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Dear alumni and friends:

The public relations office at Methodist College is here to strengthen communication and enhance our image across a broad spectrum of constituencies. The quarterly MC Today Magazine is just one of the many ways we attempt to do this.

Through MC Today, we will share the human interest stories behind Methodist College, and of course, inform you of the many accomplishments of faculty, staff, alumni and students. We will continue coverage of performances, guest lecturers, alumni news, athletics and other campus events and will always strive to improve the format of the magazine by enhancing its content through in-depth feature articles and regular news sections.

If you need up-to-the-minute information about the College, we would encourage you to sign up for the Methodist College E-News service. Timely announcements and press releases are sent directly to your computer. Contact Michael Molter, college webmaster, at alum-news@methodist.edu or (910) 630-7646 if you are interested in receiving news via e-mail.

Our effort to enhance communication is a never-ending process. We invite you to call, e-mail, write, or visit campus and share your suggestions on how we can best keep you informed and involved with Methodist College. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy this issue of MC Today Magazine.

Cynthia J. Curtis
Director of Public Relations
**Accolades**

- **Methodist College** moved up to the second tier in the *U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Report* 2003. In recent past, Methodist has consistently ranked in the third tier in our classification: Comprehensive Colleges —Bachelor’s. *U.S. News* publishes the numbered rank of approximately the top 25 percent of schools in each classification. The remaining schools are placed in tiers, based on their overall score, (with the second tier schools the next best, followed by the third and fourth tiers). Visit [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com) for more information.

- Head of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice **Dr. Darl Champion** published a new textbook, *American Policing*. He also recently co-authored a textbook entitled *Introduction to American Policing* with Michael K. Hooper.

- College trustee, **Dr. Mark Miller**; alumnus, **Jerry Huckabee ’66**; daughter of former student, Mary Monroe Wade, **Suzanna Wade Style**; and Vice President for Business Affairs **Gene Clayton** were part of the winning team at the North Carolina Mixed Double Tennis Championship.

- **Dr. Darl Champion**, head of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, was the keynote speaker at the dedication of the Fayetteville Police Department Police Memorial.

- Development Office administrative assistant, **AnnMarie Brock**, and MC at Night secretary, **Emily Bilog**, participated in the City of Fayetteville’s International Folk Festival in September. They performed native dances with the Philippine-American Association.

- **The Athletic Training Education Program** received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

- **Dr. Drew Ziegler**, head of the Department of Government Studies, participated in the 22nd International Affairs Symposium, themed “Terrorism in the 21st Century,” at the JFK Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg.

- **The Journal of Near-Death Studies** published head of the Department of Philosophy and Religion **Dr. Michael Potts’** article, “The Evidential Value of Near-Death Experiences for Belief in Life after Death” in its summer 2002 issue. His letter, “Brain Death: Fear Has Basis in Reason” was also published recently by the *British Medical Journal*.

- Head of the Department of Theatre **Paul Wilson**, appeared in the Cape Fear Regional Theatre production of *Footloose* in Fayetteville and the Temple Theatre production of *Prelude to a Kiss* in Sanford, NC.

- The PGA awarded **Jerry Hogge**, director of the Institute for Golf and Tennis Management, the 2002 PGA Bill Strausbaugh/Club Relations Award. This award bestows special recognition on a PGA golf professional who has distinguished himself by causing dramatic improvement in employment conditions for fellow PGA golf professionals.

- The live CD recording of “Chorus of Cows” by **Dr. Keith Dippre**, assistant professor of music, was featured at Musicircus, a contemporary music festival and symposium held at the University of Southampton, Great Britain.

- **Patricia Jones**, associate professor of mathematics, completed her review of portions of an elementary algebra textbook published by Addison-Wesley.

- Several venues throughout North Carolina are featuring the works of professor of art, **Peggy Hinson**. In Charlotte, her collage “Romie at the Met” is displayed at the Mint Museum of Art through February 23, 2003. Her works are also featured by the Charlotte Art League and the Associated Artists of Winston-Salem.

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**Here We Grow Again!**

Methodist College began its 43rd academic year by enrolling 1,953 students. The number of freshman and the number of students living on campus were the highest in the College’s history.

For the first time, more than 800 students are living on campus. Initial overcrowding was remedied in early October with the opening of the Cape Fear Commons II residence hall.

Methodist enrolled 593 new day students this fall. Of those, 390 were freshman and 203 were transfers or re-admits.

“This was our largest freshman class to date,” said Rick Lowe, vice president for enrollment services. “We are most pleased with the academic quality and the fact that 29 percent of our freshman received academic scholarships.”
Remembering Igor

by Bill Billings

“We want Igor!”

That’s what we chanted in our infamous sit-down demonstration for Igor, our beloved German shepherd, Oct. 25, 1966. The sit-down, which started around 11:15 p.m. and lasted an hour, was the culmination of an evening of hall council meetings.

About 100 male resident students from Cumberland and Sanford halls sat down in the street between Garber and Weaver halls and started chanting. Not to be outdone, another 100 coeds from Garber and Weaver opened their windows and joined the chorus.

An hour after the ruckus started, Deans Dowd (dean of students) and Parmley (dean of men) appeared. Somehow, the two deans persuaded the demonstrators to adjourn to the lobby of Sanford Hall for a conference.

Igor, unfortunately, was not present for this great tribute. He was in the Cumberland County Animal Shelter.

Igor had taken up residence on the campus a few months earlier. On or about Oct. 11, the college administration decided he had worn out his welcome and handed him over to the dog warden.

Residents of the two men’s dorms had petitioned Dean Dowd for the dog’s return (Igor was licensed and vaccinated) and were angry over what they deemed unreasonable conditions set forth by the Student Life Committee for Igor’s return, namely that the dog be muzzled, leashed, and kept out of the gym.

After the demonstrators had moved to the Sanford Hall lobby, Dean Dowd was peppered with questions from male residents. Why couldn’t Igor be the College mascot? Why was a muzzle necessary? The dean said the college could be held liable if the dog bit someone.

With no resolution at hand, residents elected a new committee, with two representatives from each residence hall, to draw up a new proposal for the care of Igor.

The proposal contained most of the ideas set forth in an Oct. 17 Small Talk editorial by Kenneth Murray. Murray called on the Student Government Association (SGA) Senate to request that Igor be made the official College mascot and that a fund be established to provide housing and food for the dog.

Well, the Igor proposal went nowhere. When Steve Hopkins (SGA president) and Bill Billings (Small Talk editor) took the matter up with President Weaver, the president backed the conditions. He then leaned back in his chair and droned, “I’m sure neither of you gentlemen wants to jeopardize your college career over a German shepherd dog.”

Steve and I exchanged painful glances. We knew it was a lost cause. I don’t know what became of Igor, but we never saw him again.

In the Nov. 21, 1966 Small Talk, a poignant letter to the editor came from Ronnie Russell. It was a letter from Igor, in which the exiled pup said all he wanted was friendship and kindness, and ended, “I guess I should not have trusted you people. That’s where I made my mistake.”

In his column “Behind the Boiler Plant,” Dennis Bruce wrote, “Regardless of whether he (Igor) rejoins us or not, we must never lose the impetus which moved us to join together to stand up for our beliefs. . . . I am also sure he (Igor) would urge the following advice on us: Before you act, think by considering both sides of the problem.”

What made me think of Igor after all these years? In June 2001, former MC student Charles Fulp (1966-68) e-mailed me and suggested we have an Igor reunion and fund-raiser for those who attended Methodist from 1966-70. I was intrigued by the Igor idea, but filed the message away, only to rediscover it a few weeks ago.

