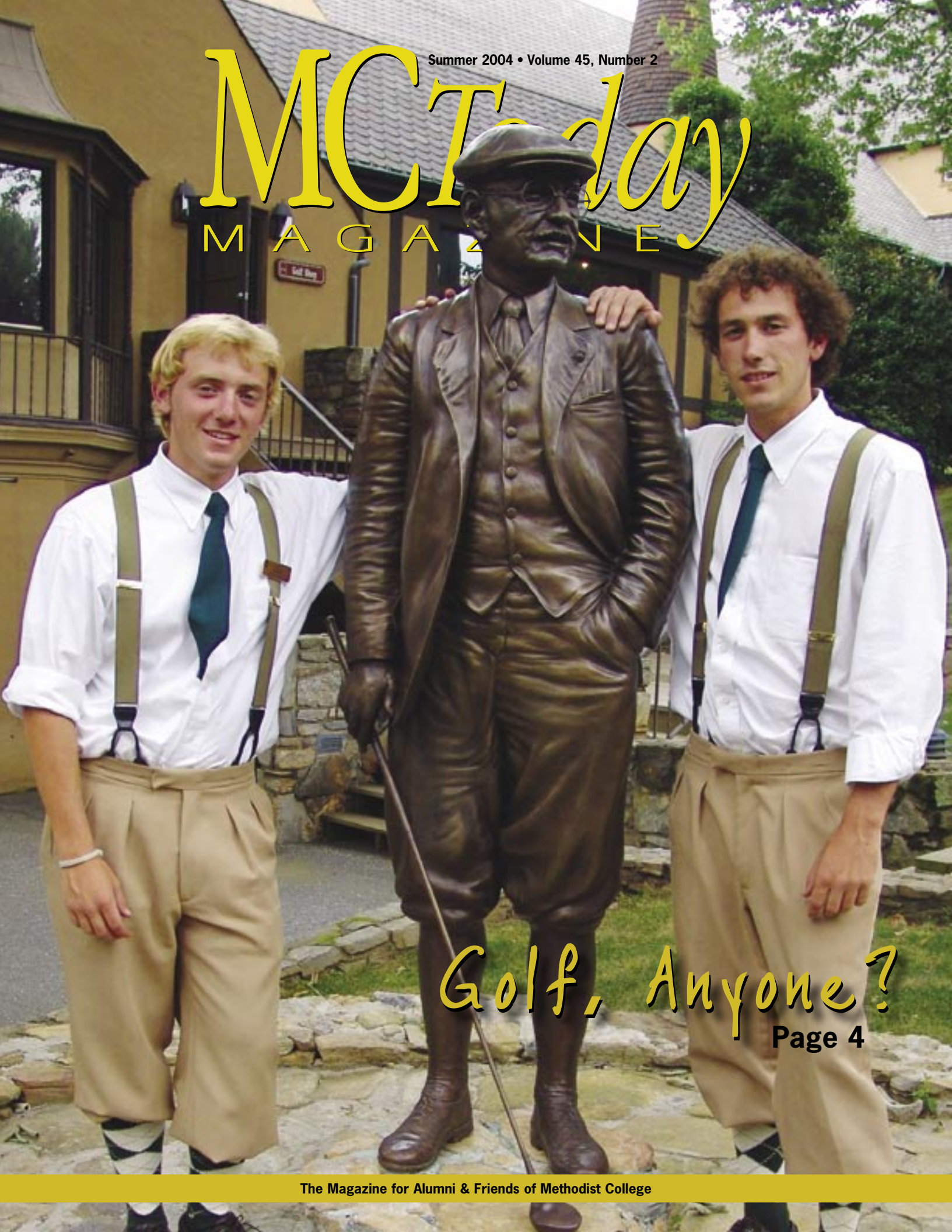


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Josh Gardner (left), a sophomore from Tryon, NC, and Charles Carswell, a sophomore from Lake Junaluska, NC, welcome guests to Asheville, NC's Grove Park Inn Resort and Spa in front of a statue of course architect Donald Ross.



Photo courtesy of Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa

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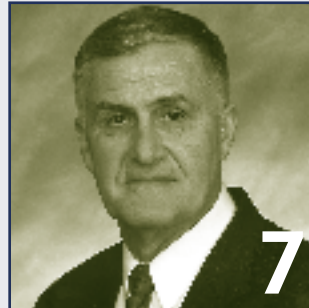
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# People in the Methodist Spotlight

Vice President for Academic Affairs **Phil Williams**, along with co-authors Dr. Brian Neureuther of Indiana State University and Dr. Philip Swicegood of Gardner-Webb University, was awarded the 2004 Best Paper Award for their paper entitled "The Efficacy of



**Williams**

Business Ethics Courses When Coupled with a Personal Belief System." The paper was judged by their peers at the College Teaching and Learning Conference at Walt Disney World. The paper was also published in *The Journal of College Teaching & Learning*.

Head of the Department of Social Work **Dr. Bonita Belcastro** was appointed a consulting editor for *The Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work* for a two-year term.



**Belcastro**

**Susan Pulsipher**, director of Library Services, presented a spatial technology showcase session on "Designing a Study of Why People Choose Particular Metadata Parameters" at the 7th annual International Crime Mapping Research Conference in Boston, MA.

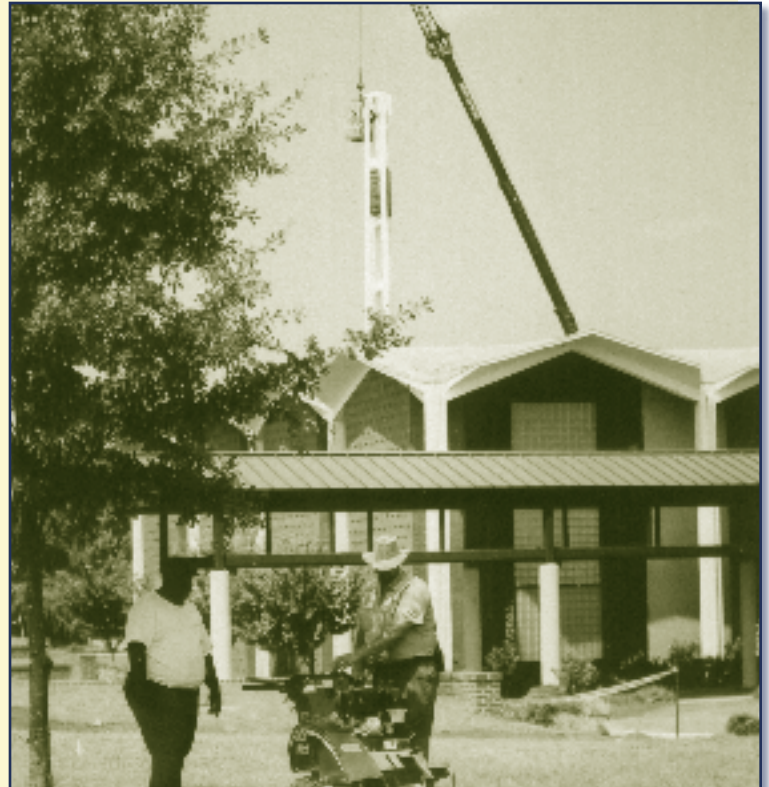
The University of Missouri Press recently published Professor of History **Dr. Peter Murray**'s book, *Methodists and the Crucible of Race, 1930-1975*. The book can be purchased from the MC Bookstore, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), or [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com). For an autographed copy, e-mail Dr. Murray at [pcmurray@methodist.edu](mailto:pcmurray@methodist.edu).



