ltd, a Fayetteville cheerleading company owned and operated by alumni Gwen and Tim Holtsclaw, '68, '92, was named North Carolina's Small Business of the Year by Business North Carolina magazine in December.

A panel of five business experts made the selection from more than 25 candidates. The business was featured in the December issue of the magazine and called Gwen "a cheerleader for cheerleading."



Gwen and Tim Holtsclaw have made a successful business of cheerleading.

The article also chronicled the rise in cheerleading's popularity, as evidenced by the fact that when Gwen started Cheer Ltd, there were few cheer companies. Now, there are more than 150.

To read the entire article visit: http://www.businessnc.com/archives/2003/12/sby\_cheer.html.

### **Engagements**

**Graham Gilmore** '02 and **Cassie McNeil** '03 are engaged to be married in August, 2004, in Stedman, NC.

### Weddings

**Patricia Blais** '92 married Col. Jeffrey Cohen, USAF, on Aug. 17, 2003, at the Hillbrook Inn in Charles Town, WV. The couple resides in Alexandria, VA.

Jamie Crayton '00 married Larry Cockman on Dec. 20, 2003, at Cokesbury United Methodist Church in Stedman, NC. Jimmy Crayton '01 served as a groomsman. The couple resides in New Braunfels, TX.

Julie Schuermann '00 and Joe Muraca '01 were married May 24, 2003, in Cincinnati, OH. Tracey (Gage) Wright '99 and Lyndsay Thoms, a former student, served as bridesmaids. Andy Riddle '99, Rick Murrell '00, Matt Saggio '00, Michael Trautman '01, Carl Ollinger '02 and J.T. Reed, a former student, served as groomsmen. The couple resides in Cincinnati, OH.

Amanda Osborne '02 married Kevin Young on Dec. 13, 2003. The couple resides in Fayetteville. Amanda is the daughter of Allen and Mary Osborne, both former students.

**Christina Perry** '03 married Emmett Beard, Jr. on Dec. 27, 2003. The couple resides in Fayetteville.

### **Births**

Scott and Melissa (Horne)

**Smith** '89, '92, announce the birth of their second son, Aaron Keith. He was born June 24, 2003. His older brother, Andrew, is 4.

Lance Watkins '92 and his wife, Sandy, announce the birth of their daughter, Holly Rebekka. She was born Sept. 26, 2003, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 ½ inches long. The couple recently moved to New Port Richey, FL.



**Blais-Cohen** 



Schuermann-Muraca

Jamie Justice '94 and his wife, Robyn, announce the birth of their son, Brady Lee. He was born Nov. 3, 2003, weighing 9 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 ½ inches long.

Brett and Leigh (Watkins) Ciancanelli '96, '96, announce the birth of their daughter, MaKayla Ashleigh. She was born Nov. 3, 2003, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long.

**Dawna (Kringel) Krekula** '96 and her husband, Nathan, are



### **Smith family**

pleased to announce the birth of their fourth child, Benjamin Jay, on Nov. 28, 2003. Their other children are Austin, 6, Robin, 4, and Christia, 2.

**Kirsten Pickles** '96 and her husband, Thom, announce the birth of their daughter, Virginia Jane. She was born May 23, 2003, and joins her sisters Hannah, Lucy and Claudia.

### Candi Patrick Wagoner

'98 and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Rose. She was born Sept. 5, 2003 and weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Candi welcomes e-mails from old friends at divap06111973@aol.com.

**Donna J. Brunson** '01 and her husband, Jamie, announce the birth of their daughter, Jaime Elena. She was born Aug. 14, 2003 weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches long.

**Toni (Niola) Midgett** '01 and her husband, James, are pleased to announce the birth of their son. Jackson Lee was born Nov. 14, 2003, weighing 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.

### **Class Notes**

1966 Gail (Harrison) Joyner retired after many years working in social work in January 2003. Her last position was as division director at the Murdock Center. She and her husband, Worth, have enjoyed their time traveling and their new home in Wake Forest, NC.

### 1969

**William dePrater** is living in Virginia and serving as the interim executive presbyter and treasurer of the Abingdon Presbytery.

**Charlie Hartsell** is living in Florence, SC and is an independent agent for several insurance companies. He and his wife, Donna, celebrated their wedding anniversary on Jan. 25th. They have two sons—Van, 24, and Grant, 14.

### 1979

Jeff Norton wrote in to say hello and welcomes e-mails from alumni and friends at golfjeff@bellsouth.net. His daughter, Jessica, performed in the Color Guard during the 2003 Tangerine Bowl half-time show.

### 1980

**Donna Stewart** received her master's degree in psychology from Marymount University in Virginia.

Rick and Karen (Dedolci)
Ketchem live in the Atlanta
area with their two daughters,
Lindsay, 18, and Mallory,
12. Rick is vice president of
the mortgage division with
Bank of America while Karen
is an advertising account
executive with Forsyth County
News. Lindsay is a McKissick
Scholarship recipient at the
University of South Carolina
in Columbia while Mallory is
in the seventh grade.

