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## COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEE



The Board of Trustees welcomed David R. Nimocks III to its membership on July 7, 2006. Nimocks is vice-chair of Terminix Termite & Pest Control and chairman of Ensysyem, Inc. A graduate of N.C. State University, he also attended Methodist College in 1973.

Nimocks and his wife, Lynne, reside in Fayetteville with their three children. They are members of St. John's Episcopal Church. Nimocks served as a member of the Governor's Structural Pest Control Committee for two terms—from 1994 through 2002. Lynne is a member of the Board of Directors of Cape Fear Botanical Garden.

Nimocks' businesses provide ample opportunity for him to engage in his love of science and travel. His interest in science has carried through to his sons, all of whom have majored in a science-related field, and in 2005, led him to assist the Methodist College Biology and Chemistry Departments in identifying and purchasing needed equipment.

## CREEKSIDE WELCOMES 91 STUDENTS

Creekside Apartments is officially open. Ninety-one students moved in over registration weekend. "There are 22 apartments with four students in each, one apartment with three students, and one for the area coordinator with private bedroom and bath for each occupant. The Creekside Apartments were constructed at a cost of \$4,700,000," said Gene Clayton, vice president of Business Affairs. The three-story contemporary-style building is designed by Shuller Ferris Lindstrom & Associates and overlooks the Methodist College golf course.



## BULLARDS ENDOW LECTURE SERIES



Howard and Marta Bullard have committed to a gift to Methodist College for the purpose of endowing a Science & Religion Lecture Series.

Howard Bullard, treasurer of the Board, has served on the Methodist College Board of Trustees for ten years. In addition to serving four years as treasurer, he has also served as chair of the Audit Committee and as a member of the Investment Committee of the Board. "Marta and I have been involved in the College's capital campaign for many years," Bullard said. "However, due to our strong religious beliefs, we felt this lecture series would be an excellent way to offer our college community a more in-depth study

of the relationship between science and religion."

The Science & Religion Lecture Series was birthed in January 2000 subsequent to a gift from The Templeton Foundation to assist in the start up of a course titled "Religion in an Age of Science: Supplemental Spiritual Information." The lectures, like the course, focus on the relationships between religion and science. Past lectures have included renowned speakers such as Father George Coyne, astronomer at the Vatican Observatory; Margaret Wertheim, an internationally noted science writer and commentator for magazines, television, and radio; and Ronald L. Numbers, auditor/editor of more than two dozen books, and chair of the Department of the History of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The Bullards own Bullard Furniture Company on Morganton Road and are members of Snyder Memorial Baptist Church.

*For information on endowing a scholarship, lecture series, professorship, or other area of interest, please contact Robin Davenport in the Development Office at (910) 630-7609.*

# Accolades

**Tom Austin** was selected USA South "Coach of the Year" in 2006. The 2006 team won the regular season championship for the second year in a row and the 12th time in Coach Austin's tenure at Methodist College.

**Dr. Steven Brey**, assistant professor of religion, announced the release of his new book, *"Ready, Set, Lead: A New Pastor's Guide to Starting Ministry"* (Abingdon, 2006).



**Dr. Michael Colonnese**, professor of English, recently received a fellowship from the Eastern Frontier Foundation which allowed him to spend three weeks this summer in an artist's colony on Norton Island, Maine. The Eastern Frontier Foundation sponsors literary artists, visual artists, and composers who live and work in this remote location.

On May 28th, **Dr. Keith Dippre**, associate professor of music, premiered his newest piano work *"California Low Brow"* at the NOW Music Festival in San Francisco. **Jane Weeks Gardiner**, dean of Arts and Humanities, was featured performer in the piece's debut.

**Dr. Carl Dyke**, associate professor of history and department chair, was promoted to associate professor with tenure in May.

**Dr. Robin Greene**, professor of English, had her nonfiction piece titled *"Begging Off"* published in the May/June 2006 issue of *"The Rambler."*

**Dr. Jaunita Heyward**, associate professor of elementary education, graduated from the Institute for Community Leadership, in Fayetteville, N.C. She also toured Hong Kong and Beijing, China in July, and even climbed the Great Wall.

It was noted in the June/July 2006 edition of *"CityView"* that **Paul Joseph**, assistant professor of mass communication, received a grant from the Cumberland County Arts Council to produce an independent video project of his original short story called, *"The Ultimate Case."* **Dr. Carl Dyke** and **Dr. Bill Watt** were primary characters in the video. Paul Joseph also published his short story *"Markerstone"* in the book *"Abstract."*

**Dr. Karen Kletter**, assistant professor of history, attended a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Jews in Medieval Christendom at Oxford University this summer.

**Dr. Peter Murray**, professor of history, was awarded a sabbatical for fall 2006. He is researching a paper on the 1969 Black Manifesto.

**Dr. Richard Walsh**, professor of religion, recently published *"Finding Paul in Film"* (Harrisburg, PA: T & T Clark International, 2005). Additionally, he edited with **George Aichele**, *"Those Outside: Noncanonical Readings of Canonical Gospels"* (Harrisburg, PA: T & T Clark International, 2005).

**Dr. Bill Watt**, professor of speech, served as the moderator for the 2006 B. F. Stone Lyceum, *"Lifting the Hydrogen Veil: An Alternative Approach to National Energy Security,"* presented by **Dr. John Fields**, associate professor of chemistry, at Methodist College on April 5, 2006. He acted in the film titled *"The Ultimate Case"* (Venture Productions) directed by **Paul Joseph**, assistant professor of mass communication, and played a NASCAR pit crew member and reporter in a second film titled *"Don't Worry, Be Happy"* (Pinnacle Films, Inc.).

**Dr. Rebecca Wendelken**, director of the Global Studies Program and assistant professor of history, attended a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on the Silk Road and Chinese identity at the University of Hawaii this summer.



## *New Faculty*

*First row (L-R):* David Pauly, coordinator of the Forensic Science Program; Anne Galloway, instructor of English; Sarah Drake, assistant professor of mass communication; Valeria Russ, Academic Services associate; Dr. Reine Turcato, assistant professor of Spanish; Rocio Ochiltree, instructor of Spanish; and Stephany Newberry-Davis, instructor of English.

*Second row (L-R):* William Greg Thomas, assistant professor of mass communication and debate coach; Larry Wells, assistant professor of music, director of Instrumental Activities; John Herring, assistant professor of physical education; James Marcin, assistant professor of marketing; Karen Reid, assistant professor of financial economics; Dr. Warren McDonald, professor of health care administration; Dr. Sean Doyle, assistant professor of religion and philosophy; and George Hendricks, assistant professor of social work.

## *In Memoriam*

Methodist College remembers the following MC Alumni who have passed away in 2006:

Rhonda J. Dees '79  
 Sally Hernandez-Ovalle '01  
 James R. Lancaster '68  
 Judy A. Lee '65  
 Terry D. Lydick '92  
 Dell J. Sharpe '84  
 Rebecca H. Stanfield '68  
 Kathryn E. Woltz '73



Methodist College cordially invites Fayetteville area friends and alumni to its

## 50th Anniversary Open House and Convocation Wednesday, November 1, 2006

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Methodist College Campus

- View the College's historical display project.
- Audit up to two classes.\*
- Attend Founder's Day Convocation with special music at 11 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium.
- Tour the campus (10 a.m. or 2 p.m.) and see our three new buildings.
- Lunch will be served at noon.
- View the Alumni Art Exhibit in the Mallett Rogers House.
- Faculty reading at 3 p.m. in Clark Auditorium by Dr. Michael Colonnese, professor of English; Robin Grene, professor of English; and Dr. Michael Potts, professor of philosophy. Combined reception at 4 p.m. in the Mallett Rogers House.

