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People in the Methodist Spotlight

Wendy Vonnegut, Director of the Paralegal Studies Program and an Associate Professor as well as the pre-law advisor, attended a reception at the Supreme Court. The event was held for pre-law advisors and students of the law school as well as alumni and was hosted by the Saint Louis School of Law. Vonnegut is pictured here with Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas of the United States Supreme Court, who was the keynote speaker at the event.

Lloyd Bailey, Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies, has wrapped up four years of research and preparation of Smyth & Helwys' *Leviticus-Numbers*, a 648-page Bible Commentary series full of commentary and illustrations. The entire series is innovative both in the theological and homiletical focus of its content and in its stunning array of illustrative art. Hundreds of maps, photos, drawings and marginal explanations are used to clarify and illustrate the content of the

Bible. The series is built upon the idea that meaningful Bible study can occur when the insights of contemporary biblical scholars blend with sensitivity to the needs of the students of Scripture.

Emily Bilog, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, recently performed a traditional dance of the Philippines, called "Singkil," during the FAPAC (Federal Asian Pacific of American Council) Appreciation Ceremony, at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Melissa Hay, Cheerleading and Dance Coach, was nominated for the 2006 National Cheerleading Coach of the Year Award—from the recognition of *American Cheerleader Magazine's* Who's Who listing. Under her direction, the Methodist College Cheer team placed first for the Fight Song Competition, small coed division II, and received first place honors in the Cheer/Chant Competition,

small coed division II, at the NCA pre-season camp in Myrtle Beach. Also under her direction, the dance team placed first for division II Team Dance at the same event.

Joan Bitterman presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina in Raleigh on September 30, titled "Theodor Fontane als Gesellschaftskriter: Die allzu jungen Ehefrauen in *Effi Briest* und *Irrungen Wirungen*."

Dr. Philip Williams and **Prof. Michael Sullivan** lectured at a conference in Beijing, China. The event was sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Health. Their lectures focused on the strategic management of healthcare organizations.

Dr. Greg Combs, Director, Sports Management, recently attended a training conference for USA Cycling Coaches. Combs is one of 100 Professional/Elite Level Coaches in Cycling from the U.S.

Olympic Training Center. He hopes to grow the cycling program at Methodist College in the very near future. He also presented at the International Conference of Sports and Entertainment Business. His presentation was *A Study and Comparison of Disabled Sport Organizations within the Strategic Sport Marketing Context*. He was accompanied by MC students from the Marketing Club and Sports Management Club.

The article titled, *Facilitative Social Change Leadership Model*, by **Bill Watt**, has been published in *The Department Chair*, Fall 2005, Vol. 16, No. 2, by Anker Publishing Company, Inc.

Michael Potts presented a paper, "Pharmaceutical Mergers and Genetic Technology: A Problematic Combination," to the Japha Symposium on Business Ethics, which was held at the University of Colorado at Boulder on November 11.



Vonnegut



Bailey



Bilog



Hay

College Honors Years of Service

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

20 Years

Lynn Clark, Assistant to the President for Special Events; **Jane Gardiner**, Associate Professor of Music, Chair, Department of Music; **Linda Gravitt**, Assistant Dean for MC at Night and Summer School; **Richard Walsh**, Co-Director, Honors Program.



Clark Gardiner Gravitt Walsh



Ausborn Brookman Carter Daughtrey

10 Years

Dawn Ausborn, Controller; **Lori Brookman**, Associate Professor of Biology, Chair, Department of Biology; **Denice Carter**, Loan Coordinator/Assistant Director, Financial Aid; **Thomas Daughtrey III**, Assistant Superintendent, Buildings and Grounds; **Dee Dee Jarman**, Senior Woman Administrator, Women's Basketball Coach; **Mike Lowe**, Maintenance; **Cu Phung**, Associate Professor of Chemistry; **Sheryl Taylor**, Assistant Director, Financial Aid.



Jarman Lowe Phung Taylor

New Faculty

Back Row: (L-R) Mr. Mike Roberts, Instructor of English; Dr. Andrew Jameson, Associate Professor of Physical Education; Dr. John Dembosky, Assistant Professor of Geology; Dr. Chris Sliwa, Associate Professor of Spanish; Dr. Gregory Combs, Associate Professor of Sports Management; Dr. Cynthia Sawchuk, Professor of Computer Science; **2nd row:** Mr. Anthony Holderied, Library Services; Mrs. Mary Deyampert-McCall, Professor of Social Work; **3rd Row:** Dr. James McCandless, Assistant Professor of Biology; Mrs. Jan Turner, Instructor of ESL/TESL; Ms. Rosario Lara, Instructor of Spanish; Dr. Jennifer Purvis, Assistant Professor of Political Science; **Front Row:** Mr. David Page, Instructor of English; Ms. Jennifer Cuchna, Instructor of Athletic Training, Wellness and Exercise Science; Ms. Jennifer Hoenig, Instructor of Physical Education; Ms. Whitney Larrimore, Instructor of English. **(Not pictured):** Dr. Barry Avner, Professor of Pharmacology PA Program; Ms. Karen Kletter, Assistant Professor of History; Ms. Kristine Thomas, Coordinator of the MJA Program, Instructor of Justice Studies.



Six Join the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees welcomed six new members this fall. They are: Kathy Wright, wife of Dr. Eugene E. Wright Jr.; Gen. John W. Handy (USAF Ret), General Handy is a 1966 graduate of the College, who upon retirement will be working with Horizon Lines in Charlotte; The Reverend Dr. R. Carl Frazier, Jr., Senior Pastor, St. Luke United Methodist Church in Sanford, N.C.; Dr. John W. Schrader, Owner of Schrader Rental Properties in Raleigh; Eric LeMoine Mansfield, MD, who is Co-Owner of Cape Fear Otolaryngology in Fayetteville; and Ronnie B. Matthews, owner of Family Foods, Incorporated.



