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for Night
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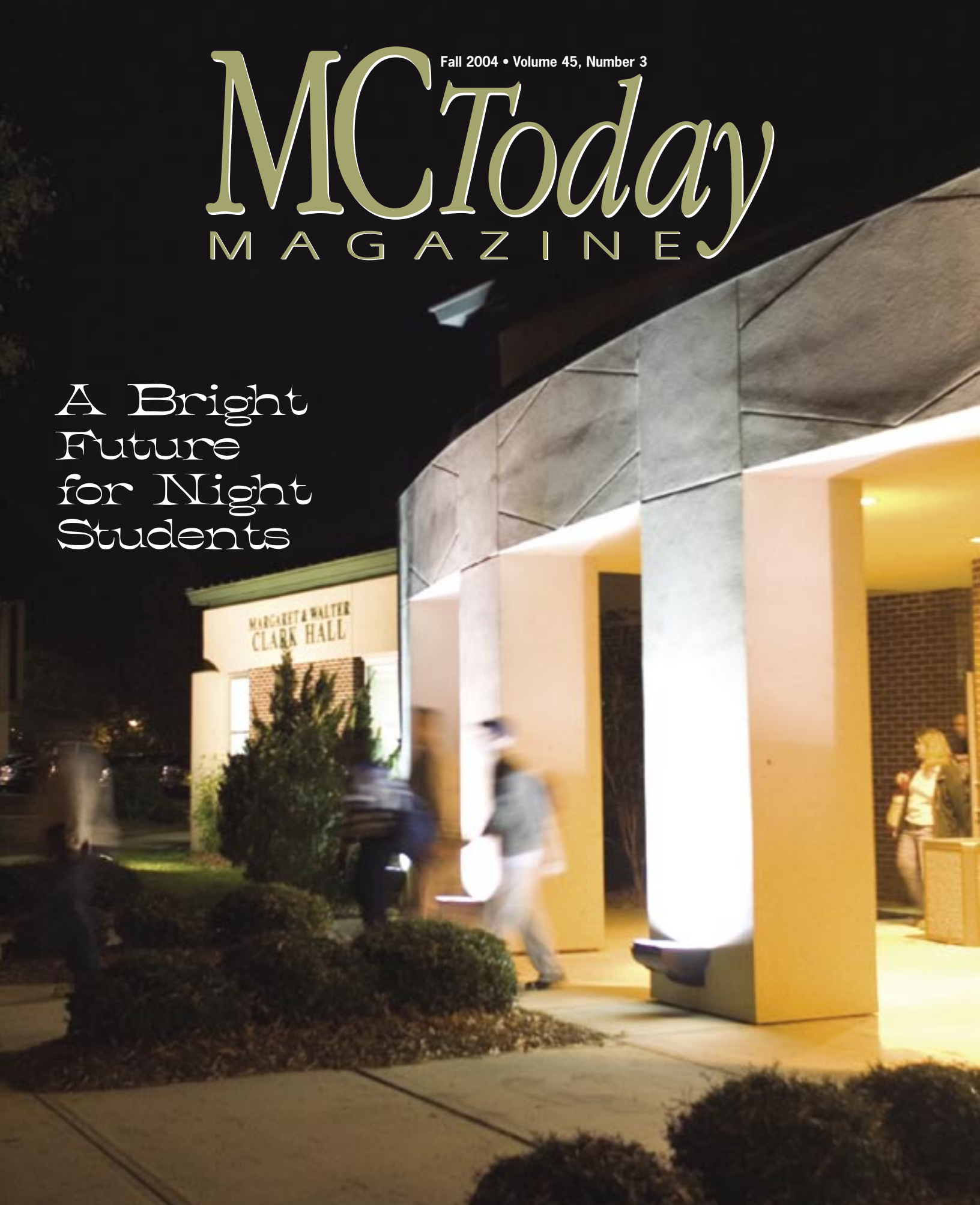


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People in the Methodist Spotlight

Interim Dean of the Reeves School of Business **Dr. Jeffrey Zimmerman** and assistant professor of marketing **Sherri Schmidt-Coultrup** presented their paper, "From Good to Great Through Games and Experiences" at the 2004 Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs in Phoenix, AZ.



Zimmerman

Evan Bridenstine, assistant professor of theatre, appeared as J.P. Morgan in the Heritage Repertory Theatre production of *Ragtime*.

Dean of the School of Information and Technology **Willis Watt** has been appointed a member of Franklin Covey, Inc.'s Client Facilitator Advisory Board.

Trevor Morris, director of the Division of Political Science, was interviewed by *Nait Soez'n*, a Dutch magazine, on the subject of internet scams, scam-baiting and internet regulation. The article appeared in the October issue.

Associate Professor of English **Robin Greene** recently conducted two professional development workshops for Cumberland County high school English teachers—*Teaching Critical Reading of Informational Texts* and *Teaching Argumentation*. She was also recently selected to serve on a grants panel for the North Carolina Arts Council's 2005 Touring Writers program. One of her poems, "Trouble Is" appears in the fall issue of the *White Pelican Review*.



Morris

Vickie Erben, assistant professor of English, has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Cumberland County Partnership for Children, an organization that provides funding through Smart Start and other sources to prepare children for kindergarten. She also gave a presentation entitled "The Colors of Caitlin's World: The Story of a Little Girl" at a forum sponsored by the Children's Organizations Linking Opportunities, Resources, and Support in Cumberland County.

Best-selling crime writer Patricia Cornwell invited Assistant Professor of justice studies **Dr. Maurice Godwin** to speak at the 5th annual Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine conference in Las Vegas, NV. His topic was "Geographical Profiling."

Charles Lewis, public health specialist in the Physician Assistant Program, presented lectures on bioterrorism and travel medicine at the Veterans Affairs Physician Assistant Association conference in Myrtle Beach, SC.



Greene



Members of the Laity and Clergy Friends, led by trustee Tom Walden, volunteered their time sprucing up the upstairs of the Berns Student Center. Above, Dr. William Lowdermilk, former College vice president, caulks trim in a re-furbished seating area.

College Honors Faculty, Staff *for Years of Service*

20 YEARS

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



Dottie Cassanova
Science Department



Samuel Clark, III
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Peggy Sautter
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10 YEARS



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Education



Marvin McGathy
Housekeeping



Michael Potts
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Richard Rode
Business Affairs



Michael Sullivan
Healthcare Administration



Jeffrey Zimmerman
Reeves School of Business

Enrollment reaches 1500

Enrollment in the day program surpassed the 1500 mark for the first time in the college's 44-year history this fall. Total enrollment was 1546, an increase of more than 100 students from last year.

This year's freshman class was also the largest ever with 427 students, a 12 percent increase over last year's class of 376. Approximately one-third of the class received academic scholarship money totaling more than \$1 million. These students had an average grade point average of 3.69 with an average SAT score of 1101.

A dozen freshmen were recruited with the help of The Davis Foundation of New York through \$10,000 grants per student, per year, for four years. The foundation has established the scholarship program at Methodist to recruit students from member institutions of United World Colleges, an international, multi-cultural school system which offers the international baccalaureate degree.

This year's class comes from such countries as Ethiopia, Mongolia, Kazhakstan, India, Poland, Swaziland and Gambia. Methodist's total international enrollment this fall is 54.

An Orchestral Collaboration

Methodist College enjoys many partnerships with outside organizations. For years, the college has provided practice and performance space for both the Fayetteville and North Carolina Symphonies, and students have enjoyed free admission to these concerts. Last year, when the Fayetteville Symphony was in need of a new conductor, the College saw another opportunity for collaboration.

Methodist needed a music professor, whose primary responsibility would be to develop a student orchestra, and the Symphony needed space in which to house its new conductor. The national search brought maestro Fouad Fakhouri to Fayetteville and has resulted in new and exciting music offerings for the college and the community.

In its first semester, the orchestra has grown from five musicians to 22. Participation is open to all students, regardless of skill level. Currently, membership is also open to faculty and staff, alumni and other interested members of the community.

Original members were recruited during summer orientation and through a special appeal to home-schooled students who couldn't participate in music ensembles. Methodist students can earn one fine arts credit hour (Music 194-495) per semester for participation, and a \$250 scholarship is also available upon successful completion of the course.

"When I accepted the position with the Symphony, I didn't know what to expect in regard to my role at Methodist," Fakhouri said. "I have been pleasantly surprised, and inspired, by the members of this orchestra."

