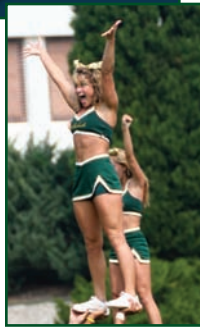


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Dr. Hendricks presents Sen. Tony Rand with a picture of the Yarborough Bell Tower in recognition of Sen. Rand's support of financial aid programs for North Carolina college students.



Methodist College's Literature Department welcomed North Carolina native and author Clyde Edgerton for a performance that included songs and spoken word—based on his memoir "Solo," and his novel "Lunch at the Piccadilly." Following his appearance, he signed autographs and talked with attendees.

2006 Accolades

Barbara Beebe, electronic services librarian, received a \$1,000 LSTA Career Enrichment Grant and attended the Computers in Libraries Conference in Washington, D.C., March 22-24, 2006.

Bill Billings '68, College historian and director of Monarch Press, presented a paper on Bishop Paul Neff Garber at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Society of The United Methodist Church June 28 at Duke Divinity School. He served as resident bishop of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church from 1951-68 and led the drive to secure funds from the members of The North Carolina Conference to build Methodist College and North Carolina Wesleyan College and to upgrade Louisburg College.

Dr. John Fields, associate professor of chemistry, presented his paper titled "*Lifting the Hydrogen Veil: An Alternative Approach to National Energy Security*" at the 2006 B. F. Stone Lyceum. **Dr. David Turner**, associate professor of speech, and **Dr. Spencer Davis**, associate professor of financial economics, served as the respondents.

Silvana Foti, professor of art, served as the visual arts education consultant with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to review the Arts Education program for teacher education approval at East Carolina University. Foti has been asked by the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County and the Fayetteville Museum of Art to serve on a committee called "Art in Public Places." The committee's focus will be on outdoor sculpture by artists both on the state and national level.

On May 28, 2006, **Jane Gardiner**, associate professor of music, performed at the 2006 NOW Music Festival in San Francisco, Calif. Gardiner performed three piano compositions by **Dr. Keith Dippre**, associate professor of music, collectively titled "*California Low Brow*."

Dr. Wenda Johnson, interim vice president for Academic Affairs, served as an accreditation team member with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and assessed the new teacher licensure combination program in elementary education and special education for Peace College in Raleigh, N.C. She also served as chair of a team that assessed the education program at Pfeiffer University.



Dr. John Fields



Jane Gardiner



Dr. Wenda Johnson

Dr. Shivappa Palled, professor of mathematics, has been selected as one of the external examiners to evaluate a Ph.D. thesis in mathematics titled "*Special Forms of Ternary Diophantine Equations and its Applications*" from Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, India. Dr. Palled was also selected as one of the external examiners to evaluate a Ph.D. thesis in mathematics titled "*Some results on domination and related parameters in graphs*" from Mysore University, Mysore, India.

Dr. Michael Potts, associate professor of philosophy, won two statewide contests sponsored by the North Carolina Writer's Network. His chapbook, "*From Field to Thicket*," is the winner of the 2006 Mary Belle Campbell Poetry Book Publication Award. He will also read from his chapbook at the September meeting of the North Poetry Society, where he will be honored with a reception. Dr. Potts' nonfiction piece about the death of his twin brother shortly after birth titled "*Haunted*" has won first place in the 2006 Rose Post Creative Nonfiction Competition. His article titled "*The Consumerist Subversion of Education*" was published in the summer issue of "*Academic Questions*."

Jim Sypult, head football coach, was recognized by the American Football Coaches Association at the annual national convention held in Dallas, Texas on Jan. 8, 2006. Sypult was presented a plaque in honor of winning the USA South conference championship.

Dr. Bill Watt, professor of speech, had a short essay titled "*With This Ring, I Could Rule Them All...Or Express My Love*" published on Feb. 11, 2006 in "*The Readers Write*" as part of the "Poetry, Pictures & Prose" section of the "*Saturday Extra*" in *The Fayetteville Observer*.

Dr. Andrew Ziegler, associate professor of political science, delivered a lecture titled "*Strategic Culture and the Transatlantic Crisis*" to the students, faculty and staff of Regent's College, London, England, on April 19, 2006.

Welcome Home

An Old Friend Returns

There is a lot to be said about family and friends and those in the company you keep. Methodist College has always had that way of growing on you—the friendly faces you encounter, whether you are a student, faculty or staff member, help bring home a family-type of feeling. There's the uncle who likes to tell war stories of his days serving his country. The aunt who sings and laughs and makes you feel good inside. The niece who's cramming for finals late at night trying to graduate with honors so she can get into medical school. All are memories of coming home!

Once the journey away from home begins, and you enjoy all the adventures life has to offer, you always find a way to come home again. Michael Safley has had many adventures in life and the road has led him back to Methodist College, his new home ... once again.

From memories of sand and sand spurs to practical jokes, Safley's experiences at Methodist led him to Duke's School of Divinity. He served time in prison, completing his Clinical Pastoral Education. His outside-the-box thinking and vibrant personality has led him to serve as a campus minister, pastor, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries,



Mike Safley embraces Methodist again.

and back to Methodist College as the vice president for student life and dean of students with many fond memories.

His journeys led him to the Methodist Home for Children (MHC) where he served as president and CEO. He led a \$7 million Cornerstone Campaign for MHC and gained recognition as the Methodist Organization of the Year by the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries. Upon his departure, he was inducted into the Guardian Angel Society of MHC.

Safley received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Methodist College. He was also selected as one of the two Most Outstanding Methodist College Alumni. In 2002 he delivered the commencement address at Methodist College sharing his experiences and adventures; he also received an honorary doctorate degree of Humanities.

His proven record of extraordinary service and his contribution to his community was recognized when he was presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2005 by Governor Mike Easley. The award is the highest honor given by the governor to a citizen in the state of North Carolina.

Safley's journeys have once again landed him back home. It's a familiar site that has grown over the years. The sand and sand spurs are now green grass and trees. He recognizes the friendly smiles and faces of those who have become family to him. He is home, serving as the vice president of Church and Community Relations for Methodist College. As Safley explains: "You can't go back home ... but you can go home again!" Welcome Home, Mike!

More New Faces on Campus

H. Ray Baker Jr. has been appointed the director of Grants and Research and scholarship coordinator with the office of Development and Alumni Affairs. A 1971 graduate of Methodist College, Baker earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and is an IRS enrolled agent. He is a native to the Fayetteville area.

Melissa Jameson has been named the new director of College Events with the office of College Relations. Jameson is a graduate of the University of Mississippi where she earned a bachelor's degree in communications with a concentration in journalism. She was a contributing editor to two Mississippi periodicals, "Oxford Health and Fitness" and "The Daily Mississippian." Additionally, she served as the Aquatics program director at the University of Mississippi.

Tiffany Nabors has been appointed as the new director of Student Media and campus photographer. A native of Fayette, Alabama, Nabors graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in journalism. She has worked as a reporter in Alabama for two newspapers.

Maria Sikoryak-Robins has been named the assistant director of College Relations and Marketing. She graduated from Monmouth University with a bachelor's degree in communication with a concentration in journalism and public relations and a minor in writing. She was an editorial assistant at Big Designs—a publishing company in Point Pleasant, N.J. She served as assistant managing editor of "Managed Care Consultant-First Report" with Princeton Media Associates and managing editor of "The Outlook" at Monmouth University. She is still a freelance editor for "Medical Crossfire"—a medical education piece published by Liberty Communications, a business of Cardinal Health.

Ryan Pretlow and **Ed Salisbury** have joined the Office of Institutional Computing as systems programmers. They are joined by newcomer **Jason Joseph** who is the new network engineer for the department.

Right (pictured top to bottom): Ray Baker, Melissa Jameson, Tiffany Nabors and Maria Sikoryak-Robins.



The Center for Entrepreneurship Hosts Annual Stock Market Symposium



Methodist College's Center for Entrepreneurship held its 29th Annual Stock Market Symposium on Tuesday, April 18 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux.