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THE ANATOMY OF SUCCESS

The Physician Assistant Program Turns 10

As anniversary approaches, the College reflects on where we've been and where we're going.

In 1996, Methodist College took a chance and launched a program in the fledgling industry of physician assistants. Just shy of 10 years later, the program is a jewel in Methodist's crown, having become its first graduate-level degree offering in 2000. This December, a record 27 students will earn their Master of Science degrees, and all signs point to even more future success.

How did we get here? What lessons can we learn as the College moves forward with expansion of its graduate school and as undergraduate offerings are constantly considered? This is an anatomy lesson of a different sort—the examination of the components of a successful academic program.

Two things would characterize the success or failure of the PA program: well-qualified students, and supervising physicians who think highly of our graduates.

—Dr. M. Elton Hendricks
President



Armed with his research, he approached the College about starting an undergraduate PA program and the journey began. "I knew it was a great fit for Methodist," Foster said. "The College has always tried to serve the needs of the community and this was one way we could have a tremendous impact on the lives of local people."

Support

Foster next turned to the local medical community for support, knowing that local physicians would be key in keeping graduates practicing in the local area. He sought out available resources as well as commitments for adjunct professors and clinical rotation sites.

Foster found the Fayetteville and surrounding medical communities very enthusiastic about the new program. With a minimal budget, and a staff of three, Methodist College admitted its first class of four PA students in the spring of 1996.

Through the years, the PA program has earned the respect of, and subsequent support of, many medical communities and funding sources throughout the state, the country, and beyond. Just one year into the effort, the Kresge Foundation of Troy, MI provided funding through the College's Expanding the Vision capital campaign to build the existing Medical Science Building, which also houses a medical practice of Cape Fear Valley Health System. Furnishings for the facility were provided by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Foundation of Winston-Salem, NC.

A local foundation, the Florence Rogers Charitable Trust, has generously assisted PA students since the program's inception. Upon successful completion of a student's first year, the Trust donates a \$1,000

scholarship until graduation from the two-and-a-half-year program.

Support from the local medical community provides invaluable training and educational opportunities for students. More than 75 area physicians now serve as adjunct professors in the didactic portion of the program.

Because students are required to complete many hours of clinical rotations, Foster has built a network of professional practices willing to offer students hands-on experience in specialty areas such as family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, orthopedics, emergency medicine, and others. Through the years, students have performed rotations at 300 sites around the world including Florida, Alaska, and even in Africa. Students currently participate in clinical rotations at 140 sites.

Quality

"In my mind, I determined that two things would characterize the success or failure of the PA program at Methodist," said Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, President. "I felt that we, first, had to put well-qualified students through a rigorous program which would result in a high pass rate on the national boards and, second, that supervising physicians thought highly of our graduates."

PAs must be trained to provide many healthcare services traditionally performed by physicians in half the time it takes to complete a traditional medical school program. But, Foster was determined that the program would exceed the College's expectations for success, which it has.

Methodist's graduates have gone on to lead their peers in passage of the National Board Exam on the Certification of Physician Assistants by around 10 percentage points each year. Methodist graduates consistently pass their boards at a rate of 98 percent while the national average hovers at around 88 percent. Perhaps even more impressive is the fact that Methodist students pass the exam, on their first try, at a rate of 91 percent while the national average is 89 percent.

But, at the core of the PA program is the fundamental goal of instilling in graduates the needs of the medically underserved, Foster said. Students are encouraged to be involved in the community and all are required to serve rotations in needy areas.

Jason Perrow, a 2003 alumnus of the program, said he felt that Methodist did an excellent job of preparing him for his demanding career. "The curriculum was tough, no doubt about it," he said. "But, we were taught medicine by practicing physicians, not professors, and we were given so many opportunities to be hands-on, we really knew what we were headed into."

"Because we were smaller in numbers, our class worked together to get through," Perrow continued. "We learned the essence of healthcare—that patient care is a team effort, and that that care shouldn't end in the exam room."

Dr. William Lee, a physician with Blue Ridge Medical Practice in Raleigh, NC, hired Perrow after graduation. "I had heard of Methodist College before but had no idea of how well-prepared a graduate of their program would be for the rigorous demands of a medical practice," he said.

"What has impressed me most is that, not only was Jason extremely knowledgeable and competent medically, but that he was also so active in

our community, reaching out to those in need," Lee continued. "Methodist has struck the right balance of imparting to its students both head knowledge and heart-felt dedication to the medical profession."

Results

"Everything has certainly come together in the PA program, making it a rip-roaring success," said Dr. Hendricks. "I believe that we have accomplished what we set out to do and I am proud of the impact our graduates are having on the health of people everywhere."

Forty-three percent of the more than 100 Methodist graduates are serving rural, medically underserved areas. Currently, 75 percent of graduates are working throughout North Carolina and, of those, 51 percent have remained in the Fayetteville/Cumberland County area.

Future Direction

Amanda Canfield, Director of PA Admissions, said her job is easy because "our students are our marketing tools—they make us look as good as we could possibly look." The proof is in the numbers, Canfield continued, "since graduating our first master's degree level students in 2003, the numbers have more than quadrupled."

Most inquiries into the program come through the College's website, Canfield said. "However, we are making an effort to target minority populations through college fairs and other means," she continued.

Foster agreed that the future of the PA industry lies with attracting more minorities (currently the program is comprised of 24 percent minorities, up from 11 percent in the beginning), as well as reaching students at a younger age. "We need to attract them during junior high school," Foster said. "That's when they need to begin preparing for this demanding, yet fulfilling, career."

