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University Senate Approves Methodist University

for Continued Listing as a United Methodist-Related Institution

Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist University, has announced that Methodist University was approved by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church for continued listing, without qualification, as a United Methodist-related institution. Based on the recommendation of the Commission on Institutional Review, Dr. Hendricks was informed of the approval June 30, 2010, after a meeting of the University Senate was held June 24, 2010.

The University was evaluated on the aspects that follow: institutional integrity, program quality, sound management and financial health, and church relatedness. According to an excerpt from the University Senate’s report, “Only rarely has the team seen an institution such as Methodist University where the traditions and principles of The United Methodist Church so thoroughly permeate the institution. The University is rightly

proud of the many student organizations which are related to its mission as a United Methodist institution.”

Over 300 students participate weekly in organizations and activities, such as Bible Study for male and female students, worship held Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. throughout the academic year, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), which is the largest student organization on campus. The University sponsors a praise and worship band, Common Ground, and One Voice, an international Gospel choir. The Rev. Dr. Michael Safley, vice president for University Relations and Campus Ministry; Jan Turner, Instructor of ESL/TESL; and Sam Morrison, director of University Events, have organized two spring break mission trips for work teams of up to 16 students to go to Belize and the Bahamas. Additionally, the University offers Pastor’s Certificates, which provide \$1,000 scholarships to any United Methodist student from the pastor’s congregation. The general education curriculum requires that students complete two religion courses and a church leadership minor has been implemented for students interested in lay church leadership training.

According to the report, “Much of the relationship [with the United Methodist Church] is attributable to the University president, who has made the relationship important during his years at the institution.”

The Search for a President

The Board of Trustees is in the process of conducting a search for the new president of Methodist University. Dr. Hendricks officially announced his retirement January 7, 2010, and over the last 27 years, he has helped bring the institution to its current status as a leader of higher education in the region and state.

In addition, Board of Trustees has formed a search committee that will assist with the national search for a successor. The committee is moving forward with this process in a timely, thoughtful manner. The University has also retained the services of a highly respected search firm, Academic-Search, Inc., to assist with the search process.

The committee has developed a list of leadership characteristics that are mandatory for the next president of Methodist University. These qualities are essential in the formation of new programs, community relations, and campus funding, as Methodist University moves forward with new and exciting opportunities. For updates and additional information about the presidential search, please visit www.methodist.edu/presidentsearch/.

The Search Committee

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MU CELEBRATES

47th Annual Spring Commencement Ceremony

Methodist University graduated 163 students during the 47th Annual Spring Commencement May 15, 2010.

The commencement ceremony took place in the March F. Riddle Center. The day's events began with a baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m., which was held in Reeves Auditorium. Bishop Alfred Wesley Gwinn, Jr. delivered the baccalaureate sermon. The spring commencement speaker was Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist University.

The following graduates were commissioned as officers in the United States Army: Charles Coldiron, Jennifer Farland, Jennifer Kiner, Hilary Nimmo, Todd Sackewitz, and Alexander Smith. In a custom inaugurated at MU in 1985, five graduating seniors presented flags during the ceremony: Manoela Kinney (Brazil), Margina Coccozza-Bendana (Costa Rica), Anas Iqtait (Palestine), Mame Coumba Mbodji (Senegal), and Salek Maouloud-Lebaihi (Western Sahara).



Picture above (L-R): The Rev. Russell Kinlaw, pastor at Refuge Pentecostal Holiness Church in Hope Mills; Johanna Winters, May 2010 graduate; the Rev. Dr. Michael Safley, vice-president for University Relations and campus minister; Bishop Al Gwinn, resident bishop for the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church; the Rev. Pat Lykins, minister of outreach at Saint Francis United Methodist Church in Cary; Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, MU president; and the Rev. Jerry Jackson, pastor at Belmont UMC in Burlington

2010 Graduates

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

Name	City and State
Terri Allen	Fayetteville, N.C.
Michelle Anderson	White Plains, Md.
Samantha Arrington**	Sanford, N.C.
Stephen Avent	Sanford, N.C.
Allison Averitt	Laurinburg, N.C.
Antonio Barte	Alachua, Fla.
Tiffany Battle	Rocky Mount, N.C.
Stephen Bazan*	Benson, N.C.
Emily Beck*	Tenafly, N.J.
Matthew Beitzel	Franklinville, N.C.
Lara Bell	Fayetteville, N.C.
Fallon Bethel***	Fayetteville, N.C.
Eric Blalock	Apex, N.C.
Tara Bland*	Fayetteville, N.C.
Thomas Blum	Bay Shore, N.Y.
Heather Brayton**	Midway Park, N.C.
Kevin Breisch	Olympia, Wash.
Bret Brennan	Horsham, Pa.
James Bristol	Holly Springs, N.C.
Emil Brown	Roseboro, N.C.
Genika Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.
Jennifer Butler*	Fayetteville, N.C.
Justin Cains**	Fayetteville, N.C.
Kelsey Carter	Herndon, Va.
Anthony Cassone	Apex, N.C.
Taylor Cates	Hillsborough, N.C.
Amber Cava	Clinton, N.C.
Julia Cava	Alexandria, Va.
George Chacon	Spring Lake, N.C.
Margina Coccozza	Fayetteville, N.C.
Charles Coldiron	Fayetteville, N.C.
Lindsey Cosgray**	Middletown, Md.
John Coval	Spring Lake, N.C.
Douglas Crawley	Fayetteville, N.C.
Joshua Crumpler	Newton Grove, N.C.
Kent Culmer	Fayetteville, N.C.
Bradley Davis	Aberdeen, N.C.
Dayne Delabastide***	Fayetteville, N.C.
Andrea Distefano	Albany, N.Y.
Thomas Dixon	Fayetteville, N.C.
Michael Dooley	Hope Mills, N.C.
Tara Doyle	Forest, Va.

NOTE: Graduate listing compiled by Adriana Wilson, a senior at Methodist University majoring in mass communications. Wilson completed a summer internship in the Office of University Relations, where she worked as an editorial assistant.



Name

Dimple Dutt**
 Jennifer Farland*
 Alejandro Flores
 Sakun Gajurel**
 William Gallagher
 Kristen Gault
 Laura Gilbert*
 Christine Goin
 Brian Goodwin
 Anna Gore
 Averi Grady
 Sanid El-Haoua
 Casey Haigler
 Brittany Hall
 Denzil Halliday
 Lindsey Hargrove*
 Roxanne Harris
 Pedro Hernandez
 Erika Holland*
 Shelly Horn*
 Nichole Houy*
 Marvis Howell
 Janna Huffstutler
 Anas Iqtait
 Jeri Jackson
 Mary Jackson
 William Jackson
 Danny Jaramillo
 Qingsong Jiang
 Kevin Jones
 Landon Jordan
 Lalage Katunga*
 Kurt Kelly
 Cattina Kentcy
 Cortney Kerns
 Davana Kessler
 Jennifer Kiner*
 Hannah Kinlaw
 Manoela Kinney***
 Kristi Kozak***
 Paul Lathan
 Brian Leary
 Anthony Liuzza

