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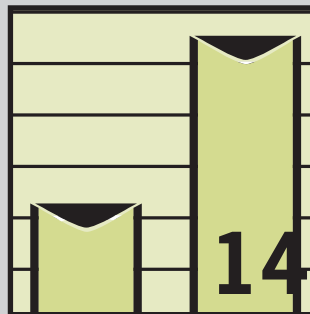
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# People in the Methodist Spotlight



**Horan**

**Dr. Elizabeth Belford Horan** served as a college facilitator at the AIG conference on “The New Bloom’s Taxonomy” in Pinehurst, NC. The conference was sponsored by NCDPI. She has also earned a certificate for completion of the Gift Education Institutes by the North Carolina Department of Instruction Institute for the AIG.

**Bill Watt** copy edited the winter *Journal of Leadership Education*, Vol. 3, Number 3. The international journal is published by the Leadership Educators Association. He also presented a paper entitled “Facilitative Social Change Leadership: The Chair’s Role in Empowering Faculty”



**Watt**

at the 22nd annual Academic Chairperson’s Conference in Orlando, FL in February.

**Dr. Keith Dippre’s** symphony “Ikons” premiered by the Fayetteville Symphony under the direction of **Fouad Fakhouri** in February. The work was sponsored by the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County.

**Michael Molter**, college webmaster, served as judge in the annual Public Library Quiz Bowl in Fayetteville.

**Jim Syputl**, head football coach, was selected to speak at the North Carolina High School



**McEvoy**

Association’s annual winter clinic in Greensboro. His topic was “Multiple Fronts and Coverages from the 3-5-3 Defense.”

**Drs. Davis Turner and Bill Watt** were among the co-authors of the third edition of *Speech Communication: Theories and Practices* (2005), published by McGraw-Hill.

**Lyn Green** was recognized by the local program unit of the North Carolina Association of Social Workers for her leadership as chair of the LPU for the past two years and for development of the monthly Lunch ‘n Learn educational seminars for social workers in the local community.

**Dr. Samuel J. Womack**, former Academic Dean and head of the Religion Department, has moved to the Carolina Inn at Village Green, room 221, Fayetteville, NC 28383. He would enjoy visits and mail from his Methodist College friends.

**Bob McEvoy**, Director of Athletics, has been selected as the president of USA South Athletic Conference for 2005-07; in addition, he has been selected as a NCAA Division III National Men’s Basketball Committee Member 2003-07. McEvoy has also been selected as a facilitator for NCAA III Regional Leadership Conferences 2005-06 in Dallas, Texas and Jersey City, New Jersey, and most recently, he has been nominated to serve on the Cumberland County/Fayetteville City Parks & Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee 2005-06.

**Cheryle Rivas**, Director of College Relations & Marketing, was an emcee for the annual July 4th Celebration at Fort Bragg. The event drew over 30,000 attendees. This is a tradition for Rivas, who marks her 10th year as emcee along side Beasley Broadcasting’s Mac Edwards.

## Candelabra Gift Honors Dr. Bill Lowdermilk

The 2005 Annual Conference Luncheon was hosted by the College, Hope Mills United Methodist Church and Reverend Dennis Sheppard ’77. The luncheon was attended by alumni, clergy and laity friends as well as faculty and staff of Methodist College. During the celebration, Reverend James Malloy ’78 presented a candelabra to the College for use in Hensdale Chapel, in honor of Dr. Bill Lowdermilk. The luncheon was one of the last public appearances by Dr. Lowdermilk. To view a slideshow of pictures from this event, go to [www.methodist.edu/alum\\_dev/minister\\_luncheon.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/alum_dev/minister_luncheon.htm).

**Pictured (from L to R):** Rev. James Malloy ’78, Dr. Elton Hendricks, and Rev. Ben Wells ’95 show the candelabra to Dr. Lowdermilk.



# A Four-Star Visit

The year was 1962. Elvis' *Good Luck Charm* was climbing the chart of Billboard's Hot 100 and one of the most important events of the Cold War was about to unravel: the Cuban Missile Crisis. The leaves were changing and another fall semester was getting under way. He was a bright-eyed, striking young man from the piedmont region of North Carolina. He was thirsty for knowledge and knew how to swing a tennis racket. It seemed as though he was a perfect match for a new school just barely into its second year. He was drawn to Methodist College because of the hands-on education and small class sizes. With barely 400 students, Methodist was dwarfed by bigger universities. That made a big difference to a little kid from Raleigh.

Fast forward to 2005. This little kid is now a grown man with many titles and responsibilities. A walk down memory lane brings back fond memories of those years long ago. John W. Handy, '66, spent the better part of a June morning touring the campus of Methodist College and admiring the changes and growth that had taken place over the years. Now a four-star general, Handy carries a lengthy title to his name. He is the commander of the United States Transportation Command and Commander, Air Mobility Command.

"I was empowered by my experiences here at Methodist College," Handy explained as he met with several staff and faculty members during his visit. "The trees have grown up!" he said remarking on his recent tour of the College. "I'm amazed at the campus. It's hard to believe, looking back over the '62-'63 timeframe. Life was truly good." Handy also added that "it's really a treat to come back and see the kind of progress that has happened here."

Handy proceeded to tell his audience that the biggest advantage of Methodist College is that it's a small college. Being a student at Methodist gave him the confidence he needed. Handy graduated as the president of his senior class. He said, "whatever happened in my life is a result of Methodist College."

During his senior year he applied to law school but the "urge to fly grabbed him." He stopped by an Air Force recruiting office and says today, "39 years later here I am. It was a dream come true."

When asked what advice he'd give to graduates, Handy said, "there are two keys to success: honor diversity. It is the strength among Americans." The second key to success is "the ability to smile. Be a pleasant person. Smile. It makes someone else feel good. Nobody knows what you are really thinking when you smile. It works!"

As he wrapped up his visit with friends and past professors, he grinned as he walked away. His gesture left many with the feeling that they had accomplished something very big. And with that thought, everyone smiled.

**Above:** Parker Wilson, retired history professor, presents Gen. Handy with a photograph of his days as a student at Methodist College.

**Right:** Gen. Handy shakes hands with Gene Clayton, vice president for Business Affairs, while Dr. Hendricks looks on.



"I was empowered by my experiences here at Methodist College."

# The Legacy of “Uncle Bill”

William Phifer Lowdermilk, affectionately known to many as “Uncle Bill,” left his mark in the hearts and minds of those who loved him. For more than 40 years, “Uncle Bill,” an ordained minister, served Methodist College in one capacity or another.

His humble beginnings started in public relations, one of many positions he held at the College. His tenure at Methodist led him to a vice presidency role. Even after retirement, he continued to make an impact on the College and especially the student body. He served as a trustee to the College and began a part-time ministry to Methodist College students, hosting Monday evening Bible studies for golf management students and members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Promoting Methodist College came easily to Uncle Bill. He recruited hundreds of students, founded the Methodist College Alumni Association, and arranged for concerts, summer camps and meetings on the campus.

He worked tirelessly to enhance religious life on the College campus. His sermon “Starting Over” deeply touched those within earshot of his words. He was a counselor and friend.

The Greatest Gift Scholarship, an award alumni may give to new Methodist College students, was developed by Uncle Bill in the late 1970’s, and is a small example of the many wonderful contributions he has made to the College. In addition, he took on a great number of tasks and challenges. Nothing delighted him more than hosting a church-related event at Methodist College, where he made every visitor feel welcome.

He received countless awards and honors, from both the College and the community. One such honor was the naming of Lowdermilk Drive. He returned the honor with his positive outlook on life. He gave so much of himself without expecting anything in return. He served on many boards and chaired many committees. Even after retirement

he continued to remain active in the United Methodist Church, teaching Sunday school and worshipping regularly at Hay Street United Methodist Church. He filled many pulpits in the North Carolina Conference as a guest preacher. He officiated at scores of weddings, baptisms, ordinations and funerals of Methodist College alumni and their family members.

Uncle Bill faced death with courage and dignity. He found strength and joy in the expressions of love and concern he received from the countless number of friends during the final days of his illness. He expressed thanks to God for allowing him to share with others

a rich and joyous faith journey with Jesus Christ.

Uncle Bill touched so many people in many different ways. He was a pillar in the community and a mentor to those who reached out to him. While he will be sorely missed, his legacy lives on. He will always be our “Uncle Bill.”

