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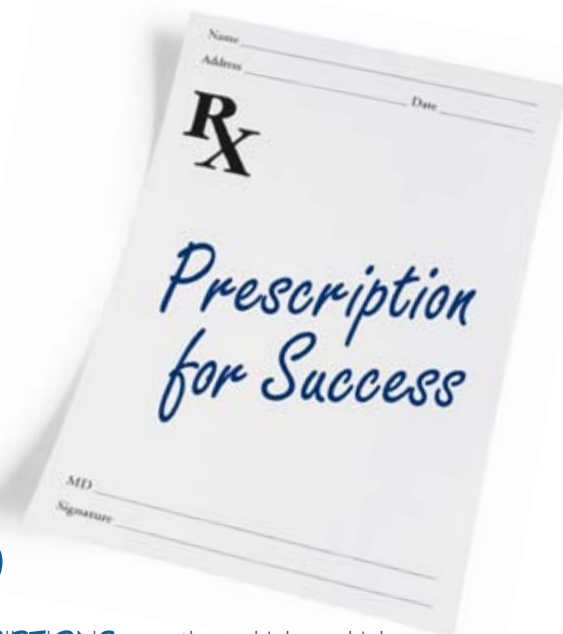
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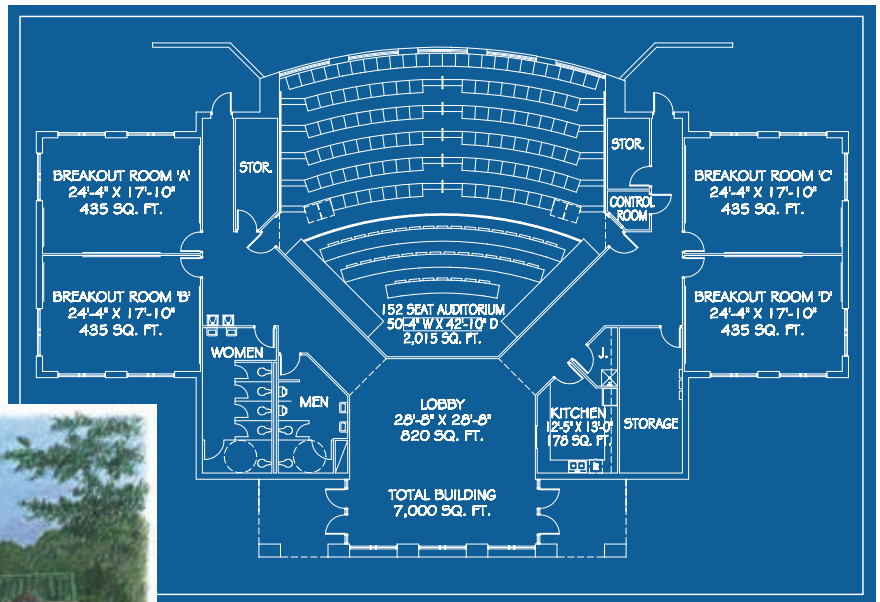
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There are currently four well-established Physician Assistant Programs in the state: Duke University, which accepts 66 new students each year; Wake Forest University, which accepts 48 new students; East Carolina University, which accepts 30 new students; and Methodist University, which accepts 34 new students each year. Though none of the four programs enroll large numbers, their impact is significant in that more than 3,000 PAs currently practice in North Carolina.

Methodist established its PA Program in 1996 in response to the critical primary care health care needs in southeastern North Carolina. Since its inception, the PA Program has produced more than 150 capable physician assistants who practice predominately in NC, but are also serving throughout the nation and overseas in the military. PAs, known as "physician extenders," practice medicine under the supervision of a licensed physician and assume some of the duties traditionally performed by physicians. They allow physicians more time with patients and for more patients to be seen.

PRESCRIPTIONS are the vehicles which make available needed medicine or treatment to improve a medical condition. North Carolina's medical condition is a shortage of healthcare professionals, which is only increasing as the state's population continues to expand. Add to that schools that are not able to turn out enough medical professionals and you have an impending crisis. The prescription to help alleviate this crisis is the expansion of the Methodist University Physician Assistant (PA) Program.



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The Methodist PA program has been extremely successful, both in the quality of its graduates and in its ability to retain them in North Carolina. The overall board pass rate for graduates of the program is 95 percent compared to the national average of 90 percent. Further, more than 78 percent of Methodist PA graduates have chosen to remain in North Carolina and are currently practicing in 30 counties, 29 of which are designated as

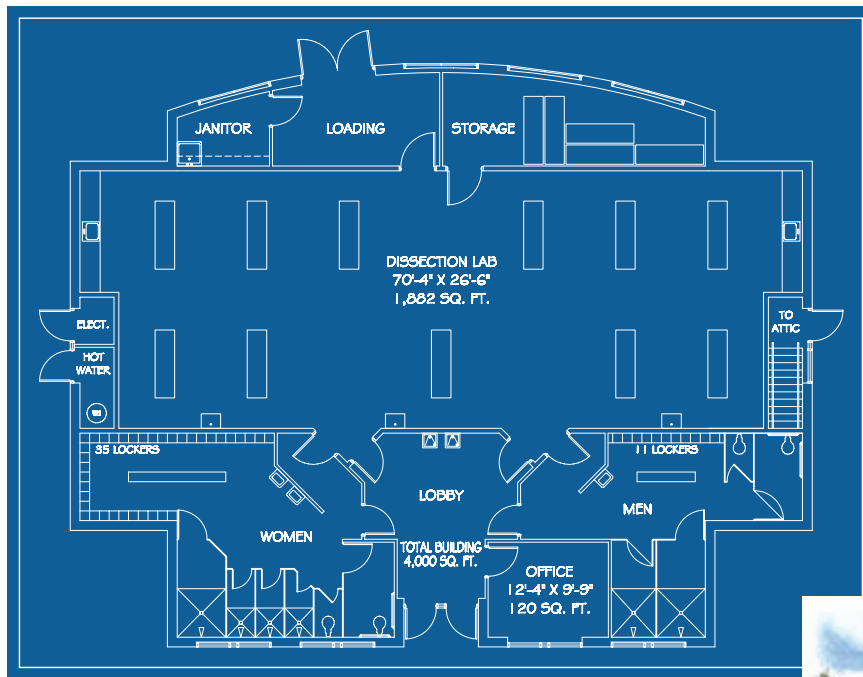
There is no question that the Methodist Physician Assistant Program is an important part of healthcare in North Carolina. In order to expand its enrollment, however, Methodist needs to construct two buildings—a 7,000 square foot Medical Lecture Hall and a 3,800 square foot Human Anatomy Laboratory, at a project cost of \$2,500,000.

Currently, Methodist is borrowing one small room at the VA Medical Center for its human

the skin as opposed to just studying it or seeing it in a virtual lab.”

