The Ties That Bind
MC Athletes from the 60s revisit their glory days.
Methodist College At A Glance

(December 2001)

THE COLLEGE: Methodist College is a senior, coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences which opened in 1960. The College offers 51 undergraduate majors and added a master's degree program in physician assistant studies in Fall 2001. Day, evening, and weekend classes are held year-round.

- Methodist College supports 19 intercollegiate sports (in NCAA Division III), nine for men and 10 for women, and 62 student organizations.
- Educational programs are offered periodically in the Fayetteville community by the Center for Entrepreneurship, the Lura Tally Center for Leadership Development, and the School for the Performing Arts.
- Many faculty members and administrators participate in a yearly Speakers' Bureau program.

MOTTO: Veritus et Virtus (Truth and Virtue)

HISTORY: Established in 1956 by the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church and a group of civic leaders from Fayetteville and Cumberland County.

THE CAMPUS: Methodist’s 617-acre campus is located between the Cape Fear River and U.S. 401 North, approximately five miles north of downtown Fayetteville. The campus features 32 modern buildings on interlocking malls, plus an 18-hole golf course, nature trail, and amphitheater. Methodist College opened its eighth residence hall, Cape Fear Commons in August 2000. This is an apartment-style facility which houses 68 students. A similar residence hall is now under construction.

THE STUDENT BODY: Enrollment for the fall semester of 2001 totalled 2,143 students. Day enrollment reached 1,429, with 784 students living on campus. The College has a very diverse student body; in Fall 2001, 31 percent of the students were nonwhite, and 46 percent were age 22 or older. Thirty-seven (37) percent were from Cumberland County, 18 percent were from other parts of North Carolina, 42 percent were from other parts of the U.S., and 3 percent were from foreign countries.

ALUMNI: Methodist College has graduated 7,551 students since 1964. Outstanding alumni include: an Air Force general, an Army general, the dean of the Bryan School of Business at UNC-Greensboro, the president of Young Harris College in Georgia, the associate dean at Duke University Divinity School, and the superintendent of the Cumberland County Schools.

- In the Class of 2000 (267 members), 47 percent majored in business or economics, 19 percent in social science, 10 percent in science, 9 percent in education, 9 percent in the humanities, 4 percent in medical science, and 2 percent in the fine arts.

COSTS FOR 2001-2002: Tuition & Fees (Day) — $14,070; Tuition (Evening/Weekend/Summer) — $140 per s.h.; Room & Board — $5,330. Methodist offers Presidential Scholarships worth $3,000-$8,000 per year. North Carolina residents enrolled fulltime (day or evening) are entitled to a N. C. Legislative Tuition Grant worth $1,800 per year or $900 per semester. Eighty percent of the students at Methodist receive need-based financial aid.

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Seldon “Sparky” Rapelye ’65 appeared at the Athletes of the 60s Luncheon dressed in the letter sweater he received 37 years ago. The sweater has a few moth holes in it, but is otherwise in good shape.

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There’s Always Room for More!

Methodist awards contract for new residence hall.

Methodist College has awarded a $2.7 million contract for a second apartment-style residence hall, Cape Fear Commons II, to Player, Inc. of Fayetteville.

The new residence hall will be located just south of Cape Fear Commons and will house 71 students. It is a virtual “twin” to the Commons which opened in August 2000.

The Board of Trustees authorized the new building Oct. 15. It will be financed with a $3 million commercial loan from Wachovia Bank. Approximately $300,000 will be spent on furnishings and architectural/engineering fees.

“We hope the contractor can complete it by the opening of school next August,” said Gene Clayton, vice president for business affairs. “If not, the Student Development Office has a plan for temporarily housing a small number of resident students until the new building is ready.”

Cape Fear Commons II will consist of three, three-story wings connected by a common breezeway. It will contain 17 four-bedroom apartments and one three-bedroom unit. Each unit will have a den, kitchen, two baths and a private entrance.

The new residence hall will have an elevator and will be connected by a walkway to a recently-completed community building that will serve both residence halls.

The newest residence hall will enable Methodist to house a total of 869 students on campus. The College’s five-year strategic plan calls for construction of a third apartment-style residence hall by 2004.

Construction site for new residence hall, with Cape Fear Commons I and the Community Building in background.

Speaking of the Military…

MC Club, Airborne Museum announce lecture series.

The History/International Studies/Political Science Club at Methodist College has formed a partnership with Fayetteville’s Airborne and Special Operations Museum to sponsor a series of eight lectures about Fayetteville’s contributions to U.S. military history. The lectures will be free and open to the public.

Entitled “All America City: Fayetteville’s Contributions to American Military History,” the eight lectures will feature a variety of speakers. Chris Kidd, chairman of the club’s special events committee, said Dr. John Duvall, director of education at the museum, is helping to secure speakers.

Roy Parker, Jr., who writes a military history column for The Fayetteville Observer, will deliver the first lecture Monday, Jan. 28 at 11 a.m. in Science Auditorium, Clark Hall. Dr. John Duvall of the museum staff will deliver the second lecture Monday, Feb. 11 at the same time and place.
Chaos in Afghanistan

The former ambassador to Turkmenistan gives informative lecture.

Michael W. Cotter, former ambassador to Turkmenistan, which borders Afghanistan on the northwest, told a Methodist College audience Oct. 29 that Afghanistan is an ethnically diverse nation, making it difficult to tell the good guys from the bad.

The first speaker in the newly inaugurated Terry Sanford Lecture Series entitled his address “Tracking Down the Terrorists: Afghanistan’s Neighbors Have Their Own Axes to Grind!” The Political Science Department at Methodist established the lecture series to honor former U.S. Senator Terry Sanford, who was a founder and longtime trustee of Methodist College.

Cotter said Afghanistan was formed in the 17th century and was ruled by a succession of kings until the late 20th century. He described it as a diverse, tribal nation of 26 million people: 38 percent Pashtun, 25 percent Tagi, 19 percent Hazara, 6 percent Uzbek, and 12 percent other ethnic groups. He said the country was left in chaos after winning its war for independence from Russia a decade ago.

The former diplomat said 50 percent of the Afghans speak Persian, 42 percent are age 14 or under, and only 40 percent are literate. He said the ruling Taliban represent the Pashtun interpretation of Islam, which explains their rigid and ruthless style of governing the country. He also observed the Talibans and the Hazara “had massacred the Talibans by the thousands.”

“During the Cold War,” he noted, “the West was allied with Pakistan, and India allied with the Soviet Union. Uzbekistan is quite stable. Turkmenistan declared its neutrality in 1997. The Central Asians generally like our presence there to counterbalance the Russians and Iranians.”

Cotter said recent history should have taught the U.S. to avoid taking sides in internal religious conflicts like those that have wracked Indonesia and Iran. “Our actions there have broad implications,” he added. “The Islamic world is very large and diverse. Terrorists threaten the stability of the governments in Egypt and Saudi Arabia.”

The former ambassador said he supports American efforts to capture Osama bin Laden, the Taliban leader who planned and financed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. “We also need to get the non-Afghan mercenaries out of that region,” he said. “Even if we’re successful at that, a terrorist threat will remain.”
We’re not in Kansas anymore
December graduates look ahead
to the yellow brick road of the future.

“We’re not in Kansas anymore.”
Addressing Methodist College’s winter graduating class Dec. 14, the Rev. Wesley F. Brown ’73 said the events of Sept. 11 were not unlike the trials faced by Dorothy and her three companions in *The Wizard of Oz*.

Just as the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Lion sought and found wisdom, love, and courage, Rev. Brown said many Americans have discovered a lot about community and have openly displayed their patriotism, love of family, and faith in God. “Sept. 11 has brought us face to face with our mortality,” he said. “But character is developed through adversity and community.”

The associate dean for external relations at Duke University Divinity School said his Methodist College experience inspired him to enter the ministry. He said the purpose of higher education is to teach people how to ask the right questions. “You will have more choices than many who went before you,” he said. “Step out in faith and temper it with love. Be faithful. Be thankful. Be generous. Go out and change the world. Be someone’s hero. Do something common uncommonly well. Until you’ve seen the Grand Canyon in person, you can’t appreciate the challenge of being a pilgrim. You are well-prepared to make a difference.”

The winter baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the Rev. Brian Gentle, pastor of Haymount United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. He entitled his address “Welcome to Fast Company.”

“Things are changing rapidly in our world,” he noted. “Even futurists don’t know what to expect. . . You students are in a stage of transition. Transitions can be wrenching.”