**Murray**

**Dr. Tat Chan**, professor of computer science, presented "A Software Tool in Java for Teaching CPU Scheduling" at the 15th annual conference of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges, South Central Region. The paper was also published in the *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*, Vol. 19, Number 4, 2004.

**Michelle Heinan**, head of the Medical Science Department, was published in *The Physician Assistant Medical Handbook*, 2nd Edition, by the WB Saunders Company. Her contributions were



## Summer Facelift

Maintenance staff spent the summer sprucing up the buildings and grounds. Workers had to overcome their fear of heights to replace lights in the Yarborough Bell Tower (in background) while Alonzo Jordan and Frank DeVico dug ditches for the irrigation of the central mall of campus. Other projects included office renovations, laying fiber optic cable to the Pines apartments and security upgrades in the residence halls.

included in the section on gastroenterology.



**Heinan**

**Deborah Riley**, purchasing agent, placed first in the Information Management Category and third in the Computer Applications category at the Phi Beta Lambda (college-level Future Business Leaders of America) State Leadership Conference.

**Evan Bridenstine**, assistant professor of theatre, has published "The View from Where?: Identity, Borrowed Speech, and Obscured Presence in Anne Nelson's *The Guys*" in *Text and Presentation*, Vol. 24.

# Methodist goes to Mongolia

While most people spend their summer vacations with family and friends, Rebecca Wendelken, director of global studies, spent time this summer with government dignitaries, an eagle hunter and members of the Mongolian Olympic Judo team, to name a few.

She was a participant in a Fulbright Hays trip to Mongolia to study the modernization of that country's living conditions. A historian, Wendelken went to Mongolia with a 12-person research team for the University of Pittsburgh comprised of experts from such varied fields as archeology, geography, economics, religion, geology and anthropology. Each person was conducting his or her own specialized study of an aspect

of contemporary Mongolia. Wendelken's area of interest was the evolution of gers, a traditional portable Mongolian dwelling, into cultural icons such as tourist stands, political headquarters, restaurants, and more. She also studied what impact modern conveniences have had on these houses.

The project was a first for Wendelken and she wants to encourage other Methodist professors to apply for Fulbright trips. "Typically, Fulbright projects involve a lengthy time commitment, but through this particular program you can participate in shorter, more narrowly-focused projects," she said. "The impact of this trip on my work is invaluable—there was so much of interest."



The June trip coincided with Mongolia's national elections. Political unrest did not deter the project but did provide interesting social commentary. "While in the capital of UlaanBataar, we saw, first-hand, how the Mongolian Peoples Revolutionary Party controlled Parliament and the media," Wendelken said. "The opposing party, the Motherland Democratic Coalition, had to rely on word-of-mouth and alternative methods of communication to get its message across. It was rather volatile."

The Fulbright group stayed in tents and weather conditions were less than optimal with temperatures soaring from below freezing near glacial lakes to 80 degrees in the stony desert. "The Mongolians are nomadic and we lived very much like they do," she said. "We moved from the capital, to the Altai Mountains, to the Gobi Desert and ate what our hosts provided." The most interesting food she ate was called kumiss, fermented horse milk, which turned out to be a reliable remedy for bronchial problems.

Other highlights of the trip included visits to Genghis Khan's capital, monasteries, a couple of national parks on the China/Russia borders and burial grounds dating back to 500 BC.

Wendelken's project report entitled "The Gers as a Cultural Icon" will be published by the University of Pittsburgh this fall and will be used by teachers and professors to teach about Mongolia. In addition, a few of the items

The impact of this trip on my work is invaluable



Wendelken

collected by Wendelken on the trip will be featured in a Mongolian exhibit at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Mars, PA, from October to January. For more information, contact her at [rwendelken@methodist.edu](mailto:rwendelken@methodist.edu).

**Above: An eagle hunter poses for Wendelken during her visit. Top Left: After moving to a new location, families erect the wooden support for the ger, the traditional Mongolian dwelling. Bottom Left: The Mongolian highway system is rudimentary—buses have to drive through rivers and over rough terrain.**





## A Fitting Tribute

On Saturday, February 28th, the former Union Station Student Center was re-named Chris' House, in honor of Chris Ryan. Ryan was the director of student activities until his death last fall.

Ryan's widow, Susan, and sons John David Christopher II, Joshua Chandler and Jefferson David Caleb unveiled the new signage at a special ceremony commemorating Ryan's life and his impact on Methodist College students.

## New Faces

Student Development and Services welcomed two new staff members this summer. Steve Bryant is the new director of public safety. He supervises the College's 15 security personnel and serves as the campus liaison to the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

He came to Methodist from Saint Augustine's College where he served as the director of campus police. He earned law enforcement certification from Beaufort County Community College and is a graduate of Fayetteville State University.

Deborah Vasquez is the new director of career services. She will assist students and alumni with career preparation, internship opportunities and placement services.

She previously worked in career services at Fayetteville State University. Vasquez is a member of the National Career Development Association, the Cooperative Education Association and the National Association of Colleges and Employers. She has a master's degree in counseling from Liberty University.



Bryant

Vasquez

# Methodist Recognizes Local Entrepreneurs

The Reeves School of Business' Center for Entrepreneurship honored the following six outstanding business and civic leaders during its annual Stock Market Symposium in April.

Featured on the cover of *Forbes* magazine in 1997 as "the nation's largest pig farmer," Wendell Murphy of Rose Hill, NC, was inducted into the Fellowship of the Silver Spoon. Murphy helped Murphy Family Farms revolutionize hog farming by developing highly-mechanized sow and farrowing operations.

A graduate of NC State University and a former high school teacher, he sold the company to Virginia-based Smithfield Foods, Inc., in January 2000.

Ralph and Linda Huff of Fayetteville received the Small Business Excellence Award for their success in making H&H Constructors one of the region's fastest-growing home builders. Huff founded H&H in 1991 after buying Coldwell Banker United Realty. In 2003, H&H employed 18 and had gross sales of \$25 million.

Greek immigrants John and Kay Poulos of Fayetteville received the American Business Ethics Award. The couple operated Superior Bakery for 31 years before selling it to their son, Nicko.

The Pouloses were also honored for their service to their church, the Cape Fear Kiwanis Club and to the Fayetteville community. John received the City of Fayetteville's Esther Dept and Mary MacAllister Award in 2003 for his work to improve race relations. Kay has served as national president of the Daughters of Evrytania Association, which serves the needy in this community and in Greece.