Adequate classroom and lecture space is equally important. Currently, the program has two 30-seat classrooms that are inadequate. Many times during the 28-month program, more than 100 students gather in one room to hear lectures from area physicians. The current facility can barely accommodate the existing PA Program, and without additional space, it will be impossible to expand. There is clearly a need for a medical lecture hall with an auditorium that will accommodate 150 or more people. Plans also call for four breakout rooms to provide additional flexible classroom space. Both the auditorium and breakout rooms could also be used by the medical community for special lectures and continuing education for healthcare providers in Cumberland County.

There is a critical need for additional healthcare providers in the state. PA students are educated and trained to work in all areas of medicine, especially primary care settings, and to serve rural populations that are most vulnerable. These two buildings will allow the Methodist University PA Program to increase its enrollment to help meet the urgent need for medical professionals, benefiting thousands in North Carolina and beyond. The estimated cost



Human Anatomy Laboratory



medically underserved areas (MUAs) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources.

“We have a large demand for our graduates. Our curriculum is probably a little heavier than some of the other curriculums and our clinical times are longer than the other programs, but this is exactly what the doctors are looking for because they call asking for clinicians from Methodist University, and they say that they’re filling exactly the need they’re looking for,” said Ron Foster, founder and director of the Methodist PA program.

The state is aware of the shortage of medical providers. The North Carolina Institute of Medicine recommended in their 2007 report, *Providers in Demand: North Carolina’s Primary Care and Specialty Supply*, that North Carolina physician assistant schools increase their production by 30 percent just to maintain current provider levels. Methodist University plans to increase its annual enrollment from 34 to 45. It won’t be difficult to find excellent students to fill the new slots as more than 300 applications are received each year.

anatomy laboratory. Not only is this space inadequate for the current 34 students, when the existing agreement ends in 2009, this arrangement will no longer be an option. With an increasing number of veterans needing their services due to injuries sustained in multiple wars, the VA needs every available space. Methodist needs to construct a human anatomy laboratory with showers and locker space that can accommodate up to 50 students and 15 cadavers. Methodist is already a leader with the only full-body anatomy lab in the state. The new Human Anatomy laboratory will offer students a better opportunity to study health care.

Bruce Veeder, a 2007 graduate, spoke of the benefits of the anatomy lab, noting that every time you do something, even with just your physical exam, you can picture what’s underneath the surface of the skin. However, he added, “Knowing what you’re feeling when you are palpating a certain body part is invaluable because you actually know what’s underneath

of the Medical Lecture Hall is \$1.5 million, and the estimated cost of the Human Anatomy Lab is \$1 million.

Please join the Prescription for Success campaign. There are many opportunities for corporations and individuals to support this important project, with naming opportunities throughout the buildings. Your contribution will help expand a program with proven potential for enhancing the quality of healthcare in North Carolina.

To learn more about the Prescription for Success campaign, please contact Robin Davenport in the Development Office at 1-800-488-7110 or at rdavenport@methodist.edu. You can also view information about the PA Program at www.methodist.edu/PAProgram/index.htm.

What's in a Name?



Methodist University's newest residence halls, once known as Creekside, now bear the name McLean Residential Complex, thanks to a generous donation from the Thomas R. and Elizabeth E. McLean Foundation. This gift, along with two endowed professorships and a faculty award focused on excellence, makes one want to know more about the individuals behind the names.



Elizabeth E. McLean, known to close friends as Iddy, was a graduate of Vassar College. The professorship that bears her name at Methodist is awarded to a faculty member in the English department as a reflection of her love of reading.

Thomas R. McLean was a graduate of Davidson College and served in World War II. He was a major developer in Cumberland County during the 1960s and remained active in real estate until his death in 1998 at age 79. McLean and his partner, Paul Thompson, anticipated the post-World War II growth of Cumberland County and set an early standard for real estate development with VanStory Hills and College Lakes subdivisions. He was described as the area's leading real estate booster in the 1960s.

The residential complex named in their honor would please the developer in Tom McLean. Completed in 2007, the apartment-style residence halls feature four bedrooms, each with its own bath, full kitchen, living room, dishwasher, and pantry. Located adjacent to the golf course, the complex houses 91 residents and is traditionally reserved for juniors and seniors.

Known as a quiet, cordial man with a wide circle of friends, Tom McLean shared a close, long-lasting friendship with former governor and U.S. Senator Terry Sanford, who came to Fayetteville in the late 1940s to begin his political career. Terry Sanford also has a close Methodist connection in that he was one of the founding members of Methodist College's first Board of Trustees, and for whom Sanford Residence Hall on the MU campus is named.

Tom McLean was important in financing Terry Sanford's election, and when Sanford became governor in 1961, he named McLean to the State Highway Commission. Sanford also remembered his friend when writing his 1996 book *Outlive Your Enemies: Grow Old Gracefully*, which contains fictional accounts of friends who meet at a restaurant and discuss aging. The restaurant referred to as the U.S. Grill in the book was actually a round table at the old Prince Charles Hotel where Sanford recalled spending many delightful lunch hours with friends solving the problems of the world. One of the characters in the book was based on Tom McLean.

Dr. William R. Jordan of Fayetteville, NC, in remembering Tom McLean, was quoted by the *Fayetteville Observer-Times* Dec. 21, 1998 as saying, "His love of life was evidenced by his living of it and his greatest pleasure was improving the quality of life for others, particularly those citizens of his beloved Fayetteville." McLean was one of the individuals instrumental in founding what is now Fayetteville Technical Community College, and served on its Board of Trustees from 1981 through 1989. He also served on the Board of the Cumberland Community Foundation. When the foundation board set a goal of raising \$12 million in four years, Tom McLean was one of two members who pledged to match every board member's contribution up to \$500,000. This leadership allowed the foundation to meet its goal only slightly behind schedule.

In a Dec. 15, 1998 article following his death, the *Fayetteville Observer-Times* stated "Tom McLean set standards of excellence as a private citizen, friend, and public servant that remain a legacy to the community and to those who claimed his friendship." That legacy clearly continues today through the work of their foundation.



Special:

MJA & MBA

Spotlight on the Programs at MU

By Maria Sikoryak-Robins



While the Internet remains a valuable resource for exploring graduate degree offerings throughout the country, it's not an easy task to uncover information about the students, faculty, history, or characteristics that make a program really unique.

Surely, the academic calendar, application forms, course listings, and descriptions are readily available to someone interested in pursuing a graduate degree at MU. What is not readily available, however, is the answer to the following question: "Why MU's Master of Justice Administration (MJA) or Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program?"

In a Q&A with Dr. Darl Champion, director of Methodist University's Master of Justice Administration Program, I asked three questions:

Q How does this MJA program differ from other graduate programs? Why MU's MJA?