The annual event recognized four individuals for their exceptional service to the business community. The Silver Spoon Award went to Felton Capel, chief executive officer

of Century Associates of North Carolina in Pinebluff. "I have been very successful in meeting friends," said Capel. "That's where my wealth lies."

Carolyn Fincher, owner of Re/Max Premier Properties, received the Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award and the Small Business Excellence Award went to Thomas Bradford, president of Bradford Builders. "It is very humbling to receive this type of award," said Bradford. The American Business Ethics Award was presented to Charles Warren, owner, and the Jernigan-Warren

Funeral Home.

This year's Stock Market Prediction Winner was Christopher Cammack.

Joe Quinlan, managing director and

chief market strategist of Banc of America Capital Management, was the keynote speaker for the event. "I consider myself a paranoid optimist," said Quinlan. "Company versus country is a big issue and it's difficult to navigate."

With over 125 published articles on economics, trade and finance, and publications appearing in venues such as "Foreign Affairs," "The Financial Times," "The Wall Street Journal" and "Barron's," Quinlan addressed issues such as the upward demand for

raw materials, globalization and our current economic situation. "By default, the dollar's king," said Quinlan.

"We shouldn't take that for granted, but we do."

He also addressed the issue of immigration in the United States. "Immigration is good for the United States because we're all immigrants," said Quinlan, who emphasized the importance of being globally diversified. "We consume more than we produce," said Quinlan, but "it doesn't speak for how we compete."

Quinlan noted that this country "needs to roll up its sleeves and get to work." One piece of advice that he offered attendees, in terms of the stock market, was to "keep your eye on what's not happening."

With regard to employment, Quinlan believes—contrary to what he considers is misrepresentation by the media—that we're in the fifth year of an economic expansion. "I'm worried about having too many jobs in the United States," said Quinlan. "I believe there will be *too many jobs and not enough workers*." According to Quinlan, the U.S. economy is the most competitive and resilient—barring China, as "the drive-thru McDonald's in Beijing is packed."

Above (pictured left to right): Thomas Bradford, president of Bradford Builders, Carolyn Fincher, owner of Re/Max Premier Properties, Joe Quinlan (also above left), keynote speaker and managing director and chief market strategist of Banc of America Capital Management, Felton Capel, chief executive officer of Century Associates of North Carolina in Pinebluff, and Charles Warren, owner of the Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home.



Business Succession Forum Network is Booming

From "The Twelve Steps to Successful Family Business Succession," to "India: Crossing New Frontiers in Search of Business Development," the Center for Entrepreneurship's Business Succession Forum Network (BSFN) is booming.

The Center's most recent BSFN program titled, "Doing Business in China," addressed the economic development and accompanying business opportunities in China.

Guest Speaker Michael Wu, managing director, North America, Sli Siar Teoranta, spoke about the similarities and differences with regard to doing business in China as it relates to doing business in the United States. "You'll find a lot of similarities," he said, noting that "they [Chinese entrepreneurs] approach everything in the spirit of partnership."

Some of the similarities include: understanding competitors; figuring out if there is a pay-off in conducting business in China; following the same general principals and procedures found in the United States; and collecting the right information to conduct business.

The differences that Wu addressed about doing business in China include: price sensitivity—understanding who you are targeting in an urban market consisting of 501 million consumers; allowing the necessary time it takes to negotiate—often longer than the standard turnaround time in the United States; and building a rapport that is not solely based on the product.

"The Chinese people are very eager and anxious to do business with us," said Wu. "They are also trying to know our culture and our etiquettes."

If you are interested in joining the BSFN, call the Center for Entrepreneurship at (910) 630-7642.



Michael Wu (left), and Dr. Phillip Williams (center), look on as Dr. Zhou Zian responds to questions.



Congratulations

Spring Commencement 2006: Daring to Begin

Methodist College conferred 138 degrees to 136 graduates at its 43rd Annual Spring Commencement Ceremony held in the March F. Riddle Center on Saturday, May 6, 2006.

Now in his fifth term representing North Carolina's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, the Honorable McIntyre was this year's commencement speaker. "We're here because of you," he told Methodist College graduates. "It's a commencement, which means a beginning ... and all glory comes from daring to begin."

Congressman McIntyre stressed the importance of three words during his commencement address: 1) Reject; 2) Inject and 3) Project. In doing so, the congressman encouraged the graduates and listeners to *reject* false notions that pull freedom down. He urged them to *inject* freedom in a positive way and a true sense of responsibility within everything they do. Finally, he advised the graduates to "*project* where you're going" and "*project* yourself forward to make a better world."

For his selfless, unmatched dedication to service, Dr. Hendricks, Methodist College president, presented Congressman McIntyre with the Methodist College Medallion. The College is especially grateful to Congressman McIntyre for his prior involvement in funding scholarships at Methodist as well as his willingness to serve as a chair of Loyalty Day during the 2003-2004 academic year.

Richard R. Allen, Sr., who has helped facilitate the growth of Methodist College, was presented with a Doctor of Humanities degree. Over the years, Allen has taken the initiative to become active within the College community—he has served as a member of the Methodist College Board of Trustees since the mid-1970s, and also served on the Building and Grounds, Nominations, Executive and Finance, and the Development committees.

May 6th marked an additional milestone for Adam DeShong, Ignacio Marte, Rovi Martin and William Montoya, who earned their commission as second lieutenants in the United States Army.

Aminata Samb presented Methodist College with its 72nd flag—from Senegal—during the Ceremony of the Flags. "My experience was beyond expectation," noted Samb. "Methodist College is just a big family."



The Honorable Mike McIntyre addresses the Class of 2006 at the 43rd Annual Spring Commencement.

"...Miles to Go Before You Sleep"

Bishop Alfred Gwinn, president of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, noted that Saturday, May 6, 2006, marked a day of great celebration and wonderful privilege.

"I want to remind you this morning that you did not get here by yourself," said Bishop Gwinn, who served as the 43rd Annual Baccalaureate Service speaker. He credited family, friends and others who helped the graduates arrive at their special day of celebration. "We are all indebted to God for being where we are and what we are," he added.

Before coming to North Carolina, Bishop Gwinn served ten years at Lexington Centenary United Methodist Church in Kentucky. His initiatives helped the congregation transition into an \$11 million facility, and ultimately, worship attendance more than doubled as the congregation became the largest in the conference. "You cannot do everything to fix our world, but you can do something," he told Methodist College graduates.

Bishop Gwinn has developed an ongoing ministry partnership with a congregation in Brazil, and he has pastored rural, town, inner city, and urban congregations, as well as an African-American congregation during his 39 years of diverse ministry service.

"Determine today to never lose the vision of your importance," encouraged Bishop Gwinn. In the words of Robert Frost, he added, "I challenge you to also remember that you have promises to keep and miles to go before you sleep."

2006 Graduates!

Methodist College is proud to recognize the following students who graduated on May 6, 2006:



Summa Cum Laude - 3.9

Lori Ann Knutson
Krystal Deanna Richardson
Anastasiya A. Zavyalova

Magna Cum Laude - 3.7

Kristen Claire Alarcon
Francisco Martin Andujo III
Danielle Dorman
Rachael Callahan Favinger
Tabetha Jo Foy
David Garcia Hernandez
Jessica Newcomb-Garner
Christopher John Jablonski
Nicholas Wade Kimps

Katherine Rene' King
Edward N. Marshall Jr.
Rovi Marquez Martin
Kimberly N. Mason
Joyce T. Morin

Lawrence John Yosep
Osborne-Quinnett
Leslie Dawn Quick
Olga A. Saprygina
Christina Jennifer Smart
Matthew David Vencill

Cum Laude - 3.4

Jessica Nichole Ballard
Amy Lynn Bohlin

Robert Christopher Brock
Chemier Latisha Bufford
Michelle Ivey Burgess
Sarah Truesdail Christie
Donna L. Davis
Adam L. DeShong
Mary Elizabeth Faucette
Valeria O. Fedonkina
Kelly Jean Friend
Megan Dedra Gleason
Lidia Goltsova
Cecilia I. Gonzalez
Eugene Richard Grant III
Olivia Ann Hall
Benjamin Thayer Hoover