### 1981

Charles Speas received his master's degree in computer resources and information technology from Webster University. He recently retired from the United States Army after 20 years, and is living in Fayetteville with his wife, Karin, and son, Tim.

### 1985

**Michael D. Mitchell** merged his CPA practice this past fall with the firm of Todd, Rivenbark and Puryear. They have offices in Fayetteville, Dunn and Raleigh.

### 1986

Mark Powell has been appointed director of special projects for the Maryland Department of Agriculture. Previously, he served as editor of three mid-Atlantic region agricultural newspapers.

### 1987

Phyllis Owens is the new executive vice president of the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation. Previously, she served as the executive director of the Columbus County Economic Development Commission.

### 1989

Alice (Sramka) Kehoe lives in Apex, NC, with her husband, Joe, where they own an alarm company. They have four children.

### 1996

**Daniel Barros** received his law degree from the College of William and Mary. He is currently serving a judicial clerkship with the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Jeremy Sachs would like to personally thank all alumni and friends who purchased a JDCR window sticker to benefit the Chris Ryan Memorial Fund. Limited stickers are still available and you can view them at www.methodist.edu/jdct.htm. You can also e-mail Jeremy at jsachs@iglide.net.

### 1999

**Brandon Logue** recently took a position as a sales agent with Top-Flite Golf in Ohio.

**Stacy Moody** received her master's degree in reading from Western Michigan University this past December. She is teaching fifth grade in Battle Creek, MI. *continued on page 25 > >* 

# Tell Us What You Think

The Alumni Office and Board of Directors are always looking for new ways to improve alumni programs and services. Please take a few moments to fill out our survey by going to www. methodist.edu/alumni/survey.htm. You may also fax the survey to (910) 630-7683. Your participation in this survey is greatly appreciated.

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### 2000

**Lauren Caulder** received her MBA this past December from Fayetteville State University. She works as a charge description analyst with the Cape Fear Valley Health System.

**Dena Dail** is the new controller at Fayetteville State University. Recently, she worked for the state auditor's office in Fayetteville. A certified public accountant, Dena earned her MBA from Campbell University.

### 2001

**Donna Brunson** is currently pursuing a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She will graduate in May 2004.

**Stacey Davis** is currently pursuing a master's degree in student development for higher education and college counseling at Appalachian State University.

**Nichole Kentner** recently accepted a position as the director of instruction at the Heidelberg Golf Club in Germany.

**Michelle Laton** wrote in to say hello and that she and her husband are back from their tour overseas and living in Tennessee. She is taking classes in forestry and wildlife management.

### 2002

**Aaron Evans** is currently stationed in Kirkuk, Iraq as a specialist in the United States Army. His mother asks that all alumni and friends remember him as he dedicates himself in the service of the country.

### 2003

**Frederick Ford** has completed U.S. Navy basic training at the Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, IL.

**Stacey McVeigh** has moved to Atlanta with her long-time boyfriend. She is working with Americorps as a citizen

team leader for low-income neighborhoods.

Mary Beth Warfford is a group sales associate with the Durham Bulls Baseball Club.

Anne Zahran is currently teaching English at Fayetteville Technical Community College. She recently published a book that can be viewed and purchased at www.mainstreetrag.com.

### Obituary

Bradley Minshew '67 of North Topsail Beach died Jan. 22, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Nell; two daughters, Mary and Teresa; mother, Mattie; two brothers, Arthur and Kenneth; two grandchildren; two brothers-inlaw and two sisters-in-law.

Minshew was named the 2000 Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year by Methodist College. He was owner of Pelican Properties Real Estate and was a majority developer of North Shore County and Ashe Island in North Topsail Beach.

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April 2

Guest Lecture—Brown vs. Board of Education and its Legacy

Featuring Judge Patricia Timmons-Goodson Clark Hall Auditorium, 11 a.m. Wendy Vonnegut, (910) 630-7075

April 3

5th Annual Women's Cup of Life Soccer Showcase

Bobby Graham, (910) 630-7096

April 5

**Awards Day** 

Reeves Auditorium, 11 a.m. Zelphia Hinnant-Jones, (910) 630-7031

April 6

**Performing Arts Series: Tony Monaco Trio** 

Reeves Auditorium, 6:30 Lecture, 8 p.m. Concert Pam Ellis, (910) 630-7100

April 20

Center for Entrepreneurship Stock Market Symposium

Holiday Inn Bordeaux, 6:30 p.m. Maria Taro, (910) 630-7642

May 8

**Baccalaureate** 

Reeves Auditorium, 11 a.m.

Graduation

March F. Riddle Center, 2 p.m. Zelphia Hinnant-Jones (910) 630-7031

May 17

Summer School Term I, MC at Night Term IV

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June 14

Summer School Term II

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