A. First, our name is unique. Master's degrees in criminal justice are commonplace; however, we offer a Master of Justice Administration degree. Presently, there are only two other institutions that offer the MJA, and those include the University of Louisville and

Norwich University. Secondly, the degree is an integration of two disciplines: criminal justice and public administration with a focus on criminal justice administration. Third, the program is offered in a non-traditional format, which consists of one residency weekend per month (four per semester) at the North Carolina Justice Academy (NCJA), plus web-enhanced instruction between residency weekends. Students are housed at the NCJA free of charge. Fourth, the MJA Program is designed primarily for working criminal justice professionals; however, qualified non-professionals may also apply. Working criminal justice professionals from different jurisdictions in the program allow students to acquire a holistic perspective regarding the problems within the criminal justice system. This environment also provides the students with the opportunity to network with other criminal justice professionals across the state, building professional bonds that last a lifetime.

Q What makes the MJA Program stand out from other graduate programs at MU?

A. First, all of our students are working criminal justice professionals. Most are currently working in municipal or county law enforcement, but we also have students employed by the Department of Corrections, State Bureau of Investigation, Company Police, and the NCJA. Of the law enforcement students in the program, many hold senior-level management positions such as deputy chief and division commander. Second, our students come from across the state. Third, the MJA Program provides students with a strong foundation in the administration of justice, focusing on values, and ethical principles such as truth, virtue, and justice. Fourth, the MJA Program is specifically geared to focus on the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to effectively address problems and issues currently facing the criminal justice system.



Q What is unique about the history of the program?

A. The MJA Program was created through a systematic planning process. The initial idea of a non-traditional graduate program with a focus on justice administration was a result of conversations between Dr. Darl Champion, Sr., former chair of the Department of Justice Studies at MU, and Dr. Martie Stanford, former director of the NCJA. After nearly twelve years of preparing students to enter the field, the Department of Justice Studies received encouragement through conversations with the director of the NCJA, criminal justice employers across the state, and graduates, to extend the MU mission by offering a master's degree. Also, key input from a survey in the summer of 2002



reflected a strong interest in a master's degree in justice administration. Once the assessment was completed, a special committee of criminal justice professionals and NCJA staff identified the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) of the management and supervisory positions that our graduates would be qualified to fill upon graduation. These KSAs were then used as a guide to develop the MJA curriculum. The first class of 15 students entered the program in January of 2005, with the first graduates in December of 2006. This semester, there are 32 students enrolled in the program.

Meet our MJA Students...

Tracey Bass-Caine <i>Fayetteville Police Department</i>	Kelly Hoyle <i>Mt. Holly Police Department</i>
Alfred Bell <i>Department of Corrections, Apex</i>	Rachel Juren <i>Forsyth Tech Campus Police</i>
Kristen Bennett Ernest Cuthbertson Justin Flynt <i>Greensboro Police Department</i>	Patricia Driggers Mark Ketchum <i>Jacksonville Police Department</i>
Joseph Binns <i>Garner Police Department</i>	Michele Larson <i>RDU Police</i>
James Buie <i>Gaston County Police Department</i>	Rick Loveless <i>Dept. of the Navy, Marine Corps Police</i>
Gerald Childress <i>Mooreville Police Department</i>	Ralph Norton James Smith <i>Asheboro Police Department</i>
Darla Cole <i>Lee County Schools Special Police</i>	Randy Pait <i>Wilmington Police Department</i>
Kellie Eason <i>State Bureau of Investigation</i>	Chandler Powell <i>New Bern Police Department</i>
Sara Falcon <i>Allied Barton Company Police</i>	Kendra Howell Eric Smith Mark Sullivan <i>Wilson Police Department</i>
Stacy Holloman Vicki Pope <i>NC Justice Academy, Salemburg</i>	Heather Tompkins <i>Carrboro Police Department</i>
John Holly <i>Lee County Sheriff's Department</i>	David Wulff <i>Cary Police Department</i>



In a Q&A with Dr. Warren McDonald, director of Methodist University's Master of Business Administration Program, I asked the same questions:

Q How do the MBA programs at Methodist differ from other graduate programs? Why MU's MBA?

A. The Professional MBA at Methodist University is focused for today. It combines the necessary skills to effectively manage and lead. In the contemporary business environment, we deal with a wide, diverse population, and to be able to find success requires not only the ability to manage, but also to effectively lead. We provide each student with the opportunity to specialize in a particular area of business





Meet our MBA at MU students...

Bonnie Adamson
Jasmin Brown
Robin Davenport
Marilyn Harris
Jamie Legg
Ernie Rushing
Methodist University

Jenifer Agee
Womack Army Medical Center

Rafael Bernaola
The Clubs at St. James Plantation

Douglas Boemker
Macrotec Security Corp

Courtney Bull
USA Partners Sports Alliance

Carl Burke
Historic Halifax (NC Cultural Resources)

Amy Carrillo
Griffin, Maxwell Accounting Firm

Anikka Clarke
Cumberland County Mental Health

Joshua Douthit
Part-Time Work, Full-Time Student

Ydonna Hopper
Lewis "Scott" Oatman
VA Medical Center

Gary Bradley Jackson
Sampson Regional Medical Center

Tamela Johnson
Fayetteville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

Joshua May
Fayetteville Dogwood Festival

Siemyra McNeill
Golden Opportunity Homes

Catherine "Cat" Murray
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Deanna Romeo
G2 Interactive

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FTCC

Anne "Chappell" Tommasi
KCI Corp

Shameeka Wansley
Jesse Carson High School

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Advanced Homecare



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**The Professional
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Although the Professional MBA at MU began only last year, Pinehurst Resort has been home to MU's "The Professional MBA at Pinehurst®" for several years. This program has a focus in golf, tennis, and resort management, and has attracted many outstanding students from across the country.

Q What is unique about the history of the program?

A. Our uniqueness comes in the focus area, which is organizational management and leadership. Although the focus is broad, it meets the needs of many areas of business, and provides students with the skills to make them successful managers/leaders. Today, those skills are interrelated, and we feel the combination is a niche for us that has proven to be successful. Students—we hope—choose our program for the degree focus, the excellent faculty, and the quality and reputation of the institution. The program is an accessible value in the marketplace; with students from Florida, Pennsylvania, and throughout North Carolina, I feel we have made choosing MU an easy choice for students in the region and beyond.

through the six-hour Capstone Project, which can take several forms. For example, the project can be a traditional thesis, an applied research project, or an advanced internship with an in-depth report of accomplished goals. When designing the program, we felt this approach would set us apart from other MBA programs.

Q What makes the MBA Program stand out from other graduate programs at MU?

A. The Professional MBA in Organizational Management & Leadership at Methodist University began last semester. Our initial cohort was comprised of 27 highly accomplished students, and it has been exciting to be a part of the design and implementation of the program. The MBA at Methodist University was developed as an

on-campus, blended program (meaning face-to-face intensive weekend sessions, combined with online work) because we wanted to reach out to the large adult population in the region, and provide students with a high-quality program that would allow for accessibility. The program, combined with strong support from both Dr. Hendricks and Dr. Crisp, has proven to be successful. This semester, we are taking in a second cohort because of the strong interest in the program.