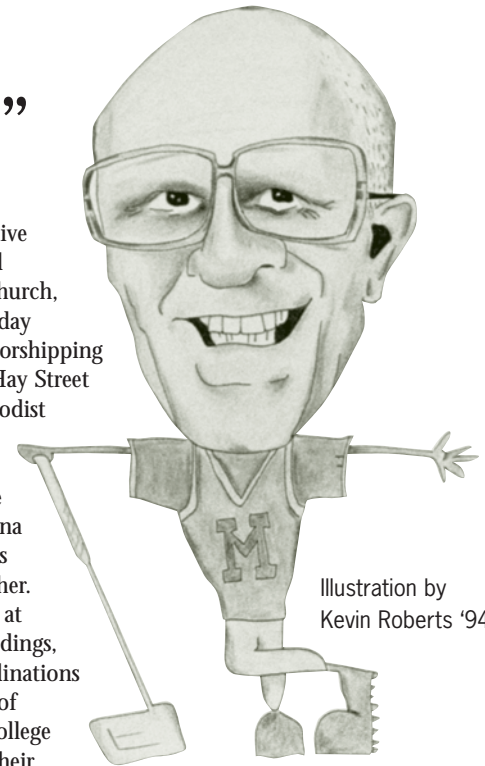
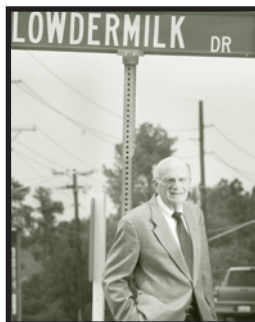
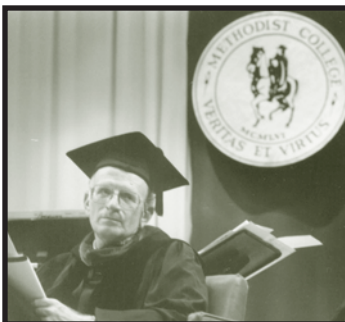


Illustration by Kevin Roberts '94



The Reverend Dr. William P. Lowdermilk, 1933–2005

# New Faces

**Fred Gilbert** has been named the General Manager of Methodist College Dining Services; Fred arrived on campus in February. He is originally from Long Island, New York and graduated from North Carolina Wesleyan College. Fred brings over 20 years experience to the food service at Methodist. Fred is a big baseball fan and has worked for the Carolina Mudcats.

**Duane Grooms** has been named the new Director of Student Activities and Parents Programs. Grooms has a B.S. and a MAEd degree from East Carolina University. He has over 23 years of professional experience in the student development area, including the areas of student activities, athletics, campus recreation, career services, student union/center administration, institutional advancement and parent programs. His previous collegiate experiences include stops at East Carolina, UNC-Wilmington, Georgia Southern University and Barton College.

**Lindsey Hanson** has been appointed the new Director of Student Media/Campus Photographer. She graduated with a Journalism and Mass Communication degree from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has worked with layout, design, editing, advertising sales, website design and publication management with colleges and universities across the country, as well as most recently working as layout editor for a Greensboro newspaper.

**Cheryle Rivas** has been named the new Director of College Relations & Marketing. She replaces Cynthia Curtis who has moved to Atlanta, Ga. Rivas has worked in and around the media for over 20 years. She was a morning show radio personality for various stations; a news anchor and entertainment reporter. Rivas was also a television show host for Country Closeup, a multi-marketed country music video show. She was the Director of Market Development for Clear Channel radio in Austin, Texas and the Director of Sponsorship and Live Event Sales for the ALLTEL Pavilion at Walnut Creek for Clear Channel Entertainment in Raleigh, North Carolina. Rivas was most recently an Advertising and Marketing Executive with BBGI Inc. in Fayetteville. Rivas, a Certified Radio Marketing Consultant, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications Broadcast Television and a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Relations with a minor in Marketing from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and is currently pursuing her MPA.

**Garland J. (Guy) Stewart** has been named the new Director of Career Services. Stewart has more than 40 years of leadership experience in business and education. Stewart served as the Director of Career Services at Fayetteville State University for six years. Additionally, he served on the Career Services Employer Advisory Boards for several UNC System universities.

**Lauren Cook Wike** has been appointed Director of Annual Fund and Alumni Affairs at Methodist College. She replaces Laurie Cherry who has resigned. Wike's experience as a development and communications officer spans over two decades, 16 years of which have been with institutions of higher education. She has made Fayetteville/Cumberland County her home since 1991 and was with Fayetteville State University, a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, for over 13 years. Wike is a graduate of American University in Washington, DC, with a degree in International Relations.



Gilbert



Grooms



Hanson



Rivas



Stewart



Wike

## New Places

**Michael Molter** has been appointed Assistant Dean for Distance Education. Molter manages Blackboard accounts and courses for the College, recruits new online faculty and schedules online courses. He ensures that online courses meet accreditation standards; provides technical and enrollment assistance to students; and trains faculty in online instruction. Molter has worked at the College for six years as the Webmaster—a role he continues to fill. He is a '94 graduate of Methodist College, with a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in educational technology.

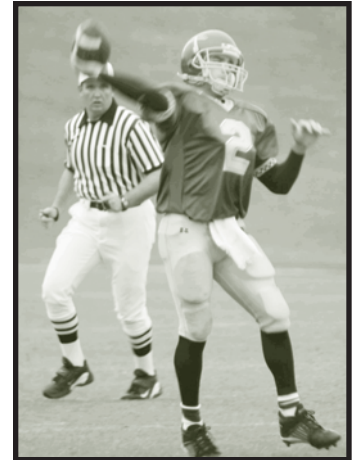


Molter



Petty

**Michelle Petty** has been appointed Director of College Events. Petty handles the scheduling of college events for faculty and staff and represents the College for all public events, including summer camps. She supervises Reeves Auditorium management, and serves on several committees. Petty is an advisor for the College pep band, which she helped organize. Petty has worked at the College for five years in both the office of college relations and the business office. A graduate of Methodist, Petty earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.



## Tally Leadership Center Completes 10<sup>th</sup> Year

This past year, the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development completed its 10th year at Methodist College. Since 1995, the Center has prepared hundreds of students to serve as leaders in all walks of life. Offering an academic minor in leadership, the Center emphasizes values and ethics in addition to theory and practice.

The Center is named for Lura S. Tally, who served 11 terms in the North Carolina legislature where she championed environmental protection and education. In 1973, she became the first Cumberland County woman elected to the NC General Assembly. Tally continues to meet and inspire students.

In the early 1990s, Dr. Suzan Cheek began thinking about teaching leadership. At the time she was a political science professor and a member of the Fayetteville City Council. In 1993, she met with then Dean of Students Michael Safely, Professor Joe Doll, Dr. Drew Ziegler, and others to explore the idea. All agreed on the need and value of such a program.

Ms. Tally enthusiastically agreed to lend her name and support to the idea. For the next two years, armed with Tally's backing and a detailed proposal

by Ziegler, Cheek was able to win eventual approval for the new program. She offered the first course in 1995 to 12 students.

Students from all majors have benefited. According to Mary Kinney (Class of 2000), "My leadership classes were not just credits toward a degree. They were lessons that will last a lifetime." Quarterback Chris Ronchetti says, "The program has helped me to use leadership in every aspect of my life."

An important milestone for the Center was getting a permanent "home." Initially, there was no physical location for the Center. In 2000, Dr. Hendricks agreed to provide space in the Trustees Building, and on March 23, 2001, a newly renovated classroom and office facility was dedicated.

The flagship course is LSS 300 Principles of Leadership. Using the nationally recognized "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" curriculum, it gives students a valuable resume credential. Student comments include, "Learning about the 7 habits has changed my life completely," and "I now have the confidence to know that I can make a difference." Professor John Meeske, director of the Resort Management Program, says this course provides essential

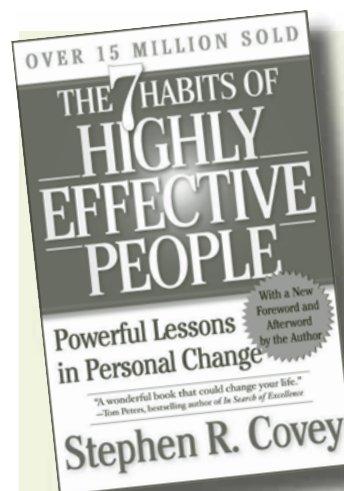
preparation for anyone entering the business world.

The Center is also a community resource. Its annual Leadership Forum is open to the public, and Center faculty and students provide valuable service to the Chamber of Commerce, the Institute for Community Leadership, and others. An integral part of the Center has been its

Advisory Board of 30 distinguished community members.

Dedicated to the principle that "leadership can be learned," the Tally Center is poised to make even greater contributions in its second decade.

Information is available from [www.methodist.edu/tallycenter](http://www.methodist.edu/tallycenter) or Dr. Drew Ziegler at 910-630-7488 or [aziegler@methodist.edu](mailto:aziegler@methodist.edu).



Students use the nationally acclaimed *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* training in the Principles of Leadership course.

### Clockwise, from top left:

The Tally Center logo depicts Fayetteville's Market House weather vane alongside the Methodist College Bell Tower.

Lura Tally with Tally Center board member James Warner at a recent function on campus.

Methodist football quarterback Chris Ronchetti received the 2005 Lura S. Tally Award for Leadership Excellence.

# Spring Commencement 2005

Spring graduation at Methodist College reflected the joy of the past, present and future of the College and its graduates. Methodist College conferred 157 degrees at its 42nd Annual Spring Commencement Ceremony held in the March F. Riddle Center on Saturday, May 7, 2005.

The Honorable Bob Etheridge, United States Congressman North Carolina 2nd District, addressed the 2005 graduates and spoke about the importance of lifelong education. "I am honored to join Methodist College, its graduates and their families for this special day," Etheridge said



in a May press release. "Celebrating with young men and women on a day when the world opens up before them brings me great joy." Dr. Hendricks presented Etheridge with the Methodist College Medallion, the highest honor awarded at the College, for his contributions to Methodist College and the community.

After Dr. Hendricks presented the medallion, he then awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humanities to Charles K. McAdams. Methodist College and McAdams share a long history together. McAdams was

hired in 1959 as the Director of Public Relations and Development for the up and coming Methodist College. "I saw all the trees planted there. I saw about the first 10 buildings grow literally out of the ground," McAdams said in a 2000 oral history. After working on the campus for nearly 10 years, he has remained a vital part of the Methodist College family by creating a scholarship for academic excellence.