Rev. Gentle urged the seniors before him to follow the example of Scurvy, the mouse in *Who Moved My Cheese?* “The cheese continues to be moved,” he said. “God calls Christians to be engaged, open, and honest.”

Citing Matthew 7:24-28, he said those who build their lives on a strong foundation will be able to weather the storms of life. “We need to realize we are accountable and responsible for our lives,” he added.

His final words for the graduating seniors were: “I hope you never lose your passion and purpose and persistence for living. We need a sense of justice and mercy. Get upset about violence and the concentration of wealth in a few hands. Each of you is a child of God called to a unique mission.”

In other commencement activities, College President M. Elton Hendricks:
—Accepted the flag of Lithuania from graduating senior Loreta Ledaite-Narvàez.
—Presented the Sam Edwards Award to Charles Brigman, denoting his selection as the outstanding Evening College graduate of 2001.
—Awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree to Rev. Brown for 20 years of exemplary service to the United Methodist Church and to ministerial education.
—Conferred degrees upon 108 students (19 graduated “in absentia”).

Forty-four members of the winter class graduated with honors, 23 *cum laude*, 18 *magna cum laude*, and three *summa cum laude.*
METHODIST COLLEGE AWARDED DEGREES TO THE FOLLOWING DECEMBER 14, 2001:
BACHELOR OF ARTS
Cape Fear Region
Fayetteville: Melissa A. Cain, Theatre; Lisa Jacobs, Accounting; Fort Bragg: Apolinio Ramirez, Spanish; Lillington: Evis Houng, Spanish; Other States and Countries San Antonio, TX: Ursula Stevens-Alston, Spanish
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Cape Fear Region
Fayetteville: Aaron Balderston, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Deborah A. Baughn, magna cum laude, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Gregory Benefiel, Business Administration; Shauna E. Bowman, Business Administration; Shonda R. Butler, Business Administration; Paul E. Caccia, Business Administration; Alaina L. Callahan, Political Science; Michelle J. Chagnon, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Jennifer L. Crawford, summa cum laude, Sociology; Cheryl L. Daniels, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Dennis J. DePriest, magna cum laude, Physical Education; Erin A. Dodson, History; Amy Jo Durand, cum laude, Biology with a Concentration in Zoology; George Charles Fisher, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Jakob Gerney, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Johnnie A. Gleave, Business Administration; Sharan Graves, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Gwen Joanely Haliburton, cum laude, Sociology; Michael P. Heyward, Sports Management; Anthony H. Hilbert, Sports Medicine; Todd Graham Holmes, Sports Management; Michelle Nicole Hudson, Business Administration; Wendy Irene Ismael, cum laude, Education; Demetris Littrell Jenkins, Business Administration; Nicholas D. Jones, Business Administration & Marketing; Donna Wegner Keen, Business Administration; Karl J. Kumm, Business Administration; Loreta Ledaire-Narvaez, cum laude, Political Science; Lance Carlton Lindsey, cum laude, Business Administration; Sherré Ava Marshall, Sports Management; Vanessa Shyla Myers, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Robert Edwards Maki, cum laude, Criminal Justice & Sociology; Cherre A. Marshall, Sports Management; Senatra L. O’Neal, Mathematics; Robert C. Pison, summa cum laude, Accounting; Michelle C. Prasnik, Political Science; Patrick G. Puryear, Communication/Mass Media; Curtis S. Reagan, magna cum laude, Political Science; Samaria G. Richardson, Political Science; Jamie L. Schalla, Business Administration; Gerhard Schulz, magna cum laude, Melissa N. Simmons, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Warren D. Sias, History; Debra Reagan Todd, cum laude, Accounting; Shannon T. Willett, magna cum laude, Accounting; Alison Y. Yarborough, Business Administration Carthage: Wesley Adam Scott, Sports Management Fort Bragg: Molly J. Heathery, cum laude, Education; Lois O. McCalmon, cum laude, Education; Susanne E. Sweeney, magna cum laude, Political Science hope Mills: Charles P. Brigan, cum laude, Business Administration and Accounting; William Ray Simpson, magna cum laude, Business Administration; James F. Taylor, Computer Science Parkton: Antonette D. Scott-Jackson, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Raeford: Kimberly Anne Lockamy, cum laude, History Sanford: Arvel D. Bowers, cum laude, Accounting; Anthony William Key, History; April Michelle Parker, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration / Marketing Spring Lake: Paul Derrick Welbourne, History: Whispering Pines: Sara Kristina Hoover, magna cum laude, Biology with a Concentration in Microbiology/Cell Biology Wade: Rita Kay Lovick, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration

Other Areas of North Carolina
Four Oaks: David P. Allen Jr., Computer Science Eden: Phalania D. Hairston, Sports Management Emerald Isle: Christopher Edward Barber, Physical Education Kernersville: Jason R. Marion, Physical Education Wilmington: Triba Williams, Spanish

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Other States and Countries
Amsterdam, NY: Paul Joseph Ruff, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Ann Arbor, MI: Jacqlyn Edwards, magna cum laude, History; Carson City, NV: Sonja L. Cook, Business Administration; Carencrola, LA: Amy Lee Mitchell, History; Charleston, SC: Karen Middleton, Sociology; Coopersville, MI: Matthew Kendrick Simons, Marketing with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Dunkirk, NY: Denise M.

Miles, magna cum laude, Accounting; Farrell, PA: Vivian Morrison-Forest, Chemistry/Sociology; Florence, SC: Shibata Patrice Boxer, Business Administration & Marketing; Gallatin, TN: Johnnie A. Gleave, Business Administration; Gibbboro, NJ: Corrin Marie Whartenby, cum laude, Political Science; Hebron, KY: Patricia Lynn Smith, Physical Education; Hillsboro Beach, FL: John Richard Lambert, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Tennis Management; Houston, TX: William C. Zappa, cum laude, Sociology; La Mirada, CA: Tabitha M. Phillips, summa cum laude, Business Administration; Lakeland, FL: Jason Andrew McCurry, Sports Medicine; Lithia, FL: Kenneth D. Hiscock, Physical Education; Moscow, Russia: Evgeniya V. Sologub, magna cum laude, Accounting & Finance/Economics; Naples, FL: Michael L. Beattie, Physical Education; Osnik, Russia: Ekaterina A. Sivilapova, cum laude, Business Administration & Marketing; Ridgeway, VA: Michael Ware Moore, Marketing with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; South Dayton, NY: Steven P. Strother, Computer Science; Traverse City, MI: Monica Krause, cum laude, Criminal Justice; Trenton, NJ: Gradia C. Janius, Biology with a Concentration in Microbiology/Cell Biology; Virginia Beach, VA: Krista E. Jefferson, cum laude, Education; Warrington, PA: Anthony Barnargo, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
Cape Fear Region
Fayetteville: Sandra Berkey, Geroge Emmitt Carter III, cum laude; Chantel Nichols, Barbara J. Pachasa, magna cum laude; Sandra Reed, cum laude Dunn; Carra Avery McLamb, magna cum laude Sanford: Juanita Alea Yerry

Other Areas of North Carolina
Salisbury: James Kristopher Watson, magna cum laude

Other States and Countries
Bel Air, MD: Erin Lynn Updegrove, magna cum laude; Cumming, GA: Jaime Drummond Kutter; Tallahassee, FL: Gregory E. Lundamola, magna cum laude; Watertown, NY: Sarah Renee Kerley, magna cum laude

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AND CHEMISTRY
Cape Fear Region
Fayetteville: Steven Russell Salisbury Jr., magna cum laude

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK
Cape Fear Region

Other States and Countries
Peru, IN: Sally A. Hernandez Ovalle; Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico: Laly DeJesus; Savannah, GA: Donna Danette Cullins, cum laude

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
Cape Fear Region
Fayetteville: Deborah Ann Baughn, Business Administration; Shaun Elliott Bowman, Music; Gwen Haliburton, Criminal Justice; Andy Christopher Harrison, Spanish; Melinda Marie Ritchie, General Studies; Catherine Roberts Silversthit, Business Administration Fort Bragg: Ruel Carlos Delos Reyes, Foreign Languages; Pedro Rolando Sandria, Spanish; Hope Mills: Debra Amorose Nicholson, Business Administration Raeford: Anthony William Key, Sociology

Second generation graduates pose with their dads. L to R, Chris Barber, Rev. Eddie Barber ’68, Mickey Benton ’67, Mark Benton.
"Everyone should try to start his own business." That’s what Ron Schenk, a software engineer/author/business consultant, told Methodist College golf management students Oct. 23.