Olga B. "Bo" Thorp, artistic director of the Cape Fear Regional Theatre (CFRT), received the Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur Award for exemplary achievements in community theatre and her support of the arts. During

her 23-year tenure at CFRT, Thorp has led the transformation of the old Haymount Movie Theater into a state-of-the-art playhouse noted for high quality productions.

Thorp has won many accolades for her professionalism and enthusiasm. She recently received the Order of the Longleaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civilian honor.



Center for Entrepreneurship winners were honored with a reception at President Hendrick's home. Pictured L to R, Ralph Huff, Linda Huff, Bo Thorp, John Poulos, Kay Poulos, Wendell Murphy, Sid Gautam and Dr. Hendricks.

# Methodist Students



**F**rom Maine to Miami, the Outer Banks of NC to Pebble Beach and beyond, Professional Golf Management (PGM) students spend their summers working at some of the world's most famous golf courses. The program's rigorous internship program has become a model of networking, career preparation and follow-through.

PGM students pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration or marketing. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for careers as golf professionals in the private or public sector, resort or corporate golf structure, administration, marketing, club management, instruction, or sales.

Sixteen months of internships are required by the Professional Golf Association (PGA) of America, the accrediting body of the PGM program. The College's staff, under the leadership of Jerry

Hogge, director of the Institute for Golf and Tennis Management, has implemented a few program components which surpass the PGA's requirements.

First, there is one staff person assigned to oversee the internship program. As internship director, Charles Koonce is tasked with securing placements, assigning duties, conducting site visits, and assessment.

"These internships become an integral part of a student's academic and on-the-job training cycle," Koonce said. "They allow individuals to gain valuable experience for, and exposure to, career paths they may wish to pursue following graduation."

Emily Ranney, a sophomore from Bloomington, IL, completed her first internship this summer at Inverness Golf Club in Palatine, IL. "Having never worked at a club before, the internship was a real eye opener," she said.

"I have been playing golf since the sixth grade, but you sure get a

different perspective working at the club," Ranney continued. "I worked an average of 70 hours a week and learned so much. I hope to find my ideal job through my internship experience."

Second, the PGA requires that one internship last seven months. Rather than risk overwhelming an underclassman, Methodist delays the lengthy project until all other graduation requirements have been met. "Students entering the seven-month internship are ready to graduate," Koonce said. "We feel that, at that point, they are ready to meet the demands of the job market in a way that makes both them and the College proud."

Christian Swift, a senior from Edinboro, PA, is currently completing his final internship at the Country Club of Darien in Connecticut. "I've been given a heavier workload and there is much more of an emphasis on personal

responsibility," Swift said. As an assistant golf professional, he spends his time giving golf lessons, analyzing financial data, and upgrading the computer system, among other things.

"I would encourage students to take each internship seriously," he said. He also recommended interning at a variety of private, public and resort courses. "I learned early on that the way they do things at one type of club can be quite different from another. You have to learn to adapt and change with your clientele and management."

A third component unique to Methodist's program is that staff members conduct internship site visits to cultivate relationships, gain a sense of the student's job, understand the needs of the golf professional and to offer support. This summer, Koonce traveled more than 7200 miles, visiting more than 100 students in 18 states.

"The primary reason we've employed Methodist interns is the level of personal attention we've enjoyed from Charles Koonce and Jerry Hogge," said Brendan Walsh,

## This Lab is Lush and Green

When one thinks of a student laboratory, beakers and microscopes usually come to mind. But, if you're in professional golf management, you see driving ranges, practice greens and lush, green grass.

With that in mind, Jerry Hogge, director of the Institute for Golf and Tennis Management, designed a major renovation of the College's golf Practice Facility. The project involved the removal and reshaping of earth in the 10-acre driving range and more than 22,000 square feet of practice greens.

David Norviel was hired as the new golf course superintendent in June. He has more than 15 years of turf experience and an MBA from Emory University. He credits the golf maintenance staff for their hard work on the renovation. "Our students deserve the best 'laboratory' we



# Work the World of Golf

head golf professional at The Country Club in Brookline, MA, site of the 1999 Ryder Cup. "They always work hard to match the right students with our club. Methodist's program really stands out as going that extra mile."

Brett Zink, head golf professional at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, echoed Walsh's comments that the level of personal attention he has received from staff is what impressed him most. "The staff there listened to what I needed and then delivered it ten-fold," he said. "Our two interns were more than qualified to do the work, and they were enthusiastic and eager to learn. I wouldn't hesitate to hire them upon graduation."

More than 250 students seek internship placement every summer. The process begins early in the fall semester through initial contacts with golf professionals followed by resume writing and then interviews. Most students are placed by Christmas break.

This summer, students interned at such prestigious clubs as The Country Club of Birmingham (AL),

Pebble Beach Golf Links (CA), The Broadmoor Resort (CO), Amelia Island Plantation (FL), Olympia Fields Country Club (IL), Congressional Country Club (MD), Hazeltine National Golf Club (MN), Century Country Club (NY), Oakmont Country Club (PA), Kiawah Island Turtle Point (SC), Trophy Club (TX), The Promontory Club (UT), Farmington Country Club (VA), TPC Sawgrass (FL), Crooked Stick Golf Club (IL) and Bethpage State Park (NY). Many students work for organizations such as Titleist or at various PGA section offices.

While working at such world-class courses, many interns have the opportunity to experience major golfing events from behind-the-scenes. Students have worked such notable events as the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in Kohler, WI; the PGA Tour John Deere Classic at TPC at Deere Run in Moline, IL; and the U.S. Women's Open at The Orchard Golf Club in South Hadley, MA.

To earn credit for internships, students must have completed the appropriate course work and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0. Students must also pass random drug testing, another component unique to the program.

Koonce said the golf business is learned from "the outside in" and that developing customer service skills is key. Underclassmen are exposed to "the bigger picture" of golf operations by working in areas such as carts, bags, clinics and range patrol. Upperclassmen are typically employed in marketing or the retail and merchandising ends of the operation, applying business skills taught in the classroom.

The internships are generally paid, and some clubs provide housing and reduced meal costs. Upon completion of an internship, students submit a written report and are evaluated by both the on-site golf professional and a faculty member.

"The assessments and internship reports are taken quite seriously," said Koonce. "Our faculty and student

advisors use them as a valuable tool in career counseling."

Rick Lowe, vice president for enrollment services, said he is most impressed by the diversity and reputation of the PGM internships. "Our students are exposed to the highest caliber of courses while the staff cultivate relationships around the globe," he said. "The end result is a pool of successful graduates who buy into our program and, in turn, refer new students to the College. The exposure this program has brought the College is phenomenal."

Keith Hicklin is a 1996 alumnus who now employs interns at The Architect's Golf Club in Lopatcong, NJ. "Hiring Methodist interns is one way I can give back to the school and its students," he said.

"My internships really prepared me for the competitive job force and helped build my confidence," Hicklin said. "It really helps to know what you're in for before you enter the workforce."



