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## Physician Assistant Program Scholarships



*Pictured above (L-R): Ron Foster, Taylor Fischer, Rebecca Gasperson, William Crissman, Nicole Upah, and Mike Bruins*

In May 2009, five Methodist University Physician Assistant (PA) students became the first recipients of the Robin Elledge & Reza Hatefi Physician Assistant Alumni Scholarships. Students William Crissman, Taylor Fischer, Rebecca Gasperson, Jessica Kouba, and Nicole Upah each received \$500 to use toward their training. The scholarship was established by Methodist University PA Program graduates **Robin Elledge '98**, practice manager at Fuquay Urgent Care, and **Reza Hatefi '00**, practice manager at Wake Urgent Care in Garner, and was funded by the Raleigh Urgent Care Network (RUCN) clinics. Raleigh Urgent Care Network has provided clinical rotation opportunities for Methodist PA students for over ten years. "We have worked hard to forge this relationship with the PA Program as Methodist PAs are strategically important to us as a top-tier resource for new qualified care providers in our clinics," said Jason Williams, RUCN President & CEO and a 1998 graduate of the Methodist PA Program.

## Board of Visitors Hosts Third Monarch Basketball and Cheer Event

On Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, over 90 young women from the Cumberland County area involved in basketball and cheerleading came together on the Methodist University campus for the Board of Visitors' third Monarch Basketball & Cheer Event. Guests included middle- and high-school age girls, their coaches, and families from E.E. Smith, Liberty Christian, Mac Williams, Pine Forest High, Village Christian, South Johnson, South West High, and the Home School Crusaders. The event included T-shirts, free admission to the Lady Monarchs vs. Mary Baldwin College game, a coaches' half-time competition, and a meet-and-greet with the Lady Monarchs and Cheerleaders following the game with autograph opportunities. Two students from E.E. Smith won the grand prizes of a week of basketball camp with MU Head Coach DeeDee Jarman and a week of cheer camp with Head Cheer & Dance Coach Melissa Hay. Coach Ryan Branford of the Home School Crusaders won the half-time coaches competition. Sponsors for the event were Safety Insurance, the Professional Women of Fayetteville, First Citizens Bank, Liliana Parker, Jeb Designs, and Todd, Rivenbark & Puryear. For information about the event, please contact the Development Office at (910) 630-7200.



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# MU WELCOMES **New Trustees**

The Methodist University Board of Trustees welcomed Leslie A. Griffin, Don Price, and Jason A. Williams '98 as its newest members in May 2009.



Though originally from West Virginia, **Don Price** has made his home and grown his family and business in Fayetteville for many years. His connections with Methodist University are many. His son, Tim Price, is a 1991 graduate of Methodist; his son-in-law, Mark Fisher, served on the University's Foundation Board from 2004-2007; and Don Price was the 2004 recipient of the Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship's Business Person of the Year Award. Price owns and operates Lafayette Ford, Inc., along with his wife, Karen, who serves as a vice president; his son, Tim, who is a vice president and parts and service director; and his son-in-law, Mark, who is a vice president and general manager. His daughter, Kimberly, serves as a member of the Cumberland County Board of Education. In March, Price was honored as one of the 49 automobile dealers nominated for the 2009 Time Magazine Dealer of the Year Award. Don Price is a member of Salem United Methodist Church, the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville, Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council, and Fort Bragg Special Activities Committee.



**Jason A. Williams**, MPAS, PAC, M.E. completed his undergraduate studies at Methodist University where he received a B.S. in cellular physiology in 1996, and a B.H.S. in allied health care in 1998. He attended Yale University in New Haven Connecticut, and trained in general surgery and orthopaedic surgery. He completed his master's degree in allied health studies from the University of Nebraska in 2005, and focused his thesis on addressing the following question: "How should the U.S. respond to the ongoing growth of uninsured and underinsured persons within the overall population?" During his time at Methodist, he was the first recipient of the prestigious Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award. He received the Lucius Stacy Weaver Award upon his graduation. In 2005, Methodist University's Center for Entrepreneurship presented Williams with the Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year Award. Jason Williams serves as the president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Urgent Cares of America, Inc., which currently serves nearly 60,000 patients per year, throughout the state of North Carolina. He serves as the Cumberland County medical examiner, and is an investor in many local businesses. Williams resides in Fayetteville with his wife, Jennifer, and their three daughters.



Originally from Virginia, **Leslie A. 'Les' Griffin** served in the United States Army from 1955 until 1975, retiring as a Major. He has been the owner and president of Cape Fear Financial Services and Cape Fear Real Estate since 1978. Griffin holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Morgan State University and a master's degree in public affairs from North Carolina State University. He is a member of Saint Ann Catholic Church where he participates in Gospel Choir, and is past chair and current member of the Finance Council and The Saint Ann Neighborhood Youth Center, which is a tutorial outreach program for children in communities surrounding the church. Griffin is a member of the Cumberland Community Foundation Board and served as its president from 2003 to 2005. Other community interests include the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra—of which he is currently president—the Cumberland County Partnership for Children, the North Carolina Freedom Monument Project, The Care Clinic, Sustainable Sandhills, Fayetteville Museum of Art, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Les Griffin and Alma Hamilton Griffin, his wife of 48 years who passed away in 2006, established the LAG Fund and the Les and Alma Griffin Family Fund at the Cumberland Community Foundation.

## Professional Women of Fayetteville **SCHOLARSHIP**



On Feb. 23, 2009, the Professional Women of Fayetteville (PWF) presented Methodist University with a check for \$7,000 toward their endowed scholarship. The contributions were raised from a fundraiser the group holds in the fall of each year, which has allowed them to contribute \$38,500 to their scholarship since 2004. This group also provided refreshments for the MU Board of Visitors' Basketball and Cheer Event.

*Photo (L-R): Angela Packer, Kitti Jo Finch, Liz Varnedoe, and Jean Bowden from PWF, and Robin Davenport from Methodist University.*

# New Church Leadership Minor Grows from **Solid Foundations of Alumni Leadership**



Leadership has long been a theme at Methodist—for its students, faculty, and alumni. While we often hear about the leaders that Methodist has produced in business, education, medicine, the military, and law, there is one calling where alumni are making a difference that is often overlooked: ministry.

Over 100 MU graduates have been called into ministry and are currently serving as church leaders or chaplains. Although alumni have entered the ministry in many denominations and several serve outside eastern North Carolina, at the recent Annual Conference of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church (NCCUMC), held in Greenville, N.C. in June, it was clear that Methodist University ministerial alumni are making important contributions.

**The Rev. Jonathan Strother '80** was affirmed as the new Raleigh district superintendent of the NCCUMC at Annual Conference, with an effective date of July 1. Rev. Strother was pastor of Benson Memorial United Methodist Church in Raleigh until that time, and founded Windborne United Methodist Church in Raleigh in 2004.

Another ground-up church, led by the **Rev. Gil Wise '80**, is Solid Rock UMC in Spout Springs, which opened in 2001 with one family and now has a membership of over 300. Solid Rock was recognized during Annual Conference with the Lay Ministry of the Year award for the Fayetteville District for Solid Foundations, Inc. This nonprofit organization enables the church to pursue secular ministry activities in the community through four daycare programs and Martha's Place—a food and clothing pantry that feeds nearly 600 people each weekend and helps people with housing, employment, and utilities.

**The Rev. James Malloy '78** serves three churches in the Sanford Circuit. They received a Kay and Jack Crum Prophetic Endowment grant awarded by the Church and Society Ministry Team for social and community outreach. The award recognized the "No Man Left Behind" program, which is an ecumenical fellowship that serves and supports men from the Sanford, Lillington, and Broadway areas of North Carolina.

Alumni are filling non-clergy leadership roles in the church as well. Methodist alumni work as lay leaders in youth ministry, mission organizations, camps, children's ministries, and church finance and administration. Beginning in fall 2009, Methodist will offer a minor in church leadership that will prepare students for these roles.