**Etheridge**

In the morning hours of graduation day, Methodist College held its 42nd Annual Spring Baccalaureate Service in Reeves Auditorium. As the baccalaureate guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Charles M. Smith shared his lifetime of experiences as advice to graduating seniors. Smith holds two degrees from Duke University and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Methodist College in 1989. He often works closely with Habitat for Humanity, The United Methodist Church and Duke University. Rev. Benjamin Wells served as the presiding minister at baccalaureate, and *One Spirit*, the scholarship vocal ensemble of Methodist College, serenaded the audience.

## Graduates Spring 2005

Ashley Abrams, Heather Achenbach, Kerry Allen, Horane Allison, Dante' Alvarado, Thomas Anthonie, Christina Armistead, Jordan Arnold, Douglas Austin, Eric Autry, Jerry Avery, Benjamin Bakken, John Baldwin, John Benazzi, Thomas Bennett, Ruddy Benton, Shaun Bishop, Joshua Blizzard, Julie Boyer, Debra Bramlett, Travers Breen, Joseph Brookfield, Courtney Bull, Devon Callahan, Diana Cameron, Shannon Capehart, Anastasiya Carney, Patricia Carruthers, Zachary Cheese, Meaghan Coe, Kevin Collupy, Stephen Colt, Michael Conners, Martha Cook, Ashley Copeland, Christine Corpus, Rachel Crandall, Brandon Curtis, Casey

Cuthill, Bryan Davis, Enausa Davis-Robinson, Christopher Dennis, April Dixon, Marcus Dudley, Jody Dulin, Leslie Dunn, Trevor Durham, Brian Eichenberg, Jennifer Evans, Jonathan Fields, Teresa Fletcher, Eric Folsom, Bethany Ford, Christina Gipson, Tracy Goff, Larry Gonzales, Dawn Gray, Yevgeniy Grigoryev, Hannah Hamer, Mark Harrell, Marilyn Harris, Joshua Harris, Jill Hartman, Arthur Hatch, Tracy Haynes, Wendy Heath, Jamie Herring, David Hoffman, Valerie Hoose, Shaunee Howard, Lynne Janes, Julio Jimenez, Taurean Johnson, Allen Kent, Cecelia Kizer, Matthew Kleckner, Meredith La Salle, Edward

Lamar, Brook Lange, Erik Lee, Rich Lindor, Jennifer Lymangood, Crystal Martinez, Kevin Matthews, David May, Elizabeth Maycock, Brian Mayer, Marshall Maynard, Tim Mcafee, Kimberly Mccall, Veronica Mcneill, Joy Melvin, James Miller, Millie Mitchell, Richard Morin, Martin Munoz, Kum Namkung, Emily Neilsen, Donald Newsome, Nora Norton, Nicholas Ondrako, Oleg Otten, Alison Palmer, Marianne Parker, Jennifer Patrick, Julia Peeple, Michael Perry, John Petty, Laura Phillips, Krishana Polite, Eric Pope, Justin Porter, Melinda Porter, Samuel Porter, Ashleigh Radford, Jeffrey Rains, Romond Richmond, Joshua Rusk,

Matthew Ruth, Mark Ryman, Eric Sanders, Jacob Sandusky, Ehab Shakir, Phyllis Shaw, John Jr. Shaw, Jeffrey Sherwood, Daniel Smith, Pamela Smith, Christen Snyder, Adam Specjal, Julise Spell, Shanya Speller, Judith Srey, Keith Stewart, Cedric Stout, Christian Swift, Linda Thompson, Greg Thompson, Lindsay Tucker, Kristen Wallace, Shameeka Wansley, Darryl Washington, Maurice Washington, Brian Welch, Christopher Wilder, Roni Wilkinson, Phillip Williams, Jennifer Willoughby, Darmarcus Wilson, Mozetta Wilson, Bobbie Wright, Vladislav Yermizhin



**Laity, Clergy & Friends**

The Berns Student Center was getting a make-over from the inside out during the summer. Contributing to the work was a group organized by Tom Walden, a College trustee, who gathered clergy and laity from across the North Carolina Conference to participate in the volunteer project.

**Pictured on the back row from left to right** are Isobel Beebe of Southport, Eric Starr, a student intern from Duke, Norma Aaron of West End, Tom Walden of Youngsville, Reverend Bill Boyken, pastor of Concord United Methodist Church, Mike Sinkovitz and his son Michael, Kramo Ceesay of The Gambia, along with the youth group and counselors of Providence United Methodist Church in Greenville, and kneeling in front is Reverend Dr. Dennis Sheppard, pastor of Hope Mills United Methodist Church.



**Methodist College Says “Thank You”**

It was a night filled with music, laughter, good company, and thanks. The annual Donor Appreciation Dinner took place in the ballroom of Highland Country Club on Thursday, April 7th. Despite heavy rains, over 115 friends, faculty, staff, and students showed up to celebrate another wonderful year of individual, corporate, foundation, and community support. Donors who made an annual gift of \$1,000 or more in 2004 were invited to attend. Methodist College Professor William Dale Smith, Director of Guitar Studies, played as guests were welcomed and seated. One Spirit also entertained with a playful doo-wop routine.

The highlight of the evening was the special presentation of a Methodist College Medallion to Mrs. Mary Butler Yarborough, wife of former trustee Wilson F. Yarborough, Sr., who served on the board for almost 30 years. Mrs. Yarborough was recognized for her loyal, faithful, and generous commitment to our Fayetteville community and especially to Methodist College.

Among the many friends in attendance were Board of Trustees Chairman, Mr. Richard L. Player, Jr.; executive directors of the United Methodist Foundation and the Cumberland Community Foundation; and representatives from BB&T, Wachovia, First Citizens Bank, New Century Bank, and RBC Centura. All attendees were given a Methodist College money clip or a decorative scarf as a token of appreciation.

The evening was an expression of the College’s deep gratitude to the people who keep the institution vibrant. We can never say “thank you” enough.

**Left:** Dr. Hendricks, President, and Mrs. Yarborough, MC Medallion recipient.



# Monarch Dynasty

WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY defines *dynasty* as "a powerful group or family that maintains its position for a long time."

In the 1960s and 1970s, college sports saw UCLA win a whopping 10 national championships in 12 years in NCAA Division I men's basketball under legendary head coach John Wooden. In wrestling, Iowa won a whopping 15

*The Lady Monarchs have won  
18 national championships in the last 20 years*



national titles in 20 years under the legendary Dan Gable. And in women's soccer, North Carolina has enjoyed a strong run of excellence with 18 national titles in the last 24 years under head coach Anson Dorrance.

When it comes to women's golf, however, you might want to put Methodist College at the top of that list. Methodist College? Definitely, especially since the Lady Monarchs have won—yes —18 national championships at the Division III level in the last 20 years. On top of that, Methodist has captured the last eight straight, including last spring when it hosted the 2005 NCAA Division III Women's Golf National Championship May 10–13 at MidPines Golf Club in Southern Pines, NC.

Methodist shot a score of 320 in the final round for a score of 1,272 for the tournament, 12 strokes ahead of runner-up Mary Hardin-Baylor. The Lady Monarchs dominated with consistency, shooting rounds of 318, 313, 321 and the final round of 320. Even that score represented a strong outing for Methodist, according to head coach Vici Pate.

"Actually, we're not playing as well as we can, but that's okay because we're so deep and talented," Pate told the *Fayetteville Observer* following the final round. "We have a talented bunch. We're really young. We're a bunch of goofballs. If we had the audacity to try and focus, we probably wouldn't play very well. We need to stay loose and have fun to play well."

Methodist led by nine strokes after the first round, and increased the lead to 11 strokes at the midway point. The turning point in the tournament may have been the conclusion of the third round.

Methodist and Mary Hardin-Baylor went toe-to-toe for most of the round. The Lady Crusaders gained five strokes on Methodist on the first nine holes, and were trailing by only four strokes when the last three groups teed off at the 15th hole. However, a double-bogey and a quad-bogey by Mary-Hardin Baylor on the 18th hole, coupled with two Methodist pars and birdies by the Lady Monarchs' Katie Dick and Charlotte Williams increased the Methodist lead back to 11 strokes at the end of the round.

In addition to the team title, Methodist also claimed the individual national championship as Williams, a sophomore, maintained her lead from the second round with a 79 for the final round and an overall score

of 304. She finished three strokes ahead of Mary Hardin-Baylor's Holly Glover and five strokes in front of Dick, the first-round leader. Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Maggie Loney finished fourth with a 312, followed by Amanda Tuskey from Mary Hardin-Baylor in fifth with a 313.

Rounding out the Top 10 included Mount Holyoke's Audry Longo (320) and Kara Solem (322), Methodist's Heather Martin (323), Saint Mary's Julia Adams (324) and Kelly Camp from McDaniel and Erin Dohlman finished tied for 10th with a 325.

The dynasty trek continued as Williams entered the final round with a six-stroke lead over Glover, but the Mary Hardin-Baylor senior trimmed the lead to one stroke through 15 holes. The duo came down the par-4 18th hole fairway with Williams still leading by a stroke. However, Williams' approach shot to the green landed five feet from the hole. The sophomore then drained the birdie put for the championship.

