

Methodist 2004 Loyalty Day Congressman Mike McIntyre volunteers to help

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Loyalty Day, an annual tradition that predates the opening of Methodist College, was lead this year by North Carolina Congressman Mike McIntyre.

Choosing to take a day off from his busy life in politics, McIntyre, along with Methodist's Director of Annual Fund and Parent Programming Heather Dunbar lead over 150 volunteers in raising donations used to meet the needs of the school's annual funds.

The money was successfully raised through the support of local businesses, churches, alumni and parents who have committed by pledging to donate towards the schools fund for a three-year span.

These donations help pay the annual cost for operating Methodist, such as lights, water, heat, guest speakers as well as scholarship support for students.

According to McIntyre "By giving generously we can demonstrate a strong support for the positive values that Methodist College represents in higher education."

These positive values are what drove a group of citizens that call themselves the Foundation Board, to help raise money for the school's needs.

This Board has pledged to raise yearly operating funds to compensate for budget demands, and over the years they have raised more than \$7 million for the school.

In this mission to raise money, they all spent an entire day seeking loyalty from the community.

Local broadcasting companies



Clockwise: President Hendricks and Director of Annual Fund Heather Dunbar look on as community members file in to help with Loyalty Day; Congressman Mike McIntyre speaks on Loyalty Day; Hendricks speaks with McIntyre.



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such as Beasley Broadcasting Group and Cumulus Broadcast House showed their support by donating public service announcements to help spread the word about the fundraiser.

Thanks to the help and support of the Methodist College community, outside volunteers and Congressman McIntyre, the annual fundraiser has raised an early total of \$23,926.50. This sum includes advanced gifts already in-house and assignments sheets turned into date.

The school anticipates on the remaining assignment sheets to come in over the next few weeks.

Dunbar, the school's main organizer of this year's event, said, "Due to varying business cycles, donations will continue to come in through out the year and will be ac-

cepted until December 31, 2004."

A celebration for the fundraisers success was held the following evening at the Airborne Special Operations Museum where Methodist College showed their gratitude to pledges and local businesses.

This year's Foundation Board Members for 2004's Loyalty Day include: Marian Hodges Adams, Charles Barkley, Bill Bowman, Kevin Bunn, Karen Corne, Col. Joseph Currin, Greg Edge, Brett Herrman, Mike Heyward, Brett Husley, Paul Jones, Carolyn Lancaster, John Malzone, Bill Martin, Jack McGinley, David Nichols, Tom Phelps, Jodi Vasquez and Ben Wilson. Heather Dunbar organized the event and Mike McIntyre served as the Chairman and guest speaker.

MC discards old structure for schools

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The old academic divisions have recently come under fire. In December, a new structure was decided upon that will separate Methodist into "schools" instead of "divisions." Each of the schools will be headed by a dean, and the departments have been divided into six groups.

The Reeves School of Business has undergone only a minor change. The former division head, Mike Truesdell, will be dean, and the school will house all of the original Reeves programs, with the addition of sports management.

The School of Science and Human Development will be led by Wenda Johnson. Its departments: Biology, Chemistry, Math, Athletic Training, Education, Phys. Ed. (teacher education), Exercise Physiology and the Physician Assistant Program.

John Sill will lead the School of Arts and Humanities, which includes English and Writing, Foreign Languages, Philosophy and Religion, Art, Music, Theatre, History, Sociology and Psychology.

The future dean of the School of Public Affairs is Trevor Morris. Its departments will be Justice Studies, Social Work, Political Science, Paralegal Studies, Leadership Studies, Global Studies, Occupational Environmental Management and Military Science.

The School of Information and Technology will be headed by Bill Watt. Its departments are Computer Science, Communication and Library.

Finally, the School of Graduate Studies will be led by Don Lassiter, and

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