**The Professional
 MBA at Pinehurst® -
 Meet our Students...**

Michael "Kevin" Criscoe
Pinehurst Tennis Club

Eric H. Eshleman
Country Club of Birmingham

Tyrone "Ty" Gayeski
Eaton Corporation

Patrick B. Hanna
National Club Association (Lobbyist)

Brian P. Hillsinger
Country Club of Birmingham

Richard "Rich" Huether
HoneyBaked Ham

Jonathan Mitchell
Methodist University

2008 Endowed Scholarship Luncheon

The anticipation of meeting "their student" face to face...the opportunity to share stories about parents, family, or friends who established scholarships... the chance to visit with family and friends.

These reasons and more are why individuals traveled from as far away as Burlington, Henderson, Mocksville, and New Bern, and as close by as Fayetteville, to attend the November 14, 2008 Endowed Scholarship Luncheon. Held annually, this event allows donors to meet their scholarship recipients and provides students the opportunity to say thank you and learn a little more about the individuals who made their scholarship possible. Donors and students often stay in contact with one another following the event.

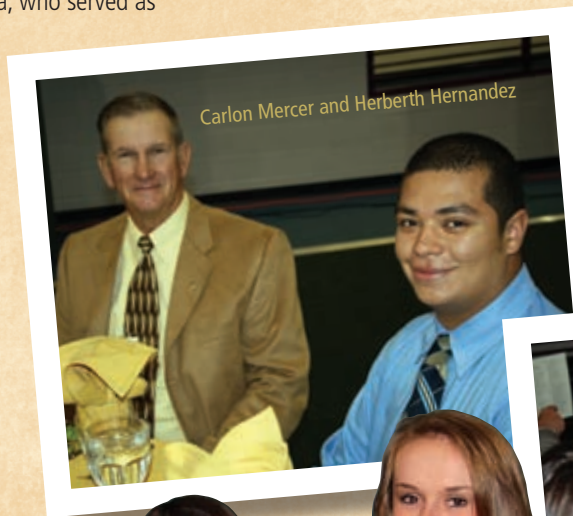
This year's luncheon highlighted donors Walt and Loretta Swing whose scholarship is designated for accounting majors. Walt, a retired faculty member who was instrumental in establishing the Accounting major at Methodist, and Loretta, who served as the University's accountant for fifteen years, established the Walter M. and Loretta S. Swing Accounting Scholarship in 1982.

Student speakers were Jaron Burkhardt and Alicia Bates. Jaron, a recipient of the James C. Black, Sr. and Florence S. Black Scholarship, is a senior who will graduate in May 2009 with a B.A. in Music. In addition to his studies, Jaron is a worship leader at Bethany Church of God and works with the Cape Fear High School Marching Band as a percussion instructor. After graduation, he plans to continue his education by getting

a Master's Degree in Church Music or Music Education. Alicia Bates graduated in December 2008 with a B.S. in Mass Communications and Journalism and plans to attend graduate school. During her time at Methodist, Alicia was very involved with the Student Activities Committee, serving on their Board of Directors in 2008.

Over 90 percent of Methodist University students receive some type of financial aid. For the 2007-08 academic year, Methodist provided approximately \$9.3 million, which is over 20% of its annual budget, to make a college education more affordable for students. Endowed and annual scholarships provided almost \$800,000 and assisted over 230 students.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship at Methodist University, please contact **Robin Davenport** in the Development Office at **(910) 630-7609**.



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Krystal Poirier and Lynn James



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MU'S INTERNATIONAL



The MU Community Reaches Out:

Volunteers Pack 30,000 Meals to Feed the Hungry By Maria Sikoryak-Robins



According to Stop Hunger Now's Web site, 25,000 people die every day (1,041 per hour, 17 per minute, and one per three seconds) from hunger and malnutrition. Methodist University students, faculty, and staff partnered with volunteers from United Way of Cumberland County to pack meals for Stop Hunger Now Oct. 29, 2008. In conjunction with the Office of University Relations and Campus Ministry, the project was organized by Jane Gardiner, associate vice-president for Academic Affairs.

OUTREACH



"I am proud that so many people from our University contributed their time and/or money to such a meaningful project," said Gardiner.

Chapel was held at 11:00 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium and included a video about the **Stop Hunger Now** initiative in North Carolina. The Rev. Dr. Michael Safley delivered the sermon, which focused on addressing the issues of world hunger. Rick Kearney, Goldsboro operation sharehouse coordinator for Stop Hunger Now, thanked the MU community for their participation and provided details about the meal-packing that would follow.

Packaging began at noon in the Student Union at Berns Student Center. One-hundred volunteers packed each hour for three hours. The turnout was so overwhelming that some volunteers had to wait until the next time block to jump on the assembly line. By 3:00 p.m., Methodist University students, faculty, and staff, and United Way volunteers had successfully packed 30,000 meals. At \$0.20/meal, the project cost was \$6,000. Through collections at Chapel and other donations from the MU community, the necessary funds were raised to cover the project.

Shortly after the event's completion, Gardiner received a message from Kearney regarding the meals that were packaged at MU. In the letter, he noted, "Some or all of the meals that your group packaged were loaded on Monday, Nov. 24, and bound for Mombassa, Kenya. The meals will be used by the Bahati Community Center and the Akiniita Foundation in Nairobi, Kenya."



An MU Student Reaches Out:

Muhibi Empowers Women by Establishing a Literacy Program in the Rural Villages of Afghanistan

By Yashaswi Shrestha, Methodist University Student

Rahila Muhibi, a 23-year-old senior at MU majoring in global studies and political science, believes that education can bring about significant change in her society.

Born in Kabul, Afghanistan, she grew up submerged in a society that is largely dominated by males. "Girls are trained to be good wives by their mothers, while the boys go to school in cities or neighboring villages," said Muhibi.

According to Muhibi, her society widely accepts and approves of marriage at a young age. She even revealed the fact that she was engaged to her cousin at the age of seven, and that the hardest part of the engagement was making her family understand that this is not the proper way to marry. "Young girls who dream of going to school are imposed with household duties and family obligations," said Muhibi. "Even after marriage, most women are victims of domestic violence, but are forced to remain silent."

In 2007, Muhibi resolved to do something about the problem in her country. She received a grant from the Kathryn Wasserman Davis Foundation to initiate a Project for Peace in her country. The grant enabled her to open a Youth Summer Camp for Peace in her province. She gathered 40 students of different backgrounds and lifestyles from rural and urban regions of Afghanistan to live, learn, understand one another, and work together in a small village of Dahni-Lahli situated in the district of Dowshi. The women and children were involved in community service activities, cultural activities, village tours, career planning, storytelling, and other socializing activities, which involved teamwork.