Because of the musicians' varying skills levels, Fakhouri said he has had the opportunity to be more hands-on than with professional musicians. "I have learned things I couldn't have with the symphony—it's unbelievable how fulfilling the experience has been."

Eric Keith, a sophomore Professional Golf Management student from Brockway, PA, said he was excited when he heard the College was starting an orchestra. "Orchestra is my passion," he said.

As a freshman, Keith played French horn in the jazz ensemble and the chamber wind ensemble. "The orchestra has been very challenging—my expectations have been blown away by Professor Fakhouri," he said. "He is one of the best things to happen to music at Methodist."

Fakhouri's goal is to increase membership to around 65 musicians. He would also like the orchestra to perform at least one concert a semester.

An ensemble from the orchestra will perform at this year's Holiday Concert in November.

Prior to coming to Fayetteville, Fakhouri conducted the Bulgarian Symphony Orchestra. Also a composer, his works have been performed by several orchestras, including the Mediterranean Orchestra in Amman, Jordan. He holds a bachelor's degree in music from West Texas A&M University, two master's degrees from Penn State University and a Doctor of Musical Arts in composition from the University of North Texas.



Fakhouri

"He is one of the best things to happen to music at Methodist."

—Eric Keith, sophomore





Methodist, after dark

Every evening as staff exit the campus around 5 p.m., a steady stream of cars can be seen snaking its way onto campus filled with the hundreds of students taking classes through MC at Night, Methodist's evening college. This student population may look different from its "traditional" day counterpart, but shares the same hopes and aspirations for an improved quality of life as a result of a reputable education.

Most evening college students are "non-traditional," with the average age being 35. Most of them work during the day, have major family responsibilities, or are military personnel. Many are pursuing or completing degrees while others are simply interested in particular subject matter.

The obstacles facing adult students can be enormous, said Linda Gravitt, assistant dean for MC at Night and Summer School. Juggling families, careers, studying and other interests is not easy. Motivation and time-management skills are key to a graduate's success.

These were lessons learned early on by Susie Biddle. A divorced mother of eight, Biddle wanted desperately to have a career in education. Without a degree, she was able to volunteer as a teacher's assistant and even substitute teach, but Biddle dreamt of having her own classroom. Having home-schooled her own children, she knew the joy of watching young minds grow and develop.

Biddle researched education programs in the area and was most interested in Methodist's Specific Learning Disabilities K-12 program. However, money was tight and she didn't know if she could afford classes. After talking with college officials, she was able to obtain enough financial aid to make it work. "Ms. Gravitt was wonderful," she said. "Not only

did she help me with the money situation, but she helped me get a lot of my previous course work transferred in for credit at Methodist. She saved me both time and money."

To earn her degree, Biddle took classes during the evening, on-line, in the summer, and then finished in the day program. When she had to attend day classes, she had to quit working as a teacher's assistant so she started a paper route for *The Fayetteville Observer*. Rising at 2:15 every morning, Biddle delivered papers to more than 400 clients, then ran home to get her children ready for school, and made it to class at Methodist, sometimes by 8 a.m.

Biddle said the hard work was worth it. Graduating summa cum laude, she now works as a learning disabilities teacher at Howard Elementary School in Fayetteville. "I firmly believe that, with God, I can do anything," she said.

Like their traditional-student counterparts, evening college students sometimes start out pursuing a degree in one field but end up earning their degree in another. The process can take a long time with job commitments and other obligations standing in their way.

Sasan Araghi, an Iranian student who came to Methodist in 1990, first studied business administration. Today, he is a physician with Heritage Family Physicians of Cape Fear Valley Health System in Fayetteville.

Araghi already had a four-year degree from a school in Iran. However, when he and his family followed his brother to the United States, two years of his schooling wouldn't transfer toward a bachelor's degree here. Upon completion of his business degree, he found that it just wasn't enough. "I had seen a lot of suffering and dying in Tehran during the revolution," Araghi said. "I decided I wanted to help people."

In all, it took Araghi 14 years to earn his M.D. If he had been able to attend college during the day and attend classes full-time, he could have finished almost three years sooner.

In 1994, Araghi's sister, Sayeh, had been working toward her degree in biology when the College launched its Physician Assistant (PA) Program. "I didn't really know what I wanted to do, but the PA program sounded so exciting," she said.

One of the first four graduates of the program, Sayeh was quickly hired by Heritage Family Physicians in Fayetteville. (Her brother later joined the practice in 2004.) Now, the office regularly serves as an internship site for current PA students and Dr. Araghi will begin teaching at Methodist in the spring.

"We owe so much to Methodist College," he said. "Everyone was so helpful and friendly. We met many wonderful, intelligent people through the night school."

Each year, more than 100 students graduate from the evening program. Because most of them don't have the many opportunities to participate in collegiate activities that day students do, it is difficult to keep night school graduates involved in the life of Methodist College.

"Our non-traditional students are an important part of our student population," said Laurie Cherry, director of the Annual Fund and Alumni Affairs. "Their presence really enhances the educational experience here and we want them to stay connected to their alma mater."

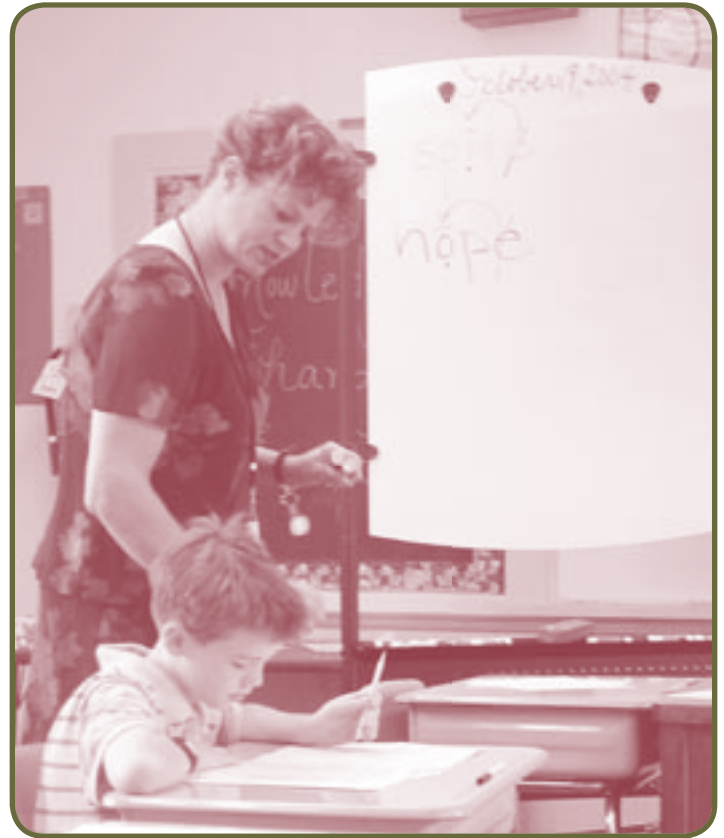
MC at Night runs two eight-week terms in the fall and spring semesters, and one summer term. Weekend classes—Friday evening or Saturday morning—are also offered. To learn more about MC at Night, visit <http://www.methodist.edu/academics/evening.shtml>.