\* *Advance registration required.*

*Phone 630-7509 for a schedule of classes which can be audited at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., or 2 p.m.*





The Monarch cheerleading team (above) was featured in the September edition of *American Cheerleader Magazine*. Sophomores Tiffanie Wagner and Samantha Gamble are part of the feature, "Why should you cheer at my school?" The publication selected nationally-ranked programs to feature in their College Edition. The Monarchs won the Large Coed Canam national competition and ranked 6th at NCA College Nationals in the Division II large Coed category.

The 2006-2007 Monarch cheerleading and dance teams began the fall pre-season with national recognition.

The teams both attended NCA/NDA College Cheerleading and Dance Camp held in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Methodist annually attends this preseason camp along with Division I and II teams from across the East Coast. Both the cheer and dance teams received the Most Improved Team award. The cheerleading team, competing in the Small Coed Division II category, won the Fight Song and Spirit Routine competition. The cheerleading team then competed in the overall fight song competition against Division I and II opponents, earning a 2nd place overall finish behind the University of Louisville.

### BEACH TRAINING IN BRAZIL

Methodist men's soccer team became the first athletic program in school history to travel abroad. The team spent the bulk of their time at Santo Filomena—a training facility located on the outskirts of Sao Paulo. Santo Filomena has been home to several professional and national teams as they prepare for upcoming seasons. Some of these teams include: Brazil, Jamaica, Saudi Arabia, Sao Paulo, Boca Juniors, PSV Eindhoven, Ajax, Santos, Palmeiras, New England Revolution, Necaxa, and many more.

Right: The men's soccer team trains on a beach in Santos—30 minutes outside of Rivera, Brazil.



Photo: Fabio Tambosi

## Friends of Music AT METHODIST

2006-2007

### Annual Performing Arts Series

**October 10, 2006**

Elizabeth Young, violin  
7:00 p.m.  
Reeves Auditorium

**November 28, 2006**

8th Annual Christmas Concert  
7:00 p.m.  
Reeves Auditorium

**January 20, 2007**

Firedrill!  
(a capella pop group)  
7:00 p.m.  
Reeves Auditorium

**March 22, 2007**

The Borealis Wind Quintet  
7:00 p.m.  
St. Patrick's Church

**April 24, 2007**

50th Anniversary Celebration  
7:00 p.m.  
Reeves Auditorium

## NEW MASCOT ROARS IN NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!

Methodist College welcomes a new Monarch to reign over athletic functions on campus. The mascot uniform was purchased through the collaborative efforts of the College, Athletic Boosters, Alumni, Affairs Office College Relations, Admissions, and Head Coach Melissa Hay. "The mascot was in need of a face lift," said Coach Hay. "He was showing his age and we are thankful for all of the support we were offered to make the purchase possible."

The Mascot will be present at athletic events, public appearances in the area, student events, and with the cheerleading team at College Nationals. Undoubtedly, with the arrival of a new mascot, we will need a new name. Since we don't currently have an official name for the Monarch, we are holding a "Name the Mascot" contest. If you would like to take part in the naming contest, submit your entry to Coach Hay at [mhay@methodist.edu](mailto:mhay@methodist.edu).



### CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP THANKS PARTICIPANTS

The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) at Methodist College extends its gratitude to the following speakers for their participation in Boot Camp for Budding Entrepreneurs this summer:

#### LARRY W. ALLMAN

2000 Silver Spoon Award Winner  
Allman Electric Corporation  
*Starting a Profitable Business from  
the Back of Your Pick-up Truck*

#### CHARLES W. BROADWELL

President and Publisher, Fayetteville  
Publishing Company  
*Revolutionary Changes  
in the Newspaper Industry*

#### NEIL BUIE

Enterprise Technologies, Inc.  
*Technology in the Workplace*

#### ERNIE GROOMS

Sunbelt Business Advisors  
*When to Hold and When to Fold:  
How to Sell Your Business*

#### DR. WILLIAM C. "BILL" HARRISON '74

Superintendent, Cumberland  
County Schools  
*Essential Characteristics of a  
21st Century Leader*

#### TIM HOLVERSON

Cumberland County Business Council  
*Economic Future of Cumberland County*

#### BARRY L. HUDSON

DuPont-Fayetteville Works  
*Leadership Qualities in  
Running a Successful Business*

#### TERRY P. SASSER '84

1995 Economics and  
Business Alumnus Award  
Omni National Bank  
*What Kind of Business Plan  
Do Bankers Like?*

#### JAMES SHERRILL

Market House Holdings, Inc.  
*Millions to Meltdown: Lessons of 1990s  
Information Technology Boom*

#### KEN M. SPIRES

President, M.J. Softe Company  
*Global Competition and Challenges for  
American Corporations*

#### JOE SUGAR

Joe Sugar's of St. Pauls, Inc.  
*Why Customers Travel 100 Miles  
to Visit Our Shop*

#### TERRI UNION

1992 Outstanding Woman  
Entrepreneur Award Winner  
Union Corrugating Company  
*Challenges in Building and  
Running a Small Business*

#### JAMES WILSON

International Minute Press  
*How to Select the Best Franchise  
and Run It Profitably*

#### GREG WEST

At-Large Member, Cumberland County  
Board of Education  
*Perception = Reality:  
Successful Business and Community  
Development Go Hand-in-Hand*

....and many more.



Dale Filley, general manager of Sam's Club, and Dr. Sid Gautam, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship, are delighted to have survived another successful Boot Camp. Filley's presentation provided attendees with insight on "How Sam Walton Built the World's Number One Corporation from Scratch."

## MONARCH MEMORIES

Homecoming 2006 and the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Methodist College will be here soon (see back page)! On the eve of this historic occasion, several alumni remember...

*“The Way We Were...”*

### Daniel “Danny” Hood ‘76

*Irmo, South Carolina*

I helped form the women's basketball team, as I was the athletic trainer at that time. We only had two or three women who had ever played basketball before. The week before our first game, we were still teaching dribbling, passing, and shooting (please, ladies, just get it NEAR the backboard!). Our first game was AT Louisburg College... who had the best women's team in North Carolina the previous year. At halftime, the score was 56-2. We lost 104-10, with 6 of those 10 points being free throws. The Louisburg fans were cheering louder for our girls than theirs! By the end of the season, we were losing by more respectable scores, like 56-32. And...we did actually have one win that first season, against N.C. State! One of their players was ineligible so they had to forfeit the game. All in all, a very trying season, but you have to start somewhere!



