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ON THE COVER: Methodist University broke ground on the Professional Nursing Studies facility this semester, but the program's foundation was laid more than a year ago when 86 pre-nursing students enrolled in the program.

This magazine features photography of the following students and faculty members, all of whom are a part of the Professional Nursing Studies Program at Methodist University:

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THE YEAR OF THE ENGAGED UNIVERSITY



At this year's Opening Convocation, as I spoke to over 1,000 students, faculty, and staff, I challenged the campus community to become more engaged – on campus, in the greater Cumberland County area, and in their own communities. The ceremonies around the country, marking the 10th anniversary of September 11 are evidence of our nation's spirit, and in my opinion, it has never been more important for Americans to be engaged as a distinguishing feature of a democratic society.

As a university we have been successful, if not nationally recognized, for engaging our students in the classroom, in extracurricular activities, and in athletics. But there are more experiences we must offer to prepare our students for productive careers and lives of meaning and purpose. I refer to these experiences as the "MU Journey."

There are four elements to the MU Journey that I believe are essential experiences and ones that will distinguish a Methodist University education from any other. *Leadership* experiences will prepare students to assume key positions in their careers, communities, churches, and other organizations. The *Globalization* initiative will provide every student with an opportunity to study abroad and will seek to double our number of international students to over 200, thus preparing our students to live in a more global society. *Undergraduate Research and Collaboration* with faculty will make our students more competitive as they consider graduate or professional school and will enhance academic rigor on campus. The *Community Engagement* initiative will provide every student with the opportunity for an internship or community-based experience with a team of students, working with a faculty mentor and community sponsor. These experiences will assist students in deciding on their future careers, enhance their problem-solving skills, and give them much-needed experience in being competitive in their job searches. An intentional consequence of these experiences will be to develop civically minded individuals who will become engaged members of their communities.

Task forces have been created for these four initiatives. These groups will build on existing efforts Methodist has in each of these areas and will develop an implementation strategy for establishing a "center of excellence" and pilot program by March 2012. Offering and indeed delivering experiences in these four areas will not only set Methodist apart from other universities, but also lead to a much more appreciative and engaged alumni constituency as they reflect on the transformative experiences they had while at the University, and step forward to form a network of support for these initiatives.

Because of these and other initiatives that have been launched over the past few months and a university-wide emphasis on community engagement, I have deemed this academic year as "The Year of the Engaged University." Every Monarch has a journey. I invite you to join us on that journey, as it has never been a better time to be a Monarch.

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Ben Hancock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ben Hancock
President



DR. HANCOCK DELIVERS "STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY" ADDRESS AT OPENING CONVOCATION

Nearly 1,000 faculty, staff, and students filled Reeves Auditorium Sept. 12, 2011, to hear University President Hancock deliver the "State of the University" address.

Opening the annual Convocation was the Rev. Dr. Michael Safley, vice president for university relations and campus ministry. Speaking of the flag display set up by Methodist University students in observance of Sept. 11, 2001, the Rev. Dr. Safley said, "I want to commend the SGA for its work out in the front of the campus."

The MU community participated in a moment of silence as the Methodist University Concert Band played "Amazing Grace." Following the moment of silence, Dr. Crisp welcomed attendees to the official opening of the academic year. "Regardless of the number of years that you have been at Methodist, this is a good year to be here," said Dr. Crisp, speaking of the contagious energy and excitement that has spread across campus since the arrival of Dr. Hancock. "Methodist University is on the move," he added. "There can be no better time to be a Monarch."

SGA President Alex Socinski gave a brief introduction. In speaking of Dr. Hancock's continued references to having the best job in America, Socinski added, "He [Dr. Hancock] always says he has the best job in America, but we have the best college president in America. The future is bright, Methodist University."

"It's a great day to be a Monarch," said Dr. Hancock, as he began speaking without notes to the Methodist University community. President Hancock said that he believes he has the best job in America because Methodist University has the best students in America, and the best faculty and staff in America.

"If you don't believe we have the best university, students, faculty, and staff, then come talk to me," said Dr. Hancock. "That's the way we need to face every day. I know from the sound of the applause that you must feel the same way."

Dr. Hancock spoke about the work that had been done over the summer to make campus improvements that would take Methodist University to the next level. He mentioned the compensation study, and the advent of a Marketing Task Force and a Customer Service Task Force. He talked about the Customer Service Task Force's adoption of the internal motto, "Deliver the Gold."

"We're all here to deliver the gold," he said, speaking of the effort to take customer service efforts to the next level.

Moving on to the topic of community and the acknowledgement of the anniversary of September 11, Dr. Hancock stressed the importance of being an engaged university.



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— President Hancock

He asked, "What does it mean to be an engaged university?"

For Dr. Hancock, being an engaged university means involvement on campus and with one another. "For this university, we ought to be thinking that our *one thing* is this community. This includes Fayetteville and Cumberland County, and our own communities."

He went on to unveil his plan for engaging the Methodist University community as a part of "The Methodist University Journey." Consisting of four elements, the Methodist University Journey encompasses opportunities for leadership development, globalization, undergraduate research and collaborative projects, and community engagement. Presidential Task Forces have been appointed to ensure that the Methodist University community remains engaged in these four areas. With a continued focus on academic areas, Dr. Hancock has appointed a Task Force to look at the creation of a school of health sciences.

"I'm not trying to change Methodist University," he said. "We want to be the best Methodist we can be. That's my charge. That's my vision."

Dr. Hancock expects that carrying out his vision for the future will require aspiration, inspiration, and perspiration.

"We need to work hard. We need to believe that we want to move Methodist University forward," said Dr. Hancock. "In my communications over the last six months, I have heard each and every one of you tell us that we are ready to take Methodist University to the next level."

Often heard referencing his "one thing," Dr. Hancock concluded by saying, "You are my 'one thing.' Methodist University is my 'one thing.' It's a great day to be a Monarch. It's a great day to be president of Methodist University. It's a critical time to be an engaged university."



DUANE ROSS



STEPHEN FOX



KRISTYN ZEILER



PAIGE CALDWELL

Convocation Award Winners

Director of Athletics Bob McEvoy introduced Alfred Cleveland, president of the Thomas R. & Elizabeth E. McLean Foundation and former president of the Methodist University Board of Trustees, who presented the McLean Coach of the Year award. **Duane Ross**, director of track and field and cross country, was named McLean Coach of the Year. McEvoy also honored the Male Scholar Athlete of the Year, Stephen Fox, and the Female Scholar Athlete of the Year, Kristyn Zeiler.

