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## Katrina Brings a New Face to Methodist

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A foreign exchange student who lost everything in hurricane Katrina has found a place to call home at Methodist College.

Kazuto Sumita's experience with Hurricane Katrina is very unusual. The 26 year old economics major from Osaka, Japan was displaced by Hurricane Katrina when it struck New Orleans.

Kazuto came to Tulane University in the fall of 2003 to study English. In the wake of the storm, Kazuto lost everything. He evacuated New Orleans with his roommate.

With his wallet, passport, and a change of clothes, Kazuto left and stayed in a Houston hotel.

Since he could not return to New Orleans, Kazuto stayed with his roommate.

Eventually, Kazuto came to Fayetteville with his roommate, and another evacuee, a woman named Roya Taheri, another student at Tulane University, and her step-father. The step-father had a relative in Fayetteville.

When Kazuto arrived in Fayetteville, members of The Holy Trinity Episcopal Church learned of his plight and got in touch with the Methodist College International Student Office.

To his luck, Methodist agreed to accept students from the storm without charge, providing boarding and books for the upcoming fall semester for evening classes. In the spring, free tuition and boarding will be offered to him as well.



Kazuto Sumita, originally from Osaka, Japan, ended up at Methodist after the whirlwind events of Hurricane Katrina. Photo by Steven Magnusen

Currently, Kazuto is staying in West Hall and is taking ESL courses in the evening.

Last Thursday, when asked how he feels, Kazuto responded by saying that the school is "small and more comfortable."

He also said when his parents came for family weekend, they felt that he was in good hands.

Kazuto commented that the people have been very friendly and that he has made a lot of friends.

His roommate with whom he came to Fayetteville with has transferred to Indiana State University. He recently talked with two friends of his that were displaced by the storm and said that they were doing well.

Kazuto seems to be fitting in well in his new home at Methodist College.

## "I Choose" a Keg Party in the Berns

**Sarah Davenport**  
Staff Writer

Alcohol abuse is a problem on many campuses nationwide.

In response, the Bacchus and Gamma Peer Education group has established National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NCAAW) which officially takes place Oct 16-22.



Promotional poster for NCAAW "I Choose." Photo courtesy of www.bacchusgamma.org

Methodist is one of the hundreds of schools that participate in NCAAW.

The college is hosting its event on one day versus a week due to Fall Break and Homecoming. The event will be held on Thursday, Oct 20. It will be a very busy and informative day.

"We will hold a house party in Berns from 10 am-2 pm," stated Crisy Nelson, Associate Director of Housing

and Residence Life.

Two kegs each of root beer and cream soda will be served at the party along with mock tails and non-alcoholic punch.

There will be beer pong. Root beer pong that is.

"We want students to know that you can have fun without being drunk," Nelson said.

A lot of information will be handed out about alcohol poisoning due to the amount of deaths it causes on campuses every year.

The theme of the week is "I Choose." NCAAW is pushing for students to be

able to make their own decisions about alcohol.

"My goal is to get the information out. If I can educate one person, then my effort is worthwhile," Nelson said.

Educated students generally make smart choices.

Methodist and NCAAW want to make sure that as many students as possible are educated on the consequences of irresponsible drinking.

"Am I going to stop them from drinking?" asks Nelson, "No. I just want to help save their lives."

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# “Excuse Me, Mr. President...”

**Jameson Jones**  
Co-Sports Editor

Last Thursday night was a night set aside by President Hendricks for Methodist College students to address various concerns including 24-hour visitation, alcohol on campus and the current air conditioning problems in Garber and Weaver Halls.

President Hendricks first discussed the three new construction projects that are planned for Methodist College, including the new Creekside Apartments, the science addition and wellness center.

The science addition and the wellness center are set to begin construction if there are no snags in the Creekside project.

Also, he gave insight of what the new science addition will contain. It will have a two-story connector filled with faculty offices. Each floor will serve a different purpose.

The top floor will be mainly for chemistry classes and labs while the bottom floor would contain biology. Plans also include



President Hendricks answers questions on issues brought up by the students at the Town Hall meeting on Sept. 29. Photo by Will Montoya

converting the old labs into classrooms.

According to Hendricks, the new health and fitness center will have a weight room and a jogging track. Both of those projects are set to be finished in early 2007.

One of the students in attendance asked “why Methodist College currently does not have a 24-hour visitation policy in the residence halls.”

President Hendricks responded by saying “there is nothing to be gained or lost through such a policy and the current visitation policy is the most liberal it

has ever been.”

Another issue brought up was why there is not a place on campus for those raised in other countries and people of legal age to consume alcohol responsibly.

President Hendricks replied by saying “there is not a place is because of the current North Carolina state laws that prevent a person under the age of 21 to purchase alcohol and that Methodist cannot provide a place or sanctuary to avoid laws of the state.”

“Also, not more than five percent of the students currently on campus are

over the age of 21 and that only increases to 10 percent by the year’s end.”

