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People in the Methodist Spotlight

Dr. Gillie Benstead, professor of education, has been selected for membership by the North Carolina Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Associate Athletic Director, Head Women's Basketball Coach and Senior Woman Administrator **DeeDee Jarman** received a grant from the National Collegiate Athletic Association to attend the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators' Fall Forum in New York.

The National Organization of Kappa Delta Pi recognized **Dr. Elizabeth Belford Horan** for her commitment and leadership to the local Methodist College Tau Xi Chapter.

Assistant Dean for Institutional Research and Effectiveness **Michael Hadley** and **Dana Xiao**, research analyst, presented a paper on "Teacher Education Assessment: A Small College's Approach to Assessment" at the Southern Association for Institutional Research's Conference in Biloxi, MI.

Dr. Andrew Ziegler, Jr., chair of the Department of Government Studies, co-authored an article, "The Future of Humanitarian Action," which appeared in the *Internet Journal of American Diplomacy*. The article can be accessed at www.americandiplomacy.org.



Benstead

Director of the Division of Social Science **Dr. Trevor Morris** presented the paper, "Reality and Private Authority: Regime Theory Before and After the End of the Cold War" and chaired a panel on "Issues and Tendencies in the Evolving European Union" at the International Studies Association's Southern Region Annual Conference in Columbia, SC.

Pamela Strickland, CPA and assistant professor of accounting,

has joined the Accounting Education Committee of the North Carolina Association of CPAs. The mission of the committee is to support the development of basic accounting education and research.

Betty Neill Parsons, associate professor of music, served as guest conductor for the Moore County High School All-County Chorus in Southern Pines, NC.



Horan



Parsons

Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion **Dr. Michael Potts** presented the paper "CEO Compensation and Virtue Ethics" at the Japha Symposium on Business and Professional Ethics in Boulder, CO.

Professor of Art **Peggy Hinson's** artwork entitled "Rave Happening at the Met" was juried and accepted for exhibition in a national competition sponsored by the Associated Artists of Winston-Salem.



Ziegler



Hinson

Dr. L. Cristina Francescon, chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, presented the paper "Filial Love: From Tragedy to the Triumph of the Human Soul in De Sica's *Two Women*," at the annual Romance Language Film Symposium at Wake Forest University.

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Marked for service

Just as Christ's disciples were "marked" by lives of humility, simplicity and service, so are Christians today known by certain characteristics, or marks, said the Rev. Dr. Reginald "Reggie" Ponder, this year's winter baccalaureate speaker. He said there are four characteristics that all educated Christians should possess.

They should first live lives of integrity, Ponder said. He said it was imperative that the graduates of Christian institutions "model the very highest personal and professional ethics."

He continued that the graduates were not expected to know all of the answers to life's questions. However, they should demonstrate the ability to think critically and clearly. "We should have the ability to look at ourselves and the world with an objective eye that enables us to correct our mistakes and to adjust the course of our lives," he said. He also implored them to continue studying and educating themselves.

Ponder warned that education is not a license to laziness, but a call to disciplined effort. "Success in life is not a given," he said. "Have the commitment to do the work necessary to be successful."

Finally, he said, an educated Christian is a servant. "It is in the serving that we will realize our greatness," he said.

Ponder is the president of Louisburg College in Louisburg, NC. He previously was the president and CEO of United Methodist Retirement Homes. An ordained minister, he has also served many congregations and has been an active member of the United Methodist Conference.

Chemistry alumna honored



McPhail and Hendricks

Dr. M. Elton Hendricks presented an honorary Doctor of Science degree to alumna Linda McPhail at this year's winter commencement. McPhail is a 1970 graduate of Methodist.

McPhail serves as a distinguished faculty member in the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Having published more than 100 articles and abstracts and having spoken to thousands at

domestic and international conferences, symposia and seminars, she is recognized throughout the scientific community for her research and work in the biochemistry field.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree at Methodist, *summa cum laude*, in chemistry; and went on to earn her Master's and Ph.D. degrees in biochemistry from Wake Forest University. Her primary research interests lie in metabolic regulation, hormones, inflammation, protein kinases, and lipid signaling.

"...your children and grandchildren will close out the century carrying in their hearts the values and morals that they learn from you" —Elaine Marshall

Winter Graduates

Master of Medical Science

David Bosch; My Trang Dang; Davidson Hall; Maria Martinez; Kelly Mitchell; Crystal Orrvick; Sonia Shamdasani; Matthew Spinicchia; Jennifer Taylor

Bachelor of Arts

John Arnold, III; Joseph Barnard; Luz Campos; Amado Gutierrez, Jr.; Steven Johnson; Ivan Little; Ramon Rodriguez, III; Frank Smith, Jr.; Kinsey Stuart; Melissa Taylor; Christy Turner

Bachelor of Health Science

Richard Bailey, Jr.; Vanessa Dawson; Manuel Menendez; Katherine Mouser; Kristin Russell; Sean Valente

Bachelor of Social Work

Kelly Boucher; Tamu Brown; Tenisha Jones-Thompson; Kelly Martin; Travis Smith

Bachelor of Science

Takisha Adams; Teri Almond; Erick Arbe; Melissa Arnett; John Askew; Richard Bamber; Matthew Berry; Chandra Birdlow; Kevin Bradley; Patrice Bryant; Ricky Byrd; Michael Cavanaugh; Shayla Clemons; Mark Coleman; Rebecca Collis; Allison Compton; Ryan Crawford; Denise Cummings; John Cuthill, III; James Davidson; Justin DeFont; Mary Dennings; Frances Dennison; Kelsi Durrence; Steven Dzama; Peter Egazarian; Trent Erpf; Martina Fairfax; Zachary Fidler; William Fischer, Jr.; Kimberly Foley;

Evan Force; Peggy Garza; Hillary Gavia; Robert Gill, IV; Jon Goffredi; Daniel Gray; Mark Grundman, II; Hazel Hardy; Amanda Hathaway; Ryan Hocker; Amanda Holland; Sara Howell; Brett Huneycutt; Ryan Kalista; Malia Kalua; Ryan Kidd; Stacy Kincaide; Rodney Kitner; Patrick Knipple; Matthew Laun; Adam Loose; Nicole Mallette; Glenn Marriott; L. Hugh Matthis; Thomas Matuseski; Brandon McClain; Sarah McLamb; Shane McLaughlin; Valdean McLean; William McPhaul; Len Melton; Michael Merati; Kallie Micklos; Babe Mitchell; Amanda Moffett; Terrance Moore; Tonelli Moore; Isabel Mora-Shafer; Glen Murray; Justin Norvell; Deron Norwood; Michael Oeser; Nathan Ollhoff; Melissa

Overby; Erin Patenaude; Charles Peele; Jennifer Quesenberry; Dylan Reed; Amanda Rhodes; Andrew Richardson; Irene Rocha; Allison Rose; Terkel Ross; Andrew Rusk; Stacey Sheppard; Jason Sparhawk; David Stanley; Ryan Steele; James Stewart, II; Jerry Taylor; Hope Thomas; Dana Trump, Jr.; Merline Ulloth; Bastiaan Van Hoorn; Bruce Veeder; Richard Walker; Stefanie Wargala; Amanda Whyly; Tavarus Young

Associate of Arts

McKinley Bailey; Douglas Boemker; Kathi Douglas; Katrina Fletcher; Rosaura Fox; Helen Graham; Clarissa John; Philip Krigbaum; Timothy Kritzer; Tracie McLeod; Lamar Tyler

A reality check

Methodist College conferred 145 undergraduate and nine master's degrees at its 32nd annual winter commencement ceremony in Reeves Auditorium on Friday, December 10, 2004. Thirty-nine graduates earned academic honors.