**Members of the golf maintenance staff spent the summer upgrading the Practice Facility. They are, from L to R, Daniel Blades, Bobby Poteet, Bob Heaton, Ron Quenga, Michael Shields and David Norviel.**

can provide," he said. "I would rank our new range as one of the best in the Southeast."

The upgrades were designed to maintain a consistent level of play, especially in relationship to green speed, and to make the course experience comparable to that at local public courses. When the project began, the driving range was 1% grass and 99% dirt; now the reverse is true.

Irrigation was another major component of the renovation. Water from the Cape Fear River is now used, as needed, on the facility. Norviel said he is very concerned about the environment and that he hopes to have the complex certified by the Audubon Society this year.

Norviel and his staff are ready to welcome students to a "championship experience" this fall. "It is all about consistent, playable surfaces," Norviel said. "This is really something for us to be proud of."

# UP-COMING EVENTS...



## A Day of Appreciation

The Center for Entrepreneurship of the Reeves School of Business will honor MJ Soffe Co. for its contributions to the economy, quality of life and future of southeastern North Carolina on Tuesday, September 21.

The public is invited to dinner that evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. Individual tickets are \$50 and a table of eight can be purchased for \$375. The deadline to reserve seating is September 15th.

Contact Maria Taro for more information at (910) 630-7642.



## We are Family

Family Weekend 2004 will be September 17 – 19. Events include golf, a tour of historic downtown Fayetteville, a talent show, a catered picnic and athletic events including the football game against Salisbury. Brochures and registration forms will be mailed soon.



## Start planning for the holidays

Mark your calendars now for the annual Music Department Holiday Gala Concert on Tuesday, November 30 in Reeves Auditorium. Contact Jane Gardiner at (910) 630-7158 for more details.

## Picasso at the Lapidus Circle



### MC Theatre Production

September 23 – 26, 30 and October 1-3  
8 p.m. (Thursday-Saturday); 2 p.m. (Sunday)

Reeves Auditorium

Dr. Paul Wilson, (910) 630-7105





## Worth Waiting For

In a morning baccalaureate sermon entitled, "Not Yet," the Rev. Woodrow W. Wells Jr., a 1969 graduate of Methodist College, extolled the virtues of delayed gratification, saying heaven is the ultimate example of that credo. He decried the modern practice of cohabitation and said the decline of marriage is closely linked to a decline in religion.

"The gate is wide and easy that leads to destruction," he said. "Don't be in such a hurry for success that you run roughshod over honesty and integrity. Jesus wants us to say 'No' to what is cheap and easy and 'Yes' to what is precious, worthwhile, and everlasting."

Wells concluded his sermon by saying, "I did not come here to congratulate you, but to echo the call of Jesus Christ, 'I am the way, the truth and the light.' Good things come to those who wait. I wish for you all the best in life, but NOT YET."

# Retired General Stresses the Three F's

Speaking at the College's 41st spring commencement May 8, retired Army General H. Hugh Shelton urged each graduating senior to "become a person of value and remain true to yourself and your family."

Speaking 40 years after his own college graduation, Shelton encouraged the 146 seniors to



**College trustee Louis Spilman, Jr., (right) was escorted by former college vice president Dr. William Lowdermilk as he received an honorary degree at commencement.**

pursue their dreams by using opportunity, courage and strength of character to create a better world. He said their future success would depend on their own personal drive and determination.

"Never forget what's important in life," he added, "faith, family and friends." Shelton said the importance of the "three F's" was reinforced to him when

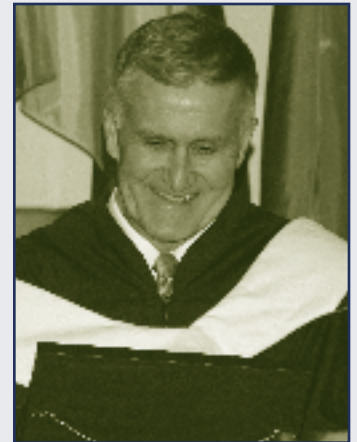
**Never forget what's important in life: faith, family & friends**

he suffered a spinal cord injury and paralysis two years ago. Ninety days after falling from a ladder, he walked out of Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said he discounts much of the negative opinion he hears about today's youth, saying, "In the last 38 years, I've had the honor of watching thousands of young men and women of your generation perform superbly in the most difficult missions around the world." He concluded his address by saying, "America is still a great and strong nation. It now falls on your shoulders to keep this so."

*In other commencement activities:*

- President M. Elton Hendricks presented honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees to General Shelton for his service to his country and the cause of higher education and to college trustee Louis Spilman Jr., a retired Fayetteville businessman and member of the first graduating class of Methodist College, for his service to the College and to the civic and religious life of the Fayetteville community.
- Sarika Bellis-Rodriguez received the Lucius Stacy Weaver Award,



**Shelton**

denoting her selection by the faculty as the senior who best exemplified academic excellence, spiritual development, leadership and service. The award was established in 1964 by the family of the College's founding president.

- Juan Castellanos presented the flag of Guatemala, his native country, to President Hendricks. The Guatemalan flag was the 69th flag presented to Methodist since 1985, when the custom of allowing foreign-born graduates to present the flags of their native countries was begun.
- Eight Army ROTC cadets took the Oath of Allegiance and were commissioned second lieutenants.
- Forty-nine members of the spring graduating class earned academic honors, eight graduating *summa cum laude*, 15 *magna cum laude* and 26 *cum laude*.

**Charles Christie, the 2003 male scholar athlete of the year, carried the College's mace.**

## 8 Spring Commencement



### Spring 2004 Graduates

#### Bachelor of Arts

Sarika Bellis-Rodriguez, Cannie Bethea, Justin Bice, Johnny Blackwell, Keisha Blackwell, Juan Bobadilla, Rebecca Buck, Ilka Cartwright, Darl Champion Jr., Annette Coy, Ingvild Guerrero, Matthew Holmes, Clarence Hubbard Jr., Rebecca Kennedy, Ericka Kimbrough, Jonathan Lambert, Nicole Long, Vincent Mearns, Michelle Muthiani, Jessica Navarro, Bryanna Patterson, Jessica Payton, Benjamin Porter, Michael Porter, Tara Prewitt, Bryan Reed, Yvette Santellana-Hoge, Donna Tewell, Catherine Texidor and Amy Watts

#### Bachelor of Music

David Dickerson and Emmaline Taylor

#### Bachelor of Science

Jesus Adames, Earsley Autry, Anna Baker, Kyle Barrington, Jeffrey Beitzel, Janet Bird, Terrence Boatwright, David Borkowski, Kirkland Brown, John Brunson III, Samantha Byrd, Shelley Cameron, Bonnie Carr, Juan Castellanos, Rachel Coles, Jason Collins, Renae Crawford, Michael Criscoe III, Jennifer Davidson, Virginia Deffendall, Jennifer Dollyhigh, Vanessa Eastman, Fredericka Elliott, Mark Faircloth, Lowell Fischer Jr., Katherine Franklin, Alison Frazee, James Gales, Patrick Giblin, Eugene Godfrey, Bianca Goo, Arthur Goodman, Charles Grady, Kandi Greer, Elizabeth Grey, Gregory Hanna, Laura Hart, Adam Hunter, Michael Ippolito, Ilya Ivanov, Celena Jackson, Nakisha