“This would also be a practical problem to sell to the Trustees, parents and others who care about the school,” Hendricks added.

Finally, a major concern that has affected the residents of Garber and Weaver Halls is the air conditioning problem.

A suggested way to resolve this was to renovate the halls by installing new air conditioners. Costs to do this could come close to building a new residence hall at one million dollars per building. The college would also have to bring in

an engineer to check the problems with the water exchange and a new chiller alone would cost \$100,000.

At the conclusion of the meeting, SGA president Shauna Bunn said “this town hall meeting “gave students opportunities to voice their opinion and concerns at Methodist College,” even though only 30 people showed up to the town hall meeting.”

Due to the low attendance, student Will Montoya said that “he [President Hendricks] should do this every month.”

## 100 Years of PWC

**Elizabeth Vargas**  
Opinions Editor

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Public Works Commission (PWC), the group responsible for supplying power to Fayetteville, N.C. PWC is the largest customer out of 2.9 million for the North Carolina based utility company, Progress Energy. On Wednesday, September 28, President and COO of Progress Energy William Johnson spoke in Clark Auditorium about some of the key factors needed to operate a business.

Both students and faculty brought up many questions on important topics such as nuclear energy, strategic planning, and efficiency in a business. Johnson pointed out that people are the key resource in a business. A company is driven by workforce. Johnson stated that, “One must understand human dynamics to understand others and the world around you.” Johnson also mentioned the fact that public acceptance of nuclear energy has improved about 50 to 70 percent. Nuclear plants are expensive to build yet cheap to operate. In order to measure efficiency, Johnson sets goals that are

based on a theory of continuous improvement. Employees of Progress Energy are compensated 15 percent as an incentive to keep motivated.

Progress Energy has been a highly successful business with revenues up to 9 billion per year. The company has expanded domestically with no international or foreign business. The lack of outsourcing has to deal with the fact that Progress Energy is a monopoly regulated and budgeted by the government.

Johnson informed listeners that the air in America is much cleaner then it has been in the past twenty years. North Carolina has made a plan to reduce pollution in the next decade by 70 percent. This will cost the company billions of dollars.

“We want to be top quartile in everything we do,” stated Johnson. Throughout the years, employees of Progress Energy have put in 11 million hours of community service. The company has also given 10 million dollars of grants and charitable donations a year. Johnson recognized the importance of returning profits to the community

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CORRECTION BOX: We would like to appologize to Gene Clayton for misspelling his name in our last issue.

# Student Justice

*Will Montoya*  
Editor-in-Chief

Some say that freedom is free, but Methodist College will use the student court to decide which freedoms are free and which freedoms are not. That's right, Methodist students will now have the opportunity to have their day in court: student court that is.

"Anybody can go to student court [including night students] for any type of fine, or any type of parking ticket as long as it is not given by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office," said Wendy Vonnegut the advisor to Student court.

The only things that students cannot bring to student court are the things that are subject to suspension from school," Vonnegut added.

Students are required to meet with the Dean of Students for those issues that may result in suspension from school.

It may be intimidating for students who are required to meet with the Dean of Students for serious infractions, but, don't worry students, the governing bodies of Methodist College have

given students the additional right to bring a member of the Methodist College community into the meeting with them.

"The conversation between the student and the Dean of Students can also be tape recorded if they choose," stated Vonnegut.

Students that come to student court may request to be represented by a student attorney or they can represent themselves. Three Justices will hear every case that comes into student court and make a determination within 72-hours.

To request that a case be heard in student court a student must visit Mrs. Vonnegut's office in the Trustees Building and fill out a request for student court form.

After the form is filled out the student will be given a date to appear in court and are one step closer to receiving the justice they deserve.

"Too many students think that their constitutional rights leave when they enter college and that's not true," said Vonnegut, "so we really hope that students use student court because it's for them."

# An American Tableau



Dallas Brass treated Methodist College to a lovely evening of music and entertainment on Thursday Sept. 29. Band members (pictured from left to right) Brian Neal on trumpet, Walter White on drums, Chris Castellanos on horn, John Wasson on tuba, Charles Lazarus on trumpet and Michael Levine on trombone played a delightful assortment of American musical compositions. Photo by Melanie Gibson

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and remembering who is responsible for them.

When asked what the most challenging aspect of his current position, Johnson jokingly answered,

"I no longer have to do anything."

Johnson believes that success comes from those around you. "M.J. was great because he made everyone on the court better."

# United Colors of Fayetteville



Many different countries were represented in the parade which was enjoyed by all. Photos by Pat Blalock

*Matt McHale*  
Contributing Writer

Crazy, exciting, and enlightening are all words that can be used to describe this year's International Folk Festival held in downtown Fayetteville.

It was the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual International Folk Festival and this year's host country, Italy, kicked off the event. This humungous festival took place between the Market House and Ray Street.

Festivities included activities such as the international dog, show

where owners dressed their pets in garb from countries around the world, games and contests, and a parade of countries.