I have now warmed up to the idea of an Igor reunion and thank Charles for the suggestion. I hereby challenge all veterans of that famous sit-down to come back to MC next fall, for a 37th anniversary tribute to Igor. He was a noble animal who taught us several important lessons.

Bill Billings ’68 has accepted a new position as writer for the College’s 50th Anniversary Project. This project involves compiling a history of Methodist College from 1955 to the present. The history will be published in early 2007.

Billings recently revised and updated “The Methodist College Story,” a 16-minute video which covers the history of the College from 1956 to the present. Anyone who wants to borrow the new video should contact the director of public relations or Davis Memorial Library.
Vision For The Future

Methodist College has a mission of intellectual and ethical education. The primary focus of my leadership at Methodist College will be on the educational possibility for which we were created rather than the problems we are challenged to solve.

—Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, 1983

Twenty years ago this August, Dr. M. Elton Hendricks became the third president of Methodist College. He spent much of his early years at Methodist reflecting on how he should respond to the Board of Trustees’ clear directive to grow the College. Enrollment had fallen below 600, and less than 300 were housed on campus.

“I knew it would be hard to increase Methodist College’s enrollment if we focused only on the traditional liberal arts majors, such as English, History, or Philosophy—all of which during my college years I came to love—but none of which has strong marketplace appeal to most contemporary students,” Hendricks said. “I was convinced that the goal of increasing our Methodist College enrollment would be served by strong career-oriented programs at our college.”

The philosophy worked. In the past two decades, enrollment has more than doubled. Many career-oriented undergraduate majors have been added, as well as the first graduate program. The College is fiscally sound and growing.

Dr. Hendricks recently wrote down his vision statement for the future of Methodist College. He distributed the document to the Board of Trustees and to faculty and staff. On October 18, the president hosted an open forum for the campus community and the media to discuss the paper.

You are now invited to read the statement. It has been edited for space; if you would like a complete copy, please contact the Public Relations Office. Your comments and feedback are welcome.
Excerpt from Dr. Hendricks’ Vision Statement

People inside and outside of the College frequently ask me about my vision, hopes, and dreams for Methodist College. I respond that I have had a generally constant vision of Methodist College for almost 20 years. Most of the developments over this time have been consistent with that vision.

Methodist College has always had and continues to have a strong liberal arts core. Fifty-four of the 124 hours required for graduation are devoted to a traditional educational approach. At Methodist College, as on all campuses, the core is a political issue.

However, for a long period of time, we have had at Methodist College many majors that go beyond the traditional liberal arts. Our unusual approach of the deliberate union of a liberal arts core with career preparation has made for interesting debate. Everyone would agree that our approach has fueled our atypical growth as a college.

I had been a history major at a traditional liberal arts college and an academic dean at another very traditional liberal arts college. I was happy to arrive at Methodist College, which was not locked into the traditional, narrow mindset. Here I found more freedom, more flexibility, and, in my view, more wisdom.

Early on, the model of Plato’s philosopher king began to intrigue me. A society needs a “king” – or better, someone democratically elected—who has the drive and energy, the economic savvy, the political knowledge, and the statecraft skills to manage a nation. These “kingly” skills are also what business leaders need. But, a well-led nation or a well-led business also needs someone with a philosopher’s vision.

Societies and businesses need leaders who appreciate Socrates’ observation that “The unexamined life is not worth living.” Good leaders are not just successful politicians who get elected or who win wars, nor are they only bottom line businesspersons who make a profit. Good leaders also ask basic questions, “What is the good? What is the beautiful? Who am I and what am I to do?”

I am attracted by the idea of computer technicians who enjoy Shakespeare, policemen who have philosophical discussions about the nature of justice, accountants who love art, and golf course managers who have a sense of history. I have always admired Thomas Jefferson who was a thoughtful political philosopher as well as a skillful technician and craftsman. Jefferson certainly blended successfully the liberal and practical arts. That is what I think education should do. I have always been comfortable with career preparation and training integrated with the liberal arts. In my view, the deficiency of technical education is not what technicians learn. The technical skills they master are valuable and marketable and are needed in our society. The deficiency of technical education is what technicians miss in their education—the liberal arts, which, I believe, are truly the liberating arts.

Thus, from my beginning at Methodist College, I have envisioned and constantly lifted up a liberal arts core coupled with career preparation. Career preparation and technical education have never been, in my view, enemies of the liberal arts.

Given the Board’s charge to me in 1983, my educational philosophy faced a challenging opportunity. My philosophy requires that, in the process of career education, we must introduce our students to the liberal arts—sometimes when they are not looking! That is what happened to me. I am proud of the union we have achieved at Methodist College—a union blending contemporary, career-oriented majors with a traditional liberal arts core. In my view, we have the best of both worlds.

I believe our approach is an appropriate and even a necessary

Dr. M. Elton Hendricks

- Born in Savannah, GA.
- Reared in Ridgeland, SC.
- Education: B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, in history from Wofford College; a Master of Divinity degree, magna cum laude, from Duke University; and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of South Carolina. Also attended the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management.
- Member of Hay Street United Methodist Church in Fayetteville.
- Civic activities: Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Fayetteville Museum of Art, the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County, and the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation.
one in the contemporary recruiting environment. We have had a situation for many years in our country in which most students have been taught that the purpose of education is to prepare them to get a good job. This phenomenon is discussed in our Strategic Plan, approved by the Board in February 1999. The plan notes that it is not surprising that students have a vocational/career orientation, “when it is recalled that since elementary school in an effort to respond to high dropout rates, teachers, parents and counselors have been selling the economic advantages of education. When students have been told for years that the purpose of education is to enable them to get a good job, it is not surprising that they enter college equating education with job preparation.”

Thus, Methodist College was/is faced with three facts: (1) the Board’s charge to grow the College, (2) a tradition that appreciates the value of the liberating arts, and (3) the intense vocational/economic concerns of contemporary students. In light of these facts, I have encouraged Methodist College to combine a strong liberal arts core with career-oriented programs. Over many years our college has been guided and enhanced by this vision.

There are additional career-oriented programs that our society needs and that our society will support, to which students will respond, and which Methodist College can do well. It is to the advantage of our college and to the benefit of our society to develop those new programs whereby we can “serve this present age.” Small colleges (or small universities) need to develop special and specialized niches. We need to continue the approach developed at Methodist College over 20 years by creating new additional career-oriented programs. I believe that Methodist College’s future growth (the obvious antidote to shrinking enrollment) lies in new professional undergraduate and graduate programs.

Some people see innovation and new program development as a threat to existing programs. Such thinking suggests the limitations of a zero-sum game outlook. If a new program grows, they think, my old program must shrink. On this view, there is a fixed-size pie: if one slice is larger, another slice must be smaller. But there is a better approach. Rather than divide differently a pie of the same size (a zero sum game), new programs can create a larger pie (this is the positive sum game) from which we all benefit. We need new programs, undergraduate and graduate, that can be profit centers—generating more resources than they consume. Such new, profitable programs will help to support those majors and faculty that we want and need as a part of our liberal arts tradition. The time may come, but has not yet arrived, when large numbers of students will seek out Methodist College because they want or realize they need the liberal arts majors that we love and that we do so well. In the meantime, if we lose our innovative spirit—our entrepreneurial verve—if we fail to identify and fill special professional and career-oriented niches, we place the future of Methodist College at serious risk. We are, at the present at Methodist College, in a position of relative strength, i.e. good enrollment. We dare not wait until we are in trouble to prepare for such a challenging future. If we wait until we feel the pain, it will be too late for anything but invasive surgery. This is the time for new program development.