This year's commencement speaker was North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, whose office oversees the state's business activities. She offered graduates practical advice regarding personal relationships and finances while speculating on their impact on the 21st century.

Because the graduates were the first class to receive a complete college education in the 21st century, Marshall warned them that they would re-shape society as we know it. "Your impact on decades to come will be significant because your children and grandchildren will close out the century carrying in their hearts the values and morals that they learn from you," she said.

Marshall encouraged graduates to invest in their interpersonal relationships and stressed the importance of morality and serving others. "In life you just don't know how someone else may affect your



Marshall

life and vice versa," she said. "Arm yourself with kindness and follow the Golden Rule of treating others as you would want to be treated," Marshall said.

She concluded by warning of the evils of buying on credit and of "chasing the Joneses." She said that today's generation is quickly earning the nickname "Generation Broke" and that easy credit is mostly to blame.

"Your peace of mind is more important than any piece of plastic," Marshall said. "Don't throw your education away by pursuing possessions."



Center honors couple's legacy

The Center for Entrepreneurship honored Ron and Sharon Matthews, proprietors of Family Foods, Inc., with its first ever "Legacy Lunch" in January at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville. The event was established to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of service.

The two were honored for their community involvement as well as their business success. Ron and Sharon serve as president and first vice president, respectively, of Family Foods, Inc., a franchisee of Taco Bell Corp. They operate 20 Taco Bell restaurants in eastern and southeastern North Carolina.

Both personally and professionally, the Matthews actively support area non-profits and civic organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs of Cumberland County, the 4H Foundation, YMCA, the Dogwood Festival Rodeo, Fayetteville Force Hockey and activities at Fort Bragg, to name a few.

Sid Gautam, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship said, "The Matthews' strong dedication to the Lord, their family, their community, and their business are among the reasons why we honor them. Their legacy is strong and will be remembered for years to come."

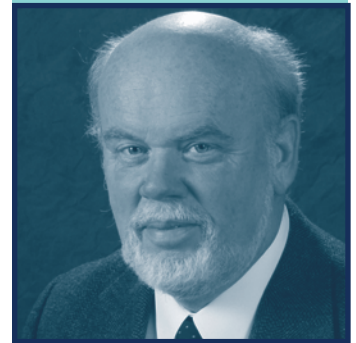


PA founder returns

Ron Foster has returned to Methodist College as the director of the Physician Assistant (PA) Program. Foster started the undergraduate program in 1996 but left in 2003 to pursue clinical work.

"I feel like I've been on a long sabbatical," he said. "It was delightful to get back into full-time medical practice but it's also good to return. I want to continue to be involved in both."

In 2000, the PA Program became the College's first graduate-level offering. There are currently 54 students enrolled.



Foster

Development Office Reorganizes

The Office of Development and Alumni Affairs has recently undergone a reorganization in the annual fund and alumni affairs areas. The two offices have been combined and now fall under the leadership of Laurie Cherry, director of Annual Fund and Alumni Affairs.

"Given the fact that Laurie had annual fund experience, but



Hasenkopf

also loved alumni affairs, it seemed a natural fit," said Robin Davenport, director of development. "It also makes a lot of sense as Loyalty Day, a part of the annual fund, is a community fund drive and we have a majority of our alumni living in this area."

Meredith "Mimi" Hasenkopf joined the College in December as the associate director of Annual Fund and Alumni Affairs. Hasenkopf is from Massachusetts and graduated from Boston College. She gained experience in educational advancement through her work in the Office of Annual Giving at Simmons College in Boston. She moved to Fayetteville in the fall of 2003 and was previously employed by Union Corrugating.

In addition to the staff changes, the Parents Program, currently housed in the Development area, will transition to Student Development and Services before the end of the current school year.

Alumnus returns to beautify MC

1969 graduate James Darden, III has recently been appointed as the College's first full-time horticulturist. He is tasked with beautifying the campus through landscape, irrigation and drainage design.



Darden

Darden will supervise two staff members. Their first projects include the re-design of the entrance to Stout hall, which houses Enrollment Services; the intersection of Lowdermilk Drive and Valley View Drive; and the original Methodist College sign facing Ramsey Street.

"As a student 35 years ago, Jim was an invaluable player on the athletic field and in the classroom," said Gene Clayton, vice president for Business Affairs. "We are excited that he has, in essence, re-joined our team and we are looking forward to his making the campus a must-see in Fayetteville."

Darden retired from Sampson Community College in Clinton, NC last year having served 25 years as the chairman of the Horticulture

Technology Department. He is the owner of Darden's Nursery and Landscaping, a wholesale container azalea nursery, and landscape design and installation business. He has also authored three books—*The Greenhouse Book*, a how-to book on building your own greenhouse; *Great American Azaleas*, a consumer's guide to buying the best azaleas; and *Guests of the Emperor*, a biography of his father's World War II experiences. He is currently working on *Great American Camellias*.

Darden earned a Bachelor of Science degree, *cum laude*, from Methodist in biology and education and went on to earn his master's in science education from Duke University.

While a student at Methodist, he was a stand-out athlete on the men's basketball team. A four-time Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All-Conference player, Darden still holds seven school and conference records for rebounds and scoring. He was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001.

He is a member of the North Carolina Nurserymen's Association, the North Carolina State University Arboretum, and the American Camellia Society. Darden also was a charter member of the Cape Fear Botanical Garden in Fayetteville and is active with the Fayetteville Camellia Society.



Campus Renovations

Students returned from winter break to an "on our way to extreme" make-over of the Berns Student Center, said George Blanc, vice president for Student Development and Services. The cost of the upgrades was just over \$30,000 and included renovations to the Lion's Den, the creation of semi-private lounge areas, new flooring both inside and out, and the creation of a Student Information Center.

Most of the work was done by a group of students who gave up most of their Christmas break, and Mike Sinkovitz, director of campus recreation and intramurals and general handyman.

A plethora of publications

The next time you stroll into your local bookstore, don't be surprised if you find numerous works by Methodist College faculty. To find them all, however, you will have to search through very different sections, from fiction and forensic science to poetry.

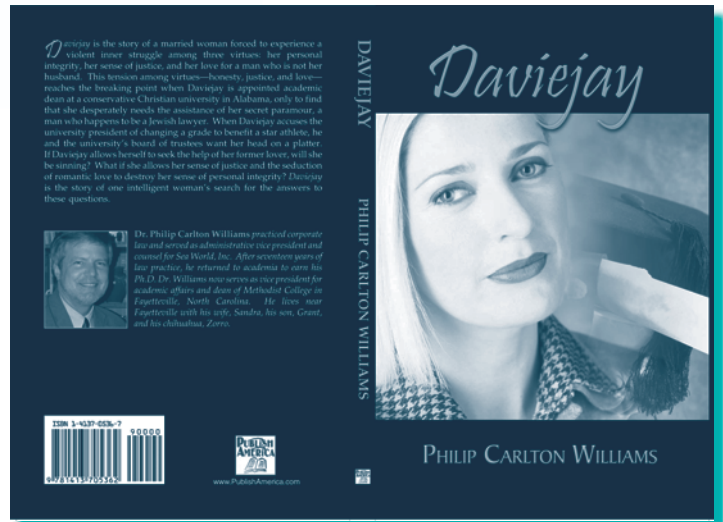
For those interested in true crime, Dr. Maurice Godwin, assistant professor of justice studies and an investigative psychologist, has just published *Tracker: Hunting Down Serial Killers*, co-authored by Fred Rosen. Godwin uses psycho-geographic profiling to catch serial killers. He says his methods can accurately predict both where a murderer lives and where he/she will strike next.