Jackson, Gabriel Jacobs, Alden Johnson, Richard Jones, Gregory Jorgenson, Jennifer Kemp, Janell Kennedy, Christopher Kidd, Hyun Kim, Robert Kirkham, Tatyana Kolmychevskaya, Robert Kovack, Sallee LaFave, Margot Lampe, Keri LaSalla, Erik Lashley, Stephanie Lee, Shannon Lerch, Norman Lockhart, Shannon Lockhart, James Lucas, Lauren Maloney, Timothy McAdam, Paula McLean, Jason Meier, Louis Mello, Rosa Nebo, Jared Nelson, Thomas Nicholson, Christie Noble, Sonji Nock, Stephanie Noonan, Isaac Norris, Erik Olsen, Russell Orr II, Jeremy Page, Holly Phillips, John Piascik, Amy Quinn, Marc Raphael, William Reece Jr., Charles Reimers, Nickole Ross, William Rudisill Jr., Pauline Shacklewood, Joshua

Small, Susan Small, Danielle Smith, Sondra Smith, Jason St. Clair, Lori Stewart, Lisa Strittmatter, Ann Taylor, Jason Taylor, Porscha Teneyek-Henson, Michael Thorne, Teppei Wakatsuki, Kevin Wallace, Natalie Warf, Erik West, Elliott Williams, Long Wu, Kimberly Yates and Kenichi Yokota

#### Bachelor of Social Work

Sarika Bellis-Rodriguez, Thea Levine, Cynthia Shepard, Sheryl Taylor and Michael Thorne

#### Associate of Arts

Kamilah Cummings, Lucretia Dines, Sheri Hines, Silvano Matone, Ricky Nagrampa, Akira Nakamura and Yvette Santellana-Hoge

# Catching up... with retirees

Lynn Clark, assistant to the president for special events, often visits with the College's retirees to keep them informed of campus happenings and to stay connected. To share your information, call (910) 630-7243 or e-mail Lynn at [lclark@methodist.edu](mailto:lclark@methodist.edu). Some recent updates include:

**Garland Knott**, retired head of the Religion and Philosophy Department, underwent heart surgery in December. He says he feels fine and has been attending exercise classes every week. His wife, Kathleen, passed away a couple of years ago and he still attends an Alzheimer's support group, partly for his own benefit and partly to help others. In addition, Garland has participated in several research projects at Duke and has even made plans "to donate his brain when he is through with it." He is very involved at Trinity United Methodist Church where he teaches a middle school Sunday school class, works with summer Vacation Bible School (they need someone who knows Hebrew), serves on the Parsonage Committee and mentors a confirmand. In June, he returned to Fayetteville for Annual Conference. He enjoyed staying with Jennifer Rohrer-Walsh and Richard Walsh, and seeing Bob and Kathy Christian, Mike and Anna Marr, former students, and current staff. Now living at Croasdaile Village in Durham, he attends Durham Bulls games, the ballet, modern dance performances, the opera, and art exhibits. He also takes Spanish lessons in his spare

time. "So you see, I manage to stay busy," he said. "Some retirees wonder how they ever had time to hold a job!"

**James Elliott** recently joined our Methodist College retirees. A reception was held for him in the Mallett-Rogers House. Elliott came to Methodist in 1967 and has been a dedicated member of our maintenance staff. We will miss him.

**Earleene Bass'**, former faculty secretary, husband, James, passed away recently and we offer our sympathy to her and her family.

On August 1st, **Alan Porter**, retired head of the Fine Arts Division, officially retired as director of music at Hay Street United Methodist Church.

**Fellow maintenance workers Mike Lowe (left) and Bobby Bell (right) congratulate James Elliott on his retirement.**

**Lynn Brewer**, secretary to the Science and Math Departments, retired in the spring. She is now spending her time traveling with her husband. Best wishes to Lynn.



## A Trustee Tribute

Friends of the late John W. Wyatt, Jr. gathered on campus June 15 to remember the local businessman, philanthropist and College trustee. The Board of Trustees presented Wyatt's wife, Dot, with a resolution of appreciation for his service to the College, and family and friends lauded Wyatt for his business success, Christian ethics, and devotion to his church, family, and charitable causes in the Fayetteville community.

A native of Danville, VA, Wyatt founded Valley Volkswagon in the mid 1960s. Over the next 36 years, the dealership grew to become Valley Motors and Valley Auto World, selling Volkswagen, Mercedes, BMW and Mazda products from three locations. Wyatt served on the College's Board of Trustees nearly 16 years before his death on January 29, 2004 at the age of 73.



**Dot Wyatt, wife of the late John Wyatt, Jr., accepts a resolution of appreciation from the Board of Trustees.**

## New Trustee

The Board of Trustees welcomed Ann H. Thornton of Clinton, NC to its membership on July 1, 2004. A self-employed businessperson, she owned and operated Bright Leaf Tobacco Warehouse. She and her husband, the late Albert G. Thornton, Jr., also owned Thornton Chevrolet and Toyota in Clinton.

Thornton has three children and six grandchildren. She is active with First United Methodist Church in Clinton and the Rotary Club. She sits on the board of directors of the Sampson Community College Foundation Board, New Century Bank, Sampson Regional Hospital Foundation, the Clinton Development Corporation "Main Street Project," and the NC Museum of History.



**Thornton**

# Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

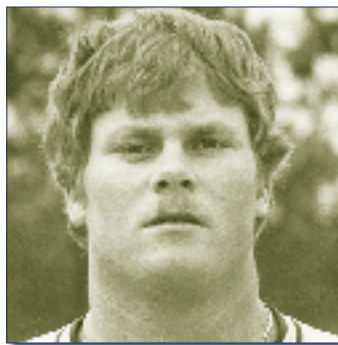
Four former Methodist College athletes will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at a banquet on October 22 at the March F. Riddle Center as part of Homecoming festivities. Kelly Cap, Mike Currie, Mickey Sokalski and DeCarlos West will bring the total number of Hall of Fame inductees to 27. For banquet and ticket information, please contact the Athletic Department at (910) 630-7175.

### Mike Currie

*(Baseball, 1981-1984)*

Mike Currie was the first of many baseball standouts under head coach Tom Austin at Methodist College. During his four seasons, Currie excelled both at the plate and on the mound. He holds the Methodist single-game record for RBIs with eight and single-season batting average at .442. Currie also holds the Methodist career batting average at .396. He is one of only three Monarchs to ever be a four-time first-team

All-Conference selection and was a two-time All-American—the first ever under Austin. Currie led the nation as a senior in both doubles and RBIs and is one of only four Monarchs to ever have his jersey retired. Currie is the fifth baseball player to be elected to the Methodist Athletic Hall of Fame.