But who are we kidding? Most of the people went for one thing. The food. The

festival featured foods from all around the world. Booths from India, Italy, Japan, Germany and many other countries ended up taking over most of Green Street.

"It smelled fabulous there and the lemonade was fantastic," said Dr.

Hartley of Methodist College's Biology Department.

There was a huge turnout for the event causing visiting George Mason University Freshman, Ann Clautice to comment, "It was so crowded I felt like I had caught an STD by just standing there."

Overall, the event seemed to be a big success with a feeling of camaraderie between everyone who attended was evident.



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# Temporary Residence is Now 50 Years Old

**Amber Smith**  
Staff Writer

Crysy Nelson discussed the much needed renovations for the Pines Apartments with me on Tuesday, Sept. 27. Nelson is the Resident Coordinator for the Cape Fear Commons and the Pines Apartments.

The Pines is one of the oldest buildings on campus, but was originally built to be a temporary facility and is now 45 to 50 years old.

The apartments in the Pines consist of a full kitchen, a living room, two bedrooms, and one bathroom, in which four individuals can live.

Since its construction, it has always been assumed that the Pines will be torn down because it was not meant to be a permanent building. So why is it still standing?

Simply because we need the space. As Ms. Nelson put it, "We are growing, and growing quickly."

Our retention rate grew phenomenally this year, forcing the school to find housing for everyone.

For this reason, half of the first floor of Cumberland is all female. This is also what keeps the Pines' doors open to students.

Several buildings last year hosted three students to a room. Until the Creekside Apartments

open, the college is tight with the student population.

The disregard for the

Maintenance crews also cleaned the rust inside of the medicine cabinets.

There is very dim lighting in the apartments, as well as missing toilet paper bars and towels bar. These were replaced this past week as well.

A few appliances were replaced

Pines is far from complete, however. Major problems such as possible foundation work need to be completed, as well as even more minor issues.

Nelson discussed a few changes they would like to make to the Pines, but it hinges greatly on the big debate: will the Pines be torn down, or will the college keep them?

The strip of land that the apartments rest on may possibly be sold to businesses. If this happens, the Pines will be torn down.

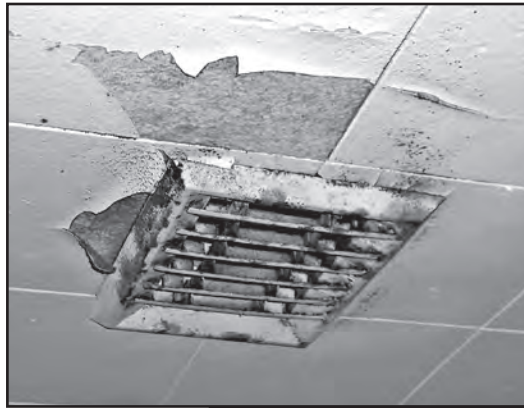
Many feel that it would

be pointless to spend money on fixing the apartments when the building is just going to be torn down. This explains the hesitancy on fixing the Pines.

As the argument rages on, the Pines Apartments slowly become even more rundown and decrepit.

Any questions concerning the Pines Apartments should be directed to Crysy Nelson, extension 7242.

Questions or comments can also be given to Tanya Davis, Associate Dean of Students/Director of Housing and Residence Life.



condition of the Pines has been an on-going process for several decades, with no real renovations to speak of since their creation. There are several problems with the Pines, including major and minor ones.

Nelson commented on the Pines, "The condition of the building, in my opinion, is not worth what the students have to pay to live there."

Fortunately, some repairs and renovations took place this past week, alleviating some of the problems with the Pines.

The rusted sinks and toilets were cleaned with a new, effective cleanser.

Rusted vents, ceiling tiles, and sinks are now in the process of being fixed in the Pines Apartments. Photos by Norma Bradshaw

and bushes around the building were trimmed. The exterior and parts of the interior were repainted, too.

The building itself got a good pressure washing. Even some broken ceiling tiles were patched. Perhaps the most unusual thing about the renovations to the Pines was that the ivy growing through a few students' windows was removed.

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## Gangs of NC

**Norma Bradshaw**  
Staff Writer

Detective Hunter Glass, who has been with the Fayetteville Police Department for sixteen years now, works the criminal intelligence unit, specializing in gangs. Known to many as "Gator," he is considered an expert not only in this region, but all over the country.

His presentations are in high demand. He has given a special gang presentation in one of the largest gang conferences, Los Angeles, and is now traveling around North Carolina giving his presentation. The department of Fayetteville consulted with him for his advice as to what the military could expect in New Orleans with gangs there.

Detective Glass works with gangs in North Carolina and helps educate people about gangs. His presentation was to teach about what a gang member is, and how it can be considered a religion.