"This experience was a stepping-stone," Muhibi said. Upon teamwork completion of the project, she took the initiative to reach out again. Her new project is called "100 Mothers Literacy Program" and her goal is to educate illiterate mothers in Afghanistan. "I have approached a lot of people to help me with this project and it is the first project I have started on my own," said Muhibi. "If you educate a mother, then you will educate a household," she added.

Through this program, she hopes to educate mothers about issues such as health, sanitation, and childcare, in addition to teaching basic academic courses. To date, she has independently raised \$8,000.

"My journey has taught me that the power of care and generosity moves mountains, and will provide opportunities that people in my country have long been waiting for," said Muhibi. "I believe that 100 Mothers Literacy Program is a spark of hope for the future of my nation."

For more information about the project, send an e-mail to rahilamuhibi@gmail.com.





A TRIBUTE TO **Mike Sinkovitz** ...Coach Sink ...Buddy

By Mike Safley

I WAS SITTING IN MY OFFICE and Mike Sinkovitz walked in carrying a hot cup of strong coffee. "Hey Dean," he said. At the time, I was serving Methodist College as vice-president of Student Affairs and dean of students. Well, I knew right away Mike wanted something. The only time he ever called me "Dean" or brought me a cup of his coffee was when he had an idea that would cost me some money. Mike said, "Don't you think it is about time that Methodist had a full-time director of intramurals?"

Mike knew that I had been working on that goal for some time. We had a part-time coordinator of intramurals and the program was a part-time responsibility of one of our residential coordinators. Mike had been working as an assistant football coach for three years, but for various reasons, he felt it was time for a change.

Without giving away my plan, I supported his idea and encouraged him to apply if I was successful in securing the position. Little did he know I had already made the decision to hire him if the position was approved—I knew Mike was the man for the position. He built such a positive reputation coaching that I could not imagine a better person for the job. While coaching football, he demonstrated his ability to communicate and relate to the students who seemed unreachable. Not only could he relate well, but he also became an advocate for their needs, a mentor, and a spiritual advisor. Soon after our initial conversation and the cup of coffee that kept me awake for three days, the position was approved, and the rest is history. The decision to hire Mike Sinkovitz as the director of intramurals was one of the best decisions I ever made as the dean of students.

Once hired, Mike quickly became one of the most popular staff members on campus. As director of intramurals, he increased the number of on-campus activities and started the Outdoor Adventure Club, which included numerous trips to New York and Key West, and horseback riding, sky diving, and a number of other risk-taking challenges. Mike made the Outdoor Adventure Club and all intramural activities available to everyone who desired to participate. He managed the finances of his program so well that if a student could not afford to go on the Thanksgiving trip to swim with the manatees, he allocated the funds to cover what the student could not come up with. His caring spirit and nurturing nature were the outstanding characteristics that endeared him to students.

In the spring of 1994, the student entertainment complex beside the Riddle Center was built. "The Sink" was named for Mike. In this photo, he is visible to the left of the pickup truck supervising the project.



Now it is time to reveal a well-kept secret: Mike had a sense of discipline. He had the ability to handle almost any situation before it got out of control and even those that did eventually get out of control. Essentially, Mike was my secret weapon. When I needed some reassurance about a rumor, or if a situation needed immediate attention, I would call Mike into my office for a discussion. I would share with him my concerns and sure enough, within a few days, the problem would be solved. He would hold students accountable and talk some sense into them while keeping them out of the judicial system. Shortly after the football program started, I remember a time when some football and baseball players were having a conflict.

Well, a "conflict" is actually an understatement of the reality of the situation. Anyway, I suspected that the potential for a major fight was looming. I was not sure how to handle the situation so I talked with the coaches and then to Mike. His first

idea was to put the students having the issues on the football field and let them go at it until it was out of their system. I thought it would be best to rethink that solution. After several skirmishes, he got the leaders of both sides of the conflict together and took them off campus to his farm. The problem miraculously disappeared—Mike was my secret weapon.

In addition to building people up and solving problems, Mike was an avid construction engineer. The downside of this ability was that he was frequently pulled away from his job as director of intramurals for repair or construction projects on campus. There are several projects on campus and in the homes of faculty and staff members that bear Mike's imprint. I am currently living in a campus home that bears his imprint. Mike built the deck, repaired the boat dock at the pond, installed a fountain, and more. There is no telling what else he did for so many others.

I could go on and on about the second mile and explain his ability to reach out to marginal students. However, I think you get the message. Mike Sinkovitz was a remarkable person who touched the lives of countless students, faculty, and staff members. His influence as a mentor and friend will be greatly missed. For now, we can only be thankful that the angels have a new mentor and friend to repair their angelic residences.



The Methodist men's and women's cross country teams finished fifth and sixth respectively at the USA South Cross Country Championships during the first week of November. Three female runners received All-Conference honors at the conclusion of the season. Freshman Megan Rose received first team honors after pacing the Monarchs through the first three meets. Sophomore Kristy Zeiler was named to the third team shaving minutes off of her times from a year ago. Sophomore Diane Colette Starrantino is an honorable mention selection after running in two races this season. On the men's side, freshman Mark Jernigan led the Monarchs during the season before being named USA South Rookie of the Week Sept. 15.



The men's soccer team had a strong finish this fall with an 11-9 record after upsetting regionally ranked Greensboro in the regular season finale. The Monarchs finished as the third seed in the tournament and won the quarterfinal 7-0 over #6 Ferrum. Methodist lost to eventual USA South Champions N.C. Wesleyan in the semifinal, but finished the season with six players earning USA South All-Conference honors.

The women's soccer team set out to defend their USA South Championship, but came up short with an 11-8-1 record. Methodist entered the USA South Tournament as the #3 seed and similar to the men's team, had a comfortable victory in the quarterfinals before dropping the semifinal to the eventual tournament champions. Freshman Danielle Minichello was named USA South Rookie of the Year after scoring 14 goals with two assists while junior Whitney Roberson joined Minichello on the USA South First Team.

Head coach Eddie Matthews led the Methodist volleyball team to a 17-15 overall record and a fifth place finish in the USA South. The Monarchs finished the regular season with two wins to secure the fifth seed, but dropped the quarterfinal match to Greensboro College. Methodist had two players receive All-Conference recognition this season.

The Methodist football team started out the season with a strong victory over nearby Campbell University, but dropped the next seven games. The Monarchs fought back and took a 20-10 win over Greensboro College in the final home game before finishing 2-8 overall this season. Six players were named to the USA South All-Conference teams.



Both golf teams opened up the 2008-09 seasons in preparation to host the 2009 NCAA Division III National Championships this spring. In the final poll of the fall season, the Methodist women were ranked number one while the men were ranked number two. The Monarchs will continue their season during the spring.

The men's and women's tennis teams participated in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) fall regional competitions in September. The women also competed in Meredith's Fall Invitational and were ranked 11th regionally at the conclusion of the fall season. Both teams will open their spring competition in February.