The book cites his personal analysis of numerous noteworthy cases including the I-95 sniper; the Baton Rouge serial killer and Raleigh serial killer, John Williams, Jr.

Godwin has previously published three books: *Criminal Psychology and Forensic Technology*; *Hunting Serial Predators*; and *Slave Master*, written with Sue Wiltz. *Slave Master* is about Internet serial killer John Robinson and has just been nominated for a 2005 Edgar Prize in the Best Fact Crime Category.

Godwin has recently signed a book deal for a second edition of *Hunting Serial Predators* which will be published this spring. To purchase any of his books, visit an area bookseller or his website at www.drmauricegodwin.com.

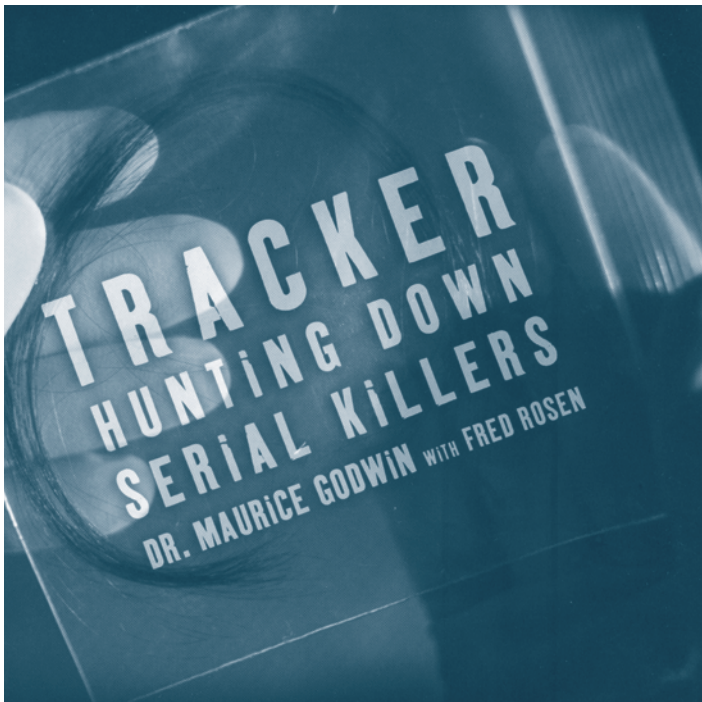
If you prefer novels filled with personal struggle, romance, and ethical dilemmas, then you should look up *Daviejay* by Dr. Phil Williams, vice president for Academic Affairs.



Daviejay is Williams' third popular fiction novel. Set on a conservative Christian college campus in the south, the book explores the struggles of a married woman dealing with the tensions among honesty, justice and love. The book is available at local bookstores and at www.amazon.com.

His other works include *The Tartan Murders* and *Mission Bay Murder*. Williams has also co-authored six children's books including: *The Rainbow Monster*, *The Blanket Burglar*, and *The Smuggler's Secret*.

For those who love poetry, two professors have recently had their works published. Associate Professor of English Robin Greene's poem "Blackbirds" was accepted for publication in *Poetry Motel* and Dean of the School of Information and Technology Bill Watt's poem "Mary Ann" was included in *The International Who's Who in Poetry*. Another poem by Watt, "The American Soldier" appeared in the "Saturday Extra" section of *The Fayetteville Observer*.



Greene



Watt



Lowdermilk Award winner Nick Kimps, poses with the award's namesake, Dr. William P. Lowdermilk, Jr.

Program promotes ethics, values

The Reeves School of Business and the Fayetteville Rotary Club of Fayetteville hosted the fourth annual Lowdermilk Ethics program on February 7, 2005. Throughout the day, David Callahan, author of *The Cheating Culture: Why More Americans Are Doing Wrong to Get Ahead*, discussed ethics and values in business at several presentations on campus.

Later that evening, Nicholas Kimps was awarded the 11th annual Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award which consists of \$2,000 and a certificate. Kimps is a junior from

Waldorf, MD, pursuing a degree in biology with double concentrations in zoology and botany.

The Award is named in honor of Dr. William P. Lowdermilk, Jr., retired vice president of Methodist College, for his service to the Rotary Club and the College. During his 32-years at the College, he advocated a strong values and ethics teaching mission and served as chair of the Ethics and Values Committee.

The award is given to a full-time Methodist College student who has a cumulative grade point average of 2.0, provides exemplary service to the College and/or the Fayetteville community, and demonstrates by action and deed high ethical standards and spiritual values in his/her educational, professional and personal life. Faculty and staff nominate students who are then interviewed by a panel composed of Rotarians and college personnel.



DeLapa

In memoriam

Former Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean Dr. Anthony DeLapa passed away Jan. 6, 2005. He was 68.

DeLapa retired in June 2003 after 14 years at the College. He first came to Methodist as a professor in the Education Department and later became chairman of the department. He went on to serve as the academic dean for nine years.

In the spring of 2004, The Anthony J. DeLapa Art Award was established in his honor. The \$250 honorarium is given to a junior or senior art or art education major who has achieved academic excellence while demonstrating outstanding potential as an artist.

After his retirement from Methodist, DeLapa served as pastor of Parkton United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; five children, a stepdaughter, and 13 grandchildren.

Serving the global community

At the end of the fall semester, members of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) conducted a clothing drive for an orphanage in Omsk, Russia. The group's mission is to promote entrepreneurship and free enterprise while serving the community, both locally and globally.

The drive was the brainchild of senior Anastasiya Zavyalova, an international student from Russia. "It is hard enough for orphanages to get funding for food and personal hygiene products," Zavyalova said. "We decided to collect clothing because it's just not a priority for them."

SIFE collected about 250 pounds of clothing and received grant money from the Student Government Association for mailing costs. For more information on SIFE and its other community service projects, contact the club's advisor, Sherry Schmidt-Coultrup at (910) 630-7624.



Graduate school partners with Pinehurst

The College will offer a Master of Business Administration degree this fall at Pinehurst Resort in the Village of Pinehurst® for professionals in the golf, tennis and resort industries. The accredited Professional MBA at Pinehurst program, the first of its kind in the nation, is designed to allow students to continue their full-time careers while earning their degree in 24 months.

“This new offering represents an exciting career development tool for professionals in golf, tennis and resort management,” said David Hayslette, senior vice president of human relations at Pinehurst Resort. “We are very excited about our continued partnership with Methodist and delighted they have chosen Pinehurst as their satellite campus.”

Classes will be held one weekend a month at the Resort with supplemental coursework completed online between residency sessions. In addition to core courses in each of the recognized business disciplines, students will take electives focused on developing the skills required to lead organizations in these unique industries such as agronomy and food and beverage management. Other key components of the program include the Executive Speaker Series, featuring expert industry leaders, and the Capstone Experience, a final project individually-tailored to the student’s experience and career goals.

