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**METHODIST COLLEGE ANNOUNCES WINTER COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Methodist College's Seventeenth Winter Commencement will be held Thursday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

One hundred and eleven (111) students have declared their candidacy for graduation and are expected to receive degrees from College President Elton Hendricks. The college will give two honorary degrees--a Doctor of Humanities to Charles Mercer Reeves, a Sanford businessman, and a Doctor of Divinity to Thomas Sidney Yow, III, president of Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tennessee.

Mr. Yow will deliver the commencement address. A 1966 graduate of Methodist, he is a United Methodist minister who held administrative positions at Methodist and Louisburg College before being named a junior college president in 1985. He holds master's and doctoral degrees from Duke University. He is a native of Rockingham, NC.



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**METHODIST COLLEGE TO ANNOUNCE NAME OF NEW BUILDING**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Methodist College will name its new Physical Activities Center in a special ceremony Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. The public is invited.

The ceremony will be held at the entrance to the new building and the person for whom the building has been named will be present for the unveiling. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Now in the final stages of construction, Methodist's Physical Activities Center totals 46,600 square feet and includes: a 1,200-seat gymnasium; locker rooms for men, women, and staff; a training room; a weight room; a conference room; two classrooms; a handball court; and offices for the athletic staff and coaches.

College officials have scheduled men's and women's basketball games for Jan. 15 in the new facility. While these events will be the first athletic contests held in the PAC, the coaching staff anticipates moving in prior to that date. Subcontractors are in the process of laying the floor in the gymnasium and installing the basketball goals.

Built at a cost of \$3.8 million, the Physical Activities Center will replace a steel building that has been used as a gym since 1963. More than 1,146 persons have pledged a total of \$3,525,736 toward the new building.