Through MC at Night, students can earn Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, or Bachelor of Science degrees in the following areas:

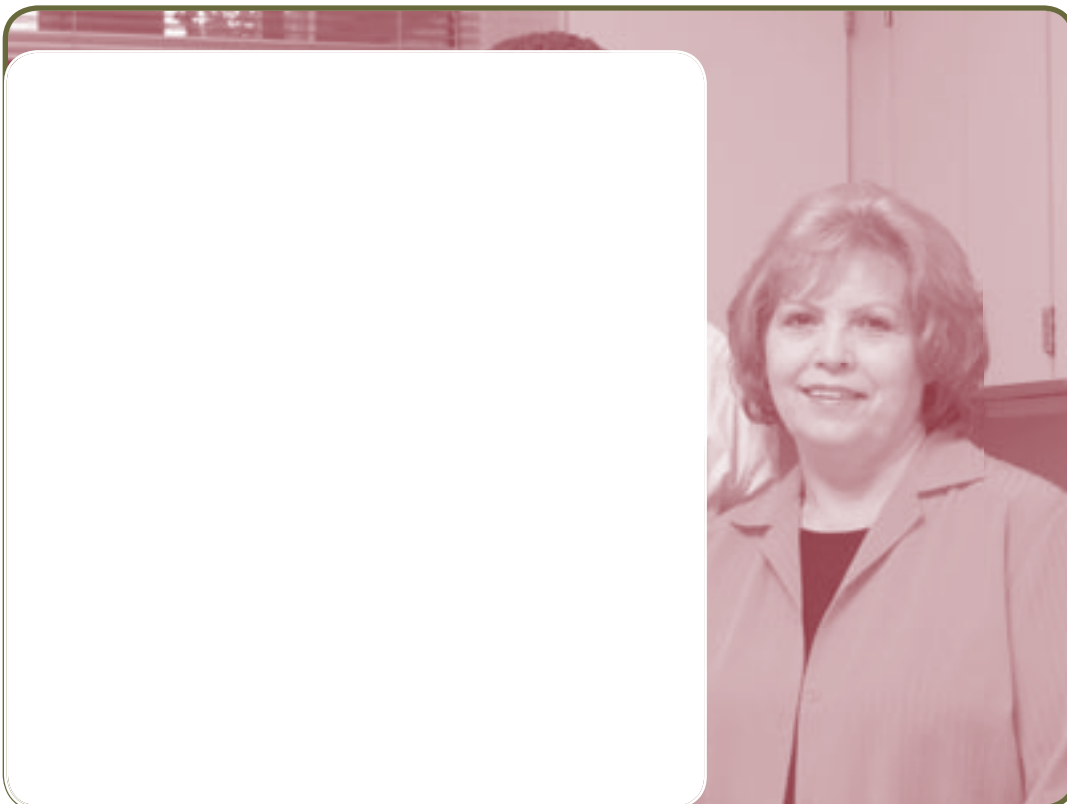
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Business Administration with a Health Care Administration Concentration
- Computer Information Technology
- History
- Justice Studies
- Occupational Environmental Management
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Spanish

The following require some day classes:

- Elementary Education
- Global Studies
- Social Work



Below, L to R: Working at Heritage Family Physicians in the College's office park, siblings Sayeh and Sasan Araghi are able to keep in touch with Linda Gravitt, the assistant dean for the evening program and summer school.



Above: Susie Biddle was able to fulfill her dream of teaching children with disabilities through hard work and MC at Night.

College structure gets a make-over

With the recent advent of Methodist's first master's program in medical science and, as the College prepares to expand its graduate studies offerings in the near future, the faculty embarked on a re-alignment of the academic structure last summer. The new structure closely resembles that found at most universities, with the College being organized into schools, each with its own dean.

The new structure enables the College to maintain graduate accreditation requirements outlined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Vice President for Academic Affairs Philip Williams said. However, its biggest advantage, he said, is that it positions the College for university status.

While graduate programs are based in large part on their undergraduate counterparts, the issues and challenges faced by faculty and students at the master's level are quite different than those in the undergraduate program, Williams said. Separate oversight of graduate programs is desirable and necessary to meet those challenges.

The college has also experienced much growth in the undergraduate program in recent years, adding several new majors and concentrations. The re-organization allows majors with similar components to be grouped together, making better use of available resources and faculty.

If you enjoy poetry, you won't want to miss these two publications!

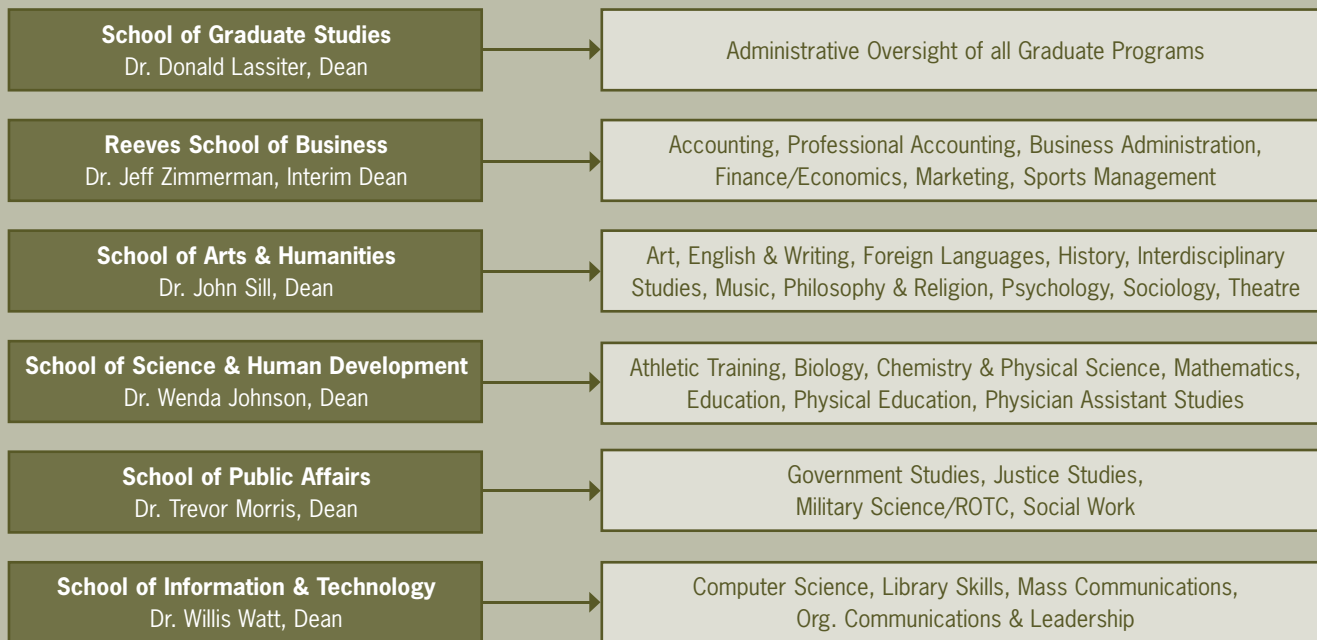
Each year, the English Department publishes the Arts & Literary Magazine, *Tapestry*. The book contains poetry, essays and short stories, all submitted by students, alumni and staff. Contact Michael Colonnese to get your copy today, free of charge! (910) 630-7085 or colonx@methodist.edu.



Then, you won't want to miss David Manning's poetry chapbook, *The Ice-Carver*, published by Longleaf Press. \$6 each, including postage & handling. Contact Robin Greene at (910) 630-7110 or rgreene@methodist.edu.



New Academic Structure



Four honored at symposium

The Center for Entrepreneurship paid tribute to four people at its annual Stock Market Symposium in October. The Center sponsors the Business Person and Entrepreneur of the Year, the Greater Good Award and the Economics and Business Alumna awards each fall, receiving nominations from the community at-large.

This year's Business Person of the Year is Don Price, president of LaFayette Ford in Fayetteville, NC. Price is now in his 39th year selling Ford automobiles, with two locations in Fayetteville and Raeford. His business sells more than 2600 vehicles a year and generates annual sales in excess of \$60 million.



Symposium honorees are (L-R): David Clark, Roy Parker, Don Price and Phyllis Owens.

David Clark of Elizabethtown, NC was named the 2004 Entrepreneur of the Year. Clark was honored for taking his family's automobile dealership into the lucrative worlds of investments and land development while also launching successful businesses in several other industries.

He presently serves as the secretary/treasurer and director of Sampson-Bladen Oil Company; United Energy, Inc.; Waccamaw Transport, Inc.; Clearwater Enterprises, Inc.; and Castleberry's, Inc. Together, these businesses employ more than 700 people.

Methodist graduate Phyllis Owens is the Economics and Business Alumna of the Year. Earlier this year, she was named the executive vice president of The Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation, a partner in the Cumberland County Business Council.

Owens is a 1987 graduate, having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration. She was later designated a certified economic developer by the International Economic Development Council.

Journalist and historian Roy Parker, Jr. was given the Greater Good Award for his devotion to enriching the lives of others by reminding them of their heritage and for honoring the many contributions of the military to the state of North Carolina.

Currently a contributing military history columnist for *The Fayetteville Observer*, Parker is also an advocate of the arts. He was a founding member of the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina Art Society, the North Carolina Museum of Art, and the North Carolina Writers Conference. He has authored one book entitled, *Cumberland County: A Brief History* and is the co-author of *Fayetteville and Fort Bragg in Vintage Postcards*.

Are you wearing your Soffes?