Betty D. Hunt-Sanchez
Heather A. Kelly
Ignacio Esteban Marte
Larkita Ayona McArthur
Cheryl Turner Mead
Tony Mezera
William C. Montoya Jr.
Ann Catherine Ochsner
Maria Danielle Polumbo
Robert Charles Segal
Casey Christopher Varnell
Melissa Anne Walker
Darran Clifford White
Joshua Robert Wilhelm

David Gray Anderson, Tamala Ynette Anderson, Aaron Bahm, Christie Tanner Bolton, Shayla Denise Simpson, Ronnel Todd Burney, Demario Perez Campbell, Robert Collins Carpenter, Nikkia Joan Cauls, Monica Lynne Cheek, Tamara Cherice Clark-Wiggins, Gregg Michael Cohen, Alan Reece Comer, Ryan Keith Criscoe, Timothy L. Curtis, Jessica LeighAnne Cypher, Kara Michelle Davidson, Renee Deramus, Valeria Annette Douglas, Samnang Dy, Jennifer Ann Ellis, David L. Eyre, Rosaura E. Fox, Megan Alane Friend, Laura Kim Lester-Gates, Chrystal D. Gillespie, Kevin Charles Gray, Audra Hope Gustafson, Toya R. Jackson-Hargett, Tiffany Renee Harrington, William Cameron Helms, Brent Hibbard, Sheri Lee Hines, Lolita J. Inniss, Nicole Marie Ireland, Doris Cornelia Jackson, Ray C. Jacobs, Kristin Holly Jones, Brad Edward Kimball, Gail Ann Lathan, Allen Haywood Lee, Allen Haywood Lee, Michael Fredrick Love Jr., Marlene Anne Lowrey, Connie Terrell Martin, Bridgette Claire McGrath, Jeremy Tre'vor McSwain, Matthew Nicholas Mergo, Kyle Thomas Monahan, Krystal Lynn Noll, Stacey Lee Noonan, Sheryl Lynn Norton, Maria Eugenia Ortiz, Drew Miller Petersen, Pearlalee Petersen, Katherine Michelle Pevler, Jason R. Picone, Gerald Max Pope, Jr., Stephen Glenn Privette, Oscar Ramirez, Doris Dee Richards, Christian Ray Ronchetti, Alison E. Rosiek, Daniel Carr Rosser, Aminata Samb, Johnny G. Sapp, Laura Marie Schmidt, Katie M. Smith, Robert Quarry Smith, Luis Daniel Solis, Jennifer Lynn Sorensen, Eric Lamont Staley, Charlene Elizabeth Tate, Robert Lee Thomas, Jessie Alaine Tolar, Bobbi Jo Trout, Samantha Rose Turnbull, Andrew C. Ubbens, Jorge Enrique Vargas, Jessica Leann Warren, Rodney Joshua West, Sean Michael Wiggs, Jonathan Michael Willis and Thomas D. Withee III.

A Special Thank You

Friends Gather for Methodist College's Annual Donor Appreciation Dinner

What do you get when you combine wonderful people, great food and an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude? ...the Methodist College 2006 Donor Appreciation Dinner! Over 100 people gathered at Highland Country Club on March 30, 2006 to celebrate another exciting year of growth at Methodist College. President Elton Hendricks thanked those present for their generous support that has enabled growth in scholarships, academic programs and the physical campus. Mr. Al Cleveland, chair of the Methodist College Board of Trustees, shared the tradition of excellence at Methodist College that is beginning to be recognized not only in the local community, but across the nation.

Guests were entertained by the *One Spirit* scholarship vocal ensemble, whose music included a variation of the song "Run-Around Sue" arranged by Methodist College junior

LaToya Robertson. Lawrence Osborne-Quinnett provided piano entertainment during the meal. Osborne-Quinnett, a 2006 graduate of Methodist College, has been accepted into graduate school at Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina to pursue a Master of Music in Piano Performance.

The evening was a reflection of Methodist College's sincere appreciation for the generosity of its many special donors. We can never say thank you enough!



Above: MC Junior Ashley Kotz with Mary Helen and Swayn Hamlet.

Right: One Spirit scholarship vocal ensemble entertains the crowd.



Back row (pictured left to right): Dr. Jerry Jackson, the Rev. Donald Shields, the Rev. Joseph Forbes, the Rev. Leonard Doucette (chair), the Rev. Benjamin Wells and the Rev. Todd Krueger.
Front row: Mr. Thomas Walden, the Rev. Carolyn Lucas, Dr. Dennis Sheppard, the Rev. Hope Vickers and the Rev. Michael Davis (secretary).

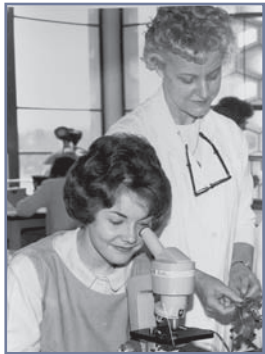
Clergy Friends

The Clergy Friends Association of Methodist College met in the spring, following the annual Templeton Lecture. The association meets twice a year to learn more about the College; assist the College with its plans, programs and ministries; and help acquaint the North Carolina Conference members with Methodist College's mission and opportunities.

Beloved Professor Leaves Estate Gift to College

Dr. Pauline Longest lived each day of her 92 years to the fullest. A career educator, world traveler and an active lifelong member of Delta Kappa Gamma—a professional organization for key women educators—she even managed to write a book titled *“Going Places”* at age 84. The book details her travels to places such as Europe, Russia, Australia, Fiji, Egypt, India, China, Japan, Kenya, Southeast Asia, Antarctica, Bali, Borneo and Komodo.

A native of Winston-Salem, Dr. Longest graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the Women’s College of Greensboro, now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, with a bachelor’s degree in biology. She received her master’s degree in botany from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She then taught science for 23 years in the cities of Richlands and Lewisville, Onslow County and locally at Seventy-First High School.



Pauline Longest (standing), career educator, world traveler and author

Pauline Longest was best known for her 17-year career (1962-1979) as a science and math professor at Methodist College. When she retired in 1979, she had taught high school and college science classes for 40

years. Following her retirement, she was granted assistant professor emeritus status, and her colleagues and the College honored her by developing and naming the Pauline Longest Nature Trail, which preserves a magnificent tract of Cape Fear River bluff land near the College. There is also a science education award named in her honor.

Dr. Longest passed away on Nov. 1, 2005. In March 2006, the College received news of a \$50,000 estate gift, through which she established a dual endowment to maintain the Pauline Longest Nature Trail as well as provide funding for support of the Science Department.

A beloved professor for almost two decades of Methodist College students, some shared their memories upon learning of her death. Donna Surret, a 1978 Methodist College graduate, shared that though she had Dr. Longest for a biology class, her strongest memories were of working with her on the Student Education Association (SEA). “She was a wonderful advisor,” Surret shared. “I attended several events at her home and traveled with her to some state meetings. She was always so much fun and made SEA fun for all of those who were involved. I could hardly believe that she was 92. I will always remember her fondly.”



Above (pictured left to right): Robin Holtz, PWF treasurer; Lynne Greene, PWF president; Robin Davenport, Methodist College director of Development; Rebecca Colburn, scholarship recipient; Karla Allen, PWF vice-president; and Jean Bowden, PWF secretary.

Professional Women of Fayetteville Contribute to the Future of Local Women in Business

The Professional Women of Fayetteville (PWF) presented Methodist College with a gift of \$6,000 for an endowment that provides scholarships to female students who are from Cumberland County, demonstrate financial need, and plan to major in a business curriculum. From their first gift of \$500 in 1984, this scholarship has now grown to \$30,387. Robin Davenport, director of Development at Methodist College, escorted this year’s scholarship recipient, Rebecca Colburn, to the February 2006 PWF meeting where the check was presented. The gift came from proceeds raised by PWF’s annual silent auction, A Night at the Races, which was held in October 2005.

PWF was founded in 1983 to promote social, cultural and professional growth among professional women in Cumberland County, and to learn from one another. The group is made up of businesswomen who either own a business or have a decision-making position in a local business. The organization encompasses women associated with all types of business, from investment firms to optical shops.