Methodist to Host NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Golf National Championships

Methodist University announced that it has been selected as the host institution for the 2009 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Golf Championships.

The four-day event will be held May 13-16 at the PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

The women's championship invites 21 teams and the top six individuals not participating with their team for 111 total participants. The men's championship will feature 36 teams, along with the top five individuals not participating with their team, for a total of 185 competitors.

Methodist previously hosted the Division III national championships in 1994 (men, King's Grant, Fayetteville, N.C.) and 2005 (women, Pine Needles, Pinehurst, N.C.) and the university is honored to be the first to host both at the same location. "We are honored that the NCAA has selected MU to host both the men's and women's NCAA Division III National Championships at the PGA Village," said Bob McEvoy, Methodist University's director of athletics. "Together with the NCAA, the PGA Village, our coaches and other staff members, we will make the 2009 Championships an outstanding and memorable experience for the participating institutions and selected student-athletes."

The Monarch women are coming off of their 11th consecutive National Championship, winning at Centennial Oaks Golf Club in Waverly, Iowa. The women have accumulated 21 championships in 23 years and are primed to continue their run this May. "It is an honor to earn the bid to host the NCAA National Championships," said women's Head Coach Vici Pate.

MU men's Head Coach Steve Conley led the men to a fourth place finish at the 2008 National Championship and boasts nine national titles in the last 14 years. "We are invested in the Championship," Conley said. "We want to create an atmosphere and an experience that all of the student-athletes will enjoy and remember for the rest of their lives."

Port St. Lucie, a city of 166,000 on Florida's Atlantic coast, is the perfect location for such a significant event. Ranked No. 30 in *GolfWorld's* inaugural "Reader's Choice Award Top 50 Golf Courses," the Village features 54 holes of golf designed by Tom Fazio and Pete Dye. "PGA Village provides a historical backdrop that showcases the legendary timeline in the game of golf," Pate added. "The status of Division III golf has elevated to a point where we feel the experience of the National Championship should match the accomplishment of getting there. PGA Village provides this opportunity."

Homecoming 2008



Over 200 alumni and friends returned to Methodist to “Catch the Spirit,” enjoy the beautiful weather, see old classmates, and celebrate Homecoming Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008. Alumni were treated to breakfast during registration and enjoyed socializing and reminiscing over yearbooks from reunion years ending in “3” and “8.”

A highlight of this year’s Homecoming was the Choral Reunion, organized by new Choral Director Michael Martin. Former directors **Alan Porter** and **Betty-Neill Parsons ‘64** returned to rehearse the combined Alumni Chorus and Methodist Chorale in the morning hours and to direct them in a performance during this year’s “Lunch on the Green.” Lunch attendees were also treated to a performance by the MU Chorale. The audience enjoyed the “Cantique de Jean Racine” and “Soon Ah Will be Done” directed by Alan Porter, and “City Called Heaven” and “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” conducted by **Betty-Neill Parsons ‘64**. Following lunch, the combined student and alumni chorus went to the football field and performed a special arrangement of the Star Spangled Banner for the game crowd. Choral alumni had a great time and want to make it an annual event!

For the fourth year in a row, a fabulous meal of Chicken Marsala with spaghetti and salad was provided for the MU Alumni Association’s “Lunch on the Green” by **Mark Moses ‘97**, the proprietor of Carrabba’s Italian Grill in Fayetteville, N.C. During the luncheon program, Alumni Awards were presented (*see related article, p. 16*), and classes in reunion were recognized by Emcee and MU Alumni Association First Vice President Dr. Kelli Sapp.

Homecoming gave former Monarchs an opportunity to relive their glory days on the basketball court when they got together for alumni games on Nov. 1. Both men’s and women’s alumni games were held in the Riddle Center in the morning.

Capping off the day’s events was dinner at Docks at the Capitol, downtown Fayetteville’s new place for food and fun. Young alumni headed to the nearby AIT Building downtown for the student Homecoming dance.





WOMEN'S ALUMNI BASKETBALL REUNION
Back Row, from left to right: Latrice Holliday '07, Ratarsha Thompson '99, Courtney Bisette '08, Stacy Williams '07, Mica Gay Mitchell '01, Chelsale Hester '08, Melody Dark '02, LuShonda Ganus Priebe '01, and Amy Todd '99. **Front Row, from left to right:** Jennifer Dollyhigh '04, Priscilla Farhan '00, Dee Richards '06, Heather McDaniel '07, Beverly Knight '99, Yolanda McNeill '05, Lauren Maloney '04, Brandy McCollum '03, and Nikysa Jackson '02.

MEN'S ALUMNI BASKETBALL REUNION

From left to right: Eugene Grant '06, Monarch Men's Head Coach David Smith '81, Robert Lee '07, Ivan Little '04, Brian Lane '08, Marcus Martin '96, Art Hatch '04, Nate Davis '97, Tap Coile '99, Billy McDade '08, Johnny Wilson '99, Marchise Jones '06, Seth Thomas '06, and Bradford Melvin '05.



MU Grad Becomes the Youngest Pro in the PGA

Out of 28,000 members in the Professional Golfers' Association of America (PGA), 23-year-old Micah Vugrinec, a 2007 Methodist University graduate, is currently the youngest head professional.

Last winter, the head professional position came open at Mattaponi Springs Golf Club in Ruther Glen, Va., about 30 miles northeast of Richmond. The 18-hole course was ranked second nationally in *Golf Digest's* ranking of the best new upscale public courses of 2005-2006, and ranked sixth among public courses in Virginia by Golfweek. Since Mattaponi Springs is one of the top public golf courses in Virginia, Ron Brown, the club's general manager, had a number of applicants to choose from. He hired the then 22-year old for the job. Brown said that age was never a factor in his decision making, and that he was impressed with Vugrinec's professionalism, skills, and desire to "make things better" right off the bat.

Vugrinec is a Delaware native who grew up playing golf. He made the decision to go into the business while working as an assistant pro at King's Creek Country Club in Rehoboth Beach at the age of 18. He went on to attend Methodist University from 2003-2007, earning his bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

Prior to accepting the position at Mattaponi Springs, Vugrinec served as assistant pro at Carolina Trace Country Club in Sanford, N.C. Vugrinec said he attributes his success to the PGM Program. "It was great," he said, "especially Jerry Hogge and Bob Bruns. I still stay in contact with everyone there."

Vugrinec has been enjoying his position and the challenge has been "right at par" with his expectations. "We try really hard to give you the same experience you would get at a private club. We have a private club's atmosphere at a public course environment."

In the long-run, Vugrinec hopes to become the general manager of a course of his own.



Alumni News

BIRTHS

CLASS OF 1997

Cindy (Del Rosario) Hogge '97 and husband Matthew Hogge welcomed their first child into the world July 11, 2008. Zachary Thomas Hogge was born at 4:18 p.m., weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz., and was a little over 19 inches long. The family resides in Plymouth, Mass.