While "Soffes" were not the required uniform of the day, the MJ Soffe Company was honored in many different ways September 21, 2004 as part of the Center for Entrepreneurship's Thank-You Series.

MJ Soffe's history, success and future were celebrated and lauded by government officials, economic development professionals and others during the day's activities which included a kick-off celebration with tours of the plant, a luncheon, a reception at the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation and a banquet at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. The governor of North Carolina also honored the company by declaring the day "MJ Soffe Appreciation Day."

Methodist students were given the opportunity to question company officials in an afternoon session. Jim Soffe, CEO of MJ Soffe Company, and Bob Humphreys, president and CEO of Delta Apparel, responded to inquiries about the global marketplace, merging two successful companies and the future of MJ Soffe.



North Carolina Lieutenant Governor Beverly Purdue traveled from Raleigh to congratulate Jim Soffe, CEO of the MJ Soffe Company, on his company's success.

U P - C O M I N G



Winter Graduation

North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall will address Methodist graduates at this year's winter commencement December 10, 2004 in Reeves Auditorium. In 1996, Marshall was the first woman in North Carolina history elected to a statewide executive branch office. Four years later, she became the first woman in state history to be re-elected to the North Carolina Council of State.

A former member of the North Carolina Senate, Marshall is also an attorney admitted to practice before all North Carolina state courts, U.S. District Court and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Last year *Government Technology* magazine named her as one of its "Top 25 Doers, Dreamers & Drivers" in its annual list of successful government information technology officials. More recently, *Business Leader* magazine named her one of its 10 "Women Extraordinaire."



Marshall

Friends of Music at Methodist presents

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Hay Street United Methodist Church
For more information,
call (910) 630-7100

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Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sunday Matinees, 2 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium
Tickets: \$7 for Adults, \$4 for Students and Seniors, \$2 for children

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or e-mail ffakhouri@methodist.edu

for more information.

Earn academic credit; scholarships available

Southern Writers Symposium switches to spring

The 18th Annual Southern Writers Symposium is scheduled for February 25-26, 2005. Throughout the two-day event, scholars from around the country will present talks on the theme, *History/in/and/of Southern Literature*, and a variety of literary artists will address it through readings, performances and panel discussions.



This year's featured speakers include:

- Sheila Kay Adams
- Awiakta
- Marshall Chapman
- Leigh Anne Duck
- SallyAnn Ferguson
- Trudier Harris
- David Treadway Manning
- Louis D. Rubin, Jr.
- Virgil Suarez

The Symposium is supported by the College, *The Fayetteville Observer*, and the North Carolina Arts Council, with funding from the State of North Carolina and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

For more information on Symposium events, contact Dr. Emily Wright, associate professor of English, at (910) 630-7551 or ewright@methodist.edu.

Students helping students

At some point, everyone needs to talk to someone. Most often, people choose to share their problems with those who've faced similar issues. At Methodist College, when students need someone to listen, they can seek out peers who have been trained in supportive listening and solution-finding counseling.

Darlene Hopkins, director of the Center for Personal Development, started the Peer Counseling Program in 1993. She had done her master's thesis on peer helpers for professionals and had observed successful peer-to-peer programs in area high schools. "At the time, not many colleges had this type of counseling program," Hopkins said. "I just knew that the concept would work at the collegiate level."

The program started out with five counselors and has grown to almost 20 a year. Counselors come from all academic disciplines, and range from freshman to seniors. Hopkins said the main requirement is that the students have a strong desire to help others in the community. They must also complete a weekend of training, per semester, for which they earn a Counseling and Interpersonal Skills certificate.

During the training, students learn to ask open-ended questions and to hone their active listening skills. "It's key to listen in a way that helps people think through their situations and achieve clarity," Hopkins said.

Peer counselors do not offer advice or try to solve problems, Hopkins said. "Each of us has our own strength," she added. "When we step back from a problem, it usually comes into focus. It's about self-awareness."

"We all need someone to listen to us at some point in our lives."

Melinda Porter, a senior biology major from Fayetteville, is now in her seventh semester as a peer counselor and helps with the training. "You learn a lot about yourself and how to listen openly," she said. "You can't make it about yourself; you're there for the other person."

Counselors, who contribute between four and 15 hours of service a week, submit regular reports to Hopkins and meet with her to discuss any issues they encounter. All communications to peer counselors are confidential, unless the student waives confidentiality.

Because many students hesitate to seek counseling at the Center, the peer counseling program makes help more accessible. Contacts occur all over campus, at all hours of the day and night.

Porter said people most often approach her in her residence hall. However, she has counseled students in the dining hall and just about everywhere else on campus; she has even listened to faculty in between classes. "We all need someone to listen to us at some point in our lives," she said.



Porter

Counselors rely heavily on word-of-mouth referrals and some advertising in the student newspaper for contacts. Porter said it is hardest to reach out to commuter students. "We are here to help everyone," she said.

Askari Elson, a freshman biology major from Barbados, is new to the program and is eager to help as many students as possible. "I am working on being more 'approachable'" he said. "Not many people know they can trust me yet. It takes time."

Elson participated in a peer counseling program in high school. He said that issues such as anxiety, depression, eating disorders and long-distance relationships are common at both levels. "Being a part of this program is so uplifting," Elson said.

"When I help others, I understand myself better," he continued. "All students should take advantage of this service."

Peer counseling can happen anywhere on campus. Askari Elson, on right, reaches out to friends and fellow students at every opportunity.



Family Weekend 2004

Who Invited Ivan?

More than 200 family members and friends, many from out of state, traveled to campus for Family Weekend, despite having to deal with the remnants of Hurricane Ivan. For many families, this was the first opportunity to see their student since the opening of school.

Friday featured special tours of Fayetteville's Airborne & Special Operations Museum, the Poe House and the Museum of the Cape Fear. One Spirit, the College's scholarship vocal ensemble, performed Friday night and even serenaded several members of the audience, including President Hendricks. Parents were able to pose questions to college officials during Saturday's Parents Forum, before enjoying an indoor picnic with live music.

Though traditionally a freshman event, many families now return for Family Weekend for multiple years. The weekend gives them an opportunity to reacquaint themselves with other families and to extend a hand to parents of new students braving the college experience for the first time.



Top: Hurricane Ivan couldn't deter the crowd during Saturday's football game against Salisbury.

Above: Scott Reilly, a junior from Elma, NY, spends time with his mom, Debbie.

Above right: Marianne Smith and Jennifer Fore, of Laurinburg, NC, form the musical duo Jesse Janes which entertained families during Saturday's "indoor picnic" in the Green-n-Gold Cafe.

Right: Sophomore Melanie Gibson's family came from Occoquan, VA prepared for nasty weather. Pictured L to R, father, Mark; Melanie, sister, Marcella; sister, Monica; and mother, Marquerite.

Far right: Cherry the Clown painted mini-masterpieces on students and siblings.



Loyalty Day 2005 is All About Leadership

Leadership comes in many forms. Obvious examples include the president of the United States or the chief executive officer of a large corporation. Other examples may be a team captain, a Sunday School teacher, or a class valedictorian. Methodist College owes much to the leaders of this community who, in 1955, determined that Cumberland County needed an independent college and set out to raise the funds to make it happen. Those leaders formed the College's first Foundation Board.

Today's Foundation Board members look much like their predecessors; they are attorneys, bankers, doctors,

homemakers and professionals who take time out of their busy lives to make the community a better place. Their primary responsibility is to organize the annual Loyalty Day fund drive, and through their efforts, they have demonstrated to all that the community is enriched by the presence of Methodist College.

The Foundation Board is led by President Kevin Bunn. Bunn is the chief lending officer and executive vice president of New Century Bank in Fayetteville.

Having been in the banking business for more than 18 years, Bunn said he is a strong believer in the philosophy of "neighbor helping neighbor." In addition to the Foundation Board, he serves as a director of the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club, the United Way, and the Downtown Development Corporation and is a member of the Snyder Memorial Baptist Church Deacon Board.

Bunn will be joined by another outstanding leader from our community to organize this

year's drive. The 2005 Loyalty Day Chair is John "Bill" Hurley, whose life has been one of community service. He has a strong relationship to the College, having served as a member of the Board of Visitors and as a previous Loyalty Day chairman.

Hurley also served as a member of the Fayetteville City Council before becoming the mayor of Fayetteville in 1981. He then went on to serve six terms in the North Carolina

"If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."