"We have many students at Methodist who are currently employed in these types of non-clergy leadership positions, they want to continue in that field after graduation, and they are seeking training for it," said the **Rev. Dr. Michael Safley '72**, vice president for Church and University Relations. Students who graduate with a minor in church leadership will possess critical skills of personal and interpersonal leadership; have a basic understanding of the Old and New Testaments; and be familiar with various systems of church government, ministry organization, theology, and worship.

The church leadership minor will be offered through The Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development, which has been preparing Methodist students to serve as effective leaders in all walks of life since its inception in 1995. "I'm very excited about this new program," said Rev. Wise. "If we're going to build a stronger church we need to build a stronger lay leadership."

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MU CELEBRATES

# 46th Annual Spring Commencement Ceremony

*“Every victory lands you into an unknown land.”*  
- Bishop William H. Willimon

The ranks of Monarch alumni grew by 140 as Methodist University celebrated its 46th Annual Spring Commencement ceremony May 2, 2009.

This year’s commencement speaker was Bishop William H. Willimon, currently serving the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is a graduate of Wofford College, Yale Divinity School, and Emory University, and he has pastored churches in South Carolina and Georgia. For twenty years, he served as dean of the chapel and professor of Christian Ministry at Duke University.

“You will carry the disproportionate burden of the economic situation that my generation created,” he told the Methodist University community. “Your pessimism is justified... We need you. We need your ideas. Put aside your fears. Get out of here. Go for it.”

The Rev. Dr. Willimon has authored nearly sixty books, and has given lectures and taught courses at over 16 colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia.

The Rev. Samuel Duncan “Mack” McMillan III, superintendent of the Rocky Mount District of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

“The step made today is only one step in our journey,” he told the Methodist University community. “We have been so conditioned by society that we forget part of life’s journey is painful. Take that journey alongside Jesus.”

The Rev. McMillan is an ordained elder and has been a full member of the North Carolina Conference since 1989. He began his appointive ministry in the Rocky Mount District, serving as the student associate at First United Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids. He has also served Pikeville-Mt. Carmel in the Goldsboro District, Mt. Zion in the Raleigh District, Riverside in the Elizabeth City District, and as founding pastor of New Beginnings in Youngsville. Appointed by Bishop Alfred Gwinn at the end of the 2008 Annual Conference, the Rev. McMillan left St. Luke United Methodist Church in Laurinburg to join the Rocky Mount District.

After spearheading a campaign to include a student speaker at graduation, Benjamin Gray became the first student speaker to address a graduating class at MU. “I am humbled to be in this position,” he said. “Through perseverance and relentless determination, one can accomplish anything.”

Three new flags were presented from Afghanistan, Guyana, and Uzbekistan, and six graduates were commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army.



For exemplary achievement as a politician, a businessman, and an entrepreneur in service to our state and our country, Methodist University bestowed upon Mr. Duncan McLaughlin Faircloth the degree Doctor of Humanities.



Methodist University’s Army R.O.T.C. program commissioned six graduating seniors Saturday, May 2, 2009.  
Pictured above (L-R): Mustapha Silla, Scott Senerius, Sarah Keil, Tyrone Jones, William Colbert, and Jennifer Brophy

# Spring 2009 Graduates

(Students who graduated from Methodist University, but whose names do not appear on this list, have specifically requested omission from external publications.)

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Apex, NC:** Amanda Underwood  
**Bunnlevel, NC:** Amanda Noel  
**Burlington, NC:** Jameson Jones and Courtnee Worth  
**Cameron, NC:** Robert Tollefsen  
**Clinton, NC:** Anthony King  
**Coats, NC:** Christopher Coats (*cum laude*)  
**Dunn, NC:** Sara Yeatman  
**Durham, NC:** Elliott Bisplinghoff  
**Elizabethtown, NC:** Stuart "Patrick" Murphy (*cum laude*)  
**Fayetteville, NC:** Syed Ali, Leah Bartram (*summa cum laude*), Melissa Birdwell, Royce Blackwood, Nicole Butler (*cum laude*), Ashley Cothran (*cum laude*), Nadine DiGiammarino (*cum laude*), Dionne Drakes, Laura Eckard, Christina Erben, Adrienne Ezzell, Rosemarie Ferrell (*magna cum laude*), Ann Forsberg, Kentaro Hara, Shabakka Herring, Jovannique Hines, Brittany Honeycutt, Leah Johnson (*magna cum laude*), Lora Johnson, Tyrone Jones, Dzmityr Kanunnikau (*magna cum laude*), Sarah Keil (*cum laude*), Misty Koch, Andrea Kolda, Austin Lehmann (*magna cum laude*), Ivana Maksimovic-Henry, Bobbie Marcoux (*magna cum laude*), Willie McPhatter, Stacey Milbern, Frank Moses (*cum laude*), Samantha Mounts, Rahila Muhibi, Tina Newsome, Ksenia Nikolaeva, Sara Packard, Gina Penrod, Aubrette Reid, Billye Rivas, Irina Shamonova (*cum laude*), Shelby Smelcer, Adonis Stanley, Jessica Sterling, Tricia Subero, Erin Swanson, Robin Tittley, Wilfredo Torres, Rudolph Valentine (*magna cum laude*), Perry Wall, and Laura Wickens (*magna cum laude*)  
**Ft. Bragg:** Benjamin Carden (*cum laude*)  
**Fuquay Varina, NC:** Tangelia Robinson  
**Gold Hill, NC:** Ben Speights  
**Goldsboro, NC:** Chantell Bowser  
**Hillsborough, NC:** Chase Cates  
**Hope Mills, NC:** Valerie Bell, Andrea Cooper (*magna cum laude*), Paul Garcia, and Ervin Williams  
**Hubert, NC:** Natasha Sunday  
**King, NC:** William Samuels  
**Knotts Island, NC:** Jennifer Hicks (*summa cum laude*)  
**Lake Junaluska, NC:** Charles Carswell  
**Linden, NC:** Maleia Matt  
**Magnolia, NC:** Willie Barnette  
**Monroe, NC:** Alexandria Messer and Amber Smith (*summa cum laude*)  
**Raeford, NC:** Bernadette Raby, Tisha Ray (*cum laude*), and Audrey Szigedi  
**Raleigh, NC:** Zachary Greenhaw and Shannon Vivian  
**Red Springs, NC:** Michael Carter  
**Rocky Point, NC:** Sara Poling (*summa cum laude*) and Christopher Sholar  
**Sanford, NC:** Tabitha Cable  
**Shallotte, NC:** Stacie Canady  
**Smithfield, NC:** Austin Barbour  
**Spring Lake, NC:** Laura Sheedy (*magna cum laude*)  
**Stedman, NC:** Jaron Burkhardt and Tina Faircloth  
**Waxhaw, NC:** Sarah Rowell  
**Whispering Pines, NC:** Jennifer Brophy  
**Whiteville, NC:** Dustin Proctor  
**Winston Salem, NC:** Drew Dull and Kayla Talbert (*summa cum laude*)

## OTHER STATES AND COUNTRIES

**Rancho Mirage, CA:** Robert Galusky  
**Harrington, DE:** Benjamin Gray (*summa cum laude*)  
**Smyrna, DE:** Keva Wilson  
**Wilmington, DE:** Scott Sklar  
**Orange Park, FL:** Michelle Denmark  
**Doraville, GA:** Brock Aaron  
**Hillsboro, IL:** Chad Zimmerman  
**Greenwood, IN:** Sean Lowry  
**Rushville, IN:** Dylon Miller  
**Valparaiso, IN:** Emily Brown  
**Davenport, IO:** Mary Flaherty  
**Hanover, MD:** Rachel Valentine  
**Laurel, MD:** Joyce Lane  
**Queenstown, MD:** Kelsie Britt  
**Silver Spring, MD:** Colleen Delaney (*cum laude*)  
**Lees Summit, MO:** Kyle Sanders  
**Concord, NH:** Robert Lakeman  
**Gilsum, NH:** Heather Schneider (*cum laude*)  
**Baldwinsville, NY:** Ann Ferrara  
**Blauvelt, NY:** Craig Coombes  
**Erie, PA:** Patrick Wiley  
**Sewickley, PA:** William Colbert  
**Vandergrift, PA:** Samantha Gamble  
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**Charleston, SC:** Dezzire Gilliard  
**Georgetown, TX:** Sean Gregory  
**Fort Lee, VA:** Max Jean Philippe  
**Lynchburg, VA:** Verres Thomas  
**Newport News, VA:** James Gunderson  
**Oak Hill, VA:** Henry Jenkins  
**Richmond, VA:** Sanjar Radjabov  
**Rutland Town, VT:** Robert Stedman  
**Sheboygan, WI:** Caline Daun