Dr. R. Mark Smith, director of The Professional MBA at Pinehurst, said the master’s degree is a logical expansion of already-established and successful programs currently found within the Reeves School of Business. The College already offers business degree concentrations in Professional Golf Management, Professional Tennis Management and Resort Management.

“Could anyone imagine a better ‘lab’ than Pinehurst Resort for earning a graduate degree,” Smith asked. “We are excited about this unique partnership designed to meet the needs of the focus industries.”

Pinehurst boasts eight championship golf courses, including the world-renowned Pinehurst No. 2, site of the 2005 U.S. Open Championship. The 2,000 acre resort is also the home of the Spa at Pinehurst and three world-class historic hotels. Pinehurst Resort is one of more than 200 clubs and resorts worldwide owned and operated by Dallas-based ClubCorp.

For more information on The Professional MBA at Pinehurst, please visit www.methodist.edu/mba or call 800-488-7110 ext. 7493.



Two grants to benefit business students

Reeves School of Business Professors Jeff Zimmerman and Sherri Schmidt-Coultrup have received two grants to give students “real-world, hands-on experiences” in starting and running their own businesses. The grants total \$10,000.

The Coleman-Hughes Charitable Foundation of Illinois is providing funding for the creation of a polling center at the College. Students will establish the center to conduct research for clients through telephone, intercept, and mail surveys, as well as personal interviews and focus groups.

Schmidt-Coultrup applied for the grant at the national United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship conference in Indian Wells, CA. Applicants were each given three minutes to make their grant requests. The “Elevator Grant” process is based on the concept that sometimes in life you have only the amount of time it takes to ride an elevator to close a deal.

“It is intense but I really enjoyed the process—you know immediately if you are going to get funding,” she said.

The second grant is from the Marcus Foundation through Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). The money will be used by Methodist SIFE team members to help area high school students understand and utilize the concepts of the free enterprise system and entrepreneurship.

UP-COMING EVENTS ...

Call for Nominations

The Center for Entrepreneurship is calling for nominations for the following awards:

- * Small Business Excellence
- * American Business Ethics
- * Silver Spoon
- * Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year



Deadline for nominations is: March 18th

Winners will be announced at the 28th annual Stock Market Symposium April 20 featuring Lynn Reaser, Ph.D., managing director and chief economist for the Investment Strategies Group of Banc of America.

Contact the Center with nominations and supporting materials and/or reserve Symposium tickets via e-mail by contacting Dr. Sid Gautam at sgautam@methodist.edu or fax (910) 630-7657.

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17-20, 24-27 MC Theatre Department Presents 1918
8:00 p.m. (Thurs. - Sat.); 2:00 p.m. (Sun.)
Reeves Auditorium
Contact: [Dr. Paul Wilson](mailto:Dr.Paul.Wilson), (910) 630-7105

25-26 The 18th Southern Writers Symposium
For information, see the [Southern Writers Symposium web site](#).
Contact: [Dr. Emily Wright](mailto:Dr.Emily.Wright), (910) 630-7551

26 Friends of Music presents Amarcord, an ensemble of five former choristers of the famous St. Thomas Boys Choir of Leipzig
Hay Street United Methodist Church
7:00 p.m.
Contact: [Jane Gardiner](mailto:Jane.Gardiner), (910) 630-7100
Donations accepted and appreciated

B.F. STONE LYCEUM

Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Michelle Darnell
 will present her paper entitled,
A Buddhist Approach to Addiction,
 at this year's B.F. Stone Lyceum.

April 7, 2005 at 7 p.m.
Clark Hall Auditorium

For a complete listing of on-campus events and programs, visit the College's website regularly at: http://www.methodist.edu/Home/going_pub_events.shtml.

Remaining Relevant:

Alumnus James Link reflects on the value of his days at Methodist

Lt. Gen. James Link (Ret.) graduated from Methodist College in 1966 with a degree in history. From here, he moved on to a decorated military career and retired as a three-star general from the United States Army in 2000.

He now serves as the president of Teledyne Brown Engineering, Inc. (TBE), a corporation with annual sales in excess of \$250 million. TBE provides systems engineering, advanced technology and manufacturing solutions to space, defense, environmental, and homeland security requirements.

During a recent visit to campus, Jim talked with Laurie Cherry, director of Alumni Affairs, about his life's journey, the impact that Methodist College has had on his life and a few secrets to his success.

Cherry: What were the greatest lessons you learned while at Methodist?

Link: I think a liberal arts education that gives you an appreciation of history and philosophy is very valuable in dealing with people, particularly when you're in a leadership position.

Even though Teledyne is a company of engineers and scientists, it is still an organization of people. My liberal arts background has given me the ability to motivate, direct, challenge and lead our team. Science will take care of itself; it's the human component that's really important.

Cherry: Tell us something about yourself that may surprise people.



Link

“The sky is NOT the limit.”



Fast Facts

Education

- BA, history, Methodist College
- MBA, The University of Tennessee

Professional

- Current president of Teledyne Brown Engineering, Inc.
- Former senior vice president of Scientific Applications International Corp.
- Retired three-star general, United States Army

Personal

- Resides in Huntsville, AL with his wife, Judy, of 34 years. The couple has one daughter, Carey, a senior at the University of Alabama, Huntsville
- 1994 recipient of MC Distinguished Alumni Award
- 1994 recipient of honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Methodist College

Link: I am not a “workaholic.” I strive for balance in my personal and professional life and have worked hard to pursue avocations that I trust will serve me well when I (really) retire—like golf, hunting, fishing and snow skiing.

Cherry: What are you most proud of, either personally or professionally?

Link: I am most proud of my family, and next to them, my association with soldiers and civilians who, throughout my career, constantly displayed selfless service and dedication to our nation.

Cherry: What personal and professional goals do you have yet to accomplish?

Link: It may sound trite, but life is indeed a journey, not a destination. My goal has always been to make things better than I found them.

Cherry: What are your thoughts about Methodist College today and its future?

Link: I am impressed that Methodist College has embraced change and is remaining relevant to today's students. Tradition is a touchstone for an institution, but tradition unburdened by progress is a recipe for irrelevance.

The College must not be satisfied with the status quo. As we say in Huntsville, “The sky is NOT the limit.”

Supporting future leaders

This year's Loyalty Day was held February 8th and was chaired by John "Bill" Hurley, former North Carolina State legislator and former Fayetteville mayor. The Foundation Board recruited more than 130 volunteers to raise money from the Fayetteville and Cumberland County communities. All funds raised will go to support student scholarships.

The day began with breakfast at the Green & Gold Café. Fayetteville City Councilman Jimmy Keefe gave a proclamation on behalf of the city, naming February 8, 2005 "Methodist College Loyalty Day." Hurley thanked the volunteers for their support of the College, and remarked on the many positive changes to the College since he last chaired the drive in 1989.

President M. Elton Hendricks presented the 2005 Loyalty Day Supporter of the Year Award to Bass Air Conditioning Co., Inc., of Fayetteville. Allan Bass and his wife, Vivian, accepted the award, which also honored his father and founder of Bass Air Conditioning, the late Woodrow "Woody" Bass, and his wife Barbara. Bass Air Conditioning has supported Loyalty Day since the drive's inception in 1956. Woody Bass also served as director and president of the Foundation Board and as a charter member of the Board of Visitors. Allan has continued his father's legacy by giving annually to Loyalty Day.