### Linda Carlson Hall '71

*Parkton, North Carolina*

I made many lasting friendships. I was privileged to have Bill Lowdermilk be my guide for my first campus visit. Uncle Bill made me feel special and want to be a part of the great things happening at Methodist. I remember arriving on campus in 1967 with my entire family with U-Haul in tow. The picture made the college paper. I remember roll call at chapel, no men in the halls, 10:00 p.m. curfew, dress code, no stores or anything out that way [on Ramsey Street], learning to play Bridge, all-nighters, birthday dinners at The Lobster House with the Weaver Girls, student teaching, and the long walk from the dorm to the classroom buildings. I can't believe the growth the College has seen over the years and each year that I attend the United Methodist Women's Annual Conference on campus I am excited for the College!

### Elizabeth Szoke Owen '96

*Mason, Ohio*

My most fond memories are of Dr. Boyce and our little orchestral ensemble. The practices were full of teamwork, laughs, and loving instruction. We had a great group of souls from all walks of life that found joy and friendship through music. I have had a successful accounting and finance career thanks to Dr. Theresa P. Clark and Dr. Marr. I still remember phrases of wisdom from both and have often used them with the employees I am fortunate enough to mentor. Thank you so much—I love you all!

### Mendee H. Daniel '81

*Fayetteville, North Carolina*

Two memories stand out for me. Our son was born in September of my senior year and I had a lot of support from family and teachers to finish my degree. Also, Terry Sanford was the speaker at my graduation and he was a special family friend!





## family & friends

### Vaun Masey (Oblinger) Gott '71

Martinsville, Virginia

I have fond memories of sitting on the hill to watch soccer games before the bleachers were put in, and of those pesky sand spurs that seemed to be in over-abundance in that same area. I also remember those nasty freshman beanies. Tell me the beanies are a thing of the past!



### Dr. Thomas Yow, III '66

Daphne, Alabama

After seeing the beauty of the campus [during my recent visit], I am struck by how stark the place was in 1962 when I entered as a freshman. Other than the dorms, which are now [offices]...there were three buildings: Classroom Building, Science Building, and Student Center. We had very little grass and a bumper crop of sand spurs!

I have always regarded myself as fortunate to have been a student at Methodist College in the early years and to have studied and lived with some exceptional people. I believe that my being lucky enough to become a college president can be credited with much that I learned and experienced in Methodist College student government.

As a freshman, I was privileged to serve on the committee that wrote the first student government constitution. We were led by administrators Samuel Edwards and O.E. Dowd. They did an excellent job of and guiding our work. Student leaders in that process were Julian Jessup, Reese Edwards, David Herring, and Jerry Wood. Larry Barnes was another freshman on the committee. I remember being impressed with how much these people seemed to know about how a student government could work. For a college freshman from Rockingham, it was a pretty heady experience.

The campaign for the officers for the first student government seemed to go on forever. Julian Jessup and Don Parsons were the presidential candi-

dates. I recall Julian, who was my friend, only saying positive things about his opponent and my being impressed with that. Other leaders in that process were David Herring, David Altman, Cynthia Walker, Betty Neil Parsons, Jerry Wood, Jerry Marcus, and Bill Wolfe. I was privileged later to serve as student government president and enjoyed it, but that was not nearly as much fun as that first government experience.

These opportunities could not have been possible at other colleges. We were breaking new ground at a new college. Since that time, I have been grateful for the unique opportunities at Methodist College and for the college administrators, faculty, and my fellow students who had such a positive impact on me.

### Robert "Bobby" Hodges '71

Florence, South Carolina

I entered Methodist to play basketball and continue my final two years of college, then I married and we had our daughter Kelly during my senior year. The memory of all the friends, faculty, and the support network of a small college reaching out to assist a young couple will always stick in my mind. Our daughter Kelly now has three children of her own...

### Candice (Martin) Moody '97

Fayetteville, North Carolina

I remember the pit being gravel my freshman year and having only four dorms at that time. I remember watching basketball games in the Tin Can. You could see through to outside of the building when the students pounded on the walls (my stepdad, Tony DeLapa, had just started working at Methodist, so we saw many games.) I remember seeing the football team's first season and its first win. I was at MC for the celebration of the 40th Anniversary! Many of my classmates were in the 40th Anniversary show that represented all the decades—I loved it and I have the video!



Many thanks to these alumni who submitted their memories for publication. For a virtual history tour of Methodist College and to submit your 50th Anniversary Memories, please visit [http://www.methodist.edu/Alum\\_dev/50years.html](http://www.methodist.edu/Alum_dev/50years.html)

# a Classroom in the Wild

Bill Billings '68  
College Historian

To fully appreciate the beauty and variety of the Methodist College campus, you have to put on your walking shoes and head for the Pauline Longest Nature Trail and the Cape Fear River. This is a great way to clear your mind, get some exercise and fresh air, and experience native flora and fauna. Furthermore, it illustrates the educational value of our "Classroom in the Wild."

Many students, staff, and alumni have probably never walked the Pauline Longest Nature Trail or seen how the river meets the campus on its eastern side. Opened in 1986, the nature trail honors the late Pauline Longest—a botanist who taught at Methodist from 1963-79.

The two-and-a-half mile trail follows a stream or creek that begins behind the O'Hanlon Amphitheater and descends eastward to the river. The creek on the lower trail boasts a large waterfall with a 15-foot drop. Many alumni will remember three farm ponds built along the creek—one behind the amphitheater and two more near the baseball field; these were lost in 2000 when heavy rains caused earthen dams to break, sending the ponds' contents down the creek and into the river.

Students who attended Methodist in the 1980s and 1990s may remember a 10-station challenge course near the upper trail where Cape Fear Commons is now located. At each station, freshmen had to engage in team-building exercises to master a physical challenge. In the spring of 1989, student and staff volunteers spent a "Show You Care Day" repairing wooden bridges, paths, signs, and botanical markers on the lower trail.

The nature trail is a real eye-opener as it spans deep gorges and steep ridges reminiscent of the North Carolina mountains. The nature trail is really two trails, an upper and a lower. Much of the original upper trail no longer exists, displaced by the construction of Cape Fear Commons and Creekside Apartments. The lower trail is the longer and more interesting, however. It begins at the Norfolk and Southern Railroad near the baseball field and consists of seven interlocking paths, two of which offer stunning views of the river.