## ACADEMIC HONORS



Summa Cum Laude – 3.90 GPA  
 Magna Cum Laude – 3.70 GPA  
 Cum Laude – 3.50 GPA

# TALL TALES FROM THE PINEY WOODS GIVE MU HISTORY A SPECIAL CHARM

An inside look at the making of the history book and a Q&A with Bill Billings



Not many of us can say that we have authored 642 pages of annotated history with 250 photographs, 92 pages of appendices, and an every-name index, for a total of 788 pages. At Methodist University, however, Bill Billings holds this distinction. He tells the story of creative mischief-makers who turned a piglet loose in Garber Hall, the Monarchs who took a VW Beetle apart and reassembled it in a student's dorm room, the students who streaked from Sanford Hall to Weaver Hall, and he even recounts the building and sinking of a motorized raft on the Cape Fear River. I asked Bill, Methodist University's historian and soon-to-be full-time English instructor, if we could do a Q&A and he graciously accepted. —MSR

**Q. What parts of the book are most humorous to you?**

**A.** Arnold Pope, former dean of students and dean of men, told many vivid and humorous stories in his oral history interview. His accounts of the freaky bell tower "concert" of 1968, the exploits of Barney Vincellette, and boys swinging on tree vines down by the river were delightful and made me laugh out loud. Pope understood and enjoyed the exuberance of youth. He recalled being awakened one morning by a horrible sound coming from the bell tower, then finding a group of students who had just played a raunchy song by Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts at the base of the tower. Pope said one of them spotted him as he came around the corner of the library and hollered "My God, it's Dean Pope." Then, in Pope's words, "It looked like a giant covey of quail flushed." In other words, the students ran for the dorms from whence they had come.

In one quote, Pope remembered a phone call from the Sanford Hall housemother, in which she reported that a group of boys was gathered in a circle behind the dorm howling at the moon. "She wanted to know what she should do," he said. "I suggested she throw some meat out the window."

Pope admired the housemothers who lived in the dorms in the 1960s and 70s. He described Pauline Jones of Cumberland Hall as "very homespun," noting that she once said of Beanie, the night watchman, "He looked like somebody picked him before he got ripe."

Yet another colorful quote came from George Dunlap, an English professor who came out of retirement to teach at Methodist from 1966-67. In a 1970 book about his college teaching experiences, Dr. Dunlap recalled life in the faculty apartments. He said Stella Robbins, the cataloguing librarian, once invited Dr. Hartman and him to her apartment, where they listened to her Oriental records, sampled her

cookies, and partook of a new drink, "Quink," "manufactured expressly for loosening the tongue."

**Q. What chapter did you enjoy writing most?**

**A.** Chapter 2, covering the years 1960-64, was interesting and inspiring to me. During this time, a few hundred students laid the foundations for student government, student publications, and intercollegiate athletics. Aided by a few dozen very dedicated administrators, faculty, and staff, these

first students blazed the trail and established a tradition of excellence that won great respect (and accreditation) for the fledging college.

**Q. Which chapter turned out to be the most challenging piece?**

**A.** Chapter I, covering 1956-59, was the greatest challenge because many of Methodist's founding fathers had passed on and could not recount the story of the school's founding. College archives and minutes of the college foundation and Board of Trustees revealed a host of challenges, chiefly financial, that would have overwhelmed most mortals. But Stacy Weaver, Terry Sanford, and Paul Garber held fast to their vision of a great college, remained positive, and pleaded with all they knew to contribute funds to make their dream a reality.

**Q. Do you still have plans to write a novel and a family memoir within the next five years?**

**A.** First, I will try writing a humorous novel about a fledgling investigative newspaper reporter, based on my own experiences in two small towns in North Carolina. Clyde Edgerton, a novelist/folksinger from Durham, is one of my favorite southern writers. His characters are hilarious and remind me of many people I have known. The memoir I have in mind will focus on my mother and grandmother and the many trials and hardships they endured. Another subject I am considering for a novel is the impact of a successful teacher or preacher on his or her flock, drawing from the work of people I have known in these two great "helping professions."

**Concluding Remarks:**

*When I return to full-time teaching this fall (freshman English), I will have some free time in the mornings to write. Although it is never easy to get a "first novel" published, I am willing to learn from other writers, to revise and to rewrite. The protagonist in my first novel will work through the classic conflict between idealism and the American ideal of "fame and fortune." In my experience, you cannot find true success, happiness or love until you discern what your calling is and how you fit into God's plan. That is life's ultimate quest, as I see it, that and quest for spiritual truth.*



*"The book was published by Edwards Brothers in Lillington, and when I first saw the finished volume, I was both overjoyed and relieved. Then I began to ask myself, "Can we sell 2,000 books?" That question has yet to be answered, and I am counting heavily on Methodist alumni—my target audience from the outset—to buy these books."*

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# Two-Act Musical Celebrates the Life of John Wesley

**“*Ride! Ride!* is a wonderful show with music that is memorable and a challenging message about ministry, servanthood, and risk-taking witness in a needy world...”**

Methodist University will be holding auditions (open to the public, as well as Methodist University students and faculty) for the upcoming musical, *Ride! Ride!* The auditions will be held in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist University campus Aug. 20-22, 2009.

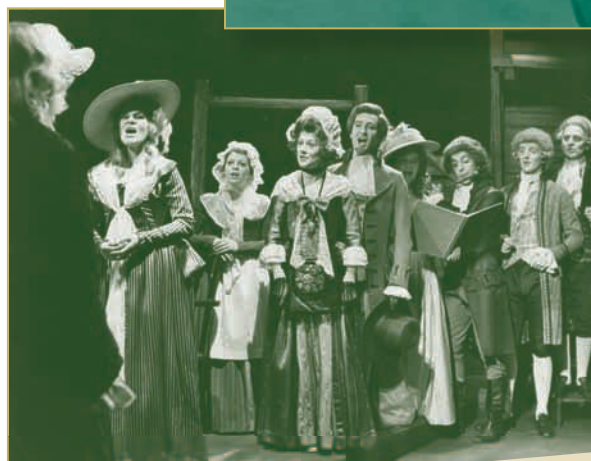
The two-act musical, based on actual events in the life of John Wesley, premiered in London in 1976. The production was designed and produced by Peter Coe, the original producer of *Oliver*. The show has since been performed in all parts of the world. The plot highlights the courage and risk-taking of early Methodists—particularly Martha Thompson, who begins a ministry to the inmates of the notorious asylum, Bedlam.

The cast of 19 includes a chorus, and both singing and non-singing roles. John Wesley (baritone) and Martha Thompson (soprano) will be the two principal roles, and there are six secondary leads that include three men, two women, and one male child or teen. Lesser speaking and/or singing roles include three men, four women, and one female child or teen. There are several roles that are walk-on parts and do not require singing. All persons auditioning are asked to bring a musical selection they feel comfortable singing and be prepared to provide information about availability for rehearsals.

The production will be directed by Dr. Stan McDaniel, adjunct professor of sacred music at East Carolina University and minister of music at Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church in Greenville. Dr. McDaniel directed the West Coast premier of the musical in Los Angeles in 1980.

“*Ride! Ride!* is a wonderful show with music that is memorable and a challenging message about ministry, servanthood, and risk-taking witness in a needy world,” said Dr. McDaniel.

The performance will be held in Reeves Auditorium Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 22 at 4:00 p.m. For more information or to schedule an audition time, contact Suzanne Langley at (910) 630-7100 or send an e-mail to [slangley@methodist.edu](mailto:slangley@methodist.edu). To purchase tickets, please contact Donna Wilson at (910) 630-7157 or send an e-mail to [dlwilson@methodist.edu](mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu).