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The Beginning

November 1, 1956



Methodist College, Inc. is formally chartered by the state of North Carolina after filing a Certificate of Incorporation with Secretary of State Thad Eure. (Left to right) The Rev. Virgil E. Queen; Terry Sanford, Trustee Board chair; Thad Eure, North Carolina secretary of state; and The Rev. W.E. Clegg.

February 21, 1957



In a brief ceremony held at the site of the Methodist College campus, Fayetteville College Foundation President Franklin Clark conveys 577 acres of land to Bishop Paul Garber of the N.C. Conference of The United Methodist Church.

June 22, 1957

L. Stacy Weaver, superintendent of the Durham (N.C.) City Schools is elected president of Methodist College.

November 4, 1957

N.C. Conference of The United Methodist Church approves a \$5 million Capital Funds Campaign, which includes \$2 million to construct Methodist College.

January 30, 1958

Methodist College trustees approve an architectural site plan for the College.

August 7, 1958

Trustees award a \$441,100 construction contract for the Classroom Building.

From a quiet cotton field to a growing and thriving campus community, Methodist College has flourished as a liberal arts college throughout the past 50 years. As we look towards the future, it's always important to look to the past—where it all began.

Here are some milestones from the College's history:

The Vision

In the fall of 1955 Fayetteville Mayor George Herndon appointed 19 citizens to obtain a new four-year Presbyterian college for Fayetteville. The committee, known as the Presbyterian College Steering Committee, secured local pledges totaling \$1,338,000 and offered three large sites of land as possible locations for the College.

In the spring of 1956 the Presbyterian College Board of Trustees announced the selection of Laurinburg, N.C., as the site for the new four-year college. Terry Sanford, Fayetteville attorney and Methodist layman, urged the committee to reorganize as the Fayetteville College Steering Committee and asked the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church to consider Fayetteville as the site for a new Methodist college.

After proposal reviews, site visits and several meetings, it was recommended that the N.C. Conference of The United Methodist Church build a new four-year college in Fayetteville. Officials from the N.C. Conference discussed financial commitments needed from the Church and local community to build the new four-year college.

At a special called session in Goldsboro in May of 1956, the N.C. Conference of The United Methodist Church voted to build new four-year colleges in Fayetteville and Rocky Mount, N.C.

In June of 1956 at a meeting in Fayetteville, the Board of Education of the N.C. Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church approved a proposed charter for Methodist College and nominees for the Methodist College Board of Trustees. The Fayetteville College Foundation was formed "to aid, foster, and promote the growth, progress and general welfare" of the new Methodist College in Fayetteville.

By mid-summer 1956, Terry Sanford was elected chairman of the Methodist College Board of Trustees.

August 26, 1958

Trustees and supporters of the College attend a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the College.

April 3, 1959

Trustees award a \$402,600 construction contract for the Science Building.

May 5, 1959

Trustees award a \$416,630 construction contract for the Student Union-Cafeteria.

October 8, 1959

Trustees' Academic Affairs Committee approves proposed curriculum for the College.

November 3, 1959

Trustees approve a fee schedule for the College.

January 1960

Methodist College publishes first catalogue; announces hiring of key administrators and faculty; sets September 19, 1960 as the opening date for the College.

February 1960

College accepts first students—seven freshmen from the Cape Fear Region.

September 19, 1960

College holds formal opening ceremony.

The vision of the founders was to establish a four-year liberal arts institution that would—according to the school's charter—advance the cause of higher education and "extend the influence of science, art and Christian culture."

Since the signing of the charter in 1956, Methodist College has fulfilled the vision and dreams of its founders. Over the past 50 years the College has...

Taken a commitment of \$2.1 million in capital funds and \$130,000 in continuing annual support from the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church; gained an additional 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.

Continued the growth of the College in the 1960s by adding new residence halls and a gymnasium; introduced intercollegiate athletics and established a Student Government Association (SGA); constructed new library facilities and graduated its first class of 43 students.

Added new buildings as the college increased enrollment into the 1970s; expanded athletic programs; established an alumni association; introduced the College's alma mater; and introduced new academic programs.

Grown to offer over 70 majors and concentrations, including three master's degree programs. The College recently broke ground for two new buildings—an addition to the science building and a new Fitness and Wellness Center, both scheduled to open in March 2007. In August of this year, a new residence hall will open featuring apartment-style living.

Please join us as we observe a season of celebration, recognizing 50 years of growth and vision at Methodist College!

Celebrating 50 Years

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September 2006 – May 2007

MC Historical Displays

Methodist College, various locations
MC alumni will be featured on displays throughout the year on campus.
50s & 60s - *Horner Administration Bldg*
70s - *Davis Library*
80s - *Riddle Center*
90s to present - *Berns Student Center*

October 27, 2006

5 - 11:00 p.m. - **Fourth Friday Celebration**
Rainbow Room and Market House, downtown Fayetteville
Meet the **MC Cheerleaders**, enjoy a live performance by **One Spirit**, view student and alumni art exhibits and historical displays.

November 1, 2006

11 a.m. - **Convocation**
Reeves Auditorium
Open House activities include performances by **One Spirit**, **Jazz Ensemble**, live art demonstration and guest speakers.

November 2, 2006

7:30 p.m. - **Vienna Boys Choir** performance
Reeves Auditorium
\$22 per ticket,
\$18 w/ military ID/MC ID/
Senior Citizen,
\$8 children 12 & under



November 3, 2006

6:00 p.m. - **Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction**
Riddle Center, \$25 per ticket

7:30 p.m. - **Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra** live performance and special composition
Reeves Auditorium
\$22 per ticket,
\$18 w/ military ID/MC ID/Senior Citizen,
\$8 children 12 & under

November 4, 2006 - Homecoming!

12 noon - **Alumni Scholarship Luncheon**
MC Campus, \$5 per ticket

1 p.m. - **Monarch Football** vs. Greensboro
Monarch Field, \$6 adults \$3 students

7 p.m. - Dinner & Dance with the **Breeze Band**
Riddle Center, \$35 per ticket



November 5, 2006

11:00 a.m. - **Special Sunday Service**
Hay Street United Methodist Church, downtown Fayetteville

SPRING SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Softball finished the season ranked 11th in the nation, the highest final ranking in school history. The team also re-wrote the record books. Their 39-8 season marked the highest number of wins in school history. For the second year in a row, they won the conference championship and Coach Ron Simpson was named conference "Coach of the Year."



The women's golf team made history again by bringing home their ninth straight national title - totaling 19 national title wins in the history of Methodist College. Charlotte Williams repeated her "Player of the Year" title and women's golf Coach Vici Pate (right) was honored with her second "Coach of the Year" award.



Coach Francie Barragan led the women's tennis team to their sixth straight conference title. She was also named conference "Coach of the Year."



Congratulations to Chad Collins '01 who had an unbelievable showing for his first U.S. Open! Collins, a three-time individual national champion during his years with Methodist College, tied for 40th; he shot a 76, 71, 72 and 77.

Monarchs finished the 2006 spring sports year with an impressive record including: four USA South Atlantic Conference Championships, four USA South Atlantic Conference "Coach of the Year" awards and three USA South Atlantic Conference "Players of the year" awards.



The men's golf team won their fourth straight conference title and finished third in the national tournament. Senior Adam Horton won conference "Player of the Year" for the third year in a row and Coach Steven Conley was awarded the honor of conference "Coach of the Year."



Men's tennis had an impressive season placing second in the conference and having player Keith Criscoe named conference "Player of the Year."



Methodist brought in several new faces to their coaching staff this year. Coach Matt Hayes led the track and field team through a successful season as did Coach Beth Brundage, who led the women's lacrosse team to an 11-4 finish. Additionally, senior Lindsey West was named conference "Player of the Year."



Baseball repeated as conference champions and claimed the honor of having conference "Coach of the Year" Tom Austin.

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Fall 06 Sports Schedules

2006 FOOTBALL

Sept. 9	Guilford	1 p.m.
Sept. 16	Chowan	1 p.m.
Sept. 23	@ NC Wesleyan	1 p.m.
Sept. 30	@ Emory & Henry	1 p.m.
Oct. 7	Averett	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	Ferrum	1 p.m.
Oct. 21	@ Christopher Newport	1 p.m.
Oct. 28	Maryville	1 p.m.
Nov. 4	Greensboro (HC)	1 p.m.
Nov. 11	@ Shenandoah	1 p.m.