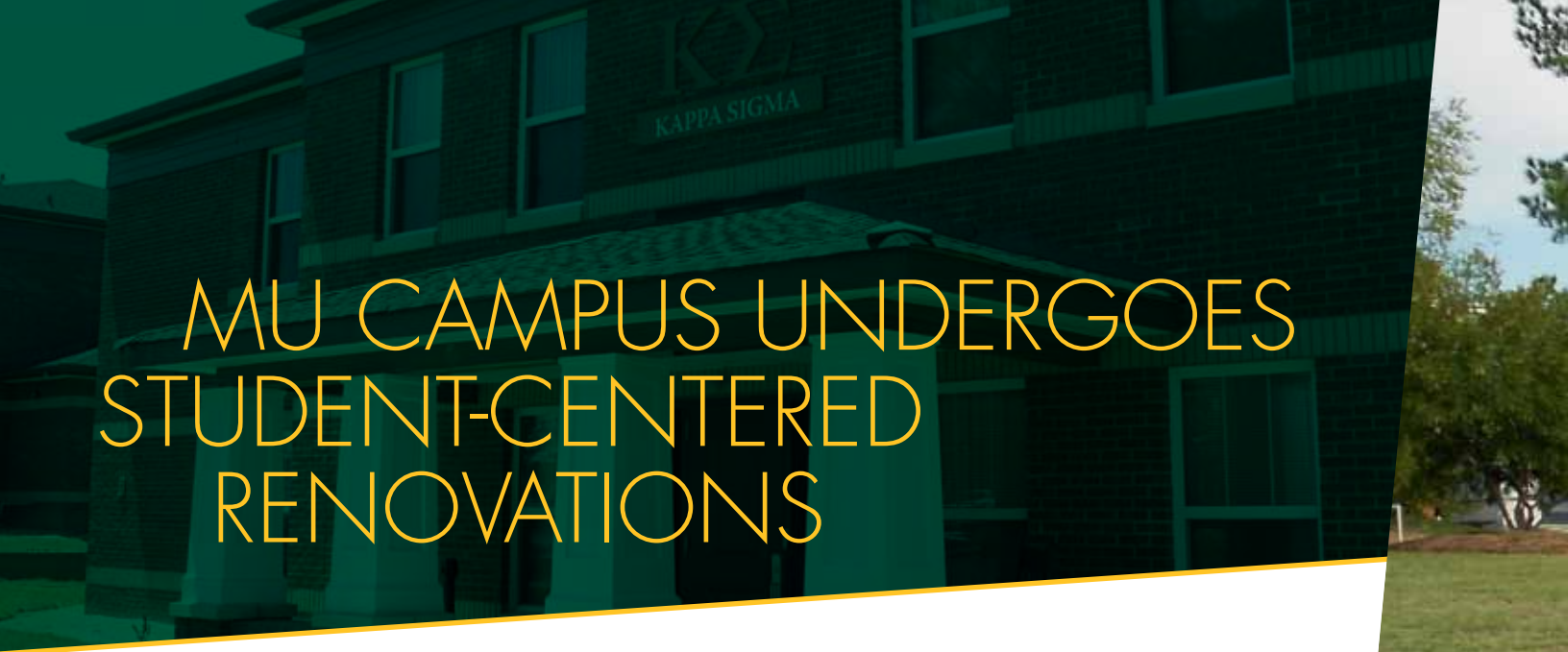
A member of the men's soccer team, **Stephen Fox** finished his career at Methodist with a four-time sweep of the Male Scholar Athlete of the Year award. A first in school history, Fox has worked hard to keep his streak alive. Originally from West Palm Beach, Fla., Fox wrapped up with a 4.0 grade point average for the 2010-2011 academic year. Originally from West Palm Beach, Fla., Fox finished his bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in sport management on a high note, earning a 4.0 grade point average for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Kristyn Zeiler is another multi-year winner, taking home the Female Scholar Athlete of the Year award for the third straight year. A native of Lutherville, Md., Zeiler averaged a 3.968 grade point average as a senior. She graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in biology and is currently enrolled in Methodist University's Physician Assistant Program. A three-sport athlete, Zeiler excelled in cross country, and indoor and outdoor track and field. Zeiler was named the USA South Cross Country Runner of the Year and won three conference championships between indoor and outdoor track. Most recently she earned Second Team Academic All-American honors.

Paige Caldwell was selected as the 2010-2011 Mason Sykes Cup award winner after a stellar senior season. The Sykes Cup, named after former Methodist coach and employee Mason Sykes, is awarded to the top athlete of the year based on outstanding athletic achievement, a minimum grade point average of 2.0, and good character. The Methodist University coaching staff has selected an annual winner since 1986.

Caldwell led the Monarchs to their 14th straight National Championship while grabbing the individual title as well. She finished in the top five in eight of ten events this season, including five medalist honors. Caldwell averaged 78.3 strokes per round on her way to earning First Team All-American and All-Region recognition. She was nominated as 2010-11 Division III Athlete of the Year, and named a Methodist Senior Scholar Athlete and USA South Academic All-Conference selection.

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MU CAMPUS UNDERGOES STUDENT-CENTERED RENOVATIONS

The sounds of construction, renovation, and deep cleaning filled the air as the campus community joined together this summer to complete one of the largest comprehensive maintenance and construction projects that were undertaken.

A record number of projects were completed throughout many areas of the campus before the class of 2015 arrived. The improvements were large and small, functional and cosmetic, and all part of Methodist University's renewed commitment to creating a culture of excellence.

The addition of window units for air conditioning may seem like a small renovation, but students in the Trustees classroom building and Weaver Hall will feel a big difference as a result of this renovation. The new heating and cooling systems allow the temperature to be controlled in each individual room, rather than the building operating under one system. This improvement brings Weaver in line with the other traditional residence halls. About 165 window units were purchased for this upgrade.

Also, following the addition of the elevator, two new technology classrooms were added in the Trustees classroom building and the tile hallways were replaced. Across the way in Reeves Auditorium, six new faculty offices were added.

The bathrooms in Weaver Hall were also renovated over the summer, and they now feature larger showers and new fixtures. Weaver Hall, however, was not the only residence hall that underwent a facelift this summer. All of the residence halls were subjected to a rigorous "deep cleaning" that went above and beyond the usual summer maintenance.

The restrooms located upstairs in the Berns Student Center were renovated over the summer. The Alumni Dining Room and the Heritage Room, both of which are often used for meetings and events, most recently

joined the ranks of renovated spaces, and now boast a new look and new furniture. Incoming students who arrived this fall also found new carpet in four of the residence halls, new lobby furniture, 250 new mattresses, laundry room upgrades, and new water tanks in Cumberland and Sanford Halls. Students returning to McLean and Cape Fear Commons apartments likely noticed that Garber, Weaver, Sanford, Cumberland, Pearce, and West Halls now feature new signage. Students returning to McLean and Cape Fear Commons apartments likely noticed that the stairwells had been stained over the summer.

In addition to the maintenance of the existing residence halls, four new village houses were completed before the beginning of the semester. Combined, the houses add 100 beds to the on-campus resident capacity. Three of the houses join the Alpha Delta Pi house in the fledgling Greek village, while the fourth will be a women-only house for upperclassmen. All of the village houses surround Sink Field, which was also re-sodded as part of the exhaustive list of summer projects.

We invite you to return for Homecoming this year to see the many upgrades that will make the MU Journey more pleasant and enjoyable. New signs and banners are everywhere, and new Adirondack chairs are scattered throughout the campus. Wireless Internet access has been expanded, and wireless capabilities now extend outside into the quad area between Berns, Hensdale Chapel, and Davis Memorial Library. New landscaping, decorative touches, and trophy displays are just another part of the many campus upgrades.

It is difficult to find a corner of the campus that has not been affected by the extensive cleaning, painting, air conditioning, or construction projects that were underway. A special thank you is owed to the faculty, staff, and volunteers who worked tirelessly over the summer to make 2011-12 the best year ever.





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MARGARET HIGHSMITH
DICKSON



LARRY WALSH



H. TERRY HUTCHENS

MU WELCOMES THREE NEW TRUSTEES

Methodist University recently welcomed three new trustees to its Board of Trustees. The new members, all of whom are active members of the Fayetteville community, include Margaret Dickson, Terry Hutchens, and Larry Walsh '93. Methodist University is thankful for the service of these new trustees. They will be featured in the next issue of *MU Today*.

NEW OFFICE FOCUSES ON STUDENT SOLUTIONS

The first initiative of the newly-formed Center for Student Success was the creation of a Student Solutions Office, which recently opened and is located in Berns Student Center. The Student Solutions Office is "one-stop shop" for students who are experiencing difficulties navigating their way around MU. Jane Gardiner, Sam Morrison, and Derrick Soellner will spearhead the efforts of the new Student Solutions Office.

Pictured at right (L-R): Robin Davenport, vice president for institutional advancement; U.S. Congresswoman Renee Ellmers; President Hancock; and Nathan Bright '11, who is currently completing an internship with Rep. Ellmers.



Above: Members of the Cumberland County State Legislative Delegation met September 15 with Dr. Hancock, Chairman Harvey Wright, members of the Administrative Cabinet and staff, and students to discuss state financial aid programs for North Carolina students at private colleges, and the prospects for future funding cuts next year. *Pictured (L-R):* Rep. Elmer Floyd, Chairman Harvey T. Wright II '70, MU students Oriana Clayton and Leslie Byrd, Sen. Eric Mansfield, Dr. Hancock, Rep. Diane Parfitt, and Rep. Rick Glazier.

Right: Methodist University hosted an alumni gathering in Baltimore and D.C. before the event in Myrtle Beach Aug. 31, 2011.



Pictured at left: Debra Bryant (The Ferguson Group), Rep. Mike McIntyre, Robin Davenport, and President Hancock during the 2011 North Carolina Business and Economic Development Summit in Washington, D.C.

Below: Methodist University hosted an alumni gathering at the Country Club of Richmond, Sept. 20, 2011. There were 30 people in attendance.



On Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, 18 local corporate sponsors and their teams played in the Board of Visitors Golf Tournament. The mission of this tournament is to create awareness for Methodist University and the PGA Golf Managment Program. Each player is assigned a caddy who is currently going through the PGA Golf Management Program. Rounding out each foursome is a PGA Golf Management Program upperclassman or member of the Methodist University golf team. The first place team is pictured at left.



MU ON THE MOVE!