Foster also has great plans for the future as the program will soon expand into the bottom floor of the Medical Science Building and as graduates become more active alumni. Feedback from graduates has already led the College to add a specialization in tropical medicine and to explore other possibilities such as genetics, he said.

"We want to grow," said Foster, "but we don't want to deplete the valuable resources that exist in North Carolina, not only for our program, but for the other three as well—at ECU, Duke, and at Wake Forest."

"This industry is growing," Foster continued. "Medical doctors will become more and more specialized while the physician's assistant will be providing primary care. It is a field with many opportunities for practitioners to serve a wide range of people, to spend time with their families, and to learn more about different specialty areas without having to commit to just one. It's a wonderful way to serve people."

Foster said that, through the years, many opportunities presented themselves for him to pursue his MD. However, life circumstances always kept him from it. Recently, amid a group of PA graduates, they expressed their appreciation for what has become his life's work. "Knowing that Methodist College students are meeting the needs of the medically underserved is an awesome honor," Foster said. "I am most proud that we are truly making a difference in the world."

Campaign Breaks Ground

There was nothing but treats this Halloween for Methodist College as it broke ground for an addition to its Science Building and a new Fitness and Wellness Center. Approximately 75 friends of the College, faculty, staff and students gathered on Oct. 31, 2005 to celebrate the start of construction on the two buildings, which have been the primary focus of the *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign.

The ceremony was formally opened with a welcome from Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, President, and a moving invocation by Rev. Dr. Brian G. Gentle. Campaign Co-Chairs Richard R. Allen, Sr. and Ramon L. Yarborough led the audience through the journey of the third, and latest, capital campaign for Methodist College. Yarborough served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the start of the *Seeds on Good Soil* campaign.

Richard L. Player, Jr. and Alfred E. Cleveland, Board of Trustee Chairs during the campaign, recognized and thanked the many individuals who worked so diligently to bring the campaign to this milestone. Rep. Bob Etheridge provided stirring words on the importance of the Science Building addition, stating, "It is important for the community, especially for the Physician Assistant program." He went on to add, "A school groundbreaking is like a new book whose words have not yet been written. The faculty and students will write the book that will become a living legacy." Shauna C. Bunn, a junior at Methodist College and the current Student Government Association President, thanked the Board of Trustees and the donors on behalf



of the students for making these buildings possible.

Participants in the ceremony for the Science Building addition included Robert N. Shuller of Shuller, Ferris, Lindstrom & Associates, architects for the buildings and Richard L. Player, III of Player, Inc., contractors for the buildings. Participants for the Fitness and Wellness Center included David L. Nimocks, Jr. and wife, Elisabeth B. Nimocks, David L. Nimocks, III, Lucy Nimocks Harley, and Elisabeth Nimocks Gooch. The Fitness and Wellness Center will bear the Nimocks family name.

The 27,301 square foot Science Building addition and the 23,551 square foot Fitness and Wellness Center should be completed within 12 to 18 months. Groundbreaking and ongoing construction photos of both buildings will be available on the Methodist College website at www.methodist.edu.



Above: Groundbreaking for Science Building. Left to right: Robert Shuller, Richard Player, III, Harvey Wright, Richard Player, Jr., Al Cleveland, Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, Rep. Bob Etheridge, Richard Allen, Sr., Ramon Yarborough, Ron Matthews and Lucy Jones.

Left: Rep. Bob Etheridge shares a few comments. (Left to right in background are Ramon Yarborough and Richard Player, Jr.)

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Above (L to R): Lura Tally, Terri Union, member of the Tally Advisory Board and MC Board of Trustees, and Gov. Hunt.

Former Governor James Hunt Visits Campus

Paying tribute to veteran lawmaker and community leader Sen. Lura S. Tally, Gov. James B. Hunt was the featured speaker at an October 18 luncheon honoring Tally and celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development at Methodist College. NC Sen. Tony Rand introduced Hunt at the luncheon in the Alumni Dining Room.

"Lura Tally's life is a lesson in leadership," Hunt said in his remarks. "Good leaders care deeply about their fellow man," he said. "I don't know of anyone who cared more or showed it more than Lura Tally."

The event also recognized Mary Kinney, MC class of 1999, for being the first recipient of the Lura S. Tally Award for Leadership Excellence.

Center for Entrepreneurship Celebrates Thank-You Series

The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist College celebrated its Fourth Annual "Thank-You" Series with Fayetteville Public Works Commission (PWC) Appreciation Day on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005. The award is given annually by the Center to recognize achievements

of organizations that regularly benefit the local and regional economy.

Wednesday morning began with a reception at PWC Corporate Headquarters for PWC employees and commissioners. Many local civic leaders said thank you to PWC and recognized the organization for its great contributions to the area. PWC then opened their doors to a tour of their facilities.

Much of the group then traveled to Methodist College for a special luncheon featuring guest speaker Mr. William (Bill) Johnson, President and COO of Progress Energy, Inc. Johnson spoke about nuclear energy and the close bond that Progress Energy shares with its local counterpart, PWC.

Following the luncheon, Johnson took the time to speak to an audience of the College community. After his presentation on nuclear energy, managing a large company and his own experiences, Johnson took the time to answer questions regarding what the future holds in the energy field.

Later that evening, the large attendance at a reception held at the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and the banquet in the



Above: Mr. Allen H. Richardson, President and CEO of American Public Power Association (left), accepts a key to the city of Fayetteville from city representative Mr. Robert Massey.

Right: William D. Johnson, President and COO of Progress Energy, Inc., speaks to luncheon guests.

Grand Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux showed just how much the community truly appreciates PWC and the work they do. Mr. Alan Richardson, CEO of American Public Power Association; Mrs. Terri Union, chairwoman of Fayetteville PWC; and Mr. Steven Blanchard, CEO/general manager of Fayetteville PWC, all took the opportunity to give personal thanks to PWC at the banquet.