CLASS OF 2001

Jill (Rice) Zweibelson '01 announces the birth of her son. "On Oct. 7, 2008, Luke Robert was born. He was 7 lbs., 3 oz., and 21.5 inches long. He joins big brother Ethan (six years old) and big brother Jack (three years old). Luke is the third and final child in our family."



ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

CLASS OF 1998

Brian Spriggs '98 and Rachel Horton were married Oct. 18, 2008, in Mount Holly, N.C.

CLASS OF 2000

Scott Kauffman '00 announces his engagement to Veronica Page. The couple plans to be married Aug. 14, 2009.

CLASS OF 2005

Wendy Elizabeth Heath '05 and Kevin Wallace were married July 26, 2008, in Hamlet, N.C. After honeymooning in the Bahamas, the couple will live in Rockingham, N.C.

CLASS OF 2006

Robert Christopher Brock '06 and Brittany Rae Sherrod were married Aug. 30, 2008, in Rock Ridge, N.C. The couple resides in Greenville, N.C.

John Baker '06 and Lynn Crow were married Oct. 11, 2008, in an outdoor wedding at the Pinehurst Fair Barn in Pinehurst, N.C. The couple resides in Orlando, Fla.

CLASS OF 2007

Jeremiah Oldham '07 and Kristi Willett were married Sept. 6, 2008, in Sanford, N.C. Following a honeymoon trip to the Bahamas, the couple will reside in Sanford, N.C.

Kelley McGlaun, '07 and her husband Jeremy were married July 19, 2008, in Jacksonville, N.C. They are moving to Charleston, S.C., at the end of November for more career opportunities and to start their lives together.

CLASS OF 2008



Carolina Nicole Brewer '08 and James Davies were married Sept. 12, 2008, in Fayetteville, N.C., on the grounds of the Fayetteville Museum of Art. The couple resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

Melinda "Mindy" Price '08 announces her engagement to Dominic Alvarado. The couple plans to be married Dec. 31, 2008 at Erwin Advent Christian Church in Erwin, N.C.

CLASS NOTES

CLASS OF 1968

George Armstrong '68 has been named the Home Builders Association of Fayetteville's 2008 Builder of the Year.

CLASS OF 1970

Howard B. Arden '70 has been named to the Board of Directors of The Westchester Bank in Yonkers. Arden, an Armonk resident, is president of Arden Business Systems Inc. of Armonk, an office products company he founded in 1986. Arden is founder and president of the Friends of Muscoot Park, a 777-acre county park in Somers. He also serves as chairman of the Muscoot Park Advisory Board, chairman of the North Castle Open Space Committee, and treasurer to the Board of Trustees of The Friends of Westchester County Parks. He holds a Master's of Public Administration (MPA) degree from New York University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Methodist University.

CLASS OF 1973

Larry Phillpott '73 and his wife Pam now reside in Swansboro, N.C. Larry retired Jan. 1, 2008, after serving more than 32 years in public parks and recreation services. Larry says, "Like many of us, I stay in

contact, visit, and plan outings with former MU classmates, baseball teammates, and dorm mates - lifelong friends."

CLASS OF 1977

Gail Charles '77 will lead the Goldsboro Parks and Recreation Department once current director, Sonya Shaw, departs the city in early December. Gail currently serves as the superintendent of recreation and has worked with the department for 29 years.

CLASS OF 1979

Dr. Maryjane McCallum-Kirby '79, faculty member at Walden University, has been recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* for showing dedication, leadership, and excellence in all aspects of educational administration.

CLASS OF 1994

James "Jamie" Justice '94 has been hired as the assistant town manager of Matthews, N.C.

CLASS OF 1997

Josh Franklin '97 has been named vice president of sales and marketing for Cornerstone Therapeutics, Inc., in Cary, N.C. Prior to joining Cornerstone in September of 2008, Josh was a key member

CLASS NOTES (cont'd.)

of the marketing team at Ther-Rx Corporation (a subsidiary of KV Pharmaceutical) during a critical five-year growth period, serving most recently as vice president of marketing.

CLASS OF 1998

Edwin Edwards '98 has been appointed as general manager of Arabian Ranches Golf Club in Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates.

CLASS OF 1999

Felix Sarfo-Kantanka '99, assistant vice president for McGuire Woods Consulting, has been named as a member of the transition team for Richmond Mayor-elect Dwight Jones and will serve on the Employee Relations research committee. "It's a great honor to be appointed and I'm very excited to be selected as a member of Mayor-elect Jones' transition team," said Felix.

Randal "Chuck" Webster '99, head football coach at Trinity Christian School, was named the Carolina Panthers High School Coach of the Week for the week of October 13, 2008. In his first season as Trinity's head coach last year, Webster guided his team to a 13-0 record and the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association eight-man football title.

CLASS OF 2001

Chasity Laton '01 says, "I am a military wife of eight years. Dwight and I have three boys, Zander, who is 5 and started kindergarten this year, and my twins Wyatt and Gaige, who are 10½ months.



I have worked several different jobs since graduation, but I am currently staying home with my boys while my husband is deployed for the second time to Iraq."

Dr. Paula Stapleton '01 is the newest member of Dr. Debra Zombek's dental practice in Rocky Mount, N.C. Paula will be working in both the Rocky Mount and Clayton offices.

CLASS OF 2005

Ryan Kesten '05, an assistant at Weston Golf Club, won the New England PGA Assistants Association pro-pro match with T.J. Anthoine in October at Concord Country Club. Ryan is in his third season at Weston.

CLASS OF 2007

Ben Egan '07 has been named the new head professional at the Gardner Municipal Golf Course by the Gardner Golf Commission. Egan succeeds his father, who was the head professional at the Gardner Municipal Golf Course for 32 years beginning in 1976.

CLASS OF 2008

Bambi White '08 was hired as a fingerprint technician for the Washington State Patrol.

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Entrepreneurial Alumni Couple Acquires Fayetteville Restaurant



Kevin and Simone Dennison '95, '95

have a new addition to their growing family. The entrepreneurial couple has just acquired Hamburger Heaven, a restaurant in the 100 block of Person Street in a downtown Fayetteville that is rapidly returning to its former glory as a shopping and entertainment center. The Dennisons, who have two boys ages two and four, also own Carolina Snowballs, with three locations in the Fayetteville area.

"Carolina Snowballs is a seasonal business and we wanted something that was year-round," said Kevin. "I met with the previous owner of Hamburger Heaven and really liked the restaurant, plus it was a great deal," he said. The menu offers burgers and sandwiches made with fresh ingredients — nothing is ever frozen or microwaved. The staff is friendly and efficient.