Currie

### Mickey Sokalski

*(Men's Golf, 1980-1984)*

Mickey Sokalski was one of the pioneers in the strong tradition of men's golf at Methodist College. For four years, he was the top player under head coach Gene Clayton and led the Monarchs to four straight conference championships. Sokalski paced the Monarchs to second and third place finishes at the NCAA Division III National Tournament and was the first three-time Division III All-American at Methodist.

In addition, he was also the first four-time All-Conference honoree in men's golf at Methodist and was a two-time conference champion. Sokalski becomes the third player in men's golf to be elected to the Methodist Athletic Hall of Fame.



Sokalski



Cap

### Kelly Cap

*(Women's Golf, 1992-1995)*

The third women's golfer to be elected to the Methodist Athletic Hall of Fame, Kelly Cap was a part of the Lady Monarchs' continued dominance at the national level in the early to mid-1990s. She was a four-time NCAA Division III All-American (one of six in the history of Methodist women's golf), and she helped lead the Lady Monarchs to four straight national championships. In addition, she

represented the United States in the USA versus Japan matches in 1995. Upon turning professional in 1996, Cap played four seasons on the Futures Tour before receiving her LPGA Tour card, and she currently plays on the LPGA Tour.

### DeCarlos West

*(Football, 1994-1997)*

The first-ever football player to be inducted into the Methodist Athletic Hall of Fame, DeCarlos West is perhaps the best offensive player ever in Methodist football. A four-year starter at tailback, West holds both the single-season and career records for rushing yards, the single-season and career records for touchdowns scored and the single-game-record for touchdowns scored. West was selected Division III honorable mention All-American as a senior.



West

## Home Athletic Schedules: 2004 Fall Season

### Football

| Date     | Opponent            | Time      |
|----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Sept. 11 | Guilford            | 1:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 18 | Salisbury           | 1:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 9   | Averett             | 1:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 16  | Ferrum              | 1:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 23  | Christopher Newport | 1:30 p.m. |

### Men's Soccer

| Date     | Opponent                | Time      |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 29  | Virginia Wesleyan       | 3:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | North Carolina Wesleyan | 4:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 4   | Guilford                | 4:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 9   | Christopher Newport     | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 11  | Mount Olive             | 4:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 16  | Shenandoah              | 3:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 23  | Hampden-Sydney          | 3:30 p.m. |

### Women's Soccer

| Date     | Opponent            | Time      |
|----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Sept. 1  | Meredith            | 4:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 16 | Greensboro          | 4:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | Mount Olive         | 4:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 5   | UNC-Pembroke        | 4:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 9   | Christopher Newport | 1:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 16  | Catholic            | 1:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 23  | Shenandoah          | 1:00 p.m. |

### Men's & Women's Cross Country

| Date    | Opponent                   | Time      |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Sept. 4 | Methodist Invitational     | 9:00 a.m. |
| Oct. 2  | Clayton-Sykes Invitational | 4:00 p.m. |

### Volleyball

| Date     | Opponent                           | Time       |
|----------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Sept. 3  | Monarch-Angel Invitational         |            |
|          | Salem                              | 4:00 p.m.  |
|          | LaGrange                           | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Sept. 4  | Monarch-Angel Invitational (cont.) |            |
|          | Meredith                           | 10:00 a.m. |
| Sept. 8  | Randolph-Macon Woman's             | 3:00 p.m.  |
|          | Greensboro                         | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Sept. 21 | Chowan                             | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Sept. 28 | Roanoke                            | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Sept. 30 | Ferrum                             | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Oct. 13  | North Carolina Wesleyan            | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Oct. 23  | USA South Tri-Match                |            |
|          | Shenandoah                         | 12:00 p.m. |
|          | Peace                              | 5:00 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!

Monarchs  
on the  
Web

This fall you can catch Monarch football and basketball action live from anywhere in the world via computer. Log on to <http://www.methodist.edu/monarchs/index.htm> and follow the link to hear live webcasts of selected home games.

Turn up the volume and hear the Monarchs roar!

## Lady Monarchs capture seventh straight national title

Seven was definitely the lucky number for the Lady Monarchs as they captured the 2004 NCAA Division III National Championship at The Golf Courses of Lawsonia on May 11-14 in Great Lakes, WI. The title marks the seventh straight for Methodist and 17th in the last 19 seasons.

The championship was the closest in many seasons for Methodist. The Lady Monarchs fended off a strong challenge by Mary Hardin-Baylor, winning by two strokes. Methodist finished with a 1,303, compared to 1,305 for Hardin-Baylor. De Pauw finished third with a 1,315, followed by

**SEVENPEAT!!!**

Wisconsin-Oshkosh (1,321), and Wisconsin-Eau Claire (1,344) rounded out the top five. Charlotte Williams, a freshman, shot a final-round 84 to finish tied for second place. Heather Martin finished 11th with a 327 (82-81-78-81), while Hope Thomas finished tied for 19th with a 332 (80-85-81-86). Melissa Arnett



**NCAA Division III national women's golf champions, from L to R, Heather Martin, Jennifer Lymangood, Hope Thomas, Melissa Arnett and Charlotte Williams.**

and Jennifer Lymangood each tied for 31st with a 340.

Williams was selected as the Division III Freshman of the Year, while garnering All-American honors with Thomas and Martin. Thomas became the sixth player in the history of women's golf at Methodist to be a four-time All-American.



**USA South Athletic Conference men's golf champions, from L to R, Mike Townsend, Adam Horton, Coach Steve Conley, James Ondo, Eric Dugas and James Stewart.**



**The men's basketball team celebrates winning the 2004 USA South Athletic Conference championship.**

## Winter/Spring Athletic Honors

### TEAMS

*Women's Golf*, NCAA Division III National Champions

*Baseball, Men's Basketball, Men's Golf and Men's Track & Field*, NCAA Division III National Tournament Appearances

*Men's Basketball, Men's Golf, Lacrosse, Men's Tennis and Women's Tennis*, USA South Athletic Conference Regular Season Champions

*Baseball, Men's Basketball, Men's Golf and Women's Tennis*, USA South Athletic Conference Tournament Champions

### COACHES

*David Smith (Men's Basketball), Steve Conley (Men's Golf), Jill*

### COACHES, cont.

*Penrose (Lacrosse) and Kelly Callahan (Women's Tennis)*, USA South Athletic Conference Coaches of the Year

### ATHLETES

*Adam Horton (Men's Golf) and Emily Neilsen (Lacrosse)*, USA South Athletic Conference Players of the Year

*Charlotte Williams (Women's Golf)*, Division III Freshman of the Year

*Heather Martin (Women's Golf), Hope Thomas (Women's Golf), Charlotte Williams (Women's Golf), Adam Horton (Men's Golf) and James Stewart (Men's Golf)*, Division III All-Americans

# A Conversation with Laurie Cherry

Cynthia Curtis, director of college relations, sat down with Laurie Cherry, the new director of alumni affairs, to talk with her about her philosophies on engaging alumni in the life of Methodist College.