One of my top priorities as the new president of Methodist University is to meet and get to know alumni personally. You, as alumni, are among the “signature people” who make Methodist special, and you are critical to our future. That is why I am excited to announce *MU on the Move*, our national tour to visit with alumni and friends. *MU on the Move* is intended to expand all of our communication efforts—locally, regionally, and nationally. To find out about upcoming *MU on the Move* events, please see page 21.

My best wishes,

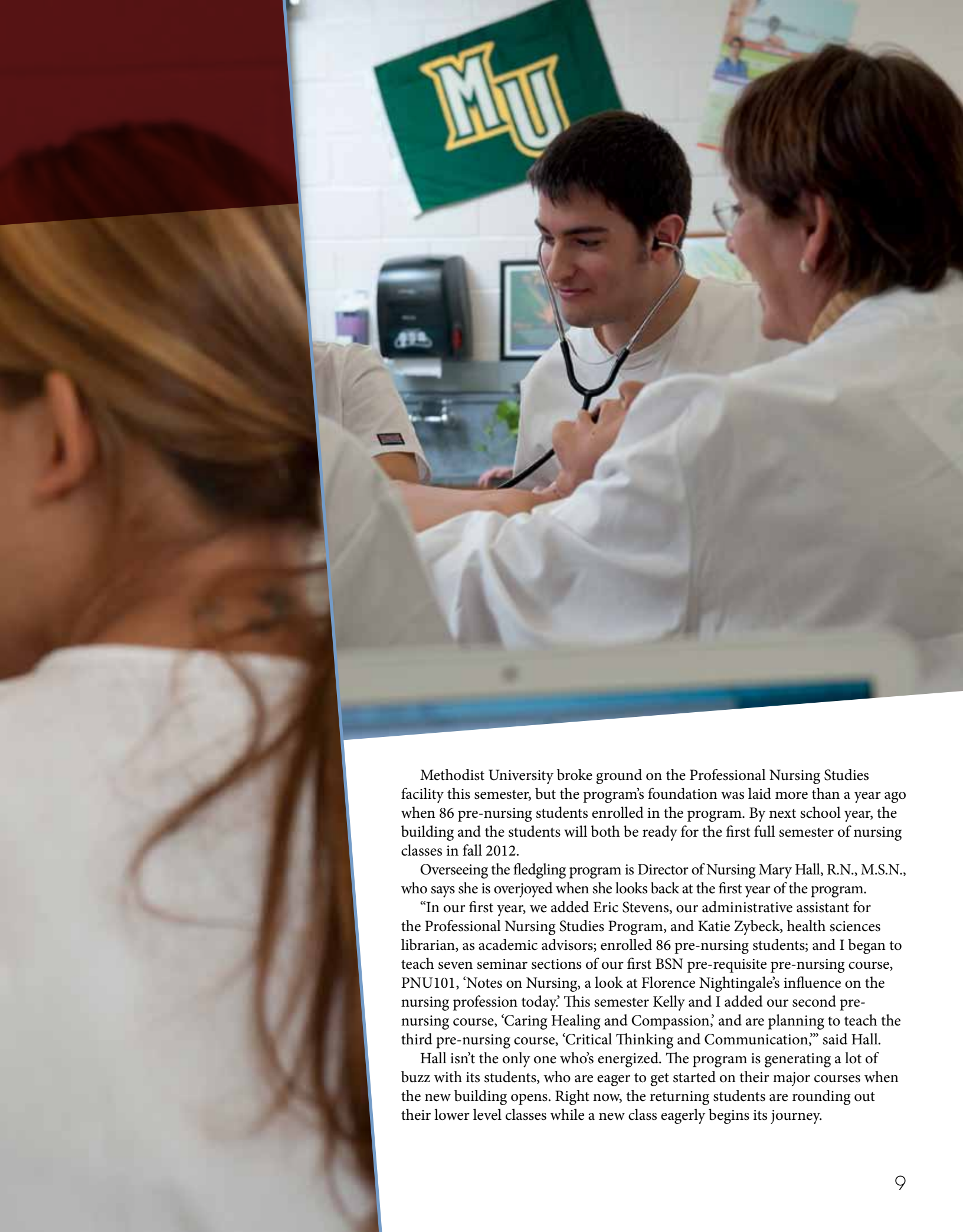
Ben Hancock

METHODIST UNIVERSITY BREAKS GROUND ON THE NEW NURSING BUILDING

By Roxana Ross
Director of Student Media

A woman with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a white lab coat and a gold necklace, is laughing heartily. She is surrounded by other people in white lab coats, suggesting a clinical or educational setting. The background shows white blinds.

"The horizon for 2011-2012 has me smiling," said Hall. "We have surpassed our enrollment of last fall, our department has grown to include two more academic advisors for nursing, Professors Daniel Bennett and Dr. Eleanor Ninestein, and we hired Professor Kelly Thrift as the first of six faculty to assist me when we are fully operational."



Methodist University broke ground on the Professional Nursing Studies facility this semester, but the program's foundation was laid more than a year ago when 86 pre-nursing students enrolled in the program. By next school year, the building and the students will both be ready for the first full semester of nursing classes in fall 2012.

Overseeing the fledgling program is Director of Nursing Mary Hall, R.N., M.S.N., who says she is overjoyed when she looks back at the first year of the program.

"In our first year, we added Eric Stevens, our administrative assistant for the Professional Nursing Studies Program, and Katie Zybeck, health sciences librarian, as academic advisors; enrolled 86 pre-nursing students; and I began to teach seven seminar sections of our first BSN pre-requisite pre-nursing course, PNU101, 'Notes on Nursing, a look at Florence Nightingale's influence on the nursing profession today.' This semester Kelly and I added our second pre-nursing course, 'Caring Healing and Compassion,' and are planning to teach the third pre-nursing course, 'Critical Thinking and Communication,'" said Hall.

Hall isn't the only one who's energized. The program is generating a lot of buzz with its students, who are eager to get started on their major courses when the new building opens. Right now, the returning students are rounding out their lower level classes while a new class eagerly begins its journey.

“I am excited about the nursing program because it will expand my knowledge and help me get a better understanding of what nursing really is,” said student Laquesha McLean. “I chose MU nursing because I find nursing is a profession where you help people. Nursing gives me lots of varied opportunities for a career.”

This year the Professional Nursing Studies Program can claim 157 first- and second-year students, making it the second largest undergraduate degree program on campus, after biology. When the first group of students graduates in 2014, the students will help fill a growing need for skilled nurses. Unlike many major industries in the United States, the health care sector of the economy has continued to grow, according to an April report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and registered nurses are the largest segment of the health care workforce.

Four ROTC cadets are enrolled in the program and Hall is hopeful that the program will contribute Army nurses at every graduation.

MU’s nursing graduates will be well-poised to enter choice positions in the market. The students will not only enter the job market with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), but they will also have the opportunity to obtain certifications in leadership, environmental science (OSHA certification), and disaster management (FEMA certification), not typically seen in other nursing programs.

Pre-nursing student Amber Moorefield said it was these and other extras that attracted her to MU’s nursing program.

“I chose MU nursing because it is a new program with greater opportunities, such as the ‘Notes on Nursing’ course I am taking now as a freshman, that other schools do not offer,” said Moorefield. “Unlike other schools that already have a set program, this one is new, and as it grows, I have the chance to grow with it.”



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MU HOSTS LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 10 HONORING NURSES WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM



As Methodist University trains the nurses of the future, the school will also examine a piece of the profession's past with a special luncheon this November honoring nurses who served in the Vietnam War.

Hosted by the Professional Nursing Studies Program and the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development, the luncheon will run from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Nimocks Fitness Center November 10. Methodist University is grateful to the event sponsors, which include Army ROTC Nursing and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County. Admission is open to the public, but advance registration is required, and tickets are \$25.

The lunch is part of the City of Fayetteville's "Heroes Homecoming," a 10-day event that will run in the days leading up to Veterans Day. The lunch will include presentations to veteran nurses who served in Vietnam, exhibits, special music, and guest speaker Lt. Col. Teresa Hendrix, Ph.D., who will present a unique historical perspective on the contributions made by nurses in the Vietnam War.

Hendrix currently serves as the Army Nurse Corps Historian, but began her career as a Navy corpsman. She was commissioned into the Army in 1986. She has served in Iraq, Germany, and South Korea, and counts among her awards and decorations the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Iraq Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, among many others. As a historian, she examines the past to find lessons for future nursing practices and policies.

Eric Stevens, administrative assistant for the Professional Nursing Studies Program, said today's nursing students who attend will get an important historical look at the time period.

"It happened before most of them were born," Stevens said. "These nurses saw things that probably wouldn't compare to what we see today, the way health care has evolved. Our students will get to see the raw conditions nurses experienced in Vietnam."

