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A WORLD OF THANKS

DR. HENDRICKS RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS OF SERVICE

*By Bill Billings '68, Jasmina Gobeljic, Michael Molter '94,
Anja Sakotic, and Maria Sikoryak-Robins*

A Modest Beginning

During its first 25 years, Methodist College struggled financially. Declining enrollment in the 1970s—that bottomed out at 610 in 1973—forced the college to lay off faculty and staff, borrow from local banks for current operations, and default on federal loans used to build the first four residence halls. For most of the 1970s, the residence halls were half-filled, housing as few as 250 students at one point. While enrollment had grown to 990 students by 1979, only 360 students were living in residence halls designed to house 600. By 1982, enrollment had fallen to 771, and the college was again faced with financial problems.



In life, we encounter times where we wonder if we made the right choices.

Have we become all that we hoped for? I would say you have become someone with character, foresight, dedication, and plenty of stories to tell. It was an honor and a pleasure seeing all of those characteristics during my time on the Board of Trustees. My wish for you and Jerry is many more opportunities to create memories and more stories to tell. Congratulations on your retirement!

JAMES A. BLEDSOE '67, Board of Trustees: July 1996 - June 2006
Past Member of the Lura S. Tally Leadership Center's Advisory Board
1990 Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year

The Arrival of Dr. Hendricks

In the spring of 1983, Dr. Richard Pearce retired, and the Trustees appointed Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, academic dean at Randolph Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, to be the third president of Methodist University. Out of approximately 100 applications, Dr. Hendricks was one of three finalists. He held a bachelor's degree in history from Wofford College and a Master of Divinity from Duke University, which he earned in 1964, magna cum laude. He later studied at the University of South Carolina, where he earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in physics. Some say he followed the educational course of a renaissance man. He was a proud father of three children: Joyce Lynn, Leslie Patricia, and George Elton, and he had also been a Methodist pastor, a professor of physics, director of admissions at Wofford, and a naval flight officer in the U.S. Navy.



In his statement of acceptance, Dr. Hendricks said, "Those who note that these are difficult times in education repeat the obvious. But the need for a community committed to ethical and intellectual excellence has not diminished albeit the problems of its achievement have increased. The primary focus of my leadership at Methodist College will be on the educational possibility for which we were created rather than the problems we were challenged to solve. We must, and we will, fashion creative solutions to these problems because our society needs the service—the quality of education—which Methodist College was created to offer." Approximately 900 people attended the inauguration April 14, 1984.

An Upward Momentum

In the fall of 1984, when the cost to attend the college was \$6,400, Dr. Hendricks welcomed a freshman class of 230 students, and enrollment in the day program reached 760—a 15 percent increase when compared with the preceding school year. Seeing that many of the hourly paid support staff worked for small salaries with no fringe benefits, Dr. Hendricks extended insurance, retirement benefits, and tuition remission to these employees.



In 1985, Gene Clayton became the director of Development and the college later launched a capital campaign to build a permanent gymnasium or physical activities center. In 1986, Charles M. Reeves of Sanford presented the college with a large gift of stock, and the Reeves School of Business was created. In the same year, Methodist established a Student Honor Code and began waiving tuition for senior citizens.

Dr. Hendricks fueled the upward momentum with a series of new degree programs and the addition of new intercollegiate sports (women's soccer, women's golf, football) to boost enrollment. In 1987 and 1988, Methodist established business administration majors with concentrations in professional golf and tennis management. Today, the PGA Golf Management program alone enrolls over 300 students.

In 1989, the college added majors in international relations and criminal justice. Scores of new students came to Methodist to play football, and in 1990, the college opened the March F. Riddle Physical Activities Center—its first new building in 21 years.

The Miracle Worker



In 1988, after Dr. Hendricks had been president for five years, Board of Trustees Chair Ike O'Hanlon told his board that Elton Hendricks had worked "a miracle" and asked his fellow Trustees to give the president a standing ovation.

"I have been interested in Methodist College since its founding, and I have never seen anything like the progress made since Dr. Hendricks has been president," he said in his address to the Trustees.

By 1990, the college had formed the Campus Police Department, and in the 1994-95 school year, enrollment had grown to 1,826 students—1,237 in the day program and 589 in the Evening College. In 1996, Methodist launched the Physician Assistant (PA) Program.

Over the next 17 years, the college conducted two more capital campaigns and sold \$25 million in revenue bonds. Funds from these sources allowed the college to complete an 18-hole golf course and build the Richard Player Golf and Tennis Learning Center, an enrollment services building, a math and computer science building, a library addition, a medical science building, a classroom building for the business school (Clark Hall), a new science building, and a fitness center. Additionally, the college built four additional residence halls, including three apartment-style units.

A Citizen of the World

Dr. Hendricks was named "4-Way Test Citizen of the Year" by the Fayetteville Rotary Club in 1995, but his vision of an internationalized, diverse student population, and his continued support of International Programs made him worthy of the title "Citizen of the World." His tenacity led to the development of programs and the increase in enrollment of students, but it also led to the cultural enrichment of the student body.

Under his direction, the ARRIVED (American-Russian Institute for Visionary Entrepreneur Development) program was established in 1998, and the first enrolled class of ARRIVED students arrived in the fall of 1999. This initiative brought four Russian students per year to study business on a full four-year scholarship.

In 1999, through Dr. Hendricks's continued appreciation of cultural diversity, Methodist College connected with the Davis Foundation, which provides scholarships for international students. The number of international students attending Methodist University has steadily increased; his influence has touched over 30 countries represented by more than 60 international students currently enrolled at Methodist University and the international alumni population.



Truth and Virtue... Integrity and Value

Terry Sanford dreamed that Methodist College would someday be synonymous with "academic attainment and excellence in the development of the mind." The choice of "Truth and Virtue" as the College's motto affirmed the view of Oxford-educated John Wesley that education must nurture the spirit as well as the mind. According to Dr. Hendricks, "The choosing of the college's motto was a deliberate attempt to signify to all beyond the campus the centrality of this ethical and spiritual mission. High academic standards were critical, but high academic achievement alone would not fulfill the mission and intent of the founders. After all, there were a lot of good academic institutions around then and now."



Stand-Up Comedian and Extra-Curricular Extraordinaire

Like most Methodist ministers, President Hendricks included jokes and personal anecdotes in his sermons and convocation addresses, such as "You're Not in Kansas Anymore" and "You May be Old Enough to Drink, but Are You Old Enough to Study Philosophy?" At Methodist's annual Christmas dinner, he assumed the role of a stand-up comedian, handing out door prizes and years of service pins to employees. He enjoyed sports and attended most home football and basketball games to cheer on the Monarchs. Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks also made time to attend art shows, plays, and concerts, and entertain students, staff, and friends of the University at various locations on the campus.

*A Note from
OLGA (SAPRYGINA) FORMAN
'06 and '08...*

I have known Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks for over eight years. Dr. Hendricks and I first met when I arrived at Methodist College as a participant of the American-Russian Institute for Visionary Economic Development (ARRIVED) program established by Dr. Hendricks. He then invited me along with three other students from Russia to have a dinner in his house. We were very impressed with the warmth and love Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks showed us in their house, where we had a delicious home-cooked meal together. Four years later, I got another chance to visit their wonderful house, but that time with a larger group of people: my Physician Assistant classmates. Once again, we had a great time together and Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks were as welcoming and entertaining as they were four years previously.

Since then, I continued to see Dr. Hendricks, his wife, and mother-in-law at Hay Street United Methodist Church. Now I have graduated with my master's degree and moved to Florida, but I must say that wonderful people like the Hendricks's are the kind that will stay in my heart forever with warm memories of my college life at MU.



The President's Office Speaks Volumes

By Bill Billings '68

The President's Office in Horner Administration Building speaks volumes about Elton Hendricks, its third occupant. Almost every object—be it a framed document, book, family photo, or art work—has a story behind it.

Upon entering the president's walnut-paneled office from the northwest door, a visitor is immediately drawn to a large desk arranged at an angle in the southwest corner of the room. When seated at this desk, the president has windows at his back and a commanding view of the entire room. To the right of and behind the president's desk is a large dictionary on a wooden pedestal.

Hanging on the south wall closest to the president are framed reproductions of two prayers, one by John Wesley and one by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Next in line, moving west along the wall are a framed photo of a U.S. Navy airplane (containing a young Hendricks) landing on an aircraft carrier and a frame containing Hendricks' Navy wings pin. Hanging nearby is a Fayetteville Rotary Club Citizen of the Year plaque and his framed Omicron Delta Kappa membership certificate. Next in line is a color print of an autumn scene by Tar Heel artist Bob Timberlake, a framed MU campus scene surrounded by signatures of MU faculty and staff, and two framed resolutions of appreciation given to Dr. Hendricks by the MU Board of Trustees.



A Chinese banner made of bamboo strips and featuring large, Japanese characters and snow-capped mountains hangs at the far end of the south wall. Given to Methodist by visitors from a Chinese university, the characters form a greeting, the English translation being, "May your life be such that you stand on the high mountain and view the beautiful valley below." A similar banner on the opposite (north) wall depicts baby pandas and is titled, "Pandas at Play."

A credenza spanning the south wall is decorated with Dr. Hendricks's family photos, a baseball signed by Brooks Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles, a small model of a T-34 airplane trainer used by the U.S. Navy (and Hendricks himself), a baseball cap, a small ceramic sculpture of a bear dressed in overalls and carrying a fishing pole (created by Rodney Harris, an MU art student) and a few other mementos. The largest item on the credenza is "Horse Thief,"

a bronze sculpture by American artist Frederic Remington; it depicts an Indian brave riding a horse at full gallop. This sculpture was given to Methodist by Charles M. Reeves of Sanford, N.C., a long-time trustee and benefactor of the university.

At the east end of the credenza are three important items: a large flip chart on an easel (where Dr. Hendricks crunches numbers), a lighted world globe in a wooden floor stand, and a small bookcase containing the minute books of the Methodist University Board of Trustees and the Methodist University Foundation. The back wall of the room features built-in bookcases and storage cabinets; the shelves are filled with hundreds of Dr. Hendricks' books. "I've read all of some and some of all of them," quipped the president. "I'm keeping about 10 percent

of my books and giving the rest to Davis Memorial Library. So far I've sent 15 boxes of books to the library."