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# Strike Up the Band!

by Maria Sikoryak-Robins  
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*"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."*

— HENRY DAVID THOREAU



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**2009 Football Schedule**

9/5/2009	Campbell University	Buies Creek, N.C.	1:00 pm
9/12/2009	Guilford College	Fayetteville, N.C.	1:00 pm
9/26/2009	Emory & Henry College	Fayetteville, N.C.	1:00 pm
10/3/2009	Maryville College	* Maryville, Tenn.	1:30 pm
10/10/2009	Ferrum College	* Ferrum, Va.	2:00 pm
10/17/2009	Shenandoah University (HOMECOMING!)	* Fayetteville, N.C.	1:00 pm
10/24/2009	Averett University	* Danville, Va.	1:00 pm
10/31/2009	North Carolina Wesleyan College	* Fayetteville, N.C.	1:00 pm
11/7/2009	Greensboro College	* Greensboro, N.C.	7:00 pm
11/14/2009	Christopher Newport University	* Fayetteville, N.C.	1:00 pm

*\* Indicates a conference game*

Charles Dumas, former band director at Douglas Byrd High School in Cumberland County, was hired to start the band and began work in August of 2008. In addition to teaching part-time, he directed the pep band and started recruiting players for the marching band throughout the 2008-09 academic year.

“Out of the 35 students who were in pep band, we should still have 25 returning members who plan to march this year,” said Dumas. “We have approximately 25 freshmen students who have expressed that they plan to march as well.” Dumas hopes to have about 50 performers on the field for the first football game at Campbell University Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009.

In addition to performing at the away game against Campbell, Dumas said the band will perform at Greensboro College Nov. 7, 2009. “We will try to perform at two local parades, including the Fayetteville Christmas Parade and the Veterans Day Parade. I also plan to make several visits to local marching band competitions through the months of September and October.”

Dumas is excited about the interest expressed by students from Cumberland County. “I currently have five players who graduated from Cumberland County high schools and more coming. We have been very lucky that the students from Cumberland County have taken notice of the good things that are happening here at Methodist and have made the decision to join us for our inaugural year.”

While most of the students performing with the Methodist University Marching Monarchs have a background in competitive high school marching bands, their first challenge will be to make providing entertainment at football games a number one priority. “The fans and spectators at a college football experience desire a very high level of performance, and it is our intent to provide and maintain the game day experience.”

Another important purpose of the Marching Band, according to Dumas, is to give the students who plan to become music educators the chance to learn how to instruct a marching band. Music education majors will eventually have—as part of their participation in the marching band—the responsibility of designing, instructing, and polishing one show per season to be performed at a Monarchs football game. “Secondary school marching band is a huge time and monetary commitment that has a high profile—both at school and within the school’s community,” said Dumas. “We must provide our students

with as much knowledge and experience in this area as possible.”

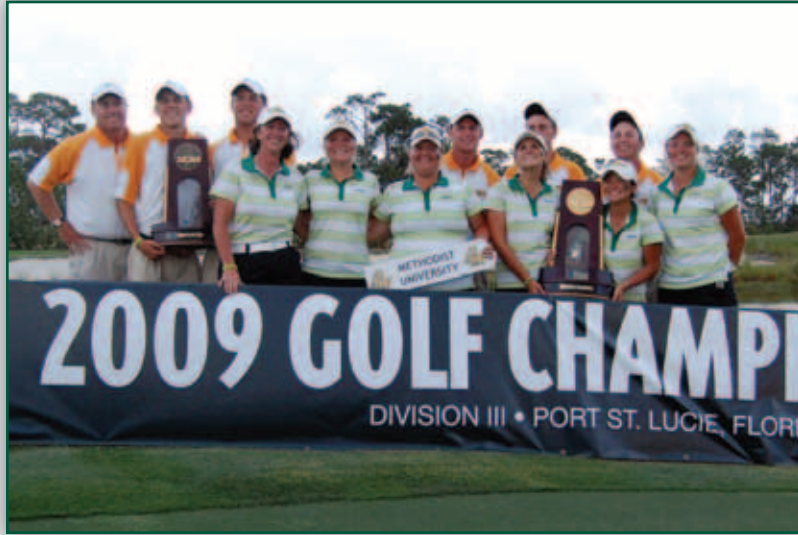
Soon after Dr. Hendricks approved a three-year plan and budget to start the Marching Monarchs, Dumas started preparing and ordering equipment. “We have purchased a bass drum and two sousaphones, flags and rifles for our color guard to use during the pre-game, halftime, and post-game performances, and of course, we have ordered our uniforms.” Dumas also

purchased a new drum section, including seven snare drums, four quints, and six bass drums. All of the equipment either has arrived or will arrive by the time classes begin in the fall. Within the next year, Dumas plans to add four baritones, vibes, a xylophone, a marimba, flags, a podium, a laptop, a sound system, and drill writing software.

“My number one goal for this year is to provide a quality product that everyone at Methodist and in the Fayetteville community can be proud of and enjoy,” said Dumas. “For the students, the first word I plan to use with them is ‘FUN.’ If they are not having fun and enjoying what they are doing, then I am not doing my job effectively. I plan to stress that we must sound good, look good, and represent our school to the best of our ability.”

For more information about the Marching Monarchs, contact Charles Dumas at (910) 630-7673 or e-mail him at [cdumas@methodist.edu](mailto:cdumas@methodist.edu).





## MU HOSTS **First-Class NCAA Golf Championships** in Florida

*by Kirbie Britt, Assistant Director of Athletics  
for Athletic Communications*

A caravan of five vehicles with more than 20 MU staff and student-athletes departed Fayetteville Friday, May 8, 2009, headed for Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Methodist was chosen as the host for the 2009 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Golf Championships—the first time in NCAA history the golf championships would be held concurrently.

Director of Athletics Bob McEvoy served as the tournament director while both golf coaches, Steve Conley and Vici Pate, spent countless hours preparing months in advance. The 296 competitors and their coaches began arriving at the PGA Village on Sunday with practice rounds held Monday and Tuesday. The competition officially began Wednesday morning for the first of four rounds. The MU staff worked long days to put on a world-class event, reporting for duty before sunrise and many days not leaving the course until after 8 p.m.

During each day of the week, the Methodist group set up the golf course, managed the driving ranges, stocked water coolers and snacks for the student-athletes, sold merchandise, hung signs, pitched tents,

provided athletic training services, and provided the best hospitality possible for the competitors, coaches, and fans.

After the first three days of competition, both the Methodist men and women were ahead. During the final day, the women finished up with a 25-stroke win to claim their 12th straight title. The men fought it out to the end, but finished third, seven strokes off the winners from Oglethorpe University.

President Hendricks was at the tournament during the final two days and presented the trophies during the awards ceremony. The event was a valuable opportunity not only for Methodist University's high-caliber golf teams, but also for its faculty and staff to be represented in a positive light. At the conclusion of the event, NCAA President Myles Brand issued Methodist University a certificate of appreciation for hosting the event.





*"Thanks for everything you and your school did for the Championships. I know our coach and players were extremely impressed with the entire week."*

**Layne Pitt**  
Sports Information  
University of Wisconsin-Stout

*"Thank you for all you did to make the men's and women's NCAA Golf Championships special for all of us."*

**Glenn Paulus**  
Head Men's Golf Coach  
Maryville University of Saint Louis

*"The tournament was well-run, very organized, and timely, and the volunteer group was fantastic. Thank you for putting on such a first-class event. We all appreciate the hard work and behind the scenes efforts you all made to make this year extra special. Thanks again for everything! Good luck to your team next year!"*

**Jeannie Singleton**  
Parent, Skidmore College

*"Just a quick yet sincere note of thanks and appreciation for all the countless hours the three of you and the Methodist community put forth in hosting the NCAA Championships. Your organization, attention to detail and service-oriented approach provided the student-athletes and coaches with a truly memorable championship experience."*

**Jeff Groff**  
Allegheny College

*"It was a pleasure meeting and working with you on the Division III Men's and Women's Championships. Congratulations to you and your staff on hosting such a great event. I am not quite sure how you all managed to pull this off from 600+ miles away, but you did it without missing a beat."*

*The student-athletes, coaches, and parents had an exceptional experience that they will always remember. Thanks for all that you and your staff did to make the championship such a success."*