Dr. Drew Ziegler, director of the Tally Center for Leadership Development, said he hopes the event raises awareness of the contributions nurses made in the Vietnam War.

"The nurses who served in Vietnam are an often overlooked group whose courage and sacrifice deserve to be remembered," Ziegler said.

To be part of this event, nurses who served in Vietnam should visit www.methodist.edu/tallycenter/nurseluncheon/index.htm to register, or call Dr. Drew Ziegler at 910.630.7488 or Ms. Mary Hall at 910.630.7063.



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Moorefield and her fellow students will have an additional edge, thanks to the unique experiences they will gain by training at the MU General Simulation Hospital, which is part of the \$3.2 million nursing facility. About half of the 10,000-square-foot facility will be designed for the hospital—designed to replicate scenarios from the first moment a patient arrives to be admitted until they are discharged. The simulation hospital also includes a pharmacy, nurse's stations, pediatric ward, critical care rooms, triage suite, and six simulated patients who range from an infant to adult, including an expectant mother.

The patients—life-sized computerized manikins—can breathe, speak, have audible vital sounds, and progress through various medical scenarios from birth to death. The patients are not the only high-tech part of the hospital, either. Throughout the hospital, 41 ceiling-mounted cameras will record the action so students can go back and observe, and ultimately improve their performance. The cameras are part of the Learning Space by METI (Medical Education Technologies, Inc.), which acts as the brain of the simulation.

In addition to the hospital, the new facility will have a 60-seat auditorium, classroom space, a computer lab, faculty and administrative offices, and a student lounge.

Looking forward, she sees nothing but good things for her department.

“The horizon for 2011-2012 has me smiling,” said Hall. “We have surpassed our enrollment of last fall, our department has grown to include two more academic advisors for nursing, Professors Daniel Bennett and Dr. Eleanor Ninestein, and we hired Professor Kelly Thrift as the first of six faculty to assist me when we are fully operational.”

Before the year is over, Hall will have admitted the first cohort into the upper division nursing program, guided the program's accreditation process, and prepared her students to pass the registered nurse exam.

THE NURSING BUILDING



RESTORING THE CLASSICS



Thank you to the alumni, trustees, parents, faculty, and staff who adopted rooms in Garber, Weaver, Cumberland, and Sanford Residence Halls. A total of 57 rooms were adopted during the *Restoring the Classics* campaign. To view your plaque, tours will be available during Homecoming 2011 Saturday, October 22. For more information, please contact Robin Davenport at 910.630.7609.

Pictured at left (from L-R): Chasity Chapman, Class of 2014 and Sarah Banks, Class of 2013, standing outside of room #319 in Garber Hall. The plaque states that this room was home of Diana Doucet Sims '69 and Gay Inman Williams '69 from the fall of 1967 through the spring of 1969. Diana adopted this room in the Restoring the Classics campaign, which assisted with the renovation of the four original residence halls: Cumberland, Garber, Sanford, and Weaver.



ALUMNI CELEBRATE FIRST AND 100TH CAREER WIN AT METHODIST ON THE SAME DAY



"Winning number 100 was very special. I feel very lucky to be coaching at my alma mater and I am looking forward to 100 more. To earn such an honor could only be accomplished with the support of many amazing men who played for the Monarchs from 2002 to today. I am sure our current team will make them all proud as we strive to accomplish our goals in 2011."

— Head Men's Soccer Coach
Justin Terranova '97

A momentous occasion occurred Saturday, Sept. 10, when Head Men's Soccer **Coach Justin Terranova '97** picked up his 100th career win in a 2-0 shutout over Emory University, and Head Football Coach **Dave Eavenson '96** picked up his first career win after the first home football game of the season.

Terranova was goalkeeper for the men's soccer team from 1992 – 1995, and co-captain of the 1995 squad that reached the NCAA Division III National Championship game. In 2002, he returned to Methodist to serve as the team's head coach, ultimately picking up his first win with a 3-0 shutout over Mount Olive Aug. 30, 2002.

He came into the 2011 season with 98-72-9 coaching record in nine seasons. On Sept. 4, the Monarchs won 3-0 over Farmingdale, shortly before Terranova picked up his 100th career win Sept. 10 at Emory University.

Terranova, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in physical education, is also prominent in the Monarch men's soccer record book. He finished his career with a 0.67 goals against average and 37 career shutouts—both school records. He also holds the single-season goals against average record of 0.42 and the most shutouts in a season with 11 total.



Head Coach **Dave Eavenson '96** picked up his first career win when the Methodist football team dominated Guilford College in a 40-22 win in the first home game of the season at Monarch Stadium.



Though this is Eavenson's first season as head coach of the Monarchs, it is his 12th season on the Methodist University coaching staff. Eavenson served as student assistant coach from 1993 until his graduation from the University in 1996. He returned to Methodist in 2000 as the offensive coordinator and served as associate head coach for 10 seasons. As a Methodist University alumnus, Eavenson is thrilled to have this opportunity to lead the Monarchs.

"It's very humbling," said Eavenson. "I have my dream job. We will do everything in our power to carry on the tradition of our program, while getting back to the goals, expectations, and standards we set."

Prior to returning to Methodist, Eavenson coached for four seasons at Brockport State, a NCAA Division III school. Eavenson served as the defensive backs coach and recruiting coordinator for the Golden Eagles.



CLASS NOTES

Correction: Our sincere apologies for missing the story below in the Alumni Sweethearts article that ran in March 2011.



HOW JULIAN AND JEANNIE MET

Julian Jessup '64 and Jeannie Lewis Jessup '70

Lobby...Garber Hall, Methodist College, Fayetteville, N.C. during the early evening hours of Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1967.

Quietly, yet with tremendous speed, the forces of the universe began to touch the lives of Jeannie Lewis and Julian Jessup. He had graduated three years prior, returning to campus that evening to wait in the lobby for his date to arrive. She was also there to join some of her girlfriends for supper. They only recognized each other by face and name, but soon they began a tentative conversation. Jeannie voiced her concern over her failing algebra grade. Julian, a math whiz, offered to tutor her. A chance meeting perhaps? (I think not!) They both felt an instant, immediate, and intense attraction.

As soon as Julian left with his date, Jeannie rushed upstairs to tell her roommate, "I have just met the man I am going to marry!" "Needless to say," Jeannie said, "neither she nor any of my friends believed me." The following night, Jeannie's roommate was sitting on the radiator, looking out the window to the courtyard below. Suddenly she yelled, "Jeannie, there he is!" Julian had returned to claim his future bride. An announcement over the intercom told Jeannie she had a visitor in the lounge. Although Jeannie appeared in pink curlers, Julian asked her out on what would be the couple's first date. Returning upstairs to get dressed, Jeannie was so nervous and overcome with excitement that she broke out in hives. The two MU students began dating every night and, at the end of the following week, Julian proposed. The day was Sunday, Sept. 30, 1967. "As of July 2011," Jeannie said, "we have been married for 43 years." Jeannie and Julian agree that their greatest joys and accomplishments are their two beloved sons, Ryan (31) and Patrick (25). "Amen!" Jeannie said.

Dr. Barney Vincelette '69 has published two satirical novels. They are available in hard cover and by electronic download and will be in bookstores around the country later this year.

Pamela M. Johnson Bridge '92 is an attorney with Community Legal Services in Phoenix, Ariz. She was recently named by the Arizona State Bar as the Sharon A. Fullmer Legal Aid Attorney of the Year. This award recognizes the lawyer in Arizona whose service to low-income people encompasses aggressive advocacy on behalf of individuals in extreme need. Pamela's practice focuses on empowering Arizona farm workers with their rights under law and filing mass actions on their behalf in federal court concerning egregious employment practices.

Lynley Summers '94 has been named executive director of the Ouachita Valley (Ark.) Community Foundation (OVCF), a local affiliate office of Arkansas Community Foundation (ARCF). Summers graduated summa cum laude from Methodist University and later earned a master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University and a doctorate in behavioral science from Himeji City University in Japan. Arkansas Community Foundation makes grants to improve the quality of life in that state. ARCF has more than \$145 million in assets and has provided more than \$80 million in grants since it began operation in 1976.

Shawn Cucciardi '95, owner of McCormick Woods Golf Course in Port Orchard, Wash., is running for a Port of Bremerton, Wash., commission seat. Cucciardi, 37, said he would make economic development and job creation his number one priorities.