2006 VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 2	<i>Monarch Tri Match</i>	
Sept. 2	Sweet Briar College	11 am
Sept. 2	Spellman College	4 pm
Sept. 8-9	@ University of the South Invitational	TBA
Sept. 12	Greensboro College	7 pm
Sept. 16	USA South Quad Match	
Sept. 16	Christopher Newport	11:30 am
Sept. 16	Peace College	7 pm
Sept. 20	Averett University	7 pm
Sept. 23	USA South Quad Match @ Ferrum College	
Sept. 23	vs. Shenandoah University	5 pm
Sept. 23	@ Ferrum College	7:30 pm
Sept. 25	@ Meredith College	7 pm
Sept. 27	@ NC Wesleyan College	7 pm
Oct. 3	@ Guilford College	7 pm
Oct. 6-7	@ Mary Baldwin College Invitational	TBA
Oct. 10	NC Wesleyan College	7 pm
Oct. 13	@ Randolph Macon Woman's College	6:30 pm
Oct. 14	@ Sweet Briar College	
Oct. 14	vs. Mountain State University	TBA
Oct. 14	@ Sweet Briar College	TBA
Oct. 18	@ Averett University	7 pm
Oct. 21	USA South Quad Match @ Peace College	
Oct. 21	vs. Christopher Newport University	4:30 pm
Oct. 21	@ Peace College	7 pm
Oct. 25	Greensboro College	7 pm
Oct. 26	Salem College	7 pm
Oct. 29	USA South Quad Match @ NC Wesleyan	
Oct. 29	vs. Ferrum College	12 pm
Oct. 29	vs. Shenandoah University	2:30 pm
Oct. 31	USA South Tournament First Round	TBA
Nov. 3-4	USA South Tournament	TBA

2006 CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 2	Campbell Invitational <i>Buies Creek, N.C.</i>	Women's 5k: TBA Men's 5k: TBA
Sept. 15	Adidas Raleigh XC Invite <i>Cary, N.C., SAS Soccer Park</i>	Women's 5k: TBA Men's 5k: TBA
Sept. 23	Guilford XC Invite <i>Pleasant Garden, N.C.</i>	Women's 5k: TBA Men's 8k: TBA
Sept. 30	Greensboro XC Invitational <i>Pleasant Garden, N.C.</i>	Women's 5k: TBA Men's 8k: TBA
Oct. 7	Hagan-Stone XC Classic <i>Pleasant Garden, N.C.</i>	Women's 5k: TBA Men's 8k: TBA
Oct. 14	Winthrop Invite <i>Winthrop University</i>	Women's 5k: TBA Men's 8k: TBA
Oct. 29	USA South Championships <i>Pleasant Garden, N.C.</i>	Men's 8k: 11 am Women's 6k: 12 pm
Nov. 11	NCAA Div III S/SE Regional Championships <i>Atlanta, Ga.</i>	Men's 8k: 11 am Women's 6k: 12 pm
Nov. 18	NCAA Div III National Championships <i>Wilmington, Ohio</i>	Men's 8k: 11 am Women's 6k: 12 pm

2006 MEN'S SOCCER

Aug. 19	@ St. Andrew (scrimmage)	5pm
Aug. 27	Virginia Wesleyan (scrimmage)	3 pm
Sept. 2	vs York (neutral site)	TBA
Sept. 3	vs Johnson and Whales (neutral site)	TBA
Sept. 9-10	<i>Methodist Innkeeper Classic</i>	
Sept. 9	Warren Wilson	2 pm
Sept. 10	Southwestern	2 pm
Sept. 13	NC Wesleyan	4 pm
Sept. 16-17	<i>Monarch Invitational</i>	
Sept. 16	Huntingdon	4 pm
Sept. 17	Villa Julie	4 pm
Sept. 20	@ Chowan	4 pm
Sept. 24	@ Piedmont	3 pm
Sept. 25	vs LaGrange (neutral site)	4 pm
Sept. 27	@ Averett	4 pm
Oct. 3	@ Lynchburg	4 pm
Oct. 7	Christopher Newport	2:30 pm
Oct. 11	St. Mary's	3:30 pm
Oct. 14	Shenandoah	12 pm
Oct. 19	@ Randolph-Macon	4 pm
Oct. 25	@ Greensboro	3 pm
Oct. 28	@ Ferrum	2 pm

2006 WOMEN'S SOCCER

Aug. 20	Pfeiffer University	4 pm
Aug. 24	St. Andrews (Exhibition)	4 pm
Sept. 2-3	<i>Methodist College/Inn Keeper Classic</i>	
Sept. 2	vs. Hollins University	2 pm
Sept. 3	vs. Cabrini College	2 pm
Sept. 6	@ Guilford College	4 pm
Sept. 9	St. Mary's College of Maryland	12 pm
Sept. 14	Greensboro College	4 pm
Sept. 16	Meredith College	12 pm
Sept. 20	@ Averett University	4 pm
Sept. 24	@ Piedmont College	1 pm
Sept. 30	@ Bridgewater College	11 am
Oct. 3	@ Chowan College	4 pm
Oct. 7	CNU	12pm
Oct. 11	@ N.C. Wesleyan College	4 pm
Oct. 14	Blue Field College	3 pm
Oct. 19	Peace College	4 pm
Oct. 21	Shenandoah University	1 pm
Oct. 24	Lynchburg College	3 pm
Oct. 28	@ Ferrum College	12 pm

NFL Star Speaks at Award Ceremony



Former NFL pro Brad Edwards was the guest speaker for the 2006 Annual Awards Presentation for Methodist College Athletics this past spring. Edwards enjoyed a nine-year career in the professional ranks, playing for Minnesota, Atlanta and Washington. He was a starter and defensive co-captain on Washington's Super Bowl XXVI championship team in 1991, a runner-up MVP in Super Bowl XXVI and selected to USA Today's All-Pro team following the 1992 season.

An Entrepreneur's Expedition

Dave Herring's Path to Success

By Walter R. Turner



After growing up in an army family, Dave Herring entered Methodist College in the fall of 1961. The small church-related college provided a spiritual atmosphere that would be ideal for him to establish his values and build his level of self-confidence.

Herring multitasked before it had a name. He worked at Horne's Motel as a night desk clerk and accountant before hurrying back to campus to operate the cafeteria dishwashing machine for the breakfast crowd. Then he

dashed off to class.

Herring moved to a residence hall on campus during his sophomore year. His roommate and longtime friend, Julian Jessup, remembers him being quiet and reserved, but like a "tenacious bulldog" in his determination to succeed. Herring helped organize the Student Government Association and became its first vice president, as well as chief justice of the Judicial Council.

"I couldn't have stayed in school without the support of Director of Admissions Sam Edwards," Herring recalls. "He found me government loans, jobs and a small scholarship."

Life after Methodist

After completing his English major and graduating from Methodist in 1965, Herring enrolled in the intensive one-year MBA program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Edwards helped Herring secure enough financial aid to complete the program.

With the Vietnam War heating up, Herring joined the Navy and finished Officer Candidate School in the top tier of his class. The young officer married Wanda Allen, a Fayetteville native who graduated from Methodist in 1966. The couple settled in Rhode Island, where she taught elementary school. "Wanda is an independent person who is loving and supportive to Herring," said Jessup.

He was then appointed the position of supply officer on a destroyer in the Atlantic Fleet. Ensign Herring was in charge of the ship's finances and materiel support with a staff of 40.

Branching Out

Following his service to the Navy, Herring landed a job at the R.J. Reynolds Company in Winston-Salem. He prepared business analyses for the company's subsidiaries, including Sea-Land Service—the world's largest ocean-shipping company. Sea-Land's novel system of loading cargo into sealable containers and then transferring the cargo to ships, trucks and trains created a breakthrough in the transportation of freight.