"Gangs are a representation of their environment and most people have the misconception that a gang member is a young black, poverty stricken individual. However, the truth of the matter is that gangs are not age and race specific at all," Glass said. Another misconception

tion is that "there are no gangs in my area." Detective Glass combats this remark by stating "If I can drive to your house, your neighborhood etc. Then so can they, and they are here."

Along with his knowledge on the subject providing slide after slide of interesting information that he has compiled on gangs, he included some very graphic photos of gangs' activities including "tagging" and even murder. Glass expresses that gangs are very appealing to youth who do not have structure at home, the gang promises protection, love and, most importantly, structure.

Here is the scary part, the most common active gangs in North Carolina are: Gangster Disciples Nation, Folk, Crips, Bloods, United Blood Nation (UBN), Latin Kings, Sur-13, 18<sup>th</sup> Streeters, and many more.

Included in the presentation were photographs from Sanford, N.C. and the graffiti put there by gang members in an old school building. There are not just street gangs in Fayetteville, there are gangs in our military as well.

If anyone would like to know more about the active gangs in the U.S. military, contact me at wildcherryr@hotmail.com subject line gangs.

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# Fire Mountain is Hot Off the Grill

**Donalda Higgs**  
Staff Writer

Fire Mountain on 1470 Skibo Road, District Four, officially opened on Wednesday, Sept 21. at 3:30 pm. The scent of fresh tar steamed from the parking lot, as members of the local press and friends and family of workers at the new restaurant migrated through the entrance.

You can't miss the new development, with its new welcoming atmosphere. Contributing to this irresistible invitation is the "home-like" appearance of the building from the outside. Glass windows, two new smokers' outpost at the entrance, and two French double brown doors.

Inside is just as appealing. There is a waiting area for those crowded moments, where customers can shortly wait for a promising meal. In



Methodist College cheerleaders and dancers participated in the festivities of the opening and pose here with the staff of Fire Mountain. Photo by Chris Robinson

here, there is a park bench, capable of seating two people.

A map of North Carolina posted on the wall is one of many wall accessories for the restaurant. Historic pictures also adorn the walls of the restaurant, along with military memorabilia.

There is even a section

just for Methodist College. If you have ever visited the Lion's Den, then you would have seen the "the great wall of Methodist." Fire Mountain has one too.

Our college's cheer and dance teams were well represented at the event as well, further contributing to Methodist's involvement with

the restaurant. To start the event off in style, the cheerleaders made an aisle-like entrance to the restaurant, where not only our photographer took pictures of them, but also the local press. In the midst of them

were the serving staff, chefs, and waitresses, along with the managerial staff.

Kellie Reames, Ambassador of Cumberland County Business Council, gave the welcome.

A few Cumberland County business commissioners and council clergy gave remarks as

well. Manager of Fire Mountain, Vonda Damron, commented on the staff by saying, "no employees, we considered all the staff a team." Once the ribbon was cut, members of the restaurant went inside, along with the public that were invited.

The restaurant serves everything from pizza, tacos, fresh bread and fried chicken to fresh garden salad, fresh fruit and sweets.

Neon lit signs above various bars explain what can be served. The restaurant is open Sunday through Thursday from 10:45 am to 9:30 pm and Friday to Saturday from 10:45 am to 10:30 pm.

Many have compared the new development as being "a cross-link between Golden Corral and Texas Steak House."

## Limits of Free Speech

**Dave Santiago**  
Staff Writer

"Limits of free speech in a free society" was the topic of Rick Glazier's lecture on Friday, Sept 23. in Clark auditorium.

His lecture was part of the new U.S. Constitution day, which has been established to educate and promote awareness of the U.S. Constitution. In the duration of his talk he touched on the legal limits of speech concerning obscenity and hate speech that leads violent behavior. False advertising was also mentioned.

Rick Glazier gave most of the attention to hate speech and violent behavior. He talked much about the conflict that often arises when groups such as the Ku Klux Klan want to exercise their right to assemble and the thin line between hate speech and suppression of one's opinion.

He also touched on the conflicted feelings towards the civil rights

movement and the thin ice of peaceful breaking of laws and lawless behavior. In the course of his speech, much came up about the pledge of allegiance.

Another sketchy area is that under the principles of a nation, does it contradict those principles to enforce children to pledge themselves to the nation that gives the principles? These are the key issues that Glazier feels our and the next generations have to face.

Rick Glazier made it clear that the principles of the constitution are "anti-majoritarian" or meant to protect the minority, whether it is racial or an interest group

Rick Glazier is a democratic N.C. representative for Fayetteville as well as an attorney. He has served as an Assistant Public Defender, a law clerk for two federal judges, and is currently a co-managing partner for Fayetteville's largest law firm.

## Methodist College Families Come Together



Family Weekend took place on the weekend of Sept 23. It officially kicked off on Friday afternoon when parents were invited to discover downtown Fayetteville followed by a wonderful concert in Yarborough Auditorium featuring One Spirit. The Monarchs played the first home football game of the season on Saturday and beat N.C. Wesleyan 31-20.