Sara Falcon, '95, '10M, earned her master's in criminal justice from Methodist in December after receiving her B.S. in 1995. She is a Deputy in the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

Dave Eavenson '96, who has served as assistant football coach for 11 years at Methodist, has taken over the Monarch football program from his mentor, Jim Sypult. Sypult retired following the 2010 season after 19 seasons on the job. Eavenson is now head football coach. Go, Monarchs!

Michael Crouse '98 relocated to Fort Bragg, N.C. as a result of the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) move from Fort McPherson, Ga. After serving 22 years in the military, Mike says, "It's good to be home. I hope to see many of you at some of the alumni activities!"

Leslie Antoniel '99 has accepted the position assistant director of Society Giving with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She will reside in Boston, Mass.

Felix Sarfo-Kantanka '99 was honored with the 2011 Expression of Sorensen Ideals Award given by the Sorensen Institute for Political

Leadership at its gala held in Richmond, Va., April 6, 2011. He is assistant vice president with McGuireWoods Consulting in Richmond, Va.

Nick Jacobi '02 won a one-day qualifying tournament last spring and advanced to the Nationwide BMW Championship, a PGA Nationwide event, held May 19-22, 2011 and broadcast on the Golf Channel.

Crasten Davis '03 is the new boys basketball coach at Durham (N.C.) Hillside High School. Davis coached the Hornets junior varsity team and is now moving on to coach at the varsity level. He had coached at Durham School of the Arts and at Durham Shepard Middle School before becoming the Hillside Hornets junior varsity coach for the 2010 season.

SpearHall Advertising & PR in San Diego, Calif., has hired **Michael Nesbit '03** as vice president of special events. Nesbit is a graduate of Methodist University and previously worked for Acushnet Co. He's responsible for managing SpearHall's consumer Golf Fest Shows in San Diego, Phoenix, and Las Vegas.

James Stewart '04 came in third place in the Carolinas Section Championship at Grandfather Golf & Country Club in September 2010, making him eligible to play in the 2011 PGA Professional National Championship in Hershey, Pa. this past June.

Jerry Taylor '04 had his short film, "33 cents", recognized with a Certificate of Excellence at the Asheville, N.C. Skyfest Film Festival.

Gaitren Bell '06 started a girls' basketball travel team, Fayetteville's Express Showcase, in February, and won the U.S. Basketball Association state championship in May. Express Showcase girls' 14-and-under team won the state title with a 6-0 performance in the tournament, held in Charlotte. The team represented the state at U.S.B.A. nationals in Myrtle Beach, S.C. June 28 through July 2. Gaitren holds a degree in social work from Methodist University, but rather than working in the field, she volunteers her time coaching, treating it as social involvement.



Dr. Tabetha Foy '06 recently obtained her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from Argosy University in Washington, D.C. She completed a predoctoral internship at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D.C., where she will continue her postdoctoral residency.

Joshua Ryan Simpson '06 has joined The Richardson Firm, PLLC as an associate attorney. Simpson earned his B.S.

in political science with a minor in paralegal technology at Methodist, is a 2010 graduate of Campbell University's Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. The Richardson Firm concentrates in civil litigation, personal and auto injury, and criminal law with offices in Fayetteville, N.C.

Travis Alley '07 was appointed as the new head golf professional at the Golf Club at Gray's Crossing in Truckee, Calif. Alley has been an employee of Tahoe Mountain Club (TMC), which owns and operates both The Golf Club at Gray's Crossing and Old Greenwood, since his graduation from Methodist University in 2007.

Adonis Stanley '09 has been named head coach of track and field at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNC-P). Stanley, who has served UNC-P as an assistant coach in each of the past two seasons, will also serve as a lecturer in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department at UNC-P. A decorated soldier in the U.S. Army Reserve from 2002-10, Stanley served in Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Stanley, a Charleston, S.C., native, earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science and physical education from Methodist in 2009 and completed his master's degree in physical education at UNC-P in 2011.

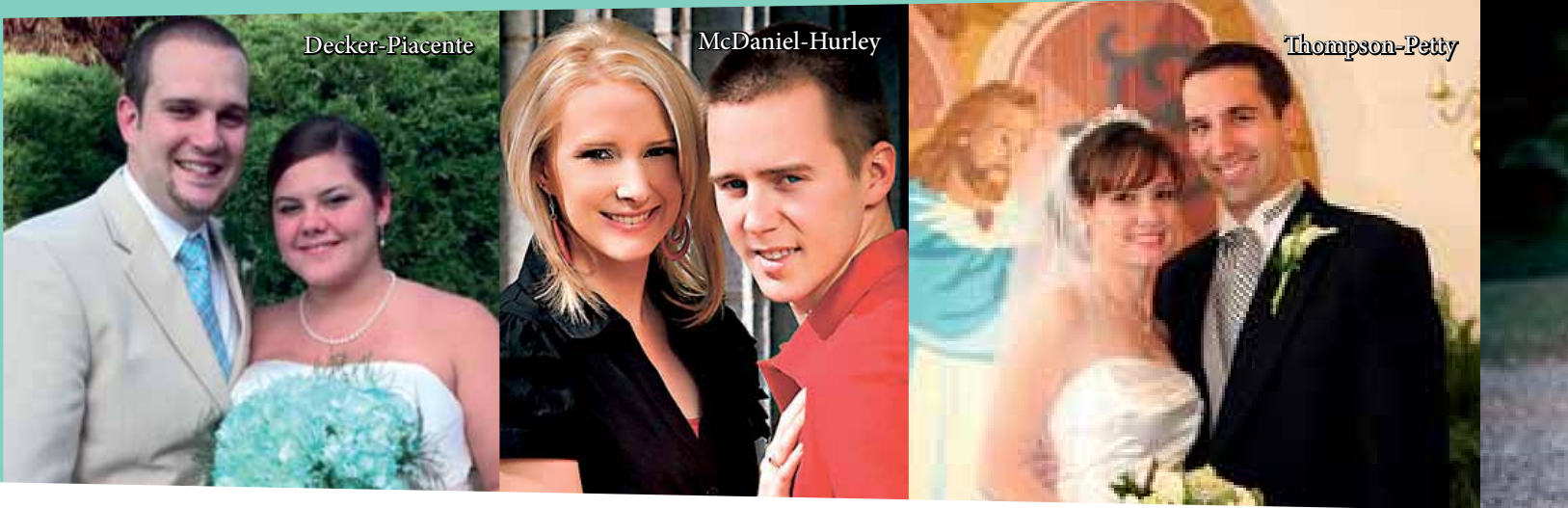
Several Methodist University alumni were among the *Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer's* "40 Under 40" Awards in 2011: **Charlie Allen '11M**, owner of Two Men and a Truck of Fayetteville; **Kristie Meave '11M**; **Daniel Fair**, Partner, Pierrro's Restaurant; and **Shannon Wilhelm Shurko '02**, Military Liaison for Cumberland County (N.C.) Schools.

Gretchen McLean, who will graduate in December 2011, walked into Bayonet at Puppy Creek looking for a summer job this past May. She walked out with a full-time job as the head professional of the Hoke County, N.C. golf course. It was a great way to end the spring semester, during which she helped Methodist University win its 14th straight NCAA Division III women's golf championship. "Gretchen has ties to Fayetteville, the military and Methodist," said Puppy Creek General Manager Dyrck Fanning. "I think it's a great fit."

James Buie '10M, who joined the Gaston County Police in 1987 and climbed through the ranks, has been named the department's chief. The Gaston, N.C. police department has 136 sworn officers, a total of 250 employees, and a \$14 million budget.

Dawn L. Sanderson '11 was among the civilian inductees for Air Force Officer Training School. Air Force Recruiting Service officials considered 971 applications as part of Officer Training School Selection Board 11OT02, which selected 63 individuals for a 6 percent selection rate.

MARRIAGES



Decker-Piacente

McDaniel-Hurley

Thompson-Petty

The Rev. Henry W. Lee '73 and the Rev. JoAnne M. Mercer were married April 30, at Grove Presbyterian Church, Dunn, N.C. The couple will reside in Dunn, N.C., where Rev. Mercer has recently retired from her position as pastor of Grove Presbyterian Church.

Whitney Dyann Larrimore '00 and Dan Edward Strickland II were united in marriage at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 11, 2011, at Union Grove Baptist Church in Salemburg. The Rev. Allen West of Union Grove Baptist Church officiated. The bride is an English instructor employed with Methodist University, and the groom is a technician employed with Dougherty Equipment Company. The couple honeymooned in Charleston, S.C., and resides in Stedman, N.C.