Dr. Hendricks's favorite book from his office collection is *The Historical Geography of the Holy Land* by George Adam Smith.

"This book was given to me by my religion professor at Wofford College," he noted. "It contains vivid descriptions of the places mentioned in the Bible. I have used it for Vacation Bible School activities as well as sermons. It was first published in 1896."

In front of the bookcase are a loveseat, five arm chairs, and an octagonal coffee table. This is the sitting area where Dr. Hendricks meets with visitors. The president typically sits on the loveseat, facing his guests. He changes the books on the coffee table periodically; at present it contains books about Fayetteville, Pinehurst, and the Davis United World Scholars Program. For years, a book of M.C. Escher illustrations held the place of honor. The official MU mace given by the late Parker Wilson is kept in a stand at the end of the bookcase; the mace is carried by a student during graduation ceremonies.

The north wall depicts Elton Hendricks, the academician, and features his diplomas from Wofford College, Duke University, and the University of South Carolina, a President's Medallion from Louisburg College, an honorary degree from Wofford, a Phi Beta Kappa membership certificate, and a resolution of appreciation from the Randolph-Macon College Board of Trustees for Hendricks' six years of service as RMC's academic dean. On a nearby coat rack hang Dr. Hendricks's black doctoral gown and an assortment of stoles. A Bob Timberlake painting, "Ray's Porch," hangs on the east end of this wall, near the back door; it shows the front porch of a small cabin adorned with firewood, buckets, and a beagle pup.

Several small bookcases and file cabinets line the north wall. One bookcase holds a stereo/CD player and another holds his Marquis Award in Education given by the Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce, and a miniature bust of John Wesley made of Staffordshire pottery. The Wesley miniature was a gift to Methodist from the estate of The Rev. Vergil Queen, an original trustee of Methodist College.

Dr. Hendricks said he has tried to make all visitors to his office feel welcome, adding, "Every one has been 'distinguished' in some way." As he prepares to leave this special workplace, he expresses gratitude to the staff, faculty, students, trustees and friends of Methodist University who have shared their ideas with him. "I've had lots of good

conversations here," he said, "and I will take with me wonderful memories of the people who have come my way."



Thank you for all you have done for Methodist; you fulfilled your stewardship and calling well. May God bless you in your retirement and future endeavors.

MARY HELEN PEARSALL '71

I was an adult student at Methodist while serving in the Army. Your leadership and steady hand at running the college was a tremendous example to every student there regardless of age or experience. I've followed your leadership with interest over the years in all the publications and am glad to have known you. I once served you blue macaroni as part of Ms Foti's art class and you sportingly ate it all :-)

GREG GIMLICK '86

Methodist has been blessed to have you as its president. The growth of the University—in its programs, student population, and student quality—has been remarkable. Thank you.

CLAY COSNER '73

I want to thank you for your devotion to and leadership of Methodist University. You have done such an outstanding job of visioning, guiding, leading, and building Methodist into the outstanding University that it is today that we all owe you an incalculable debt of gratitude. In addition, I want to thank you for your friendship with us and the alumni who have continued to support Methodist. May God bless your retirement with many years of good times and continuing opportunities for service in our community.

DENNIS '77 AND BARBARA SHEPPARD '80

We all knew this day would come sooner or later, but that does not lessen the sadness we feel at your impending departure. You have been a great leader and an inspiration to all of the students at Methodist. May your future hold nothing but happiness and prosperity.

DAN DECRISCIO '86

Today, the amazing growth and transformation of a small struggling college becoming the current highly regarded and respected Methodist University is proof of Elton's dedication, leadership and plain old-fashioned hard work. I'm sure he will be the first to share the credit due him with his lovely and gracious wife, Jerry, who constantly inspired and assisted Elton in every possible manner. My deepest thanks, respect, wishes and prayers for the future go out to you both.

TERRY D. PREISS '88

P.S. I earned a bachelor's degree there in December of 1988, and our daughter, Ginger, received hers in 1996. Part of the thrill was receiving it from the Rev. Dr. Hendricks.

May your retirement be as blessed as all Methodist students and The United Methodist Church have been because you have been willing to serve them. Thanks for everything you have done for us.

SHARON STROTHER '77

I would like to say Methodist has moved in the right direction under Dr. Hendricks's 27 years of leadership. He was a great teacher of kindness and really listened to the students. My class was the first class (Class of 1986) that had student mixers with Dr. Hendricks and his wife. I still remember those special moments—this is what made Methodist so special. Dr. Hendricks, congratulations on your retirement; the school will miss your presence.

ALEX MORROW '86

An Interview with MRS. JERRY ANN HENDRICKS

B.A. Philosophy and Religion, Winthrop College
M.A.T. Education, Converse College

In an interview with Michael Molter '94, assistant dean for distance education and webmaster at Methodist University, Mrs. Hendricks reflected on her time spent with the MU community. What follows below is an excerpt from the interview with Mrs. Hendricks.

Q. *You've been to, or hosted, a lot of homecomings, graduations, and receptions. Are there any ones that have been particularly memorable and why?*

A. We've met a lot of people we would not have met had we not been here. We've had a lot of people visit during receptions who might not otherwise have been on campus. The only thing they saw was the front of our campus, as they passed on Ramsey Street. Many of them have been surprised that Methodist is more than what you can see from Ramsey Street. It was interesting to educate them on campus, so they would know what Methodist was all about.

We have hosted a lot of student groups in a number of different ways. Those were interesting because we talked about a particular ethical topic; to see the different ideas that students have had and to see them dialogue with each other has been fun. Elton is especially good at guiding these things and playing the devil's advocate in many cases just to get people to think... We've talked about abortion, capital punishment, and a variety of other topics. I taught history and started a leadership class. My method of teaching included a lot of dialogue, and I enjoyed that. So this student discussion group that has evolved during the 27 years we've been here, has been especially interesting after having dealt with high school students.

We have had many individuals here before graduations for receptions. The person who was head of ClubCorp spoke at graduation; after the reception, he just sat down in a chair and the golfers were there, grilling him with questions. In fact, one of his remarks was, "Before [I] became involved, golf was a sport, and I have really made it into an industry." That shows the type of impact he has had, and our people were able to quiz an individual with that kind of experience.

Q. *Do you have a "honey-do" list for Elton when he retires?*

A. No. No. He would not be a good "honey-do" person. First of all, he's not really planning to retire. In fact, we laugh and say that two people can't be retired in the same house. Since I retired first, he said he was going to have to *get him a job*. One thing that we've been working on recently is... he probably has about 2,000 books. There is no way we can carry 2,000 books to another house, so I have asked him to "please" find the ones that

he really wants to keep. We have a student worker putting nameplates on the ones we are going to give to the library at MU. Elton has been very cooperative, which really surprises me, because he loves his books.

Q. *During your 27 years at Methodist, you've met some of the pioneers and founders of Methodist. Who among them has had the most lasting impression upon you?*

A. There have been a number of people who have made an impression on me—people like Bill Lowdermilk. He was here when we came, and he introduced us to a lot of people who helped make Methodist what it is. This is the one thing I found when we came here: people were as dedicated as they were committed. They would not let this dream die, and that impressed me. We had left the oldest Methodist college in the country

to come to the newest, the most recent. The two schools were very different. You know, the alumni there had already made their fortunes – and they were able to give back to the school. The people at Methodist were in middle age, at best, and that was one difference. Ike O'Hanlon, Margaret Clark and Walter Clark, for whom Clark Hall is named—Margaret was a very dear friend of mine. I would drive her around campus and we would go out to lunch. She was always interested in how Fayetteville and Methodist were developing. One day I asked her, "Mrs. Berns,"—I had the feeling her estate would come to Methodist—"if you could have a building here named for you and

Dr. Berns, which one would that be?" She was every inch a lady, and would never do anything to blow her own horn. So finally she said, "Well, I think Karl and I would probably want the student center since he had so many different interests." Ultimately, she left her estate to Methodist, and I was pleased that the student center was named for both of them.

Thelma Johnson—Thelma's husband was one of the original Trustees, and the charter of the college was signed on their dining room table. There were so many memorable people when we first came, like Bruce Pulliam [and] Sam McMillan, who were dedicated, committed people. There were just a lot of people who I'm not even remembering, I'm sure, by name.

Q. *What is next for you?*

A. I am caring for a 96-year-old mother, and that is why I retired earlier than I would have. (I taught for 32 years, and I enjoyed my teaching a lot.)





But, if Elton has a church, I'll help in whatever way I can. I have a background in music, and in the past, I have led the choir in small churches. I have a philosophy and religion degree, and I have taught in church school. So, I'll take care of my mother and do whatever else I can.

Most of my involvement at Methodist has been external. I think, because I taught school when I first came here, my role became external. In other words, I tried to make myself visible to the Board of Trustees, and to those interested in development. At receptions,

I tried to meet those people; I just think every college president's wife or husband has to decide how he or she will carry out this responsibility. Different people do it different ways. I try to stay out of the business of the staff and faculty. I let Elton handle that.

Q. *What among Elton's accomplishments are you most proud of?*

A. That's really hard to answer. I'm biased where Elton's concerned, but I think he's a pretty good person when it comes to listening to ideas. When Elton would go out to speak to a club or at a church, people would ask, "Is Methodist going to make it?" No one has asked him that in many years, but when they did, he answered, "It is not a question of 'is it going to make it?' but rather 'how good will it be?'"

I remember when we arrived and someone living over in Kinwood would talk to her students about where they would go to school. She would not advise them to come to Methodist. One day, she and I were walking on campus and she told me, "I've changed my mind about Methodist."

I think the visibility of the school includes the whole package: development, academics, and student life.

There is never enough money, no matter where you are—whether you're at Harvard or Methodist—to do all the good things that people want

to do. That has probably been the hardest thing: managing with the limited resources, and keeping people happy and content. I used to think you could go out and raise money, but nobody wants to give to a sinking ship. They want to be on the winning side. I've just been reading the book about John Edwards. It was interesting to see how many people supported him. Suddenly, when they realized he wasn't going to be president or even vice-president, all of the contributions just stopped.