"I saw it was close, but I didn't know it was that close," said Williams. "It would've been nice if it went in. I eagled a par 4 on the second day and it would have been nice to get another one."

Williams is the eighth individual national champion in the 20 years of women's golf at Methodist, and the first since Carol Brogan in 2001. Other Methodist scores included Holly Knox who tied for 31st with a 323 and Colleen Walsh who tied for 36th with a 345.

"It's awesome," said Williams. "Hopefully, I can do it again. But the important thing is the team championship. That's what you're here for. This is a team sport for us; it's not about the individual."

In the team standings, Wisconsin-Eau Claire and DePauw finished tied for third with a 1,337, followed by Mount Holyoke (1,338), Saint Mary's (1,347), Wartburg (1,356), Illinois Wesleyan (1,358), St. Thomas (1,376) and McMurry (1,445).

When it was over, the Lady Monarchs ceremoniously took a dip in the pool at MidPines, celebrating another win that will go down in Monarch history; and new hardware that will be added in the Riddle Center trophy case. With all five starters led by Williams and Dick, and another stellar recruiting class in the wings, is another trophy on the horizon in 2006? We'll find out at Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., come May 2006.

# Bonhurst, Brewington, Edwards, Hoey

*Represent Seventh Class in Methodist Athletic Hall of Fame*

Four former Methodist College athletes—Joy Bonhurst, Mike Brewington, Jeanne Edwards and Kenneth Hoey—have been selected as the seventh induction class into the Methodist College Athletic Hall of Fame. The prestigious honor recognizes outstanding contribution to Methodist athletics. The Hall of Fame currently has 30 inducted members.

## The 2005 Inductees:

**Joy Bonhurst, Women's Golf, 86-89** One of only six four-time All-Americans in the illustrious history of women's golf at Methodist, Joy Bonhurst is the fourth women's golfer to be inducted into the Methodist Athletic Hall of Fame. One of the pioneers in the rich tradition of Methodist women's golf, Bonhurst teamed with current Hall of Famer Holly Anderson in leading Methodist to its first four national championships from 1986-89.

**Mike Brewington, Baseball, 86-89** A two-time All-American and three-time All-Conference selection for veteran head coach Tom Austin, Mike Brewington is the sixth baseball player to be inducted into the Methodist Athletic Hall of Fame. One of the top power hitters in the history of Methodist baseball, Brewington ranks in the Top Five in 11 of 14 possible offensive categories at Methodist and five single-season categories. He led the nation in RBIs in 1988 with 71, and holds the Methodist career records for RBIs (231), doubles (54), home runs (33) and walks (160). In addition, Brewington ranks second all-time in games played (187), hits (272), runs scored (250), stolen bases (180) and batting average (.395). He was drafted and signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1989, and was an All-Star at the Rookie, Class Single-A and high Single-A levels.

**Jeanne Edwards, Multi-Sport, 75-79** One of the pioneers of women's sports at Methodist, Jeanne Edwards is the third multi-sport athlete to be inducted into the Methodist Athletic Hall of Fame. She was a four-year starter for some of the early Lady Monarchs tennis and basketball teams at Methodist. Edwards played on the Lady Monarch tennis team that won the NCAIAW State Championship and finished fifth in the nation in AIAW in 1977. She was the State NCAIAW doubles champion as a sophomore, and was Methodist outstanding female athlete as a senior.

**Kenneth Hoey, Men's Soccer, 92-95** A four-year starter at sweeper for head coach and Hall of Famer Alan Dawson's nationally-ranked Monarch teams in the early 90s, Kenneth Hoey will be the second men's soccer player inducted into the Methodist Athletic Hall of Fame. Hoey was the 1994 Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year and a three-time All-DIAC selection. In addition, he was a first team Division III All-American in 1995, and helped lead Methodist to a No. 1 national ranking and the NCAA Division III National Championship game in 1995. A three-year team captain, Hoey played for the Nashville Metros of USISL for one season after his collegiate career.

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

The Class of 2005 will be commemorated with an engraved plaque with their portrait and athletic highlights. The inductees will be honored during Homecoming weekend at the Seventh Annual Methodist College Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet at the March F. Riddle Center on Friday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Pepsi and InnKeeper. Call the Methodist Athletic Department at (910) 630-7175 for information and tickets.

## 2005 Methodist Winter/Fall Sports Recap

**2005 NCAA Division III National Champions:** Women's Golf

**NCAA Division III Individual National Champions:** Charlotte Williams (Women's Golf)

**2005 NCAA Division III National Tournament:** Men's Basketball, Men's Golf, Women's Golf

**Division III Freshman of the Year:** Katie Dick (Women's Golf)

**Division III Coach of the Year:** Vici Pate (Women's Golf)

**2005 Division III All-American:** Adrienne Acosta (Softball), Nick Bova (Men's Golf), Katie Dick (Women's Golf), Heather Martin (Women's Golf), Mike Townsend (Men's Golf), Charlotte Williams (Women's Golf)

**ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American:** Courtney Bull (Women's Tennis)

**2005 USA South Athletic Conference regular season Champions:** Baseball, Men's Basketball, Softball, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis

**2005 USA South Athletic Conference Tournament Champions:** Men's Basketball, Men's Golf, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis

**2005 USA South Athletic Conference Tournament Runners-up:** Women's Basketball, Baseball, Lacrosse

**2005 USA South Athletic Conference Player of the Year:** Keith Criscoe (Men's Tennis), Eric Dugas (Men's Golf), Kristin Kennedy (Softball), Lauren McGonagle (Lacrosse), Sam Porter (Men's Basketball)

**2005 USA South Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year:** Katelyn Cushman (Lacrosse), Candace Hudgins (Softball)

**2005 USA South Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year:** Ryan Brandt (Baseball), Jennifer Sorensen (Softball)

**2005 USA South Athletic Conference Coach of the Year:** Tom Austin (Baseball), Kelly Callahan (Women's Tennis)



2005 Men's Golf Team

## 2005 Fall Home Schedules

### Men's and Women's Cross Country

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 10	Clayton-Sykes Invitational	10 a.m.

### Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 24	N.C. Wesleyan *	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	Emory & Henry	1 p.m.
Oct. 22	Christopher Newport *	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 12	Shenandoah *	1 p.m.

### Men's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 22	St. Andrews (Exhibition)	5 p.m.
Sept. 10-11	Methodist/Adidas Classic	
Sept. 10	Eastern Mennonite	1 p.m.
Sept. 11	Emory	3 p.m.
Sept. 22	UNC-Pembroke	4 p.m.
Sept. 24	Piedmont	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Averett *	4 p.m.
Oct. 1	Lynchburg	1 p.m.
Oct. 6	Chowan	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	Francis Marion	4 p.m.
Oct. 20	Randolph-Macon	4 p.m.
Oct. 26	Greensboro *	3 p.m.
Oct. 29	Ferrum *	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 1-5	USA South Athletic Conference Tournament	

### Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 14	Greensboro *	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	North Carolina Wesleyan *	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	Chowan	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	Salem	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	Averett *	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	USA South Play-Day	
	Christopher Newport *	11:30 a.m.
	Peace *	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	Meredith	7 p.m.
Nov. 1-5	USA South Athletic Conference Tournament	

### Women's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 3-4	InnKeeper/Methodist Invitational	
Sept. 3	Huntingdon	4 p.m.
Sept. 4	Rhodes	4 p.m.
Sept. 7	Guilford	4 p.m.
Sept. 21	Averett *	4 p.m.
Sept. 24	Piedmont	11 a.m.
Oct. 11	North Carolina Wesleyan *	4 p.m.
Oct. 15	York	1 p.m.



## Gipson is USA South Athlete of the Year

Each year, the USA South Athletic Conference releases arguably its most prestigious awards with the Don Scaif Award, representing with one male and one female the Athlete of the Year for the USA South Conference. Methodist soccer player Christina Gipson was the proud recipient of the women's award for 2005.

During her tenure at Methodist, Gipson has been successful on the soccer field, in the classroom and in the community.

She graduated *cum laude* this past spring with a 3.6 grade-point average in Athletic Training and Sports Management. The defender from Dayton, Ohio, was a four-time USA South Athletic Conference All-Academic selection and was twice nominated for *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-American honors. She was named to the Dean's List and President's List four semesters each at Methodist and was also once selected to the National Chancellor's List.

Athletically, Gipson was a four-year starter for the Lady Monarchs' women's soccer team, where she was three-time All-Conference selection, including two times as a first-team selection, and a two-time All-Region selection. After her senior season she was named the Monarch's Most Valuable Player by her teammates. During her Methodist career, Gipson led the Lady Monarchs to the USA South regular season championship in 2003 and Methodist never finished lower than second in all four of her seasons.

Gipson was actively involved at Methodist with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), serving as the President of Methodist's SAAC and the USA South Athletic Conference SAAC. She also represented the USA South on the national level as a member of the National SAAC Council.

Gipson is now attending graduate school at NCAA Division I Georgia State in Atlanta, where she is a graduate assistant for the women's soccer team.

To be eligible for the Don Scaif Award, a student-athlete must be either a junior or senior, have participated in a USA South sport earning at least All-Conference recognition and have a minimum 3.00 GPA. The athletic directors vote for the award winner each spring at the conclusion of all Conference schedules.