Schenk lectured to two classes and also spoke at the fourth annual Golf Executive-in Residence Luncheon sponsored by the Charles M. Reeves School Business.

A graduate of Georgia Tech, Schenk first worked as a software engineer for IBM. He started his own business, Inte-Great Corporation of Bethesda, MD, at the age of 26. After selling the business seven years later, he began writing a book, The Eighteen Holes of Success, got married, traveled around the world, and passed the PGA’s Playing Ability Test, the first step toward becoming a professional golfer.

He said starting your own business or writing a book requires a certain amount of courage. “Ely Callaway worked many years for Burlington Industries, then started a vineyard at the age of 57 and Callaway Golf at the age of 62,” he noted. “I spent three years writing and illustrating my book. I sent out drafts for people to read and edit, but I didn’t change anything. I had 5,000 books printed and have sold 3,000.”

Schenk entitled his luncheon address, “Defining, Understanding and Learning from Business Failures.” He began by asking the students how many had a personal business card. (About a third raised their hands.) “You need this to market yourself,” he said. “You also need a life plan.”

“Don’t be afraid of failure,” he continued. “It’s a big part of success. I’ve had many business failures.” He defined failure as “a big mistake” and said people should “find and fix” their mistakes and failures.

The speaker listed seven business failures to avoid, adding a few pointers in the process. The failures he enumerated are:

1) Misunderstanding your customer and not saying thank you.
2) Thinking you have all the answers.
3) Failing to set a professional standard for yourself and not following through on it. “There’s some arrogance in the golf industry,” he said. “It’s not growing as fast as it should. You can be the new ambassadors for this game.”
4) Failing to embark on missions or projects with a sense of urgency.
5) Not talking to and getting to know all the people served by your business.
6) Hiring the wrong people. “Choose your employees carefully,” he advised.
7) Failing to understand that your perception of others is your reality. “Be humble,” he counseled. “Learn from others. Listen!”

Schenk’s book, The Eighteen Holes of Success, takes the reader through an 18-hole round of golf. In format, it looks like a small coffee table book. Color photos of world-famous golf courses, and architectural drawings of golf course layouts are used liberally throughout. The book sells for $34.

The author says in the preface that he’s a golf course architect and that his course is designed to teach people life’s secrets to success: fulfilling relationships, freedom, passion, challenge, achievement of goals, faith and a spiritual connection, satisfaction, contentment, and money.

Instead of chapters, the reader moves through the “holes” of Schenk’s golf course. Holes one through three (entitled “Positive Mind,” “What’s Your Target?”, and “Work Ethic”) are about mental preparation and planning. Holes four through nine discuss tools and techniques needed for success. Holes ten through sixteen present strategies for achieving success. Schenk describes holes seventeen and eighteen as his course’s “signature holes”—the two most important characteristics of every successful person. They are entitled “Nice Guys Finish First” and “Honesty.”

Schenk’s book is on sale in the student-run pro shop at Methodist’s Richard Player Golf and Tennis Learning Center (phone 630-7684). MC’s PGM program receives a portion of the proceeds from all book sales.
Why are myths important in the 21st century?
Dr. Thomas Leach, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at UNC-Pembroke, delivered his answer to that question in a Nov. 19 lecture at Methodist College.

Dr. Leach's lecture was the first in a new Dialogues in Leadership Series sponsored by the Lura Tally Center for Leadership Development. The full lecture title was “What Heroes Know: Lessons for Young Leaders of Today from Heroes of the Past.” The lecture was made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council.

As an English professor familiar with many of the great myths, Dr. Leach said “a good story” is still important today. “Plays, poems, novels and films have been based on myths,” he noted. “Myths have influenced me and affected my choices.”

The speaker used quotes from Joseph Campbell, Rollo May, and Stephen Covey to support his thesis that heroes and myths can teach us valuable lessons about life. “Rollo May said myths are essential to the process of keeping our souls alive,” he said.

Dr. Leach spent most of his lecture discussing the oldest recorded myth (2,100 B.C.)—the epic of Gilgamesh, the Sumerian king (part divine and part human) of Uruk who did not want to die. He said the epic was discovered at Nenevah in 1842 and was written on 12 tablets. “We've only had a Western translation since the 1860s,” he added.

To curb the king’s harsh rule, the gold Anu creates Enkidu who fights with and is defeated by Gilgamesh; Enkidu then becomes the king’s close friend and soldier. Enkidu teaches Gilgamesh how to be a better leader,” said Leach.

The speaker summarized the remainder of the Gilgamesh epic as follows: The two fight and kill the giant Hambaba in a cedar forest. After Gilgamesh rejects a marriage proposal from Ishtar (the goddess of love), he and Enkidu kill the divine bull sent by Ishtar to destroy Gilgamesh. Enkidu learns in a dream that Ishtar has persuaded the gods to order his death for helping to kill the bull. Enkidu becomes ill and dies.

Gilgamesh stages an elaborate funeral for Enkidu and embarks on a journey to find Utanishtim, the survivor of the Babylonian flood, and ask him how to escape death.

Utanishtim tells Gilgamesh he must prove himself worthy of immortality by staying awake for one week. Gilgamesh falls asleep. He is given the plant of eternal youth, but loses it to a serpent. Utanishtim tells the king he can take back to his people the gift of leadership.

“Gilgamesh builds walls to protect Uruk,” said Dr. Leach. “We’re thus left with a paradigm of how a leader can make a difference. Campbell says a myth has three parts: a call, a challenge, and a return.”

About the Speaker:
Dr. Thomas Leach conducts workshops on Myths, Mythology and Modern Culture, Shamanism, and Consciousness Studies. He has taught courses in World Mythology, Literature and Composition at UNC-P since 1979. He holds a Ph.D. in English Literature and an M.A. in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a B.S. in Naval Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy.
Two of the Cape Fear Region’s leading businessmen told a Fayetteville audience Nov. 1 that Cumberland County and America can expect major economic challenges in the year ahead.

The occasion was the 28th annual Economic Outlook Symposium sponsored by the Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist College.

Dr. Franklin S. Clark, chair of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, said the service economy that has developed locally over the last 25 years has created very little wealth and is partly to blame for an increase in crime.

“We have had a fragmented vision,” he said. “The city and county have had separate agendas.” He said a study of the local economy conducted last year by the Institute of Economic Development at UNC’s Kenan-Flagler School of Business generated three general goals for promoting economic growth: 1) Develop a unified vision for attracting new jobs and recruiting new industry, 2) Improve the community’s image, and 3) Draw more economic opportunities from Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base.

Clark said community leaders now have a “Greater Fayetteville Futures” action plan that could bring existing organizations (e.g. chamber of commerce, economic development corporation, downtown development corporation, convention and visitors bureau) together to promote economic growth and improve Fayetteville’s image.

“The GFF program lists over 50 strategies to achieve growth,” he noted. “We’ve got to get our message out. We need at least $500,000 a year to do this, to change our image.”

Clark listed several positive developments that Fayetteville could brag about in a marketing campaign: the city’s recent designation as an All-America City, the Celebration of Flight festival planned for the spring of 2003, a downtown park which is planned for the area behind the train station and the new Airborne and Special Operations Museum, and the new riverside hiking and biking trail that will connect the Cape Fear Botanical Garden and Methodist College.

“We also need to address problems like child abuse and neglect,” he added. “We need to leverage the military to obtain more government contracts for small businesses. We need a military industrial park. We need to retain more of military talent leaving Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base.”

Dr. Clark said a steering committee is now meeting with local organizations to request their support for the Greater Fayetteville Futures economic development program.

The National Economy

Thomas Vann, president and CEO of First South Bank, said most business leaders expect the national economy to remain sluggish well into 2002. He said the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 were a reminder of how quickly the world can change.

“Layoffs are surging,” he said. “Consumer confidence is down. The peace dividend is gone, and we now have $100 billion in new federal spending. We may have a federal deficit in fiscal 2002.”

Vann said he expected equities (stocks) to “bounce, followed by a stalemate because of poor corporate earnings.” He also predicted sluggish home sales and higher unemployment (5 ½ percent). “Inflation will remain low,” he added. “Consumer debt will be reduced.”

The banking executive said the $35 billion in federal tax rebates given out last summer and fall did little to stimulate the U.S. economy. He said America needs more “invention and discovery” to “help us rebound” from the current recession.

Business Award Winners at the President’s Home, L to R, Bonner Hubbard, Entrepreneur of the Year; Dr. Wes Jones, Greater Good Award; Wyatt Gray Upchurch, Business Person of the Year; Lawrence Walsh ‘93, Economics of Business Alumnus of the Year.
Nicolette Campos is now in her fourth year as director of Methodist’s Academic Development Center. Her mission and that of the ADC is to help students succeed academically and thereby improve the student retention rate.