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 Fort Bragg, N.C.
 Fayetteville, N.C.
 Keene, N.H.
 Valdosta, Ga.
 Fayetteville, N.C.
 Fayetteville, N.C.
 Greensboro, N.C.
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 Erwin, N.C.
 Hope Mills, N.C.
 Monroe, N.C.
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 Southern Pines, N.C.
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 Clayton, N.C.
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 Spring Lake, N.C.
 Fayetteville, N.C.
 Burlington, N.C.
 Erwin, N.C.
 Autryville, N.C.
 Raeford, N.C.
 Fayetteville, N.C.
 Fayetteville, N.C.
 Tyner, N.C.
 Charlotte, N.C.
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 Fayetteville, N.C.
 Henderson, N.C.
 Brockway, Pa.
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 Quechee, Vt.
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 Massillon, Ohio
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 Ethan Smith
 James Smith
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 Matthew Starr
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****Summa Cum Laude*: Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.90 and above

***Magna Cum Laude*: GPA of 3.70 and above

**Cum Laude*: 3.5 and above

Social Work Program Named Advocate of the Year

The North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers has named the Social Work Department at Methodist University the recipient of the Advocate of the Year Award. The award was presented at the annual ethics conference and awards ceremony March 5, 2010 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Jack Register, M.S.W., L.C.S.W., director of advocacy and legislations, said, "The work that your students did in 2007 and 2008 laid the foundation for the 2009 Title Protection Bill. "Your students represent social work advocacy at its best and the profession is better because of their efforts."

This project, which began in the spring of 2007, was launched by a group of students in the Social Work Policy 372 class. The students recognized the lack of title protection for social workers and were concerned about the impact this had on clients, social workers, and the overall welfare of the human services environment. The students researched the ways that other states addressed title protection and created a proposal that detailed how North Carolina could incorporate title protection. The students also researched the educational requirements of social work versus other human service majors to show how social work is a career that is fine-tuned to meet the needs of clients. Representative Margret Dickson (Cumberland County) met with the students to discuss the need for title protection and other considerations that needed to be addressed to further the project. Based on the advice given by Representative Dickson, the students continued to revise the

proposal so that it would illustrate the ways other states had incorporated title protections and possible benefits of title protection. These students then took their proposal to meet with the delegates from Cumberland County and engaged in an exchange of ideas with the delegates.

Due to the state legislation's work schedule, the proposal could not be introduced into the House until May 2009. In the spring of 2008, Methodist University's Social Work Program continued to follow the progress of other states seeking title protection, as well as build support with other B.S.W. programs in the state. The faculty, current students, and returning students met again with Representative Dickson to update her on new findings. This collaboration resulted in a letter writing campaign to those in other B.S.W. programs. The letters explained the the Social Work Program's purpose and goals regarding title protection, and asked for support from these programs. The other B.S.W. programs responded favorably and worked in support of title protection in North Carolina. It was at this time that the members of Methodist University's Social Work Department joined forces with the National Association of Social Workers.

In May of 2009, Representative Rick Glazier (Cumberland County) introduced title protection, and the bill was passed and signed into law by Gov. Beverly Purdue.

MU Celebrates the Opening of the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts

Classes are underway this fall in one of Methodist University's newest additions, the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts.

After breaking ground in April of 2009, a building dedication held April 27, 2010, marked the official opening of the Center for Visual Arts to the MU community. William F. Bethune, a Fayetteville resident, provided the major gift to make possible the building.

"I think a lot of this University," said Bethune at the building dedication ceremony. "There is no place in North Carolina like it." The staff members at Methodist University, he said, have made a lasting impact. "When you see dedicated staff members, you find a dedicated program."

"He has certainly left a legacy that will last for many years," said Harvey Wright, chair of the Board of Trustees, speaking of Bethune.

The building also contains the David McCune International Art Gallery named in honor of local artist David McCune. In addition to student



Pictured from left to right: Art faculty Kerry S. Jenkins, Peggy S. Hinson, and Silvana M. Foti; President M. Elton Hendricks; Mr. William F. Bethune; Mr. David McCune; and Board of Trustees Chair Harvey T. Wright II '70.

shows, the gallery will showcase local, regional, national, and international artists. The 8,844 square-foot floor plan includes a printmaking studio, painting studio, graphic design lab, photography lab, digital photo studio, and drawing and art education space. The facility is designed with a butterfly-angled roofline and incorporates exposed wood ceilings and beams.

Silvana Foti, professor of art and chair of the Art Department, said the completion of the building is the culmination of a 30-year vision. Of Bethune and McCune, she said, "They truly are friends and mentors in our lives, and I thank them both."



Pictured at left (L-R): Professor Mary Deyampert-McCall, Professor Deborah Murray, Dr. George Hendricks, and Dr. Bonnie Belcastro, all faculty in the Department of Social Work.

“The Methodist University Social Work Program is honored to receive the NASW-NC Advocate of the Year Award, said George Hendricks, Ph.D., associate professor of social work and chair of the Social Work Department. “We are humbled that our colleagues recognized the need for title protection in the State of North Carolina. Just as in medicine, it is important for social workers to be recognized for their training and expertise. If an individual claims to be a social worker, he or she must have earned a B.S.W. or M.S.W. from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work. This protection serves to guard against ill-informed and untrained workers in our field. The title protection legislation will result in more qualified workers who are committed to advocating for children and families in North Carolina. We look forward to continuing our advocacy efforts in this important area.”

Community Garden GROWS as a Result of a Community Partnership

The Cumberland County Schools Board of Education conceived the community garden at Pauline Jones School of Arts in response to the acquisition of an adjacent piece of property in January 2009. In cooperation with the Cumberland County Schools Grounds and Maintenance Department, Sustainable Sandhills, and Cape Fear Botanical Garden, coordinators Heather Kaiser and Joy Pitts were able to develop the garden plan as part of their participation in the Green Schools Initiative of Cumberland County Schools. Early partnerships with Cumberland County Solid Waste Department, Evans Methodist Church Boy Scout Troup, and Methodist University’s Social Work Department allowed the group to build the area up with rich compost material and then test the soil and plant the first flower bulbs, tomatoes, gourds, and flowering cabbages for a spring/summer 2009 crop.

“The Methodist University Social Work Program is proud of the community garden initiative,” said George Hendricks, Ph.D., associate professor of social work and chair of the Social Work Department. “We are also excited about our ongoing partnership with Pauline Jones Elementary School. Our participation in this project demonstrates the commitment on the part of Methodist University and the Social Work Program to reach out to the local community. It is our vision that the community garden initiative will serve to enlighten the Pauline Jones students and strengthen their community.”

After a successful year of cutting energy costs, Kaiser and Pitts were awarded a rebate that was used to move to the next phase of the garden. During the 2009-2010 academic year, the partnership expanded

to include Fayetteville State University, Bell’s Seed Store, and a number of landscaping companies. Benches, decorative arches, fruit trees, decorative grasses, blueberry bushes, strawberry plants, and azalea bushes were among the additions to the community garden in its second phase. As a part of Bonnie Plants’ annual competition, students in third grade planted and cared for cabbage plants from March until June 2010. In April of 2010, the community garden was featured as the first stop on the Sustainable Sandhills Urban Farm Tour.

“It is our hope to continue these partnerships and events while moving forward with the next phase of the community garden, which includes plans for a grape arbor in the coming year,” said Pitts.



An Upward Momentum:

Methodist University Experiences Significant Growth

By Maria Sikoryak-Robins and Adriana Wilson

Two-thousand and nine was a banner year in the life of Methodist University. The freshman class grew from its previous all-time high of 431 to 469. The overall day-student enrollment increased from 1,603 in the fall of 2008 to 1,658 in the fall of 2009. Graduate enrollment increased from 145 students in 2008 to 182 students in 2009. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' (SACS) Commission on Colleges reaffirmed the University's accreditation with no recommendations and a strategic plan was later developed to lay the groundwork for the next five years.