At the end of the day, the Foundation Board and its dedicated volunteers had raised an initial \$22,000 in pledges and gifts, giving the Loyalty Day drive a good start to what is projected to be a successful year. A wrap-up celebration was held at the Fayetteville Museum of Art, where alumnus David Foster '76 was presented with the Foundation Board Director of the Year Award. Foster has served on the Board since 2000, and is currently serving as the immediate past president. Under his leadership, the Board has met its fundraising goals, and was instrumental in designating Loyalty Day funds for student scholarships. He currently serves as the operations manager for Mitchell, Brewer, Richardson, Adams, Burge and Boughman, Attorneys at Law.

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

For more information on Loyalty Day or the Foundation Board, please contact Laurie Cherry, director of Annual Fund and Alumni Affairs, at (910) 630-7167 or at lcherry@methodist.edu.

Top Left: Foundation Board member Jim Pittman enjoys breakfast with his team. L to R, Joe Wunderlich, Edward Jones; Jim Caison, Allstate Insurance; Pittman, FASTSIGNS; Greg West, HPS Real Estate/Coldwell Banker; and Bill Pannhoff, B&B Catering.

Top Right: Fellow alums Dave Foster '76 and Stephen Driggers '76 (standing) pose with volunteers Kim Smith, Cindi Hughes and Todd Huffman. **Bottom Left:** Allan Bass and his wife, Vivian, accept the Loyalty Day Supporter of the Year Award on behalf of Bass Air Conditioning Co., Inc., from President M. Elton Hendricks.

Bottom Right: Loyalty Day chairman Bill Hurley kicks off the Loyalty Day activities.



12 Family & Friends

Capital Drive Update

Campaign enters home stretch

The College is down to its last \$2.6 million in its \$12.85 million *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign. The campaign, Methodist College's largest capital drive in its history, will raise \$2.5 million for endowment, \$1.85 million to support its annual fund, \$5 million to construct an addition to the Science Building and \$3.5 million to construct a fitness and wellness center.

This is the third major fund-raising campaign Methodist has conducted since 1986. The *Come of Age* campaign, which concluded in 1990, raised \$3.8 million to build the March F. Riddle Center. The *Expanding the Vision* campaign, which ended in 1998, yielded a total of \$8.5 million—\$5.8 million for construction of the Math and Computer Science Building, Walter B. and Margaret T. Clark Hall and an annex to Davis Memorial Library, plus \$1.7 million for ongoing support and \$1 million for endowment.

The addition to the Science Building will consist of 25,000 square feet on two levels and will house 12 state-of-the-art laboratories for biology and chemistry, stockrooms and an elevator. It will be linked to the current science building on the north end of campus via a connector which will house faculty offices and a multi-purpose room. Several of the older laboratories in the existing science building will be converted to new classrooms, with one possibly being revamped as a lab dedicated to the College's new forensic program. The building will also house the Institutional Computing offices.

Methodist College takes seriously the responsibility to encourage its students and staff to participate in exercise and fitness activities associated with a healthy lifestyle. Achieving its goal in this area is hindered by the lack of adequate facilities, as the Riddle Center gymnasium is in almost constant use by the varsity and junior varsity men's and women's basketball

teams, volleyball and cheerleading teams. The fitness and wellness center will consist of 22,000 square feet on one level and will house a regular basketball court, that can also serve as two cross courts; a walking track; an exercise and weight lifting area; a lobby; bathrooms; and two offices.

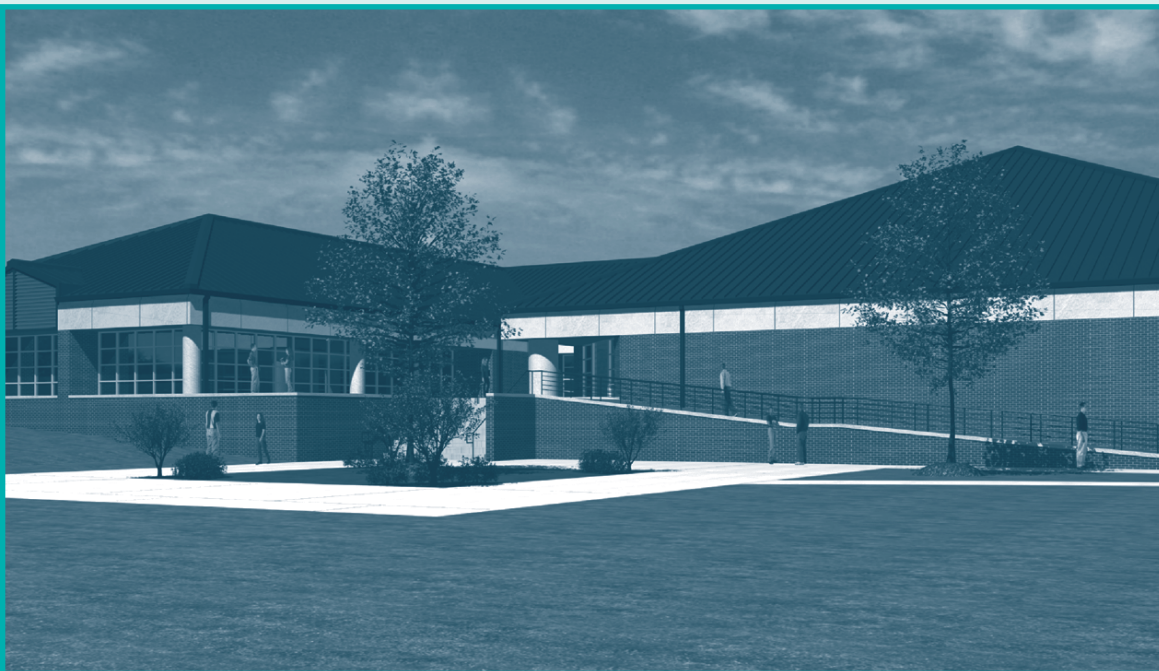
The *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign, announced in May 2002, has been well supported by the Board of Trustees, with gifts and commitments exceeding \$4.3 million. With strong leadership by campaign co-chairs, Richard Allen, Sr. and Ramon Yarborough; Board of Trustees chair Richard Player, Jr.; and development committee chair, Harvey Wright, II '70, the College has received three \$1 million gifts, the largest individual contributions in its history. A major corporate gift came in October 2004, when BB&T made a commitment of \$750,000 toward the Science Building.

In December 2004, the College received a \$550,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation, conditioned upon the College's raising the remaining funding needed to complete the campaign by Oct. 1, 2005. "With the opportunity to secure this type of funding, it is imperative that we raise the remaining funds needed to complete this campaign by October 1st," said Dr. Elton Hendricks, president.

For more information about the *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign, or to make a gift, please contact Robin Davenport, director of Development, at (910) 630-7200 or rdavenport@methodist.edu.

The College received a \$550,000 challenge grant, conditioned upon the College's raising the remaining funding by October 1.





Kresge challenges Methodist

Methodist College has been awarded a \$550,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation toward the addition to the Science Building. The grant is conditioned upon the College's raising the remaining funding needed to complete all three components of the *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign by Oct. 1, 2005.

