

## Students, Staff Receive Awards

by Caroline F. Kearns

In a special ceremony on Apr. 11, Methodist College presented awards to 22 students, one staff member, and one faculty member.

The second annual Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award was presented to Ms. Carol L. Higy, assistant professor of physical education. The award is funded by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and consists of a personal award of \$1,000 and an additional \$1,000 presented to the Science Department in her name.

The Balazs-Ambrose Mathematics Award was received by Nancy J. Phillips. The award was established by 1969 graduate James Loschiavo to honor Dr. Ofelia M. Balazs and Mr. Robert B. Ambrose, Professors of Mathematics. It is presented to the mathematics student with the greatest academic potential.

The Charlotte Butler Music Award was presented to Alice Freeman Cashwell. This award is given to the outstanding upperclass music student at Methodist College and honors the memory of Mrs. Butler, a respected violinist and teacher.

Carolyn Nichols received the Fred E. Clark Memorial Science Service Award which was established in 1984 to honor Dr. Fred E. Clark, Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Biology. The award is given to the student making the greatest contribution to Science Department programs and activities.

Mary Nan Thompson was the recipient of the Edna L. Contardi English Award. It was established in 1970 by students Charles G. Hartman, James T. Gwyn, and Stephen A. Magnotta in honor of the former Professor of English and is presented to the graduating English major with the highest GPA in English.

The Pauline Longest Education Award was received by Susan Jaeger. Established in 1974 as the Student Education Award, it was renamed in 1978 to honor the original advisor to the Student Education Association. It is presented to a senior member of the SEA who has contributed to the work of the chapter and has demonstrated outstanding potential as a teacher.

The Yolanda M. Cowley Spanish Award was presented to Kimberly J. Ratliff. The award was established in 1971 to honor Dr. Cowley, Professor of Spanish and is presented to the Spanish student with the greatest academic potential.

Michelle Mitchell received the Methodist College President's ROTC Award. This award is presented to the cadet who has displayed the highest level of leadership and military excellence since entering ROTC.

The George and Lillian Miller History Award was presented to Michael Vaden. It was established by Methodist College's first Dean of Women, who was also a member of the History Department, and is presented to the history student with the greatest academic potential.

The Mullen-Mansfield Memorial Award was received by Patrick L. Beatty. This award was established by the Military Science Department to honor the late Col. William Mullen and Capt. Clayton Mansfield. It is presented to the graduating ROTC cadet who displays the highest standards in unit leadership, academic excellence, and Army summer training programs.

Tara Gretchen Matthews Averitte was the recipient of the J. Elaine Porter French Award. The award was established this year by Fred Epeley, Adjunct Professor of Foreign Language and Methodology to honor Mrs. Porter, Head of the Department of Foreign Languages. It is presented to the French student with the greatest academic potential.

The Publisher's Award was presented to Caroline F. Kearns. This award was established in 1983 to honor a student demonstrating superior achievement in collegiate journalism and is provided by Mr. Ramon Yarborough, publisher of *The Fayetteville Observer-Times*.

The Outstanding ROTC Cadet Participation Award was received by Curtis Pollock. It was established by the Cape Fear Chapter of the Retired Officers Association in 1979 to honor a Basic or Advanced cadet with an excellent academic performance and excellent leadership position ratings.

Steven Deschamps received the Military Order of the World Wars Award. This award is presented to a cadet in good standing in all military and scholastic aspects who has indicated a strong desire to serve his or her country.

Curtis Taylor was the recipient of the Reserve Officers Association Award. It is presented to outstanding Military Science IV's, Military Science III's, and Basic Course cadets for leadership and high aptitude for the military.

The Special Services in Support of ROTC Award was presented to Ronnie Richardson. The award is presented to a



Carol Higy accepts the Teaching Excellence Award.

student or staff member providing the most support for ROTC.

The Gautam Award in Business Administration was received by Richard A. Smith II. This award was established in 1978 by John Junius Grandefeld to honor Dr. Sid Gautam and is given to the student manifesting the same dedicated interest and creativity in the field of finance and investments as Dr. Gautam in his teaching.

Dawn Perkins was presented with the Samuel J. Clark III Award in Accounting. It was established in 1990 by Lynn G. Clark to honor Samuel J. Clark, the Registrar, Director of Extension Services, and Director of Computing at Methodist College. The award is given to the most outstanding junior or senior Accounting major as determined by a

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## New Smoking Policy To Be Implemented

The Methodist College faculty voted at the end of the fall semester to prohibit smoking in the public areas of all academic buildings. Under the new policy, smoking is allowed in faculty offices only, with doors closed and windows open, and is prohibited in the lobbies and lounge areas of the Trustees' Building, the Science Building, and the Fine Arts Building, including the south lower-floor lounge area in the Trustees' Building.

The new policy will protect the health and comfort of non-smokers, particularly those with allergies, asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory problems, for whom tobacco smoke is a serious irritant. Over 400,000 smokers died last year from illnesses directly attributa-

ble to smoking, and new studies have found that an additional 50,000 individuals die each year from the effects of passive smoking, breathing the smoke from the cigarettes, pipes, and cigars of others.

An increasing number of businesses, industries, and retail shops and stores now prohibit smoking, and the percentage of Americans who smoke is now less than 30%. The new policy will be enforced beginning in the fall semester. Methodist offers free smoking-cessation classes under its Student, Faculty, and Staff Assistance contract with the Cumberland County Department of Mental Health. Anyone interested in a class can get further information from Kathy Woltz in the Student Union.