Thus far, the beginning of the 2010 academic year has yielded an unparalleled upward momentum, and the University has experienced its largest ever day, overall, residential, and graduate enrollments.

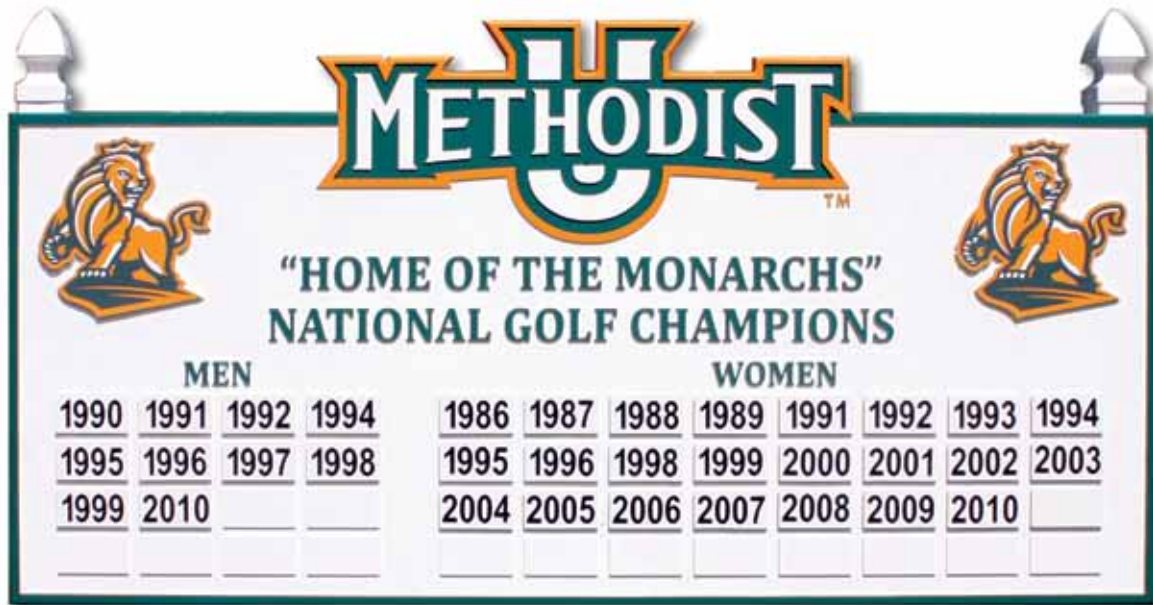
What follows is a look at the current enrollment compared with the previous record enrollment numbers:

ENROLLMENT	PREVIOUS RECORD	2010
Day-Student Enrollment	Fall 2009: 1,658	1,902
Residential Student Enrollment	Fall 2009: 949	1,079
Graduate Student Enrollment	Fall 2009: 182	201
Overall Enrollment	Fall 2004: 2,277	2,343*

* This number may change at the end of fall evening II drop/add period Nov. 5, 2010



Alpha Delta Pi House



Due to its explosive residential growth, the University has contracted off-campus housing to accommodate students. A decision about expanding the University's on-campus residential housing will likely be made in the near future. While the enrollment surge has been the topic of most conversations on campus, the growth has extended to many areas within the University.

The Expansion of Academic and Student Programs

Nursing Program: The State Board of Nursing met in January 2010 and unanimously approved the University's proposal to add a Nursing Program. To celebrate the official launch of the Nursing Program, the Rev. Dr. Michael Safley and the Rev. Ray Gooch—former roommates and graduates of Methodist University—delivered a blessing at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, 2010. Mary Hall, B.S.N., M.S.N., director of the Nursing Program, confirmed that 85 students are currently enrolled in the pre-nursing track for the fall 2010 semester. The program will be housed in the basement of the Science Building.

International Programs: International enrollment is at a record high, with over 100 international students living on campus this fall. A reception was held Sept. 9, 2010 to officially welcome the international population. Methodist University has one of the largest international programs among North Carolina's 36 independent colleges and universities.

Church Leadership Minor: The Laura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development recently added to its curriculum a minor in church leadership. The program explores effective leadership within the context of established churches, mission organizations, para-church ministries, camps, youth ministries, and children's ministries. The course work includes a foundation in the Old and New Testaments, and a look at the principles of leadership, as well as the study of church government and politics, theology and worship, and spiritual foundation.

Study Abroad Program: Magda Baggett, coordinator for Methodist University's Study Abroad Program, announced that the program has signed on to a consortium that gives Methodist University exchange partner institutions in more countries than its existing list of partners (France,

Ireland, and Mexico). Destinations now include Japan, Canada, Spain, Korea, Brazil, Iceland, Chile, Honduras, and Columbia. Some programs focus on a particular field of study, while others offer a general curriculum.

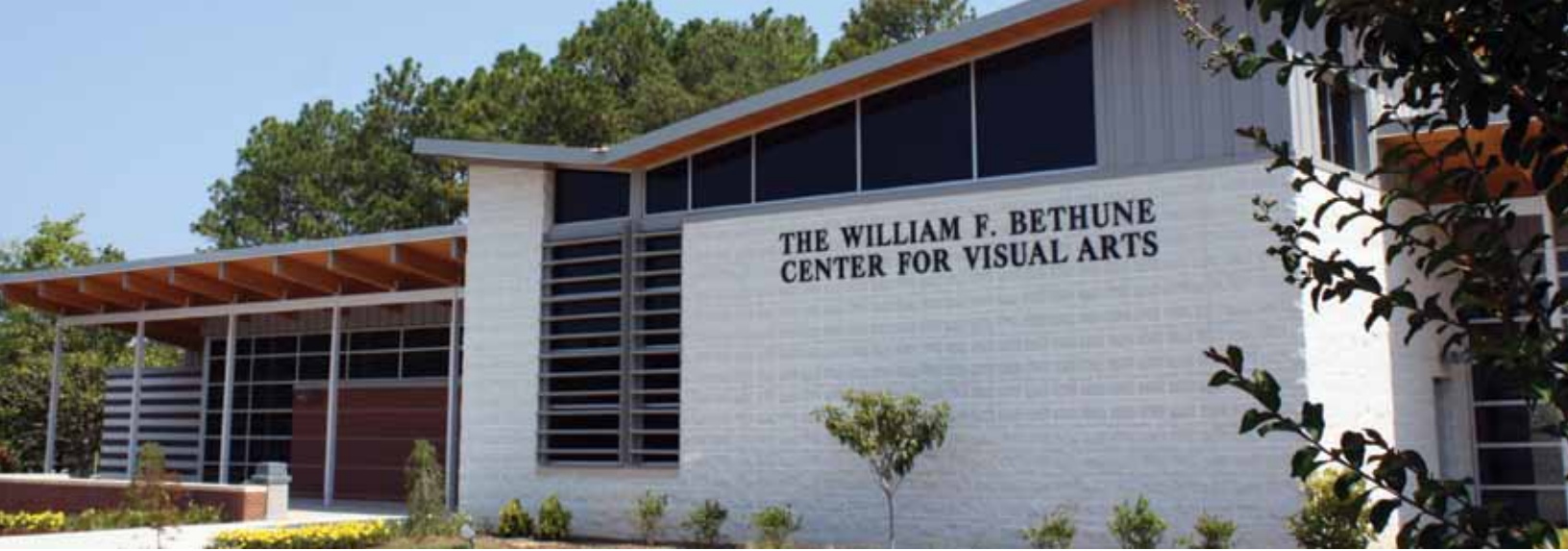
In 2011, Dr. Emily Leverett, assistant professor of English, will lead a trip to London over spring break. Students will see many of London's attractions, including the British Museum, the British Library, the Tower, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abby, and the Globe Theater. During this one-credit independent study course in English, students will have the opportunity to watch a Shakespeare production at the Globe.