The Center for Entrepreneurship began the "Thank-You" series four years ago. Past recipients include Kelly Springfield, DuPont and M.J. Soffe.

Celebrating 50 Years: Foundation for the Future



Methodist College campus under construction in the 1950s, laying a "Foundation for the Future."



Signing of the Methodist College charter on November 1, 1956. Left to right: Rev. Vergil E. Queen; Terry Sanford, Trustee Board Chair; Thad Eure, North Carolina Secretary of State; and Rev. W. E. Clegg.

"The date has not yet been set for the beginning of construction of the new Methodist College at Fayetteville; but in the minds and hearts of the people—folks dedicated to a cause—the foundation has already been laid."

—A Report on Methodist College, 1957

Fifty years ago a group of Fayetteville community leaders, with dynamic direction from Terry Sanford as President of the Board of Trustees, set out to make Methodist College a reality. The vision of the founders was to establish a four-year liberal arts institution that would advance the cause of higher education and "extend the influence of science, art and Christian culture," according to the school's charter.

With a commitment of \$2.1 million in capital funds and \$130,000 in continuing annual support from the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church in hand, the founders of Methodist College in turn gained a commitment from the Fayetteville and Cumberland County community for a 700-acre site, a \$2 million capital campaign, and an additional \$50,000 a year to sustain the operations of the College. From this last pledge was born the 50-year tradition of Methodist College Loyalty Day when the MC Foundation Board asks the community to expand educational opportunities with their financial support. All funds raised will be designated for student scholarships, a wise investment in the future of the 85 percent of MC students who receive over \$17 million in financial aid annually.

Loyalty Day 2006 will be devoted to honoring the founders of Methodist College, who foresaw the need for larger numbers of strong, well-educated leaders in the future and made the contributions of time and resources necessary to provide for their education. Today, the need for access to the excellent, values-driven liberal arts education that Methodist College



Methodist College campus today



The Honorable Anthony "Tony" Rand, 2006 Loyalty Day Chairperson

Volunteer for Loyalty Day 2006!

One day of your life can make a lifetime of difference for the students of Methodist College! To assist us in contacting area businesses and individuals for their Loyalty Day contribution on February 7, 2006, please contact the Development Office at (910) 630-7200.

offers is even more critical if our region and nation are to keep pace with the demands of the 21st-century global economy.

On Tuesday, February 7, 2006, Foundation Board members and more than 100 volunteers will ask local citizens and businesses to celebrate 50 years of Loyalty Day with a contribution to support student scholarships. We invite you to join them in laying another "Foundation for the Future" by making your Loyalty Day donation!

'Tis the Season...

For many, the end of the year is a time to express thanks for blessings received and to plan for the future. As 2005 draws to an end, here are some great ways to donate to Methodist College...

10. Sell depreciated stock, gift the proceeds to the College, and deduct the loss. You can deduct the loss in value (cost basis less current value) and derive an income tax charitable deduction for the current market value.
9. Donate an insurance policy that you no longer find useful and receive a charitable deduction for the cash value of the policy.
8. Use your credit card to make the gift. Get the deduction now, and pay the bill at your convenience according to the provisions of your credit-card company. If your card provides frequent-flyer miles, you get all of the tax advantages, plus adding benefit to your travel plans! (Watch out for finance charges on the amount donated.)
7. Donate appreciated stock held for more than one year and derive an additional tax benefit: avoidance of capital gain.
6. Give the best gift for someone who has everything... making a donation in their honor.
5. Utilize your employer's matching gift campaign and double your donation to the College. (Not sure if your employer matches gifts? Ask your Human Resources office, or check our website!)
4. Take advantage of the recently passed Hurricane Katrina Tax Relief Act of 2005. KETRA may make it possible for an IRA withdrawal gift in the last three months of this year. With the ability to deduct charitable gifts up to your full income, you may be able to take a withdrawal from your IRA, give that amount to the College and take a deduction for the full value. (Watch the income tax laws and deductions in your state!)
3. Use the provisions of KETRA to enable you to take 100 percent of your Adjusted Gross Income for charitable cash gifts or pledge payments made between August 28 and December 31, 2005.

Still need an incentive? How about...

2. Your financial advisor suggested a year-end gift, and you want to keep them happy.

And the #1 reason to donate to Methodist College...

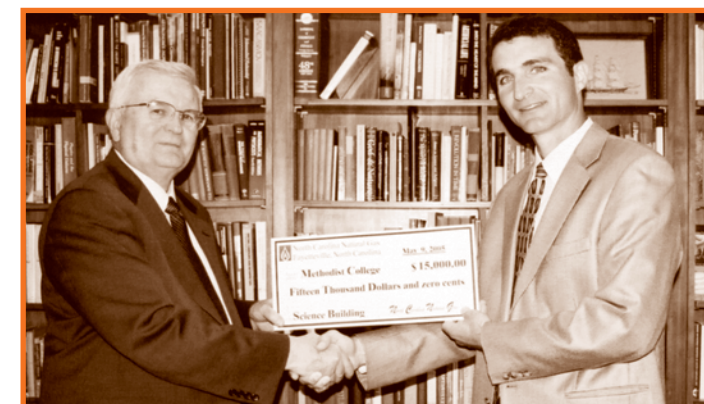
1. You believe that the gift of education is a gift for life.



First Citizens Bank Supports Methodist's Fitness and Wellness Center

First Citizens Bank has pledged \$100,000 toward the construction of the Fitness and Wellness Center in the *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign. The bank has been a long-time supporter of Methodist College, from its first gift in 1957, and with generous gifts in the College's two prior capital campaigns.