Kandi S. Greer '04 and Paul Morehead, Jr. were united in marriage on the evening of February 12, 2011, at The Embassy Suites Hotel at Brier Creek. The couple will enjoy their honeymoon on Hilton Head Island, S.C., and Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

Oleg Otten '05 and Isabel Yague were joined in marriage April 16, 2011, in Pompano Beach, Fla. After the wedding, the couple spent their honeymoon traveling in the western states of Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. They now reside in Miami, Fla.

Brooke Thompson '05 and **Adam Petty '05** were joined in marriage October 16, 2010 at Marcus United Methodist Church

in Jackson Springs, N.C. Brooke works as a physician assistant in Anesthesiology at Northside Hospital. Adam is currently employed as a chiropractor. The couple now resides in Georgia.

Kristen Wallace '05 and Derrick Anderson Johnson, both of Eastover, N.C., were married June 11, 2011. They are both currently employed by Cumberland County Schools as teachers and reside in Eastover, N.C.

Jennifer Sorensen '06 married Seth Casarotti at Stevenson Ridge in Spotsylvania, Va., on June 4, 2011. The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica. Jenny is currently employed with the United States Marine Corps as a Program Specialist for Community Recreation. Seth is currently employed with Spotsylvania County Utilities. They will reside in Spotsylvania, Va.

Catherine Elizabeth McDaniel '07 was married to Alexander Louis Hurley at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 20, 2011 at Salem United Methodist Church in Eastover, N.C. Catherine is a second grade teacher at Sherwood Park Elementary School, and the groom is a firefighter/EMT with the City of Fayetteville and Eastover Fire Departments.

Justin Lee Morehead '07 and Leslie Canaan Davis, both of Gastonia, N.C., were married May 28, 2011, at Myers Memorial United Methodist Church in Gastonia. Justin is employed by Red Ventures in Charlotte, N.C. The newlyweds honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico. The couple will live in Gastonia.

BIRTHS



Sorenson-Casarotti

Adam Andrew Tew '08 was united in marriage to Erica Nicole Willis Saturday, April 23, 2011 on Topsail Island, N.C. The bride is a physician assistant of dermatology at Goldsboro Skin Center. Adam is a teacher and coach at Gray's Creek Middle School in Hope Mills, N.C.

Brittani Surratt '09 and **Brian Barrows '10** were married November 27, 2010 in Gettysburg, Pa. **Krystal Poirier Greenhaw '09** and **Brice Busse '10** acted as Matron of Honor and Best Man. **Michelle Simmons '11**, **Jerianne Jackson '10**, and **Matt Sigai '11** also joined the wedding party. Brittani and Brian met in August 2006 at Methodist University. They were founding members of Kappa Sigma and Alpha Delta Pi at Methodist, and are among the first "greek sweethearts" to walk down the aisle. The couple resides in Germantown, Md. Brittani works as an HIV/AIDS research assistant for the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research/US Military HIV Research Program. Brian recently took a position as the first assistant at Musket Ridge Golf Club.

Matthew Decker '10 and **Deanna Piacente '10** were married amongst their family and friends July 9, 2011 on Long Island, N.Y. They currently reside in Cary, N.C., and they are very excited to begin a new chapter in their lives after two and a half years together. Both Matthew and Deanna are so grateful for the MU experience they were able to share with one another!



Jeremy Sachs '96 and his family announce the birth of their third son, Cooper Will Sachs. Cooper was born March 10, 2011, weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz., and was 19 inches long. He was welcomed home by his two older brothers Chase (3), and Carson (1). The family resides in Northern Virginia, just west of Washington, D.C. Jeremy can be reached at jrsinva@yahoo.com

David Clark '97 and **Kendra Gottsman Clark '98** are proud to announce the birth of their third child, Kennedy Marie, February 26, 2011. She joins big sister, Mackenzie, and big brother, Ben.

Madison (Ridge) Johnson '01 and **Teri Almond Johnson '04** welcomed to the world their second son Kenneth Starke March 31, 2011. Starke was 8 lbs. 6 oz., and 21 inches long.

Toni Niola Midgett '01 and James Midgett are proud parents of a baby girl! Sadie June Midgett arrived February 27, 2011, weighing 6 lbs. 7 oz., and she was 20 inches long. Her brothers, Jackson (7) and Hunter (4) are over the moon in love with their little sis!

Kelly (Scharf) Kuhlman '02 and Erich Kuhlman are the proud parents of a baby boy welcomed April 29, 2011. Leo John Mathias Kuhlman was born weighing 10 lbs. 4 oz., and 22 inches long.

Diane Etheridge Davenport '05 and husband, Bo, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Marlene Davenport. Alyssa Marlene was born April 19, 2011 at 1:33 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz., and was 21.5 inches in length. The Davenport family resides in Elizabeth City, N.C.

Kenneth Starke Johnson



Alyssa Marlene Davenport



Leo John Mathias Kuhlman



Cooper Will Sachs



ALUMNI GATHERINGS

PGM ALUMNI RETURN TO MU FOR A ROUND "DOWN BACK"

In March this year, several PGM alumni traveled to the Sandhills for a weekend reunion and, of course, golf. They headed over to Methodist for a round "Down Back" on the MU course and stopped in to visit with their mentors. In the photo are, L to R: **Jerry Hogge, Matt Sullivan '00, Whitney Trimble '00, Jason Gentili '00, Chris Kerr, Peter Butt '99, Anthony Bonargo '01, and Rick Murrell '00.**

ANNUAL ALUMNI, MINISTERS, AND FRIENDS DINNER

Methodist University alumni, alumni ministers, ministers, MU Trustees, and friends gathered at Edenton Street UMC for the University's annual dinner held during the Annual Conference of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, June 16, at 5:30 p.m. The event gave 40 people, half of them alumni, the opportunity to meet and hear from Dr. Ben Hancock, president of MU. Dr. Robert and Mrs. Katherine Christian were honored during the dinner on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.



GARBER GIRLS ANNUAL REUNION

The "Garber Girls" gathered at Snead's Ferry, N.C., for their annual reunion in August. **Marie Averitte Cash '72, Debbie Bright Beavers '72, and Anita Fisher King '72,** along with their spouses, **Brian Cash '73, Dr. K.C. Beavers, III, and Nathan King,** enjoyed a few days at the King's cottage on the New River. The Garber Girls spent time reminiscing about Methodist, talking, shopping, boating, eating, and making memories. They flipped through old yearbooks and made plans to meet Dr. Ben Hancock when he comes to Raleigh, N.C. in connection with *MU on the Move!* in February 2012. Garber Girls **Jo Ella Copeland Chappell '73 and Laurie Alston Jennings '73** were not able to make the reunion this year, and were missed. "What a blessing our Methodist College days are to us!" said **Debbie Bright Beavers '72.**

FROGLAND JAM

The summer solstice is reason to celebrate every year for 1970 alumnus Ed "Tuna" Keil and his wife, Kathy, and they invite all of their friends to join them for an outdoor picnic, live music by the Bell Tones, and dancing under the stars at the Frogland Jam. This year's Jam was held June 19 and many of the alumni who have been involved in organizing events in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia were in attendance: **Ed "Tuna" Keil '70; Bill Estes '69; Jackie Estes '69; Sam Compton '69; Dan Fowler '74; and Marvin Hester '69. Robin Davenport '09M,** vice president for institutional advancement, and Lauren Cook Wike, director of alumni affairs, also attended. Even a rainstorm didn't stop the huge party!



Note: If you have had an MC/U alumni gathering recently or plan to have one, please let us know and send us photos! We will include the information in the next issue of MU Today. Contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at alumnioffice@methodist.edu or call 910.630.7167.



Washington, D.C.



Myrtle Beach, S.C.

MU on the Move! events include the following:

2011		2012	
Richmond, Va.	September 20	Miami, Fla.	TBA
New York, N.Y.	September 29	Palm Beach, Fla.	TBA
Charlotte, N.C.	October TBA	Port St. Lucie, Fla.	TBA
Winston-Salem, N.C.	November 14	Orlando, Fla.	January 26-27
Boston, Mass.	December 8	Raleigh, N.C.	February TBA
		Pittsburgh, Pa.	February TBA

RETIRED FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Robert S. Christian and Kathryn Christian celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 11 and 12, 2011. A family dinner was held in the lobby of Horner Administration Building on campus June 11. After worshipping at Hay Street UMC Sunday morning, the celebratory party enjoyed a luncheon in the lobby of Reeves Auditorium. Special music was provided throughout the weekend by retired music professor Alan Porter; Jane Gardiner, associate vice president for academic affairs; and Scott Marosek, professor of music, among others. Dr. Christian is Professor Emeritus of English and retired in 2008 after 40 years of service. He continues to teach part-time. Kathryn Christian was an infirmity nurse at Methodist, and later returned to work in Davis Library for over 12 years.