Family Weekend is an asset to many families that are new to the college. It allows parents to see how their children are doing at school and what their life here is like. It also gives students the chance to see their parents, especially those students that are out of state.

The family pictured left shows their support of the school by sporting their Methodist College t-shirts. Photo by Dean of Students George Blanc

## Merle Norman

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## Remille's Rambling: Where were you?

Remille Shipman  
Sports Editor

**Disclaimer:** For the past 21 years, millions of thoughts, questions and ideas have been flying in and out my head...and I just wanted to get all of this off my chest. Yes, this is my opinion and mine only, not the opinion of anybody else. I'm not the type of guy to offend people, and I hope I don't, but I just felt that Methodist College needed my take on virtually everything that goes on in this little world of ours.

Before I get started, I would like to apologize to everyone for not having my pointing face inside of the last issue of smallTalk. I would like to talk about a rather recent event that happened on our campus: our Town Hall Meeting last Thursday in the Yarborough Auditorium. More specifically, the lack of attendance by the general student population at this meeting. I don't think that the majority of the student population

really took this as seriously as they should have. I know the Student Government Association had posters placed all around the Berns Center and campus about the meeting. I tried reminding everybody I could about the meeting, because I felt that this was an excellent way for

students to voice their complaints. But in the end, the only students who took advantage of the opportunity to tell President Hendricks what was right and wrong about Methodist was me, a few other students, and of course the ones that HAD to be there (the SGA).

Now people may say that they were too swamped with homework to attend the meeting. Please. I had homework. That's why I configured my schedule to study and attend the Town Hall meeting at the same time. I couldn't miss an opportunity to voice my opinions about Methodist

to someone who could do something about it. I'm not a time management god, but attempting it has helped me and a lot of other people. Basically, it bothers me to see that more than 1,000 students decided to miss this opportunity.

In case you were wondering, not all of the questions asked that night were completely answered. And we did ask some good questions, such as whether Creekside will be completed on time and whether there will be any more programs to attract female students. But, I know students around campus have plenty of complaints, and I feel you missed out on an opportunity to make your issues clear to Dr. Hendricks. So I'm going to end on this note: I assume you heard about the promotions all around campus. Methodist's students need to make a choice: Either quit being apathetic or quit complaining at all. You had your opportunity and you missed it.



President Hendricks talks with a slim crowd during his 1st town hall meeting this year. Photo by Will Montoya



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### Upcoming Events

**Powder Puff and Bonfire:** You are invited to a night of spirit and fierce competition on Oct. 21 at 8:30p.m. on the practice field beside the football field. Coaches and players are needed! If you are interested in participating, please sign up at the RHA Office located in the Berns Student Center or call 7626.

**Oktoberfest Halloween Style:** RHA, in conjunction with SGA, presents a fantastic evening of turkey legs, root beer legs and cake walks! Last year's was a blast, this year's could only be better! Come indulge in the fun on the evening of Oct. 27 outside on the basketball courts!

For more information, come to a meeting!

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## McDonaldization of MC

*Will Montoya*  
 Editor-in-Chief

I'll take a chocolate shake and a double cheeseburger minus the cheese and the bun. Methodist College is becoming more like a McDonald's restaurant.

There is an increase in expectations by Methodist College students. As a result, standards are being dropped, classes are not lasting the prescribed length, and students are expecting grades they did not earn. Students are now expecting everything to be handed to them without putting forward much effort. Is this apathy the direct result of parents spoon feeding their kids or is it the result of laziness? It's the direct result of both.

The standards at Methodist College have been lowered. Professors are lowering their standards by accepting quantity work over work that has quality. For example, why do some professors ask for 10 poorly written papers rather than accepting two or three papers that are well organized, clear, concise, and to the point. Students, on the other hand, are not taking the time to read their textbooks to try and learn something-which goes back to my point of high unreasonable expectations.

Professors, why do you dismiss your classes early, especially the night classes? Do you feel sorry for the hard-working night students who have jobs and come to school part time, or is it because you don't feel night students need to know as much as traditional students? Students, in contrast, come to classes expecting to get dismissed early. Why, students? It's not like you are paying money to come to school and learn something.

Almost all professors grade on a curve. Instead, why not get rid of this easy way to pass students and actually fail the students who are not performing up to the expectations of the class? This would not only help students with the essential skills of life, but it would also produce a breed of college graduates who actually know what they are doing.

Students need to use some good ole' elbow grease and put forth some effort into studying and actually trying to learn something, instead of always expecting to earn a passing grade for minimal effort.

Will the McDonaldization ever end at Methodist College? If it does, students will not only be more educated, but they will also be more prepared for life after college.