Above: Ed Willingham, Triangle Region Executive Vice President; Tim Richardson, Cumberland Area Vice President and Sheila Kinsey, Commercial Banking Manager of First Citizens Bank, present Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, President of Methodist College with a gift of \$100,000 for the Fitness and Wellness Center.



NCNG Supports Methodist's Science Expansion

Above: Jeff Hedrick, former Fayetteville District Manager for North Carolina Natural Gas, presents Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, President of Methodist College, with a gift of \$15,000 for an addition to the Science Building.

Methodist Claims First Ever Football Championship

The Methodist Monarchs finished out the 2005 season going 8-2 overall and 6-1 in the USA South Athletic Conference—earning the first ever football championship for Methodist, a share of the 2005 USA South championship, and long-awaited representation in the rafters of the Riddle Center.

The Monarchs entered their Nov. 12 season finale needing a victory over visiting Shenandoah and a Christopher Newport victory over Ferrum to claim the championship. They crushed Shenandoah 35-0 and Christopher Newport won against Ferrum 44-7.

The highlight was a 35-28 victory over USA South preseason favorite Christopher Newport on Homecoming, plus remarkable fourth-quarter comebacks against North Carolina Wesleyan, Averett, and Maryville.

Individually, senior quarterback Chris Ronchetti was the USA South Offensive Player of the Year. Joining Ronchetti as first team All-USA South was offensive tackle Billy Delapp, noseguard John Northern, and placekicker Patrick Larkin.

Athletes representing Methodist as second team All-USA South were: tailback Mike Hill; offensive guards Rhyen Breen and Max Dinges; linebackers Max Pope and Daryl Lawrence; and defensive backs Chris Gauntlett, Antwin Shuford, and Mitchell Collier.

Monarchs selected honorable mention All-USA South were: receivers George Sands, Jonathan Mularski and Patrick Doleman; center Jonathan Willis; and defensive ends Brandon Hayden and Sean Merritt.

Right: Senior QB Chris Ronchetti sets up to throw a pass.



We Are Family!

The most exciting sight for any college student living away from home is to see mom and dad pulling into the parking lot for a weekend visit. This year's Family Weekend at Methodist College was loaded with events, tours, and live football action!

The weekend included shopping passes at the campus bookstore, tours, and a chance to play a round of golf on the luscious greens of the campus' walking course. Families had an opportunity to discover Fayetteville and many

participated in visits to the Airborne & Special Operations Museum, the 1897 Poe House, and the Museum of the Cape Fear. A Methodist College visit wouldn't have been complete without live entertainment by One Spirit, the College's widely acclaimed honors vocal group.

Monarch fans enjoyed food, fellowship, and music prior to kick-off. While coffee and donuts started football game day, the visit wouldn't have been complete without the tailgate picnic.



Left: Methodist College cheerleaders pump up the crowd during September's Family Weekend as the Monarchs faced N.C. Wesleyan

The Monarchs rocked the house with an impressive win against the Bishops—a perfect ending to a fun-filled weekend and the packed stadium says it all! Close to 1,200 filled the stadium as the first radio broadcast for Methodist College Football aired on AM 1490 WAZZ. Who says Family Weekend is spent handing off laundry to mom? When it's a Monarch Family Weekend, it's one to remember!



2006 Basketball Home Schedules

Men's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 8	Piedmont	4 p.m.
Jan. 14	Ferrum	4 p.m.
Jan. 17	Averett*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	North Carolina Wesleyan*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Greensboro*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Shenandoah*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Christopher Newport*	4 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 7	Bennett	2 p.m.
Jan. 14	Ferrum*	2 p.m.
Jan. 17	Averett*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	North Carolina Wesleyan*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Meredith	7 p.m.
Feb. 1	Greensboro*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Peace*	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	Shenandoah*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Christopher Newport*	2 p.m.

Visit www.methodist.edu for a complete sports schedule.

Monarchs Basketball Teams have High Hopes

Preseason rankings bring high hopes for both the men and women's Methodist basketball teams for the 2005-2006 season.

Led by Head Coach David Smith, this year's men's basketball team was selected the preseason favorites in the men's USA South Athletic Conference poll for the second straight season. They received six of the seven possible first place votes and 36 points total. The Monarchs were picked ahead of North Carolina Wesleyan (30), Averett (23), Christopher Newport (22), Shenandoah (18), Greensboro (9) and Ferrum (9).

The men's team finished last season with an impressive 20-8 record and won the USA South regular season championship for the third straight year. Last year's Monarchs finished out last year by winning the USA South Tournament championship and a berth in the NCAA Division III National Tournament for the second straight season.

Three starters are returning to this year's team, including All-USA South wing Seth Thomas and All-USA South guard Eugene Grant.

Head Coach DeeDee Jarman's Lady Monarchs were selected fourth in the USA South Athletic Conference poll, receiving 31 points total and one first place vote. Defending USA South women's champion, Greensboro, was the preseason favorite with 40 points and three first place votes, just ahead of Christopher Newport (39) and Peace (36).

The Lady Monarchs finished 12-15 overall and 5-9 in the USA South for the 2004-2005 season. However, the Lady Monarchs advanced to last year's USA South Tournament championship game against Greensboro. The Lady Monarchs will return two starters—All-USA South forward Stacy Williams and guard Lisa Jackson.

Methodist's Nasiro-Sigo selected USA South Male Runner of the Year in Cross Country

Husein Nasiro-Sigo, a sophomore athlete at Methodist College, was selected the 2005 Male Runner of the Year for the USA South Athletic Conference for men's cross country. This marks the first time ever that a Methodist runner has received a Runner of the Year honor in the conference.

Nasiro-Sigo was also named first team All-USA South for the second straight season. In addition, Ryan Taylor was a second team All-USA South selection on the men's side, and Krystal Patton was selected second team All-USA South on the women's side for a second straight season.