Herring then relocated to New Jersey and while only 32, he was promoted to the position of vice president for planning. Two years later, Sea-Land appointed Herring to oversee the establishment of Hanjin Container Lines in South Korea—an operation the American company helped finance. Herring and his wife moved to the West Coast and he spent weeks at a time away from home in the Asian country. "The challenge was bringing together the business cultures of Sea-Land, which expected immediate profits, and Hanjin, which wanted a long-term dynasty," said Herring. He served on Hanjin's initial Board of Directors, was instrumental in the construction of the company's fleet, and as a result, Hanjin became one of the world's largest container shipping companies.

Herring and his wife moved yet again—first to New Jersey, then to Florida, where he served as manager of Sea-Land's operations in Central America. In the meantime, Sea-Land downsized and reorganized.

Modest Confidence

In 1993, Herring and another Sea-Land executive, Jerry Peterson, left the firm and organized their own company, which they called Admiral Management International. Admiral is a transportation consulting and services group headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Admiral and its affiliates generate \$12 million in annual gross revenues. The company provides specialized services to help shipping companies operating in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In transitioning from Sea-Land to Admiral, Herring and his business partner used their experience to establish and manage business partnerships. "I enjoy the self-determination and personal satisfactions of an entrepreneur," said Herring.

Making Time

Herring continues to multitask, but he still makes time for homecoming events at Methodist College. At his 40th-year reunion last fall, Herring sported a neatly trimmed beard and looked like the shipping executive he is. And yet, after his graduation from Methodist, he continues to be the same low-key and thoughtful person of yesteryear.

Walter R. Turner, Class of 1965, historian at the North Carolina Transportation Museum.

MC Alumni News

Engagements

Paula McLean '04 and **Houston Crumpler, III** announce their engagement and are planning a July 15, 2006 wedding in Roseboro, N.C. Paula is a staff accountant with Snipes, Gower & Associates, PA, in Dunn, N.C.

Ashleigh Radford '05 and **Brett Dippolito** announce their engagement. The couple is planning a Sept. 9, 2006 wedding in Durham, N.C.

Lindsay Spitzer '02 announces her engagement to **SGT Chad Merkel**. Lindsay is currently the catering sales manager at the Pinehurst Resort.

Weddings

Bill Billings '68, Methodist College historian, and **Cynthia E. Green** were united in matrimony on May 27 at Hay Street United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. Bill and Cynthia reside at 412 Dunblane Way, Fayetteville, N.C., 28311. (See photo.)

Theresa Dwenger '03 wed **Jason Jenkins** on Oct. 8, 2005 in Montezuma, Ohio. Jason is a school psychologist and Theresa is currently in the process of transferring her teaching license to Ohio. The couple lives in Troy, Ohio.

Heather Renee Foust '05 and **David Michael Marchant** were married on March 25, at Lebanon Baptist Church in Eastover. Heather is a clinic coordinator with Total Rehab Orthotics & Prosthetics, Inc. in Fayetteville. They honeymooned in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., and make their home in Eastover, N.C.

Danielle Nikole Marlow '97, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Warren, Jr. '75**, was married to **Robert Allen Lowry, Jr.** on Sept. 24, 2005 at Cotton United Methodist Church in Hope Mills, N.C. Danielle is a clinic office manager with Cape Fear Valley Health Systems, and Robert is the president of Eastern

Atlantic Underground, Inc. The couple resides in Hope Mills, N.C.

Carrie Horne '05 and **Joshua Small '04** were married on March 25, 2006 in Stedman, N.C. They currently live in Chesapeake, V.A.

Tanya Montgomery '00 married **Steve Rose** (originally from Cincinnati, Ohio) on March 21, 2006 in Trelawney, Jamaica. They live in Raleigh, N.C. Tanya is a marketing specialist with Camden Development, Inc., and Steve is a clinical research associate with the Duke Clinical Research Institute of Duke University Medical Center.

Richard J. "Rich" Wittman '93 was married on April 2, 2005 to **Nicole Marie Camia** in Greensboro, N.C. **The Rev. Dr. Mike Safley**, vice president of Church and Community Relations at Methodist College, performed the blessing at the reception. Rich is currently an associate veterinarian at Long Animal Hospital in Charlotte, N.C.

Births

Nate Blanchette and his wife, **Shelly**, welcomed their son, **Caden Ray Blanchette**, into the world on Feb. 15, 2006. Nate has accepted the position of director of golf at Cool Creek Golf Club in Wrightsville, P.A. He began working at Cool Creek on Dec. 5, 2005, and is enjoying his new position.

Wendy (Stone) Brasier '94 and her husband **Terry** happily announce the birth of their second son. **William Stone Brasier** was born on Oct. 10, 2005 and weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Will joins big brother **Zach**, who is now three years old.

Amanda Cook '92 and her husband are happy to announce the birth of their second child, **Claudio**, born on Feb. 9, 2006. Claudio joins his older brother **Edison**, who will soon be two years old. After completing an MBA at Elon University in December 2003,

Amanda and her husband have settled their family in Seville, Spain.

Kathy (Dupree) Etheridge '98 and her husband **Stephen** are delighted to announce the birth of their son **Jayce Etheridge**, born on Christmas Eve 2005. Kathy and Stephen are currently residing in Garner, N.C., where Kathy is a second grade teacher and proud mom of a beautiful baby boy!

Ryan Farago '95 and his wife **Denisa** are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, **Natalia Elle**. She was born on March 2, 2005, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces. She joins her older brother **Matthew**, who is now three years old. (See photo.)

Nazir German '01 and his wife, **Terrell**, announce the birth of their son, **Krystian Richon German**. Nazir is currently working toward his MBA, for which he currently holds a 3.8 GPA.

Jennifer (Lyons) Lecuyer '99 and her husband, **Ray**, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child; a daughter, **Samantha Lauren Lecuyer**. Samantha was born on March 15 in Greenville, S.C. She was 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and 20 inches long with brown hair and blue eyes.

Melanie (Tipps) Loughin '01 and her husband, **Todd**, proudly announce the birth of their son, **Lincoln Tipps Loughin**, on Nov. 8, 2005. The Loughin family is currently living in Grand Rapids, Mich.

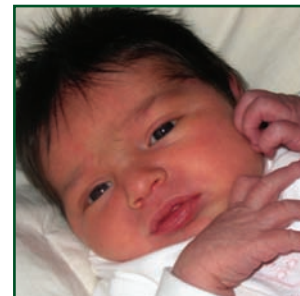
Bill '99 and **Justine Neumann '99** are very pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, **Olivia Frances**, on March 25, 2006 at 2:29 a.m. Olivia Frances was born in Cary, N.C., weighing in at 7 pounds, 10 ounces and 19.5 inches long. The Neumann family currently resides in Fuquay-Varina, N.C.

Terri Wallace Ortiz '91 and her husband welcomed their first child into the world on Dec. 11, 2005; a baby girl named **Tina Catherine Ortiz**.

Brenda Ware-McAllister '97 and **Chesley McAllister** welcomed their daughter, **Chesleigh Yvonne**, into



Billings '68



Farago '95

the world on April 6, 2005. Brenda is currently serving as assistant principal for Cumberland County Schools.

Class Notes

1967

Judy (Singleton) Bethard retired in May 2005 after teaching for 25 years in the Hawkins County school system in Tennessee. She also taught for 11 years in the Snow Hill, Md., school system. For Judy, retirement is great! Every day feels like a snow day – no school!

1971

Mary Helen Pearsall retired on June 1, 2006 from the state of North Carolina, where she worked at the North Carolina Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Raleigh. She served as a rehabilitation counselor in a school setting, working primarily with adults (assisting them in developing independent living skills) by working with their Home DSB counselors and the staff to prepare students or consumers for return home and for employment. She did this for 30 years. Her plans are to rest, travel and enjoy her 5 pet birds (2 lady gouldian finches and 3 cockatiels).

Alum News

Ronald "Ronnie" Roberts is currently in his 16th season as the assistant general manager of the Lynchburg, Virginia Hillcats Professional Baseball team. The Hillcats are a Class "A" Minor League farm team of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Ron has two grown daughters, Jennifer O'Briant and Kelly Roberts, and two granddaughters who are ages 3 and 1.