This award is named in honor of Don Scaif, whose commitment to the student-athlete, guardianship of the value of academic achievement and devotion to the principles of Division III athletics set a standard that holds steadfast in the Conference today. He taught for 36 years and coached for 18 at N.C. Wesleyan. He also served as Athletic Director for six years, and was a founding father of the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in 1963. Scaif served as its Secretary-Treasurer for 25 years.

### Women's Soccer Schedule (cont.)

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 19	Peace *	4 p.m.
Oct. 27	Chowan	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	Ferrum *	1 p.m.
Nov. 1-5	USA South Athletic Conference Tournament	

\* - USA South Athletic Conference Games

Visit [www.methodist.edu](http://www.methodist.edu) for a complete sports schedule.

## 12 Monarch Athletics



**Above:** Methodist male athletes proudly display the 2005 USA South Athletic Conference Male President's Cup. (L-R) Kevin Boyle (Golf), Eugene Grant (Basketball), Seth Thomas (Basketball), Ryan Brandt (Baseball), Kyle Eudy (Baseball) and Jonathan Spivey (Baseball).

**Right:** The Lady Monarchs Softball Team plans championship strategy.



# Methodist Wins USA South Men's President's Cup

*Finishes Third in Women's President's Cup*

The USA South Athletic Conference announced its President's Cup winners at the conclusion of the spring sports season, and Methodist was the recipient of the Men's President Cup. This recognizes the top men's athletic program in the USA South for the 2004-05 athletic season. In addition, Methodist finished third in the final tally for the Women's President's Cup.

This is the ninth USA South President's Cup won by Methodist in program history, and the first since the 1996-97 athletic season.

In the men's standings, Methodist won with 39 points, four-and-half points ahead of second place Christopher Newport, while Greensboro finished third with 25 points. Rounding out the men's standings was North Carolina Wesleyan (22.5), Ferrum (20.5), Averett (18) and Shenandoah (17.5). The Monarchs won regular season USA South championships in men's basketball, baseball, men's tennis and men's golf, while football finished second, men's soccer placed third and men's cross country finished fourth.

On the women's side, Methodist earned 32 points, finishing behind President Cup winner Greensboro (43.5) and Christopher Newport (42). Rounding out the standings was Averett (23), Peace (22), Ferrum (19.5), North Carolina Wesleyan (19) and Shenandoah (15). Methodist won regular season championships in softball and women's tennis, and finished second in women's soccer, third in lacrosse, and fifth in both cross country, volleyball and women's basketball.

## Lacrosse Team Wins a Photo Op

While playing a match in the Washington, D.C. - Baltimore area during Spring Break, the Methodist women's lacrosse team had the honor of meeting U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole from North Carolina.

**Front: (L-R)** Amanda Kidwell, Jenna Nobles, Senator Dole, Kara Davidson, Katelyn Cushman and Kim Collier. **Back: (L-R)** head coach Jill Penrose, Jill Hartman, Lindsey West, Rachel Crandall, Emily Neilsen, Jody Dulin and Bridgette McGrath.



# Methodist College Presents...

## Randall Balmer

*in the Annual Womack Lectures*

Friday, October 7, 2005

**Lecture 1:** *Walls Come Tumbling Down: American Protestants and the First Amendment*

11:00 a.m., Science Auditorium (S-222)

**Lecture 2:** *Creationism by Design: The Religious Right's Quest for Academic Legitimacy*

2:00 p.m., Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall

Randall Balmer is the Ann Whitney Olin Professor of American Religion at Barnard College, Columbia University. Dr. Balmer has published widely and is editor-at-large for *Christianity Today*. His commentaries on religion in America, distributed by the New York Times Syndicate, have appeared in newspapers across the country. One of his many books, *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: A Journey into the Evangelical Subculture in America*, was made into a three-part documentary for PBS, for which Dr. Balmer was nominated for an Emmy.



Balmer



S. Kimbrough

*The Second Annual Wesley Heritage Celebration*

## Sweet Singer

*A musical play about Charles Wesley, the Sweet Singer of Methodism*

Steven Kimbrough, Baritone  
Timothy E. Kimbrough, Pianist

Monday, October 31, 2005  
8:00 p.m., Reeves Auditorium

Steven Kimbrough is the internationally acclaimed former leading baritone of the Bonn Opera Company in Germany. He has appeared at Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center. He wrote *Sweet Singer* in 1985, when it premiered at Carnegie Hall. Since that time, he has presented over 500 performances of this play that communicates in verse Charles Wesley's life and the message of Christ's love.

A musical workshop will take place in Hensdale Chapel November 1 at 11:00 a.m.

## Friends of Music AT METHODIST

### Fall Concert Schedule

Friends of Music at Methodist College is proud to announce its fall 2005 concert series. **Dallas Brass** will appear September 29 at Reeves Auditorium, followed by **Ensemble Amarcord** November 5 at Hay Street United Methodist Church. The season finale is the traditional **7th Annual Christmas Concert** November 29 at Reeves Auditorium.

Since its founding in 1983, the Dallas Brass has become one of America's foremost musical ensembles. The group has established a unique blend of traditional brass instruments with a full complement of drums and percussion, which creates a performing entity of extraordinary range and musical challenges. The event is open to the public. Admission is \$12.

Ensemble Amarcord, composed of five former choristers of the St. Thomas Boys Choir in Leipzig, Germany, has emerged as continental Europe's finest male cappella quintet. The blend of humor, charm, flawless intonation, and unwavering vocal virtuosity leaves audiences delighted. The Ensemble Amarcord concert is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted.

The ever-popular Christmas concert will feature music department students and is free and open to the public.

All performances are at 7 p.m.



# Homecoming 2005 BREAKING NEW GROUND

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*The results are in!*

# More than 400 Alumni Respond to Survey

In 2004 and 2005, over 400 alumni responded to the survey commissioned by the Methodist College Alumni Association Board of Directors in the spring of 2004. The Office of Alumni Affairs and the Alumni Association Board of Directors are excited about the information and insight gleaned from analyzing the results, and hope that we can continue to provide services and programs that are of interest to you.

### Alumni News a Favorite Feature in the MC Today

This quarterly magazine received rave reviews from the alumni! Alumni news was overwhelmingly respondents' favorite part of the magazine—do you turn to this section first? We love to brag about our alumni, and always love to hear about your personal and professional successes and accomplishments! Who knows? You may be featured in a future issue of the MC Today, on the website, or in the alumni e-newsletter! Also, you can submit a class note for a future issue of *MC Today* anytime by logging on to [www.methodist.edu/Alum\\_dev/alumni\\_classnotes.html](http://www.methodist.edu/Alum_dev/alumni_classnotes.html)

### Greatest Gift Scholarships—An Unparalleled Recruiting Opportunity

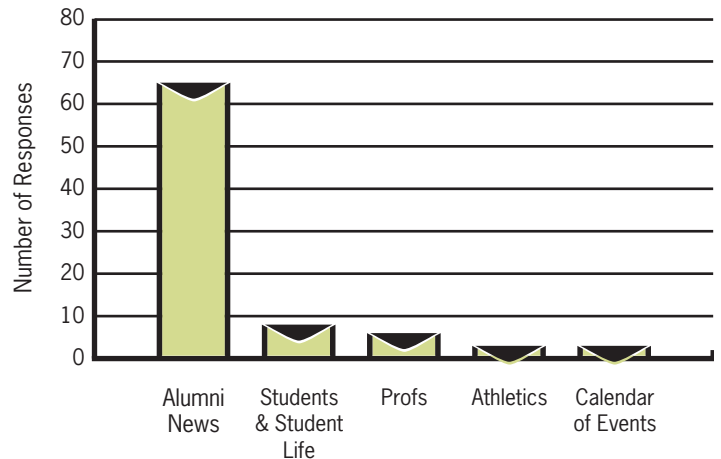
Only about 30% of survey respondents had ever awarded a Greatest Gift Scholarship to an incoming freshman or transfer day student. Did you know that this award can be worth up to \$1,000 per year (based on financial need) and is awarded at no personal cost to the alumnus? Our alumni are valuable assets in the recruitment process, and have brought many talented students to the College. The Greatest Gift Scholarship is another tool exclusively for alumni to help get prospective students off the fence and onto our campus!

### Alumni Programming—Room for Improvement

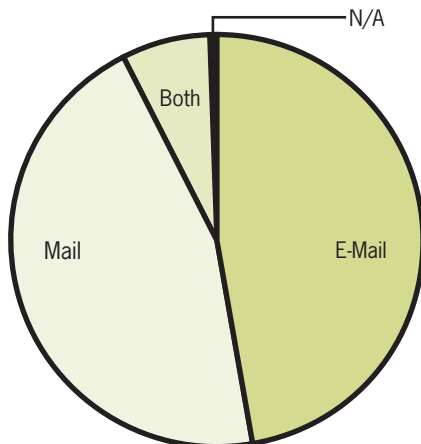
You have spoken—and we are listening! The Office of Alumni Affairs is ready and willing to help connect alumni at networking and social events, and is hard at work helping the Alumni Association plan Homecoming

2005, where we have scheduled events you will not want to miss! We have also recently unveiled our monthly e-newsletter, exclusively for you! Not only do we hope this will help keep you informed about upcoming events on and off campus, but hope that this will be a place where we can reconnect alumni to the College and each other, and share news directly from you! To help alumni network more effectively, there is an alumni directory in the works, and we have signed on with Harris Publishing to help us. Over the next few months, representatives of Harris will be contacting you for updates to be listed in this directory—do not miss your opportunity to be included!