# Quit Smothering Me!

Dear Smotherer,

Dear Love Doctors:

What do you do if you are in an established relationship and you are not getting your needs met but you don't want to break up? I want my fiancé to spend quality time with me but he wants to play on the computer 24 hours a day. If he is not in class or working he is messing with the computer. If I ask him to do something with me, I am bothering him. If I complain then he says that I am smothering him. I have talked to him but nothing changes. The Smotherer

Dear Smotherer:

Next time send me an easy one! One of the things you didn't tell me is why you don't want to break up. So I am going to make a guess. You don't want to break up because you really love this guy. You have seen some wonderful things in him and he has been there for you and the relationship is basically too good to throw away, right? If I am wrong and the relationship is rotten all the way around, then the answer is easy and obvious. If I am right then communication is the answer. I understand that you have tried to communicate. Try again and again but try something different. I am prescribing a combination of "I language" and a "feedback sandwich". Keep the focus on your needs; no criticism of him is allowed. Use the word 'I' not 'you'. Think through what you would like to request. Don't request something broad and general and be positive not negative. Make your request very clear, very specific and time limited. An example would be, "I want to go on regular dates together. Let's start with a movie on Saturday night." Instead of, "Stop being selfish and pay me some attention". Sandwich your request between two honest and clear expressions of your love and appreciation. Below is a model of what I am suggesting. Continuing to communicate with honesty is the only thing that keeps love working.

Best Wishes-  
 Darlene

I love you and this is why \_\_\_\_\_ I don't like the way things are going. I am feeling hurt because I miss spending time with you. When you say I'm smothering you I feel rejected. I would like to request that \_\_\_\_\_. I know we can work this out and I am not going to stop trying. I love you. I love the way you \_\_\_\_\_. I know you love me too and I trust you to help work this out. What do you think?

A relationship requires a balance of efforts. Both people must work equally to keep the relationship going on. You have been doing your part by reaching out to your fiancé, but he has not done his part to reach out to you. You can try to open communication lines by explaining to him how hurt you are and how much you miss spending time with him. You could mention something fun that you two used to do often.

However, that may not work. Your description of your fiancé matches that of a computer addict. Ivan Goldberg identified some symptoms of computer addiction:

Some symptoms include: decrease in physical activity, avoiding important life activities, decrease in socializing, and neglecting family and friends.

If your fiancé has more than one of these symptoms, it is possible that he is a computer addict and needs help. Suggest counseling to him, explaining that agreeing to go may save your relationship. You cannot try to put all of the effort in your relationship. He must make an effort too, even if it is only admitting he may have a problem.

Good luck,  
 Ashley



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# Patriotism vs. Nationalism

David Santiago  
Staff Writer

Being slightly disturbed by the attitudes of many of my fellow Americans, I must speak up, for I fear this nation is in danger. This is why I disapprove of the pledge of allegiance. It promotes blind adherence, not the heritage of the principles America was founded on. Patriotism is love for your homeland or chosen land of citizenship, as is often the case in the USA, and celebrating the liberties we have: culture and diversity, as well as being ready to defend them either from a foreign invader or a governing body who oversteps its authority. A patriot is proud to be American simply because it is their homeland. But when you follow the current system blindly, patriotism takes a supremacist extreme; believing we are better and ought to tell the rest of the world what to do. This is extremely dangerous; it is these sorts of

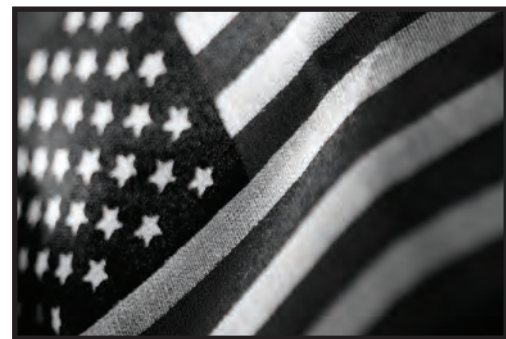
people that followed Hitler in Nazi Germany. I don't think we are better than every other country in this world; the value of nation is based on the quality of its people, not the simple fact that we are a superpower. Love of your country has nothing to do with the government. Even people who suffer under communist regimes such as in china will still be proud to be Chinese. There are many countries probably better than us and many far worse. This is my homeland that has, thus far, been good to me; I am proud to be American.

Now concerning the pledge of allegiance, when children are taught to pledge themselves to the flag, instead of say, the Bill of Right, who's to say a fascist regime couldn't sneak in and overtake America, keeping the loyalty of Americans by presenting themselves under the flag. That's how things like slavery can be justified, when the standard is

set by those who stand by the symbol, not the founding principles of the nation. I have nothing but respect for the symbol of our nation, but rather than memorize a poem that defines being American as standing under some red white and blue piece of cloth, children ought to be taught the Bill of Rights. The Governments place is to protect liberties, and children ought to be taught to fervently watch out for any governing authority, whether at the State or Federal level, that over steps that line.

Some say that the pledge promotes community for the common good. That's dangerous thinking. America is a society in which communities, whether they are religious or otherwise, co-exist in an economy and an understood social contract. Liberty is the foundation of the common good. And that's why I say forget pledging allegiance to the flag, I pledge allegiance to the constitution.