**Jan Mann**  
UNC Women's Golf

*"Coach, I have been to PGA, LPGA, Nike Tour, Hooters Tour, and several other large events. The Championship that you and your staff put on last week was one of the best-run events I have ever been to. The facilities were great, but the people you had working the event were what made it so great. Thank you for the hard work and effort that you put into this event. It was a great experience for the players, parents, and everyone else."*

**Terry Rogers**

*"I've always heard nice things about Methodist University (my sister used to work at UNC Greensboro) and the golf program is recognized as one of the nation's best. Now I can add to that my personal opinion that you, and the university you represent, are class acts."*

**Charles Bentley**  
Director of Public Relations  
University of La Verne

*"It was a tremendous opportunity for MU to host the 2009 NCAA Golf Championships. Knowing how the NCAA works, to be given the opportunity to host the first combined golf event showed the NCAA's confidence in both our golf programs and our administration. It took a lot of work and dedication, but it was rewarding to see the student-athletes at the driving range every day. You could sense the anticipation. It was always nice to hear, 'It's never been like this before.' I always like to set the bar high."*

**Eddie Matthews**  
MU Head Volleyball Coach

*"Being a part of this event was an awesome experience. Two departments on our campus came together to put this major event into production. Teamwork was a major ingredient for the success of the tournament. Seeing both of our golf teams in action was awesome as well. A large number of us are not able to see how talented both our teams are and having that opportunity was great. Seeing our women crowned National Champions again brought goose bumps and tears to my eyes. I am very proud to say I was a part of the event."*

**DeeDee Jarman**  
MU Associate Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator/Head Women's Basketball Coach

*"It was an honor to represent the Monarchs and to support both of our teams."*

**Steven Dockery**  
MU Golf Course Superintendent

*"The support between the women's and men's team and all of the staff members really made it a special week. It was great to have the other schools' participants see our staff members help run the tournament. The staff did an outstanding job and represented MU very well. At one point, another competitor asked me who the people were who had been following our group for the past few holes. I said, 'Yes, that's our school president and athletic director.' She just responded, 'WOW.'"*

**Sara Dickson**  
MU Women's Golfer, NCAA Champion





# Spring Sports Wrap-Up



Methodist University's athletic teams celebrated a number of highlights this spring, capped off by another NCAA Championship for the women's golf team.



Head Coach Tom Austin celebrated his 30th year at the helm of the Methodist baseball team. After leading the team to a 27-13 record this season, Austin boasts an overall record of 929-384-9 to rank fourth among all active Division III baseball coaches. The team hit a school record 44 home runs and five players were named All-Region selections.

The Methodist softball team took some tough losses in 2009, but went on to finish 17-26 overall. The team played to a 9-9 USA South Athletic Conference record while five players received All-Conference honors.



Methodist lacrosse continued to make strides as the team went 4-9 this season with a 2-2 conference record. Freshman Jasmine Stephens was named the conference's Rookie of the Year and the team advanced to the USA South Tournament semifinal.





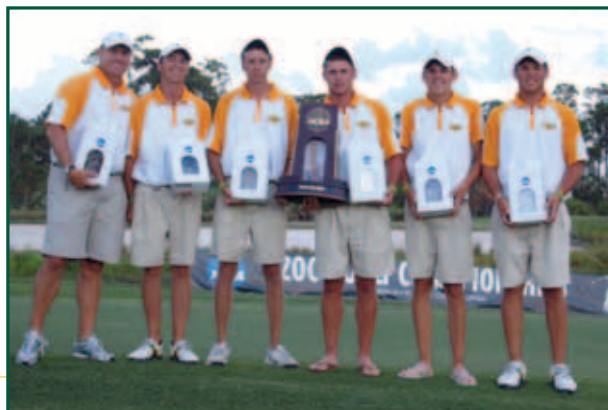
David Kurvink completed his first season as head coach of the Methodist men's tennis team. The Monarchs finished 11-7 overall including an undefeated spring break trip to Hilton Head, S.C.



The women's tennis team had continued success with its second straight USA South Conference Championship. The Monarchs finished at 18-3 with two of their losses coming to Division I and II competition. Sophomore Kaitlin Flaherty earned top

honors as the USA South Player of the Year while senior Shannon Vivian set new program records for career wins in both singles and doubles.

MU's women's golf coach, Vici Pate, announced her resignation last fall and the team made sure she went out on top with her seventh straight National Championship. Junior Susan Martin won her second consecutive individual title while Martin and sophomore Paige Caldwell both earned All-American honors.



Head Coach Steve Conley and the men's golf team brought home their seventh straight conference championship in April. Earlier in the season, Conley claimed his 100th career tournament win when the Monarchs won the Camp LeJeune Intercollegiate. The team finished up the year with a third place finish at the NCAA Championships and four golfers were named All-Americans.



The spring season wrapped up with five Methodist student-athletes competing at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The Monarchs earned nine All-American honors for their efforts. During graduation weekend, the entire team competed at the Mason Dixon Conference Championships earning 20 All-Conference honors. The team set six new school records during the outdoor season.





## Monarchs Raise \$7,242 at Pink Zone Event

The Methodist University women's basketball team raised over \$7,000 to promote breast cancer awareness through their Pink Zone event Feb. 14.

The WBCA's "Pink Zone" initiative is a global, unified effort for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's (WBCA) nation of coaches to assist in raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond. The WBCA began "Pink Zone" (formerly Think Pink) in 2007 as an initiative to raise breast cancer awareness in women's basketball, on campuses and in communities. Last year, the Methodist University women's basketball program raised \$3,350 to present to Kay Yow for her fund.

"Kay Yow has always been an inspiration to me—not only as a coach, but as a player," said Head Coach DeeDee Jarman. "She was devoted to North Carolina State, the Kay Yow/WBCA Breast Cancer Fund, and the game of basketball; we are delighted to have the opportunity to give back."

Hundreds of fans packed the March F. Riddle Center on the day of the event, all covered in pink, to show their support. At halftime of the game, the Methodist basketball and cheerleading teams formed a ribbon on the court and more than 20 breast cancer survivors marched out to a standing ovation. A silent auction helped to raise additional funds while fans were treated to pink Cross as well as numerous door prizes from area restaurants and businesses.

This year, the Monarchs split the proceeds between the Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation Friends of the Cancer Center along with the WBCA Kay Yow Foundation. In April, a number of the women's basketball players traveled across town to present a check for \$3,621 to Deanna Benson-Reed from the Friends of the Cancer Center. The center is a community of volunteers who nurture, support, and guide cancer patients and their families through a profoundly emotional time to improve the quality of our patients' lives. Jarman and her team chose to donate half of their proceeds to the Cancer Center to provide mammograms for the uninsured and underserved. The Methodist University women's basketball team was nominated for the 2009 Governor's Volunteer Service Awards based on their work this year.

## Football Field House Renovation

*Building provides more than 8,000 square feet of space*



Methodist University is nearing the completion of the new football field house, which is scheduled to be completed in August of 2009. The new facility includes renovation of the current football locker room and boiler room to give the football program 8,631 square feet of space. The building

is a two-story project, which will include five offices for coaches, a 150-locker room, academic area with study tables, a recruit visitation area with flat screen televisions, and a weight room with storefront windows. There is a reception area in the front with a patio and benched seating.

"We have a proud history of Methodist football under Head Coach Jim Syputl's direction and we are most appreciative to Dr. Hendricks and the Board of Trustees for moving forward with this project," said Bob McEvoy, director of Athletics.

"Our student-athletes deserve the best and we are pleased the University has made the commitment to provide this facility to take our program to the next level."

Construction Systems, Inc. has taken on the project, first clearing the current building in order to begin the new design with completion set for August.



## Lowdermilk Award Winners



The 12th Annual Hall of Fame Golf Tournament was held June 5 at King's Grant Golf & Country Club. The Lowdermilk Award, named for former Methodist Vice President Bill Lowdermilk and sponsored by Lance, Inc., goes to the winning alumni team. This year's Lowdermilk winners are (L-R): Carmen Serbio III, '95; Lynder Serbio '93; Anne Uleman '94; and Steve Moody '99.