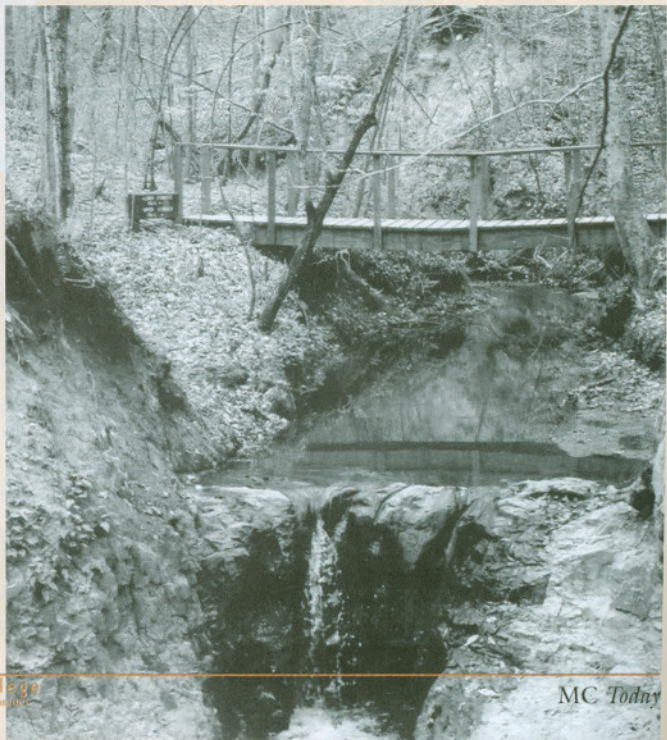
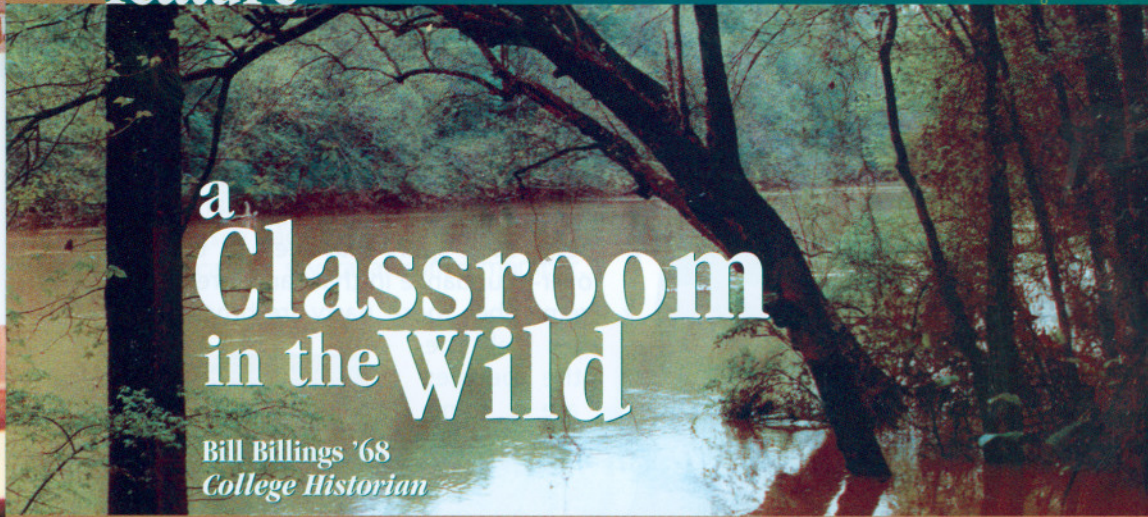
A printed brochure and map of the Pauline Longest Nature Trail produced by the Science Department offer

a complete description of the trail and what can be observed there—plants, animals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals.

The brochure and map are a credit to the science faculty, the College, and the remarkable lady for whom the trail is named. The authors and illustrators of these guides clearly love and appreciate nature. Interspersed with the text of the brochure are drawings of plants and animals one can readily see on the Pauline Longest Nature Trail. The drawings were contributed by Alan Mintz, a 1986 graduate with majors in biology and chemistry.

Based on "sweat equity," Dr. Linda Sue Barnes, professor of biology, and her husband Curtis, a Methodist graduate, have probably done more work on the trail than anyone. They have built wooden bridges, signs, benches, steps made from railroad ties, and botanical markers. At times, the task has been overwhelming.

The nature trail was actually Dr. Barnes' idea. Starting early in 1986, she and her husband, Curtis and three biology students began laying out the lower trail between the railroad and the river. "Alan Mintz and I laid out the seven trails [named Mountain Laurel,



Sourwood, Sweetgum, Upper Atamasco, Lower Atamasco, Pawpaw, and Running Cedar] using a protractor and measuring the distances," recalls Dr. Barnes. "My husband Curtis and three students—Chris Smith, Sandra Thaler, and Alan Mintz—did most of the work. Longest and a local bottled gas business gave me some money to buy posts, railroad ties, lumber, and such. We did the lower trail first and added the upper trail about two years later."

The trail was officially opened at Homecoming in the fall of 1986, and Longest was the guest of honor. A fairly large group walked the trail, as Dr. Barnes explained the various markers and flora. "We have identified well over 400 species of plants in this area," she said, "and we have them catalogued in a database."

Older alumni were introduced to the nature trail and river by their botany instructors or discovered these for themselves. In the 1960s and 1970s, favorite pastimes for resident students were fishing at the ponds or the river. Others enjoyed walking down the railroad track and over a series of trestles that spanned deep gorges and creeks leading to the river. The cover of the 1973 "Carillon" (the College yearbook) features a line shot photo of a couple walking down the railroad track.

Arnold Pope, the man served as dean of men in the late 1960s and early 1970s, remembers when male resident students would walk down to a steep bluff at the river's edge, grab onto a vine hanging from a tree and swing out over the river "doing their best Tarzan yell." He said one group of students built a raft—a wooden deck over old oil drums, installing a Chevrolet engine and transmission from a student's old

car. They put paddles on what had been the Chevy's rear wheel rims to push the boat through the water. "I nearly fell in the river laughing when I saw this thing," said Pope. They planned to take their boat to the Azalea Festival in Wilmington; unfortunately, someone stole it before they could launch it.

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— Arnold Pope  
Former Dean of Men

Although Methodist College has always valued its connection to the river, Fayetteville residents and visitors to our city can now experience some of the river's beauty on the first leg of the Cape Fear River Trail, which runs from Clark Park to the Fayetteville Soccer Complex on the Methodist College campus. The College granted easements to the city to cross its property and facilitate construction of this hiking and biking trail. Eventually, the city plans to extend the trail southward to the Cape Fear Botanical Garden.

Current students and staff should take advantage of our "Classroom in the Wild." It's an experience you will never forget.

## Classroom in the Wild

1. There are many ways to experience nature. Listen for the sounds of the wind in the trees and the murmur of the waterfall. Smell the clean air or the spicy fragrance of the wild ginger leaf. Touch the bark or the leaves of the trees around you and see how different each feels.
2. This pine tree is about 80 feet tall and 19 inches in diameter. It could provide enough paper for 350 books, each 550 pages long.
3. This large American beech is one of several common trees frequently found in wet bottomlands. Others are sweet-gums, red maples, and tulip trees. The beech is recognized in winter by its smooth gray bark and slender buds, which are about one-half-inch long.
4. These curious brown "beech drops" are flowering plants, but since they have no chlorophyll, they are not green and cannot make their own food. They are parasitic on the roots of the beech tree. Look up and see if you can find a beech tree overhead.
5. Align the sight of the tree spotter (a circular dial on top of a tree stump overlooking the river) with a tree. You can see a picture and the name of the tree in the frame of the spotter.
6. These plants are Christmas ferns. Can you guess why? Look at one leaflet. Some people think it looks like Santa's sleigh. Can you see a resemblance?
7. As a stream reaches its mouth, the force of the water declines and the channel often curves dramatically. Such meandering is clearly demonstrated by the horseshoe bend before you.
8. Fungi and bacteria are commonly called decay organisms since they take nourishment from dead plant material and cause its breakdown in the process. This decaying log will release nutrients to be used by other plants. Look around you and count the kinds of fungi you can see. After a rain, you will find many types, including mushrooms, coral fungi, earth stars, puffballs, shelf fungi, cup fungi, and morels.
9. Dead trees, whether standing or fallen, often serve as den site for animals. This big tree is an excellent example. It also serves as a nurse tree; other plants have taken root and will use the nutrients derived from the tree.
10. Pine bark contains layering and folding, making the tree resistant to fire. Fires are rare here as a result of the poor flammability of hardwoods and ground cover. Pine seeds do not germinate readily unless there is a great deal of sunlight, and some of them do not germinate until they have been burned over. Thus, as trees die, they will be replaced by hardwoods rather than pine.

