

Methodist College Loses Colleague & Friend

School Photographer Passes On

by Dan Devlin, Jr

Home basketball games at Methodist College are always an important event, and Richard Small, Methodist College's campus-wide photographer, knew it. On Tuesday, February 6, 1996, at approximately 7:30 P.M., Richard Small passed away, a victim of an "apparent heart attack," according to school physician Ron Foster. Small was 54 years old.

Small had covered nearly every home sporting event, as well as all of the official functions for the Methodist College Public Relations Department, where he worked as the the school photographer for the last 18 months. Most of the pictures seen in the "MC Today" magazine and Pride were Small's work.

On Tuesday night, the Methodist College Monarchs faced Averett College on their homecourt in the March F. Riddle Physical Activities Center, and Small was there, ready for the night's events. Shortly before the game began, he complained of a "tightness in the chest." Assistant football coach Eric Westerfield asked if he should call the paramedics, but Small stated that it was probably just left over from a chest cold he'd been suffering from over the previous weekend. Uneasy about the photographer's condition, Westerfield notified Stephen Atstupenas, Methodist's assistant athletic trainer, that they might have a serious situation on their hands.

Atstupenas, after questioning Small about his condition and noticing a "bluish tint to his lips," moved him to the main office in the PAC where he could relax on the couch and catch his breath. Small related that he hadn't felt well over the weekend, and had been taking medicine to battle his cold. "It's probably nothing," Small said. A quick telephone call to Foster informed Atstupenas that Small had suffered a stroke two years prior and that medical attention should be sought. Atstupenas immediately dialed 911 and requested emergency medical attention.

Paramedics from Cumberland County Emergency Medical Services arrived and rushed Small to Cape Fear Valley Medical center. "He suffered an 'apparent heart attack' on the way to the hospital," Atstupenas later said, where Small was pronounced dead upon arrival.

A memorial service was held for family and friends at Hensdale Chapel at Methodist College the following Friday afternoon, February 9, 1996. He is survived by his wife, Betsy, and sister, Ann, as well as friends and family.

MC Security Involved In On-Campus Chase

by Dan Devlin, J

The Methodist College Police/Public Safety Department were involved in a joint "hot pursuit" with Fayetteville City Police on Methodist College campus late Friday afternoon, February 9, 1996, at approximately 4:17 P.M.. Chief Wilford Saunders defines "hot pursuit" as pursuit of a suspect fleeing a crime in a motor vehicle at a high rate of speed in an effort to apprehend the suspect.

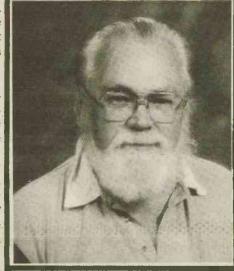
Methodist College Security received a radio transmission from Fayetteville City Police officer Randy Jackson, who was following an African-American woman, approximately 50 to 55 years of age, in a late model stationwagon at a high rate of speed, headed north on Ramsey Street in the direction of Methodist College campus.

The woman, in an attempt to elude Officer Jackson, proceeded through the Welcome Center and onto the campus, at which time Methodist College Police Officer Sean Fay took chase, followed by Jackson. The suspect proceeded to lead the officers north on Lowdermilk Drive, past the Homer Administration Building and toward the residence halls.

She continued through the dorm area and headed toward the March F. Riddle Center, where MC Security Officer Anna McDuffie had set up a roadblock with the Security Truck. The suspect drove into the grass, avoiding McDuffie's roadblock, and proceeded to make her way towards the Trustees' parking lot. She then took a right on Lowdermilk Drive, where Chief Saunders joined the chase, followed by Fay and Jackson.

The suspect exited campus through the North gate, turned right and proceeded north on Ramsey Street. Fayetteville City Police took over the chase, which ended eight miles later in a wooded area off of Rachel Road, off US 401 North, when she crashed into a ditch. Officer Fay and Chief Saunders placed the suspect under arrest after she failed several filed sobriety tests. The suspect faces eight charges from the Fayetteville City Police, four charges from the Methodist College Police/Public Safety department, and an unspecified number of charges from the Morth Carolina Highway Patrol.

"We were very lucky no one was injured," Saunders said. "Safety was utmost in our minds." Saunders also stated that he was very proud of his officers and their actions, stating that we are "fortunate to have them" on our campus.



Richard Small

Delta Mu Delta Holds Inaugural Induction

by Lillian Michelle Yarborough

The inaugural dinner and induction ceremony for the Reeves School of Business Eta Sigma Chapter of Delta Mu Delta was held on November 19, 1995. Dr. Grace Black, the National President of Delta Mu Delta, spoke about the origin of the honor society in 1913, its growth to the 186 chapters it includes today, and performed the official induction of the charter and honorary members of the new chapter. Dr. Black added that membership in Delta Mu Delta was, "an honor that cannot be bought or given as a gift but earned."

Following the induction ceremony, Professor Joesph Doll introduced the Keynote Speaker, Mr. David Jameson, President and CEO of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce. The theme of Jameson's speech was "Going from Academic Success to Leadership in Managing Creatively for Social and Economic Good." Mr. Jameson ended his speech by saying to the students, "I look forward to seeing you on the scene of Fayetteville's bright future.

Students who were inducted at the ceremony include: Tiffany Black, Margaretta Blackwell, Nichole Brooks, Deborah Carlson, Karen Dorman, James Fair, Jared Fryer, June Harrison, Susan Hayes-Johnson, Miscall Henninger, James Henson, Patricia Hurley, Sidney Larson, Ron Lavoie, Felice McNair, Jennifer nee, Brian Rodgers, Christine Summers, Colleen Waffer, Judith Wright, and Lillian Michelle Yarborough.

The honorary members who were also inducted include: Dr. Anthony DeLapa, Prof. Joseph Doll, Prof. Linda Gravitt, Dr. Elton Hendricks, Ms. Donna Clayton Lloyd, and Mr. David Wilson.