— Chinese proverb



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Bunn



Hurley

State House of Representatives. In 1984, the College recognized Hurley's contributions to the community by awarding him the College Medallion.

Through the years, the Foundation Board has raised millions of dollars to purchase library materials and computer equipment and to offset the College's operating expenses, among other things. Beginning in 2005, all monies raised during the campaign will be designated for student scholarships.

While independent colleges don't receive anywhere near the level of state funding that public colleges do, Methodist College is committed to making a college education possible for every student that meets admission requirements and wishes to attend. About 85% of Methodist's students receive financial aid, and the College still has a high number

"Leaders establish the vision for the future and set the strategy for getting there; they cause change. They motivate and inspire others to go in the right direction and they, along with everyone else, sacrifice to get there."

– John Kotter

of "first generation" college students (the first in their family to graduate from college). In 2003-2004 alone, Methodist invested more than \$7 million in financial aid.

On February 8th, the Foundation Board members and

more than 100 volunteers will ask local citizens and businesses to consider "Investing in America's Future Leaders." Who better to lead this effort than those individuals who are leading our community today?

Invest in America's Future Leaders—

Volunteer for Loyalty Day 2005!

Who: Anyone who is enthusiastic and motivated

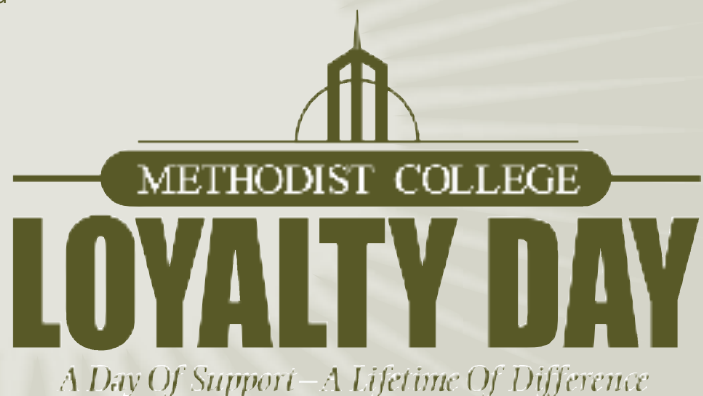
What: Solicit local citizens and businesses

Where: Begin the day with a great breakfast in the Green-n-Gold Café
End the day with a celebration, location TBA

When: February 8, 2005

Why: Raise \$86,000 for student scholarships

How: Contact the Development Office at (910) 630-7200



A TIME TO GIVE

As 2004 draws to a close and you begin year-end tax planning, consider taking advantage of income tax charitable deductions. Giving is, of course, much more than tax brackets and charitable deductions. However, a year-end gift can significantly reduce your income taxes, while providing meaningful support for Methodist College.

We encourage you to discuss your tax planning with your accountant or other professional; you may also contact Robin Davenport in the Development Office at 1-800-488-7110 ext. 7609 or via e-mail at rdavenport@methodist.edu.

Here are some of the best year-end gift ideas:

Gifts of Cash If you itemize, there is no easier way to garner a year-end charitable deduction than by simply writing and mailing a check by Dec. 31, 2004. Your gift will qualify as a 2004 gift, even if we do not receive it until the first week of 2005.

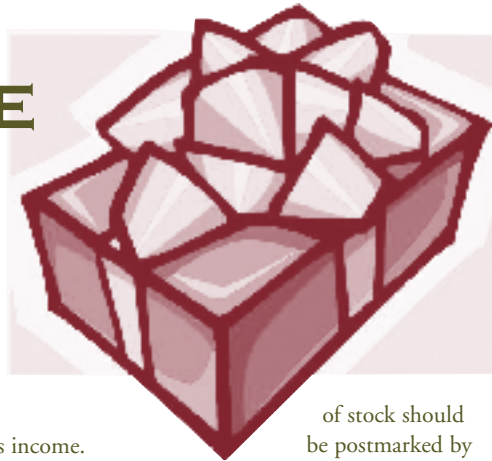
Some employers will *match charitable gifts*, making your gift worth even more. If your company

has a matching gifts program, simply enclose the form along with your check.

Gifts of cash are fully deductible—up to a maximum 50% of your adjusted gross income. Any excess can generally be carried forward and deducted over as many as five subsequent years.

Gifts of Stock If you own stock, it is almost always more tax-wise to contribute stock rather than cash. A gift of appreciated stock generally offers a two-fold tax saving. First, you avoid paying any capital gains tax on the increase in value of the stock. Second, you receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the time of the gift.

Make sure that you have owned the stock for a “long-term” period of time (this generally means that you held the stock for more than one year) to qualify for these significant tax advantages. Your gift



of stock should be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2004.

Gifts of appreciated stock are fully deductible—up to a maximum 30% of your adjusted gross income. Any excess can be carried forward and deducted over as many as five subsequent years.

Gifts of Real Estate A residence, vacation home, farm, acreage or vacant lot may have so appreciated in value through the years that its sale would mean a sizeable capital gains tax. By making a year-end gift of this property, you would avoid the capital gains tax, and, at the same time, receive a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the property.

Life Income Gifts If you are considering a major gift, a “life income” gift may be an excellent year-end contribution. Such a gift can increase your own income! You could transfer cash or stock to Methodist and establish a charitable remainder unitrust or annuity trust that would provide a 5% greater annual return. The income would be paid to you and/or a loved one for life, after which the assets would be distributed to the College. Through such an arrangement, you would be increasing your income and making a meaningful (and tax-deductible) gift to Methodist at the same time.

Bequests While you’re considering your 2004 income tax savings, this may also be a good time to consider long-term tax savings. The federal estate tax can still take approximately 40 to 50% of one’s estate at the time of death. We hope you will consider a charitable bequest in your will to benefit Methodist College while you save estate tax dollars at the same time.



Methodist College accepts a gift from BB&T toward the *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign. Pictured, from left, Board of Trustees Chairman Richard Player, Jr.; BB&T City Executive David Little; BB&T South Central Regional President Vince Nelson; College President M. Elton Hendricks; BB&T Vice President Reid Horne; and Methodist College Board of Trustees Vice-Chairman Alfred Cleveland.

BB&T boosts campaign

The College received a commitment for \$750,000 toward the *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign, from the BB&T Charitable Foundation in October. The gift is the fourth largest donation in the campaign.

“Education has always been a focal point of our commitment to corporate giving,” said Vince Nelson, president of BB&T’s Pinehurst-based South Central Region. “We’re proud to contribute to an institution like Methodist College that continues to improve the overall quality of life in Cumberland County.”

Methodist College has now raised \$10.9 million in the \$12.85 million *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign. Campaign funds will be used to build an additional science building, build a fitness and wellness center, add significantly to the College’s endowment, and provide annual operating money for the institution.

The BB&T Charitable Foundation is a private foundation created by the BB&T Corporation, headquartered in Winston-Salem. BB&T’s bank subsidiaries operate more than 1,400 branch offices in 11 states and in Washington, D.C.

A special day for scholarships

October 29th was a day of celebration as Methodist College honored more than 65 donors at the largest-ever annual Endowed Scholarship Luncheon. Gathering in the front lobby of the Reeves Fine Arts Building, administration, staff and students expressed their gratitude for the generosity and support of donors who make 150 annual and endowed scholarships possible. More than \$252,000 was awarded from these scholarships in the 2003–04 academic year.



Special speakers included Fran McMillan, donor for the McMillan Endowed Scholarship; Joseph Barnard '04, recipient of the Hubert Willis and the Susan B. Penny Ministerial Scholarships; and Lori Knutson '06, recipient of the Claudia Dudley and the Pamela

Sturdivant Moll Scholarships. Each spoke about the meaning and impact of the scholarships and about their Methodist College experiences.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship, please contact the Development Office at (910) 630-7691.



Top: Claudia Dudley '67, Claudia Dudley Scholarship, and recipient Lori Knutson '06.