## CONVOCATION AWARD WINNERS

**A**thletic Director Bob McEvoy presented the awards for Methodist College Male and Female Scholar Athletes of the Year and the Sykes Cup award at the opening convocation on September 11, 2006.

The Scholar Athlete awards are given to the male and female student-athlete with the highest GPA based upon the fall and spring semesters of that year (it is not cumulative). The recipients must be varsity athletes, full-time students for both semesters, and the two-semester GPA must be at least 3.2.

First baseman for the Methodist baseball team, Steve Cornelius, was selected as the male scholar athlete for the second consecutive year with a 4.09 GPA. Originally from Clarksville, Md., Cornelius is majoring in business administration and was previously named to *ESPN the Magazine's* Academic Second Team All-District. In addition to excelling in the classroom, Cornelius finished his junior year leading the team in doubles (10), triples (2), RBI (40), and slugging percentage (.447).

Kayla Talbert is beginning her sophomore year at Methodist, playing third base for the Monarch softball team. She finished last year with the top GPA for female athletes. Talbert is from Winston-Salem, N.C., and graduated from Mount Tabor High School. She finished her freshman year with a .323 batting average.

The Sykes Cup, named after former Methodist coach and current employee Mason Sykes, is presented annually to the Methodist College Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year. The award is presented for outstanding athletic achievement, a minimum GPA of 2.0, and demonstration of good character. Head coaches vote on the award at the conclusion of each spring sports season. Charlotte Williams repeats as the Sykes Cup award winner. After finishing her junior year as the NCAA Division III Individual National Champion and NCAA Division III Women's Golf Athlete of the Year, Williams was an obvious choice for the award. A graduate of South View High School in Hope Mills, N.C., Williams led her team to its ninth straight national championship.



### DID YOU KNOW...

#### Methodist College Athletics...

- ... offers 19 intercollegiate sports?
- ... has totaled 57 national championships (28 team and 29 individual) in only 42 years of intercollegiate athletic competition?
- ... has finished in the top 15 percent out of over 400 NCAA Division-III member institutions for eight of the last ten years in the United States Sports Academy Director's Cup?
- ... has amassed 286 All-Americans and 51 Academic All-Americans?
- ... has won nine out of the last 20 USA South Athletic Conference Presidents' Cups?
- ... has had 1,422 student-athletes earn All-Conference distinction?
- ... has totaled eight NCAA Division-III National Runner-up finishes in men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, and baseball, plus "Final Four" appearances in men's and women's soccer and baseball, and an "Elite Eight" appearance in men's basketball?
- ... has won 116 USA South Athletic Conference championships, including 45 in the 1990s?

## Hall of Fame

The Methodist College Athletic Hall of Fame has announced its class of 2006 to be inducted on November 3 as part of the Homecoming festivities in coordination with the Methodist College 50th Anniversary.

Nominees are eligible for induction four years after they have finished competing. The committee chose five nominees to join the thirty-four members who are already part of the Hall of Fame. Methodist College congratulates:

### CATHERINE BYRNE

Byrne played for the Monarch women's soccer team from 1988-1991. She was named a second team All-American in 1989 and first team All-American in 1990 and 1991 before being named academic All-American in 1992. Byrne was part of the first team All-Conference during the 1988, 1990, and 1991 seasons. While Byrne competed with the women's soccer team, the Monarchs made NCAA appearances and won the South Region championship in 1988, 1989, and 1990. Last year, Byrne was named to the USA South Silver Anniversary team. Byrne is currently the head women's soccer coach at the University of Akron.

### HEATHER HUGUS PURGASON

Purgason was a four-year starting pitcher for the softball team from 1997-2000. She helped to lead Methodist to its first two NCAA Division III national tournament appearances in 1999 and 2000. Purgason holds the Methodist pitching records for career innings pitched (696), wins (66), strikeouts (596), and shutouts (17), as well as the single-season records for strikeouts (180) and shutouts (7) in 2000. She was a four-time All-Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection and two-time DIAC Player of the Year selection. Purgason was also named to the USA South Silver Anniversary team last year.

### ERNIE SCHWARTZ

Also known as the "Founding Father" of Methodist College athletics, Schwartz will be inducted posthumously. He was the first director of Athletics while also serving to develop the Methodist intramural program and the physical education curriculum. He was the first men's basketball and golf coach, and in 1966 he was named the DIAC Coach of the Year. Schwartz was a professor of exercise and sports science and went on to serve as a faculty athletic representative and interim athletic director at East Carolina University.

### AMY TODD

Todd played women's basketball at Methodist from 1996-1999. She was a three-year starter and three-year first team All-DIAC selection. In 1999, Todd was the DIAC Player of the Year. She still holds the single-game records



for points (38) and field goals (15), in addition to the single-season records for rebounds (315) and rebounding average (12.1 rpg). Todd holds the career record for rebounds with 844 and ranks second all-time in scoring with 1,307 points.

### JAMELLE USHURY

Ushury competed for the Methodist College track and field team from 1992-1995. He was named a NCAA All-American from 1993-1995 and served as a seven-time Mason Dixon Conference Champion. During the 1993 season, Ushury was 8th at the NCAA Outdoor Championship and placed 4th at the NCAA Outdoor Championship in 1994 and 1995. In 1994, Ushury was the Mason Dixon Indoor Most Valuable Player as well as the Methodist MVP. He was selected to the All-Mason Dixon Conference 23 times during his career. He holds the records in 55 meter hurdles, 110 meter hurdles, and 400 meter hurdles. Ushury is listed in the top ten all-time school performances in the Indoor 60 meters, Indoor 55 meter hurdles, Indoor/Outdoor 400 meters, and Outdoor 200 meters.

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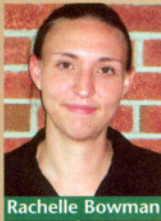
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# monarch athletics



Rachele Bowman

**RACHELE BOWMAN, assistant athletic trainer**

Rachele Bowman grew up in Gabon, Africa, before earning her bachelor of science in sports medicine with a concentration in exercise science from Palm Beach Atlantic University in 2002. She worked as a rehabilitation assistant at the Toccoa Clinic in Toccoa, Ga., for two years before spending two years as an athletic trainer at Montreat College near Asheville, N.C.



Kirbie Britt

**KIRBIE BRITT, sports information director**

Kirbie Britt, originally from Queenstown, Md., joins Methodist College as the sports information director. Britt graduated from Methodist in 2003 with a bachelor of science in sport management in three years. She was a three-year starter for the soccer team and she was the 2003 Methodist Female Scholar Athlete. Britt worked for the Carolina Courage of the Women's United Soccer Association before earning her master's degree in sport management from the University of Tennessee in 2005. Britt was previously an accountant with Inter-Rail Transport in Centreville, Md.