**Curtis:** First tell us a little about yourself.

**Cherry:** I am a military wife and the mother of three and this is the second time my family has lived in Fayetteville. We have come to greatly appreciate the people of Fayetteville and all this community has to offer. As my husband is originally from Mt. Olive, my family has North Carolina roots, and we are thankful to be close to home.

My previous alumni work was through the Association of Graduates for the United States Military Academy at West Point. I've also worked for the American Lung Association of NC, Cape Fear Regional Theatre in Fayetteville and the Virginia Arts Festival in Norfolk.

**Curtis:** What do you think the advantages/disadvantages are of being a non-alum of Methodist?

**Cherry:** Clearly, the disadvantage is that I did not have the Methodist College experience as a student. The advantage is that I've come here without bias and with nearly 10 years of development experience involving diverse populations.



**Cherry**

**Curtis:** What role do you think alumni play in the life of the College?

**Cherry:** Alumni are one of the College's most valuable resources. They are our history, our success and our future. Alumni are the ones that professors and coaches tell stories about to current students... the ones who created traditions that are still cherished... the ones who are making a difference in their respective fields, in our communities and in our nation. They are the ones who contribute to the College to make it better for future generations.

**Curtis:** What has been the most interesting finding of the current alumni survey?

**Cherry:** To date, more than 340 alumni have responded to the survey, which is still in progress. The most exciting findings are 78% indicate they are interested in attending events

and 33% would like to become more involved in committees. Personally, I love reading the responses regarding what made alumni choose Methodist. I am proud to say that personal attention from faculty and staff and a welcoming atmosphere were major factors, and still are for today's students.

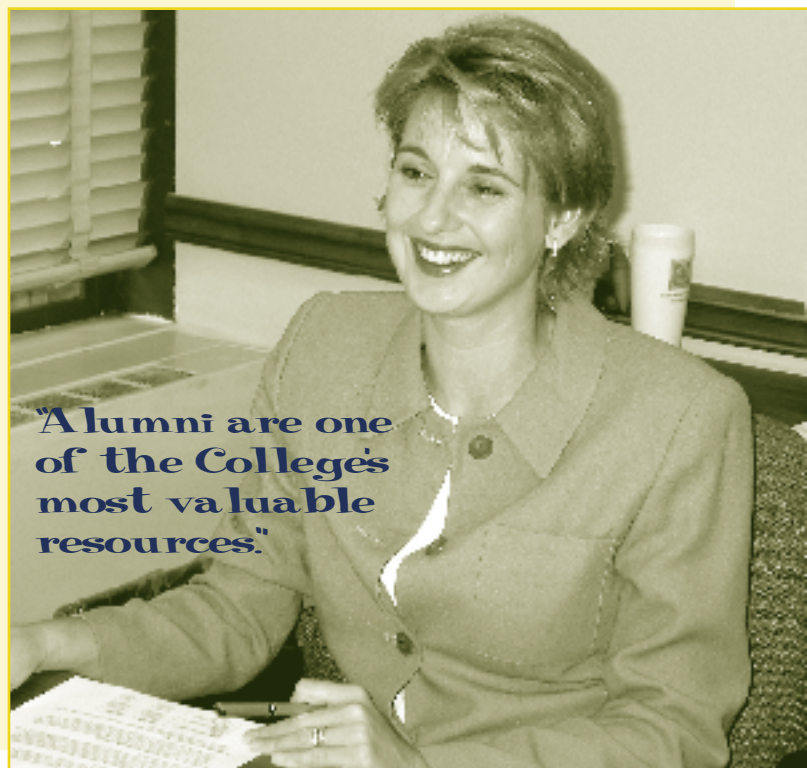
**Curtis:** What are your goals for the alumni association?

**Cherry:** My goal is to build upon the great work that has been done by past and current association board members by continuing to

provide opportunities for alumni to connect with classmates and faculty they hold dear, inform them of improvements and accomplishments being made on campus, provide a variety of opportunities for them to give back to the college and give them the tools they need to recruit new students. Successful alumni, who are willing to share their story with prospective students, are one of the College's greatest assets.

**Curtis:** What is the largest obstacle you face in your job?

**Cherry:** Alumni needs and preferences change as they age. My challenge is to identify and meet those needs. Along with this comes the challenge of maintaining up-to-date addresses and contact information. Focusing on keeping our database as accurate as possible will allow increased communication about the many things happening on and off campus.



**"Alumni are one of the College's most valuable resources."**



**Bethea-Hunter**

## Engagements

**Eric Shillinger** '98 and Stacy Stainbrook of Bethlehem, PA are engaged to be married on Oct. 3, 2004. Stacy is the assistant to the provost and director of international affairs at Lehigh University. Eric is an assistant golf professional at Saucon Valley Country Club. A Maui honeymoon is planned.



**Bryson-Noll**

## Weddings

**Cannie Bethea** '04 and **Tavares Hunter** '02 were married on June 12, 2004 in Fayetteville. Rachel Bethea, a rising sophomore; and graduates **Cassandra Bolston** '03, **Rebecca Kennedy** '04, and **Krystal Taylor** '02 served as bridesmaids. The groomsmen included **Bryan Reed** '04, **Shaun Bowman** '02 and current sophomore Cedric Stout. The Hunters reside in Fayetteville at 7006 Candlewood Dr., 28314.



**Daily-Sellers**

**Derek Noll** '00 and Kelly Bryson married on Aug. 16, 2003 at the Woodlake Resort and Golf Club in Vass, NC. **Whitney Trimble** '00 was best man and **Patrick Hanna** '00 served as a groomsman. Derek is the head professional at The Carolina in Pinehurst. Kelly has her own graphic arts business, All About Art Forms, in Southern Pines. The couple resides in Pinehurst.

**Victoria Page** '03 married Joseph Edison on April 24, 2004 at the Cape Fear Botanical Garden in Fayetteville. Dr. Robert Christian, of the Humanities Department, officiated the ceremony. Victoria currently teaches English and advises the yearbook at Pine Forest High School.

**Telly Sellars** '98 married Heather Daily on June 18, 2004 in Louisville, KY. Telly is a professional counselor and instructor at Jefferson Community College. Heather is the co-owner/operator of The Daily Management Group, a real estate management

company. Friends are encouraged to contact them at [tellyray@yahoo.com](mailto:tellyray@yahoo.com).

**Katrina Sheckels** '01 married Jozsef Jambor, Jr. on June 19, 2004 at Hope Mills United Methodist Church in Hope Mills, NC.

**Anne Zahran** '03 and Jeff Benenhaley were married at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fayetteville on June 5, 2004.

## Births

**Jim Espinoza** '89 and his wife, Sandra, announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Amanda. She was born April 26, 2004.

**Bryan** and **Connie (Clow) May** '92, '94, announce the birth of their second son, Matthew James. He was born July 20, 2004. His older brother, Andrew, is 3.

## Class Notes

### 1966

**Dr. Thomas S. Yow III** has been selected as the new president and CEO of the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation, effective May 3, 2004.