New Academic Concentrations: The study of international relations is now offered as a concentration within the political science major. Students can pursue this concentration while they are earning either a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts. The study of international relations will prepare students to enter the Foreign Service or the intelligence community. They may also join a nongovernmental organization, an international corporation, or begin graduate study. According to Dr. Andrew Ziegler, chair of the Department of Government Studies and director of the Tally Leadership Center, this concentration is ideal for students who are anticipating a military career.

Methodist University now offers a concentration in biochemistry, and the MBA Program has added a concentration in health care administration. The 12-13 course MBA Program continues online with two weekend class sessions per eight-week term. The Professional MBA at MU is designed to allow students to continue their full-time careers while earning their degree in 16-18 months. The application deadline for spring 2011 is October 19, 2010.

Communications Department: The Communications Department has taken steps to update its facilities and resources and generate exposure for many of its programs. The department offers a wide variety of courses, ranging from Web design, graphic design, and video editing, to radio production, journalism, and public speaking. In conjunction with COM335 (Public Relations), Patrick O'Rourke, assistant professor of communications, is overseeing a student-led strategic communications campaign that will enhance the department's materials used for promotional, marketing, and recruitment purposes.

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THE WILLIAM F. BETHUNE
CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS

The English Department has introduced a Professional Writing Certificate (PWC) Program, which is an 18-semester-hour, nine-month sequence of courses primarily for working adults but also open to traditional students.

Social Work Program: The North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers named the MU Social Work Department the recipient of the Advocate of the Year Award. The award was presented at an awards ceremony March 5, 2010. The department is committed to maintaining an ongoing community service partnership with many organizations in the surrounding area.

CTA Certification: Students majoring in Resort Management are now afforded the opportunity to earn Certificate Tourism Ambassador (CTA) certification, according to Sharon Kendrick, Ph.D., assistant professor and the director of the Resort and Club Management Program.

Musical Groups Flourish: The Marching Monarchs "Pride of the Carolinas" made its second debut at this year's first football game. The marching band was introduced to the Methodist community in 2009, and has grown from 38 students in 2009 to 51 students in 2010. Scholarships of up to \$1,000 are available to students who play for the "Pride of the Carolinas." The Methodist University Choir Program is offering performances to churches within the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church for services or special events from October 2010 through May 2011. "In the past three years, we have performed at over 15 United Methodist Churches, from South Carolina to New Jersey," said Michael Martin, M.M.Ed., M.M., director of choral activities and music education at Methodist University. The MU Chorale is trying to raise funds for its upcoming European tour in March of 2011, which includes performances in Amsterdam, Brussels, and Paris." Friends of Music will continue to offer special concerts with guest artists and University groups. The concerts are free and open to the community.

Campus Additions

The physical campus has grown rapidly over the last two years. Some of the University's newest additions include the following:

- The renovation of an obsolete boiler plant resulted in what is now an 8-000 square-foot football Field House.
- A building dedication in April of this year marked the official opening of the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. The building also features the McCune International Art Gallery, named for local artist David McCune.

- Soon after the beginning of the fall 2010 semester, the Alpha Delta Pi house opened its doors and is now home to over 20 sorority members.
- In order to expand its enrollment, two buildings are being constructed for Methodist University's Physician Assistant (PA) Program. The complex will feature a 7,000 square-foot Medical Lecture Hall and a 3,800 square-foot Human Anatomy Laboratory. An official dedication ceremony will be held in Fall 2010 to celebrate the opening of the two new buildings in the Physician Assistant Program Complex.



Football Field House

Facility Upgrades

The University has completed several upgrades within its academic buildings. Automatic doors and elevators are being added to the Trustees Classroom Building to make its resources accessible to persons with disabilities. The Communication Department's facilities, housed predominantly in T-380, have undergone many upgrades, which include painted walls, new floors, high definition video projection, the latest editing software, and a SMART Board.

The University underwent a campus-wide paving project in the spring of 2010, which resulted in the repaving of the front part of the campus. In the summer, the second floor of the Mallett-Rogers House was renovated to accommodate five additional faculty offices. The Mallett-Rogers House and the annex that is located behind the building now feature new cedar shake shingled roofs.

The Methodist University community anticipates a successful and memorable 2010-2011 academic year. As the institution continues to provide opportunities for students and those within surrounding area, the MU community expresses its sincerest appreciation to those who have supported the institution's upward momentum.



SPRING Sports WRAP-UP

The Methodist spring sports teams wrapped up another successful season in May with two conference titles, two team national championships, and an individual national title.

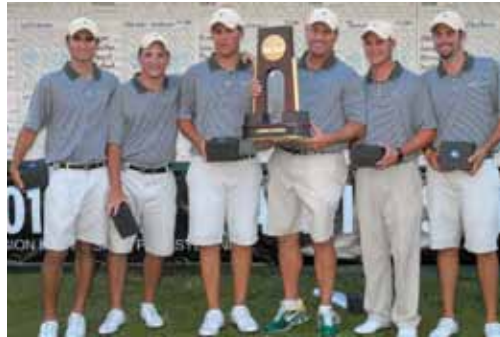
The **baseball team** came up just short of a berth in the NCAA Tournament finishing at 28-14 this season. Sophomore catcher earned Second Team All-American recognition and the team helped to host the 2010 NCAA Baseball South Regional where Shenandoah University advanced to the Division III World Series.

Women's tennis Head Coach **Francie Barragan** led her team to continued success with a sweep of the USA South Athletic Conference regular season and tournament championships. Junior **Kaitlin Flaherty** was named the conference Player of the Year and the tournament's Most Valuable Player, while Barragan earned conference Coach of the Year honors for the fourth time. With the conference tournament championship, the Monarchs advanced to the NCAA Tournament and defeated Agnes Scott before falling to Emory. The team finished with a program record 23 wins.

The **men's tennis team** finished 10-9 in 2010 with a conference record of 3-3. Junior **Matthew Taylor** was a first team USA South All-Conference selection while freshman **Robert Clayton** earned honorable mention honors.

Ron Simpson led the **softball team** to a 13-5 conference record despite finishing 18-23 overall. The season highlights included playing under the lights on Monarch Field for the first time and a six-game conference winning streak. Freshman **Katie Byrd** and junior **Jody Eyler** earned first team All-Conference recognition.

The Methodist **lacrosse team** battled to a 5-8 record this season, which included earning wins over N.C. Wesleyan College and Randolph College to finish on a two-game winning streak. Sophomore **Jasmine Stephens** was named to the USA South First Team All-Conference for her efforts.



The **men's golf team** was trailing after the first round but used a five stroke lead after the third round to hold on for a one-stroke victory for their 10th national title. Seniors **Trey Howell** and **Josh Schrader** were named first team All-Americans

while head coach was named the USA South Coach of the Year and the Division III Coach of the Year before following up with the MU Coach of the Year recognition.