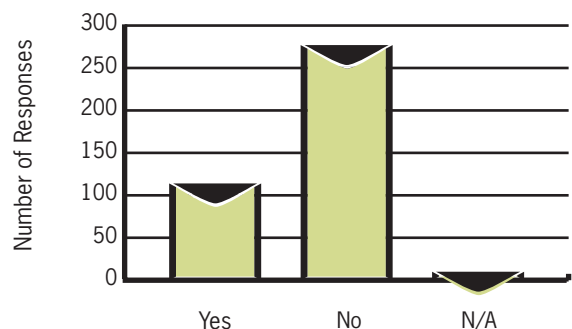
Feedback on MC Today: Areas of Interest\*



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**Getting Better Every Day**

When asked “*What would you like to see improved or changed at Methodist College?*” alumni had very strong opinions! A variety of suggestions for academic improvements topped the list, including more graduate degree programs. The College’s second masters program, the Professional MBA at Pinehurst, begins this fall. The third, a Master’s in Justice Studies, is scheduled to begin in 2006. New building construction is planned for the Science Building addition, the Fitness and Wellness Center, and a new residence hall complex. Jim Darden ’69, the College’s horticulturalist, had made striking improvements to the College’s landscape in the past year, and has equally interesting and beautiful plans for the future!

We would like to thank the alumni who participated in this survey for their time and more importantly, their thoughtful responses. Please know that should you have suggestions or comments, you are welcome to contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (910) 630-7167 or via email at [alumnioffice@methodist.edu](mailto:alumnioffice@methodist.edu). This presentation, which includes a more detailed tally of responses, is available for download in PDF format at [www.methodist.edu/Alum\\_dev/alumni\\_survey.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/Alum_dev/alumni_survey.htm). The full presentation of this survey was made to the MCAA Board of Directors at their quarterly meeting on April 16, 2005, and was presented to the College’s Administrative Committee on Monday, April 23, 2005.

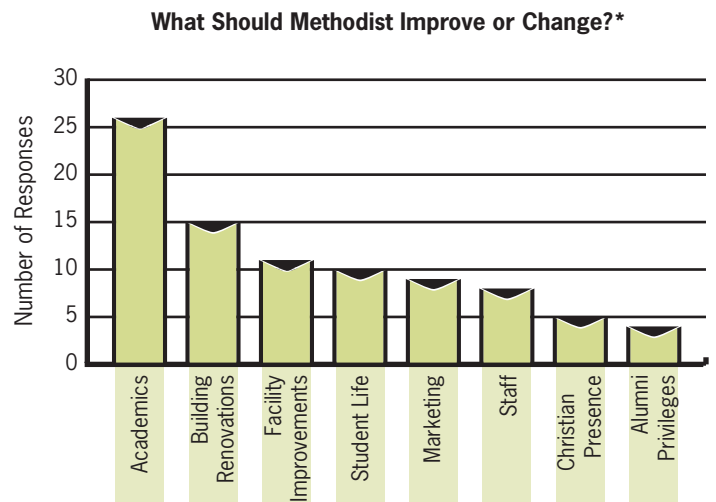
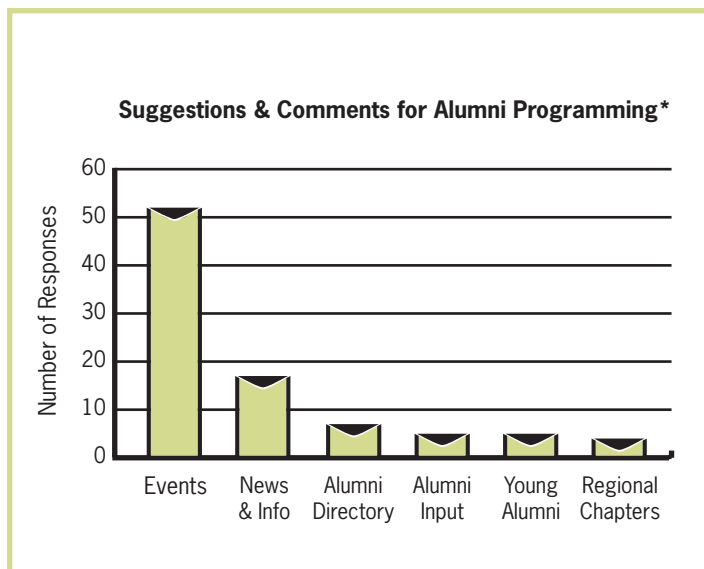


**Find the old friends you promised you would never forget.**

**Announcing Our Upcoming Alumni Directory.**

Even if it has been years since you last made contact, you can still reconnect with long-lost friends. We are currently compiling an Alumni Directory, an invaluable resource with personal, academic and business information on all of our alumni. Don’t miss your chance to be included. Complete and return your directory questionnaire as soon as possible. Watch for it in your mailbox!

Only about 30% of respondents had ever awarded a Greatest Gift Scholarship to an incoming freshman... A variety of suggestions for academic improvements included more graduate degree programs



\*This was a free response question, therefore most responses fell into several different categories of interest.

## Engagements

**Leemour Banks '02** is engaged to Shelton Elliot Smith of Durham, NC. They are planning a spring 2006 wedding. Leemour works for Equifirst Mortgage Corporation as a loan processor, and Shelton is an elementary school teacher and is presently working on his Master's degree in Education. They currently reside in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Darwin "Biz" Green '98** and **Stacey McVeigh '03** have announced their engagement and are planning a winter 2005 wedding.

**Angie Pegram '01** announces her engagement to Allen Frady. They are planning a February 4, 2006 wedding in Concord, NC, where they both live.

**Matthew J. Sullivan '00** recently announced his engagement to Nicole S. White. He proposed on a beach in Sea Isle City, NJ. A November 2005 wedding is planned.

## Weddings

**Jeffrey D. Alton '93** recently married Joy Richards of Fayetteville, AR at Methodist College in late July.

**Cynthia "Cindi" Barr '80** recently married David Penna in Las Vegas, Nevada. Cindi's daughter, Allyson Jobe, was her maid of honor, and Bill Penna, brother of the groom, was the best man. Cindi and Dave reside in Branson, MO, where they own and operate "All Around

Branson," a transportation and tour service.

**Lauren Caulder '00** (see photo) married Jeremy Marsh on December 4, 2004 at Stedman Baptist Church in Stedman, NC. **Susan Smith Jernigan '00** was a bridesmaid. Lauren is the Charge Description Master Analyst for Cape Fear Valley Health System. Jeremy is employed with Cumberland County Schools.

**Richard and Adrienne (Midgley) Dombrowsky '02** (see photo) were married on August 6, 2005 in Greensboro, NC. Richard received his MBA from Piedmont College in 2004. He is currently employed at Piedmont as the Sports Information Director and Assistant Baseball Coach. Adrienne received her Master's Degree in Sports Administration from Georgia State University in 2003. She is currently employed by the Atlanta Braves.

**Patrick Hanna '99** and Channon Clements were married on April 30, 2005 in Greenville, SC. Patrick and Channon currently reside the Washington, DC area.

**Paul Knight '94** (see photo) and Kirsten Agnew were married on June 26, 2004 at First Baptist Church in Duluth, GA. Paul is currently employed as the Head Baseball Coach at Florida Tech in Melbourne, FL. Kirsten is also employed at Florida Tech as the Head Athletic Trainer.

**Jennifer Lyons '99** (see photo) was married to Raymond

Lecuyer on September 25, 2004 in Greenville, SC. Among her bridesmaids were **Kristine Broadwell '99** and **Tina Lane '99**. Jennifer and Raymond are living in Greenville with their two "girls"... a German Shepherd and Great Dane.

**W. Brad Maloney '93** was married to Myla Elsworth on April 23, 2005. They are now making their home in Brattleboro, NC.

**Richard J. "Rich" Wittman '93** married Nicole Camia, of Charlotte, NC on April 2, 2005 in Greensboro, NC. Rich is a veterinarian at Long Animal Hospital in Charlotte.

## Births

**Pamela (Johnson) Bridge '92** and her husband David are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, Collin, who was born on March 23, 2005. Collin joins his siblings Logan and Annika. Pamela works part time as an attorney representing migrant farm workers. The family resides in Chandler, Arizona.

**Randy and Sharon (Archer) Chesko '95, '94**, are pleased to announce the birth of their third daughter, Jordan Avery, on January 12, 2005. She joins sisters Sierra, age 6, and Brielle, age 3. Randy and Sharon relocated back to Ellwood City, PA in May 2004.

**Lori (Collins) Davis '99** (see photo) and her husband Robert announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret Louise. She was

born on October 26, 2004. **Kevin and Simone (Young) Dennison '95, '95** announce the birth of their son, Kalil. He was born on April 15, 2004.

**Rob and Susan Foreman '92, '98** (see photo) announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Emily. She was born on January 19, 2005. The Foremans are residing in Boiling Springs, NC. Rob is the director of Residence Life at Gardner-Webb University, Susan is a teacher in Cleveland County and is pursuing her Master's in School Administration, and "big brother" Jason started school this year. Friends can e-mail the family at [foreman516@aol.com](mailto:foreman516@aol.com).

**Nazir German '01** and his wife, Terrell, proudly announce the birth of their son, Krystian Richon, on March 13, 2004 in Raleigh, NC. Nazir is currently working towards a Master's degree.