Q. *What would your advice be for the incoming president and the next generation of leaders?*

A. Well, I would hope that the next administration would continue the current path of Methodist University. I think the "truth and virtue" motto really says it all. I would hope that MU would continue the academic progress, but at the same time not forget the Christian heritage, or at least, the ethical heritage. Not in a dogmatic way, but I would hope that this affiliation would continue. You know, it's hard because you hire people who have the academic prowess, but they may not have any of the background in ethical and religious experience—you have to weigh the two.

Q. *Is there anything that you would like to say to the alumni who have graduated during your time here?*

A. Elton always says the alumni are really the way we know what we're doing is worthwhile; they are the result of what we are doing here. It has been interesting to meet so many of these people who are involved in their community and have done quite well in their vocations. Many of them are ministers, teachers, and so forth. I would hope that we can continue and do more in strengthening the relationships with alumni.

Q. *What will you miss most about Methodist?*

A. The relationships with faculty and staff, the alumni, and students. We have met a lot of people and we have developed life-long relationships.

When he came he said, "Well, [we] won't make as much money as we did at Randolph-Macon." And I said, "This [Methodist] is the place."

He called the president there—he had previously told the president at Randolph-Macon Liddell Payne that he was coming here—so Liddell said, "Wait a minute and let me call the board chair." So he called him back and said, "Instead of this being your salary next year, *this* will be it." And Elton said, "You don't understand. I'm making less at Methodist than I will make this year at Randolph-Macon." Liddell Payne was as funny as he could be. He said, "Well, Elton, we'll *cut* your salary."

We laughed about that, but I just knew Methodist was the right match for us.



Through the Years: A College Became a University...



1983

Total Enrollment:	Fall 1983: 771
Day Enrollment:	771
Residential Enrollment:	248
Endowment:	\$1,262,818
Number of Employees:	110
Operating Budget:	\$3,200,000
Academic Programs:	19 (with no concentrations)



McLean Residential Complex



William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts



Nimocks Fitness Center



Football Field House



Science Building Addition



Coach Sink Field

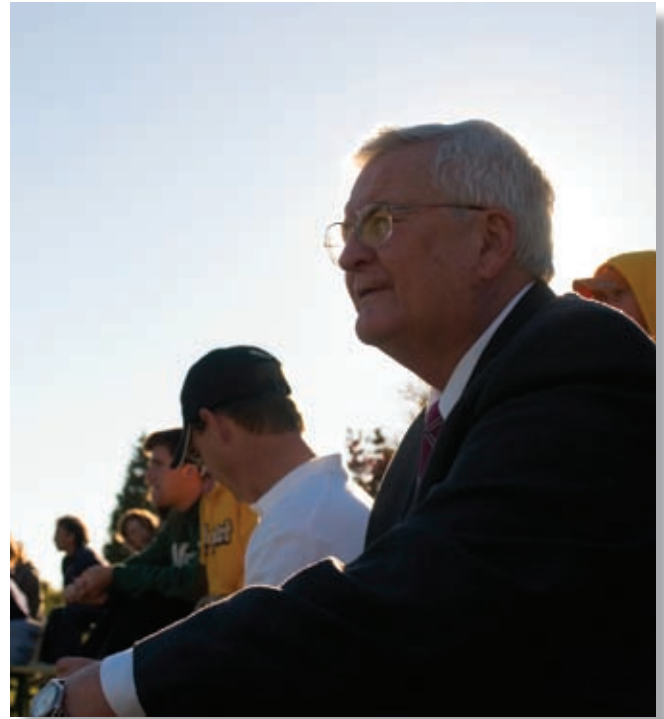


Medical Science Complex

A Campus was Transformed

2010

Total Enrollment:	Fall 2009: 2,183
Day Enrollment:	1,658
Residential Enrollment:	949
Endowment:	\$15,033,751
Number of Employees:	545 (382 full-time and 163 part-time)
Operating Budget:	\$48,563,826
Academic Programs:	Over 70 majors and concentrations



- 1 Joe W. Stout Hall
- 2 Horner Administration Building
- 3 Trustees' Classroom Building
- 4 Margaret and Walter Clark Hall, Reeves School of Business
- 5 Library Annex
- 6 Davis Memorial Library
- 7 Yarborough Bell Tower
- 8 Berns Student Center
- 9 John W. Hensdale Chapel
- 10 John M. Reeves Auditorium/Fine Arts Building
- 11 D. Keith Allison Hall
- 12 The Science Building
- 13 New Science Building
- 14 The President's Home
- 15 North Administration Building
- 16 Nimocks Fitness and Wellness Center
- 17 L. Stacy Weaver Hall
- 18 Bishop Paul Garber Hall
- 19 West Hall
- 20 Richard W. Pearce Hall
- 21 Lighted Basketball Courts
- 22 Fannie Farmer Park
- 23 Terry Sanford Hall
- 24 Cumberland Hall
- 25 March R. Riddle Athletics Center
- 26 Chris's House
- 27 Tennis Facility
- 28 Athletic Practice Field
- 29 Softball Field
- 30 Armstrong-Shelley Baseball Field
- 31 Pauline Longest Nature Trail
- 32 Richard L. Player Golf and Tennis Learning Center
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Harvey Wright '70, chair of the Board of Trustees, David McCune, William F. Bethune, and Dr. Hendricks break ground for the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts April 9, 2009



Dr. Hendricks with U.S. Representative Bob Etheridge in Washington, D.C., March 2, 2010

“Dr. Hendricks has led the University to a level of excellence and has never taken his eye off the mission of our University.”



Dr. Hendricks with U.S. Representative Larry Kissell in Washington, D.C., March 2, 2010

He has impacted thousands of lives in a positive way during his years at Methodist, and he and Jerry will be truly and deeply missed”



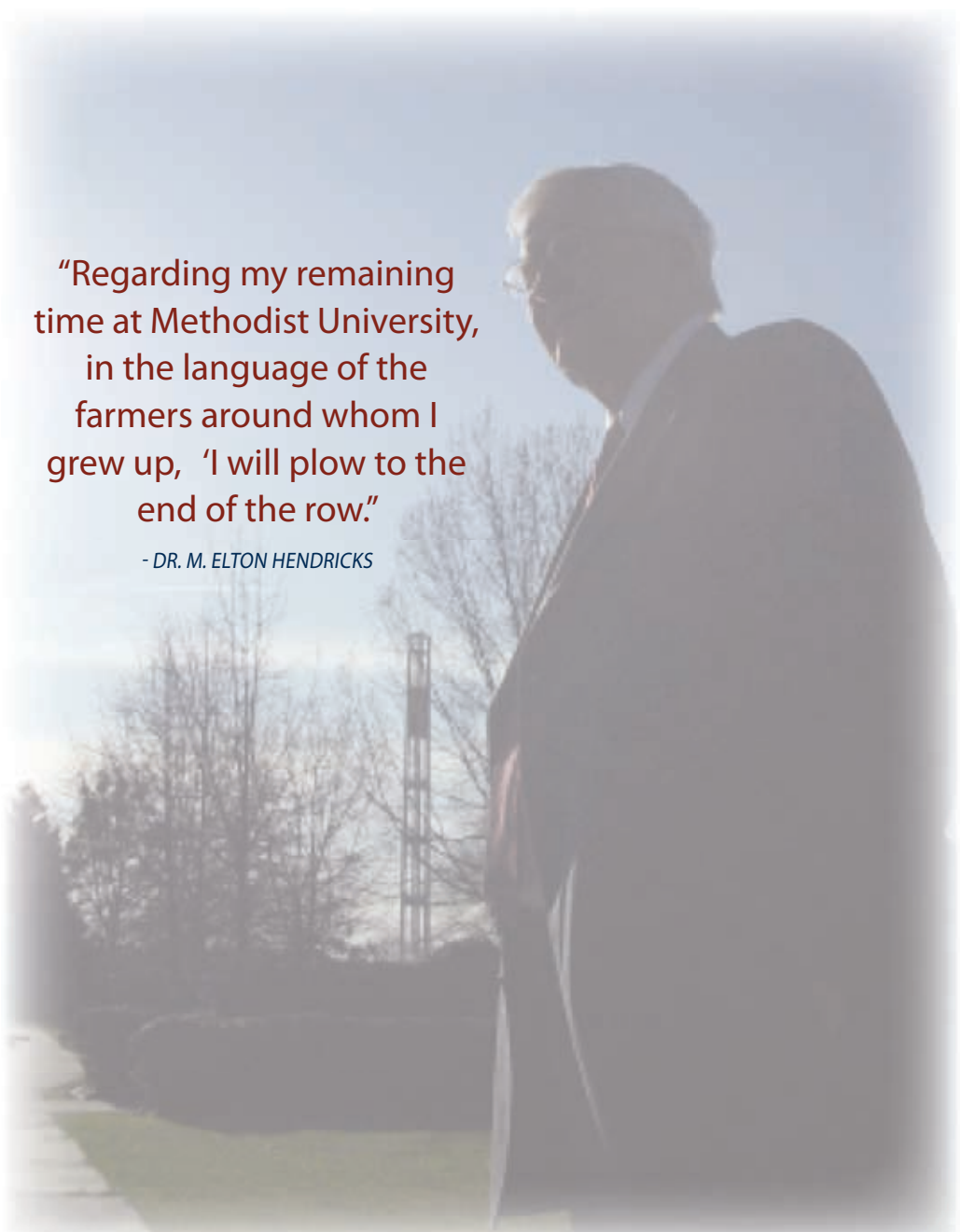
Dr. Hendricks with U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre in Washington, D.C., March 2, 2010

**- HARVEY T. WRIGHT II '70
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



"Regarding my remaining time at Methodist University, in the language of the farmers around whom I grew up, 'I will plow to the end of the row.'"

- DR. M. ELTON HENDRICKS



Retirement Wishes from Alumni

Tim and I send you wishes for a joyous and active retirement. The true measure of one's worth is in leaving things better than you found them... you clearly leave Methodist University better and stronger and richer than you found it. Your family enriches our North Fayetteville community and we are happy that you will still be a part of us.

