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METHODIST COLLEGE PREPARES FOR FALL OPENING

FAYETTEVILLE, NC--Methodist College is a beehive of activity this week, as faculty and staff prepare for the arrival of new students Saturday, August 18.

The college football and soccer teams begin practice Tuesday, August 14. All faculty members report for the new year Wednesday, August 15. College President Elton Hendricks will host an "opening of school" dinner for faculty and staff Friday, August 17.

Methodist begins fall classes August 22 for day students and August 27 for evening students. College officials are expecting 1,000 day students and 500-600 evening students.

The college enters its 31st academic year and fourth decade with a major infusion of new leadership. Raleigh newscaster Charlie Gaddy is the new chairman of the board of trustees. Fayetteville businessman Vance Neal is chairman of the board of visitors. Fayetteville banking executive James Cherry is president of the Methodist College Foundation.

Three of the college's five vice presidents are new to their posts. They are: Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs; Mr. Gene Clayton, vice president for business affairs; and Mr. Thomas W. Williams Jr., vice president for development.

New additions to the campus include the March F. Riddle Physical Activities Center, a five-hole golf course, and a small welcome center near the south entrance.

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