I rather like Methodist College being labeled a small university, which is something we increasingly look like anyway. But I also like our liberal arts core, our noble tradition. I recognize that the majority of our recent graduates have been in areas that are career oriented. I am especially proud that these professional graduates have been in a small “university” that takes pride in and remains in touch with its liberal arts tradition. I think Plato had it right. I believe that Methodist College has it right.
Students in the Reeves School of Business were given a behind-the-scenes look at the planning and preparation for the largest festival to ever come to Fayetteville—the 2003 Festival of Flight.

Gordon Clapp, president and CEO of the festival, was the guest speaker at the annual Executive Speaker luncheon held Sept. 19 in the Alumni Dining Room.

The festival commemorates the centennial anniversary of the Wright brothers’ first flight at Kitty Hawk, NC in 1903. Airshows, interactive NASA displays and exhibits, vintage aircraft static displays and a video link to the International Space Station are among the activities being planned.

Education is a major component of the festivities. Partnerships with NASA, the Cumberland County School System, and the military will bring a host of interactive opportunities for young and old alike. More than 2,000 volunteers will work the various venues.

Students were given a special invitation to get involved.

Andrew Bell ’02, of Warsaw, NC, interned with the Festival while at Methodist. When applying to graduate school, Bell said the marketing experience he gained during his internship gave him an advantage over other applicants. “Graduate schools were so impressed with the depth of interaction I had at the Festival of Flight. There was no part of the operation that I wasn’t exposed to—it was the most rewarding work experience.”

Clapp, a resident of Dunn, NC, is a seasoned travel industry professional. In 1995, he was appointed by North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt to serve as the director of North Carolina Tourism, Film and Sports Development. In 2000, he was named State Tourism Director of the Year by his peers and Gov. Hunt awarded him the state’s highest honor, appointment to the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.


Three student athletes were honored at the fall Convocation September 9.

Elena Blanina, a junior from Moscow, Russia, received the Sykes Cup honoring her as the top athlete of year, 2001-2002. Blanina is the NCAA Division III National Champion in women’s tennis singles.

The female scholar athlete of 2001-2002 was Jennifer Lymangood, a junior from Naperville, IL, of the women’s golf team.

Justin Fawley, a senior from Mechanic Falls, ME received the male scholar athlete award for 2001-2002. He was a member of the men’s soccer team.
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Thousands dead...billions left frightened...saddened...weeping!

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“Whatever happened to love? Does it exist? Or, is love gone forever?”

Must such tragedy teach us that love is what we do?

Love, without corresponding action, merely buzzes noisily in our ears.

Love tenderly demonstrated is a wife performing routine caregiver duties for her wheelchair-bound diabetic husband.

Love may be seen as the prodigal son, having recklessly abused his father’s love in wanton wastefulness, stands humiliated at the end of the lane, even as his father, seeing him, rushes with outstretched arms to embrace his son.

Love’s epitome is the Good Shepherd diligently seeking to find and save His lost sheep, who for so many years have wandered frightened...alone through the Valley of the Shadow of Death in this life.

In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, we must remember love never gives up. Its faith, hope, and patience never fail because what you do is love!

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**September 11th Remembered**

On the anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, hundreds of students, faculty, staff and members of local law enforcement agencies and fire departments gathered in front of Hensdale Chapel to remember those lost in the nation’s tragedy. The service of remembrance and healing included singing and a meditation by our chaplain, the Rev. Benjamin Wells, based on Isaiah 62:10-12. One Spirit, the College’s scholarship vocal ensemble, provided special music including “The Promise of the Garden” and “Creation Will Be At Peace.” Those gathered joined in a prayer of confession and a prayer for the world and its peoples. Vice President of Student Development and Services, George Blanc, and Director of Police and Public Safety, Wilford Saunders, prayed for our soldiers and read aloud the names of military personnel killed in action during the last year. Dr. Bill Watt concluded the ceremony by sharing a poem he wrote entitled,”What You Do Is Love.”

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**What You Do Is Love**

By Bill M. Watt

September 11, 2002

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But, true love is a father’s shaved head as his young daughter undergoes chemotherapy or a doctor giving comfort to the parents of a disease stricken, unborn child facing a cruel, imminent death.

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The Power of Appreciation

Thank you.

They are two of the most powerful, yet underused words in common vocabulary. Yet, the Center for Entrepreneurship of the Reeves School of Business at Methodist understands their significance.

In September, the center launched its newest initiative, the Thank-You Series, to show appreciation to local industries for their contributions to the local economy, charities, and the overall quality of life in the Cape Fear region.

The inaugural recipient of the Thank-You honor was Kelly-Springfield Tire Company, Cumberland County’s largest private employer and Methodist’s closest industrial neighbor. Dr. Sid Gautam, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship, explained his selection of Kelly-Springfield, “In the wake of NAFTA and emerging realities of Third World countries, it is very hard to attract new plants like Kelly-Springfield, but losing them is easy.

“Cumberland and surrounding counties have long enjoyed the benefits of high-paying jobs provided by Kelly-Springfield,” he continued. “Now, it is our job to say ‘Thank you, Kelly-Springfield.’”

Barbara Briggs, a member of the center’s advisory board, invited plant officials and management from Kelly’s parent company, Goodyear North American Tire Company, to a day filled with special presentations, interactive sessions with students, and awards. Briggs, and her husband, Robert, own Briggs and Sons Tire Co., a local distributor of Kelly tires.

Local mayors, media representatives, government officials, utility representatives and civic leaders began the day at a welcome ceremony at the Kelly-Springfield plant on Ramsey Street. North Carolina Governor Michael Easley declared September 26, 2002 Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. Day. Steve Blanchard, general manager of the Public Works Commission, presented Jim Konneker, plant manager, with the first-ever Compass Award for the plant’s “excellence in direction and commitment to environmental compliance.”

More than 100 plant associates guided the visitors on a behind-the-scenes tour of the two million square foot facility. Kelly-Springfield Fayetteville produces 57,000 tires a day, the most of any plant in North America. The plant was built in 1969 and is located on 401 acres. There are 3,000 employees at the plant, from at least 10 counties in the Cape Fear region.

John Polhemus, president of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company’s North American Tire business, addressed a crowd of invited guests during a luncheon held in the Alumni Dining room. He praised the associates of Kelly Fayetteville, for without dedicated employees, “there would be no Goodyear.”

Immediately following lunch, Polhemus fielded questions from students in the Clark Hall Auditorium. The crowd was standing-room only. Questions ranged from the marketing of Goodyear, to overseas operations, to human resource issues, to blimps, and even to the possibility of a Goodyear country club, like Firestone’s. Polhemus quipped that one country club was enough and that he even enjoys playing the competitor’s club every “now and again.”

A banquet at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux capped off the festivities. James T. Fain, Ill, the state secretary of commerce, thanked Goodyear and Kelly-Springfield Fayetteville for their contributions to North Carolina’s economy. A souvenir booklet, “The Untold Story of Kelly-Springfield,” was also released.

“We are proud to have hosted Kelly-Springfield Day,” Gautam said. “I feel this was one of the finest moments in the history of our community, when many different businesses and civic leaders from eastern North Carolina came together to say thank you to a well-established business which has played an important role in our community. As part of an academic institution, we presented an excellent example of how the cooperation between town and gown can create interesting dialogue.”
Most people wouldn’t think of moving to a foreign country without doing some advance research and preparation. Yet, every year high school students leave the comforts of home and move away to college, with little to no understanding of what lies ahead. For many, college is a completely foreign experience.

The First-Year Experience (FYE) program at Methodist College seeks to ease the transition between high school and college for incoming students. It is based on a model started at the University of South Carolina and is the only program of its kind among small colleges in North Carolina. Now in its third year, the program has two components: residential and academic.

The program’s 48 participants are housed in Pearce Hall, a suite-style residence. In years past, the male and female students were housed separately. “By separating members, the program lost one of its primary opportunities for unity,” said Rob Foreman, director of residence life and the FYE program. “Family-like interaction is what we strive for; it just made sense to move them into one residence hall where they could continue to learn in their living environment.”