GWEN HOLTSCLAW '68

A 1965 graduate in biology, Methodist College sufficiently prepared me for a vocation in the pharmaceutical environs of healthcare with two of the most outstanding corporations: Pfizer and Abbott Laboratories. I retired from the latter after 30 great years. It was Abbott that moved me from North Carolina in 1974 to Chicago. Atlanta would be the closest residential location to our beloved state until this day. The ability to be active and physically present was limited.

I hope you will understand from the foregoing how amazed and thrilled I was to be back on campus at Homecoming in October 2009. It was great to rejoin the MU Choir for the mini-concert under the tent at lunch. However, the highlight of the weekend was your invitation for Faye and me to join the two of you at lunch. I could not have sufficiently communicated to you during those brief minutes how appreciative I am of the wonderful work you have both done at Methodist University. To return after so many years of absence gave great emphasis to the work of God through your hands. A wonderful campus, strong academics, growth in enrollment and academic influence, outstanding sports programs, and an institutional pillar of the regional community!

You have been an integral part of, and in leadership capacity, one of the great educational systems of our country, the North Carolina United Methodist Conference, and its Commission on Education. As Alabamians in our retirement years, we can give testimony to the far-reaching impact of your Conference's educational leadership. President Cameron West

(graduate of Brevard), Huntingdon College in Montgomery and Bishop Paul Leeland (graduate of Wesleyan) of the Alabama-West Florida Conference are two examples.

Congratulations on a life well-lived, a job well done, and the sure and certain knowledge that God walks with you. May your retirement be as enriching to the two of you as your work in the vineyards has been to thousands of us. May God continue to richly bless you!

E. ROGER WILLIAMS '65,
MC Alumni President, 1966-67



Iwould like to offer my gratitude to you, Dr. Hendricks, for taking Methodist to unbelievable heights. I must say that I was not sure that my alma mater would survive in the years after my graduation. Enrollment had dropped to a level that I thought would be hard to recover. Dr. Stacy Weaver had put his heart and soul into making our small school a bastion of pride among private colleges on the east coast. He carried it to a point of respectability matched by few.

In my sophomore year, Dr. Pearce came upon the scene as our second president with the goal to carry on our tradition as a respected school of higher learning. He came from a school in Florida that was probably a little more progressive in thinking than our community leaders were willing to accept at that time so his work was not easy. He did a good job in very tough times.

I must say that I was not really involved in the life of the College when Dr. Hendricks came aboard. As a matter of fact, I don't even think that I was paying much attention to anything



about Methodist in 1983 when he came on the scene. But, as time went by, I kept thinking that maybe, just maybe, Methodist had come of age with his guidance and leadership. As each year has passed, I have come to realize what a true gift God has placed in our realm. Dr. Hendricks has built us from a tiny College on the sleepy outskirts of a small southern town to a vibrant, young University in the heart of a fast growing metropolitan based community. The strides of Methodist University during Dr. Hendricks reign as our leader is unparalleled to any other school in North Carolina and beyond. He has been the epitome of excellence in making Methodist University what it is today. Thank you for your service to our family and Godspeed to you and yours.

DAN FOWLER '74,
 Alumni Association Board of Directors

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your commitment to Methodist University over the past 27 years. I am a 1986 graduate and can honestly say that I owe my career to MU. I am so thankful that you had your administrators and faculty prepared to work with active duty military. They worked tirelessly for nearly two years to make sure I was able to graduate on time with a Bachelor of Arts in accounting and business administration. Whether it was making sure I was taking advantage of all financial aid available to me, spending a few hours with me in the library studying, or career counseling, your team was top notch. I am sure they were all a reflection of the image you were starting to build for Methodist University. Today, I am the vice-president of tax at KAR Auction Services, Inc., a large multinational

publicly traded automotive services company. I would not have been able to get here without you and your team at Methodist University.

CRAIG MORRIS '86

I was there 28 years ago and I remember the day this wonderful man and his loving wife came to save Methodist College (not University) from what looked like a slow death. All the girls in Weaver (my dorm for all four years) were on one floor. It was not full. By the time I graduated, not only was Methodist College rebounding, it was thriving happily. All dorms were full and classes were full and expanding. It was a privilege to be a student while Dr. Hendricks got his feet wet as our president in those tough early years. He took charge in a loving and most productive manner. God blessed this school all of the years he has served and I know he will be missed by those he leaves behind. I pray that his retirement will be restful, and filled with enjoyable activities and excellent health for both Dr. Hendricks and Mrs. Hendricks.

JUANITA THOMPSON ROSE '86



I remember, back in the early 80s, reading the *Fayetteville Observer* and noticing an article announcing Dr. Pearce's retirement from Methodist College. The reporter had included a list of qualifications the Trustees were looking for in the next President. As

I read through the "dream list" I said to my wife Marge, "They are looking for Elton Hendricks." We cut out the article, mailed it to him, and later learned he was being considered.

TERRY D. PREISS '88



I am grateful for the opportunity to thank you for your hard work, commitment to, and love for Methodist (College) University, and its students, faculty and staff. You have touched many thousands with your work and you will be missed. Twenty years after graduating from MC, I still tell people how—when there was a project underway, a new walkway or some other construction—it was common to see Dr. Hendricks working side-by-side with students. Although he was very busy with the affairs of the school, Dr. Hendricks always was accessible. I know that you will take pride in the good work you have done; the knowledge that you have helped make the world a better place by teaching others about hard work, commitment, and community.

PAUL DANIELS '89

As I recall my days at Methodist in the late 80s...Dr. Hendricks was always out and about around the campus. He was truly a leader who had the interest of the students at heart. I remember sitting with other students, and Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks in their home. We talked about the positive and the negative aspects of Methodist College. He always took our suggestions and or comments and tried to make things better. Since I graduated, I have seen Dr. Hendricks out in the community several times. He always makes it a point to talk



about specifics of the memories we had. He will truly be missed but leaves behind a legacy that will live on forever in the history of Methodist (College) University.

RON PHIPPS '89

Thank you for all you have done for not only our department, but the University as well. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and productive retirement. Oh, and if you decide to return to teaching in Cumberland County, we will be sure to send you Methodist University Teacher Candidates!

YVONNE NOLAN and JENNIFER MOUR '97

To the best ping pong player at Methodist: Congratulations on entering this new chapter of your life. Enjoy the well earned rest you have earned.

JAMELLE K. USHERY '98

Iwould like to congratulate Dr. Hendricks on a job well done. He has been an inspiration and role model to many students and alumni. Dr. Hendricks has also been an important leader in the community and an incredible family man. Under his leadership and care, Methodist University has become a prominent educational institution that many students worldwide aspire to attend. This gives members of the community, students, and alumni another reason to say how proud we are of the accomplishments of Dr. Hendricks and Methodist University. It's often hard to find the right words to say for so much gratitude. But, I would like to leave Dr. Hendricks with these words: "Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings." –Proverbs 22:29.

R. ERIC FRAZEE '99

Thank you for all you have done for Methodist University! You will be missed. You have a wonderful heart and always had the best interests of the students in mind. MU has been lucky to have you for many years. Good luck and God bless!

BRANDY (HELM) GLUSKI '03

Thank you both so very much for your leadership, service to us students, and for your caring hearts. While your job may be done at Methodist University, your life is not. God Speed.

RENEE DERAMUS '06

Sixteen years ago, you took a chance and hired two young professionals, newlyweds even, who were passionate about students...yet unproven. From 1994-2001, you gave us amazing leadership opportunities that taught us the value of serving others. You modeled integrity, compassion, and abiding faith, all evidenced through your centered marriage and flourishing family.

We are better people, more loving parents, more faithful Christians, and more effective professionals because of what we learned from you. We cherish our memories of time shared with you on the Methodist campus and in your home, and you will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

JAY DOWD,

Former Vice-President for Advancement

KIM DOWD,

Former Vice-President for Student Life



The Framework for the Future

During the last quarter century, President Hendricks has implemented a successful strategy of adding new sports and academic programs. In 2006, on the eve of its 50th birthday, the Methodist College Board of Trustees voted to rename the school Methodist University, recognizing the school's entry into graduate education and the limitations of the word "college."

Methodist began its 50th academic year last fall by enrolling 2,183 students. A five-year strategic plan for MU was completed and approved by the Board of Trustees. In early December of 2009, Dr. Hendricks announced the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' (SACS) Commission on Colleges (COC) had reaffirmed Methodist University's accreditation—a process that all institutions accredited by the COC must undergo every ten years—with no recommendations for improvement. As Dr. Hendricks has noted, the latest SACS reaffirmation is the result of exemplary work by a talented and very dedicated faculty and staff.

Additionally, Methodist University hired a director for its new Bachelor of Science in Nursing program; the program received unanimous approval to begin January 25, 2010. The William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts was completed in January and construction began soon thereafter on two new buildings for the Physician Assistant Program.

Q. *"In the year 2040, what will the college celebrate on the 80th year of the college's opening?" Dr. Hendricks asked in a convocation address.*

A. *"Many of the young faculty and staff will still be alive, as will most of the students. Many of us will be gone. But the college will be here. In many ways, it will be changed in ways that we cannot imagine or understand. But, I believe that the original hopes of the founders, the visions and dreams of Bishop Garber, the spirit and tenacity of our own patriarchs will be here. The campus will be different; the programs and the staff will change, but the original and enduring vision will survive."*

M. Elton Hendricks

Alumni News

A Salute to METHODIST'S MILITARY ALUMNI

By Lauren Cook Wike, Director of Annual Fund and Alumni Affairs

With one of the largest military bases in the country located only ten minutes away from campus, it comes as no surprise that Methodist University takes pride in a large number of active duty and retired military from all branches of the services, both enlisted men and women and officers. The University's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program was established in 1977, and 230 U.S. Army officers have been commissioned upon graduation since its founding.