Aided by Wanda Foster, assistant director, and Marirose Moran, advisor for undecided students (those without a declared major), Mrs. Campos and a dozen tutors help students deemed “at risk” academically, students who need tutoring in certain subjects, and students who are on academic probation.

Headquartered in a brick home opposite the Science Building, the ADC staff operates two programs. Wanda Foster directs the Academic and Social Success program, currently serving 50 “moderately-at-risk” students. Mrs. Campos directs a one-year AEP program for 22 freshmen identified as academically “at-risk.” These students take English and math five days a week and are scheduled together for other classes. They are also limited to 13 semester hours of coursework per semester.

Students assigned to either the ASSP or AEP program must sign contracts authorizing ADC personnel to obtain progress reports from their instructors and to talk to their coaches and parents about their academic progress.

The ADC also directs the year-long orientation or IDS classes for new students, using a course syllabus and text entitled “The Methodist College Experience.” Sixteen IDS classes were taught this fall by a team of ten faculty and staff.

“We give IDS students an introduction to College resources, basic study skills, and student life issues,” said Campos. “All IDS students must complete ten assignments plus the library orientation and career orientation. I even added a session on classroom etiquette.”

The ADC director said clients are either self-referred or referred by faculty members. “Math is the subject for which we have the most requests for tutors,” she said. “We have eight professional tutors for the sciences, math, history, accounting, economics, English literature, study skills, psychology, and sociology. We have four peer tutors for Spanish, the sciences, religion and math.”

Weekday afternoons and evenings are the peak times for tutoring. Mrs. Campos wishes more students would take advantage of the services available at the ADC. “Most of our clients lack basic reading and writing skills or computer skills. For all students, but especially freshmen, it is important that they seek help as soon as deficiencies become evident.”

Is the ADC making a difference in student retention? Yes. “The retention rate for last year’s freshmen enrolled in the AEP program was 75 percent versus 59 percent for all freshmen,” she noted.

Next issue, a look at the services offered by The Writing Center.
Simple Gifts
Bring Joy
Fall presents special giving opportunities for students, staff.

Students, staff split and load firewood for needy families.

Adam Michael Dewey with his painting entitled “The Immortal Junky, W.S.B.”

L to R, ARRIVED graduating seniors Ekaterina Sivolapova, Jenya Sologub and Dr. Hendricks are greeted by Mrs. Theresa Clark, who held a reception in honor of the two Russians at her Fayetteville home.

Members of Monarch Company (ROTC) lower the colors at a Veteran’s Day ceremony led by Harvey Adams (L).

The MC Concert Choir, accompanied by an orchestra, performs at the Music Department’s Holiday Gala Concert Nov. 27.

One Spirit sings “To Everything There Is A Season.”
Winners in the Methodist College Art Department’s first annual Juried Art Competition for Senior High School Students were recognized Sunday, Nov. 11 at the exhibit’s opening.

Angela Dennis of West Bladen High School won the First Place Award of $175 for a tempera work entitled “Disturbed Dream.” Miranda Kelly of Western Harnett High School took the Second Place Award of $100 with an oil painting titled “Self Portrait.” Sonja Taimiaho of Jack Britt High School won the Third Place Award of $75 with a colored-pencil portrait called “Noodles.”

Three students received Honorable Mention awards of $25. They are: Storm Frith of West Bladen High School for a collage entitled “Egypt through the Ages,” Ozzie Soto II of Massey Hill Classical High School for a mixed media work called “Self Portrait,” and Amanda Inderbitzen of Pine Forest High School for a mixed media work, “Untitled.”

From a total of 130 entries, the judges selected 66 art works to be displayed and six works to receive awards. All 66 students whose works were selected for the show received certificates of recognition. The judges for the competition were Tom Grubb, executive director of the Fayetteville Museum of Art, and Ralph Steeds, professor of art at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.
Milo McBryde ’68 lost his race to remain mayor of Fayetteville Nov. 6. Local attorney Marshall Pitts Jr., 37, who had served two terms on City Council, took 56 percent of the votes cast and handed McBryde his first loss in 22 years of service on City Council. 

McBryde served 15 months as mayor, having been appointed to the post by City Council following the death of Mayor J. L. Dawkins in 1999. Dawkins’ son Johnny also ran for mayor, but was defeated in the primary. Pitts is the first black to be elected mayor of Fayetteville. He is a graduate of Westover High School, Appalachian State University, and NC Central University Law School. As a lawyer, he specializes in disability cases. 

After Pitts was sworn in Dec. 3, Councilman Mark Kendrick ’83 was elected mayor pro-tem by his fellow Council members. For the first time, City Council will consist of 10 members, and the mayor will be a full-time voting member. In a Nov. 30 interview at City Hall, McBryde said he was disappointed by his loss, but “very proud” of what the city had accomplished during his 15 months as mayor, especially its recent designation as an All-America City. 

Will he run for public office again? McBryde answered, “Probably not, but a year or two down the road I might change my mind. I love Fayetteville, but I need a rest. Between my regular job (probation officer) and my city offices, I’ve worked 60-70 hours a week for the last two years.” 

The following is the full text of the McBryde interview. 

1) What actions taken by City Council over the last 22 years do you think were most beneficial to city residents? First, the renewal of the 500 block of Hay Street. Second, the use of $10 million in Public Works Commission funds to help build the Airborne and Special Operations Museum. Third, the annexation of outlying areas into the city and the provision of water and sewer services. Our city has doubled in population to 128,000.

2) What were your greatest disappointments as a councilman? As mayor? I didn’t have a lot. I was disappointed when Council voted to fire John Smith (as city manager). I had no disappointments as mayor.

3) In your campaign, you stressed your experience. Do you think this was the right message, or do you think there were other reasons why city voters opted for a change? I think I had the right message and that there were other reasons I lost, some of which were beyond my control.

4) What additional downtown revitalization projects would you like to see in the near future? An amphitheater behind the old USO building. Whitewater rafting on Cross Creek. Construction of a historic village where Campbellton was. City Council should help to fund these projects.

5) What do you regard as the three most serious problems facing Fayetteville? First, improving our image. Second, providing good services as equitably as possible; 80 percent of the city budget is personnel. Third, reducing crime. In terms of violent crime, we’re the second safest city in the state behind Cary. But we have too many property crimes. That’s why we hired Tom McCarthy as police chief; he’s an expert on community policing.

6) If you were assigned the task of developing a marketing campaign for Fayetteville in 2002, how would you describe your hometown and how would you pay for the campaign? I would promote the Festival of Flight we’re planning for the spring of 2003. This could be the greatest boost for our image we’ve ever had. I think a successful marketing effort will require money from the private sector as well as city and county government.

7) Do you think the Cumberland County commissioners are as anxious as City Council members to see a new wave of economic development here? How should the city and county work together to bring more high-paying jobs to Fayetteville and Cumberland County? Yes. We have good people with good intentions. We’re starting countywide planning with a blank sheet, asking all the town boards in the county to think about what services they want to provide. We can provide good, efficient services without metro government.

8) Traffic congestion in Fayetteville has worsened over the last decade, but ridership on the city bus system has declined. Should the city and county establish a regional mass transit system? The city can’t afford to run a countywide transit system. Bill Hurley, one of our state representatives, got a bill passed authorizing the establishment of a regional transit authority. But the money is not there. Charlotte enacted a penny sales tax for this purpose.

9) Passenger train and airline service to Fayetteville has been reduced over the last decade. What, if anything, can the city do to improve these services? We’re trying to get the N. C. Dept. of Transportation to put Fayetteville on a new passenger train route between Raleigh and Wilmington. We’ve also been trying to get an airline to provide a direct flight from Fayetteville Regional Airport to Washington.

10) As you leave the mayor’s office, what would you like to say to your successor? Your supporters? City residents, in general? I had lunch with Marshall and encouraged him to work closely with our city manager, Roger Stancil. I appreciate all that my supporters have done for me, and I feel bad that I didn’t win. I urge city residents to speak well of our city.
The Best of the Best

Methodist College Alumni Association presents annual awards

The Methodist College Alumni Association presented awards to two graduates and a retired faculty member at its annual homecoming dinner Oct. 27.

Fayetteville native Wade E. Byrd, a member of the Class of 1970, received the Distinguished Alumni Award. He is an attorney specializing in medical malpractice cases; his law firm has offices in Fayetteville and Greensboro. Byrd majored in political science at Methodist and received his law degree from Wake Forest University in 1973.