Upperclass resident advisors (RAs) are specifically trained to work with the program, many of them graduates of FYE. The building is supervised by a full-time professional Residential Area Coordinator. Also housed in Pearce Hall is the College’s Center for Personal Development.

Rebecca Kennedy, a junior from Lumberton, NC, is a graduate of the program and now serves as an RA. “I decided to remain a part of FYE after my freshman year because the program helped me so much,” Kennedy said. “When I got here I didn’t know anyone, but the other students in this program became automatic friends, and we’ve become a family.

“The program has grown tremendously since I went through, and having its own hall really is the best thing,” she continued. “Some people didn’t think it would work, but we’ve proved them wrong. These students really look out for each other.”

Students must apply to be accepted into the program. This year, 52 males applied for just 24 slots. Participants come from all over the United States and represent athletics, campus ministry, many different academic majors, and there are also international students from Russia and the Bahamas, just to name a few. Foreman credits the growing interest and diversity to positive word-of-mouth, but the nicer living conditions don’t hurt either.

“There’s no doubt that being able to offer a top-notch living environment like Pearce is a plus,” Foreman said. “But, truly, graduates of this program have become campus leaders who are well-respected and involved; they want others to benefit from this special program.”

Participants are scheduled into a section of Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) 110, a Methodist College orientation course, as a group. The course covers such topics as strategies for academic success, time management, diversity and using campus resources. Outside the classroom, participants are encouraged to get involved in student organizations and athletics.

“New students who integrate fully into campus life and take an active role in student affairs are much more likely to succeed academically and stay at Methodist throughout their entire college career,” Foreman said. “The retention rate among FYE participants is about eight out of 10. This is significantly higher than our overall student population.”

With retention so high, the entire campus community has seen the benefits of FYE. Partnerships with other departments have helped to broaden the scope of the program. Peer counselors from the Center for Personal Development work with program participants as needed, and tutors from the Academic Development Center host Pearce Hall study hours. Foreman would like to see more personal involvement in the program from faculty, staff and alumni. He envisions opportunities for “adopt-a-hall” and mentoring, among others.

Another component on the drawing board for FYE is leadership. Using the Leadership Fayetteville model, a program of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, students would spend time during the spring semester learning about the community, local government, health-care, education, the military, and more.

“The more we can plug students in to what happens on and off campus, the more likely they are to mature into responsible students and citizens,” Foreman said. “The First-Year Experience is a launching pad for long-term success.”
During the summer, the Methodist College cafeteria got a major facelift. The College's food service provider, Sodexo, contracted with Big A Distribution out of Atlanta to design and renovate Phase I of the upgrade. The College's own maintenance department did all of the electrical work, saving significantly on project costs.

Phase I concentrated on the dining area. Spending almost $375,000 to date, the upgrades include new tables and chairs, a central food preparation and serving area, convertible hot and cold storage units, expanded deli area, new countertops and displays, upgraded plumbing and electrical, modern track lighting, new large conveyor oven, and a mechanized tray and dish return conveyor system.

Phase II is planned for next summer. Renovations will focus on the back kitchen area and will include new appliances such as a new dishwasher and other major equipment. The cost of Phase II is estimated at $75,000.

Paul Reinecke, the College's director of dining services, said the reaction from students has been extremely positive. "Returning students, in particular, are enjoying the new food and they love the new look," he said.

The number of faculty and staff patrons has almost doubled, according to Reinecke. "I am very happy overall with the changes," he said. "It has been very well received by the entire College community."
Ms. Blanford holds a Master of Science in counselor education and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from East Carolina University. Ms. Blanford came to Methodist from East Carolina University where she worked as an academic advisor. Her community involvement includes the United Way Youth Funding Board, Salvation Army, and Project SOAR, SAFE of the Lenoir County Crisis Center.

Ms. Reese holds a Bachelor of Science in family studies and human services from Kansas State University. Ms. Reese came to Methodist from the Boys and Girls Club of Denver, CO, where she was the athletic director.

Ms. Pate received her Bachelor of Science in communications/journalism from Illinois State University. She is a member of the PGA of America. Ms. Pate came to Methodist from the Mike Adams L.A.W.s of Golf Academy where she was an instructor and academy administrator.

Dr. Ritzema holds both a Ph.D. and a master’s degree in clinical psychology from Kent State University. He also has an A.B. from Calvin College. Mr. Ritzema was a psychologist at Behavioral Health Care in Fayetteville before coming to Methodist.
Ms. Varos holds a Master of Education in physical education and a Bachelor of Science in physical education-athletic training from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Ms. Varos was also employed at UNC-P as an athletic trainer. She has been an active volunteer with the American Red Cross, the Girl Scouts, Cliffdale Area Sports Association and the Special Olympics and Senior Games in Robeson County.

Dr. Walker holds a Ph.D., Master of Arts and Master of Philosophy from Columbia University. She earned a M.A.T. in English education from Georgia State University and a Bachelor of Arts in education from Emory University. Ms. Wright came to Methodist from Berry College where she was an assistant professor. She is a member of the Modern Language Association, South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Society for the Study of Southern Literature, and the St. George Tucker Society.
M’m! M’m! Good . . .
for Methodist College!

When Louise Peterson sees red, it’s good news for Methodist College. A member of Wesley Heights United Methodist Church in north Fayetteville, Mrs. Peterson has forwarded more than one million labels from Campbell’s soups and other products to the College during the last 26 years. Gathered by United Methodist women throughout the North Carolina Conference, the product labels have been a boon for the Teaching Materials Collection at Methodist’s Davis Memorial Library. That’s because Campbell’s “Labels for Education” program allows the library to redeem product labels for valuable equipment and teaching materials used in the College’s teacher training program.

Mrs. Peterson became aware of the Campbell’s project almost by accident. “In 1975, when I was conference treasurer of the United Methodist Women,” she recalled, “a group of women from the Greenville District sent me a $25 check for a United Methodist school for Indian children in Farmington, New Mexico. I forwarded the check and the school started sending me its newsletter. In the newsletter I learned what they could buy through the Campbell’s “Labels for Education” program. I thought, ‘We could collect labels for the teacher education program at Methodist.’

“We collect the bulk of the labels each October at our UMW annual meeting (held at the College), but I also get a steady flow in the mail all year long. Most people send the whole soup label, but we only need the front. I keep the labels in boxes and bags in my basement until we get enough to take to the College. At home, my husband, Pete, and I have gotten in the habit of saving labels each time we use a Campbell’s product.”

Mrs. Peterson has probably seen more red Campbell’s soup labels than anyone in North Carolina. During a recent visit to Davis Memorial Library, she said she has enjoyed collecting the labels and is proud that so many United Methodist Women have participated. “Education is very important,” she said, “and I plan to continue with this. I urge all United Methodist women to keep those labels coming!”

Students, faculty, alumni and friends of Davis Library have also submitted labels for education. “It’s not something that takes a lot of time,” said John Arnold, a junior from Spartanburg, SC. “I salute Mrs. Peterson for teaching everyone how easy it is to help. She has shown how one person, participating in what seems to be a minor task, can make an enormous contribution to our teacher education program.”

This year the library staff of Davis Memorial used 161,799 labels from Campbell’s products to order a Dell computer and a Panasonic digital camera for the library’s Teaching Materials Collection. “This equipment is valued at more than $2,000,” noted Richard Holmes, reference librarian.

In previous years, the library has exchanged product labels for children’s books, maps, globes, clip art, videotape recorders/players, CD players, slide and overhead projectors, computer software, easels, safety stools, book and TV carts, and other teaching aids.