Forty family members and friends from a dozen states gathered at Lake Lure, N.C. to celebrate Alan M. and J. Elaine Porter's 50th wedding anniversary July 3, 2011. The party was sponsored by their two sons. Alan and Elaine were married in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1961 and resided in Fayetteville for 41 years before retiring from Methodist University as Professors Emeritus of music and French, respectively. They moved to Kure Beach, N.C. in 2004.

Dr. John C. "Jack" Peyrouse reports that his family is fine and his health is fine, and that he is in a creative mode right now. He has performed "Love Letters" with one local actress in Greenville, S.C., as a benefit for a school for autistic children, and he is touring Mark Twain's "The Diary of Adam and Eve" with another actress, while searching out new vehicles for his creativity.

MU on the Move!

One of Dr. Ben Hancock's top priorities is to meet and get to know Methodist alumni. The University now boasts over 10,000 alumni across the world, and **MU on the Move!** is designed to reach out and touch as many of them as possible! **MU on the Move!** and Dr. Hancock have visited the following cities, with plans for many more in coming weeks and months. To learn more about **MU on the Move!** or to R.S.V.P. for one of the upcoming events listed below, please go to www.methodist.edu and visit the Alumni page or call (800) 488-7110 and ask for Alumni Affairs.

Baltimore, Maryland

Dr. Ben Hancock and Dr. Mike Safley, vice president for church and university relations, hosted dinner for eight current parents and alumni at O'Brycki's Seafood Restaurant in downtown Baltimore July 26 to kick off **MU on the Move!** Traci Leija '00 and her husband attended the dinner and she wrote "I . . . had a fabulous time. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet other alumni and speak with Dr. Hancock. I cannot express enough how much we enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity. I hope that Methodist holds events like this in the future."

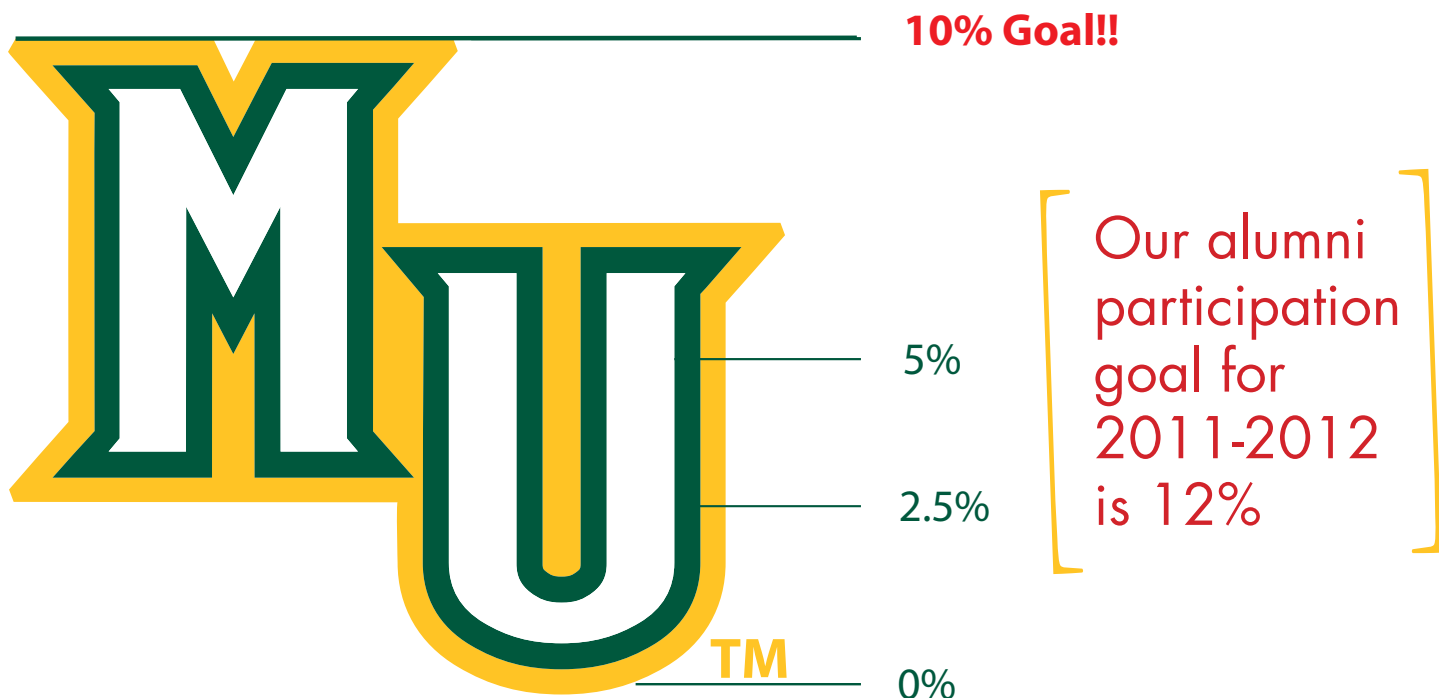
Washington, D.C.

A great group of over 20 alumni and friends gathered for a meet and greet reception for the Washington, D.C. area July 27, held at the Lorien Hotel in Alexandria, Va. Although it was a diverse crowd in terms of backgrounds and business interests, they enjoyed networking and getting to know one another. Dr. Hancock gave brief remarks, emphasizing that what makes an institution unique and one step above others is its signature people, signature programs, and signature facilities, all of which he believes Methodist has, and that is why it has been so successful with record enrollment and retention this year. He stated his commitment to fulfilling the educational promise that we have made to students, and to establishing programs that would help students throughout their journeys at Methodist. Attendees were very interested in new programs, including Nursing, and in how they could find, stay in touch with, and network with other alums in the Washington, D.C. metro area.

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

MU on the Move! went to the beach August 31 and treated Alan and Elaine Porter, Professors Emeritus of music and French respectively, and several alumni and friends to dinner at SOHO Café. Elaine Porter reconnected with two alumnae who were founders of competing sororities for which she had served as an advisor, and they were all pleased to hear from Dr. Hancock about five Greek houses that have been built this summer to create a Greek Village on campus, as well as the resurgence of Greek life at Methodist. At the end of the evening, Alan and Elaine Porter serenaded the group, to everyone's delight.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MU ALUMNI FOR HELPING US EXCEED OUR GOAL OF 10% PARTICIPATION IN 2010-11!



Alumni Participation represents the percentage of alumni who give back to their alma mater — no matter the size of the gift. The national average for alumni participation rates is 25%*. Our participation rate went from 7.6% the previous year to over 10% in 2010-2011, exceeding our goal!

Margaret “Meg” Dixon ’81 was among several alumni who made numerous phone calls and sent e-mail, Facebook, and Twitter messages to fellow alumni encouraging them to step up and help increase participation, regardless of the amount. Her response to the announcement that our goal had been reached and exceeded was “I am so excited I cannot contain myself!! I just visited the Methodist Alumni website and saw the report! I am so very happy!”

Meg also mentioned that “Times are slim for everyone but I also know people spend what they want to spend on what they want to spend it. For instance: a sacrifice of one fast food meal per week costing \$6.00 would total a \$300 annual contribution!”

Rachel Valentine ’09, daughter of the **Rev. Ken Valentine ’74**, wrote that she participated in the drive because “My Dad, Class of ’74, said it was important!”

Several Methodist faculty and staff were instrumental in challenging alumni to engage in the drive. Jerry Hogge, director of the Professional Golf Association Management Program, challenged PGM alumni to contribute and pledged to match with his own gift, and they responded with donations totaling over \$3,300 and ranging from \$10 - \$500. Gene Clayton, vice president for business and finance, sent personal letters out to alumni. Francie Barragan, head women’s tennis coach, also did her part to encourage alumni giving and participation.

Among the many other comments from alumni who responded to the call for alumni participation, common themes were “I wanted to see better than 10 percent alumni participation,” (**John G. Roberts ’71**), and “I wanted to give something back to a great place to learn,” (**Jeffery Muldrow ’03**).

Those who volunteered to encourage fellow alumni to show their Monarch pride through participation in the MU Fund mentioned how much fun they had. “It was neat to ‘reach out and touch’ so many alumni this past week,” said **Meg Dixon ’81**.

We are grateful to all our loyal Monarchs who supported this effort, and to all of you who do so much to assist Methodist University and represent it so well every day of the year!