Eric Brown

**ERIC BROWN, assistant football coach**

Eric Brown joined the Methodist coaching staff in July of 2006. He previously served at Edwards Waters College in Jacksonville, Fla. Prior to that assignment, he coached at Livingston College and Johnson C. Smith University. He also has high school coaching experience in North Carolina and Kentucky. As a prep, he was named Maryland's Defensive Player of the Year in 1989 and went on to start at inside linebacker for four seasons at the University of South Carolina, where he graduated with a degree in retail management in 1993.



Wylie Crisanti

**WYLIE CRISANTI, women's lacrosse coach**

Wylie Crisanti joins Methodist College after spending two years at the helm of the St. Francis program. Prior to his time at St. Francis, he coached two seasons at Lock Haven University as a graduate assistant coach and two seasons at University of Scranton as an undergraduate assistant. A 2002 graduate of the University of Scranton with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, Crisanti earned his master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Lock Haven University in May of 2004.



Rachel Quesada

**RACHEL QUESADA, assistant women's soccer coach**

Joining Coach Tommasi on the sidelines this fall will be Assistant Coach Rachel Quesada. Originally from Edmonds, Wash., Quesada played collegiate soccer at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. There her team won three conference championships, making three NCAA tournament appearances. Quesada was chosen as a four-time



Tim Ryerson

All-Conference selection and a two-time All-Region selection. Quesada has a degree in exercise science and has served as an assistant coach at Hardin-Simmons where she was responsible for goalkeeping and strength and conditioning. She also spent time as an adjunct physical education professor and YMCA fitness director in Abilene.

**TIM RYERSON, head men's and women's cross country coach and assistant men's basketball coach**

Ryerson has previous work experience as a coach, recreation coordinator, and instructor at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. He has coached internationally with USA Athletes International and has also coached four different sports at three Wisconsin high schools. Ryerson is a native of Hortonville, Wis. He graduated from Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2001 and received his master's degree in sports and recreation management from Hardin-Simmons University in 2004.



Tony Tommasi

**TONY TOMMASI, head women's soccer coach**

Tony Tommasi, a native of Massachusetts, was recently named head women's soccer coach. He brings a great deal of head coaching experience to Methodist from Texas Lutheran. Additionally, Tommasi has coached at Trinity (TX) University, Mississippi State, and Randolph-Macon College as an assistant coach. Tommasi earned his bachelor of arts in economics in 1985 from the University of Richmond.



Crystal Williams

**CRYSTAL WILLIAMS, head men's and women's track and field coach and assistant cross country coach**

Crystal Williams was named head coach of track and field and assistant cross country coach after serving as the assistant track and field coach last spring. Previously, Williams was an assistant coach at Fort Campbell High School in Fort Campbell, Ky. A high school state champion in the 800 meters, Williams went on to join the ROTC and was awarded the top Physical Fit Female in the South East at the Army ROTC Athletic Competition. A native of Brandon, Fla., she graduated from the University of Alabama in 2003 with a degree in telecommunication and broadcast news.

**NICOLE YARD, assistant athletic trainer**

Nicole Yard comes from Brown Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine in Dunn, N.C. She received her bachelor of science in health sciences with a concentration in athletic training from James Madison University in 2003. She earned her master's degree in exercise and sport sciences with a concentration in exercise physiology from Ithaca College in 2004.

# MONARCHS TO WATCH 2006

## FOOTBALL

Mike Hill broke the individual rushing records for season attempts (194), yards in a season (1,054), and stands at number five on the list of career yards rushing leaders with 1,387 after only his sophomore year. Hill was named to the USA South second-team offense last year and hopes to continue to make an impact this season.

Senior George Sands led the team in receiving in 2005 with 602 yards—ranking him sixth on the list for season yardage leaders. He will look to create opportunities along with other wide receivers Jonathan Mularski, Patrick Doleman, and Chuck Howard.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Krystal Patton returns for her junior year on the women's cross country team. Patton has been named to the USA South second team for the last two years and looks to lead her team through another season.

In 2005, Husein Nasiro-Sigo was named the USA South Conference Runner of the Year. A junior from Ethiopia, Nasiro-Sigo won the conference and south region championship last year and hopes to continue his winning ways for the men's cross country team.

## MEN'S SOCCER

Junior Dustin Breckenridge hopes to hold the defense together for the men's soccer team. Last year, he was selected as a conference honorable mention and finished the season with two goals. In 2006, Breckenridge anticipates supporting a strong team this fall.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Chrystal Bradley returns for her junior season as a midfielder for new Head Coach Tony Tommasi. In her freshman campaign, Bradley was named USA South Rookie of the Year and finished last season on the USA South first team. In 2005, Bradley scored 16 goals and registered 2 assists, leading the team in scoring and ranked third for the USA South. She looks to get back to the conference championship and win the title this season.

## VOLLEYBALL

Sara Yeatman will be one of the top returners for the Methodist volleyball team. Yeatman is only a sophomore and Coach Eddie Matthews has high hopes for the outside hitter from Dunn, N.C.

For fall and winter sports schedules, please visit Monarchs Online at: <http://www.methodist.edu/monarchs/index.htm>.

# alumni news

## Please Welcome...

...these new members of the Methodist College Alumni Association Board of Directors:



Wanda Casteel '93



Dr. Jerry Jackson '75



Ian McCormick '06



Anna Popilock '98



Terry Sasser '84

*New members not pictured: Richard Dean '69, Scott Ellender '95, Matt Seals '05, Carmen Serbio '95, Walter Turner '65, and Rachelle Young '82. They join current members: President Nona Fisher '88, First Vice-President Jerry Monday '71, Second Vice-President Larry Philpott '73, Treasurer Earl Leake '73, Secretary Cindy Hawkins '99, Robbie Boswell '85, John Harris '81, Beverly Honeycutt '67, Cannie Hunter '04, Derrick Johnson '95, Bob Jones '69, Mark Kendrick '85, Rahn Kersey '89, Dale Marshall '67, Ronnie McNeill '85, Rodney Parker '00, Dr. Kelli Sapp '91, Dr. Dennis Sheppard '77, and Dwight Sheppard '75.*

## WEDDINGS

2002

**Angie Wengerd** announces her engagement to John Marthaller. They are planning a Feb. 14, 2007 wedding. Angie is currently a FootJoy sales representative and resides in Arizona.

2003

**Jason and Paola (Klockner) Bollech** were recently married on May 8 and are living in Sterling, Va.

2006

**Ridge '01** and **Teri (Almond) Johnson '04** were married April 30 on Bald Head Island, N.C., and are now enjoying their life and home together in Charleston, S.C.

## BIRTHS

1970

**Linda (McPhail) Showalter** and husband Joe are the proud parents of a daughter, Sarah Lynn Showalter, born March 4, 2004. Sarah is now a happy toddler and a real joy!

**David '87** and **Dedra Culbreth '88** welcomed to their family Daniel Maxwell Culbreth, born on March 21, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz., and 21" long. Maxwell's big sister Savannah is tickled to have a baby brother!

1992

David and **Lori (Sanuita) Stump** are proud to announce the arrival of their second child K. Michael Stump, born April 11. Lori was also recently recognized as the Air Force Command's Reserve Services Officer of the Year.