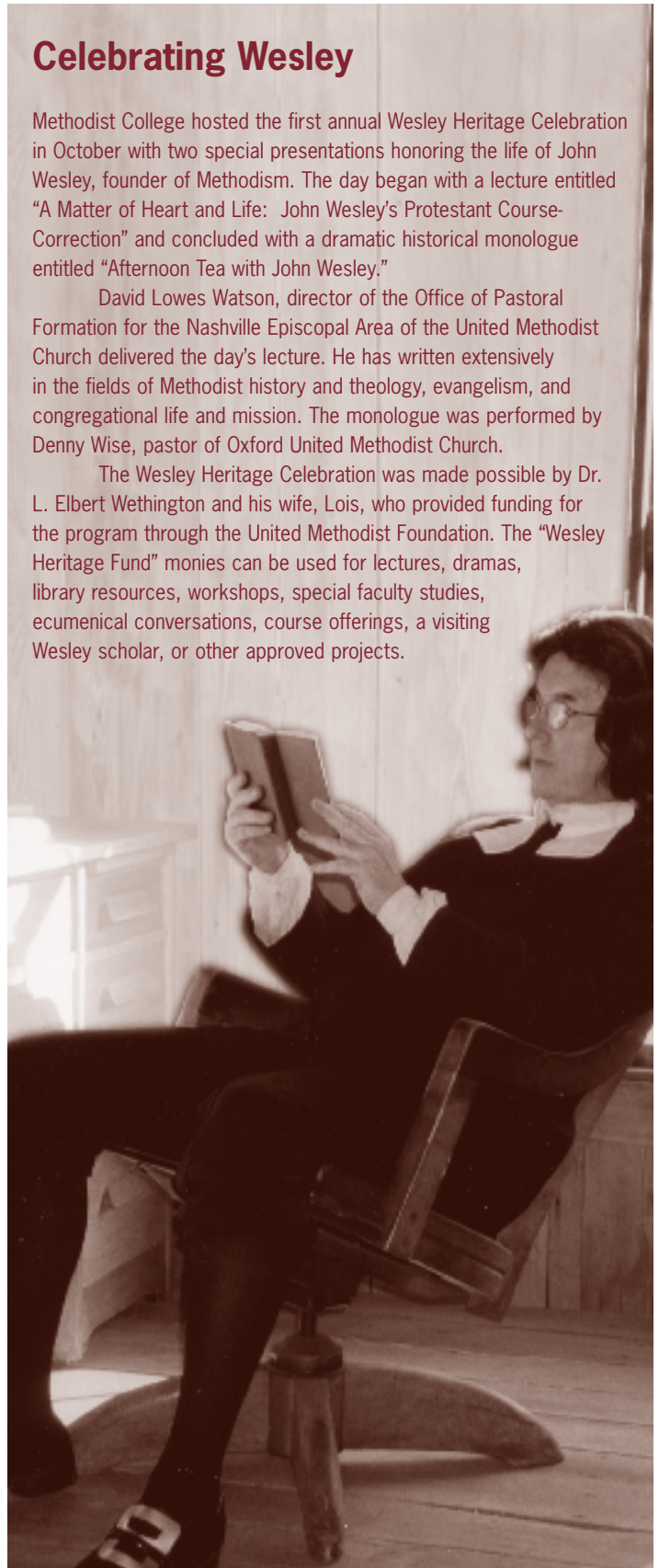
Bottom: Dorothy Hensdale Gardner, and her son, Wayne, Hensdale Scholarship, with recipients Shannon Alford '08 and Angelique Abram '08.

Celebrating Wesley

Methodist College hosted the first annual Wesley Heritage Celebration in October with two special presentations honoring the life of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. The day began with a lecture entitled "A Matter of Heart and Life: John Wesley's Protestant Course-Correction" and concluded with a dramatic historical monologue entitled "Afternoon Tea with John Wesley."

David Lowes Watson, director of the Office of Pastoral Formation for the Nashville Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church delivered the day's lecture. He has written extensively in the fields of Methodist history and theology, evangelism, and congregational life and mission. The monologue was performed by Denny Wise, pastor of Oxford United Methodist Church.

The Wesley Heritage Celebration was made possible by Dr. L. Elbert Wethington and his wife, Lois, who provided funding for the program through the United Methodist Foundation. The "Wesley Heritage Fund" monies can be used for lectures, dramas, library resources, workshops, special faculty studies, ecumenical conversations, course offerings, a visiting Wesley scholar, or other approved projects.



Jarman promoted to associate AD

Head women's basketball coach and senior woman administrator DeeDee Jarman added one more title to her resume this fall when she was named the College's associate athletic director. Jarman is now in her ninth year at the College.

Her new duties include oversight of the men's and women's soccer teams, volleyball, men's golf and women's lacrosse teams. She is responsible for budgeting, team travel, NCAA compliance and team activities. As the senior woman administrator, Jarman already coordinated educational programming for student-athletes and managed facilities, concession



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– Bob McEvoy, Athletic Director

stand operations, and special events. She also serves as the advisor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

In addition to all of this, Jarman and her husband, Errol, have a five-month old daughter, Dawson. “It all boils down to balance,” Jarman said. “I have to balance everything that is important to me and try not to neglect any one thing along the way.

“I feel privileged to have this opportunity,” she continued. “I am being allowed to gain knowledge of the role of an athletic director and still coach the game of basketball.”

Jarman has served as the women's head basketball coach for seven seasons, amassing an impressive 119-71 record at the helm of the Lady Monarchs. During her tenure, Methodist has won three conference regular season championships, two conference tournament championships and

Bring on the Luck

Aiming to carry the torch and further the success of Monarch men's tennis is first-year head coach Edward Luck. An established coach at the collegiate level, Luck brings tremendous knowledge and experience to Methodist.

The Ramseur, NC native previously served at NCAA Division II Ferris State in Big Rapids, MI, for eight seasons as the women's head coach and four seasons as head coach of the men's team. During his time at Ferris State, Luck paced both teams to national prominence.

He posted a 54-19 mark with two Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championships from 1993-1996 with the men's program, while leading the women's program to a 136-40 mark with eight straight GLIAC championships from 1993-2000. Luck is the winningest women's head coach at Ferris State, and a three-time GLIAC Women's Coach of the Year.

Prior to his success at Ferris State, Luck served as a graduate assistant at the University of South Carolina head coach Arlo Elkins



Luck

Luck played three seasons at Campbell University and one season at Ferris State. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in business marketing from Ferris State in 1989 and is a certified P1 Tennis Professional by the United States Professional Tennis Association.

Luck inherits a Methodist program that's proven dominant in recent seasons in the USA South Athletic Conference. He replaces Mike Roberts, who paced the Monarchs to a 32-10 mark over the last three seasons with three conference regular season championships and one conference tournament championship. In conference play, Methodist was an impressive 18-1.

advanced to the NCAA Division III National Tournament twice.

“Coach Jarman has been not only a great coach for our women's basketball team over the years, but is a key reason for the overall success of our athletic program,” said Athletic Director Bob McEvoy. “Her leadership, organizational skills and vision have been a great addition to MC. We are glad she is a Monarch!”

A Kinston, NC native, Jarman received a Bachelor of Arts degree in health and physical education from UNC-Wilmington and a Master of Science degree from Central Michigan University.

It's a First! Methodist Women to Host National Tourney

Methodist College has been selected as the host of the 2005 NCAA Division III Women's Golf National Championships. The championships will take place on May 10-13, 2005 at the MidPines Inn and Golf Club in Southern Pines, NC.

This marks the first time that Methodist will host the national women's golf tournament. However, the college has hosted one other national contest. In 1994, Methodist hosted the NCAA Division III national men's golf championships at Kings Grant Golf and Country Club in Fayetteville.

"This tournament will be an event that the participants will never forget," said women's head golf coach Vici Pate. "Hosting the 2005

NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championship will offer us the chance to showcase all of the fine attributes that our area has to offer.

"The Fayetteville/Pinehurst area is the center of the golf world," she said. "This is reflected especially by the beauty of MidPines as well as the hospitality and competency of the outstanding staff that the resort offers."

Methodist is coming off winning its seventh straight NCAA Division III National Championship this spring at The Golf Courses of Lawsonia in Great Lakes, WI. The Lady Monarchs prevailed by two strokes over Mary Hardin-Baylor. Overall, Methodist women have won 17 national championships in the last 19 seasons.

Home Athletic Schedules

Men's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 3	Virginia Wesleyan	3:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	Piedmont	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	Greensboro	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	North Carolina Wesleyan	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Christopher Newport	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	Shenandoah	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	Ferrum	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	Averett	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Chowan	2:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 5	Newport News Apprentice	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	Shenandoah	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	Greensboro	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	North Carolina Wesleyan	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Christopher Newport	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	Ferrum	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	Averett	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Chowan	7:00 p.m.