First year Head Coach **Tom Incauskis** kept the dynasty alive by leading the women's golf team to their 13th straight national championship. Senior **Susan Martin** was named the Division III Player of the Year while junior **Paige Caldwell** joined Martin as first team All-Americans. The Monarchs combined to win the title by 19 strokes.



The Methodist **track and field team** continues to receive national recognition under Head Coach **Duane Ross**. Six student-athletes qualified for the NCAA Championships in six different events. Freshman **Ruby Blackwell** made her mark winning the 200 meter race and finishing third in the

100 meters. Sophomore **Ashlynn Chavis** earned All-American honors in the long jump and the men's 4x100 meter relay team made up of **Cedric McGill**, **Pierson Singleton**, **Greg Bailey**, and **Stefan Johnson** were named All-Americans. Bailey also earned All-American honors in the 200 meters. The All-American honors added to the 26 All-Conference awards the team received earlier in May.

Both the **men's and women's golf teams** approached the NCAA Division III Golf Championships ranked number one by their respective coaches' associations.



SPRING Sports WRAP-UP



COMING SOON: Hall of Fame Induction

The Methodist University Department of Athletics will induct its 13th class into the Hall of Fame Oct. 22 as part of the annual Homecoming Festivities.

The Methodist University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics initiated the Methodist Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997. The selection process is maintained and administered by a committee in conjunction with the Methodist University Athletic Booster Club. To be nominated, the inductees have to be athletes, coaches, or administrators who have compiled an outstanding career at Methodist and/or since leaving Methodist.

Inductees become eligible for the prestigious honor five years after completing their eligibility and must have been of good character. Coaches and administrators become eligible for nomination two years after leaving the department unless they have 15 years of service or more in which they would become eligible immediately upon their departure. Currently, the Methodist Athletic Hall of Fame has 12 classes with 50 members.

This fall, Methodist is pleased to induct women's soccer player **Tricia Criswell '91**,

track and field runner **Hamilton Cuthrell '99**, volleyball player **Theresa Dwenger '03**, Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist University, and women's tennis player Carla Simpson '03.

Criswell was a four-year starter for the Monarchs helping the team to three conference championships and four NCAA tournament appearances. She was a three-time All-Conference, All-Region and All-American selection. Criswell also added Academic All-American recognition in 1989.

Cuthrell finished his career as a five-time All-American in the 55 meters, 100 meters and 4x100 meter relay. A former MU record holder in the 100 and 200 meters, Cuthrell earned Methodist's highest finish in a NCAA men's running event earning the silver medal in the 55 meters at the 1996 NCAA Indoor Championships. Cuthrell also competed for the football and cheerleading teams.

Dwenger was a three-time All-Conference selection while earning first team honors as a senior. She currently holds the records at Methodist for career assists and aces as well as season assists and aces. She also ranks in the top ten for a number of other categories finishing her career as one of the most decorated volleyball players in program history.

Dr. Hendricks has demonstrated 27 years of passionate and committed leadership to the quality and growth of the athletic program at Methodist University. He spearheaded a capital campaign to raise \$4 million to build the March F. Riddle Center, along with a number of other facility additions and upgrades. During his tenure, Methodist has added women's golf, football, and women's lacrosse, bringing to 19 the number of varsity sport offerings.

Simpson is a well-decorated women's tennis player after earning the ITA Small College National Doubles Champion honors in 2000 and 2001. She was a three-time first team All-Conference selection and doubles champion while being named the 2001 Conference Rookie of the Year. A three-time All-American, Simpson is also ranked number one in school history for overall doubles winning percentage.

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place at the March F. Riddle Center Oct. 22, 2010 beginning at 6:30 p.m. For ticket information, contact the Athletics Office at (910) 630-7175.

Hall of Fame Golf Tournament



Lowdermilk Award Winners

The 13th Annual Hall of Fame Golf Tournament was held at King's Grant Golf & Country Club in June 2010. The winning alumni team (pictured above) claimed its second consecutive Lowdermilk Award, named for former Methodist Vice President Bill Lowdermilk and sponsored by Lance, Inc. This year's Lowdermilk winners are (L-R): Lynder Serbio '93, Steve Moody '99, Anne Uleman '94, and Carmen Serbio III, '95.

Coach of the Year: Coach Conley



to excellence is most evident and was shown everyday and in every way by his student-athletes."

During the 2009-10 season, Conley has already been named the national Division III Coach of the Year by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) and the USA South Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. Conley led the team to his 20th conference title and 10th national title in 23 seasons at the helm of the Monarchs.

The men's golf team finished up this year with a 2.79 cumulative grade point average and participated in a number of community service projects in conjunction with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, which included reading to elementary school students, project play day, and Cans Across the Conference.

Conley was selected based on criteria set forth by the McLean Foundation and voted on by a committee of Methodist University faculty and staff.

"I am really happy to be selected as Coach of the Year," Conley said. "We have so many great coaches at MU, so it is quite an honor. I would also like to thank the McLean Foundation for their recognition and the award."

Three additional Methodist coaches were nominated for the Coach of the Year award including Melissa Hay (cheer), Dee Dee Jarman (women's basketball), and Duane Ross (track and field).

The Thomas R. and Elizabeth E. McLean Foundation is pleased to announce the 2009-10 Methodist University Coach of the Year is men's golf Head Coach **Steve Conley**.

"The McLean Foundation "Coach of the Year" Award is in its second year, as Francie Barragan was the inaugural award winner for 2008-09. The award recognizes the top head coach in the MU Athletic Department.

"Coach Conley had one of the most award winning and successful years of any coach in the country in 2009-10," Director of Athletics Bob McEvoy said. "He truly was a shining star among many coaching stars on our staff. He is most deserving of this prestigious award, his commitment

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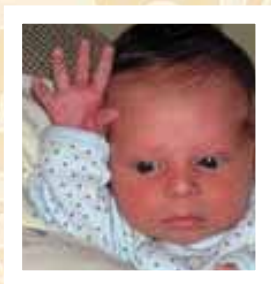


Alumni News

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sarah Grace Buchholz



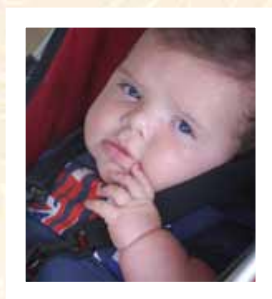
Grady Scott Alton



Lena Mae Hyjek



Benjamin Webb Clark



Alec Thomas Brandt



Landon Maddox Jones



Isabella Mae Cospers

93 **Angie Garner Buchholz '93** and George Buchholz are pleased to announce the addition of another girl, Sarah Grace to the family. Sarah was born Feb. 15, and joins big brother Andrew (11) and Morgan (7). Angie and family live in Apex, N.C. Andrew's baseball team (West Raleigh Blue) won the World Series this past summer in Lamar, Colo., and Morgan just finished her first season of basketball (Apex Silverhawks)!

Jeffrey Alton '93 announces the birth of his son Grady Scott Alton, born March 25, 2010. Grady joins big brother Casey (3) and step-sister Samantha (10) in the Alton family. Mother Joy is recovering nicely and can't wait to get back to teaching seventh grade math. Alton teaches PE/Health and coaches varsity football and middle school wrestling in Stafford County, Va.

96 **Monica and Jeremy Hyjek '96 PGM**, announce the birth of their daughter, Lena Mae. Lena was born February 2, 2010 at 12:07 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Jeremy is the PGA director of golf at Kingsmill Resort, where he has worked since 2001. The family resides in Williamsburg, Va.