*According to the Council for Aid to Education’s 2010 *Voluntary Support of Education* survey of colleges and universities.



*Renew ties to
friends and faculty
from your college days!*

Make new connections with MU's new
President, Dr. Ben Hancock, Jr., First Lady
Mrs. Debbie Hancock, and other Monarch
alumni during Homecoming 2011!

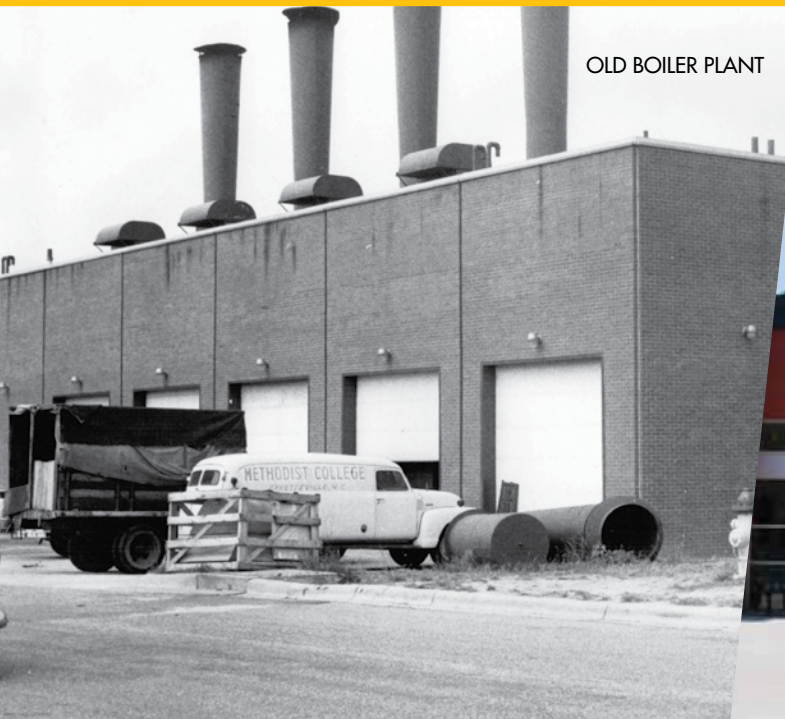
All Methodist College/University Alumni
are invited to celebrate

HOMECOMING 2011

OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2011!

You won't believe how the Methodist campus has changed since you last visited! Come back and see how your alma mater has moved forward and meet our new **President, Dr. Ben E. Hancock, Jr.** and **First Lady Mrs. Debbie Hancock.** We have plenty of events for you and your family to enjoy throughout the weekend, including a 5K/Fun Run for ages 10 and up on campus on Saturday morning, October 22, and a tour of several new buildings.

The highlight of every Homecoming is the "Lunch on the Green," with music from the MU and Alumni Reunion Combined Chorales and great food grilled and served on site by Carrabb's Italian Grill proprietor **Mark Moses '97** and his crew. The football game follows with Head Coach **Dave Eavenson '96** in his inaugural season leading the Monarchs. A Friday social and a big party with live music on Saturday at ScrubOaks Contemporary American Pub bracket the weekend. ScrubOaks is adjacent to the MU campus and owned by **Tim and Gwen Holtsclaw, '92, '68;** **Darren Thompson '96;** and **Scotti Sykes Marshburn '96.**



OLD BOILER PLANT



INTO NEWLY RENOVATED
FOOTBALL FIELD HOUSE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Methodist University
Homecoming 2011!**



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Monarch Reunion Reception**

Alumni can reconnect with classmates, enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and meet Methodist's new President, **Dr. Ben Hancock, Jr.**, and First Lady **Mrs. Debbie Hancock**. **MU Alumni Association Board members** will be on hand to greet you! Location: ScrubOaks Contemporary American Pub, adjacent to campus. **Note:** Reunion Classes are welcome to use the Gold Room at ScrubOaks for a Class Reunion Dinner following the reception. Please make arrangements directly with Gwen and Tim Holtsclaw '68, '92, at (910) 884-3072.

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **14th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet**

Sponsored by the Monarch Booster Club and held in the March F. Riddle Center. Reservations for \$25.00 per person are due by October 10. For more information, contact Athletic Director Bob McEvoy at (910) 630-7182.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. **Registration for Monarch Alumni 5K/Fun Run**

Run or walk for a great cause! \$25.00 pre-registration fee for 5K, \$15.00 for Fun Run; fees are \$30.00 and \$20.00 the day of the race. Proceeds benefit the Methodist University Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund.

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Monarch Alumni 5K/Fun Run with awards ceremony at 9:00 a.m.

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

9:00 a.m.
Choral Reunion Rehearsal, Choral Rehearsal Room of Reeves, followed by performance at "Lunch on the Green"

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

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

10:00 a.m.
Campus Tours
Walking Tour with **Jim Darden '69**
Jim Darden, Class of '69 president and now MU's Horticulturist, provides a fascinating look at how the campus has been transformed into a beautiful garden with things blooming year round!



Campus Tours (continued)

Campus Building Tour, Shuttle Bus provided:

New Physician Assistant Medical Lecture Hall and Human Anatomy Lab; William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts and David McCune International Exhibit Gallery; Nimocks Fitness Center and the Hendricks Science Complex; new Greek Village; newly renovated President's Home; and for those who have residence hall rooms named for them, a visit to see naming plaques.

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** serves up delicious chicken Marsala grilled on site for only \$10 per person for all who pre-register for Homecoming by October 10, and \$15 after the deadline. All proceeds benefit the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. The 2011 Alumni Association Award winners will be recognized, as well as past award winners. Special performance by the Alumni Reunion and Methodist University Chorales under the direction of Dr. Michael Martin.

1:00 p.m.

Monarch Football vs. Shenandoah University at Monarch Stadium

Discounted Alumni tickets are available for \$3.00 if you pre-register by October 10. Alumni tickets will be available at the Green 'n Gold tent for \$5.00. General admission is \$6.00.

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Methodist Alumni Party at ScrubOaks Contemporary American Pub

Just north of the campus, ScrubOaks is a lively and comfortable atmosphere for a party! Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, live band, dancing, and cash bar in a relaxed setting. ScrubOaks partners **Tim and Gwen Holtsclaw '92, '68**; **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. Ben Hancock** will also be on hand to welcome you! Cover charge is \$15.00 for those who pre-register by October 10, and \$20.00 after the deadline.



REGISTER ONLINE AT:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Career Fair

October 18, 2011 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Berns Student Center
Contact: Meagan McCabe
(910) 630-7335 or
mccabe@methodist.edu
Admission is free

Homecoming

October 21-22, 2011
Contact: Lauren Cook Wike
(910) 630-7167 or lwike@methodist.edu

Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra Concert

October 22, 2011 • 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium

MBA Open House

October 2 • 6:00 p.m.
Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall
Contact: Anne Way
(910) 630-7493 or away@methodist.edu

The 38th Annual Economic Outlook Symposium

October 26, 2011 • 6:30 p.m.
Location: The Hotel Bordeaux and
Conference Center
Contact: Dr. Sid Gautam
(910) 630-7642 or
sgautam@methodist.edu

Constitutional Law Day Panel Discussion: "Privacy Rights and Social Media"

November 4 • 11:00 a.m.
Featuring Dr. Eric See, Chair, Methodist
University Dept. of Justice Studies,
Forensic Science and Cyber Crime
and Allison Serafin, Attorney-at-Law
with Jackson and Lewis (Raleigh, N.C.)
Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall
Contact: Wendy Vonnegut
(910) 630-7491 or
wendy@methodist.edu
Admission is free

Heroes Homecoming: Luncheon to Honor Nurses who Served in Vietnam

November 10 • 12:00 - 2:00p.m.
Nimocks Fitness Center
Contact: Dr. Drew Ziegler
(910) 630-7488 or
aziegler@methodist.edu

MBA Open House

October 3 • 6:00 p.m.
Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall
Contact: Anne Way
(910) 630-7493 or
away@methodist.edu

All-Choirs Concert

November 18 • 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium
Contact: Deanne Renshaw
(910) 630-7100 or
drenshaw@methodist.edu
Admission is free

Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra Holiday Extravaganza

December 10 • 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium

Fayetteville Symphonic Band & MU Jazz Ensemble Concert

December 15 • 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium
Contact: Deanne Renshaw
(910) 630-7100 or
drenshaw@methodist.edu
Admission is free

Baccalaureate Service

December 17 • 0:30 a.m.
Reeves Auditorium

Graduation

December 17 • 2:00 p.m.
March F. Riddle Center