*MU Alumni!*

## Be a Mentor to an MU Student!



*When people are serving, life is no longer meaningless.* — John Gardner

Hundreds of Methodist freshmen will be arriving August 14, and we want them to each have access to an MU alum who can provide them with career advice! Here's what students have to say about the Pilot MU Alumni Mentoring Program, which is ongoing:

*"My mentor has been in touch with me and I really appreciated his wisdom . . . [he] helped me to know what my degree can do in the future."*

*"I think that this program could benefit students who have academic difficulty and I think it could help encourage people to maintain their current academic status if doing well. I had a similar program in high school . . ."*

*"I think the [mentoring] program is fantastic, and will benefit me, and all students, greatly."*

Almost 100 Methodist alumni have signed up as Mentors in Monarch Connections, but we need more to accommodate the incoming freshman class, plus other students and alumni who are looking for mentors and networking opportunities. To participate, sign up as a Mentor today on Monarch Connections at [www.methodist.edu/alum\\_dev/mc.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/alum_dev/mc.htm)! Log in to your homepage, scroll down to to No. 7, and fill in your Mentor Profile so that we can match a student with you. If you need assistance signing up as a Mentor or have questions about the program, please contact Lauren Wike at (910) 630-7167 or Michaela Brown at (910) 630-7169. If you are calling long distance please call us toll free at (800) 488-7110 ext. 7167. We will match you with an incoming freshman student based on the career information you provide and the student's intended major. If you are interested in working with students who are undeclared majors and may need help clarifying their goals, please make a note in your Mentor Profile!

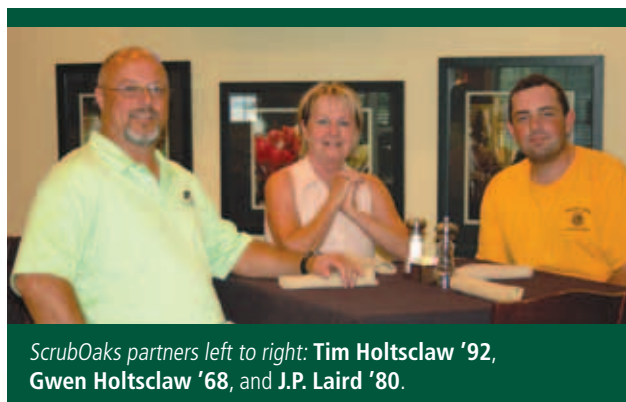
## New ScrubOaks Contemporary Restaurant is an MU Alumni Affair



How many Methodist University alumni does it take to create a fabulous restaurant? In the case of the unique new ScrubOaks in north Fayetteville, N.C., there are five alumni involved: **Tim Holtsclaw '92**, **Gwen Holtsclaw '68**, **J. P. Laird '08**, **Darren Thompson '96**, and **Scotti Sykes Marshburn '96**, along with her husband Steve.

Having dubbed ScrubOaks a "contemporary American pub," the partners say they are hoping to create an upscale but warm atmosphere in which one can either have a drink at the bar while watching a ballgame on one of the many unobtrusive flat screen TVs placed throughout the restaurant, or find a quiet spot to enjoy a great lunch or dinner. They have achieved this goal with sophisticated wall treatments, soft lighting, and comfortable seating, all of which combine to create a pleasant impression. Tim Holtsclaw's impressive collection of sports memorabilia – two examples are a basketball signed by Michael Jordan and a football signed by Joe Paterno – are displayed in the private dining room.

The ScrubOaks menu ranges from salads and sandwiches, including an authentic Philly cheese steak and a blackened mahi mahi sandwich, to steak, chicken and fish entrees. Particularly intriguing are the oven roasted Chilean Sea Bass crusted with pecans, accompanied by a green bean and asparagus salad, and ScrubOak's Signature Chicken, which is marinated in basil, grilled, and finished with a parmesan basil butter. The menu is the brainchild of restaurant manager J.P. Laird, who started his career at local favorite Huske Hardware. For more information, see the ScrubOaks website at [www.scruboaks.com](http://www.scruboaks.com) or call them at (910) 884-3072.



*ScrubOaks partners left to right: Tim Holtsclaw '92, Gwen Holtsclaw '68, and J.P. Laird '80.*

# 2009 Loyalty Day *FOCUSES ON THE FUTURE*



MU Trustee chair Harvey Wright chats with MU Foundation Board member Jan Cobb at the Loyalty Day Kick-off Breakfast.

The Honorable Lyndo Tippet, former Secretary of the NC Department of Transportation, served as chair for Loyalty Day 2009.

The Methodist University Foundation Board highlighted the difference a Methodist University education makes in its 2009 Loyalty Day campaign for scholarship funds. With the theme "Investing in Tomorrow's Leaders Today," 105 volunteers and Foundation Board members contributed their time and resources to make personal calls on 600 businesses and individuals in January and February. They raised over \$77,000 for student scholarships, with Methodist University faculty and staff giving at an all-time high.

The Kick-off Breakfast on February 10th featured the University's student-led gospel choir, One Voice; Loyalty Day Chair Lyndo Tippet; Mayor Tony Chavonne; and University President Dr. Hendricks. The Loyalty Day Supporter of the Year Award was given to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin N. Brower, Jr. As in previous years, *Up & Coming Weekly* magazine graciously allowed MU to use their office as the drop-off location that day, where volunteers stopped in to report the results of their calls and to pick up a complimentary box lunch donated by Jason's Deli.

With 90 percent of MU students receiving some form of scholarship or financial aid every year, the funds raised by our Foundation Board members and Loyalty Day Volunteers are not only greatly needed, but greatly appreciated. The fact that these volunteers are willing to take a day out of their busy schedules on behalf of our students speaks volumes to the businesses and individuals they solicit for Loyalty Day. It is often said that you make time for the things you consider important, and the fact that so many people serve as volunteers every year is why Loyalty Day is truly a testament to the importance that the Fayetteville/Cumberland County community places on the value of a Methodist University education.



## 2009 MU Alumni Association Alumni Awards **Call for Nominations!**

### Distinguished Alumni Award

Given to one individual for his/her professional achievement and/or service of the highest order to the community. **Recipient for 2008:**  
**Earl Leake '73, Lance, Inc.,**  
member of the  
**MU Board of Trustees**

### Outstanding Alumni Service Award

Given for outstanding service and dedication to the MU Alumni Association. **Recipient for 2008:**  
**Mark Moses '97, proprietor,**  
**Carrabba's of Fayetteville**

### Outstanding Faculty/ Staff Award

Given to a faculty or staff member for excellence in teaching, involvement in the University, and in local communities. **Recipient for 2008:**  
**Dr. Sid Gautam, director,**  
**MU Center for Entrepreneurship**

### Submit Your Nominations Today!

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

Please visit [www.methodist.edu/Alum\\_dev/alumni\\_awards.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/Alum_dev/alumni_awards.htm) for information on submitting your nominations. You will also find a list of past honorees here! For more information, call (910) 630-7200/ (800) 488-7110 ext. 7200, or e-mail [alumnioffice@methodist.edu](mailto:alumnioffice@methodist.edu).

The soccer alumni's annual Memorial Day reunion, featuring: **Becky Burleigh '89**, Joe Corraera (former staff), **Kelly (Canney) Kline '92**, **Rob Case '88**, **Bobby Graham '88**, **Ruth Keegan '95**, **Ann Marenick '90**, **Brenda (McKimens) Case '88**, **Lisa (Milligan) Buffardi '81**, Joe Pereira (former staff), **Kelly Ramsey-Dolson '90**, and **Anne Thorpe '91**.



The MU Association of Friends (formerly known as the Clergy and Laity Friends) met July 13-15, 2009, on MU's campus for a work project to help beautify the campus. The Association of Friends has participated since the 1970s in this project. The project, led by Trustee **Tom Walden** (far left, green shirt), gives alumni and friends a chance to reconnect while also giving back to MU. Along with Trustee Walden, three alums (third row from top (L-R): **Jerry Jackson '75**, **James Malloy '78**, and **Dennis Sheppard '77**) brought church members and youth groups to assist. Volunteers were provided with housing and meals while on campus, and this year they gave the interior of the Trustees (Classroom) Building a facelift.