# Letter to the Editor



I have sat back and read article after article about how wrong the president is in is fight against global terror. The criticisms come in from all angles and yet we never stop to remember the situation that exists. We were attacked by a seemingly cloaked enemy; an enemy that hid themselves among the shadows of this world. For the first time in modern history the American CITIZENS were attacked. People like you and I! President Bush was faced with the task and the decision to defend this country and its people. After all that is his job. Bin Laden's terror organization was hunted down and decapitated. With no central leadership Bin Laden's followers are numbered to say the least.

So this was good, the American people saw the problem and gave their entire support to the president, but most of us get that. The thing that continually amazes me is the ignorance that many have in regards to the war in Iraq. Saddam was give thirteen resolutions by the UN to disclose his entire chemical and biological compounds to UN inspectors. HE REFUSED!! When the UN didn't take action, the Senate of the United States voted 77 to 23 in favor of pursuing the war in Iraq. Saddam brought this upon himself.

This war wasn't started because of oil, or greed, or in spite of a family tie. It wasn't waged for a construction company or a selfish pride. No, it was waged to protect this world, to protect us all from tyrants and dictators that have their anxious little finger on a button that could send this world back to the Stone Age. Stop and think about it for a second. Iraq is part of the war on terror!! And if you think that Iraq isn't part of the war on terror, because he had nothing to do with September 11<sup>th</sup>, then you are completely misguided. Geopolitics is the word of the day!!

Oh Saddam is a swell guy right!! He just kills his own people, using weapons that he is not supposed to have. Do you remember the Kurdish people!?!

We need to support this president, none of us have any clue how the hell to wage a war on terror. It's new and unexplored. What would we be doing right now if we hadn't intervened in Iraq? It's a word called appeasement. It only makes the aggressor more aggressive, and history, mind you, has shown what appeasement can breed. The Cuban Missile crisis, Adolf Hitler, Stalin; these are all vicious events and people in history when appeasement caused massive suffering and global distress.

There are many arguments to be made after the comments that I just made. Ask me about it sometime, I would be more than willing to discuss it. As for now try and think of this from a different perspective. Stop listening to rhetoric and look at the facts, look at what is really happening. The media tells only the criticisms of this conflict; I challenge you to search out your own truth. Don't let yourselves become part of the ignorant whole that criticize and bash over perceived notions.

Landon Bentham

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# See You at the What?



Students join hands and pray around their school's flag poles. Picture courtesy of www.syap.com

**Julia Parker**  
Staff Writer

When I was in High School the third Wednesday in September was a huge event which I always look forward to, See You at the Pole. Our entire school, from day care to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, would gather around the flag pole at 7 am and pray.

The Bible says in Matthew 18:20 (NIV), "For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." The sole purpose of See You at the Pole is to gathering in God's name to pray for the nation.

According to www.syatp.com, See You at the Pole was started by a small youth group from Burleson, Texas in 1990. The group felt burdened to pray for revival in their community and schools. They drove to three different schools and prayed around the one thing that all three of the schools had in common, a flag pole.

This was the spark that started the flame. The small, but courageous group recorded more than 45,000 students across four states who prayed around their flag pole on September 12, 1990. More recently, in 2004, more than 2 million students across the world met at the flag pole and raised their voices to heaven in prayer.

In 2004, there were students praying in all 50 American states as well as Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Kenya, Norway, Romania,

Singapore, Congo, and at least a dozen others. And there are estimates of at least 2.5 million students who prayed on September 21, 2005.

This year, in Kenner, Louisiana, an area devastated by hurricane Katrina, a group of about a dozen students gathered around a flag pole at a police station to pray because the school where their flag pole used to stand was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. A woman who was praying in Louisiana was quoted by the SYATP newsletter as saying, "We won't let this hurricane stop us from doing it!"

The evening before this year's "See You at the Pole," I called everyone I knew on campus and informed them that we would meet the next morning at 7:30 a.m. around the flag pole in front of the Administration building. If I didn't get an answer, I left a message to "show up for the Lord".

The next morning, I got up extra early and my fiancé Rodney West and I met and drove to the flag pole in front of the Horner Administration building. At around 7:30 a.m., only my former suitemates and one commuter student arrived.

After our initial disappointment of the low turnout, we had a 10 minute prayer session. We prayed for our country, our school, President Bush, President Hendricks, all the faculty and staff, our families, and

for the entire Methodist College student body.

I went away refreshed, but still disappointed. Was 7:30 a.m. too early for anyone else to come? If I can peel myself out of bed, then so can everyone else.

Many people whom I had called informed me later on that day that they forgotten, couldn't wake up, or didn't check their messages until that afternoon.

I also wondered why wasn't the event advertised by Campus Ministry?