Before the ROTC program began, however, the young Methodist College produced more than a few future military leaders of note. Among them are **Gen. John Handy '66**, who achieved four-star rank in the Air Force and headed two air transportation commands, and now serves as a member of the University's Board of Trustees. Another is 1966 graduate, **James M. Link**, who became a three-star General in the U.S. Army and is now president of Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville, Ala. Both look back on their days at Methodist as important preparation for the leadership roles they would later play.

Among the early participants in Methodist's ROTC program was **COL Joseph Smith '79 USA (Ret.)**, whose son will graduate from Methodist and be commissioned this May, following his father's legacy of honor and duty to country. Colonel Smith, speaking at the University's Veteran's Day ceremony in November 2009, noted that for the past eight years our nation has been at war, and "We continue to fight to defend our freedoms and combat terrorism. This calls for us to honor and celebrate both those veterans whose service is recorded in the history of past conflicts, and to recognize our current warriors who add to our nation's rich history every day."

MAJ Stephen Howell, Sr. '95, who originally attended Methodist with the idea of becoming a golf pro and ended up with an ROTC scholarship while Operation Desert Shield was occurring in 1990-1991, said that although he "always had a sense that defending American freedom was important," after September 11, 2001, "that sense intensified, becoming a fervor. I was stationed at Ft. Bragg when the terrorist attacks occurred, and I remember thinking how life in America would never be the same." Since then he has deployed twice to Iraq, and says that what he saw in the Middle East has made him more committed than ever to serving his country. "I continue to serve so that my own children will enjoy the same freedoms that I knew as a child," he said, and in the hope "that the emerging generation – some of whom attend ROTC at Methodist University today – will grasp the baton of freedom that is being passed on to them." His commitment speaks for many of the troops engaged in the war on terrorism.

MAJ Kelly French took a different route up the ranks. She enlisted in the Army in 1989 as a private and attained the rank of sergeant before being selected as a Green to Gold Scholarship recipient. She majored in French at Methodist and graduated in 1998 with a commission in the Adjutant General Corps. She spent six years in Germany, rising to Commander of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of 1st Personnel Command, then deployed to Iraq as Congressional Liaison and spent six months in Baghdad. Her next assignment was more training and a post at West Point as a French instructor after completing her master's degree. She volunteered for and was recently deployed to Afghanistan with the National Military Academy of Afghanistan (NMAA) and is currently an academic advisor at NMAA in Kabul. She is the only female mentor for the 2,000 Afghani cadets training at the facility, and, she said, "my blonde hair is evidently fascinating as the stares in my direction are blatant."

Methodist can claim many more truly outstanding active duty and veteran alumni, including war heroes like **MAJ Karl Gregory '02**, who was awarded the Silver Star, the Soldier's Medal, and the Bronze Star with Valor for his exceptional courage, gallantry, and heroism in combat on three separate occasions during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Another ROTC graduate, **LTC Michael Sundborg '83**, chose to pursue a medical degree, and is now head of the OB-GYN department at Womack Army Medical Center at Ft. Bragg, NC.

What is true of all of MU's military alumni is that they have made a commitment above and beyond themselves. The profession of arms is highly unique and demanding, and with the advent of the all-volunteer forces the number of Americans in the services has dropped to less than half a percent of the population. We are grateful to all MU alumni who are serving or who have served in America's armed forces.

Many thanks to **MAJ Stephen Howell '95**, whose essay "Why I Continue to Serve" was the inspiration for this article.



Gen. John Handy



MAJ Kelly French

LOYALTY DAY 2010 *BLASTS OFF*



Front row (R-L): Barb Lahiff; Gayle Nelson; Jennifer Kirby '02; North Carolina Senator Margaret Dickson, 2010 Loyalty Day Chair; Phyllis Houston-Washington; Frank Scott; and Louis Feraca
Back row, (R-L): Dineen Morton, T.J. Jenkins, Sharon Moyer, George Matthews, Linda Goff, Marilyn Holstein, Kensley Edge, and Steve Driggers '76

"This is a highly anticipated event within our community that does a lot of good for our students," said Methodist University Foundation Board President George Matthews of Loyalty Day during the Kick-off Breakfast held Feb. 9, 2010 in the Green and Gold Café on campus.

In a tradition dating back to its establishment in 1956, each year Foundation Board members recruit community volunteers who canvass area businesses and individuals for contributions on Loyalty Day, the second Tuesday of February. Foundation Board members, Volunteers, the Loyalty Day Chair, Trustees, Administration officials, and students attended the February 9 Kick-off Breakfast to celebrate the campaign.

"Education provides the framework to understand the world around us," said this year's Loyalty Day Chair, North Carolina Senator Margaret Dickson. "Beyond our family and our moral values, nothing is more important than education."

"I know that each and every person could be doing something else today, but you have chosen to be a volunteer," said Dickson. "The work you do today will touch the lives of people you will never know."

Over 90 percent of Methodist students receive some form of scholarships or financial aid. In 2010 to-date, over \$70,000 has been raised for scholarships through the Loyalty Day campaign. The efforts of Foundation Board members and Loyalty Day Volunteers are truly what make the fund drive work. It says so much to people in the community that their peers are willing to take the time to volunteer on behalf of Methodist and its students.

For more information or to give to the Loyalty Day scholarship fund, visit http://www.methodist.edu/alum_dev/dev_loyalty.htm.

ANNUAL MU ALUMNI GOLF OUTING



During the weekend of Feb. 26-28, 2010, 26 MU alumni and friends gathered in Myrtle Beach, S.C. for the Annual MU Alumni Golf Outing. The Monarchs enjoyed rounds of golf at Indigo Creek, River Oaks, and the International Club. Many alums shared their memories of Methodist during social times at breakfast and dinner.

Alumni Class Notes

BIRTHS

96 **Jeremy Sachs '96** and his wife, Amy, are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Carson Ryan Sachs. Carson was born Feb. 28, 2010 at 4:52 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 19.5 inches long. Mom, Dad and BIG Brother Chase are all doing fine. The Sachs' would love to hear from you; their e-mail address is jsinva@yahoo.com.

97 **Mark Moses '97**, his wife Nadine, and older brothers and sister Taylor, Gavin, Blake, Jonathan, and Hannah welcomed a new addition to the family, Garrett, Nov. 20, 2009. Garrett was 9 lbs. and 22 inches long.

04 **Bryan and Vanessa (Eastman) Reed '04, '04** welcomed their second child into the world. Sophia Grace Reed was born Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.



Carson Ryan Sachs



Sophia Grace Reed (at left) and brother

Alumni News (cont'd.)



Angalie Elizabeth Smith



Nicole Mallette and Stephen Colt



Walter Turner



Robert Flynn

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

02 **Angalie Elizabeth (Quinn) Smith '02** was married to Marc M. Smith Dec. 2, 2009. They currently live in Fayetteville, N.C., but will be transferring to Texas at the end of 2010. Angalie is currently a chorus/drama teacher at a middle school in Fayetteville. Marc is an intel analyst in the United States Army.

04 05 **Nicole Mallette '04 and Stephen Colt, Jr '05** were married October 2, 2009 on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Nicole and Steve were thrilled to have **Melissa Arnett '04** and **Brad Colt '06** as part of their wedding party. Also representing Methodist in attendance at the wedding were **Evan Force '04**, **Ryan Fountaine '02**, **Jason Sparhawk '04**, **Matt Laun '04**, **Justin Defont '04** and **Davana Kessler '09**. The newlyweds kept the celebration going with a honeymoon to Italy.

CLASS NOTES

65 **Walter Turner '65** has had his new book *Waterways to the World: The Story of the North Carolina State Ports Authority*, published by the North Carolina Transportation Museum and the North Carolina State Ports Authority Board of Directors. Turner, who has authored numerous articles on transportation-related topics in journals such as "The North Carolina Historical Review," is the author of *Paving Tobacco Road: A Century of Progress by the North Carolina Department of Transportation*. Following graduation from Methodist, Walter earned a master's degree in social work at UNC-Chapel Hill, then joined the Peace Corps, and later served as a social worker and travel agent. Since 2000, he has held the position of the historian at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Salisbury, N.C. For more information about his books and publications, visit www.nctrans.org.

70 **Robert Flynn '70** says, "Hello, I graduated June of 1970 and was privileged to be accepted by Duke University for my graduate work. I must say that Dr. L. Plyer had made sure that I was well prepared. Now having served 42 years of Ministry in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, I find myself on Incapacity Leave; just what the doctor prescribed. Though I now have six doctors, I am enjoying the time I can spend with family. Jeannine and I were married at Methodist University and we celebrate the fact that we were the first couple to be married on the campus. We have been married 42 years and are the proud parents of five children and six grandchildren. Blessings to all Alumni."

73 **Larry Philpott '73** says, "My wife Pam and I now reside in Swansboro, N.C. I retired on Jan. 1, 2008 after serving more than 32 years with Cumberland County Government in parks and recreation services. Like many of us, I stay in contact, visit, and plan outings with former MU classmates, baseball teammates, and dorm mates—lifelong friends."

74 David Bradley '74 was named as the new clerk of court for the Southern District of Texas by vote of the judges in the district. Bradley, who has been chief deputy clerk since 1983, succeeds Michael Milby. Bradley has worked in the federal clerk's office for 27 years. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Methodist, he earned his law degree from Hamline University Law School in Minnesota.

87 Fred Johnson '87, of KPMG's San Francisco office, has been admitted into the partnership of the U.S. firm. Johnson provides tax services as a member of KPMG's Economic and Valuation Services unit. He joined KPMG in 2005. Johnson is a CPA and member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He resides in San Francisco. KPMG LLP is the audit, tax, and advisory firm and U.S. member firm of KPMG International. KPMG International's member firms have 137,000 professionals, including more than 7,600 partners in 144 countries.

89 Joie L. Gooch, '89 was ordained Dec. 6, 2009 as associate pastor at Christian Provision Ministries in Sanford, N.C., assuming the position of pastor of protocol. Joie has served at Christian Provision Ministries for 17 years and has had various roles such as youth leader, worship leader, finance director and operations director. Joie currently resides in Wake Forest, N.C., with his wife, Brenda and two children, Isaiah and Gabrielle. He also has a son who is serving in the United States Army.