"Receiving a grant from The Kresge Foundation is a true blessing," said Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president. "We are excited about the opportunity to provide an enhanced learning environment for our science majors.

"With the introduction of new concentrations and the success of our master's degree program in Physician Assistant Studies, the demand for sciences has grown rapidly," he said. "Our friends and alumni have responded well in the past to challenges from The Kresge Foundation, and I am confident that we will raise the money necessary to meet, or even exceed, the conditions of this newest challenge grant."

The Kresge Foundation provided Methodist College with two previous challenge grants of \$250,000 in 1989 and \$300,000 in 1996 toward its first two campaigns. The grants provided funding for the March F. Riddle Center and the expansion of the Davis Memorial Library, respectively.

According to its website, The Kresge Foundation views grant requests as an opportunity to look into an organization's soul and ask, "Who needs it? Who supports it? Who will work and give to advance it?" It says they believe that a challenge grant does more than just build a building or reward good programs. It presents an opportunity to build capacity by helping an organization broaden and deepen its base of support and by encouraging volunteer involvement in the fund-raising effort and beyond.

The Kresge Foundation is a national foundation, headquartered in Troy, MI, and is not affiliated with any corporation or organization. It was created in 1924 by Sebastian S. Kresge "to promote the well-being of mankind." It is one of the largest foundations in the country with assets of more than \$2.4 billion. Last year, the Foundation awarded more than 175 grants totaling more than \$119,434,000.

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Fall Sports Wrap-Up

Methodist College athletic teams enjoyed yet another successful season this past fall. The following re-caps each team's season.

FOOTBALL

Methodist football returned to prominence in 2004 as the Monarchs finished 7-3 overall and 4-2 in the USA South Athletic Conference. It was the first winning season for Methodist since 2000.

Methodist opened the season with an impressive 45-17 victory over Guilford. However, most of the victories were not without dramatics. Methodist edged North Carolina Wesleyan 21-20 on a missed field goal, followed by a 36-27 victory at Emory & Henry on a blocked field goal that was returned for a touchdown on the final play.

In addition, the Monarchs beat Averett 36-34, Ferrum 36-18, Chowan 28-0 and Greensboro 18-14.

Earning All-Conference honors were Lorenzo Sweeney, Chris Ronchetti, David Leonard, Jonathan Byrd, Gary Futch, John Shaw, Jackson Jean, Darmarcus Wilson, Justin Howard, Greg Hyslop and Patrick Larkin.

Wilson finished his collegiate career ranked second all-time at Methodist in rushing yardage and rushing attempts. Ronchetti became Methodist's first quarterback to

eclipse 2,000 career passing yards and 1,000 career rushing yards.

MEN'S SOCCER

Methodist finished the third season under head coach Justin Terranova 11-6-2 overall and advanced to the conference tournament championship for the first time.

Early on, the Monarchs were 2-4 and struggling offensively. However, Methodist turned it around with an unbeaten streak for the next eight games. A turning point was a stunning 3-1 victory at neighboring NCAA Division II rival UNC-Pembroke. UNC-Pembroke was ranked fourth in the nation at the time.

Another highlight was a thrilling 2-1 overtime victory at home over Christopher Newport.

After finishing third in the USA South with a 4-2 mark, Methodist opened the conference tournament with a 3-1 victory over Averett in the quarterfinals. That was followed by a 1-0 squeaker over Greensboro in the semifinals. However, nationally-ranked North Carolina Wesleyan ended hopes of a conference title with a 2-0 victory.

Individually, the Monarchs placed eight players for All-Conference: Kevin Gray, Michael Davis, Thomas Bennett, Sean Wright, Justin Agema, Adam Sippy, Andrew Neff and James Joyce.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Like the men's team, only one game stood between the Lady Monarchs and the NCAA National Tournament. Methodist overcame a sluggish start to finish 12-7-2.

Methodist jumped out to a 6-2-1 mark at the start of the season, but stalled with a four-game losing streak at the midway point. However, the Lady Monarchs finished up strong, going unbeaten in their last six games.

The Lady Monarchs opened the USA South Athletic Conference Tournament with an impressive 2-0 victory over Greensboro. In the championship game at Christopher Newport, Methodist held a 1-0 lead

into the second half and appeared on their way to the Division III playoffs. However, Christopher Newport tied it late and won in overtime, 2-1.

Seven players were selected All-USA South Athletic Conference: Chrystal Bradley was selected USA South Rookie of the Year. Bradley led the USA South in scoring with 13 goals and three assists for 29 points. Also honored were Christina Gipson, Kim Collier, Kela Kimi, Danielle Nourie, Marie Finley, and Ashley Sloan.

VOLLEYBALL

Battered by injuries to key players throughout the season, the



Top Right: Halfback Darmarcus Wilson concluded his Monarch career ranked second in both career rushing yards and career rushing attempts. **Far Left:** Junior midfielder Andrew Neff was one of eight Monarchs honored as All-USA South Athletic Conference for the 2004 season. **Middle Left:** Freshman forward Krystal Bradley was the 2004 USA South Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year and first team All-Conference and All-Region. **Middle Right:** Junior outside hitter Jennifer Ellis lines up for a kill during action in the 2004 season. **Far Right:** Husein Nasiro Sigo was selected first-team All-USA South Athletic Conference and won the USA South men's individual championship.

Monarch volleyball team struggled to a 12-20 mark. The highlight of the season was Methodist playing host to the conference tournament in November.

Jennifer Ellis became the first player in Methodist history to eclipse 1,000 career kills, while Stephanie

Sullivan ranked second in the Conference in service aces. Rebecca Walter was selected All-Conference.

CROSS COUNTRY

2004 proved to be a season of gains for the Methodist men's and women's cross country teams. Both

teams finished fifth in the Mason-Dixon Conference championships, while the men finished fourth, and the women finished fifth at the USA South Athletic Conference championships.

Husein Nasiro Sigo, a freshman from Ethiopia, became

the first Monarch to win the USA South men's individual championship since 1996.

Nasiro Sigo and Tim McArthur were All-Conference selections on the men's side, while Krystal Patton was selected for the women.

Athletic Schedules

Baseball - Home

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 17	Hampden-Sydney	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 19	Ferrum	12:00 p.m.
Mar. 20	Ferrum	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 22	Tufts	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 23	Huntington	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 24	Huntington	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 26	Chowan	12:00 p.m.

Lacrosse - Home

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 20	Christopher Newport	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Pfeiffer	4:00 p.m.

Men's Golf

Date	Opponent
Mar. 18-20	Golden Isles Invitational Jekyll Island Oleander Jekyll Island, GA
Apr. 1-3	Camp Lejeune Intercollegiate Scarlet/Gold Courses Jacksonville, NC
Apr. 11-12	Emory Invitational Cherokee Town & Country Club Atlanta, GA
Apr. 16-17	USA South Athletic Conference Tournament Meadowlands Country Club Greensboro, NC
May 9-12	NCAA Division III National Tournament Mission Inn—El Campeon Howey-in-the-Hills, FL

Men's Tennis - Home

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 19	Shenandoah	9:00 a.m.
Mar. 29	Greensboro	3:00 p.m.
Apr. 9	Christopher Newport	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 14	St. Andrews	3:00 p.m.