**Paula (Smith) Hales '92** and her husband Charles proudly announce the birth of their third child. Their daughter, Cameron Leigh, was born on February 27, 2005.

**Todd E. Lyden '96** and his wife Jennifer announce the birth of their daughter, Erica Catherine. She was born on February 10, 2005.

**Steve Moody '99** and **Alaina (Callahan) Moody '01** announce the birth of their first child, daughter Payton Lindy on January 4, 2005, at 2 p.m. Payton was 20.5 inches long and weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz.



Foremans



Lyons-Lecuyer



Davis



Knight-Agnew

**Tony Moorefield '98** and Julie LaMeer proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Jaden Ann LaMeer-Moorefield. She was born on March 23, 2005 in Kenosha, WI, where the family lives.

**Amanda Post '96** and Jonathan Holden announce the birth of their son, Noah Paul Holden, on December 4, 2004. Amanda would love to hear from old friends at [WJCSNo1Fan@aol.com](mailto:WJCSNo1Fan@aol.com).

**Karen (Murphy) Presecan '95** and husband Hank proudly announce the birth of the first child, Jackson Thomas, who was born on February 10, 2004. Karen works from home as an AP Biology teacher for Prince William County's Virtual High School in Woodbridge, VA.

**Lori (Pickrel) Vinti '92** and husband, Derek, welcomed a baby boy, Casey Joseph, into their family. Casey was born on February 10, 2005 at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville, NC. He joins sister Samantha, now two years old.

**Jeffrey Waffle '96** and his wife Julene announce the birth of their son, Lincoln Kenneth, on January 19, 2005. Jeffrey and Julene own Cee Jay Golf Course in Laurens, NY.

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



Woodworths

## Class Notes

1964

**Betty (Graham) Bunce** has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Davidson County Ministries Clinic Foundation, Davidson County, NC.

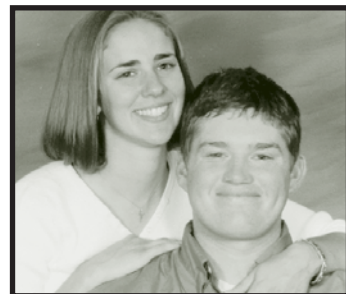
1968

**Dianne Underwood deAndrade** and husband Carl own and operate White Lake Marine in White Lake, NC. They are a top-ten dealer in the U.S. selling Correct Craft Ski Boats. They have a son, David, and two grandsons.

1969

**Carolyn (Marks) Baldwin** and her husband Gray Baldwin are living in Winter Haven, FL, where they have resided for the past 30 years. Their daughter, Anna, has just completed her second year of law school at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and is working for the summer at the Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale, and Dorr firm in Washington, DC. Their son, Gray, III, is spending his summer in St. Thomas, USVI, working at the Crown Bay Marina. Carolyn continues to enjoy her work as Head of the Lower School at All Saints' Academy in Winter Haven and Gray is looking forward to retirement in the not-too-distant future from the U.S. Department of Defense. Carolyn welcomes emails from friends at [GBald77697@aol.com](mailto:GBald77697@aol.com).

**Edward L. Dunn** retired on April 22, 2005 after 27 years with the Insurance Services Office. Ed lives in Summerville, SC.



Midgley-Dombrowsky

**Robert J. "Dusty" Rhodes** retired from the Ware County School System in 2000 where he served as a Special Education teacher. Dusty lives in Waycross, GA and is enjoying his time by traveling, hunting, fishing, and golfing all over the U.S. and Canada. He also works as a substitute teacher.

After 32 years in education, **Fred Stanton, Jr.** retired in June 2001 as principal of Windsor Elementary School in Isle of Wight County, VA. He earned his Juris Doctor from Regent University Law School in May 2004, and is an associate with Stephen Oser in Windsor, VA. His wife, Marlene, retired from teaching after 23 years and works for the U.S. Postal Service. Their daughter, Allison S. Duffee, lives and works in Richmond, VA.

1971

**Angie Vurnakes** is the regional manager of Indirect Sales/Distribution for Cingular Wireless of eastern NC. She has been with Cingular since its launch in the Raleigh market and has been in wireless for over 20 years. Angie lives in Raleigh with her son, James McKimmon, who is a rising senior at Broughton High School.

1972

**Tommy Smith** is now living in Raleigh, NC and is employed as a sales representative for PFS Sales Company. Tommy would love to hear from old classmates at [tsmith3701@aol.com](mailto:tsmith3701@aol.com).

**Gregory Strobel** and his wife Donna are proud to announce that



Caulder-Marsh

their son, Matthew, has graduated from The Richard Stockton College of NJ. Matthew completed four years of academic work in three years while maintaining a GPA of 3.99 each year. He will now be attending Rutgers University, where he will work towards a Master's/Doctorate in clinical psychology. Greg and Donna's younger son Daniel is graduating from Matawan-Aberdeen High School and will be attending Ramapo College of NJ, where he will pursue a degree in nursing.

1973

On April 1, 2005, **Gene Dillman** retired after 30 years of service in NC local government and a 20-year career with the NC League of Municipalities (NCLM), where he most recently served as the Director of Member Services. Gene has formed his own company, Dillman Management Group, which has already obtained a contract to manage two NCLM services. Dillman Management Group also provides consulting and organization management services in a broad range of activities for multiple clients. Gene continues to make his home on southern Franklin County, NC.

1975

**Marsha (Gooden) Faucette** announces the marriage of her daughter, Allison, to Robert Michael Richmond on July 31, 2004 on Peter Island, British Virgin Islands. Allison received her Master's Degree in Biomedical Engineering from VA Commonwealth University/Medical College of VA in May 2005. Her twin sister Ashley received her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from VCU/MCV in May 2005. Ashley is engaged to be married on May 20, 2006. Marsha's son, Andrew, is serving with the U.S. Marine Corp in Iraq, with plans to return home in September. Andrew was recently promoted to Corporal. He serves with a reserve unit out of

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Greensboro, NC, and will return to NC State University upon his return home. Allison, Ashley, and Andrew are also the children of the late John A. Faucette. Marsha serves as the Guidance Coordinator at George Washington Carver Middle School in Chesterfield County, VA.

### 1977

**Sarah (Cooper) Williams**, a music major while at Methodist, is teaching with the Cumberland County Schools as a drama, band, and music teacher. She is currently the music minister at St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. Sarah is also the owner of an "Arts School" at the Fayetteville Academy, where she teaches voice, drama, and art to children. She is married to Jay Williams and has three children, Jamison, 23, Natalie, 18, and Allison, 15. Friends may contact Sarah via email at [sarahloulou@aol.com](mailto:sarahloulou@aol.com).

### 1979

**Jeff Deitz** received a Master of Science degree in Rehabilitation Counseling on May 25, 2005 from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ. Jeff also received the Excellence Award for Outstanding Academic Performance from the University. Jeff has worked as a rehabilitation counselor for the state of NJ for the last 18 years, has four children, and still resides in NJ. The Deitz family spends their summer vacations on Topsail Island in NC. Jeff welcomes emails from his classmates at [monarch1979@excite.com](mailto:monarch1979@excite.com).

### 1980

**James R. "Rick" Ketchem** is currently a Vice President with Wachovia Mortgage Corp. in the Atlanta area. Rick and his wife, Karen DiDolci Ketchem have been in Atlanta for seven years with daughters Lindsay, age 20, and Mallory, age 13. Lindsay is completing her sophomore year at the University of South Carolina where she was awarded the McKissick Academic Scholarship. Mallory is starting high school in

the fall. Karen is employed as an Advertising Account Executive with the *Savvy Shopper/Clipper Magazine*.

### 1981

**Cindy (DiDolci) Stockdale** and her husband Jim will be celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary on March 31, 2005. Cindy was a PE/Health major at Methodist, and has an M.A. in Counseling from Montclair State University. Cindy recently earned her second Master's degree, an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership (New Jersey Principal certification) from William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ. The Stockdales have two children, Jimmy, age 17, and Brittany, age 15. Cindy can be reached via email at [CSTockdale@pcti.nj.us](mailto:CSTockdale@pcti.nj.us), where she is currently a high school guidance counselor in a technical high school in Wayne, NJ.

### 1983

**Luanne "Lu" Robinson** works for Gleamns Head Start in Trenton, SC. She serves as the organization's nutritional technician.

### 1989

**Paul and Melody (Worth) Daniels** live in Greensboro, NC. Paul is a partner at the law firm of Teague, Rotenstreich, & Stanaland, LLP. Paul and Melody have two daughters, Madison, age 12, and Taylor, age 7.

### 1990

**Rickey Hill** is currently the cheerleading coach at Virginia Tech. On April 6-10, 2005, the Hokie Cheerleaders competed in the National Cheerleaders Associated Collegiate National Championships in Daytona Beach, FL. They finished in 7th place in Division 1-A Cheer. The all-girl stunt group finished in 3rd place.

**Lisa (Vigoletti) Lange** is currently serving as the Director of Human Resources at Stephens College in Columbia, MO. Previously residing in Greenville, SC, Lisa has also held positions with Furman University and the City of Greenville, SC.

### 1991

**Kimberly Barefoot McLamb** was promoted in May 2005 to Supervisor III with the Income Maintenance Division of the Cumberland County Department of Social Services.