97 & **98** **Kendra (Gottzman) and David Clark, '98, '97** proudly announce the birth of their second child, Benjamin Webb, Nov. 2, 2009. He joins older sister, Mackenzie (two years old). The family currently resides in New Jersey.

03 **Tara Nestopoulos '03** and her husband, Charlie, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Alec Thomas Brandt, on April 15, 2010.

06 **Katherine King Jones '06** and her husband, Allen, are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Landon Maddox Jones at 4:33 p.m. July 28, 2009. Landon weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

07 **Jennifer Rhoads '07** and Max Cospers welcomed their first child, Isabella Mae, into the world on Aug. 12, 2009.

Heather Bitler '07 and her partner, Nicholas, welcomed identical twin girls into the world on May 3, 2010.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

70 **W. Franklin Faulkner '70** and his wife, Judy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 1, 2010 at Hope Mills United Methodist Church in Hope Mills, N.C. with their family and friends.

73 **Winifred "Winnie" Grannis' '73** son, Charles Little McBryde Grannis, was married April 17, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, N.C. They currently reside in Fayetteville, N.C.

95 **Joy Godwin Kirkpatrick '93** is engaged to Patrick H. Crowe. Joy is the National Editor of *Kidsville News!* and the Associate Publisher of *Up & Coming Weekly* in Fayetteville, N.C., and is a member of the Methodist University Foundation Board. Patrick is in the Air Force and originally from Pensacola, Fla. The couple will be married at Fort Fisher, N.C., in September.

96 **Darlene Dykas '96** and Pete Woodward were married Jan. 28, 2010 at the Carribbean Villas in San Pedro, Belize. Darlene is a flight attendant with American Airlines and Pete works for Etonic Running. They currently live in Wakefield, Mass.

00 **Whitney Anne Slaughter '00** is engaged to Sergeant Eric James Hebel of Fort Bragg, N.C. The happy couple will exchange vows at a private ceremony.

05 **Matthew Ruth '05** and **Ashley Kotz '07** were married at Haymount Methodist Church in Fayetteville, N.C. Aug. 7, 2010. They will reside in Maryland.

08 **Lauren Holton '08** and Chad Cowell of Bayboro were married on July 9, 2010 at the Moon Palace in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

Matthew Pivko '08 has announced his engagement to Catharine Fragale of New Bern, N.C.

Amy Lynn Slate '08 and Jeremiah Ryan McLamb, both of Fayetteville, N.C., were married at 5:00 p.m. April 24, 2010 at Northwood Temple Church. After a European honeymoon, the couple plans to reside in Fayetteville.

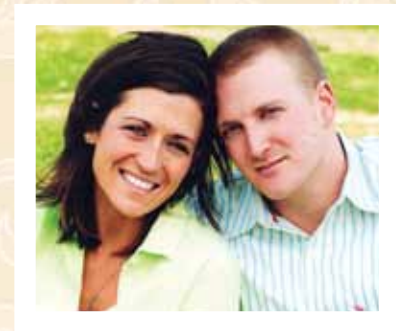
09 **Brittani Surratt '09** and Brian Burrows '10 have announced their engagement. They will be married Nov. 27, 2010.

CLASS NOTES

64 **Amos McLamb '64** writes, "I never intended to become famous, but I made the February 2010 issue of the *North Carolina Our State Magazine*. It is about our monthly Blue Grass pickin' here in the old country store, Clear Run Grocery, on the banks of Black River in Southern Sampson County. Login and hear the music or drop by and enjoy it first hand any last Saturday night of the month. I stay busy raising Red Angus cattle, producing hay, doing timber management and producing high quality long leaf pine straw. Merrie and I have been married for 43 years and raised two kids. We produce our own vegetables and enjoy life in the country down on the farm. We enjoyed going back to MU last year for homecoming and catching up with old friends."



Darlene Dykas and Peter Woodward



Lauren Holton and Chad Cowell



Joy Godwin Kirkpatrick

Alumni News (cont'd.)

66 Richard Meissner '66 was awarded the 2009 George and Helen Hartzog Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service, Enduring Service Category. Meissner has been volunteering at Cape Lookout National Seashore Park since 1997, and has served as their volunteer coordinator since 1999. Congratulations to Richard Meissner for an outstanding achievement!

69 Mike Stevens '69 retired from Unisource Paper Company in June after 30 years as a sales representative. He and his wife, Cecily, are moving to Brunswick Forest in Leland, across the river from Wilmington, N.C. They have four children and four grandchildren.



Richard Meissner



Amanda Cook

71 Dianne Cox '71 recently retired from the Sampson County Department of Social Services after 38 years of dedicated service. She coordinated adoptions for many years and was the social work supervisor upon retirement.

72 Charles Hartsell '72 writes, "My wife Donna and I have some news; our oldest son Van got married to Jillian in June. They both work for JP Morgan-Chase. Our youngest son, Grant, will graduate from Francis Marion University this coming year and will go into law enforcement. My oldest son plays the guitar and sings for a band. My wife works for a surgeon's office in Florence and I am still self-employed as an insurance agent/broker and represent several companies in the senior market. Hope everyone is doing well."

75 Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Jackson '75, pastor of Belmont UMC, was presented the Harry Denman award by the Foundation for Evangelism during the Annual Conference of The North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church held in Greenville, N.C. June 10-13, 2010.

87 MAJ David Lincoln USAF, '87 has been selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel effective Sept. 1, 2010. David is currently assigned to the Pentagon in Arlington, Va.

89 Dr. Don Phipps '89 was recently named superintendent of the Beaufort County Schools in Washington, N.C. Prior to this position, Don served as a principal and executive director in the Cumberland County Schools and as department chair and a professor of Pfeiffer University. Don has also taught in MU's evening program for several years. In addition to the professional promotion, Don was also married in December 2009 to Nancy Hawkins Smith.

Ron Phipps '89 was recently promoted to assistant superintendent of evaluation and testing with the Cumberland County Schools. Ron has worked with the Cumberland County Schools since his graduation from Methodist in 1989.

Sheri Rogers '89 has been awarded the Cleveland Community College Excellence in Teaching award for 2010. She was nominated for the Excellence in Teaching Award by a student and says she is truly honored and humbled to have been chosen from among so many other deserving instructors at Cleveland Community College. Rogers holds a Master of Arts in mathematics from Fayetteville State University, a Bachelor of Music in music education, and Bachelor of Science in mathematics education from Methodist University.

92 Amanda Cook '92 wrote in to say, "Hello fellow MC Alumni! I live in Spain with my husband and three children. I moved here a few years ago. I met my husband, Cesar, here in Spain in 1991 when I studied abroad while at Methodist. Dr. Guzman helped me in the study abroad process. I am teaching English part-time in a nearby town. Cesar is a classical pianist and teaches at the Conservatorio Superior de Musica in Seville. We live in Utrera, a town about 30 km from Seville. Our oldest son, Edison, is six. Claudio is four and started school this school year. Our little girl, Sofia, is two now and was born on Christmas Day. She stays at home with me. Take Care!"

Brian Cuppet '92 has been named vice president of sales for ScanSource, a leading value-added distributor of communications products. Cuppet formerly served as director of business development for the company.