Barbara Beebe, coordinator of evening library services at Davis Memorial Library, is the person who receives, counts and bundles the Campbell’s labels. “Each school year we get a catalog listing the products we can order and the number of labels required. Campbell’s allows us to ‘bank’ leftover labels as seed money for our next order.”

“We deeply appreciate the UMW and other friends taking time to collect all these labels,” said Susan Pulsipher, director of library services at Methodist. “The items we have obtained are put to good use by our teacher education students and staff.”

Campbell Soup Co. accepts front labels from all of its soups, as well as Franco-American, Swanson, V8, and Prego products. Lids are accepted from Campbell’s Ready to Serve Soups, large Prego pasta sauces, and Pace Salsa Picante and Picante Con Queso. UPC codes are acceptable from Campbell’s Soup & Recipe Mix, Pepperidge Farm breads, cookies and cakes, and V8 Splash Juice Drinks.

Since Campbell Soup Co. launched its “Labels for Education” program in 1973, schools in the United States have redeemed more than $93 million in free merchandise. In 2001-02, the company included musical instruments in its catalog for the first time.
Focus On Philanthropy

Planned Giving 101

Americans are, by nature, a generous people. The NonProfit Times estimates that more than 70% of households contribute to charities each year. This trend of lifetime giving does not, however, carry over after death through wills or estates. According to Planned Giving in the United States: A Survey of Donors (NCPG, 1992), only 5.71% of households surveyed had planned a charitable bequest.

We know that “you can’t take it with you,” so why don’t more individuals name a college or favorite charity in their will? Perhaps it’s simply because it never occurred to them.

As the primary mission of Methodist College is to educate, this begins a series of articles on planned giving. Planned giving can include outright gifts of cash, property, and securities; gifts made through wills; life insurance policies; and more complex-sounding methods such as “trusts” and “gift annuities.”

Are you a good candidate for a planned gift? The first question to ask yourself is: “Is there an organization that I strongly believe in, and would like to help nurture and grow?” If the answer is yes, do you fit the “wanted poster” description at right?

If so, you may want to stay tuned to future issues of MC Today, or call the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (910) 630-7200 for more information.

A planned gift to Methodist College is a building block for our future. The information in this article is not intended as legal, accounting or professional advice. Please consult your legal or financial advisor as to how planned giving applies to you.

With a little planning, you can leave more than just a memory to future generations. You can leave a gift through your will or estate to the charity of your choice. The Leave A Legacy™ program is coming soon to Cumberland County to promote this very simple giving method.

If you’d like more information about Leave A Legacy™ or are interested in bringing this program to your community, visit www.leavealegacy.org.

In Memory

In August, Methodist College lost a member of its campus family with the death of Rita Kimber, student insurance coordinator. She passed away August 8, 2002 at the age of 65. The Rev. Benjamin Wells, campus minister, and Associate Dean of Students William Walker conducted the funeral.

She had worked at Methodist since 1995. As the insurance coordinator, Ms. Kimber worked with students to ensure they had proper immunizations and insurance coverage.

“Rita was a woman of class and dignity,” said Walker. “We will miss her greatly in the Student Development Office.”
Family Weekend 2002

The weekend of Sept. 20-22 brought more than 200 parents, alumni, friends and family members to the Methodist College campus for Family Weekend 2002. They were hosted and entertained by many different student groups, academic departments, cultural activities, and of course, thrilling sporting events. In addition, parents were given the opportunity to discuss important issues with members of the campus administration.

Family Weekend was also a great time to explore Fayetteville, our All-American city. Some families took advantage of a tour of the downtown Airborne and Special Operations Museum.

If you are interested in volunteering for Family Weekend 2003 or have suggestions, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (910) 630-7169.
Heart of A Champion

Most track and field athletes have two lifetime ambitions in their sport. The first is walking onto the track during the opening ceremonies of the Olympic games. The second is to stand on the medal podium and represent their country as a medalist.

Methodist College cross-country and track and field head coach Halcyon Blake has nearly fulfilled both ambitions. Representing her native country Jamaica, she participated in both the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, and the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

An All-American long-jumper and relay specialist at the University of Kansas from 1980-1984, Blake was a part of what sports historian dubbed the “Golden Era” of women’s track and field in America. She competed with the likes of Evelyn Ashford, Carol Lewis and later, Jackie Joyner-Kersee, and the late Florence Griffith-Joyner.

Blake prepared for her 1984 Olympic experience by participating in the 1983 World Track and Field Championships in Helsinki, Finland. It was a good experience, but, she admits that for an athlete, it doesn’t compare to the Olympics.

She still vividly remembers that clear July evening in 1984 when she and her Jamaican teammates marched onto the track at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the medal ceremonies, but the memory of being a part of the Olympics has remained with her.

“Even to this day, when I hear the Olympic theme, I get chills and goose bumps,” said Blake, now in her third season at Methodist. “You get a sense of pride at the opening ceremonies. It was a fantastic feeling to walk in and see the colors and pageantry that’s involved – it’s unbelievable.”

At the time, Blake had dual citizenship. She was forced to make a tough decision between running for a powerful U.S. squad or for Jamaica. At her family’s request, Blake “turned her heart toward home” and competed for Jamaica.

“I made my parents proud, and I truly have no regrets,” Blake said. “People don’t realize how many people try to make the Olympics and how few succeed at doing so. When you are in the Olympics or the Pan American Games or the World Championships, you are the best of the best. It’s not about winning as much as it is about knowing where you are and what you did to get there.”

Blake recalled an athlete from a small third-world country competing in the long-jump who didn’t qualify for the medal round. In fact, she had the shortest jump of any athlete in the qualifying round. However, her reward was just representing her country at the world’s biggest sporting event. That’s the true story of the Olympics.

“You see a lot of stories like that. That young lady couldn’t make it into the dirt pit on her jumps, but we saw her enthusiasm and the deep emotions she displayed,” Blake said. “What I try to instill in my runners today is that if you get out of your own little world, you’re less ignorant. When we competed last year at nationals, my runners saw a whole different world, and it changed their work ethic.

“They realized that there is someone else out there with the same natural ability who is working harder to be the very best,” she said.

Almost 20 years has passed since Blake walked into the hallowed circumference of the Los Angeles Coliseum, and she has noticed a change in track and field athletes. It’s a change that she isn’t endorsing anytime soon.

“When I ran, you had to be competitive, but it’s a different time now,” she said. “We were the pioneers of the women’s NCAA. What upsets me now is that a lot of young ladies don’t know their sport. We knew our sport. We knew who our pioneers were and what their records were. Today, all the ladies look not at the tradition, but at the almighty dollar.

“Is it lucrative?” Blake asked. “Yes, but there are greater rewards than money.”

Monarch Athletics

Always at the track: Coach Blake now, above, and in 1984, right.
Two former Methodist College athletes and one former coach—Elaine Adams, John McCullough, Jr., and Alan Dawson—have been selected as the fifth induction class of the Methodist College Athletics Hall of Fame. The prestigious honor, which is voted on each year by the Methodist Hall of Fame Committee, recognizes outstanding contribution and excellence to the Methodist campus through the field of athletics.

The Methodist Hall of Fame previously had 20 inducted members (seven in the inaugural class of 1998, four in the class of 1999, six in the class of 2000 and three in last year’s class). The class of 2002 brings the total to 23. Adams, McCullough and Dawson were officially honored during Homecoming weekend at the fifth annual Methodist College Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, sponsored by Pepsi and InnKeeper, held in the March F. Riddle Center on Friday, October 25th.

To be nominated, the inductees have to be athletes, coaches or administrators that have compiled an outstanding career for the Green & Gold. Athletes become eligible for the honor five years after completing their eligibility, while coaches and administrators become eligible for nomination two years after leaving the department.