Hailing all the way from Noffela, Ethiopia, Nasiro-Sigo won four individual titles this season, including the Clayton-Sykes Invitational, the Old North State championship, the Mason-Dixon Conference championship, and the USA South Athletic Conference men's title for the second straight season. His best time in an 8K event this season was 25:47 at the Mason-Dixon championships.

In addition, Nasiro-Sigo also had an eighth-place finish at the Great American Cross Country Festival against tough NCAA Division I competition. Last season, Nasiro-Sigo won the USA South individual men's championship and advanced to the NCAA Division III Regionals.



MC Alumni Return for Homecoming 2005!

Methodist College alumni returned to campus on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005 to celebrate Homecoming 2005, "Breaking New Ground." Fellowship, food, and football were all on the day's menu...

While the sun was still fighting to break out of the clouds, the "Yama-yama" men from the Class of 1965 faced off with Gene Clayton, Vice President of Business Affairs, and his team of Methodist College staff and students Saturday morning on the softball field. The Yama-yama from the Class of '65 included Larry Green, Dave Herring, Allen Hayes, David Altman, Allen Osborne, Jerry Huckabee, and Glenn Bell '66. Jim Darden '69 hosted a walking tour on campus and presented stunning before-and-after photos of over 25 projects he has spearheaded in his 10 months on campus. The Green & Gold tent and registration area was alive with excitement, thanks to Rahn Kersey '89, who brought his D.J. equipment all the way from Virginia to entertain arriving alumni!

Prior to the football game, over 150 alumni gathered on the green behind the Clark Building for the first-ever "Lunch on the Green."

Mark Moses '97, Proprietor of Carrabbas' Italian Grill, and his staff served up fabulous fare as Lynn Carraway '71, the 2005 Homecoming Chairperson, emceed the lunch in honor of Dr. Bill Lowdermilk. Many of Dr. Lowdermilk's friends and family were in attendance while some of his close alumni friends participated in the program. Ray Gooch '72 gave the invocation, and J. T. Rimbey '03 and Dwight Cribb '80 recounted their heartfelt memories of "Uncle Bill."

Alumni were then treated to an exciting football game, as the Monarchs trounced Christopher Newport University, 35-28! On Saturday evening, many alumni gathered at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux to visit with fellow classmates. Rahn Kersey '89 again led the party. A Silent Auction organized by Margo Jarvis '96 featured unique items such as a hand-made Amish rocking chair, beach get-aways, and golf and spa packages. Tavares and Cannie Hunter '02, '04 treated the crowd to a beautiful vocal performance, and many from the classes of 1997 and 1998 led the party late into the night.



Above: Dr. William C. Harrison '74, Superintendent of Cumberland County (NC) Schools, accepts the 2005 MCAA Distinguished Alumni award from Dr. Louis Spilman, Jr. '64, a former winner of the award. Dr. Harrison has rendered outstanding service to his alma mater as a graduation speaker and Loyalty Day Chairperson, and to education and the community through his successful career in public school administration.

Alumni Association Presents its Annual Awards

Each year, nominations are accepted for three awards given by the Alumni Association Board of Directors: the Outstanding Alumni Service award, the Distinguished Alumni award, and the Outstanding Faculty/Staff award. This year, these awards were presented at the Lunch on the Green, where past honorees who were present were also recognized.

Dr. William Harrison '74 was the 2005 Distinguished Alumni award recipient. Dr. Harrison, Superintendent of the Cumberland County Schools since 1997, was honored for his outstanding career in education and his dedication to alma mater. He has served as Loyalty Day Chairperson and as a graduation speaker. Dr. Louis Spilman '64,

recipient of the award in 1978, presented the award to Dr. Harrison. The 2005 Outstanding Alumni Service award was presented to Jim Darden '69 for his long-time commitment to the College, as well as for his generosity of time and talent in beautifying the campus as the College's Horticulturalist. Lynn (Gruber) Clark '72, who received the same award in 1983, presented the award to him. Dr. William Christian, recipient of the Outstanding Faculty/Staff award in 1990, presented the 2005 award posthumously to Dr. Bill Lowdermilk. Dallas Lowdermilk and JoAnne Thomas, Dr. Lowdermilk's brother and niece, were present to accept the honor.



Class of 1965 Celebrates their 40th Reunion

The Class of 1965 came from as far as Florida and Kansas to celebrate this milestone reunion. After convening at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux on Friday evening, where they were greeted by Dennis Sheppard '77 and Cynthia Hawkins '99, those already arrived proceeded to the 316 Oyster Bar for dinner. On Saturday morning, many members of the class organized a softball game against Gene Clayton, Vice President of Business Affairs, and members of the College community. Softball Coach Ron Simpson, Director of Athletics Bob McEvoy, Cheryl Rivas, Director of College Relations & Marketing, and several students were among the team that faced off against the "Yama-yama" men! We hope that this year's Homecoming gave all from this class an opportunity to reconnect and reminisce, as well as rediscover the College that brought them together 40 years ago.

Pictured above: Back Row (L to R): Bud Beattie '65, Allen Osborne '66, George Potts '65, Phil Levine '65, Dave Altman '65, Allen Hayes '65, Dave Herring '65, Julian Jessup '64, and Walter Turner '65. Front Row (L to R): Larry Green '65, Mary (Dark) Osborne '67, Mary (Fincher) Wells '67, Ellen Green, Deborah Hayes, and Wanda (Allen) Herring '67.