Outdoor Track & Field

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 25-26	@ Clemson	TBA
Apr. 1-2	@ Emory	TBA
Apr. 9	@ Coastal Carolina	TBA
Apr. 16	@ Eastern Mennonite	TBA
Apr. 28-30	@ University of Pennsylvania	TBA
May 6-7	@ Christopher Newport	TBA
	Mason-Dixon Championships	

Softball - Home

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 25	Ferrum	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 28	Peace	2:30 p.m.

Women's Golf

Date	Opponent
Mar. 17-20	Shamrock Invitational Tega Cay Golf Club Tega Cay, SC
Mar. 26-28	William & Mary Invitational Ford's Colony Golf Club Williamsburg, VA
Apr. 10	Lady Dukes Invitational Lakeview Golf Course Harrisonburg, VA
May 13-17	NCAA Division III National Tournament Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club Southern Pines, NC

Women's Tennis - Home

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 19	Shenandoah	9:00 a.m.
Mar. 22	Meredith	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Greensboro	3:00 p.m.
Apr. 9	Christopher Newport	2:00 p.m.

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

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Above: Members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee accept a trophy for collecting the most canned goods in the USA South Athletic Conference's Cans Across the Conference food drive.



Wiggs

Cans Across the Conference Methodist victorious in competition for good

Members of the Methodist Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) became the inaugural champions of the Cans Across the Conference competitive food drive organized by the USA South Athletic Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The college that collected the most non-perishable food earned a trophy.

Across all eight conference schools, more than 9,000 items were collected for the needy. Methodist College students collected 2,325 items and donated them to the Fayetteville Salvation Army.

SAAC challenged each of Methodist's 19 intercollegiate athletic teams to collect the most

cans. The women's soccer team won the competition and was rewarded with a pizza party.

The USA South plans to make the food drive an annual event. "The conference was extremely pleased with the results of the drive," said Rita Wiggs, conference commissioner. "It generated a lot of excitement because of its competitive nature and it really brought out the best in the student-athletes."

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Cheerleading Day

The cheerleaders began the spring semester with Cheerleading Day, a day-long clinic for area youth, as a fund-raiser for up-coming tournaments and other competitions. Thirty children attended the event and received instruction from head coach Melissa



Hay and members of the cheerleading team. Participants performed their newly-learned skills at a men's basketball game in January.

The cheerleaders will compete at several national competitions in coed and all-girl partner stunt categories this spring. Partner groups will compete at Cheer, Ltd CANAM Nationals, March 18-20 in Myrtle Beach, SC; Cheerleaders of America's Ultimate Nationals, March 24-27 in Orlando, FL; and the National Cheerleading Association's Myrtle Beach Championship April 1-3.

Baseball Pre-Season Poll

Monarchs favored to win conference championship

The Monarch baseball team was pre-season nationally ranked for the 2005 season, according to the Division III Preseason Top 30 poll, released Dec. 29. The Monarchs ranked 21st in the preseason poll, sponsored by the *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper*. In addition, Methodist also was the preseason favorite in the race for the USA South Athletic Conference championship in a poll released Jan. 20.

The Monarchs are coming off a 30-19 record in 2004 in which they won the USA South Athletic Conference Tournament Championship and advanced to the championship game of the NCAA Division III South Regionals. Methodist is the lone USA South team to be ranked in the Top 30.

Methodist opened the 2005 season—the 26th for veteran head coach Tom Austin—on Feb. 5 at home against Lynchburg.



Alumna's firm honored for helping injured soldiers

Kim Hayes Shackleford '96 is the chief marketing officer and founding partner of Ambit Group, a consulting firm specializing in providing strategic management consulting for federal government agencies and commercial firms. The firm was recently named "Small Business Corporate Contributor of the Year" by The American Council for Technology and the Industry Advisory Council.

The company was recognized for its contributions to the federal community and its dedication to bringing together the leadership of government and industry. Among other activities, the company was recognized because Shackleford helped organize a golf tournament that raised \$34,000 for injured soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. The tournament proceeds benefited Ward 57, where injured soldiers returning from Iraq are treated. More than 150 golfers played in the event and many others made contributions.

Shackleford specializes in the development of strategic marketing and communications campaigns, facilitation, and strategic planning for the federal marketplace. Additionally, she functions as the subject matter expert for communications, sales and marketing to several Fortune 100 clients.

In addition to her government, private and nonprofit experience, Shackleford is a licensed educator with specialized training in at-risk education, specifically targeting juvenile offenders. She graduated from Methodist College with a BS in middle school education and went on to serve in the United States Army as a military intelligence signals analyst. She was injured on active duty and is a service-connected disabled veteran.

France honors Handy

General John Handy '66, commander of the United States Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, has been inducted into the French Legion d'Honneur, the highest award given by the French Republic for outstanding service to France. The award was presented during a ceremony Oct. 25 in Washington, D.C., at the residence of the French Ambassador to the United States, Jean-David Lavitte.



Handy

General Handy said his induction into the Legion d'Honneur is something he will always prize. "To be recognized by France—long a friend and ally of America—is truly an honor," he said.

Fewer than 60 Americans have received the honor

"For more than 200 years, the United States and France have been united by friendship and shared values. From the battlefields of Yorktown to the beaches of Normandy, our countries have maintained an enduring bond," Handy continued.

Since the Legion d'Honneur was introduced by Napoleon Bonaparte in the early-1800s, fewer than 60 Americans have received the honor, including Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan, inventors Thomas A. Edison and Alexander Graham Bell, Generals Norman Schwarzkopf and Colin Powell, and astronaut Neil Armstrong.

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.

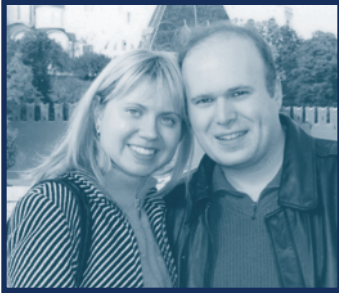
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Engagements

Michael Molter '94 announces his engagement to Ekaterina Gavrikova. Michael is the College's webmaster and Ekaterina is currently studying economics and management at Moscow State Aviation Technology University.



Gavrikova-Molter

The couple is planning a spring wedding in Fayetteville.

Pamela Thibodeau '95 announces her engagement to Michael Unruh of Fayetteville. Pamela works in promotions, and is currently studying for her master's degree in online education design. Michael is in the political arena, having most recently served as the southeastern field representative for Senator-elect Richard Burr. The couple is planning a spring 2006 wedding.

Weddings

2LT Christopher Kidd '04 and Tabitha Stooksbury were married on May 22, 2004 at Hay Street United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. Serving in the United States Army, 2LT Kidd is currently stationed at Fort Carson, CO.



Stooksbury-Kidd

Jeannie (Denman) Redhouse '94 was whisked off to Las Vegas by her fiancé on Feb. 14, 2004. The new Mr. and Mrs. Redhouse live in Phoenix, AZ, where Jeannie works as a seventh grade teacher in a charter school.

Adam Woodlief '97 was married to Kaki Hicks in November 2004. He is now the Field Engineering Supervisor for the UNC Center for Public Broadcasting. He has been with UNC-TV since 2003.

Births

Janie Jones Brown '98 and her husband, Marshall, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Emma. She was born July 27, 2004.

Jamie and Stephanie (Legg) Hurless '97, '97 proudly announce the birth of their son, Grant Witten. He was born March 5, 2004. The couple resides in Long Island, NY.