93 William "Ricky" Young '93 has been named the new head coach of the Richmond Senior High Raiders baseball team.

94 Todd Johnson '94 has been named to the Sampson Community College (SCC) Foundation Board of Directors. Johnson, a partner with Black, Chestnutt and Johnson, PA, has a B.S. from Methodist University and a Master of Business Administration from UNC-W. He and his wife Jamie have two boys, Parker and Peyton. Johnson was also elected as the new treasurer of the SCC Foundation, Inc.

95 Camisha Bell '95 is currently working on a post-master's certificate in advanced school counseling and will complete the program in May of 2010. Her next plan of action will either be a Ph.D. in higher education or add-on degree in administration. Camisha says, "I am still trying to decide what I want to be when I grow up."

97 Jason Martin '97 says, "I hope all is well with the wonderful friends I made during night school in the mid 1990s (a while back I guess) and the wonderful people I met during day school. God Bless!"

98 00 Donald Murray Warren, '98, '00 received a graduate certificate in United Methodist Deacon studies at The Methodist Theological School in Ohio in Delaware, Ohio, Feb. 20, 2010. This certificate is focused on the specialized ministries of the Order of Deacons within the church. He is currently pursuing ordination as a Deacon in The North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church and certification in Music Ministry.

99 Leslie Antoniel '99 accepted the director of annual giving position at Texas Wesleyan University and is now living in Fort Worth, Texas.

04 Cape Fear Valley Health System's Marketing and Outreach department won eight awards for marketing excellence from the Carolinas Healthcare Public Relations & Marketing Society. In the Gold Wallies category, **Ginny Deffendall '04** won for an electronic newsletter. Deffendall and two of her colleagues also won for a marketing campaign.

05 Ayla Huaman Toman '05 says, "My husband and I are currently stationed at Ft. Drum, N.Y., and are expecting our third child. We are having another little girl. Our children, Kayla, 6, and Matthew, 4, are very excited with the news of a new baby sister."

07 Jennifer Snyder '07, in addition to earning her MBA in December 2009, has been promoted to director of suites at the Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville, Fla.

08 Bryan Cauley '08 began a new phase in his law enforcement career as the chief of police of Grifton, N.C., Feb. 1, 2010.



Fred Johnson



Joie L. Gooch

Spotlight: MU's Newest Trustees



Leslie "Les" Griffin

Les Griffin has lived in Fayetteville since 1970, but despite being a longtime local, Griffin says he knew little about Methodist University before his friends and fellow board members, Ray Manning and Mary Lynn Bryan, talked to him about serving on the Board of Trustees.

"She said it was a worthwhile experience, and she was correct," Griffin said. "It has been eye-opening, really, to see the things that Methodist is doing. I am especially impressed with Dr. Hendricks."

Originally from Portsmouth, Va., Griffin grew up in the suburbs, spending summers with a relative in North Carolina. One of six siblings, he was the first to go to college, graduating from Morgan State University in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in political science. Instead of getting into politics, however, Griffin carved out a career in the U.S. Army.

As well as a 20-year career, the Army also gave him something else. It was through a friend in the service that Griffin met his late wife, Alma, who passed away in 2006 after the couple had been married for 48 years. The Griffins raised two children, Pattie and Raymond, and have five grandchildren. Their daughter Pattie is a teacher in Cumberland County and son Raymond lives in Atlanta.

After travelling the world with the military, Griffin was assigned to Fort Bragg, where he retired at the rank of major in 1975. Afterward, the family decided to stay and settle down in the area. Griffin took a job with Cape Fear Financial Services in 1976, and became the owner and president of the company in 1978. That same year, he also became the owner and president of Cape Fear Real Estate. He still owns both businesses.

While in the service, Griffin continued to take classes on a variety of subjects, and went on to earn his master's degree in public affairs from N.C. State University after leaving the Army. A lifelong learner, Griffin has even taken a class at Methodist in the past.

Now 76 years old, Griffin is already looking forward to his new responsibilities as a Methodist University Trustee.

"I know one of the things we'll be concerned with is electing a new president, and I hope I have input that will be of use to the board as we do that."

His community involvement includes being the current president of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra and a past president of the Cumberland Community Foundation, which he has been involved with since 1998. He has also been a member of Saint Ann Catholic Church for more than 30 years.

Griffin is also involved with The Care Clinic, Sustainable Sandhills, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the Salvation Army Christmas Fund, and the North Carolina Freedom Monument Project, which seeks to honor the African-American experience in North Carolina.

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SPRING BREAK 2010: BAHAMAS MISSION TRIP

On Saturday, March 6, 2010, 17 MU students, one faculty member, and one staff member began their journey to Eleuthera Island, Bahamas, for a one-week mission trip.



The Methodist University Work Team arrived at Camp Symonette on Eleuthera Island Sunday, March 7, 2010. Working with students from Wake Forest, Duke, University of Georgia, and Kennesaw State, the MU group began to work on three projects through the Bahamas Methodist Habitat (BMH). BMH is non-profit organization that works to improve subsidiary housing conditions on Eleuthera and surrounding islands.

During the week, the 19-member team was split into three groups. Each group had a different project. The projects included: roofing a personal home, laying tile down in a community center's church, and siding two government-sponsored senior citizen homes. The projects were coordinated by the BMH staff.

Bobby Peterson, a senior PGA Golf Management student said, "My favorite

part about the trip was working with the team members from Methodist and the other schools. It was great to interact with the local population and have their support while we were serving them."

After working Monday through Thursday, the team had an excursion day Friday, which consisted of visiting sites such as the Glass Window Bridge (one of the narrowest pieces of land on earth), Preacher's Cave (the origin of the country of the Bahamas), and several isolated beaches to swim with the wildlife.

"The trip was an awesome opportunity to grow in faith," said Pat White, a junior majoring in PGA Golf Management. "The island is so isolated, so quiet, yet the people are filled with God's love. It really made me realize that God's love is everywhere, in nature, others, and even ourselves."



Don Price

Don Price, who joined Methodist's Board of Trustees in May 2009, is a quiet, unassuming man with a strong sense of family, country, and community. His office at LaFayette Ford is filled with photos of his family, military coins, and recognition plaques. Among them are the Town of Eastover's Living Legacy of Leadership Award for his role in Eastover's incorporation, North Carolina's Order of the Long Leaf Pine, and the latest, Ford Motor Company's Salute to Dealers award to recognize dealers who improve the lives of those in need while providing outstanding products and services. Price is the first dealer in North Carolina to receive the Ford Award, but it soon becomes obvious that it and the other plaques honor Don, but also in his pride in his community and his feeling of responsibility to make a difference where he can.

Mr. Price, one of five children, grew up in a coal-mining town in West Virginia, where he and his wife, Karen, were high school sweethearts. The dropout rate was high in Oak Hill, and the focus was to complete high school. Price was active in school, playing football, and serving as vice president of the senior class and president of the varsity club, but no mention was made of college until his senior year. Instead, Price enlisted after graduation and served in the United States Air Force from 1961 to 1965, where he was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas; Kesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. He completed a 15-month isolated tour in Peshawar, Pakistan. The Prices moved to Fayetteville in 1965 where Price worked at LaFayette Ford as a salesman for then owner George Purvis. Today, he owns the company and runs it like a family business, which indeed it is. Price's son Tim is a vice president and parts and service director; and son-in-law Mark Fisher is a vice president and general manager. Business is still business, however, and the high standards that Mr. Price sets for himself and his employees are a formula for success, such that LaFayette Ford was chosen to represent the entire North Carolina Automobile Dealers association in the 2009 Time Magazine Dealer of the Year Award.

While Price never graduated from college, he and Karen made it a priority for their children. Kim, who currently serves on the Cumberland County Board of Education, graduated from N.C. State. His son, Tim, is a 1991 graduate of Methodist University.

Price remembers that the first opportunity he had to do something other than selling cars came through the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club, where he said the focus was on kids in the community and making certain they were provided for through programs like Terrific Kids. Other opportunities later came through his involvement with the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Council, Bragg Special Activities Committee, Pope Special Activities Committee, and individuals like Tommy Bolton, Aide to the Secretary of the Army. Some of Price's favorite moments are events for soldiers serving on the front lines. Price said "Everything you do, you want to do more," speaking of the opportunity to give.



Don Price's family (L-R): Son-in-law, Mark Fisher; daughter, Kim Fisher; their daughters, Cayley and Mary Addison; Don Price; Tim's daughter, Ashley; Don's wife, Karen; Tim's son, Drew; and Tim

LaFayette Ford provided the conduit for Price's involvement in education, first through "Fayetteville Observer's Newspapers in Schools" initiative, which grew into a partnership between the business and Ben Martin Elementary School. Price and his company also have close ties with Eastover-Central Elementary School and Cape Fear High School. Price recalls Board of Education member Larry Lancaster approaching him 10 years ago with an idea to recognize a Principal of the Year and provide them the use of a new car for a year. Price agreed and, with the support of his son, Tim, and son-in-law, Mark, continue to support this effort today.

Price and his family feel a strong connection to Methodist University, not only because Tim is a graduate, but through their involvement in summer camps, dance and music recitals, and other events over the years. "I don't think I've ever turned Methodist down for anything when asked," Price said. "I remember when Dr. Pearce (former president of

Methodist University) came to the dealership to see Mr. Purvis on Loyalty Day, and I've been connected with Methodist since." In 2004, Methodist University, through its Center for Entrepreneurship, named Don Price Business Person of the Year.

Price said that Methodist University is important to the community, and important to his family. "I never dreamed that I would be asked to be on the Board of Trustees of a University. I hope that I can contribute in some way.

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Spotlight: MU's Newest Trustees



Jason Williams

Jason A. Williams '98 has paired his compassion and talent as a health provider with his business acumen to build a highly successful network of urgent care centers across North Carolina, serving nearly 100,000 patients a year. He earned his B.S. in cellular physiology at Methodist in 1996 and a B.H.S. in allied health care in 1998. Williams was the first student to receive the Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award and he was honored with the Lucius Stacey Weaver Award upon graduation, which is given to one student among the graduating class based on his or her academic excellence, spiritual development, leadership, and service. He attended Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut and trained in general surgery and orthopaedic surgery. He earned his master's degree in allied health studies from the University of Nebraska in 2005.