Homecoming 2006 Plans Underway

The Alumni Association Board of Directors is looking for interested alumni to join in the planning and preparation for Homecoming 2006. Mark your calendars for Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 20-21, 2006! This is a reunion year for the "ones and sixes," 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001, and we need your help and input in creating exciting events and making the weekend successful! For more information about serving on the Homecoming Committee, please contact Lauren Cook-Wike, the director of Alumni Affairs, at lwife@methodist.edu, or (910) 630-7167.



Left: The 2005 Homecoming King and Queen reigned over all festivities. They are King Eric Staley and Queen Shauna Bunn.

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Engagements

Leslie Antoniel '99 and **Jason Gentili '00** announced their engagement in September 2005. They are planning a wedding at Cape Cod on September 16, 2006. Leslie is an annual fund/alumni officer with Boston University's School of Fine Arts. Jason is an associate consultant with The Bostonian Group. The couple resides in Watertown, MA.

Kelli Davis '97 and **Dan Garrison '98** announce their engagement and are planning a March 25, 2006 wedding in Charleston, SC. Kelli graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2002 and is currently a Drug Information Specialist at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dan is a manager at the DoubleTree Guest Suites.

Madison E. "Ridge" Johnson '01 and **Teri R. Almond '04** recently became engaged. They are planning an April 2006 wedding.

Elizabeth Stanley '02 became engaged to Dennis Coffey in March 2005. They recently bought a house in Youngstown, NY and are planning a September 2006 wedding in Pilot Mountain, NC.

Weddings

Alex "A.J." MacPherson '96 wed Shawn Milton on October 21, 2005 at the Gaslite Manor Courtyard Chapel in Aurora, IL. The couple lives in Aurora, IL.

Stacey E. McVeigh '03 and Darwin "Biz" Green were married on September 4, 2005 in Orlando, FL. Darwin is a loan officer and Stacey is a program associate with the Enterprise Foundation in Atlanta, GA. They live in Lawrenceville, GA.

Births

Leigh (Stutts) Churchbourne

'91 and her husband, Chris, welcomed daughter Caroline Grace into the world on May 11, 2005.

Kate (Hammill) Cosgrove '95 and her husband P.J. welcomed their first child, a baby girl, on June 3, 2005. Margaret Katherine "Meg" was 8 lbs. and 20.5 in. The Cosgrove family lives in Cincinnati where Kate is working as a business manager for the department of Environmental Health at the University of Cincinnati.

Ginger (Durden) Hughes '00 and husband Mike welcomed their first child, Edward Mason Hughes, into their family on September 1, 2005. Edward Mason was a healthy 8 lbs. 2 oz., and 21 inches long.

Phillip Land '97, '99 and his wife Lori announce their adoption of a beautiful baby boy, Matthew. Phillip also recently changed jobs, and is now a physician assistant at Randleman Medical Center in Randleman, NC.

Pat O'Nan '96 and his wife Tami proudly announce the birth of their first child. Thomas Oliver was born five weeks early, on June 24, 2005, and weighed just 3 lbs., 12 oz.! Mom and baby Thomas are doing well, both happy and strong!

Sharmis (Oulton) Powell '99 and her husband James are very happy to announce the birth of their second son. Conlen Christopher Powell was born on May 30, 2005, and joins big brother Bennett. Sharmis is currently teaching fourth grade. The Powell family lives in Billerica, MA.

Class Notes

1968
Billie (Staley) Forman retired in 2001 after teaching in the Guilford County Schools system for 33 years. She has been tutoring reading at Hunter Elementary School in Greensboro, NC. Billie lost her

husband, Dana, in 2003 to an aortic dissection. She is enjoying her time with her two grandsons, and enjoys reading, traveling, and scrapbooking.

1969
Dr. Mary (Monroe) Atwater was recently appointed department head of the department of Mathematics and Science Education at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA. She has been a faculty member at the University of Georgia since 1987.

1970
Diane (Qualliotine) Mann (pictured) has been named to the new position of director of research development at the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, part of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Diane has over 20 years experience in human research and administration at the Medical Center.

1972
Charles Hartsell lives in Florence, SC with his wife Donna. They have two sons, Grant, age 17, and Van, age 26. Donna works for a surgical doctor's office, and Charles is self-employed as a Life and Health insurance agent. He also is an NRA Certified Pistol Instructor, is South Carolina Law Enforcement Division certified, and teaches concealed weapon permit classes.

Traveling MC friends! **Anita (Fisher) King** and her husband Nathan joined K.C. and **Debbie (Bright) Beavers** on an EF Tour to Spain, Gibraltar, and Morocco this past spring. Debbie organizes annual European trips for students, teachers, and friends (she teaches 6th grade social studies at Zebulon Middle School.) Last summer, she organized a trip to seven national parks in the Western United States.

1976
Fred Batchelor recently retired from the United States Army as a Colonel after 28 years of service. Fred and his wife Linda now reside in Smithfield, VA. They have two sons, Bryan, a high school senior, and Chris, who is currently a first lieutenant in the 1st Cavalry Division. Fred is now the Secretary of the General Staff for the Army's Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, VA.

University. She plays the piccolo in the Marching Pirate Band.

1973
Laurie (Alston) Jennings and her husband Lee, of Elizabeth City, NC, celebrated the wedding of their oldest son, David, to Jennifer Ayers on September 24, 2005. In attendance were **JoElla (Copeland) Chappell '73** and her husband Ray, from Chesapeake, VA, and **Debbie (Bright) Beavers '72** and her husband K.C., of Zebulon, NC.

1975
Lynn (Sloane) Barnes was commissioned a deaconess of the United Methodist Church on April 15, 2005, at a meeting of the General Board of Global Ministries in Stamford, CT. Since then, Lynn has worked to establish a health ministry for inadequately insured members of the community. She also serves as the director of outreach ministries at First United Methodist Church in Elkin, NC. Her husband, **Wayne Earl Barnes '75** has also retired from public education and now operates his own pet-sitting service.