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

Female Scholar Athlete

The female scholar athlete for 2003-2004 was Jennifer Lymangood, a member of the women's golf team.

Not pictured: James Stewart, men's golf, was named the male scholar athlete of the year.



Sykes Cup

Athletic Director Bob McEvoy presents Adam Horton, men's golf, with the 2003-2004 Sykes Cup. The coaching staff votes on the winner based on top athletic performance, good character and academic achievement.



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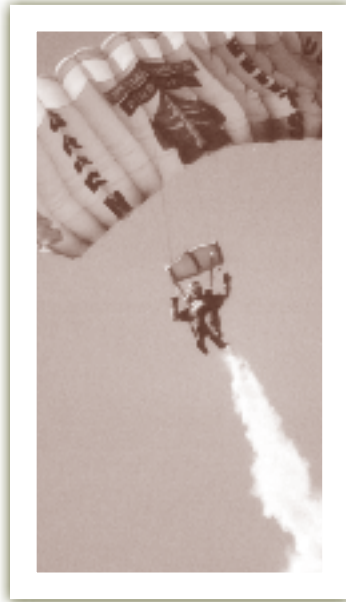


METHODIST ALWAYS SALUTES HEROES



This page: Monarch fans enjoy the pre-game Homecoming festivities.

Opposite page, from left: Members of the Green Beret Parachute Team dropped in during Homecoming pregame ceremonies. In the first photo Al Ditmore, father of current student Sharley Ditmore, brings the American Flag into Monarch Stadium during the national anthem. In the following three photos, John Weldon, attired in a Monarch helmet and jersey, jumps in the game ball.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS

The Alumni Association honored two graduates and a staff member during the annual Homecoming dinner on October 23, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. Nominated by alumni, winners were selected by a vote of the Association's board of directors.

Scott Ellender '95 was awarded the 2004 Distinguished Alumni Award for outstanding achievement in his profession and service of the highest order to his community. Ellender majored in business administration with a concentration in professional golf management and was a member of the golf team. After graduation, he worked as an assistant pro at Pinehurst, and then went to work for ClubCorp at its Dawfuskie Island location. He was transferred to the Country Club of Hilton Head and came to Pinehurst to be the head pro for courses #1-6 in April 2003. Ellender will be Pinehurst's PGA head pro at the 2005 U.S. Open. He is originally from Webster, NY. He and his wife, Karin, have two children.

Mike Sinkovitz, director of Campus Recreation and Intramurals, received the 2004 Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award for his commitment and loyalty to the College and the local community. He has a bachelor's in business administration from Northern Iowa University and an MBA from the University of New Mexico. A former assistant football coach for Methodist, Sinkovitz has unselfishly volunteered his time and talents on many campus construction projects. The "Sink," gazebos, Fannie Farmer Park, the intramural field, stadium seating, and press box are just a few of the things he has built. "Sink," as he is affectionately referred to on campus, is known for his outstanding rapport with students and staff, his generosity of spirit and his humor. He and his wife, Karen, have three grown children.

Tom Maze '93 received the Outstanding Alumni Service Award for his years of service to fellow alumni and the College. Maze has a bachelor's in business administration with a concentration in professional tennis management. As a student, Maze was the two-time All-DIAC performer

in singles and doubles in 1992 and 1993. He went on to serve as the College's assistant tennis coach from 1993-95, the head men's tennis coach from 1995-98 and the head women's tennis coach from 1996-98. He also served as the assistant director of the Professional Tennis Management Program from 1993-98. From 1998-2000, he was the director of Alumni Affairs and Planned Giving at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia. He returned to Methodist College in 2000 as the director of Alumni Affairs until his departure in 2004. Currently, he is the director of Annual Giving and Alumni Affairs at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC. He and his wife, Lisa, have a son, Joshua, age 2.



Tom Maze '93, Scott Ellender '95 and Mike Sinkovitz were honored at the Homecoming banquet on Saturday, October 23, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux.

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Opposite page, clockwise from top left: President Elton Hendricks addresses alumni during the annual Alumni Dinner at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux; One Spirit, directed by Betty Neill Parsons '64, performs for alumni and students during the tailgate lunch; alums check in for Homecoming—pictured are Erin Dzielecki '99 with her uncle Richard Swink '69 and Richard's father Howard Swink; Voices of the Heart performs a patriotic tribute during the Alumni Dinner.

This page, clockwise from above: Jacob and Brooke Lowe, children of Vice President for Enrollment Services Rick Lowe, check out the Humvee provided by the 46th CSG as part of Methodist College's Salute to Heroes; Johnny Lipscomb '68, Bud Beattie '64, Mary Wells '67 and Betty Cox '67 reminisce during the Alumni Dinner reception; Taplie Coile '98 and wife, Jennifer, enjoy a dance at the annual Alumni Dinner.

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Weddings

Darren Thompson '96 and Lisa Stoddard were married on July 3, 2004 at St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. Both work for Cheer Ltd., Inc.

Emily Brown '02 and Grant Peters, both of Fayetteville, were married on June 5, 2004 at West Street Christian Church. Emily is currently attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, on a scholarship. Grant is a sergeant in the U.S. Army stationed in Korea, serving as a broadcast journalist.

Tara Holmes '02 and Bobby Harris were married on June 19, 2004 at Salem United Methodist

Church in Fayetteville. Tara is a special education teacher with Cumberland County Schools and Bobby is a product specialist with Sherwin Williams Paint Company.

Jennifer Petty '03 married Evan Booth on June 26, 2004 at Northwood Temple Pentacostal Holiness Church in Fayetteville. The couple lives in Morristown, TN, where Jennifer teaches kindergarten for the Hamblen County Public Schools.

Jonelle Kimbrough '04 married SRA Russ Thompson on March 13, 2004 at Pope Air Force Base Chapel. Professor Dr. John Sill officiated. Jonelle is currently working as a writer, editor and photographer for Up and Coming Publications in Fayetteville.

Births

Charity Adair '97 and her husband, Jonathan, announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Ashley. She was born Aug. 25, 2004.

Steve and **Heather (Lucas) Burton '97** announce the birth of their twin daughters, Cheyenne Krystine and Sydney May. They were born Aug. 4, 2004.

Krista (Hanson) Hermann '96 and her husband, Ron, announce the birth of their son, Aidan Crossler. He was born May 7, 2004. The family resides in Bel Air, MD. Friends can e-mail the family at kiki_sebone@hotmail.com.

Ryan Jenkins '95 and his wife, Lisa, announce the birth of their son, Dalton Par. He was born July 31, 2004.

Class Notes

1964

Dr. Dearl and **Betty (Graham) Bunce**, along with their children, have established a scholarship endowment at Davidson County Community College, Lexington, NC. The Bunces have a family business in Lexington. They have three children, 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

1972

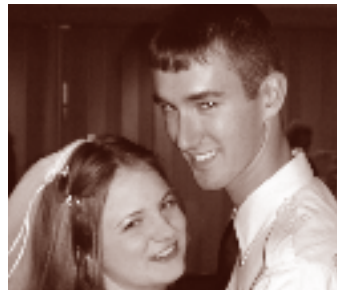
Methodist College friends gathered at the Beavers' home in Zebulon,



Stoddard-Thompson



Petty-Booth



Kimbrough-Thompson



Friends from '72 and '73

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

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.

Thanks so much!



Save the Date

Alumni Association Board Meeting
January 29, 2005

Women's & Men's Alumni Basketball Games
January 29, 2005

4th Annual Myrtle Beach Golf & Tennis Outing
February 25-27, 2005

Alumni Baseball Game
April 30, 2005

Homecoming 2005
October 21-22, 2005

NC for a couple of days of talking, up-dating and reminiscing while celebrating the Beavers' 32nd anniversary. From L to R, **Marie (Avierette) Cash '72, Anita (Fisher) King '73, Brian Cash '73, Laurie (Alston) Jennings '73, and Debbie (Bright) Beavers '72.**

Charles Hartsell and his wife, Donna, live in Florence, SC. They have two sons, Grant and Van. Grant is a sophomore at West Florence High School and Van works for Washington Mutual. The Hartsells have one granddaughter, Samantha, age 6. Charles represents 15 life and health companies and is a field service agent for the National Motor Club. He is also teaching concealed weapons training.

1978
SFC (Ret) **Oscar Lister** retired July 1, 2004 from Durham Public Schools (Hillside High School) after 21 years as an Army JROTC instructor.