Allyson Greer Kotes '93 and her husband, Kurtis, proudly announce the birth of their first child, Ryan Christian, Aug. 28, 2004. Allyson is the director of Golf Instruction at the Fairview Golf Center in Elmsford, NY. The Kotes family resides in Verbank, NY.

Elaine (Forbes) Marshall '83 and her husband, Mike, announce the addition of their second daughter, Malia Noelle. She joins big sister Calyn!

Joy Woodward '97 and her husband, Woody, proudly announce the birth of their son, Hamilton David. He was born July 23, 2004 and joins big sister, Cooper. The Woodward family resides in Monterey, CA.

Class Notes

1974

The Rev. and Mrs. Leonard and Colleen (Shaw) Doucette '74, '74, proudly announce the marriage of their daughter, Maryanne, to Brandon Mansour on Sept. 25, 2004, in Oriental, NC. The couple lives in Greenville, NC where Brandon is the manager of a Walgreen's Pharmacy.

1975

W. Christopher Brian retired from the Navy in the late 1990's after 22 years of service. He was recently married to Francine Sweetman in September 2004 and is happily living in the Lake Tahoe area.

1978

David Radford and his wife, Brenda, live in Durham, NC and just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. David is the president of CWJ Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. He has recently been named to the North Carolina Mechanical Code Committee for review of the International Mechanical Code as it applies to North Carolina. Brenda is employed at Duke University Medical Center as director of Patient Relations, and serves as the national president for the Society of Healthcare Consumer Advocacy. Their daughter, **Ashleigh,**

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Annual Appreciation Dinner, Highland Country Club, Fayetteville April 7				Luncheon for alumni, ministers and friends of the College, see ad this page June 9		
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will graduate from Methodist this spring. Their son, Michael, is a sophomore at Durham Riverside High School.

1983

Mark Kendrick recently graduated from Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, NJ with an M.S. in Management. He has been accepted to Northcentral University, where he will pursue a Ph.D. in Business Administration. Mark resides in Fayetteville with his wife, Sharon, and owns a human resources consulting company.

1987

Richard Briggs, Jr. graduated *cum laude* from UNC-Charlotte in 1997 as a program participant in the Department of Defense's "Troops to Teachers" program. Richard then moved to Rock Hill, SC to teach theatre arts at Northwestern High School. In 2000, after returning to active duty with the United States Army, he was transferred to Fort Hood, TX and served a year-long deployment in Iraq in 2003. Richard proudly announces his marriage to Adrienne Winkler. He has four children: Madelaine, Melaynne, Richard III, and Connor. The Briggs family currently lives in Fort Dix, NJ.

1989

Deborah Hammonds is entering her 16th year of teaching elementary school. She resides in Killeen, TX with her daughter Christina, and husband, Sandford, but they hope to be back on the east coast in the next few years. Deborah welcomes e-mails from old friends at teach104@earthlink.net.

Everette and Tracie McDonald

celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on Sept. 21, 2004. Tracie is a group home manager with Life Solutions in Lumberton, NC. Everette is the music teacher at Flora MacDonald Academy in Red Springs, NC and the assistant minister at the Love and Joy Christian Center in Lumberton.

1991

The Rev. Lee Pittard and his wife, Anita, announce the birth of their granddaughter, Alyssa Smith. She was born Dec. 24, 2004.

1992

Carol (Bradshaw) Renken was recently honored as the 2004-2005 Teacher of the Year at Burgaw Middle School, where she teaches 7th and 8th grade English. Carol resides in Wilmington, NC with Mike, her husband of three years. Carol welcomes e-mails from old friends at titanic@nuvox.net.

1994

Tom Buckner would like to say hello to everyone that he had the pleasure of meeting and knowing at Methodist. God bless all of you!

MAJ Ben Dennis, Jr.

was mobilized to the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Major Dennis resides in Beverly Hills, CA and is a government training advisor. Friends can e-mail at hideo@rocketmail.com.

1995

Delana Epps-Robinson and her husband, Tony, just celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary. They have two daughters: eight-year-old Destinie and seven-year-old Dynestie. Delana is the director of Undergraduate Records/academic advisor for Troy University-Fort Bragg campus. They reside in Fayetteville.

1998

Michael Crouse is still serving our country in the United States Army and has recently been relocated to Fort McPherson, GA. He is assigned to the 335th Theater Signal Command, Plans and Operation Staff, with duty in the Middle East.

2000

Sabrina Sabin passed the Texas Bar Association examination on Nov. 5, 2004 and is now licensed to practice law in the state of Texas. She resides in Fort Worth with her husband, Chris, son, Blaine, and daughter Jayde.

Steven Vinci

can now be heard on Sporting News Radio 1510 AM in Boston, MA. The station streams online at www.1510thezone.com. He is on the air from 6-9 p.m. on Mondays. He is also a columnist for www.sportsfan.com and www.mrfantasy.com. He lives in Boston.

2004

Alden Johnson has accepted a position with Whelan Associates of Dartmouth, MA as an assistant project manager. Alden will be responsible for the redevelopment, rehabilitation, construction and lease of 174 Union Street, a 107-year-old bank building in downtown New Bedford, MA.

Stacey McVeigh

recently graduated from the AmeriCorps Program and has accepted a position with The Enterprise Foundation. Located in Atlanta, GA, The Enterprise Foundation works to promote affordable housing and community development.

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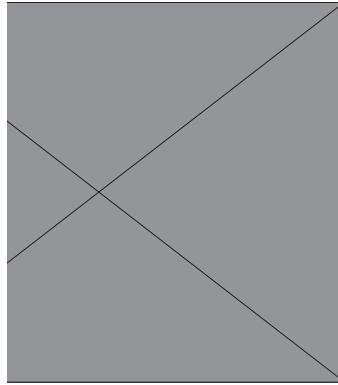
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Holiday Gala Reception

Holiday cheer descended on the Horner Administration Building lobby November 30th as members of the College's Board of Trustees, Administrative Committee, Alumni Association Board, Foundation Board, Board of Visitors, Friends of Music Board of Directors and the Student Government Association Executive Committee attended a reception hosted by M. Elton Hendricks, president. The evening concluded at the sixth annual Friends of Music Christmas Concert in Reeves Auditorium.

Above Right: L to R, Liz Latella, Elaine Bryant and Marshall Howie sample the holiday buffet.

Right: Dougald MacMillan tries to select the perfect keepsake ornament from the Development Office tree.



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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

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March 22
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TBA
(910) 630-7283

April 4
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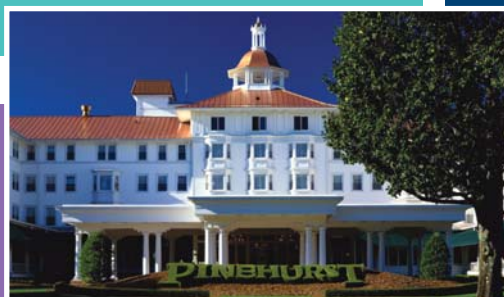
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Stone Lyceum
Clark Hall Auditorium
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(910) 630-7191

April 11
Templeton Lecture
11 a.m.
(910) 630-7118

April 20
Stock Market Symposium
Holiday Inn Bordeaux
6 p.m.
(910) 630-7642

May 7
Baccalaureate
Reeves Auditorium
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Graduation
Riddle Center
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