## Where are they now?

Forty years ago Methodist won its first Conference Championship in the Dixie Conference in bowling, and the team finished seventh among east coast college teams playing in a post-season tournament.

*Pictured front row (L-R):* **Jay De Jaynes**, assistant coach; **Richard DeMund '70**; **Marilyn Every '71**; **Charles Siska '70**; **Keith Sutton '69**; **Jeff Blackmon '69**; **Howard Baum**, Coach; *Back row:* **Paul D'Alpe '71**; **Steve Atkinson '69**; **John Powell '70**; **Barry Childress '69**; **Paul Dhyse '69**; **Howard Arden '70**; **Ed Dunn '69**; and **Sam Compton '69**.

Following right on the heels of this first triumph, the men's basketball team, coached by MU's current Vice President for Business and Finance Gene Clayton, defeated the N.C. Wesleyan Bishops in 1969 to win its first Dixie Conference Championship. **Jim Darden '69**, who now serves as the university's horticulturist, scored 30 points in the championship game.



# Alumni News

## BIRTHS

### CLASS OF 1988

**Jim Espinoza '88** would like to announce the birth of his son, James Nicolas Espinoza. He was born Nov. 21, 2008, in Dallas, Texas.



### CLASS OF 1994

**Wendy Stone Brasier '94** and husband, Terry, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Kate Marie born Oct. 22, 2008. Kate joins big brothers Zack (6) and Will (3).

### CLASS OF 1998

**Kendra (Gottzman) '98** and **David Clark '97** proudly announce the birth of their second child, Benjamin Webb, Nov. 2, 2008. He joins older sister, Mackenzie (2 years old). The family currently resides in New Jersey.

### CLASS OF 1999

**Ivana and Alex Fraser '99, '99** would like to announce the birth of their son, Erik Alexander Fraser. Erik was born April 13, 2009, and weighed 6lbs. 9oz.



### CLASS OF 2000

**Matthew J. Sullivan '00** and his wife Nicole welcomed Jason William Sullivan into the world Dec. 22, 2008. All are doing well



### CLASS OF 2001

**Melanie (Tipps) Loughin '01** and her husband Todd welcomed a daughter, Raylee Allicyn April 1, 2009. She joins her big brother, Lincoln (age 3). The family resides in Grand Rapids, Mich.

### CLASS OF 2003

**Christina (Perry) Beard '03** and Wayne Beard, Jr. welcomed their first baby, Reagan Aulbria Beard, Nov. 6, 08. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz., and they are all doing very well. The Beards remain in Fayetteville, though they have moved to a new home in the past year. Christina continues to work as a physician assistant at Fayetteville Gastroenterology.



**Brandy (Helm) Gluski '03** and husband, Michael Gluski, Jr., welcomed their first child into the world Feb. 3, 2009. Trevor Michael Gluski was born at 10:03 a.m., weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. The family resides in Fort Myers, Fla.



**Theresa (Dwenger) Jenkins '03** and her husband Jason added a new addition, Noah, to the family Aug. 23, 2008 to join Izzy (2) and Lily, the dog (3).

### CLASS OF 2004

**Jeff and Blakely Beitzel '04, '04** welcomed Garrett Brock Beitzel into the world March 2, 2009, at 9:55 p.m. He was born at Rex Birthing Center, Raleigh N.C. Garrett weighed 8.0 lbs. and was 21 inches long. He was welcomed home by his doggy brother, Trevor. The Beitzels reside in Fuquay Varina, N.C.



**John Arnold '04** and wife, Jackie, announce the birth of their first son, Benjamin Wesley Arnold. Ben was born in Raleigh, N.C. on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at 4:20 p.m. He was 8.12 lbs., 22 inches long. Ben was welcomed by his dog sister Maggie and is a great baby, probably the best ever.



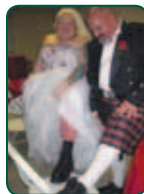
## ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

### CLASS OF 1973

**David Nichols '73** and **Jackie Nichols '74** of Fayetteville, N.C., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Laura to Capt. William Roderick Canda. The ceremony was held July 25, 2009.

### CLASS OF 1988

**Robert Dees '88** announces his marriage to Andrea Noel Dick. Robert says, "Hello my friends and Lambda Chi Brothers, I was remarried (third time's a charm) Dec. 6, 2008."



### CLASS OF 1994

**Trisha Stem '94** and Matthew Brady were united in marriage in a 3:00 p.m. ceremony Dec. 27, 2008, at Palmer Moravian Church in Palmer Township, Pa. The couple resides in Bethlehem Township, Pa., and the bride is a teacher in the Phillipsburg School District.

### CLASS OF 1998

#### Robin Leigh Tatum '98 & Thomas Dee Jackson



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tatum of White Oak announce the marriage of their daughter, Robin Leigh Tatum of White Oak, to Thomas Dee Jackson of Fayetteville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Dee Jackson of Fayetteville.

The couple married at 3 p.m. May 23, 2009, at Suggs Grove Missionary Baptist Church in White Oak.

The couple plans to live in White Oak.

CLASS NOTES

**CLASS OF 1968**

**Barbara Lawson '68** was inducted into the Fayetteville, N.C. Community Concert Music Hall of Fame in February. Lawson is a chorus teacher and featured soloist at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church.

**CLASS OF 1969**

**Thomas Kierstead '69** retired from Garrett College in McHenry, MD, in January 2009. For 22 years, he served as a program director in the Continuing Education Division. Garrett College is a small, rural two-year community college located in the Appalachian Mountain region of Maryland near Deep Creek Lake.

**CLASS OF 1970**

**Mary M. Atwater '70**, a professor of science education at the University of Georgia, was named an inaugural fellow of the American Educational Research Association for her outstanding contributions to education research. Dr. Atwater holds a master's degree in organic chemistry from the University of North Carolina and a doctorate in science education from North Carolina State University.

**Wade Byrd '70** was selected for *NC Magazine's* list of Best Lawyers in North Carolina 2009 in the areas of Personal Injury Litigation and Medical Malpractice Law. He was also re-elected to the executive committee of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice. He will serve as the association's American Association for Justice Governor. Byrd has nearly 30 years of legal experience.

**CLASS OF 1974**



**Dr. William C. Harrison '74**, long-time superintendent of the Cumberland County (N.C.) Schools, was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the State Department of Public Instruction by Governor Beverly Perdue effective March 9, 2009.

**CLASS OF 1978**

**Thomas Pope '78** was promoted to assistant sports editor of the *Fayetteville Observer*. He began working for the *Observer* in a part-time role in 1973 and joined the sports staff full-time in May of 1978. He was promoted to motor sports editor in 1994. He has won numerous honors for his work. In 1981, the N.C. Press Association awarded him first place for Spot Sports Reporting for his story on the Southern 500. He has won 15 writing awards from the National Motorsports Press Association, including the 1994 George Cunningham Award as Writer of the Year. Pope is also a three-time IHRA Media Person of the Year.

**CLASS OF 1980**

**Jon Warren '80** was named general sales manager at Flow Buick-GMC-Mazda for its Fayetteville Auto Campus in January. He has ten years of experience in the retail automotive business and more than 30 years of total retail sales experience in the community. He will be responsible for the two Flow locations, including a new Buick-GMC franchise store, expected to open this month on Red Tip Road.

**CLASS OF 1983**

**Mary E. Earp '83** was appointed Associate Professor of Developmental English Emerita at the 2009 University of Alaska commencement on May 10, 2009. She has worked for the university for 22 years. Mary and her husband George moved to North Carolina in June.

**CLASS OF 1985**

**Andreas Winston '85** was presented with the 2009 President's Award for Excellence by Wake Technical Community College President Stephen Scott on April 28. This is the highest college achievement award

presented to any student. Winston graduated from Wake Technical on May 16 with a degree in Construction Technology Management.