Byrd was assistant district attorney for Cumberland County from 1973-77. From 1977-96, he was a partner in the law firm of Berry, Caudle, and Byrd; during this period he was admitted to practice before the U.S. Eastern District Court of North Carolina and the U.S. Court of Appeals. In 1996, he opened his own law firm. In 1999, he was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

As a trial lawyer, Wade Byrd won the highest medical malpractice damages verdict ever awarded in North Carolina. He has received many professional honors, including the Walter Clark Award from the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers in 2000. He is listed in The Best Lawyers in America, and has been named a fellow by the Roscoe Pound Foundation. Byrd has held leadership positions with the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club, the United Way of Fayetteville, the Fayetteville Academy, and Methodist College. He has served on the Wake Forest University Law Council and is currently a member of the Methodist College Board of Trustees.

Jerry Monday of Raleigh, N.C., a 1971 graduate of Methodist, received the Outstanding Alumni Service Award. A native of Mount Airy, N.C., Monday majored in business administration at Methodist. He currently serves as the revenue manager for the city of Raleigh. He has worked for the city since 1974, starting as a housing inspector and advancing to chief zoning manager, revenue collector, and revenue manager.

Monday has been active in the Raleigh Jaycees, the Kiwanis Club, and the Triangle Chapter of the March of Dimes. He is the president of the Raleigh Quarter Century Club. A director and officer of the Methodist College Alumni Association from 1986-2000, he is currently serving his alma mater as a member of the Methodist College Endowment Society, a class agent, and a Greatest Gift Scholarship provider. In recent years, Monday and his wife Mary Cynthia have hosted several Raleigh area Pig-Pickin’s for MC alumni at their home.

Walter M. Swing, a retired Methodist College faculty member, received the Outstanding Faculty Award. He taught accounting at Methodist from 1980-1997 and also served as assistant dean for academic affairs, acting vice president for academic affairs, and head of the Business Department.

Swing served in the U.S. Army from 1960-1980, advancing to the rank of lieutenant colonel. A graduate of East Carolina University and Boston University, he held key fiscal management positions at Fort Bragg, at NATO Supreme Headquarters of Allied Europe, and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Since his retirement, Swing has been active in the local chapter of the National Association of Accountants and has done volunteer work for the CARE Clinic of Fayetteville. He has also endowed an accounting scholarship at Methodist.

Walt Swing and his wife Loretta visit the campus often for athletic and cultural events. He is a member of the Methodist College Endowment Society, Friends of Music at Methodist College, and the Monarch Club.
This year’s theme, “Surf’s Up!” set the pace for a tropical, delightful weekend!

Jim Darden ’69, Holly Anderson ’89, and Jansen Evans ’88 were honored this year at the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet.

Reese Edwards ’64 served as emcee and showed the letter sweater he earned while on the MC golf team.

Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Former athletes and coaches.
Alumni gather at the tailgate party!

Methodist College hosted the Dixie Conference Cross-Country Championships at the golf course. Jerry Huckabee '66 served as honorary starter.

This year was an opportunity for fun for all ages.

All eras were represented at the Alumni basketball game.

Coach Tom Austin with current and former baseball players.

“One Spirit”, directed by Betty Neill Parsons ’64, entertained alumni, students and friends at the tailgate luncheon.

Elizabeth Belford with Carmen Wilson, NC Teacher of the Year, at the Education Alumni breakfast.
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The Monarchs won their ninth straight Homecoming game over Chowan 37–31!

Mike Safley ’72 gives Chris Ryan’s son a better view.

Camellia Dunn ’70 gives her sign of approval!

Also pictured clockwise: Carson Harmon ’67, John Haracivet ’67, Marvin Hester ’69, Gene Clayton.

Bill Lowdermilk and Gerri “Grandma” Williams ’68 with a future Monarch.

Members of the 2001 Homecoming court are introduced at halftime.

The dance team and cheerleaders entertain the crowd!

Mike Safley ’72 gives Chris Ryan’s son a better view.

Angel Garcia and Nikki Jinwright were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

The Monarchs won their ninth straight Homecoming game over Chowan 37–31!
Alumni and friends enjoy themselves Saturday night.

**SURF'S UP!**

At the alumni banquet!

Gypsy Strings entertained the crowd at the dance.

The second Silent Auction raised $2,500 for the Alumni Scholarship Fund!

L to R: Trudi Jaber Waters '70, Barbara Dozier '70, Lynn Clark '72.

John Haracivet '67 and his wife, Brownie, came all the way from the Island of St. Thomas.

Dr. Hendricks updates the crowd at the alumni dinner.

Ben Wells '95, Campus Minister, and his wife, Tobyn.
Alumni and friends braved the cold morning to enjoy the 9th Annual William P. Lowdermilk Golf Classic
Thirty athletes and cheerleaders from the 1960s joined present and former MC staff members Friday, Oct. 26 for a reunion luncheon sponsored by the College and emceed by former athletic director and coach Gene Clayton.

All of the College’s eight intercollegiate sports from that era, including wrestling and bowling, were represented. Former basketball players and members of the Class of 1967 turned out in force.

After the alumni and other invited guests had finished with lunch, the former athletes shared some memories of their glory days as Monarchs and told what they had done since leaving Methodist. Many of the athletes displayed great storytelling skills and comic timing. Gary Miller ’67 of Indianapolis, IN (retired Lt. Col., U.S. Army) had everyone “in stitches” with his account of his debut as a soccer goalie. Selden “Sparky” Rapelye ’65 of San Antonio, TX led the fashion parade in his moth-eaten MC letter sweater. Sparky’s brothers Pete and Gene were also present.

Gene Clayton recounted one of his greatest basketball moments dating back to a game played in “the tin can” in 1969. Methodist and UNC-Charlotte were tied in the final seconds of a third overtime. Clayton called a timeout and set up a play in which Howard Hudson ’69 was to pass the ball to Jim Darden ’69 who would take the final shot. When Darden was double-teamed, Howard was forced to take the shot himself. He sank it and was given a victory ride on the shoulders of his teammates. Clayton said Methodist won four Dixie Conference championships in the 1960s—in cross country, basketball, volleyball, and bowling.

Mason Sykes, MC’s first soccer coach, said he spent a lot of time patching up his battered players. He said Bill Estes ’69 sent him a case of adhesive tape after graduating as reimbursement for the hundreds of yards Sykes had used to tape Estes’ feet.

Retired history professor Parker Wilson said he did his best to keep athletes “in the game.” Former Director of Public Relations Charles McAdams expressed his pride in the graduates he helped recruit. Former basketball coach Ernie Schwarz, now retired from East Carolina University, said he had vivid memories of players and games played in “the tin can” at Methodist.


As the luncheon ended, Gene Clayton invited everyone to a “Return to Gladys’ Party” immediately following the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet that evening. Gwen and Tim Holtscaw hosted the party at their King’s Grant home.
QUINCY MALLOY NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Award is the highlight of gridiron DIAC honors.

The Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference released its inaugural football All-Conference honors in early November with eight Monarchs garnering All-Conference honors including Quincy Malloy being named the league’s Defensive Player of the Year. In addition to Malloy, fullback Mikey Brumbles, receiver Antonio Wilkerson, lineman Todd Burney, and defensive tackle Jamaal Legette earned 1st team All-Conference distinction while receiver Kenod Powe, linebacker C.C. Dunn, and defensive back Jamar Brown merited 2nd team All-Conference honors.

Malloy ended this season as both the Methodist and Dixie Conference leader in tackles for loss with 34 and sacks with 14. The two-time D3Football.com National Team of the Week selection was Methodist’s team leader in tackles with 91 and was voted the DIAC’s Defensive Player of the Week on four different occasions.

The senior defensive tackle wrapped up his stellar four-year career in the Green & Gold as the record-holder in single-season tackles for loss, single-season sacks, career tackles for loss and career sacks. In the NCAA’s season-ending statistical rankings, Malloy finished second nationally among all Division-III schools in tackles for loss and tied for 17th in sacks.

Brumbles, the Monarchs’ primary blocking back, recorded 121 yards on 36 carries for a 3.4 yards per carry average. The senior fullback totaled 64% (78 of 121) of his yardage in his final two games including a team-high 56 in the Monarchs’ 34-22 win over Greensboro.

Wilkerson was Methodist’s other multiple award winner as the senior skill player was voted a 1st team All-Conference selection at wide receiver and return specialist. The junior recorded 458 receiving yards on 36 carries to go along with 482 kick return yards and 308 punt return yards. His 18.1 yards per punt return average ended the season in a tie for fourth nationally among all NCAA Division-III schools. Wilkerson ended the season as the DIAC’s top punt returner and second in all-purpose yardage.