1992

**Lance Watkins** and his wife Sandy announce the birth of their second daughter, Mia Grace, on May 19, 2006.

1993

**Dr. Rich Wittman** and wife Nicole welcomed their son, Nicholas Dante, to the family on Aug. 1, in Charlotte. He is their first child.

On Feb. 10, 2006, **Mike and Julia (Parrish) Riddle** celebrated the birth of their third child, James Terry. J.T. joins older sister Anna (5) and brother Zachery (3). The family lives in Huntersville, North Carolina, where Mike is the director of golf at Skybrook Golf Club, and Julia is the assistant managing director of Bryan Properties.

1997

**Candace (Martin) Moody** and her husband Charles celebrated the birth of their first child, a little girl, on June 17. Christina Nicole Moody weighed in at 4 lbs. 7 oz., and was 17" long.



1999

**Nicole (Vrentas) Hodges** and her husband Brandon welcomed the arrival of their daughter, Jenna Leigh, on Jan. 4. Nicole and Brandon reside in Hope Mills. Anyone interested in contacting Nicole may do so at [nvhodges2003@yahoo.com](mailto:nvhodges2003@yahoo.com).

1999

**Clint and Lisa Edwards** announce the birth of their second daughter, Lily Madalaine, on July 26. Liiy weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz., and along with her parents and big sister Mia, she is doing well.

2001

**Keith Duffy** and wife Meridith are expecting their first child in November. Keith may be contacted at [duff1oct@hotmail.com](mailto:duff1oct@hotmail.com).

2002

**Jennifer "JP" (Packard) Clifton** and her husband Hal are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Marie. She was born on April 2, weighing 9 lbs. 4 oz., and was 22" long. JP is enjoying being a mom and wife while still working with special needs children.

## CLASS NOTES

1971

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and (Margaret) Pope** celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on June 20 with a Hawaiian cruise. Thomas is employed by The Fayetteville Observer and Margaret works for the Cape Fear High School.

**Linda (Carlson) Hall** retired after teaching 30 years at Rockfish Elementary School in Hope Mills, in August 2002. She is now spending her retirement teaching part-time at Gallberry Farm Elementary School, also in Hope Mills.

1974

**Charlotte McLaurin** has been appointed principal of Morganton Road Elementary School in the Cumberland County Schools, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

1979

**Col. Joseph "Joe" Smith** of Southern Pines was the first Methodist College recipient of the ROTC scholarship and is currently the chief of staff for the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy





Special Warfare Museum on Fort Bragg. His son Alex will be attending Methodist College in the fall, and he also will participate in the ROTC program.

**Mary Jane Kirby** received her doctorate degree in Leadership in K-12 Programs from Capella University on July 12, 2006. Her dissertation title is *"The Advantages of Parental Involvement in Closing the Achievement Gap."* For those who remember, Mary Jane was an active participant in theatre productions on campus. She either starred in or co-directed the five productions offered to the students and faculty during the 1977-1978 school year. She starred in Platus' Comedy, *"The Haunted House."* She also starred as Mrs. Elvstad, in *"Hedda Gabler."* She and Dr. Jack Peyrouse co-starred in *"Christmas in Dickens,"* co-directed *"The Long Christmas Dinner,"* and starred with James Malloy in *"Canterbury Tales."* Mary Jane would love to hear from friends at [garmar121562@msn.com](mailto:garmar121562@msn.com).

## 1984

**Mike Mangum** has been appointed principal of John Griffin Middle School in the Cumberland County Schools in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

## 1987

After 12 years as a stay-at-home mom, **Susan Smith** has returned to the classroom. She is in her third year of teaching first grade at Potowmack Elementary School in Loudoun County, Va. Susan and her husband Derek, celebrate 21 years of marriage in October. They have three children: Derek, age 13; Robert, age 10; and Michael, age 9.

## 1988

**Virginia "Gini" (Mott) Briggs** currently works as an air traffic control specialist for the Federal Aviation Administration in Marshfield, Mo. Gini may be contacted at [higini@yahoo.com](mailto:higini@yahoo.com).

**Kathleen (Voss) Woolrich**, an antiquarian of Algerian history, has written *"Algerian Suns,"* a contemporary history of Colonial Algeria. *"Algerian Suns"* was published by Arabesque Press, Tri Chief ALGERIA, and is available on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) by typing "Kathleen Woolrich" or at the author's Web site: [www.lulu.com/kwool](http://www.lulu.com/kwool). Kathleen graduated with a degree in history and says her biggest mentors were Parker Wilson and Bruce Pullium. Kathleen welcomes all e-mails at [kwoolr@aol.com](mailto:kwoolr@aol.com).

## 1989

**Matt Hoose** recently departed Korea in June and will be attending the USAF Air Command and Staff College in Montgomery, Ala. Matt has been selected for promotion to Lt. Colonel.

## 1993

**Serafin Antonio "Tony" Paniagua** has been promoted to the grade of U.S. Department of State Foreign Service

FS-2/9 as deputy counter-narcotics advisor to the Peruvian Counter Narcotics Directorate, Lima Peru.

## 1996

**Danielle Walker** is now the regional sales representative for Systel in Fayetteville, N.C. Classmates may reach her at [dwalker@systeloa.com](mailto:dwalker@systeloa.com).

**Mike Stephens** is currently the director of golf for the First Tee of Beckley, W.Va. The First Tee is a non-profit organization designed to "impact the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf." For more information about the First Tee, visit [www.thefirsttee.org](http://www.thefirsttee.org). Classmates may reach Mike at [mstephens@wvccc.com](mailto:mstephens@wvccc.com).

**Andre Johnson** married Lakeya Love Hall of Brooklyn, N.Y., on Dec. 20, 2003. They have a son, Andre Johnson II, born June 11, 2004. Andre pledged Kappa Alpha PSI, survived two major Hurricanes, and is currently teaching social studies at Cape Coral High School in Florida. Friends may contact Andre at [andredj@leeschools.net](mailto:andredj@leeschools.net) or by calling (239) 823-9974.

## 1998

**Telly Sellars** completed his doctorate in leadership education in June. Dr. Sellars lives in Louisville, Ky., with his wife, Heather, three cats, and a dog. He invites friends to e-mail him at [tellysellars@gmail.com](mailto:tellysellars@gmail.com).

## 1999

**Leslie Antonie** was awarded a master of science in arts administration from Boston University in May 2006. She is the Annual Fund/Alumni officer for the College of Fine Arts at Boston University.

## 2001

**Jill Zweibelson** and her husband, Ben, are currently living in Louisiana. They have two children, Ethan and Jack. After leaving the Fayetteville area, they resided in Georgia for six months and then in Italy for two years. During the last year they have lived in Louisiana, and have had the unlucky privilege of being hit by Hurricane Rita. Jill and Ben are currently waiting to find out where in the world they will head to next. Jill writes, "For now, I am a domestic engineer. I am looking to pursue a career in the culinary world. I discovered a passion for cooking while in Italy, which I attribute to our wonderful Italian neighbors who taught me a lot." Friends can contact Jill at [brocktavern@zweibelson.com](mailto:brocktavern@zweibelson.com).