Kevin serves as the girl's basketball and volleyball coach at The Fayetteville Academy during the academic year, and Simone is assistant principal of Bill Heffner Elementary School. They invite all Methodist alumni to stop in and see them at Hamburger Heaven. Kevin can be found there during the lunch hour on weekdays and most of the day on many Saturdays.



Methodist University Distinguished Alumnus Award 2008

The Methodist University Alumni Association (MUAA) presented its awards during the Homecoming "Lunch on the Green" held Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008 (see related story, p. 12). Chairman of the MU Board of Trustees **Harvey Wright '70**, the 2007 recipient of the MUAA Distinguished Alumnus Award, presented the 2008 award to **Earl Leake**,



Earl Leake '73

who also serves on the Board of Trustees. Leake attended what was then Methodist College from 1969 through 1973, when he graduated with a degree in Business Administration.

Not long after graduating, Leake joined Lance, Inc., the Charlotte-based snack food company. His career with Lance has spanned 33 years and he now serves as senior vice president of human resources and organizational development. In 1987, the company elected him as an officer of the corporation.

Chairman Wright noted, "Mr. Leake has an intense interest in the advancement of his alma mater and in improving the educational opportunities it makes available to students." He is currently serving a second four-year term on the University's Board of Trustees. He serves on the Audit and Student Development & Services Committees of the Board and is vice chair of the Investment Committee. Leake also served on the MC/U Alumni Association Board of Directors for many years. He completed two consecutive three-year terms from April 2001 to January 2007 and chaired the Finance Committee. In May 2001, Leake delivered the commencement address for spring graduation. He has been financially supportive of the University and its goals, both personally and through the Lance Foundation.

Leake and his wife Florence reside in Charlotte, N.C., and their daughter, Kristen, attends High Point University.

In introducing the 2008 Outstanding Alumni Service Award Winner, **Dr. Jerry Jackson '75**, said, "This award is important because as alumni, we need to recognize that our alma mater doesn't just need our financial support, it needs our time and talents as well." The award honors outstanding service and dedication to Methodist University. The Alumni Association,



Mark Moses '97

and Jackson, the 2007 recipient, presented the Outstanding Alumni Service Award to **Mark Moses, Class of '97**.

Moses is the proprietor of Carrabba's Italian Grill in Fayetteville, N.C. and has been since 2004. For the past four years at Homecoming, he has donated 200 Carrabba's Chicken Marsala lunches to assist the Alumni Association in raising funds for the Alumni Endowed Scholarship. That endowment is now valued at \$100,000, and two scholarships are awarded every year.

Moses is eager to assist Methodist University in any way he can. He employs many Methodist University students at Carrabba's, which is welcome part-time work for them while they are in school. Moses was the recipient of the Center for Entrepreneurship's Business and Economics Alumnus Award in 2007 for his exemplary business achievements and notable service to Methodist University and the community.

Mark, his wife Nadine, and their four children – Taylor, Hannah, Gavin, and Blake – reside in Fayetteville.

The Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award was presented to Dr. Sid Gautam, who is celebrating his 40th year at Methodist. Dr. Gautam was born and educated in India and holds a Ph.D. in financial economics. He joined the Methodist University faculty in 1967 and served as chair of the Department of Economics and Business Administration for 20 years. In 1973, he founded the Center for Entrepreneurship and has been its director since then.

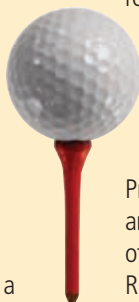
Since opening its doors in 1973, the **Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE)** at Methodist University has played a key role in providing an educational and networking forum for the entire region of Eastern North Carolina. The Center was established to nurture the spirit of entrepreneurship and promote free enterprise in the Cape Fear Region. CFE has served the business community for over a quarter century and has recognized more than 200 outstanding entrepreneurs, many of them Methodist graduates who learned how to be successful in business in Dr. Gautam's classroom.

Former Methodist Golfer Secures 2009 PGA Tour Card

Former Methodist golfer, Rick Price, secured a 2009 PGA Tour card by finishing in the top-25 money winners on the Nationwide Tour.

Price competed at Methodist in 1987, receiving Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (DIAC) First Team All-Conference honors. He went on to become a First Team All-American before pursuing his career as a professional tour player.

Since his time at Methodist, Price has competed on a



number of tours in an effort to earn a spot on the PGA Tour. Price finished 12th on the Nationwide Tour money list to receive his 2009 PGA Tour card. "I'm very excited," Price said. "It will be my first trip to the PGA Tour after 19 times at Qualifying School. I'm really pleased with my year on the Nationwide Tour and I want to keep playing good golf. It's very gratifying."

Steve Conley, Methodist's head men's golf coach, recalled Price's road to success. "After many years on the minor tours and on the Nationwide Tour, Rick has finally reached his goal of being a PGA Tour member," said Conley. "I am happy for Rick and his family."

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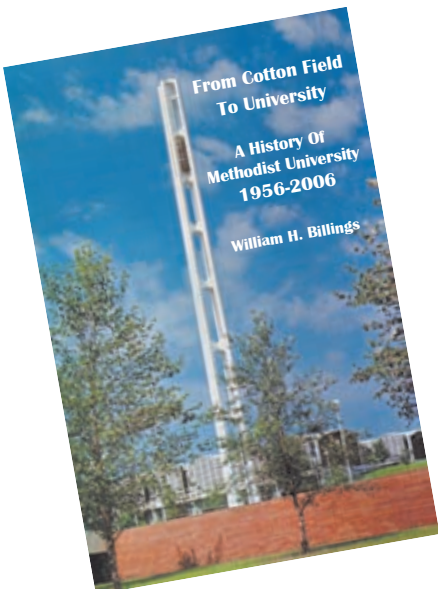


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MARCH 2009

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APRIL 2009

3... 7:00 p.m.

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14... 7:00 p.m.

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23... 7:00 p.m.

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25... 8:00 p.m.

North Carolina Symphony Concert

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MAY 2009

2... 8:00 p.m.

Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra Concert

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17... 4:00 p.m.

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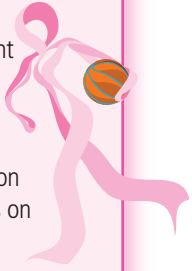
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Monarchs Support Breast Cancer Awareness

The Methodist University women's basketball team will host a Pink Zone™ event Sat., Feb. 14 as they take on Peace College at 2 p.m. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association's (WBCA) Pink Zone™ initiative is a global, unified effort for the WBCA nation of coaches to raise breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities, and beyond.

Formerly known as "Think Pink", Pink Zone™ is an opportunity for Monarchs to give back to the community. Last year, the Monarchs raised \$3,350 and presented a check to N.C. State Head Coach Kay Yow. There will be T-shirts on sale prior to the event and a silent auction will take place during the game to raise funds for the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund. At halftime, the team will recognize breast cancer survivors.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. For more information about the Methodist University Pink Zone™ event, please contact **DeeDee Jarman** at djarman@methodist.edu or (910) 630-7283.



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