Burney was the anchor of the Monarchs’ offensive line which allowed a Dixie Conference best 13 sacks. The junior center started all 10 games for the Green & Gold after MC returned no starters from last season’s offensive line.

Legette ended the season ranked second in the Dixie Conference in both tackles for loss with 18 and sacks with eight. In the Monarchs’ 37-31 win over Chowan, the junior defensive tackle tallied a school-record seven stops behind the line of scrimmage and tied the school’s single-game sacks record with six.

Powe was the team’s big-play receiver this season with 414 receiving yards on only 21 catches for a 19.7 yards per catch average. He ended the season with a team-high four touchdown catches and was fifth and eighth respectively in the DIAC in receiving yards per game and receptions per game. In the Green & Gold’s 41-15 win over Apprentice, Powe totaled 127 yards on only four catches.

Dunn, Methodist’s two-time defensive Most Valuable Player, ended the season as the Monarchs’ second-leading tackler with 77 stops including a team-high 38 solo tackles. He was the Green & Gold’s leader in interceptions with a pair and recorded double-figure tackles on four different occasions this season.

Brown was the Monarchs’ top pass defender this season with six passes defended after ending the year as the team’s fourth-leading tackler with 56. In the Chowan win, Brown totaled a season-high and game-high 13 tackles to go along with a career-best four passes broken up.

Methodist College wrapped up the 2001 campaign with a 5-5 overall mark and 3-3 Dixie Conference slate marking the seventh time in the last eight seasons that the Green & Gold has totaled at least five wins.
Methodist Soccer Teams End Season with Dixie Conference Tournament Berths

Five MC Lady Monarch soccer players were honored by the Dixie Conference as they garnered All-Conference distinction led by midfielder Anna Baker being named the league's Player of the Year.

In addition to Baker's Player of the Year and 1st team All-Conference selection, keeper Keri LaSalla, defender Courtney Teschner, and forward Beth Grey garnered 1st team All-Conference distinction. Also, Christina Gipson was selected as a 2nd team All-Conference defender.

Baker, the Dixie Conference's Rookie of the Year last season, ranked seventh in the league in goals scored with nine. She was the Lady Monarchs' second-leading scorer with 24 points and was second on the team in assists with six. Baker was voted the league's Player of the Week once.

LaSalla led the Dixie Conference in goals allowed with 10 and posted 12 shutouts this season including a string of eight consecutive. During that stretch of shutouts, LaSalla recorded 895 consecutive scoreless minutes. In the latest NCAA Division-III national statistical rankings, LaSalla is tied for 9th in goals allowed per game with a 0.46 average. She was voted the league's Player of the Week on three occasions.

Teschner, a 2nd team All-Conference selection last season, led a Methodist defense that has allowed a league-best 10 goals this season. She teamed with Gipson to solidify a Green & Gold backfield that posted 12 shutouts this season.

Grey, a 1st team All-Conference selection last season, ranked third in the conference in points scored with 30 and is Methodist's leading goal-scorer with 13 this season. Grey was selected as the Dixie Conference's Player of the Week on two occasions this season.

Head Coach Bobby Graham's women's soccer team wrapped up the 2001 campaign with a 12-5-2 overall record after ending the season with a 1-0 loss to Greensboro in the DIAC Tournament semifinals. On October 2, the Lady Monarchs broke into the NCAA Division-III regional rankings for the first time since 1997 with a #9 South Region ranking.

On the men's side, head coach Adrian Blewitt's squad finished the regular-season with an even 8-8 slate and saw its season come to an end with a 3-0 loss to nationally-ranked Greensboro in the DIAC Tournament semifinals. The Dixie Conference tournament berth was the first for the men's program since the initiation of the season-ending tournament in 1999.

Of the men's eight regular-season losses, seven were only one goal differentials with the Monarchs falling in overtime on three different occasions and twice to nationally or nationally ranked teams.

MC's Bryan Madej wrapped up a solid season by being named as a DIAC 1st team All-Conference selection. Madej, a 2nd team All-Conference selection last season, led the team with eight goals. He opened the 2001 season on Sept. 1st with his only multiple-goal game in the Green & Gold's Dixie Conference win over Chowan. Additionally, he ended the season ranked 7th in the Dixie Conference in goals scored.

Methodist Hosts 2001 DIAC Cross Country Championships

The Methodist College men's and women's cross country teams finished fourth and sixth respectively at the 2001 Dixie Conference Cross Country Championships hosted by Methodist at the MC Golf Course.

MC's Tracey Goff earned 2nd team All-Conference distinction by finishing in the top-14 in the women's race. Goff posted a time of 23:37 over the 5K course and finished in 12th place overall. As a team, the Lady Monarchs finished in sixth place out of six schools after recording 155 team points. Christopher Newport was the Dixie Conference champion for the fourth consecutive season and was led by Aimee Gibbs first place finish (20:12).

On the men's side, Christopher Newport also ran away with the title, marking its ninth consecutive and 15th overall Dixie Conference championship. CNU's Matt Sinclair was the overall winner with a 28:40 time over the 8K course. MC's Ivan Little was the Monarchs' top-runner posting a 17th place finish with a time of 31:20.

The 2001 DIAC Cross Country Championships was one of many events on the Methodist College campus as part of 2001 Homecoming festivities. Jerry Huckabee, the Most Valuable Runner on Methodist College's 1965 Dixie Conference Championship team served as the meet's honorary starter. Delta Timing served as the event's official scorer.
Basketball Teams Head into Holiday Break with Three Wins Each

The Methodist College men’s and women’s basketball teams have entered the holiday break with three wins apiece with the men’s team at 3-4 and on a two-game winning streak while the Lady Monarchs stand at an even 3-3 and on a two-game slide.

The Lady Monarchs opened the year with an 87-75 overtime win at Meredith. Meredith returned four starters from last year’s NCAA-III National Tournament team. The close game has been the Lady Monarchs’ nemesis, as the Green & Gold have lost their three games by a combined five points. Melody Dark leads three Lady Monarchs averaging double-figures with 12 points, while teammates Kelly Holland and Jennifer Neal are averaging 11.0 and 10.0 points respectively. Dark leads the Dixie Conference with 22 blocked shots through six games.

Methodist returns to action on January 4th when they travel to Ferrum for the Ferrum Classic, where they will face Thomas More College.

After a slow 1-4 start, the Monarchs rebounded to finish the first half with back-to-back wins over Mary Washington College and cross-city foe Fayetteville State. The game with FSU was the first meeting between the two Fayetteville schools in 25 years with the Monarchs coming out on top 70-66 in overtime in front of a capacity 1,210 fans. Demarkus Byrd, Duane Parham, and David Carr are each averaging 10 points apiece through the first seven games to lead the Green & Gold.

Arthur Hatch leads the Dixie Conference in blocked shots with 29. The Monarchs return to action on January 3, when they host Messiah College at 3:00 in the March F. Riddle Center.

Volleyball Team Ends Cinderella Run in DIAC Championship

The Methodist College volleyball team could not quite make the glass slipper fit at the Dixie Conference volleyball tournament, as the sixth-seeded Lady Monarchs fell to top-seeded Christopher Newport University 12-30, 24-30, 17-30 in the championship match.

Methodist reached the tournament championship with its second consecutive upset, as the Green & Gold disposed of second-seeded Averett with a thrilling 31-33, 30-28, 23-30, 30-24, 15-12 win. Samantha Moser led the Methodist attack with a career-high 28 kills to go along with 13 digs. Theresa Dwenger passed out a season-high 52 assists while teammate Carol Kiser was the team’s digs leader with 14.

In the tournament championship match, the Green & Gold struggled to find any offense as they totaled only 21 kills. Moser and Dwenger were both voted to the DIAC All-Tournament team, marking the first time since 1993 that a Lady Monarch has garnered the honor.

This year’s finish marked only the fourth time in school history that Methodist has reached the Dixie Conference tournament championship match. MC owns DIAC tournament championships in 1986 and 1988 and was the tournament runner-up in 1991.

After having its four-match winning streak snapped in the tournament finals, Methodist finished the 2001 season 9-26 in Head Coach Eddie Matthews’ first year at the helm of the Lady Monarch volleyball program.