The class of 2002 will be commemorated on an engraved plaque with their portrait and athletic highlights. The display is located directly across from the Methodist Athletic Department office.

Elaine (Adams) Anderson, class of 1980, was one of the pioneers of female athletics at Methodist, lettering in basketball, volleyball and softball from 1977 to 1980. In basketball, Anderson was a two-time team Most Valuable Player and she averaged 33 points a game. She was also a two-time team MVP in volleyball and led both the basketball and volleyball teams to NCAAW state championships. In addition, Anderson also was a starter for the Monarchs in softball.

John McCullough, Jr., class of 1989, was the first of six individual NCAA Division III national champions in Methodist’s powerful men’s golf program. In addition, he is one of only two three-time NCAA Division III All-Americans in the history of Methodist men’s golf, and was also a two-time Academic All-American. A three-time All-Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection, McCullough was a part of Methodist teams that finished third in the nation in 1987, fifth in 1988 and was NCAA Division III runner-up in 1989.

Alan Dawson was the men’s head soccer coach at Methodist from 1987-1995. While at Methodist, Dawson posted an impressive 129-30-1 record with seven consecutive Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships and six straight NCAA Division III National Tournament appearances. His 1995 Monarch squad was ranked No. 1 in the nation throughout the regular season and finished as NCAA Division III runner-up. Dawson also led the Monarchs to the “Sweet 16” in 1990 and 1991 and the “Elite Eight” in 1996. He is a five-time DIAC Coach of the Year and two-time NCAA Division III South Region Coach of the Year. During his tenure at Methodist, Dawson coached 32 All-South Region players, seven NCAA Division III All-Americans and two Academic All-Americans. Dawson is currently head coach at Old Dominion University in his fifth season.
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Methodist Announces Staff Additions, Changes

GONCALO MARQUES

Goncalo Marques is now in his first season as the official head coach of women’s tennis at Methodist College. As the interim coach, Marques was named the 2002 Dixie Conference Coach of the Year after leading the Monarchs to unprecedented success. Under his guidance, Methodist climbed as high as 17th in the national rankings and finished the season 14-2. The team boasted one NCAA singles National Champion, three All-Americans, two Academic All-Americans, and the team made the trip to the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year.

Marques is no stranger to Fayetteville, having served as teaching professional at Highland Country Club. He also has valuable teaching experience at prestigious Van Der Meer Tennis Academy in Hilton Head, Saddlebrook Resort, Hopman Tennis and Complete Player Institute in Boca Raton, FL. His latest assignment has been as an ATP Tour coach for Gregg Hill, who was ranked as high as third in the International Tennis Federation Rankings.

Goncalo was Methodist College’s top men’s player in 1999 and 2000 having held down the Monarch’s top singles spot both seasons. In 2001, he earned Academic All-American status from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Marques is a 2002 graduate of Methodist. He earned a degree in business administration with a concentration in professional tennis management and is currently pursuing an M.B.A. in sports management.

JUSTIN TERRANOVA

The 2002 Methodist College men’s soccer season marks the initial campaign under the direction of first-year head coach Justin Terranova. Terranova comes to Methodist after a four-year stint as an assistant coach at Division-I Old Dominion University (ODU).

Terranova was a member of the 1996 Connecticut Wolves of the A-League, and in 1995 he was the starting goalkeeper for the Nashville Metros of the Premier Division and finished the season with a 12-7 record.

He played college soccer at Methodist College from 1992-1995 under then-head coach and current ODU head coach Alan Dawson. As the team’s goalkeeper, he co-captained the 1995 squad that reached the NCAA Division-III National Championship game. Methodist earned four Dixie Conference championships and four NCAA-III national tournament appearances in Terranova’s four years between the pipes.

Terranova, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in political science and a physical education minor in 1997, is also prominent in the Methodist men’s soccer record books. He finished his career with 0.67 goals against average and his 37 career shutouts are both school records. He also holds the single-season goals allowed average record of 0.42. Terranova’s wife, Jeanette, is a 1998 Methodist College graduate and former Monarch cheerleader.

Terranova has an Advanced National Diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and currently holds an “A” License from the United States Soccer Federation. Currently, he is working as director of Coaching and Player Development for Chesapeake Select Soccer Club. Terranova is also the assistant coach for the Virginia Youth Soccer Association Olympic Development Program team.

“Justin is what soccer is all about. He was an outstanding player for the Monarchs and brings great energy and enthusiasm to the program. He has learned well from his mentor Alan Dawson and we are pleased that Justin is back on the sideline for the Green & Gold,” stated Methodist Athletic Director Bob McEvoy.

Terranova takes over the MC men’s soccer program from Adrian Blewitt, who resigned in March to take the head position at Division-II Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, NC. In his five seasons at the helm of the Monarch soccer program, Blewitt compiled a 35-55 record.

The MC men’s soccer program has produced eight All-Americans, 38 All-South selections, 92 All-Conference selections, and eight professional players worldwide. The Monarchs were the 1995 NCAA Division-III National runner-ups and have advanced to the NCAA tournament six times in the 1990s. Methodist also holds eight consecutive Dixie Conference titles from 1989-1996.

“Words cannot express how excited I am about coming back home,” stated Terranova. “Commitment and pride are going to be our short-term goals.”
CYNTHIA CURTIS

Cynthia Curtis has been named director of public relations at Methodist College. She assumed her new role this fall.

Curtis is the College’s former director of development, responsible for fundraising. She has worked at Methodist College since August 1998.

As director of public relations, Curtis serves as the College’s official spokesperson and oversees all marketing efforts. She is also responsible for producing the College’s quarterly magazine, MC Today.

Curtis holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. She is a member of the Cape Fear Kiwanis Club and NetWorth, Inc. She sits on the executive board of Leave A Legacy Cumberland County and the Cumberland County Workforce Development Board. She is also an active volunteer with the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce.

LEE WRIGHT

Methodist College announces the hiring of Lee Wright as its new sports information director. Wright, who replaces Lee Glenn, is in charge of media relations for the Monarchs’ 19 intercollegiate sports in the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

A 10-year veteran of the sports communications field, Wright, 32, comes to Methodist after serving as sports information director for two years at Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL. While at Spring Hill, Wright produced media guides for men’s and women’s basketball, baseball and softball, in addition to making significant upgrades to the Badgers’ athletic website. His 2001-2002 men’s basketball media guide placed fifth in the NAIA-SIDA publications competition.

Prior to working at Spring Hill in August, 2000, Wright served one year each as assistant sports information director at both Life University in Marietta, GA, and the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, GA. He is an active member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

ROBIN DAVENPORT

In September, the Methodist College community welcomed Robin Davenport as the director of development. Davenport fills the position vacated by Cynthia Curtis, who was named the College’s director of public relations.

As director, Davenport oversees the operation of the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, and is responsible for all external fundraising for the College. The office also houses parents programs.

The largest campaign in the campus’ history, Seeds on Good Soil: A New Season Comprehensive Campaign for Methodist College, is currently underway. During the next three years, the College intends to raise $11 million to build a state-of-the-art addition to the Science Building and an intramural fieldhouse while strengthening both the endowment and the annual fund.

A former financial advisor, Davenport most recently worked with Merrill Lynch in Fayetteville. Prior to that, she worked as part of the administrative team at Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital.

A Fayetteville native, Davenport is married to David Davenport, owner of Carolina Armature Works. They have one daughter, Sarah, a junior at Pine Forest Senior High School. They are members of Northwood Temple Church in Fayetteville.