93 LeCarla Gardner '93 wrote in to say, "Hi All! Don't see many former classmates anymore! I've been a stay-at-home mom for the last 13 years, after teaching for two years at Alger B. Wilkins. My youngest daughter is in the fourth grade and my oldest is finishing eighth grade. I've been involved in direct sales for the last nine years, and currently I am a Tastefully Simple Consultant. My husband, Keith, works for the N.C. State Highway Patrol. Our family is very active in our church. Would love to hear from some former classmates!" E-mail **LeCarla** at LRoyal10900@intrstar.net.

95 Camisha Bell '95 recently received her Post-Master's Certificate in advanced school counseling. Her next plan of action will be a Ph.D. in higher education, an add-on degree in administration, or another master's degree in school psychology. She says, "I am still trying to decide what I want to be when I grow up."

Andrea Hairr '95 received National Board (teaching) Certification in November 2009. Andrea is an Exceptional Children's Teacher at Stedman Elementary School. She and her husband, Kevin, are the proud parents of daughter Jana and son Kollin.

96 Kellie Campbell '96 graduated in May from East Carolina University with a master's degree in library science. Earning a 4.0 GPA and graduating summa cum laude, Kellie was also a Community-Oriented Library Recruitment Scholarship (COLRS) recipient. She worked full-time during her studies as a media center coordinator at Overhills High School in Harnett County. Summer 2010 will see new beginnings and expected travels for Kellie and her family as they move to Italy due to her husband's job relocation.

01 Madison "Ridge" Johnson, II '01 CPA/ABV recently earned the Accredited in Business Valuation designation and is currently working in the Forensic, Litigation Support and Valuation Services department of the accounting firm Dixon Hughes PLLC in Charleston, S.C.

04 Glen W. Murray '04 Junior Achievement of Sarasota County, Sarasota, Fla., has announced the appointment of Murray to its Board of Directors. Murray is the director of golf at the Ritz-Carlton Members Club.

05 Jennifer Patrick-Swift '05 was recently hired as the new softball coach at Seton Hill University. Patrick-Swift previously served as a softball coach for several universities, including Washington & Jefferson College, Chowan University, and York College.

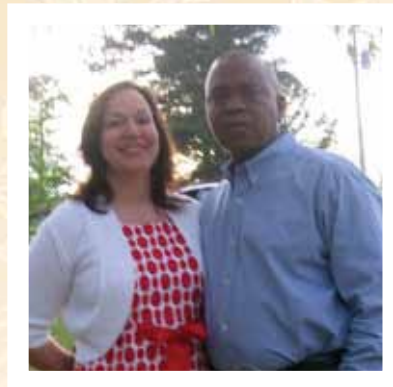
07 Tom Bergamine '07 recently received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award for his lifetime of service to the community in law enforcement. For the past 32 years, Bergamine has worked his way up in the City of Fayetteville, N.C. force, beginning in 1978.

08 Shannon Alford '08 was recently hired as resident director at Peace College in Raleigh, N.C.

Marc Halcomb '08 recently transferred from the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice to the Department of Children and Families as a child protective investigator.

Matthew Horvath '08 is the new head golf professional at Southern Pines Golf Club. He was previously assistant pro at Little River in Southern Pines, N.C.

09 Mike Dooda '09 has been named the assistant golf professional at Little River Golf Resort in Southern Pines, which is in North Carolina's Top 100 listing.



Kellie Campbell



North Carolina Representative Rick Glazier presents North Carolina's highest civilian honor, an Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award, to Police Chief Tom Bergamine

CHORAL ALUMNI REUNITE at Carolina Beach

Alumni, family, and friends gathered at Carolina Beach, N.C., June 25-27 for a choral reunion and as a surprise for Methodist University's former music director, Alan Porter. Alumni traveled from as far away as Boston and Tennessee to reunite, share memories of trips to Europe and Nassau, and catch up with one another and their families. The group had dinner Friday evening at Jack Mackerel's Island Grill, while most of Saturday was devoted to rehearsing, singing, and enjoying favorites conducted by reunion organizer **Travis Kornegay '98** and Mr. Porter. Solos were performed by former music faculty member Valerie Oyen-Larsen, **Travis Kornegay '98**, and a duet was sung by **Wesley Rowell '84** and Mr. Porter. Audience and alumni agreed that they did not want to stop singing, but free time on Saturday was for the children and the beach! That evening, Mr. and Mrs. Porter were surprised with a 49th anniversary cake after dinner at Michael's Seafood. What follows is a list of alumni who attended: **Bill Billings '68; Esther Christian Castaldo '87; Lynn Gruber Clark '72; Sara Falcon '95, '10M; Hennigan "Buddy"**

Kearns '84; Travis Kornegay '98; Heather Daniel Locklear '96; Sharmis Oulton Powell '99; Lawrence Quinnett '06; Wesley Rowell '84; Katie Brown-Schaffer '96; Robin Davenport '09, and **Theresa and David Teague, '94, '97.** Retired professors Alan Porter, Elaine Porter, and Dr. Robert Christian, as well as Mrs. Kathy Christian and many family members of alumni also attended the event.

Choral alumni will have the opportunity to reunite again at Homecoming 2010! Please make plans to join us October 23! Alan Porter and **Betty-Neil Parsons '64** will both be attending; they look forward to reconnecting with their former students. We will also enjoy the guest conducting of **Jason Britt '93**, who is choral director at Cape Fear High School in Fayetteville, N.C. For more information about the Choral Reunion, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office at alumnioffice@methodist.edu or 910-630-7167.



MU Alumni Association Holds **Pig Pickin'** for 2010 Seniors

In a new effort to reach out to brand new alumni before they leave the campus, the Methodist University Alumni Association sponsored a Pig Pickin' for graduating seniors on May 5. Alumni Association members prepared a feast for approximately 70 seniors and 20 alumni who attended the outdoor social, which celebrated the graduates' accomplishments and gave them an opportunity to network with alumni. Each senior received a bright green "Class of 2010" t-shirt and information about the benefits of being a Methodist alum.



Thank you, MU Association of Friends!

The Methodist University Association of Friends (formerly Clergy and Laity Friends) has given countless hours of their time and energy to special service projects over the last 30 years. This summer the work crew sanded, primed and painted the stage in Reeves Auditorium. Several alumni brought church youth groups to work for the three-day mission July 12-14. All workers are housed and provided meals on campus while here. Alumni who participated in Work Days this year were the Rev. Dr. Jerry Jackson '75, the Rev. Dr. Dennis Sheppard '77, Lynn Clark '72, and the Rev. Gil Wise '83. MU Trustee Tom Walden has been responsible for leading this effort to spruce up our campus every summer and we are truly grateful for all he does for the University.

Meet Your New Members of the MU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors

Monarch alumni are represented by a 34-person Board that is elected from ten four-year class groupings ranging from 1964 to 2010. The Methodist University Alumni Association (MUAA) works on programs to engage alumni with their alma mater and current students, faculty and staff; and seeks to promote the continued growth and success of the University. In 2010 new officers were elected to two-year terms. **Dr. Kelli Sapp '91**, professor of Biology at High Point University, is the new Alumni Association Board president; **The Rev. Dr. Jerry Jackson '75**, Pastor of Belmont UMC is 1st vice president; **Betty-Neill Guy Parsons '64**, former MU choral director, is 2nd vice president, and the **Rev. Dr. Dennis Sheppard '77**, pastor of Hope Mills UMC in Hope Mills, N.C., is Secretary. Pictured on this page are the new Directors elected or appointed this year and the new president. For a complete list of MU Alumni Association Board members, visit the Alumni Association website under the Alumni tab at www.methodist.edu.