After missing the first half of the season to a knee injury, Dwenger rebounded to earn 1st team All-Conference honors. A second-team All-Conference selection last season, Dwenger ranked third in the Dixie Conference in assists per game with 8.59 per outing. The junior setter recorded a season-high 50 assists in a five-set loss to Averett on Oct. 27th and upon her return provided an immediate impact as the squad won three out of their four next matches. In the regular-season finale win over Guilford, Dwenger became Methodist College’s all-time service aces leader with 265 on her career, passing the 12-year old record of 264 career aces previously held by Billie Farris (1986-1989). She already held the MC single-season aces record with 121 in 1999.
As a former student-athlete and parent of a student-athlete, I can speak of lasting memories—countless hours of practice; long van rides; the thrill of winning a conference championship. The support of alumni, family, faculty and friends is the heart of all that Methodist College represents. This has been evident since the founding of the College and even more so today.

Founded in 1998, the MC Monarch Club continues to grow each year and support from alumni, parents, and friends is stronger than ever. The purpose of the Monarch Club is to provide financial support to the Athletic Department above the normal operating budget and to promote the excellence of the athletic program at Methodist College.

Today our athletic teams have well over 300 athletes in 19 Intercollegiate Programs—10 for women and 9 for men. The Monarchs are a member of the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the Mason-Dixon Conference, and NCAA Division III. Through the outstanding leadership of a very dedicated and energetic athletic staff, our teams have excelled over the years and continue to be one of the elite programs in the nation. Over the last five years, Methodist College athletic teams have finished in the top 15% of all 404 NCAA Division III member institutions for overall athletic accomplishments.

You can make a difference in the future of Methodist College athletics by joining the Monarch Club. All gifts assist in areas such as special equipment needs, facility improvements, Athletic Hall of Fame, and other special needs. Your gift may be tax deductible for income tax purposes to the extent of the permitted by law. Please complete the attached membership form and return it to Methodist College.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Samuel “Howard” Hudson III
Class of 1969
Methodist College alum General John Handy assumes command of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (USTCNS) — Air Force Gen. John W. Handy took the helm as commander-in-chief of U.S. Transportation Command and commander, Air Mobility Command in a ceremony here Nov. 5.

Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, officiated the first part of the ceremony in which Handy succeeded Air Force Gen. Charles T. “Tony” Robertson as the USTRANSCOM CINC.

“My message to the USTRANSCOM team today is well done, and we are all very proud of you,” said Myers. “Whether transporting aid for New York City and Washington; delivering people and equipment by rail, ship or plane; providing air refueling services for combat aircraft; and air dropping relief supplies to the Afghan refugees, you have been absolutely indispensable. Your technical skills and can-do attitude, your sacrifices and devotion to what makes our country great are the epitome of a professional military force in a democratic nation.”

Immediately following that part of the ceremony, Handy took command of AMC with Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff presiding.

Handy’s last assignment was as the U.S. Air Force vice chief of staff.

This move marked a return to both organizations; Handy served as USTRANSCOM’s director of operations and logistics from 1993-1995 and commander of AMC’s Tanker Airlift Control Center from 1991-1993. Handy holds a bachelor’s degree from Methodist College and a master’s degree from the University of Southern California. He is also a graduate of the Air War College and National War College, as well as the Program for Senior Executives at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.

He is a command pilot with more than 4,800 hours flown. He has flown the C-130, C-7A, C-141, C-9, KC-10 and C-17.

USTRANSCOM is one of the nine U.S. military unified commands and is headquartered at Scott AFB, Ill. USTRANSCOM provides Air, Land and Sea transportation for the Department of Defense in peace and in war and is supported by Navy, Air Force, Army, Marine, and Coast Guard personnel.

Air Mobility Command, also headquartered at Scott AFB, is the Air Force component to USTRANSCOM. Other components include the Navy’s Military Sealift Command, headquartered in Washington, D.C., and the Army’s Military Traffic Management Command headquartered in Alexandria, Va.

Greek Reunion

ALPHA XI DELTA and KAPPA DELTA sororities as well as PI KAPPA PHI, LAMBDA CHI ALPHA and TAU KAPPA EPSILOM fraternities are planning a special reunion next year. If you were a member of these organizations and/or are interested in helping, contact Rachelle (McCallum) Young ’82 at (910) 822-1047 or the Alumni Office at (910) 630-7167 for more information.

Residence Hall Reunion

The Department of Housing & Residence Life is beginning to organize a reunion of all former staff members and alumni. Resident advisors, former housing professionals, and Residence Hall Association members are invited to join in the fun. We are in the preliminary stages and are looking for volunteers to serve on the planning committee. If you are interested in helping plan the event or would just like to make sure we have your current information, please send an e-mail to Rob Foreman ’92, director of housing & residence life, at robfor@methodist.edu or to the Alumni Office to the attention of tmaze@methodist.edu.
FOCUS ON
MC ALUMNI

John Handy
This Alum has not forgotten those who helped shape his future.

I’m convinced that life's experiences define a person’s life, establishing values, moral code and character. When people ask me about the major influences in my life, I think first about my parents, a few key people when I was young, and my years at Methodist College. The time I spent as an undergraduate had a profound impact on my life. Methodist College certainly helped lay the foundation for who I am today.

The unique thing about Methodist College is what I refer to as their “hands-on” philosophy, which encourages students to shine as individuals in academics and campus life. Let me give you a very small example of what I mean. Frankly, I was definitely not a good tennis player, but I made the tennis team anyway. I don’t know that I ever won a match, but it really didn’t matter. The fact that all of us worked hard was the important thing. Gene Clayton was the tennis coach and I still have vivid memories of him as an outstanding role model. He and many others encouraged me to do things I would never have had the opportunity or courage to do at a large university.

Another key figure was Bruce Pulliam, a history professor and residence hall director. He is retired now, but his influence was instrumental in shaping each of us. L. Stacy Weaver was our college president. He exuded a sense of calm and expected a level of maturity from us that we somehow found ourselves wanting to live up to. And there’s Sam Edwards, who was Director of Admissions. To him, each student was a real person, with a real face and name, a person to be nurtured, educated and equipped to face the challenges that he knew life would bring. There were, of course, many others with equally significant impacts on all of us.

This “hands-on” philosophy that had such an impact on my life is evident today at Methodist. The classes are reasonably sized and the very talented professors obviously care about their students. Individual attention is given to each student. That’s something you just don’t normally find in a large university. I can say without equivocation that had it not been for Methodist College and the values I learned there, I would not be where I am today. It was an extraordinary experience, never to be forgotten.

General
John W. Handy

Born: April 29, 1944 in Raleigh, NC

Residence: Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

Career: Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, eff. Nov. 5, 2001; Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., 2000-1; Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, Headquarters, U. S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., 1998-2000; Commander, 21st Air Force, McGuire Air Force Base, NJ, 1997-98; Previously commanded a maintenance squadron; two airlift wings; Tanker Airlift Control Center, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base; Command Pilot with over 4,800 flying hours; flew C-130s in the Middle East and in Southeast Asia.

Education: B.A. in History, Methodist College, 1966; M.S. in Systems Management, University of Southern California, 1979; Air War College, National War College, Program for Senior Executives, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University;

Awards: Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Honorary Doctor of Humanities, Methodist College, 1992;

Family: Wife, Micky
Class Notes

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1964
LUCY MARTIN and her husband, William, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at their home in Fayetteville, NC on November 22, 2001.

1969
BILL and JACKIE ESTES of Richmond, VA and a group of MC alumni from Charlotte, Rougemont, and Fayetteville journeyed to Duke University’s Page Auditorium Dec. 1 to see Bonnie Estes (Bill and Jackie’s daughter) make her professional debut as Annie Oakley in a touring production of Annie Get Your Gun. From Duke, the show moved to Columbus, Ohio, where it (and Bonnie) garnered rave reviews. The Estes’ younger daughter, Barbara, is a student at East Carolina University.

1970
Lt. Gen. DOUG BROWN is the commanding general of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, NC.

CHARLIE SISKA recently joined Total Billings, Inc. of Fayetteville, NC as the chief financial officer. He previously was with Public Works Commission.

1971
LINDA (CONNOLLY) BAILEY recently remarried last February. She has served the last 15 years as the director of aging services for Gwinnett County outside Atlanta, GA.

LINDA (BURNETTE) HALL of Parkton, NC is the proud grandmother of Christopher Jordan. He was born on November 17, 2001 and weighed 8lb. 4oz.

VAUN MASEY ( OLINGER) GOTT recently was promoted to director of gifted and talented students in Franklin County, VA.

LEONARD PARKER recently completed a study in Geographic Information Science at Penn State University. He has formally studied for his doctorate at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and holds a Masters in Library and Information Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He and his wife, Karen, live in Greensboro, NC, and he is a project manager and application developer for Syngenta Crop Corporation.