Dianne Williams was selected as one of four Cumberland County educators to tour Spain in the summer of 2005. She, along with other educators from across North Carolina, visited schools in Seville, Madrid, and the Basque country, where they were guests of the government. She is currently teaching ninth grade English at Massey Hill Classical High School. This summer she is leading a tour of England and France.

1975

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1977

Deborah Neal is working as a marketing manager for Teleflex Medical in Research Triangle Park, N.C. Deborah resides in Durham, and has two children, Jeremy, 24, and Megan, 20.

1981

Astrid (Hoy) Todd is proud to announce that her husband, Allen L. Todd, was elected mayor of Wallburg, N.C., on Nov. 8, 2005. Wallburg is a newly-incorporated town just south of Winston-Salem. Astrid is an associate professor of Networking – Information Systems at Guilford Technical Community College. Astrid and Allen reside in Wallburg with their 5-year-old daughter, Anneka.

1984

Steve Owens has been promoted to executive director of communications at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., where he has worked for the past 15 years. Steve oversees all communications and marketing functions for the college. Steve and his wife **Debbie (Cribb) Owens '84** are the proud parents of Mia, their 5-year-old daughter.

1986

Kimbal Campbell has been named branch manager with First Citizens Bank in Danville, Va. (See photo.)

Mark S. Powell has been appointed as the acting chief of the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Marketing and Agricultural Development Division. Mark and his wife, Tiffany, live in Maryland with their two daughters, Rowan and Sadie.

1987

Julie Barlow Turlington recently moved back to Fayetteville from Charlotte, N.C., with her husband Paul. She received her master's degree in child and family development from UNC-Charlotte. She has accepted the position of education coordinator with the Easter Seals UCP Dorothy Spainhour Center in Fayetteville. Friends can e-mail Julie at jturlington@nc.eastersealsucp.com.

1988

Thomas L. Basile, Th.M. recently became the associate director of The Bowery Mission. The Bowery Mission is located in New York City and serves the needs of the city's homeless while giving them the resources necessary to change and improve their lives.

Franklin Bowden, Jr. was named Teacher of the Year for East Laurinburg and Scotland County Schools in September 2005. He recently changed jobs, and he is now at Hoke County High School, in Raeford, N.C. There, he is teaching English and is the head Varsity Men's Basketball coach.

Robert Dees is currently living in Clayton, N.C., and sends his best to his Lambda Chi Brothers.

Kathleen Voss-Woolrich presented the National Museum of Algeria with two newspapers, dating back to 1845, about their national hero Abdel Kader. Kathleen toured Algiers, Algeria in early January 2006.

1990

Scott Enerson and his wife Raquel have returned to New Orleans after evacuating from Hurricane Katrina. They are rebuilding their massage therapy practice. "To move ahead, you have to move back."

1992

Ericson P. Kimbel has joined Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman in its downtown Pittsburgh (Pa.) office. Ericson concentrates his practice in the areas of construction and commercial litigation. He has extensive experience in state and federal courts, including complex and multi-party litigation, and is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and American Bar Associations. Prior to joining Cohen Seglias, he worked at a Pennsylvania law firm in its Construction & Surety Industry Practice Group.

A *cum laude* graduate from Methodist, Ericson received his bachelor of arts in English and writing. In 1999, Ericson received his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he was a member of the Journal of Law and Commerce. He also received his master's degree in Public and

International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs in 1999. In addition, he studied at the St. Petersburg Law Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia. (See photo.)

Dawn Thompson's e-mail address was printed incorrectly in the Summer 2005 issue. Her correct e-mail address is dawneduc8s@nc.rr.com. She would love to hear from friends!

Lori (Pickrel) Vinti and her family have recently relocated to Hernando, Florida, about 50 miles west of Orlando. Lori is currently teaching the VPK program for 4- and 5-year-olds and her husband, Derek, is currently the ER manager of Citrus Memorial Hospital in Iverness, Fla. They have two children, Samantha (age 3) and Casey (age 1). Both children attend school with Lori.

1993

Wanda Casteel was recently promoted to vice president at BB&T. Wanda is a tax manager who joined the bank in 2005 and is based in Winston-Salem, N.C. Wanda is also a member of the secretarial staff of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, and has four children: Erik (a student at MC), Aaron, Anna and Adam.

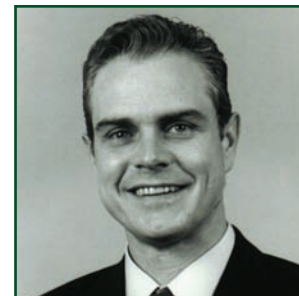
Tom Maze was recently promoted to director of Development and Alumni Affairs at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, N.C.

1995

Deidra Vandervort Baldwin lives in Henderson, N.C., with her husband, Mark, and five children:



Campbell '86



Kimbel '92

Mark, Jr., 7, Justus, 6, Corey, 4, Dinah, 3, and baby Sarah, who was born in fall 2005. Deidra is currently an administrative assistant with Triumph, LLC.

Michael Hendricks announces that he and his wife have opened a new medical practice in Raeford, N.C. The practice, Karen L. Smith M.D., P.A., is one of the few practices in North Carolina and the United States to be completely paperless. The practice utilizes electronic medical records and an ASP for its practice management system. It has its own interactive Web site where patients can schedule their own appointments, pay their bills, get patient education material and check their lab results. They can also send and receive e-mails from the physician and send questions concerning their bills. All the systems utilized at the practice are interfaced together to form a complete electronic record system.

Stephanie Nicholson has started a new position as a Mental Health Professional with Serenity Behavioral Health Systems in Augusta, Ga.

1996

The Rev. Won Namkoong, pastor of Aventura UMC in Raleigh, N.C., will be appointed Elizabeth City District superintendent effective July 1, 2006.

Katie (Brown) Schaffer recently passed the CPA exam and has received her license to practice in the State of Colorado. She has just accepted the position of director of Retirement Plan Administration at Erickson, Brown & Kloster, P.C., a local CPA firm where she has worked since 2000. Her husband, Sam, is a residential construction plumber. Sam, Katie and their daughter, Morgann, 7, have lived in Colorado Springs, Colo., since graduation but think of North Carolina every day with fondness!

1997

Andrea Blue-Burton is enjoying married life and her career in

teaching. She is employed by Moore County Schools and teaches at Southern Middle School in Aberdeen, N.C. Classmates can reach her at aburton@mcs.k12.nc.us.

David Clark has been named the new head pro at the Pine Valley Golf Club in Clementon, N.J. *Golf Digest* rates America's 100 greatest golf courses every two years. Pine Valley Golf Club has been atop the list for two decades. *Golf Connoisseur* magazine also ranked Pine Valley number one on its list of the most prestigious courses in the country.

1998

Heather (Fisher) Archbold has recently been assigned the position of assistant athletic trainer at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio. She is employed with University Hospital Systems of Cleveland, where she is involved with local high schools, and serves as head athletic trainer at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio.

1999

Gregory Perkins will become the president of the School of Social Work Alumni Council at UNC Chapel beginning in fall 2006. He has accepted an invitation by NASW Executive Director Dr. Elizabeth J. Clark, to participate in the NASW Foundation and People to People Ambassador Programs' US/China Joint Conference on Social Work in Beijing in October. Also, the executive director of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission has recognized Greg as a "subject-matter-expert" and trainer for the commission.

Cynthia Hawkins has accepted a position as the public relations coordinator

for the Cape Fear Valley Health System, where she previously worked as a marketing coordinator for four years. She will also be editor for the health system's quarterly community magazine, *Making Rounds* (circ. over 80,000).

Jennifer (Bond) Rees recently graduated from Seton Hall

University with her master's degree in administration.

Felix Sarfo-Kantanka is currently working for Virginia Governor Timothy M. Kaine as the special assistant to the governor for policy. He previously served as the legislative assistant to the Virginia House Minority Leader Delegate

Alumni Highlight (Aaron Winston '01)

The only reason **Aaron Winston '01** went to college was to earn a degree so that he could make money. With a major in sport management and a business minor, he also hoped to someday work with professional athletes. He soon learned that having the dream is the first step to succeeding.