Williams' venture into the business world began soon after graduating from Methodist. In 1999, he helped start Northside Urgent Care, along with two other centers in Fayetteville. Recognizing a need in the non-appointment based medical field, he opened his first business, Lakeview Urgent Care and Family Clinic, in Hope Mills, N.C. in 2001. A second followed in Clayton, N.C. He is now the president and chief executive officer of Urgent Cares of America, which serves patients in ten locations throughout the state, from Asheville to Smithfield. He has founded other businesses as well, including two Pierro's restaurants in Fayetteville, N.C., one in a building on Hay Street that he completely renovated for the enterprise in 2003, and that helped stimulate the renaissance of the city's downtown area.

In 2005, the Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship honored Williams with the Business and Economics Alumnus of the Year Award for his entrepreneurial spirit and success. By then he had begun over 10 profitable enterprises employing over 150 people, all within seven years of graduating from Methodist.

Williams has also engaged in many philanthropic undertakings. In 2008 and 2009, he headed teams on medical mission trips to Burkina Faso in Africa, the third poorest country in the world. While there, the teams provided treatment, medications, and preventive care to 120 people per day. All care and medication for the trips were provided and donated by Urgent Cares of America, Inc. (UCA) and affiliated clinics. The UCA team is the only group of western medical practitioners that visit and provide care in this underserved area of the world. Additionally, Clayton Urgent Care partnered with several Clayton area church and business leaders in January 2010 to donate \$8,000 in medicines and medical supplies to Haitian earthquake relief efforts. Clayton Urgent Care served as a conduit to obtain various discounted and donated medicines and supplies, including broad spectrum antibiotics, IV supplies, splints, crutches, and more. Clinic staff was also consulted to determine the types of medicines and supplies needed in the disaster area.

Williams has worked to forge a strong partnership with his alma mater, providing learning and career opportunities as well as scholarships. In 2009, UCA awarded the first five Robin Elledge & Reza Hatefi Physician Assistant Alumni Scholarships to Methodist University PA students. Robin Elledge '98, practice manager at Fuquay Urgent Care, and Reza Hatefi '00, practice manager at Wake Urgent Care in Garner, established the scholarship with funding from UCA, which has provided clinical rotation opportunities for Methodist PA students for over ten years. "Methodist PAs are strategically important to us as a top-tier resource for new qualified care providers in our clinics," said Williams.

In October 2009, Williams summited the three peaks of Mt. Kilimanjaro – the highest freestanding mountain in the world. The trip was the first step towards his goal to summit each continent's highest peaks. Currently, Jason is preparing for his May 20th, 2010 trip to climb the 6,000 meter royal range in Bolivia.

Williams, who played soccer while a student, has made a gift to his alma mater that enabled MU to install an irrigation system for the soccer field. He has also made a substantial donation to the Prescription for Success Campaign, aimed at raising \$2.8 million for the construction of two new buildings that will allow the Physician Assistant program to expand from accepting 34 students a year to 47 students a year.

Williams is married to Jennifer Hutson, and they have three daughters, Hannah, Molly and Ginger. They reside in Fayetteville, N.C.

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MU Launches Certificate in Professional Writing

Methodist's Department of English and Writing is planning to launch a Professional Writing Certificate Program this fall. Designed primarily for working adults, but also open to current MU students, the program will consist of six courses: four regularly scheduled evening courses and two new courses open only to those accepted for the program. Three courses are planned for this fall and three more in the spring of 2011. The first certificates should be awarded in May 2011.

Six English faculty members have spent the last six months doing research and designing the Professional Writing Certificate Program. They were acting on a suggestion from President Hendricks. Several years ago, Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks took a harbor cruise in Seattle and met a young woman who had recently graduated from college but was returning to school to complete a certificate program in writing and editing. After returning to campus, Dr. Hendricks mentioned the program to the English Department chair. Last fall, Kelly Walter Carney, Robin Greene, Michael Colonnese, Emily Wright, and Bill Billings decided, "Let's take this ball and run with it." Soon thereafter, Whitney Larrimore joined the team.



While designing the certificate program, the team members constructed an online needs assessment survey (ongoing) of Fayetteville area residents, studied similar programs offered at other colleges and universities, drafted goals and objectives and a proposed budget, and wrote course syllabi for the six courses that will make up the program. Then they submitted a final program proposal to Dr. Del Crisp, MU's academic dean; two faculty committees; and President Hendricks.

Proposed fall 2010 course offerings include: "The World of Publishing: From Idea to Text" (full semester), "Advanced Grammar" (Fall Evening Term I), and "Copyediting and Proofreading" (Fall Evening Term II). Courses slated for Spring 2011 are: "The World of Publishing: Writing for Business and the Business of Writing" (full semester), "Desktop Publishing" (Spring Evening Term I), and "Technical Writing" (Spring Evening Term II).

"Our online survey revealed a lot of interest in this program," said Dr. Kelly Walter Carney, chair of the Department of English and Writing. "At least 40 persons were seriously interested in enrolling. Applicants must submit an MU at Night application and a two-page writing sample in response to a prompt. We expect to enroll 10-20 persons in our first class this fall."

Dr. Walter Carney said the Professional Writing Certificate Program will initially consist of undergraduate courses, but may be converted to a graduate program later. She urges interested persons to e-mail her at kwaltercarney@methodist.edu and complete an online survey at www.methodist.edu/ir/writers.htm.

FOCUS ON PAs

*by Robin Davenport,
Vice-President for Institutional Advancement*



The U.S., at 16 percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP), spends far more on healthcare than any other nation, per timeinc.net. The demand for healthcare services will only increase as the first of 78 million baby boomers reach age 65 in 2011. As our nation struggles to meet the healthcare needs of its citizens, Methodist University is doing its part to make a difference in North Carolina through its Physician Assistant (PA) Program.

The American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) defines PAs as “licensed health care professionals who practice medicine with physician supervision in all general practice settings as well as all specialty areas. PAs conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care, assist in surgery, and write prescriptions. In some rural areas, where physicians are in short supply, PAs serve as the primary providers of health care, conferring with their supervising physicians and other medical professionals as needed and as required by law.” The AAPA estimates that, in 2008, approximately 257 million patient visits were made to physician assistants, and

approximately 332 million medications were prescribed or recommended by the 73,893 PAs in clinical practice in the U.S.

The Methodist University PA Program, begun in 1996, has produced over 200 physician assistants who practice predominantly in North Carolina, but also serve throughout the nation and overseas in the military. Currently, 129 Methodist PAs practice in 32 North Carolina counties, many of which are medically underserved. The Program also takes great pride in the 97 percent overall pass rate of its graduates on the national board exam (PANCE).

Methodist’s PA Program—one of only six in the state—is currently approved to admit up to 34 new students each year, for which the program receives over 300 applications. To further expand access to healthcare and create additional jobs in North Carolina, Methodist will expand its PA Program’s annual enrollment from 34 to 47 students (a 38 percent increase), bringing total program enrollment to over 140 students.

Construction is now underway on two buildings to facilitate the program’s expansion. The buildings – a 7,778 square foot Medical Lecture Hall and a 4,516 square foot Human Anatomy Laboratory—will be located beside the existing Health Sciences Building fronting Ramsey Street on the south end of the campus. Both buildings will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified.

Commitments have been secured for \$1,866,399 of the \$2.8 million needed to complete these buildings through the **Prescription for Success** Physician Assistant campaign. Primary gifts include a December 2009 grant for \$250,000 from The Belk Foundation.

“The Belk Foundation is pleased to support the outstanding efforts of Methodist University to strengthen our state’s health care system by preparing students to become physician assistants who can serve in areas where access to medical services is severely lacking,” said Katie B. Morris, chair of The Belk Foundation board of directors.

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\$400,000 has been awarded this year for specialized PA training equipment, through the support of U.S. Senator Richard Burr and Representatives Bob Etheridge, Larry Kissell, and Mike McIntyre.

A recent development in the campaign is a \$50,000 challenge grant issued by Mr. Rajan Shamdasani and his three daughters--Sonia Shamdasani Bahroo, a 2004 graduate of the Methodist PA program; Sabina Shamdasani; and Shelley Shamdasani Bhatia. The Shamdasanis have agreed to match, dollar for dollar, the qualifying gifts (see inset for challenge criteria) of graduates of the PA Program and their parents, up to \$50,000.

“As Methodist gave Sonia the start in her medical career in which she excels at George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates in Washington, DC, it was most befitting to do something for this excellent University,” said Rajan Shamdasani of the challenge.

There is no easy fix to the country’s healthcare crisis; however, there is strong consensus that access to primary care services is an important part of the equation. PAs work in virtually every medical and surgical setting. More than one-third (38.2 percent) are found in hospitals and they are well-represented in primary care practice. The American Academy of Physician Assistants reports that 37 percent of PAs work in primary care areas of medicine: family/general medicine (26%), general internal medicine (five percent), general pediatrics (three percent), geriatrics (one percent), and obstetrics/gynecology (two percent). Moreover, PAs practice in a cost-efficient manner. The AAPA website reported that studies conducted by the Rand Corporation found that PAs saved as much as 20 percent of the costs of medical care and were able to perform at least 80 percent of the functions in an ambulatory care practice.

You can be a part of the solution to increasing access to healthcare in North Carolina by contributing to the **Prescription for Success** Physician Assistant Program campaign. Your support is needed to raise the remaining \$933,000 to complete the program expansion. “Stated more simply, that’s 200 individuals and businesses committing to pay \$78 per month over the next five years,” said Robin Davenport, VP for Institutional Advancement.

For more information about the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program, please visit www.methodist.edu/paprogram/index.htm. For information on the Prescription for Success campaign or to learn how you can make a difference, please contact Robin Davenport, vice president for institutional advancement, at (910) 630-7200 or by e-mailing rdavenport@methodist.edu.