### 1968

**Johnny Lipscomb** sent a postcard from the Caribbean. He and **John Haracivet** '67 were part of a sailboat race and send greetings, especially to **Linda Gravitt** '82 and **Bill Billings** '68.

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**Lipscomb and Haracivet**

## Alumni—Express Your Opinion—It's Not Too Late!

Your opinion on alumni programs and services is very important to Methodist College. To date, 344 alumni have responded to the alumni survey. The information received from these surveys will have a major influence in directing future alumni programming.

When asked why they chose MC, many alumni expressed feelings similar to this response: "I chose Methodist College because of the location and the fact that class sizes were smaller. I was able to have more interaction with my professors and was given personal attention when needed."

One alumnus would like to see "more involvement between alumni and current students during MC events" and many alumni expressed a desire to see more graduate programs.

It is not too late for you to participate. You may submit your survey online at [www.methodist.edu/alumni/survey.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/alumni/survey.htm) or fax it to (910) 630-7683.

Thank you for your part in helping direct the future of Methodist College and your alumni programs. Please look for more information on alumni survey responses in a future edition of *MC Today*.

## Mark Your Calendars

### Central Virginia Alumni Event

September 12  
Home of Chip & Sarah Dicks '73

### Pinehurst Area Alumni Event

October 3  
Home of Tom & Debbie Miriello '70

### Homecoming

October 22-23  
See additional information on page 15.



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**1974**

**Leonard and Coleen Doucette** announce the marriage of their son, Michael, to Jennifer Fornes, on May 15, 2004 at the Stallings River House in Oriental. Jennifer is a nurse at Craven Regional Medical Center and Michael is a carpenter with a local contractor in Pamlico County. The couple will live in Arapahoe.

**1978**

**Claudia Harrelson** has been appointed to serve Sparta United Methodist Church, Sparta, NC, effective June 29, 2004. She was a delegate from the WNC Annual Conference to the 2004 Sparta General Conference and the 2004 SEJ Jurisdictional Conference.

**1980**

**Dona Stewart** is living at home with her mom and stepfather.

Her daughter is now 16. Dona enjoys art, ballet, horseback riding, hiking, religion and listening to classical music.

**1986**

**Renny Taylor** has taken the position of athletic director and head boy's basketball coach at Rocky Mount Academy, effective July 1, 2004. Previously he served as sports information director and assistant men's basketball coach at NC Wesleyan College.

**1992**

**Jeff Hawes**, Alamance Country Club's director of tennis, has been named the Southern Division Professional of the Year by the U.S. Tennis Professional Association. Jeff was selected from more than 1,500 tennis pros in a nine-state area.

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**Conference Luncheon**

Alumni, clergy friends, laity friends, trustees and friends of the College enjoyed a time of fellowship and an update on the College during the NC Annual Conference June 11th. Hope Mills United Methodist Church hosted the luncheon. L, front to back, Dennis Sheppard '77, David Grissom and David Beck '95. R, front to back, Curtis Mull, Barbara Sheppard '80 and Tryon Lancaster.



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**Call for Nominations**



**2003 Alumni Awards**  
 The Alumni Association Board of Directors welcomes nominations from alumni, faculty/staff and friends for the 2004 Alumni Awards presented annually at Homecoming. All information must be received by October 1.  
 Send information to Alumni Office, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311 or [Icherry@methodist.edu](mailto:Icherry@methodist.edu).

**Distinguished Alumni Award**  
 Given to alumni for achievement in their profession and/or service of the highest order to their community.

**Outstanding Alumni Service Award**  
 Given for outstanding service and dedication to the Methodist College Alumni Association.

**Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award**  
 Given to a faculty or staff member for excellence in teaching, involvement in the college community and the local community.



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**1993**

**Rich Wittmann** is a veterinarian at Long Animal Hospital and lives in Charlotte.

**1996**

**Barbie Ward** has started a new job and is now the design assistant for S.C. Hondros & Associates, Inc., an engineering and construction company in Charlotte.

**Tim Mueller** is the general manager of the Kannapolis Intimidators, a Class-A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox. He would

love to hear from alumni in the Charlotte area and has actually seen quite a few alumni at the ballpark over the last few years.

**1998**

**Jamelle Ushery** graduated from East Carolina University in May '04 with a master's degree in applied economics.

**2000**

**Nick Whited** graduated from Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, KY in May 2002 with a master's of education in counseling and human development. He is currently working for the Virginia



**The Whiteds**

Department of Corrections as a psychologist. Nick married Alena Brown in September 2003.

## Alumni Association Board of Directors

- Leslie Antoniel '99
- Sylvia Boland '82
- Robby Boswell '85
- Jamie Danjoint '01
- Kevin Dennison '95
- Nona Fisher '88
- April Gentry '00
- Jamie Glass '91
- John Harris '81
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- Dale Marshall '67
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- Dwight Sheppard '75
- Mike Stone '92
- Cal Violette '84

## Please Help Us Find Lost Alumni

The Office of Development & Alumni Affairs needs your assistance. Our records indicate that we have lost track of 1,200 Methodist College alumni. Our hope is that you may know where some of them are.

Refer to the web address below to see a listing of lost alumni and former students. [http://www.methodist.edu/Alum\\_dev/alumni\\_lost.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/Alum_dev/alumni_lost.htm)

If you have an address, phone number or e-mail address, we would love to have it. If you do not have specific information, but know the general area they are living in, this information is helpful to us as well.

Please provide your response to Krista Lee via phone at (800) 488-7110,

(910) 630-7200, or e-mail at [klee@methodist.edu](mailto:klee@methodist.edu).

Thanks so much!



## What's New With You?

We would like to hear about your personal and professional accomplishments. Share your information for a future *MC Today Magazine*. Address information is not published except by your

request. We reserve the right to edit and condense announcements. Photographs are welcome and will be used as space allows. You may also submit information via e-mail to [Icherry@methodist.edu](mailto:Icherry@methodist.edu). Please include your name and class year.

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September 13

**Fall Convocation**

Reeves Auditorium  
11 a.m.

September 17 – 19

**Family Weekend 2004**

Heather Dunbar, (910) 630-7169

September 21

**MJ Soffe Appreciation Day**

Maria Taro, (910) 630-7642

September 23 – 26, 30

**MC Theatre Production**

*Picasso at the Lapin Agile*  
Reeves Auditorium  
Thurs. – Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m.  
Dr. Paul Wilson, (910) 630-7105

October 1 – 3

**MC Theatre Production**

*Picasso at the Lapin Agile*  
Reeves Auditorium  
Fri., Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m.  
Dr. Paul Wilson, (910) 630-7105

November 17 – 21

**MC Theatre Production**

*Little Red Riding Hood: The Opera*  
Reeves Auditorium  
Wed. – Sat. 7 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m.  
Dr. Paul Wilson, (910) 630-7105

November 30

**Music Department Holiday Gala Concert**

Reeves Auditorium  
7 p.m.  
Jane Gardiner, (910) 630-7158



# Calendar of Events



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