Winston worked at John Hancock as an intern for six months after he graduated from MC. While there, he worked directly with professional athletes and their families, handling their finances. This made him want to learn more about stocks and bonds, so he moved to Raleigh, N.C., and worked at Prudential Financial for one year. After receiving his series 7 and 66 licensure, he also earned his life and health insurance licenses, along with auto and homeowners' licenses. This was all just the beginning for him.

In January 2003, Winston met Duane Ross, his future business partner. Winston wanted to start his own business. He was tired of having a company take part of his commission and wanted to provide better resources for himself. A very analytical person, he also wanted to see where every dollar and cent went to pay the bills and other fees. Winston shared the same vision and before long, Winston and Ross joined forces to launch the "Ross/Winston Financial Group" in Raleigh, N.C.

Their dream was to start a business that was available to all classes of people and offered a wide range of financial services. The most challenging part of starting his own business was being a 24-year-old African-American, Winston says. But after two solid years of owning the business, he has no regrets because the business is booming!

There is little or no competition with other financial firms in the area because the Ross/Winston Financial Group is so unlike any other organization. "We're the Wal-Mart of the financial world," says Winston. "No one else in the area does what we do, because we offer an array of financial services." Aaron and Duane have clients in multiple states. Their clients range from professional athletes to businessmen and families.

Recently, Creative Marketing, the national organization who is the wholesaler for Ross/Winston products, conferred on Winston the Producer's Advantage Club (P.A.C.) award for his investment products. Winston is the youngest P.A.C. winner ever honored by Creative Marketing.

For the time being, Raleigh, N.C., is home for Aaron. "There are no retirement plans in my future. I want to do this long-term," says Aaron. "This job is 24-hours-a-day and seven-days-a-week, but I love it," he added.

Winston credits fiancée and fellow MC Alum **Kleida Pani '03** for a large part of his success. He says of her, "She keeps me going and provides me with so much help and many resources. With her love and help, I have become successful."

In his free time, Winston enjoys basketball (North Carolina State), baseball (Atlanta Braves) and football (San Diego Chargers).

Winston would also like to thank **Jennifer Mish '02** for speaking so highly of him and thinking of him. He also thanks all the MC professors who gave him the motivation to become who he is today!

Alum News

Franklin P. Hall (D-Richmond). Felix recently had the opportunity to catch up with former middle school classmate and *American Idol* contestant, Elliott Yamin, during Elliott's recent trip to Richmond. (See photo.)

2000

Laura Szykowski received her master's degree in counseling from the State University of New York - Oswego in December 2005.

2001

Kurtis Fisher is currently the head boys and girls cross country and track coach at Grays Creek High School in Hope Mills, N.C. He has a 1-year old daughter.

Kenneth Hiscock has been named head coach of the Newsome High School football team in Tampa, Fla. Kenneth had spent three seasons at Newsome as defensive coach and looks forward to leading the seven-member coaching staff into his first season as head coach.

Michael Moore has recently taken a position working for the Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation (VMNH) in Martinsville, Va., where he is a development associate (public relations & marketing specialist II). He assists with the implementation of the Museum's \$9 million capital campaign titled "Make a lasting impression." The VMNH is opening a new \$28 million museum in Martinsville, Virginia. Construction is currently underway and they will have a soft opening of the new facility in September, and a grand opening in January 2007. The Virginia Museum of Natural History is located in Martinsville and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. VMNH is accredited by the American Association of Museums, a member of the Association of Science-Technology Center, Virginia Association of Museums, NSC Alliance and an agency of the Secretary of Natural Resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Michael invites all his friends to contact him at mmoore@VMNH.net.

2002

Jennifer "JP" (Packard) Clifton and her husband Hall now reside in Burlington, N.C. JP would love to hear from fellow MC grads; her e-mail is supdupj@aol.com.

Jennifer (Dickerson) Collister graduated from East Carolina University with her master's degree in English in technical and professional communication. Jennifer was invited to join Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society that draws its members from all academic disciplines within colleges and universities for academic excellence.

Chun "Kenny" Tien received an MBA in 2005 from Otterbein College in Columbus, Ohio.

2004

Anna Baker has been hired at Limestone College in Gaffney, S.C., as the assistant women's soccer coach. While at Methodist, Anna was a four-year starter for the Monarch soccer team.

Samantha Byrd graduated from the Duke Physician Assistant Program on May 14 with plans to practice primary care in the Raleigh area. Samantha will also be getting married in March 2007 at Duke Chapel.

Kandi Greer was recently promoted to the position of clinical administrative coordinator at Southern Region Adult Health Education Center in Fayetteville, N.C., and passed the examination for credentials of Certified Physician Credentialing Specialist (CPCS). Kandi is enrolled in the Troy State University graduate program, where she is pursuing an MSM degree with a concentration in healthcare management.

Matthew Holmes just completed his first year as coach of the Randolph School (Alabama) Boys' Soccer team. The soccer team won the 1A-4A State Championship and is currently ranked No. 3 nationally by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.



Sarfo-Kantanka '99



Ortiz '06

Janell Kennedy is studying film at Full Sail in Florida, one of the top five film schools in the country. She expects to earn her associate's degree in November, and she plans to continue her studies to earn a bachelor of arts. Classmates can reach her at jrkennedy@fullsail.edu.

Justin Norvell recently accepted the position of head golf professional at the Faldo Golf Institute by Marriott, located at the Marriott Grand Vista Resort in Orlando, Fla.

Stacey Sheppard recently accepted the position of group sales manager with the Carolina Mudcats baseball team, located in Zebulon, N.C.

2006

Kristen Alarcon recently started work on her Master's of Social Work (MSW) at Fayetteville State University. She expects to graduate in May 2007. Kristen wishes to pursue a civil service job, hopefully on Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, N.C. Kristen is the daughter of James and Brigitta Alarcon, two Methodist College alums (both Class of 1982).

Maria Eugenia "Marty" Ortiz has been accepted into the Physician Assistant graduate program at Methodist College. She is also the winner of the Alumni Office drawing to award a new graduate a complimentary brick for filling out the alumni information form at rehearsal for graduation. (See photo.)

In Memoriam

Terry D. Allen '78 died on May 2, 2006 following a courageous battle with cancer. Terry served in the Army, worked in Germany for the United States Civil Service, and enjoyed tenure with the Joint Personnel Property Shipping Office of Washington (JPPSOWA), where he was responsible for the worldwide relocation of civilian and military service members' household goods. At the time of his death, Terry was a resident of Woodbridge, Va.

Rhonda M. Dees '79 succumbed to metastatic breast cancer on April 5, 2006, after a long period of illness. Rhonda graduated *cum laude*.

Sgt. Maj. Terry D. Lydick (Ret.) '92 passed away on Jan. 12, 2006 in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, N.C. He was a retired educator and soccer coach at Douglas Byrd High School.

Sally A. Hernandez-Ovalle '01 passed away on March 10, 2006 in Fayetteville, N.C. She was an Army veteran of over 17 years and the first female Airborne chaplain's assistant.

Dell J. Sharpe '84 passed away on March 26, 2006 at her home in Fayetteville, N.C.

R. W. "Bill" Stephens '74 passed away on Nov. 19, 2005, in Santa Barbara, Calif. Bill had lived in Santa Barbara for 27 years. While at Methodist, he resided in Cumberland Hall. He is survived by a brother, **Tommy Stephens '72** of Apex, N.C., and a sister, **Janet Davis '70** of Cary, N.C.



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Calendar of Events

August 14

Fall MC at Night Term I begins

August 22

Day classes begin

August 28-30

Fayetteville Symphony Auditions
Reeves Auditorium

September 11

Convocation
Reeves Auditorium 11 a.m.

September 15

Father's Foundation
Latino Cultural Celebration
Reeves Auditorium 7 p.m.

September 15-17

Family Weekend

October 5-7

Fall Theatre Production
Reeves Auditorium 8 p.m.

October 8

Fall Theatre Production
Reeves Auditorium 2 p.m.

October 16

Fall MC at Night Term II begins

October 21

North Carolina Symphony

October 29

Cumberland Oratorio Singers

October 27

4th Friday Celebration,
downtown Fayetteville
Rainbow Room, 223 Hay Street