Brad Laub '01
1999-2003



Donald Warren '98, '00
1994-1998



Rebecca Lewis '08
2004-2008

(Not pictured: **Erin Yarborough McNair '08**, representing class years 2004-2008)



Ed Tuna Keil '70
1969-1973



Kathia Ennett '76
1974-1978



Keva Wilson '09
2009-2013



Rev. Gil Wise '83
1979-1983



Kelli Sapp '91



Marty Cayton '90
1989-1993



Visit MU's online alumni directory, **Monarch Connections**, today! To sign up, go to www.methodist.edu, click on Alumni, then click on the **Monarch Connections** logo or links and follow the log-in instructions.

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- **Post and read Class Notes**, including photos (Class Notes will automatically be picked up for publication in the next *MU Today*)
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All members of **Monarch Connections** receive periodic updates and the *Monarch Monitor*, MU's Alumni E-newsletter, from the University. Comments or questions? Contact us at alumnioffice@methodist.edu or call (910) 630-7200 or (800) 488-7110 – we'd love to hear from you!



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Homecoming kicks off with a Monarch Reunion Rally on Friday, October 22 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at ScrubOaks Contemporary American Pub, with an opportunity for classes in reunion to arrange for a class dinner immediately following. The rest of the weekend will be great fun and an important milestone as it honors Dr. M. Elton Hendricks' last Homecoming as president and his and his wife Jerry's 27 years of faithful service to the University with the theme, "Thanks for the Memories"!



SCHEDULE *of* EVENTS

Friday, October 22, 2010

4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Monarch Reunion Rally

Alumni can meet, greet, eat, and get fired up for the Monarchs at the new **ScrubOaks** Contemporary American Pub, adjacent to campus. Yearbooks for Classes in Reunion will be available for alumni to refresh memories of their days at MC/MU! Compliments of **ScrubOaks** partners **Tim and Gwen Holtsclaw '92, '68; J.P. Laird '08, Darren Thompson '96, and Scotti Sykes Marshburn '96** (cash bar).

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

13th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet

Sponsored by the Monarch Booster Club and held in the March F. Riddle Center. **Reservations of \$25.00 per person are due by October 8th.** For more information, contact Athletic Director Bob McEvoy at (910) 630-7182 or mcevoy@methodist.edu.





10:00 a.m. Campus Tours

Campus Walking Tour with Jim Darden '69

Jim Darden, Class of '69 president and now MU's horticulturist, keeps Methodist blooming in Monarch green and gold! He invites you to join him at the flagpole in front of the Horner Administration Building at 10:00 a.m. for a walking tour to see campus improvements and hear his exciting plans for future beautification.

Shuttle provided for the following tours at 10:00 a.m. at the Alumni Registration Tent:

- Tour the unique new **William Bethune Art Building and McCune Exhibit Gallery**, dedicated in April 2010.
- Take a look at the **Nimocks Fitness Center and new Science Building**, including the virtual reality simulator!
- **A new lecture hall and human anatomy lab** open this fall to expand the Physician Assistant program — be the first alumni to tour these new facilities!
- **Football Fieldhouse** — the old Boiler Plant of Miss Boiler Plant Pageant fame is now a shining new fieldhouse!
- A new **Greek Residence Hall**, the start of a Greek village on campus!

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. "Lunch on the Green" by Carrabba's Italian Grill

Carrabba's Italian Grill proprietor **Mark Moses '97** promises fabulous fare for only \$10.00 per person for all who pre-register for Homecoming by October 8, and \$15.00 after the deadline. All proceeds benefit the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. The 2010 MU Alumni Association Award Winners will be recognized, as well as past award winners. **The Alumni Association pays musical tribute (led by former choral director Betty-Neill Parsons) to Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks for their unparalleled contributions to the Methodist University community.** The **Alumni Reunion Chorus**, combined with the **MU Chorale**, will perform. This is the event that everyone loves to attend under the big white tent behind the Margaret and Walter Clark Building!

1:00 p.m. Monarch Football vs. Averett University at Monarch Stadium

Cheer the Monarchs to victory! To get your discounted alumni tickets for \$3.00 you must pre-register by October 8, 2010. Alumni tickets will be available at the Green and Gold Alumni Registration Tent the day of the game for \$5.00. General admission is \$6.00.

7:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Methodist Alumni Party at ScrubOaks Contemporary American Pub

ScrubOaks is just north of the Methodist campus. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music and entertainment from every decade since the 50s, dancing, and a cash bar in a relaxed setting. **ScrubOaks** partners **Tim and Gwen Holtsclaw '92, '68; J.P. Laird '08, Darren Thompson '96, and Scotti Sykes Marshburn '96**, as well as members of the **Alumni Association Board of Directors**, look forward to seeing you there! Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks will be on hand to welcome you from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cover charge is \$15.00 for those who pre-register by October 8, \$20.00 after the deadline.

Saturday, October 23, 2010

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Alumni Registration and Hospitality at the Green 'n Gold Tent

Be sure to visit the **Homecoming Registration** tent behind Walter and Margaret Clark Hall to pick up your FREE alumni goodie bag and to sign in! Check out a selection of Methodist University and Monarch items available for sale at the Alumni tent from the Bookstore and Golf Shop! Get your commemorative 2010 Homecoming t-shirt!

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Alumni Reunion Breakfast

After you've registered, reconnect and reminisce with former classmates and make new friends and memories, and enjoy a FREE continental breakfast compliments of the Office of Alumni Affairs!

9:00 a.m. Choral Reunion Rehearsal

Meet in the Choral Rehearsal Room of Reeves. For more information, contact Michael Martin at (910) 630-7153 or mmartin@methodist.edu.

10:00 a.m. Women's Basketball Alumni Reunion Game, March F. Riddle Center

For more information, contact Coach DeeDee Jarman at (910) 630-7283 or djarman@methodist.edu.

11:00 a.m. Men's Basketball Alumni Reunion Game, March F. Riddle Center

For more information, contact Coach David Smith at (910) 630-7185 or dsmith@methodist.edu.



Reunion *Class of 1965*

LOOK WHO'S ATTENDING SO FAR!

Dave Altman • Glenn Bell '66 • Paul Brill • Gene Coats • Jerry Daughtry

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John Hamilton • Al Hayes • Dave Herring • Steve Holtz • Jerry Keen • Phil Levine
 Jerry Norris • Ann (Draughon) Perrow • George Potts • Orrin Powell • Becky Starling
Walter Turner – Class Reunion Contact, walter1@northstate.net • Cynthia Walker

OTHERS FROM THE 60s

COMMITTED TO ATTEND HOMECOMING TO-DATE:

Guy "Bud" Beattie • Pat (and Gene) Clayton • Wanda Herring • Johnny Lipscomb
 Allen Osborne • Bunny (Dark) Osborne • Betty-Neil Guy Parsons
 Dr. Louis Spilman • Mary Fincher Wells



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Where to stay

These hotels have special Methodist University Homecoming rates for alumni if you make your reservations *no later than October 1, 2010*:

Holiday Inn Bordeaux

1707 Owen Drive

Group code: EG6

(910) 323-0111 — \$86.00

1-888-Holiday (465-4329)

Innkeeper Cross Creek

1700 Skibo Road

Group code: Methodist University

(910) 867-7659 — \$62.00

Hampton Inn Cross Creek

1700 Skibo Road

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(910) 487-4006 — \$89.00

Hilton Garden Inn

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