**CLASS OF 1986**

**Charles Morris '86**, owner of Morris, Colyer & Associates, was honored for his work on behalf of North Carolina's young children at the National Smart Start Conference in May. He received the first annual Ashley O. Thrift Volunteer Award in recognition of his efforts to improve the lives of young children over the past 15 years. The award recognizes an individual who embodies the leadership, commitment, and passion for children and tireless advocacy exhibited by the award's namesake, Ashley Thrift, North Carolina Partnership for Children board chair for the past 13 years.

**CLASS OF 1987**

**Steve Springthorpe '87**, was named the new Head Women's Soccer Coach at NC State University in June. Springthorpe, who was a three-time all conference selection for Methodist and played for the national championship Greensboro Dynamo following graduation, also served as assistant coach for the Methodist women's team from 1987-1995.

**CLASS OF 1994**

**Lauren Adams '94** has been named the director of the Floyd Healthcare Foundation. She will be responsible for managing fundraising activities, promoting community awareness and gaining financial support for Floyd Medical Center and its affiliates. She has worked at Floyd Medical Center for eight years. Adams previously served as the executive director of Gordon Hospital Foundation in Calhoun. A member of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy, she currently serves as the secretary for the Georgia Association of Development Professionals, an affiliate of the Georgia Hospital Association. She and her husband, **William "Joe" Adams '93**, have three sons, John, Justin, and Logan. They reside in Rome, GA, and attend Garden Lakes Baptist Church.

**Chris Shaw '94** has accepted the position of associate head coach for women's soccer at North Carolina State University, after a two-year stint as the assistant coach at Fresno State University, where he helped lead the Bulldogs to the NCAA Tournament in 2008 and a spot in the Western Athletic Conference title game in back-to-back years.

**CLASS OF 1995**

**Kevin Dennison '95**, who coaches the girls' basketball team at Fayetteville Academy in Fayetteville, NC, has been named Cape Fear region coach of the year. He helped guide Fayetteville Academy to the 2-A N.C. Independent Schools Athletic Association state title for a second year in a row this year.

**Carmen Serbia III '95** is the new vice president and business development officer of Lumbee Guaranty Bank at the Lake Rim office in Fayetteville, N.C. Serbia joined the bank in January.

**CLASS OF 1996**

**Lisa Barbee '96** has been appointed as managing director of the Fayetteville Museum of Art by its Board of Trustees. She will oversee management of finances and provide strategic direction for the trustees along with museum staff, volunteers and donors. Barbee, who holds a degree in accounting from Methodist, was chosen by a panel of people involved in the arts community.

**Scotti Marshburn '96**, national events director of Fayetteville-based Cheer Ltd., was named by *SportsEvents Magazine* as a "Top 50 Planners and Places to Watch in 2009" in the January issue. Marshburn serves as director of Cheer Ltd. Nationals at CANAM in Myrtle Beach and other competitions. The list recognizes industry professionals who exhibited a high level of professionalism, creativity and excellence in hosting sporting events. Marshburn joined Cheer Ltd. in 2001.

CLASS NOTES (cont'd.)

**Sandra Woodard '96** earned her Master of Business Administration from Touro University. She was accepted to the Ph.D. program and started in April. She currently works at Enterprise High School in Enterprise, Ala.

**CLASS OF 1997**

**Rev. Jonathan Mellette '97** received a Master of Divinity, graduating *magna cum laude* from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University (the OTHER "Methodist University") in May 2009. Jonathan is currently serving in campus ministry as the executive director of the United Christian Fellowship at Navarro College, and as the pastor of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Corsicana, Texas. Jonathan has two children, Matthew and Grace. He lives in Corsicana with his wife Megan; his son Matthew; his two stepdaughters, Sarah and Annie; and his dogs, Ginger, Chloe, and Max.

**CLASS OF 1998**

**Alana Fisher '98** is the new branch manager of the Hope Mills, N.C. library. She is a former library employee who started as a page in 1986 and was circulation manager before leaving the library in 2000.

**CLASS OF 2001**

**Ryan Callahan '01** was appointed head golf professional at Waubeeka Golf Links. Callahan had been an assistant pro at the Normanside Country Club and the Country Club of Troy for the past several years. He and his wife Stacy reside in Hoosick Falls, N.Y., and are the parents of a one-year-old son, Dylan.

**Corrin DeMent '01** has been recognized by *New Jersey Super Lawyers* as a "Rising Star." Rising Stars are the top up-and-coming attorneys who are under the age of 40 and have been in the practice for ten years or less. DeMent earned her law degree from Widener Law School and served as judge's clerk before joining the Hoffman DiMuzio firm, which maintains offices in New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pa.

**Ridge Johnson '01** recently earned the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designation and is currently working in the business valuation and litigation support department of Dixon Hughes in Charleston, S.C. He and his wife **Teri (Almond) Johnson '04** are expecting a baby boy in May!

**CLASS OF 2003**

**Kirbie Britt '03**, sports information director at Methodist University since 2006, has been promoted to assistant director of athletics for athletic communications.

**CLASS OF 2004**

**McKinley Bailey '04** is in his second term in the Iowa State House of Representatives and serves on the Commerce Committee, Appropriations Committee, Agriculture Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee, as vice chair of the Economic Growth Committee, and

vice chair of the Infrastructure, Transportation, and Capitols Budget Subcommittee.

**CLASS OF 2005**

**Gary Futch Jr., '05** a realtor, has joined Weichert, Realtors - Wayne Younts & Associates, specializing in residential sales with an emphasis on first-time homebuyers in the Cumberland County, N.C. area. He has lived in the area for eight years and is a former football player with the Fayetteville Guard.

**Tim McAfee '05**, who has been an assistant pro at Hidden Valley Country Club in Roanoke, Virginia since 2006, has been hired as the new head pro at Hunting Hills Country Club, also in Roanoke, Virginia.

**Jon Sherman '05**, former MU student, SGA president, and football player, has been appointed as an assistant football coach with the Methodist Monarchs.

**CLASS OF 2006**

**Renee Deramus '06** was recently promoted to Veteran's Representative with the Employment Security Commission. She is stationed at the Fort Bragg Employment Security Commission office. Her start date was January 5, 2009.

**Margaret Ann Koehler '06** of Fayetteville successfully completed the Uniform CPA Examination by passing one or more exam sections between January and March, according to the N.C. State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners.

**CLASS OF 2007**

**Krystina Fann '07** is the new director of discharge planning at Carolina Rehab in Fayetteville, N.C. She is a Fayetteville native who has more than two years of experience in case management.

**CLASS OF 2008**

**Marc Halcomb '08** is now employed by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

**Masahiro Takahagi '08** is the recipient of one of only 14 scholarships awarded nationally on the master's level from the National Athletic Trainers Association. Masahiro is working toward his master's degree at Auburn University, where he will be a graduate assistant with the football team. He is a previous state and district scholarship winner, and has also assisted the New Orleans Saints athletic training staff for two summer training camps and the Arena League Orlando Predators for one season.

**Rebecca M. Lewis '08**, has successfully completed all four parts of the Uniform C.P.A. Examination administered by the N.C. State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners. She is a staff accountant with Griffin, Maxwell & Frazelle, P.A. in Fayetteville.

**\*CORRECTIONS\***

Scott Kauffman '00 announces his engagement to Veronica Angel.

**MU Alumni Build Success from Ground Up at Lake Presidential Club**



Pictured above (L-R): Jeff Brooks '05, first assistant pro; Nathan Presnal '03, head golf professional; Colleen Long, MU intern; and Alex Bounan '06, assistant pro.

Lake Presidential, designed by Landmark Land Co., opened May 1, 2008 to rave reviews from Washington, D.C. area golfers. ([www.lakepresidential.com](http://www.lakepresidential.com)). The course has won "Top 10 Best New Courses," *GOLF Magazine*, 2008; "Best New Courses You Can Play," *Golfweek*, 2008; # 2 Public Course in Maryland, *Golfweek*, 2009.

"Jeff, Alex, and Colleen Long (intern) all played very important roles in the first year success. Opening a top new facility from the ground up is challenging enough. Staffing is so important. You know that you would get the job done but the staff is a reflection of you and the facility and is vital to future success. I am thankful that the PGA Management Program at Methodist exists to provide quality golf professionals with the highest standards of excellence." — **Nathan Presnal '03**

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