U.S. Representatives Mike McIntyre and Bob Etheridge were instrumental in securing \$476,000 in 2009 federal funding from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration toward the construction of the Human Anatomy Laboratory. An additional



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\$50,000 PA ALUMNI CHALLENGE

Mr. Rajan Shamdasani and his daughters, Sonia Shamdasani Bahroo '04, Sabina Shamdasani, and Shelley Shamdasani Bhatia have established a \$50,000 challenge grant designed to inspire PA alumni and their families to give to the **Prescription for Success** campaign.

How does the challenge work?

PA alumni and their parents who wish to help meet the challenge must make a qualifying gift or multi-year commitment to be fulfilled over no more than three years. As those gifts or pledge payments are made by challenge grant participants, a dollar-for-dollar matching gift will be paid to Methodist University.

What do you mean by qualifying gifts and commitments?

Only new gifts and commitments, made between January 15th and July 31, 2010, and designated for the **Prescription for Success** campaign will qualify. Previous donors cannot cancel and re-book current commitments.

To qualify for the challenge, PA alumni or their parents must commit to a minimum gift, payable over a three-year period of:

\$3,000 for PAs graduating from 1998 to 2000

\$2,000 for PAs graduating from 2001 to 2003

\$1,000 for PAs graduating from 2004 to 2009

When does the challenge expire?

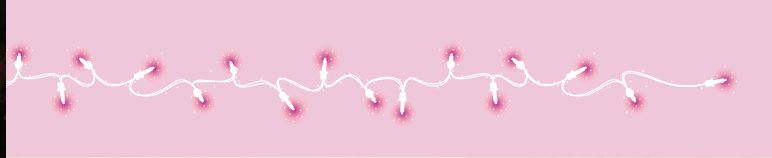
The University expects fundraising to conclude on or before July 31, 2010, though payments may extend up to three years from the date of the triggering donor’s commitment.

Do my corporate matching gifts qualify as well?

Absolutely. Nearly one thousand corporations match the gifts of their employees and, in some cases, retirees. The entire amount qualifies for the challenge. Gifts and commitments from foundations and other organizations, and directly from corporations, are also welcome.

Where do I direct any questions? Or make a qualifying commitment?

Contact Robin Davenport, vice president for institutional advancement at Methodist University at 910-630-7609 or rdavenport@methodist.edu. Or contact anyone in the Development Office at 910-630-7200.



PINK ZONE



Methodist University partnered with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) for the third straight year to host a "Pink Zone" basketball game Feb. 13. In an effort to increase breast cancer awareness, the Monarchs worked tirelessly to raise money for the Kay Yow/WBCA Breast Cancer Fund and Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation Friends of the Cancer Center.

Despite snowfall overnight, more than 800 fans packed the March F. Riddle Center in pink to benefit breast cancer awareness. The Methodist team played in pink uniforms to show its support. Throughout the game, fans bid on silent auction items including autographed balls by former University of North Carolina Head Coach Dean Smith, Duke University Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski, tennis stars Andre Agassi and Chris Evert.

At halftime of the basketball game, Methodist honored breast cancer survivors as another way to increase awareness regarding one of the most common invasive cancers among women in the United States. A number of Methodist students, faculty and staff have been affected by breast cancer and a special slideshow recognized their fight.

Terra Poole, a breast cancer survivor said, "It really was the event that acknowledged the journey I have been through."

A number of different campus clubs and organizations pitched in with special fundraisers. Greek Life, the cheerleading and dance teams, as well as the MU Student Athletic Training Association all donated money to the cause. The women's basketball team topped off a successful day with a 70-43 victory over N.C. Wesleyan College.

The WBCA's "Pink Zone" initiative is a global, unified effort for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's 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.

"Kay Yow has always been an inspiration to me—not only as a coach, but as a player," said Methodist's 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."



About the WBCA

Founded in 1981, the WBCA promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport and to foster and promote the development of the game as a sport for women and girls. For additional information about the WBCA, please visit wbca.org.





WINTER WRAP-UP

Methodist University athletics wrapped up another season of winter sports, including men's and women's basketball, and indoor track and field.

The women's basketball team played to a 16-11 overall record this season while finishing 11-7 in USA South Conference play. The Monarchs earned the fourth seed in the conference tournament and defeated #5 Shenandoah University 65-53 in the quarterfinal before falling to eventual champion Christopher Newport in the semifinal. Senior Michaela Myers was named to the USA South All-Conference Second Team, while senior Dezzire Gilliard received Third Team recognition.

On Jan. 18, 2010, Head Coach DeeDee Jarman won her 200th game at the helm of the Monarchs. Already the winningest coach in women's basketball history, Jarman continues to set a new standard with every win.

Methodist men's basketball coach David Smith and his team had a slow start this season, but picked up three wins over Greensboro, Ferrum and Shenandoah. Sophomore Tanner Carnes was named to the USA South All-Conference Second Team while senior Tyler Sigman and sophomore Mark Jernigan were Honorable Mention selections.

The Methodist indoor track and field team has competed in five meets this season capped off by the Mason Dixon Conference Championships. Freshman Ruby Blackwell was named Female Athlete of the Year by the conference after winning the 55 meters, 200 meters and 400 meters along with an eighth place in the long jump. Junior Kristyn Zeiler won the mile and the 5,000 meters and placed third in the 800 meters. Zeiler set new records in all three events this season.

USA SOUTH ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL HALL of FAME CLASS

The USA South Athletic Conference is pleased to announce its inaugural Hall of Fame Class. The 2010 class includes six former student-athletes, three coaches and one administrator. The inductees were officially honored and recognized during the final day of the USA South Basketball Tournaments at Christopher Newport University Feb. 27, 2010.

Two former Methodist student-athletes along with two current Methodist coaches were recognized in the inaugural class.

USA South Commissioner Rita Wiggs stated, "The USA South Athletic Conference (formerly the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) was established in 1963. A strong tradition of exciting teams, outstanding student-athletes and stellar coaches and administrators has filled the 46 years of the Conference's history. Establishing this Conference Hall of Fame gives us a platform to honor those outstanding individuals who played, coached and guided the Conference administratively through the years. This inaugural class is comprised of exceptional student-athletes, coaches, and one of the founding fathers of the Conference. We look forward to a moving and memorable induction ceremony."

The 2010 USA South Hall of Fame inductees from Methodist University:

STUDENT-ATHLETES



ELENA BLANINA was a four-year letter winner and two-time National Singles Champion for the Methodist University (2000-03) women's tennis team. She was a four-time Dixie Conference Player of the Year and the Rookie of the Year in 2000. An All-American and ITA Senior Player of the Year in 2003, Blarina earned ITA Regional Singles and Doubles Championships twice during her career. Upon graduating, Blarina spent time working for the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and is currently working on Wall Street in New York City.

CHAD COLLINS is one of just three Methodist University (1997-2001) men's golfers to earn First Team All-American honors four times. He helped the Monarchs to their last two National Championships in 1998 and 1999, including four Conference crowns. Collins was a three-time NCAA Division III Individual Champion and a two-time Dixie Conference Individual Champion. He earned First Team All-Conference honors each of his four seasons. Collins has competed in 25 Professional Golfers Association (PGA) events over the past three years and is currently on the PGA Tour.



WINTER WRAP-UP



COACHES



TOM AUSTIN is currently in his 31st season as the head coach of the Methodist University (1980-present) baseball program. He holds a record of 929-384-9 and became the eighth coach in NCAA Division III baseball history to reach the 900-victory plateau. Austin ranks fourth amongst active Division III head baseball coaches in wins. He has led the Monarchs to 13 Conference titles, 20 NCAA Division III Tournament appearances and six NCAA Division III South Regional titles. Austin led Methodist to its best finish in the 1995 season as the Monarchs finished as national runners-up. He has earned nine Conference Coach of the Year honors and seven NCAA Division III South Region Coach of the Year accolades. A total of 27 players under Austin have garnered NCAA Division III All-American honors, while 120 have been selected as first team All-Conference members.

STEVE CONLEY is currently in his 23rd season as the head coach of the Methodist University (1987-present) men's golf program. He has led the Monarchs to nine NCAA Division III National Championships plus three national runner-up finishes. Under Conley, Methodist has captured 19 Conference titles. He has earned Conference Coach of the Year honors 17 times, NCAA Division III Region III Coach of the Year accolades 13 times, and NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year honors four times. Conley has produced nine individual national champions, 48 All-Americans and 11 Academic All-Americans. In 2007, at age 44, he was the youngest coach to be inducted into the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Hall of Fame.



Methodist to Host NCAA Baseball Regional

The NCAA has announced Methodist University will host the NCAA Division III South Regional, which is scheduled to take place May 19-23, 2010 at Armstrong-Shelley Field.

The Methodist baseball team has its sights set on returning to NCAA postseason play in 2010 after a two-year absence. The Monarchs have made 22 appearances in the NCAA Division III tournament, but have not received a bid since the 2007 season. The team has an opportunity to qualify by winning the USA South Athletic Conference Tournament in Burlington, N.C. Apr. 15-18, 2010 or by receiving an at-large bid based on their record at the end of the regular season.

Methodist will be one of eight hosts for the 2010 NCAA Division III Regional baseball tournament. The winners of the South Regional will advance to the NCAA Division III World Series May 28-June 1 in Appleton, Wis.



Hall of Fame Golf Tournament

The Methodist University Monarchs Booster Club will host its 13th annual Hall of Fame Golf Tournament Friday, June 4, 2010 at King's Grant Golf & Country Club in Fayetteville, N.C.

Over the last 12 years, the tournament has raised over \$75,000 to provide for letter awards of watches, jackets and plaques for over 500 student-athletes at Methodist University annually. The funds have also provided capital items, equipment and facility improvements for Methodist athletics.

The tournament is a four-person captain's choice scramble. The field will be divided into three flights at the conclusion of the round with prizes awarded to the top three places in each flight.

The Dr. William P. Lowdermilk Award is awarded to the top-finishing alumni team as a special tribute to Dr. Lowdermilk's commitment to Methodist University.

A team or individual can register by contacting the Methodist University Athletic Department. Please contact Bob McEvoy, athletic director, at (910) 630-7182 or by e-mailing mcevoy@methodist.edu.



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— Dr. M. Elton Hendricks