Cheryle (Coble) Mitchell and her husband Ronnie celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on May 25, 2005. Their son, Grant, is a second-year student at the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University. Their daughter, Meredith, graduated *magna cum laude* from North Carolina State University in 2005.

1988
Kathleen Voss-Woolrich has published two poetry books about North Africa and the Algerian civil war, *Postcards from Morocco, A Memory Book for Zahra* and *You Left a Witness...My Memories of Being a Domestic Violence Victim*. These books are available for purchase on Amazon.com. *Postcards from Morocco* has been published internationally. *Mahboula, Memories of Algeria*, her third work, is set for international distribution in December and details Rai music and the rebel music of Algeria. Kathleen is the foremost expert on Rai music in the United States and has interviewed Cheb Nasro, the associate of Cheb Hasni, who was killed by terrorists. Kathleen credits Parker Wilson for giving her her voice, and Bruce Pulliam for sparking her interest in North Africa. In addition to writing, Kathleen is a realtor in Orlando, FL. She can be reached via email at kwoolr@aol.com.

1989
Hubert Barkley recently celebrated his 16th wedding anniversary with his wife Monica. They have two children, Tyler, age 11, and Sarah Jane, age 6. Hubert also celebrated his 16th year with EDS where he is a project manager. He recently passed his Project Management Professional certification which is administered by the Project Management Institute.

1990
We are relieved to report that **Scott Enerson** and his wife Raquel, after surviving Hurricane Katrina's devastation, have relocated from New Orleans, LA to Miami, FL. They are busy working to reestablish their massage therapy practice.

1993
MAJ George Lewis recently completed a two-year assignment at Fort Leavenworth, KS where he attended the US Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) and the School of Advanced

Military Studies (SAMS). George earned a master of Military Science (MMAS) degree in Military Operational Art and Science in May 2005. He is an Intelligence Plans Officer in the 2nd Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea, where he is stationed with his family. George has also been enrolled with Touro University International's College of Business Administration (Cypress, CA) since the spring semester of 2004. He completed his master of Business Administration with a concentration in Military Management in September 2005 and is waiting the official awarding of his MBA.

Abigail (Findlay) Storms and her husband John have been living in the United Kingdom for six years, after spending three years in Switzerland. John is the finance manager for Nike UK, and is competing in road cycling at a national level with a number of top-ten finishes! Abigail has recently moved from Unilever to start a new role with Johnson & Johnson as the UK marketing manager for the Splenda brand. If anyone is visiting the UK, friends are invited to email them at stormsy@hotmail.co.uk—they live just across the river from Hampton Court Palace!

1995
John J. Germano was recently named Athletic Director of Barnegat High School in Barnegat, NJ. John and his wife are happily married with a 3-year-old son, Logan. They are expecting a baby girl in January!

1997
Stanton and Lauri Trotter (pictured) have done many things since graduating from Methodist College: moving to California, seminary, moving to Fort Drum, NY, deploying to Afghanistan, moving to Germany, deploying to Iraq, moving to Fort Jackson, SC, and six years of active duty as a Chaplain in the Army. But after celebrating 15 years of marriage, nothing is as wonderful

for them as the celebration of the birth of their little daughter, Sierra Whitney Trotter, who is now 11 months old. They are currently planning their next move to Fort Bragg in January 2006.

2000
Darnell Artis recently accepted the position of library assistant at the circulation desk with Davis Memorial Library at Methodist College. He is excited to be back on campus, and lives in Fayetteville with his wife, **Latoya (Hartley) Artis '99**.

Karen Mobley recently received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University, and is working at Ko & Associates in Raleigh, NC. With the goal of designing bridges, Karen is currently working toward her Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) licensure in structural engineering.

2001
Jamie Danjoint, her husband, and their 18-month-old son have relocated from Fayetteville, NC to Charleston, SC, where Jamie has accepted a position with Blackbaud, Inc.

2003
1LT Luther Wiggins (pictured) graduated from Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, FL on September 29, 2005. He earned his "wings of gold" and is continuing his career as a United States Marine Aviator. Luther graduated on the Commodore's List with Distinction and as the honor graduate out of 36 other Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard helicopter pilots. This is the top graduating spot in the class, and is achieved by only 5 percent of all aviators who pass the course. Luther is now stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station, New River, in Jacksonville, NC, where he will join the Fleet Replacement Squadron and learn how to fly the CH-53E Sea Stallion. In 2006, he will then transfer to his final duty



Mann



Trotter



Wiggins

station of MCAS Miramar in San Diego, CA.

In Memoriam

Cynthia L. "Cindy" Champagne '95 passed away on December 20, 2004. She is survived by husband, **Todd Champagne '99**.

Tracey I. Hall, III '66 passed away on October 18, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Grace.

Robert B. Reaves '66 passed away on October 23, 2005. Robert was a pharmacist for over 33 years. He is survived by his wife, Terry.

January 3, 2006
MC @ Night Spring Term I Begins

January 10, 2006
Spring Semester Begins

January 13, 2006
Film Festival
Clark Hall

January 25, 2006
Mr. Methodist Pageant
Reeves Auditorium 7p.m.

February 6, 2006
Spring Convocation
Reeves Auditorium 11a.m.
Guest Speaker Dwayne Mack '93

February 7, 2006
Loyalty Day
Green & Gold Café, Berns Student Center 8a.m.

February 10, 2006
Sanford Lecture Series
Clark Hall 11a.m.
Guest Speaker Tony Chavonne

March 6, 2006
MC @ Night Spring Term II Begins

April 18, 2006
Synergy (Show Choir) Performance
7p.m.

April 25, 2006
Concert Choir Performance
7p.m.

May 6, 2006
Graduation
Riddle Center



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