Helping Hands

The College's Laity and Clergy Friends associations sent 14 volunteers to campus July 15-17. They made repairs to Hensdale Chapel and the campus ministry center, and painted the outdoor sign posts. As a token of appreciation, the group was provided with free room and board while on campus.
The College’s Board of Visitors is Pleased to Present its Newest Members:

- Blair Alligood, National Basketball Development League
- Edith Bigler, civic volunteer
- David Courie, Beaver, Holt, Sternlicht, Glazier, Carlin, Britton & Courie
- Jo Faircloth, Jim’s Pawn Shop
- Ned Garber, The Rubicon Group
- Charles Harrell, Harrell’s Radiator Shop
- H. Walter Holt, Jr., Holt Oil Company
- Todd Holtet, Valley Auto World
- Kathy Jensen, The Trophy House
- Paul Lawing, Jr., National Gas Distributors
- Danny Maxwell, Griffin, Maxwell & Frazelle, CPAs
- John McFadyen, First Citizens Bank
- Rob McNolty, DuPont-Fayetteville Works
- Lonnie Player, Jr., The Law Firm of Hutchens & Senter
- Melanie Solomon, Parker Pawn Shop
- Jean Stultz, Bragg Mutual Federal Credit Union
- Sarah Tilghman, Smithboro Furniture Company
- Michael Warren, Mike Warren Insurance Agency

The following have been elected to serve on the College’s Foundation Board, Class of 2005:

- Kevin Bunn, Wachovia Bank
- Charles Barkley, retired
- Jack McGinley, First Citizens Bank
- Karen Corne, civic volunteer
- Carolyn Lancaster, Ken C. Lancaster Real Estate
- Jim Sills, Fayetteville Publishing Co.
- Ben Wilson, Systel Office Automation
- Jeff Mozingo, Independent Insurance
- Tom Phelps, Fayetteville Patriots
Keeping In Touch

Alumni and friends gathered throughout North Carolina this fall.

Jerry Monday '71 hosted our annual pig-pickin' at his home in Raleigh on September 8th. The barbecue was provided by Tommy Smith '72 and Bob Melton's Barbecue.

- Charlotte-area alumni were treated to a Kannapolis Intimidators baseball game by Tim Mueller '96, the team's general manager, on August 29th. The hot dogs were great, and the game a victory!

- The Embassy Suites Hotel in Greensboro was the site of our Triad area after-hours reception on September 12th. Thank you to those in attendance.

- Charlotte Area Alumni Chapter
Alumni in the Charlotte area enjoyed the baseball outing so much; they expressed an interest in forming a chapter. If you would like to learn more, contact the alumni office at (910) 630-7167 or e-mail tmaze@methodist.edu. A planning meeting is in the works between now and the end of the year. Look for information in the mail soon.

MCAA Directors approve fund-raising goal

The Methodist College Alumni Association (MCAA) Board of Directors approved a goal to increase the Alumni Scholarship Fund to $100,000 by 2005 as part of the College's Comprehensive Campaign. The ambitious goal was set at the association's fall meeting, held during Family Weekend. Currently, the principal is just over $20,000 and is awarding one (1) $1,000 scholarship to a deserving student. Criteria for this scholarship are the student must be the son or daughter of an alum; a rising junior or senior; and have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75.

Methodist College is grateful for the financial assistance made available to students each year through our endowed scholarships. This year, 78% of our students received some type of financial assistance from the College.

Currently, all proceeds from the Homecoming William P. Lowdermilk Golf Classic and Silent Auction are supporting the fund. If you are interested in making a gift or pledge, simply note “Alumni Scholarship Fund” on your gift. You may also contact the alumni office at (910) 630-7167 to learn more.
An Educator’s Educator

Mary Dix McDuffie ’75 knows education. She taught in the classroom for 14 years before successfully transitioning into administration, where she oversaw an entire public school system. Now, McDuffie will lead a statewide network for educators where she will attempt to re-energize teachers, sending them back to young people refreshed and ready to inspire.

Dr. McDuffie was named director of the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) on Friday, July 12. There she will oversee the organization of seminars offering studies in the arts, humanities, science, health, technology and other topics of interest, including support seminars for beginning teachers and for teachers seeking national certification.

McDuffie is a magna cum laude graduate of Methodist College. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1975, majoring in history and education. She went on to earn her master’s degree at Campbell University and a doctorate in educational leadership from East Carolina University. A Methodist College Scholar, she served from 1981 until 1994 on the college’s faculty as an adjunct professor in history and education.

At Methodist, McDuffie found the right balance of academic rigor and personal nurturing. “The college has a supportive and caring atmosphere that paves the way for student success,” she said. “I studied with professors who knew the importance of giving plenty of academic challenge in the classroom, balanced with the personal support and kind attention which mean so much to a young person.”

She said Methodist College gave her a solid educational foundation that contributed much to her professional success. “Research has proven the value of small classes, personal attention, and a comprehensive range of study for successful learning. I had all of that as a student at Methodist and my experiences there more than 25 years ago inspired many of the beliefs and values that are important to me today.”

Vice President for Church and Community Relations Tryon Lancaster has known McDuffie throughout her career. She taught his children, they worked together in the Cumberland County School System and he knew her when she was on the faculty at Methodist. “Mary is highly-motivated and really makes students work. She was the first female senior high school principal in Cumberland County and she did a magnificent job,” he said. “She did wonders with students; I’m sure she’ll do the same with teachers in her new position.”

“I am so thrilled to be coming to NCCAT because I know firsthand the value of the renewal experience,” said McDuffie. “As a classroom teacher, participation in NCCAT seminars had a huge impact on my own teaching career, both energizing and revitalizing me as an educator. I am tremendously excited about the opportunity which awaits me.”

Active in public education in eastern North Carolina for more than 25 years, McDuffie has been Northampton County’s superintendent since 1999. She began her career in Fayetteville as a U.S. history and government teacher at Terry Sanford High School and was honored in 1995 as the North Carolina Principal of the Year.

The first state-funded program of its kind in the nation, NCCAT was created in 1985 as a residential approach to professional development for public school facilities. In 1998, the center became a partner organization of the University of North Carolina Center for School Leadership Development, created to help focus and align the university system’s professional development for teachers, administrators and other educational leaders.
Class Notes

Engagements

KATE HAMMILL ’95 of Princeton, NJ, is engaged to marry Paul Cosgrove in the fall of 2003.

JULIE SCHUERMANN ’00 and JOE MURACA ’01 are engaged to be married in Cincinnati, OH on May 24, 2003.

ERIN UPDEGROVE ’01 is engaged to be married in June 2003 to JAKE BROUILLARD, a former student of the College. They are currently living in Naples, FL.

Weddings

MARK S. POWELL ’86 married Tiffany House on Sept. 29, 2002 in Wye Island, MD. The couple lives in Preston, MD.

PAT O’NAN ’96 and Tami Lilly were married April 23, 2002. They live in Smyrna, GA.

BOBBY LOVELACE ’97 married Amber Lewis on Sept. 21, 2002 in Sanford, NC. The couple lives in Raleigh.

JULIE BARNES ’99 and GREG THOMPSON, former-student, were married on April 27, 2002 at Jordan Point Country Club in Hopewell, VA. The couple lives in Wilmington, NC.

KEVIN DZIELECKI ’99 and ERIN SWINK ’99 were married on Oct. 12, 2002 in Washington, NC. Dr. William P. Lowdermilk officiated the wedding. The couple lives in Peerskill, NY.

PHALANIA HAIRSTON ’01 married Samuel Williams on July 13, 2002. The couple lives in Fayetteville.

JAMIE SCHALLA ’01 married Obed Danjount on July 6, 2002. The couple lives in Fayetteville.

WENDY WISE ’01 married William Ford on April 6, 2002. The couple lives in Fayetteville.

Did You Make A Love Connection at Methodist??