1979
LTC & Mrs. **Jerry Lewis'** son, Aaron, has been selected to play in the Army All-American high school game that will be played in San Antonio, TX on Jan. 15, 2005. The game will be nationally televised on ABC.

1981
Cindy (DiDolci) Stockdale lives in Wayne, NJ and, for the past eight years has been a high school counselor at Passaic County Technical Institute after leaving her position as middle school physical education/health teacher for 14 years. This is her 22nd year in the education field and she recently earned her M.Ed in educational leadership which includes principal certification from William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ. She also holds a master's degree in counseling from Montclair State University, and a supervisory certificate from Montclair State University. She and her husband, Jim,

have been married for 19 years and have two children, Jimmy, 16, and Brittany, 15. Cindy can be contacted at *CStockdale@pcti.tec.nj.us*.

1984
Dr. **Talal Al-Azimi** earned his Ph.D. in management in March 2000. He works as the administration director at the Environment Authority and teaches in the business college, both in Kuwait.

The Rev. Dr. **Jerome Smith** assumed the position of director of the Evangelism Network, a newly-formed ministry of The Foundation of Evangelism, in August. He and his wife, Leona, live in Lake Junaluska, NC and have three children.

1985
M. David Hall received the 2004 Outstanding Instructor Award for Excellence in the Teaching Associate Degree Programs at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He has taught in the Department of Funeral Service since 1986.

1990
Rickey Hill, the College's former cheerleading coach, is now the head cheerleading and dance team coach at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. He can be contacted at *hgittyp4me@aol.com*.

1993
Michael Jordan, CPA, has been appointed to the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners. He has been a senior accountant with the CPA firm, Pittard, Perry & Crone, Inc., in Goldsboro, NC since 1998. Jordan is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the North Carolina Association of CPAs. He is president of Leadership Wayne County, and a volunteer for the Wayne County United Way and Partners in Education. Jordan and his wife, Ellen, have one daughter, Ashley Elaine.

1996
Stacey Holzinger has been named

vice president of Community Development, Public Affairs and Metro Visions for the Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce. She will work to enhance the work of the Government Affairs Council of the Chamber and to strengthen relationships with elected officials from all levels of government. She will also oversee the Leadership Fayetteville and Metro Visions programs.

1999
Roger Frazee left the Fayetteville Police Department in June 2004 and now works for Lafayette Ford as a sales representative. In August, he was promoted to business development manager.

2000
Stephanie Mathis passed her registry exam on Aug. 10, 2004 and is now a certified medical technologist by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. She works for the Blood Bank at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

2001
Nichole Kentner was recently promoted to assistant manager at the Heidelberg Golf Club in Germany where she currently serves as the director of instruction. Nichole says hello to all her friends.

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
Stacey Holzinger '96
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The Rev. Dennis Sheppard '77
Dwight Sheppard '75
Mike Stone '92
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Alumni—Express Your Opinion— It's Not Too Late!

Your opinion on alumni programs and services is very important to Methodist College. To date, 392 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 or fax it to (910) 630-7683.

Chase winter blues away with alumni and friends at the 4th Annual Golf (& Tennis Too!) Extravaganza

in Myrtle Beach, SC: February 25-27, 2005

Myrtlewood Villas is nestled along the lush, rolling fairways of Myrtlewood Golf Club, yet conveniently located one mile from Broadway at the Beach. Myrtlewood Villas offers easy access to golf, a variety of entertainment, restaurants, and many of the area's most popular attractions.

Tee off along the Intracoastal's sparkling waters and get ready for an unforgettable golf experience! Six sets of tees for golfers of all skill levels, plus breathtaking views and exciting shot-making challenges, combine for not only a truly sensational game but also a remarkable range of playability. **Grande Dunes**, recently named to *Golf Magazine's* "Top 10 You Can Play", is setting a new definition for world-class play. This scenic 18-hole masterfully designed

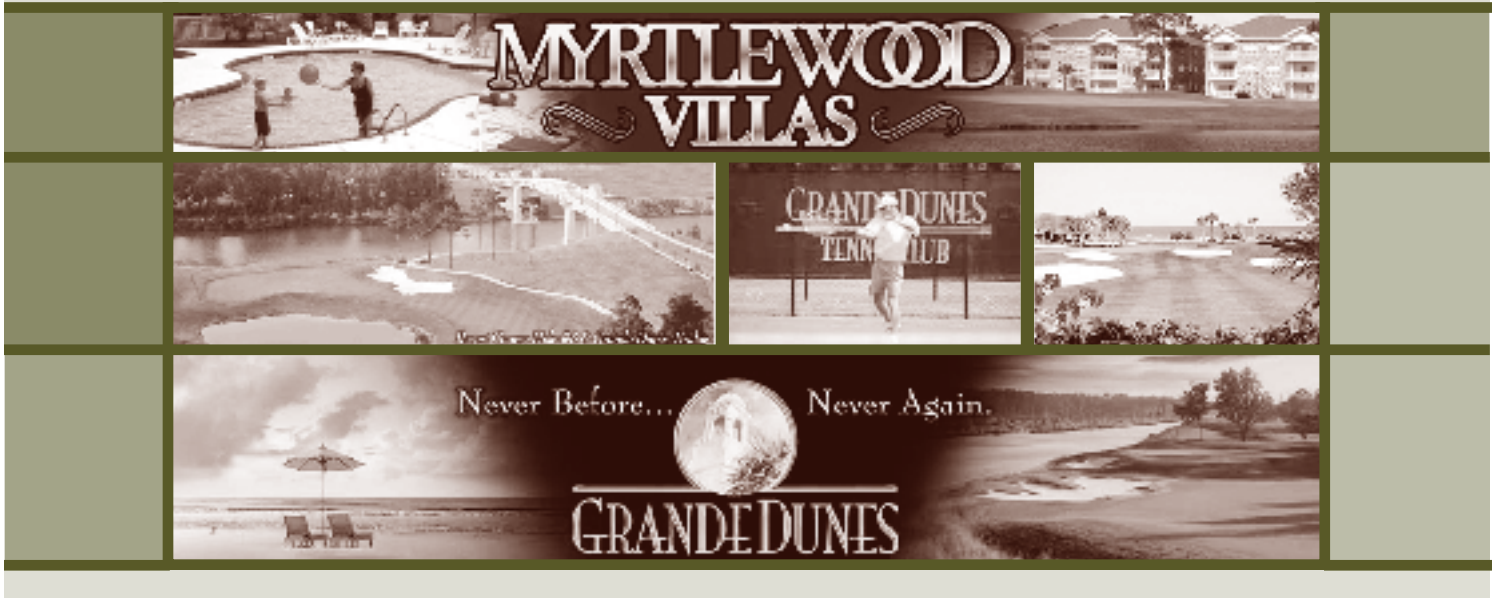
course is the creation of the renowned Roger Rulewich Group.

The Dunes Golf and Beach Club is Myrtle Beach's Most Awarded & Prestigious Course.

- Greens recently restored by Rees Jones
- Previous home of the PGA Senior Tour Championship
- "Top 100 in America" - *Golf Digest*
- "Top 100 You Can Play" - *GOLF Magazine*

The Grande Tennis Club has ten Har-Tru tennis courts and won the South Carolina Tennis Association's Tennis Club of the Year Award and has been hailed as a USA League Tennis Outstanding Facility by the USTA Southern Section.

If you would like additional information on rates and packages, please contact Laurie Cherry, director of Alumni Affairs at (910) 630-7167 or e-mail Icherry@methodist.edu.



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. Please include your name and class year.

Send your news or change of address to: Methodist College Alumni Office • 5400 Ramsey St. • Fayetteville, NC 28311 • Icherry@methodist.edu

January 3, 2005
MC at Night Term I Begins

January 11, 2005
Day Classes Begin

February 7, 2005
Spring Convocation
Reeves Auditorium
11 a.m.

February 8, 2005
Loyalty Day
630-7200

February 17 – 20 & 24 – 27, 2005
MC Theatre Production
1918, a play by Horton Foote
Reeves Auditorium
Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m.
(910) 630-7105

February 25 – 26, 2005
18th Annual Southern Writers Symposium
(910) 630-7551

February 26, 2005
Friends of Music Presentation
Amarcord, male a cappella ensemble
Hay Street United Methodist Church
7 p.m.
(910) 630-7100



Calendar of Events



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