### 1992

**Denise Darby-Hysell** and her husband, Ron, are expecting their third child in December. The baby will join big sisters Kimberly, age 11, and Elizabeth, age 3.

**Dawn Thompson** completed her graduate studies in Education Management, Administration, and Supervision in February 2005 through the University of Phoenix Online. She just finished her seventh year at Long Hill Elementary where she was honored as the school's Teacher of the Year. Dawn has recently accepted a position as Assistant Principal of College Lakes Elementary, a school within Cumberland County Schools. She would love to hear from MC friends at [dawneduc8x@nc.rr.com](mailto:dawneduc8x@nc.rr.com).

### 1993

**Serafin Antonio Paniagua** was recognized for his achievements as the Counter-Narcotics Police Field/Operations advisor with the United States Department of State International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Section at the U.S. Mission in Lima, Peru.

**Matthew Willis** completed his Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Criminal Justice Administration in 2005. He recently relocated to the Savannah, GA area with his wife and four children, where he was recently offered a position as a parole officer with the State of Georgia.

### 1994

**Jason Chad Drake** was promoted to Major in the United States Marine Corps in November 2004. He recently published two articles in the Marine Corps Gazette: "Standardize the Family Readiness

Officer" (February 2005) and "Toward a Common Naval Planning Process" (March 2005). He currently serves as the academic section head for staff planning at Expeditionary Warfare School-Atlantic, Little Creek Amphibious Base, VA. Jason and his wife Jessica have two children, Jewell, 4, and John, 2.

**James E. "Jamie" Justice** began his new job on March 7, 2005 as the Town Manager for the town of Mooresville, NC. Mooresville, north of Charlotte along Lake Norman in Iredell County, has a population of 22,000. Jamie previously served as the town manager for the town of Troy, NC for seven-and-a-half years. Jamie's wife Robyn and sons Parker, 4, and Brady, 18 months, joined him in their new Mooresville home in April and are doing well.

**Kevin S. Roberts** is enjoying his second season as Director of Golf at Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Club, at Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. LWGC was named one of the 2004 Top 50 New Private Golf Clubs in the country by *Golf Digest*. Kevin was also named one of the 2004 Top 50 Kids Teachers in the country by *US Kids*. Friends can email Kevin at [kroberts@lwgcnh.com](mailto:kroberts@lwgcnh.com).

### 1996

**Margo M. Jarvis** has accepted a position as the Director of Development and Marketing at The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County. Margo also serves on the Methodist College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Jeremy R. Sachs** has recently taken on the role of Major Accounts District Manager with the industry leader in payroll and human resources management, Automatic Data Processing, Inc. (ADP), in the District of Columbia metro region. On the weekends, he enjoys playing baseball in the DCMSBL and spending quality time with his wife Amy. Jeremy would love to hear from old friends at [sales\\_pro@verizon.net](mailto:sales_pro@verizon.net).

**1998**

**CPT Michael Crouse** completed the Signal Officer Advanced Course at Fort Gordon, GA in August of 2004, and subsequently relocated to Fort McPherson, GA. In January 2005, Michael deployed to Camp Doha, Kuwait, with the 335th Theater Signal Command, and is expecting to remain in the Middle East for at least six months.

**David "Ben" Haggerty**

completed the Master of School Administration program at Fayetteville State University in May 2005. He has accepted a position as assistant principal for Jack Britt High School in Fayetteville, NC.

**1999**

**Leslie Antoniel** has recently accepted a position as the Annual Fund/Alumni Officer for the College of Fine Arts at Boston University. She currently lives in Watertown, MA.

**Amy Long** received an M.Ed. in Exercise and Sports Medicine from Texas State University in 2002. She is now teaching and serving as a certified athletic trainer at a local school in Concord, NC.

**Lindsey Plumley** accepted a position on the House International Relations Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights, and International Operations. **Jeremy '98** and Lindsey's daughter, Alyssa, graduated from kindergarten in June!

**2000**

**Shawn Hartman** has accepted a new position with the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He will be working as a legislative aide to a State Representative, focusing primarily on the issues of housing, transportation, and education.

In December 2004, **Stephanie Oldham Mathis** accepted a new position as Medical Technologist in the laboratory of Thomasville Medical Center, Thomasville, NC.

**Laura Szykowski** will graduate from SUNY Oswego with an M.S. in Counseling Services, Student Affairs. Laura was married in June of 2004, and now has two children! Jasmin was born in August 2003, and Arillia is doing great in second grade. We enjoy each other, and best wishes to all!

**2001**

**Kevin Lavertu** has been promoted to General Manager of Island West Golf Club, located on Hilton Head, South Carolina. He has spent the last two years at Baywood Golf Club in Fayetteville, NC.

**William C. Zappa** was promoted on May 1, 2005 to Master Sergeant in the United States Army. He also recently received his MBA with a concentration in Human Relations from Columbia Southern University. MSG Zappa is being reassigned to Fort Riley, KS in September 2005. He sends his best wishes!

**2002**

**Jamie Bennett** was recently promoted to managing director of sports-ed.com, a sports management company based in England. He is engaged to marry Jodie Brooks in FL. An April 2006 wedding is being planned.

**Elena Berdenikova** received an MBA in Supply Chain Management from North Carolina State University in May 2005. She has accepted a Business Analyst position with Chevron Corporation in Houston, TX.

**Desiree Horton** is pursuing a Master's degree from Shenandoah University. She currently resides in Winchester, VA.

**2003**

**Ashley West Gurkin** married Chris Gurkin in Erwin, NC on August 2, 2003. She currently works at a CPA firm in Dunn, NC.

**Luther C. Wiggins** was promoted on May 23, 2005 to the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the United States

Marine Corps. Luther began the Helicopter Advanced Flight Training Syllabus in Pensacola, Florida in March, and will be working towards his "Wings of Gold," which he hopes to receive in September of this year.

**2004**

**Sara Howell**, a Professional Tennis Management graduate, was hired by GAMMA Sports to work in marketing at corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh, PA. GAMMA Sports is the largest privately owned tennis manufacturing company in the world.

**2005**

**Enausa Davis-Robinson** was awarded the Toby Brown Award on August 4, 2005. Enausa begins work this fall at Pine Forest High School in Fayetteville, where she will focus on character development and behavior modification of troubled teens. The Toby Brown Award is given by the National Association of Social Workers, North Carolina Chapter. Enausa is the third Methodist College graduate to receive this award since its inception in 1995.

**In Memoriam**

**Richard J. Alia-Bicoy '85** passed away on May 5, 2005. Memorial services were held in Matthews, NC and in Falls Church, VA. Richard earned a B.A. in Music in 1985.

**Linda A. (Bethea) Bost '72** passed away on January 27, 2005. She received a B.A. in History and Spanish in May, 1972.

**Martina Collins '04** passed away on February 3, 2005. Survivors include her husband, Christopher, and children Ebony, Jemal, Marketta, and Christopher. Martina received a B.S. in Justice Studies in December, 2004.

**Ginger Preiss '96**, of Wilmington, NC, formerly of Fayetteville, passed away January 25, 2005 in UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. She was employed with the Wilmington City Police Department as a crime

scene technician and was a former employee of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

**J. Alan Reaves '98** passed away November 28, 2004. He was 29. Alan worked as a paralegal for McGeachy, Hudson, & Zuravel, Attorneys at Law. He received a B.S. in Political Science in 1998.

**R. Davis Smith, Jr. '73** passed away on June 3, 2005. Davis was a retired school teacher, and received a B.A. in History in 1973.

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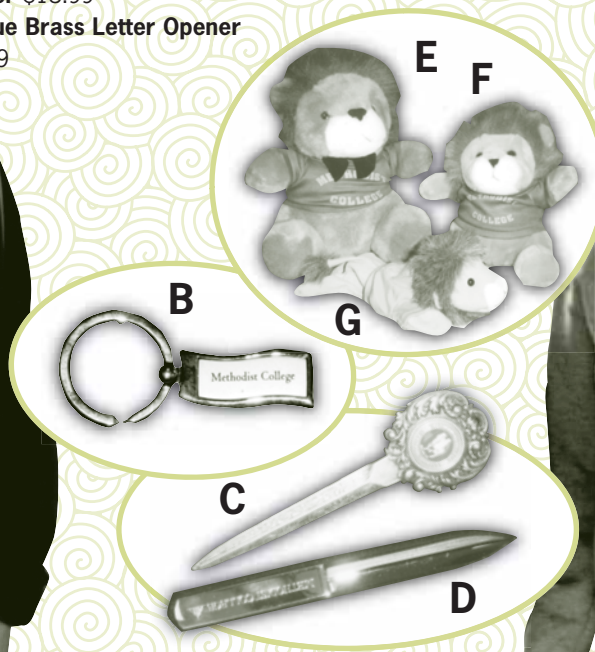
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Family Weekend  
1st Home Football Game

**September 29**

Dallas Brass  
Reeves Auditorium 7pm

**October 7**

Womack Lectures

**October 15**

Fayetteville Symphony  
Reeves Auditorium 8pm

**October 21–22**

Homecoming

**October 31**

The 2nd Annual Wesley Heritage Celebration  
Sweet Singer  
Reeves Auditorium 8pm

**November 5**

Ensemble Amarcord  
Hay Street United Methodist Church 7pm

**November 29**

7th Annual Holiday Concert  
Reeves Auditorium 7pm

**December 17**

Graduation



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