Maybe you met here; maybe you were married on campus; maybe this is where he proposed; or maybe you didn’t even know each other until after graduation. Whatever the circumstances, we want to hear about your Methodist College love story.

Valentine’s Day is just around the corner. And, we couldn’t think of a better way to celebrate the holiday than to reminisce about those fond memories at MC, when you and your Monarch sweetheart entered into “happily ever after.”

Selected stories will be printed in the next issue of the MC Today. Send them, along with photographs, to the Alumni Office, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311, or e-mail tmaze@methodist.edu.

Births

CU PHUNG ’87 and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of their baby girl, Megan. She was born on Sept. 1, 2002 weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

LORIE (SANUITA) STUMP ’92 and her husband, David, announce the birth of their baby girl, Kaitlyn Grace. She was born on March 20, 2002.

CHRIS LANING ’93 and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their second child, Paige Francis. She was born on June 7, 2002 weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 inches long.

ANGELA (TAYLOR) MENDELL ’93 and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their second daughter, Lorna Jade. She was born on June 1, 2002.

CAPT JASON “CHAD” DRAKE ’94 and his wife, Jessica, announce the birth of their second child, John Cregan. He was born on Aug. 14, 2002 weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 7/8 inches long.

SARAH (SHEW) WILSON ’94 and her husband, Chuck, announce the birth of their first child, Taryn Kellyn. She was born on July 21, 2002.

CRAIG MARSH ’00 and his wife, Crystal, announce the birth of their son, Kade Christian. He was born on Feb. 5, 2001.
**Class Notes**

**1965**

JOHN HAMILTON retired from the Burke County School System in Waynesboro, GA in June 2001. He is currently a disability counselor for Augusta Technical College in Augusta, GA.

**1968**

REBECCA (GRAHAM) WILLIAMSON recently retired after working 27 years with the Department of Social Services for the state of Kentucky. She is now spending time with her four grandchildren.

**1969**

FRED STANTON retired in 2001 as an elementary school principal. He is entering his second year of law school at Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA. His wife, Marlene, retired after 23 years of teaching and is currently working for the United States Postal Service. His daughter, Allison, is getting married this fall.

**1970**

RICHARD GUY was recently promoted to vice president of marketing for Amkor Technology in Wichita, KS. His wife, Sherri, received her master’s degree in special education from Wichita State University in December 2001.

ANN (POWELL) HAMPTON wrote in and would like to hear from classmates and friends. She can be contacted at 5018 Fairlawn Crescent Court, Charlotte, NC 28226. Her son, Justin, is a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington; son, Bryan, is a sophomore at the Citadel; and daughter, Susan, is in her second year of law school at George Mason University.

**1972**

GREG STROBEL started his 31st year with the Green Brook Township School System. He is currently the director of the basic skills instruction program and will be teaching math. His wife, Donna, teaches sixth grade math in the Middletown Township School System. They have three sons. Matthew attends Richard Stockton College; Daniel is in 10th grade at Matawan-Aberdeen High School; and Philip is in the third grade.

**1974**

DANNY FOWLER wrote in to say his daughter, Dana, just returned from an 18-month missionary trip to Brazil and will be graduating from Brigham Young University in May 2003. His younger daughter, Nicole, is being homeschooled by his wife, Debby, The Rev. KENNETH S. VALENTINE is the new minister at John Wesley UMC in Hagerstown, MD.

**1977**

SHARON STROTHER was named the treasurer of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church in June 2002. She previously served as the controller.

**1978**

DAVE HORNE was recently named one of North Carolina’s most influential lobbyists, according to the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research. Horne was ranked fourth in 2001 out of 580 private lobbyists and 168 legislative liaisons. In 2000, he was Gov. Mike Easley’s campaign chairman. He is a partner with the law firm of Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell, and Jernigan in Raleigh.

**1979**

RENNY TAYLOR was recognized in June as one of AFLAC’s National Assistant Coaches of the Year. Taylor was one of 15 winners from North Carolina recognized for his longevity, expertise, contributions to the school and community and special achievements in his career. He is the assistant men’s basketball coach and sports information director at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount.

**1982**

MAMORU “BOOTS” KUBOTA and his wife, LYNN (MORTON) ’84, are currently living in Hong Kong. He is a manager of worldwide DVD/VCR product planning for Thomson Multimedia.

**1986**

RONALD PHIPPS was recently named director of elementary education for the Cumberland County School System in Fayetteville. Previously, he was the principal at Beaver Dam Elementary in Roseboro, NC. His twin brother, DONALD PHIPPS, replaced him as principal at Beaver Dam Elementary.

**1989**

HOLLY ANDERSON was recently inducted into the Maine Golf Hall of Fame. A 2001 Methodist College Athletic Hall of Fame Students at Beaver Dam Elementary School in Roseboro, NC, meet their new principal, Donald Phipps ’89, who looks remarkably like their outgoing principal, Ronald Phipps ’89, Donald’s twin brother.

**Double-Take**
Michael Crouse was recently promoted to captain, United States Army, on Dec. 1, 2002. He is currently stationed at Fort Gordon, GA. On May 10, 2002, he took command of C Company, 447th Signal Battalion. Anyone wishing to contact him may do so at sigos6@aol.com.

Clifford Harris is currently working for the New York City Fire Department and is assigned to division E311 in Jamaica, Queens. He wishes to hear from alumni and friends and can be reached at kindgingaling50@aol.com.

Jeremy Plumley and his wife, Lindsey (via) ‘99, are now living in northern Virginia. Jeremy is a tennis professional at Congressional Country Club while Lindsey is serving an internship with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Scott Schwarzer is the head football coach at Chatham Central High School in Bear Creek, NC. He spent the past two years as an assistant coach at Weddington High School in Charlotte.

Kevin Dzielecki and his wife, Erin (Swink), are currently working for Bayer Corporation. He is a financial analyst and Erin is a marketing assistant.

Tissa Larson was commissioned as a second lieutenant with the United States Army Intelligence Corp from North Carolina State University. She is currently stationed in Korea.

Gregory Perkins was recently elected to the National Association of Social Workers-NC Chapter Board of Directors as a graduate student representative for 2002-2003.

Eboni King recently joined the United States Air Force and is stationed overseas.
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Calendar of Events

November 2
Cumberland Interfaith Hospitality Network Youth Walk
4 p.m.

November 18 - 25
Operation Christmas Child drop-off site
Reeves Auditorium parking lot, noon - 5 p.m.

November 19
Methodist Chamber Concert:
Dr. Mary Francis Boyce, strings
and harpsichord
Hensdale Chapel, 7 p.m.

November 22 - 24
Theatre Department’s Annual
Children’s Production:
A Christmas Carol
Reeves Auditorium
(910) 630-7100

November 21
Senior Recital:
Desireé Horton, flute
Hensdale Chapel, 7 p.m.

November 22 – December 15
Senior Art Show:
Kelly Green, Eye Candy for Strangers
(910) 630-7100

November 26
Alumnus Voice Recital:
Travis Kornegay ’98
Hensdale Chapel, 7 p.m.

December 2
Classes resume
8 a.m.

December 3
Methodist Music Department Holiday Gala
Reeves Auditorium, 7 p.m.

December 6 & 8
Dance Theater of Fayetteville:
Nutcracker
Reeves Auditorium
(910) 630-7094

December 7
Phi Beta Sigma:
middle and high school Step Show
Reeves Auditorium, 5 p.m.

Cheer, Ltd. Holiday Classic:
cheerleading competition
Riddle Center, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

December 13
Baccalaureate service
Reeves Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.

Graduation
Reeves Auditorium, 2 p.m.

December 15
Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra &
Cumberland Oratorio Singers:
Holiday Pops
Reeves Auditorium, 3 p.m.
(910) 433-4690