## 2006

Over 150 years of teaching and service to Methodist College were represented by those who gathered to celebrate College Historian Bill Billings' '68 May 27, 2006 nuptials to Cynthia E. Green. Seated left to right is: Parker Wilson, retired history professor, and Charles McAdams, Public Relations director from 1958-72. Standing left to right is: Bill Billings '68; The Rev. Dr. Robert Christian, professor of English; Elaine Porter, retired professor of French; and Alan Porter, retired professor of music.

## 1999

**Sema D. Hashemi** has been awarded a Mansfield Fellowship, which begins with ten full months of full-time Japanese language studies training in Washington, D.C., and is followed by a year in Japan working in a ministry or agency of the government of Japan. Sema is an International Policy Analyst with the Office of the Commissioner/Office of International Programs of the Food and Drug Administration.

## 2000

**Stephanie (Oldham) Mathis** recently began working as a medical technologist - generalist for Morehead Memorial Hospital in Eden, N.C.

## 2001

The International Junior Golf Tour has promoted **Travis Lesser** to director of Tour Administration and International Competitions.

## 2002

**Ronald T. Berry** graduated magna cum laude with a Juris Doctor degree from Michigan State University School of Law on May 14. Honors Ronald received during law school include: Charles H. King Scholar, Law Review, Journal of Business Securities, and Jurisprudence Achievement Award in Torts I.

## 2006 ALUMNI AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

Methodist College alumni are achieving great things professionally and are known for their commitment to their communities and to their alma mater. The MC Alumni Association Board of Directors invites you to identify this year's nominees! Nominations are welcome from all alumni, faculty, staff, and friends.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Given to one individual for his/her professional achievement and/or service of the highest order to the community.

### OUTSTANDING ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Given for outstanding service and dedication to the MC Alumni Association.

### OUTSTANDING FACULTY/STAFF AWARD

Given to a faculty or staff member for excellence in teaching, involvement in the College and in local communities.

Please visit:

[www.methodist.edu/Alum\\_dev/alumni\\_awards.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/Alum_dev/alumni_awards.htm) to submit your nominations. You will also find a list of past honorees here!

**Longleaf Press** is proud to announce its recent September publication of *"American Journey,"* by Stephen Benz, winner of its 2006 Poetry Chapbook Contest. His work has appeared in the *"Miami Herald,"* *"Washington Post,"* *"TriQuarterly,"* *"Creative Nonfiction,"* and *"River Teeth."* Individual chapbooks are \$7 each, two or more chapbooks are \$6 each, and both prices include shipping and handling.

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While Long Leaf Press's chapbook contest is only open to emerging poets from a seven-state Southeastern region, beginning in January 2007, its current mission to publish chapbook manuscripts from Southeastern poets will be expanded to include consideration of chapbook manuscripts from poets in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern regions. Submission guidelines are available on the Web site. Thanks to Michael Molter, Methodist College webmaster, and Robin Greene, senior editor and professor of English, Long Leaf Press has launched a new, updated Web site: [www.methodist.edu/longleaf](http://www.methodist.edu/longleaf).

# 50th Anniversary Celebration & Homecoming 2006 Events

## OCTOBER 9-NOVEMBER 4

Enjoy the works of fellow alumni in a special MC Alumni Art Exhibit celebrating a quarter-century of the visual arts program at the College! The exhibit will be held in the Mallett Rogers House and admission is free.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 5:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 10 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Methodist College will be a part of Fayetteville's famed Fourth Friday arts and shopping extravaganza! Performances by One Spirit, MC cheerleaders, student and alumni art exhibits, historical displays, and more at the Rainbow Room and the Market House on Hay Street.

## NOVEMBER 2006 – MAY 2007

MC Historical Displays featuring MC alumni will be available for viewing throughout the year on campus. The five decades of MC history will be represented at various locations on campus.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 11:00 – 5:00 P.M.

The 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Methodist College Charter will be commemorated during Convocation at 11:00 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium followed by a Campus Open House. The public will be invited to attend classes, live art demonstrations, and performances by One Spirit and the Jazz Ensemble. Classes can be audited at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., or 2 p.m., with advance registration.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 3:00 P.M.

Faculty reading in Clark Auditorium by Dr. Michael Colonnese, professor of English; Robin Greene, professor of English; and Dr. Michael Potts, professor of philosophy.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 4:00-6:30 P.M.

Art show and combined reception at the Mallett Rogers House.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 8:00 P.M.

Hypnotist performs in Reeves Auditorium (Student Activities Event).

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:30 P.M.

The world-renowned Vienna Choir Boys will perform in Reeves Auditorium.\*

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 6:00 P.M.

The 9th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet at the March F. Riddle Center.\*

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 7:30 P.M.

North Carolina's oldest symphony orchestra, the Fayetteville Symphony, is also celebrating 50 years in 2006! To mark our concurrent anniversaries, a special concert will be held—among the works featured will be the premiere of a commissioned work by MC Professor Keith Dippre honoring MC at 50 years.\*

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 9:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Alumni Sign-in at the Green and Gold Tent at Methodist College. Follow the sounds of "Rock'n with Rahn" Kersey '89 the DJ to find alumni registration behind Walter and Margaret Clark Hall!

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 8:30 A.M.

Alumni Softball Returns! Relive your days playing intramural softball before organized athletics hit the MC campus, or adjust your baseball arm so you can play a game with former classmates and coaches!

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 10:00 A.M.

Jim Darden, Class of '69 president and MC horticulturalist, invites you on a Campus Walking Tour! See all of the landscaping improvements Darden has added that beautify the campus and hear his exciting plans for the future.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 11:30 -1:00 P.M.

MC alumni and friends gather under the big tent for Lunch on the Green featuring fabulous food from Carrabba's Italian Grill proprietor Mark Moses '97! All proceeds benefit the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. The MC Alumni Association Award Winners for 2006 will be presented and past award winners, and Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized. One Spirit, directed by Betty Neill Guy Parsons '64, will perform. Lunch on the Green will take place behind Walter and Margaret Clark Hall.\*

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1:00 P.M. MONARCH FOOTBALL

Join fellow alumni and students to cheer on the reigning USA South Athletic Conference Champion Monarchs as they go for their 11th Homecoming victory in 12 years!\*

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7:00 P.M.

Methodist College celebrates its 50th Anniversary in style with a semi-formal 50th Anniversary Dinner and Dance in the Riddle Center featuring the Breeze Band! Enjoy great food while reminiscing with your former classmates, coaches, and professors, and enjoy music from all five decades of Methodist College's existence.\*

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Seventh Annual Silent Auction to Benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

While having fun with fellow alumni at the Green and Gold Tent from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and at the 50th Anniversary Dinner and Dance in the Riddle Center from 7:00 p.m. on, place your bid for great deals on trips, golf packages, art, and other items. All proceeds benefit the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

Special Worship Service at Hay Street United Methodist Church. \*For ticket prices and order forms, please visit [www.methodist.edu](http://www.methodist.edu) and scroll to the right, or call (910) 630-7351/(800) 488-7110. Green and Gold Ticket Passes are available for all ticketed events!

### **GOLD TICKET PASS**

Price: \$120 per person/  
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Includes admission to all  
six ticketed events  
with premium seating

### **GREEN TICKET PASS**

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