1978
Rev. BENJAMIN “BENNY” MELVIN and his wife, Grace, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 30, 2001, at Highland Country Club in Fayetteville, NC.

1982
PHILLIP MCALLISTER has been living in Atlanta, GA since 1997. He recently joined the Coca-Cola Company as a project manager in the business systems group. He has two children, Heather, age 10, and Sidney, age 7.

1983
ALLEN BORGARDTS recently took command at the U.S. Army Simulation Training and Instrumentation Command (SIRICOM). He also serves as a product manager with the Air and Command Tactical Trainers in Orlando, FL.

JOHN CHANCE recently was hired as the special therapies and family activities coordinator at the O’Berry Center in Goldsboro, NC. The center is one of five state-operated centers for mentally retarded adults.

1989

RON PHIPPS and his wife, Candy, welcomed their third child, Sydney Love, Oct. 8, 2001. Ron is the principal at Beaver Dam Elementary School in Cumberland County.

1990
RODNEY ROTHOFF is the head women’s cross-country coach at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN.

KELLY CLEVERLEY married Willie Melvin and received her master’s degree in physical education from NC A&T University in May 2000. Kelly teaches, coaches and serves as the athletic director at Albritton Middle School at Fort Bragg, NC. They also announce the birth of their daughter, Raylor Madison,
Nov. 16, 2001. Kelly would love to hear from friends at kcvolly10@aol.com.

1992
PAMELA (JOHNSON) BRIDGE and her husband, David, are living in Scottsdale, AZ. Pam is an attorney while David is C.A.O. of Central Arizona Shelter Services. Their first child, Logan, was born on September 12, 2000.

BOB and TANYA (HOWELL) TURNER are living in Hertford, NC. Tanya is working at Chowan Middle School in Edenton as an assistant principal. Bob is a teacher and girls basketball coach at Perquimans High School. His team finished 30-1 last year. Their son, Cole, is now three years old.

1993
CAROLINE KEARNS works with Gallery Advertising in downtown Fayetteville, NC. She is the creative director of Internet communications.

MIKE and JULIA (PARISH) RIDDLE recently moved to Huntersville, NC where Mike serves as the director of golf at Skybrook Golf Club.

1994
MARK FABER married Lisa Hotchkiss on December 8, 2001. Mark is the director of tennis at The Westowne Tennis Club and serves as a national developmental coach for the United States Tennis Association. The couple lives in Toledo, OH.

WENDY STONE married Terry Brasier on June 2, 2001. Wendy is a medical social worker with Wake Medical Rehabilitation Center while Terry works for the School of Textiles at North Carolina State University. The couple lives in Raleigh, NC.

1995
PAUL and KERRY (OLIASTRO) BOEHM are still living in Pennsylvania and both play on a co-ed softball team that finished second in the nation in the Class “D” division. Paul was named the best offensive player of the tournament out of 600 male players.

1996
MIKE PLATT and his wife, Theresa, announce the birth of their second child. Cambell Everett was born on May 25th. Mike recently completed his Master of Public Administration degree from Troy State University and is the director of golf operations at Indian River Community College in Port St. Lucie, FL.

BRETT AND LEIGH (WATKINS) CIANCANELLI recently wrote in. Leigh finished her master’s degree in mathematics education in July 2001 from North Carolina State University. She is a teacher at East Wake High School and coaches the junior varsity girl’s basketball team. Brett is a support analyst with Carolina Power and Light. They live in Raleigh, NC.

1997
PATRICK JONES and MOLLY JONES ’99 were married on November 3, 2001 at Caswell Beach, NC. Patrick is a golf professional at Wade Hampton Golf Club in Cashiers, NC while Molly is a teacher at Beaver Dam Elementary School in Roseboro, NC.

RAFAL SZWEJKOWSKI received his Ph.D. in Accounting from the University of Arizona in August 2001. He is currently working at the University of Texas at Dallas as an assistant professor of accounting and information management.

1999
PAUL SMITH is the director of youth development programs for the Charlotte Soccer Club. He was previously with the Fayetteville Soccer Club.

CINDY HAWKINS works at The Fayetteville Observer in the Marketing Department as a senior adversorial writer. She is also editor of Parent magazine, a quarterly publication of the newspaper.

2001
KEVIN LAVERTU was recently named the head golf professional at The Bayonet Golf Course in Raeford, NC.

Obituary
HOWARD S. THOMAS ’99
Howard S. Thomas, 52, of 2273 Bladen Union Church Road, Fayetteville, died Nov. 1 in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. A native of Johnstown, PA, Thomas served in the U.S. Army from 1968–1981, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He was a medic in Vietnam and received the Vietnam Cross of Galantry and the Humanitarian Service Medal.
Thomas graduated from Fayetteville Technical Community College before enrolling at Methodist in the early 1990s. He is survived by his father, two brothers, and his fiancée, Virginia. A memorial service for Thomas was held Nov. 17 in Hensdale Chapel. The Rev. Benjamin Wells and Dr. John Sill officiated.
Reunion Volunteers Needed

The Class of 1967 will be celebrating its 35th year reunion. If you are interested in serving on a planning committee, please contact the Alumni Office at (910) 630-7167.

What’s New With You?

College faculty, administration, and alumni enjoy reading about MC alumni in the “Class Notes” pages of METHODIST COLLEGE TODAY. If you would like to share some good news (marriage, births, promotion, civic or professional honor) please return this form.

ALUMNI NEWS
(Please include Name and Class Year)

SEND YOUR NEWS OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO:
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Methodist College Men’s Soccer Alumni Weekend 2002

Friday April 5/Saturday April 6, 2002

Friday, April 5
5 p.m. - Alumni training session
8 p.m. - Social at Huske Hardware House
10:30 p.m. - Babes, Radisson Hotel
(The sounds of Paddy Gibney ’92)

Saturday, April 6
8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Methodist College Seven-a-side Tournament
Alumni team, minimum of 3 x 30 min. games, unlimited roster.
8 p.m. - Social/Buffer TBA

Call Adrian Blewitt at 910-630-7097 or email ablewitt@methodist.edu for more information. Cost: $25 (includes T-shirt, buffet)

Mail registration form to:
Adrian Blewitt, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, NC 28311
Make checks payable to Methodist College Men’s Soccer

REGISTRATION FOR 2002 MEN’S SOCCER ALUMNI WEEKEND

Name:_____________________________________ Phone:____________________
Address:______________________________________________________________
Year of Graduation: ________ Playing in tournament: ___Yes ___No
T-shirt size: ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL
Order a second shirt for $10 extra___ Yes ___No

January
7   Evening classes begin
13  Students return
14  Day Registration
15  Day classes begin
21  Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
27  Senior Recital, Angalie Quinn and Christian Baumgart,
    3 p.m., Reeves Auditorium.
28  Lecture on the history of Fort Bragg by Roy Parker Jr.,
    11 a.m., Science Aud., Clark Hall

February
3   Fayetteville Symphony Concert, 3 p.m., Reeves Aud.
4   Spring Convocation, 11 a.m., Reeves Aud.
7-10 Piano Sale
11  Illustrated lecture on Gen. William C. Lee (father of the
    Army’s 82nd Airborne Division) by Dr. John Duvall,
    11 a.m., Science Aud.,
13  Ebony Fashion Show, 8 p.m., Reeves Aud.
21-24 MC Theatre Dept. presents the musical Godspell.

Obituary
Mrs. Ada Avalue Bacon of Riverdale, Georgia, died Nov. 12. She was 92.
Mrs. Bacon was the house director of Cumberland Hall from 1975-77. Her
daughter, Wilmoth Thomas, worked in the Methodist College business office.
Cumberland Hall alumni remember Mrs. Bacon with great fondness. Bill Thomas,
hers son-in-law, said she lived by the motto she chose for her high school yearbook—
words written by William Penn: “I expect to pass through this life but once. Any
good thing that I can do, or any kindness that I can show, let me not defer or neglect
it, for I shall not pass this way again.”
Funeral services were held Nov. 15 in Del City, Oklahoma. Interment followed at
Hillcrest Cemetery in Weleetka, Okla.
Survivors include her daughters, D. Carolyn Peterson of San Diego, Calif., Wilmoth
Thomas of Riverdale, Ga.; sisters, Mary Baker of Tulsa, Opal New of Oklahoma City, Maydean Lovelady
of Seminole; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.
ART 362 students created this “Imagination Station” — an ocean full of sea creatures. The art projects were inspired by children’s books.

Happy New Year!

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