I was also shocked that none of the members of FCA, Christian LYFE Fellowship, or the Campus Ministry staff were there. Legality or political correctness is not an excuse, because the event was affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1990, and in 1995 former President Bill Clinton recognized the event and named it legal, appropriate and protected. (www.syatp.com)

In the midst of the San Francisco Federal Appeals Court's ruling that reciting the phrase "under God" when saying the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional, the government, now more than ever, is trying to take our religious freedoms away. September 21 was evidence that America still has hope.

"See You at the Pole" is the last chance to keep the foot of prayer and religion in the door of America's public schools and colleges. Will "See You at the Pole" be challenged next by our government or will the students of America make it a voice to be reckoned with?

What's next? Let's not let our government overturn the right to pray around the pole.

I challenge you on Sept. 27, 2006, to show up at the pole and pray for the future of America.

## Banned Books Transcend Time

**Katie Zybeck**  
Contributing Writer

How many of the following books have you read—*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *Bridge to Terabithia*, *The Color Purple*, *A Wrinkle in Time*, *Lord of the Flies*, *Summer of My German Soldier*, *How to Eat Fried Worms*, or Any of the Harry Potter books?

These books made the 100 Most Frequently Challenged Books of 1990-2000.

Personally, I have read twelve (including all six Harry Potter books!). Many of the books on the list are children's books. Banned Books Week was observed Sept 24 through Oct 1.

For a book to be considered challenged, a request was made at a library to remove the book from the library's collection or move the book to another part of the collection (i.e. from the children's to young adult or young adult to adult fiction).

According to the American Library Association items were most often challenged because items were considered to be "sexually explicit," have "offensive language," and/or "unsuited to age group."

In recent years, there has been burning of Harry Potter books with groups citing that they promote witchcraft to children. Any book that gets a child to devour the pages and anxiously wait for more seems like a good thing to me. The Harry Potter books have had the largest print runs ever for first printings. How many children do you see excited about a huge book?

Historically, a document, Index Librorum Prohibitorum, translated as Index of Prohibited Books, was first printed in 1559 by Pope Paul IV.

The purpose of the list was to inform printers which books and authors were allowed by the papacy

to be printed.

The Index was revised in 1564; this Index laid out the rules of which items should be included such as heretical or immoral writings. The punishment for having or printing items on the list was excommunication.

The list continued until 1966. The thirty-second edition in 1948 included 4000 titles. Authors prohibited included John Milton, Daniel Defoe, Jonathan Swift, Victor Hugo, Gustave Flaubert, Jean-Paul Sartre, and many others.

In the twentieth century, *Ulysses* by James Joyce and *Candide* by Voltaire were seized by U.S. Postal Authorities. Many of Shakespeare's plays have been banned from classrooms in the United States including *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *King Lear*, *Twelfth Night*, and *The Merchant of Venice*. Some of the reasons the plays were banned included language, sex, and violence. Does Shakespeare say anything that the average teenager doesn't already see on television?

Should we as a society challenge or ban books because they disagree with our personal viewpoints? Should we take books away from the children's section of the library because they speak to difficult subjects? Should we judge a book by one word (the use of the n-word in *Huckleberry Finn*)?

Think about banned books and discover your point of view on these. The American Library Association has a section on banned books on their website. You can view lists of author and titles, commentaries on book burning, and challenging books.

In addition, the Library is currently hosting a display with many of the books on the list available. The display also challenges the viewer to think about censorship and learn more about it.



# ENTERTAINMENT



## Under 21 Admitted No More Embarrassing "X"



**Laura Beth Lester**

*Staff Writer*

**Joe Aldridge**

*Entertainment Editor*

College students across the nation are obsessing over a new internet fad.

Myspace and Facebook have taken the role of the New Age hangout. They are both Internet websites dedicated to finding lost friends and making new acquaintances. To enter, one needs two

simple things: a username and password. No ID is required. Myspace and Facebook are used by millions across the nation, and Methodist students are among those numbers.

Myspace offers a variety of ways to communicate with people: emails, instant messages, comments, blogs and bulletins. At Methodist College many students are already members of Myspace and hopefully more and more will join. It

allows members to personalize websites as well as meet new people and get a sense of their personality by adding music and decoration to personalize their webpage.

Myspace user Drake, a senior, says "It seems to be catching on at Methodist; more and more people are using Myspace. Myspace is just a nice way to kill time."

Facebook is an internet site strictly dedicated to college

students across the nation. Methodist College just recently became a member of the site, and any Methodist student can join. Facebook is free of charge and many students find it addictive. To join the Facebook, craze all a student needs is a Methodist email account (which can be done in the Trustees CAC Lab).

Facebook many allows students to interact across campus and at other campuses. Facebook user

Batts, a sophomore, says "Facebook is a way to meet friends and I find myself logging on every time I am near a computer."

Facebook helps the average student meet new people and also reconnect with friends from the past.

Becoming a member is easy all you have to do is log onto [www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com) or [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) after answering a few questions you too will be obsessing over the latest internet fad

## Novel Adaptation Moves "Star Wars"

**Ashley Genova**

*Staff Writer*

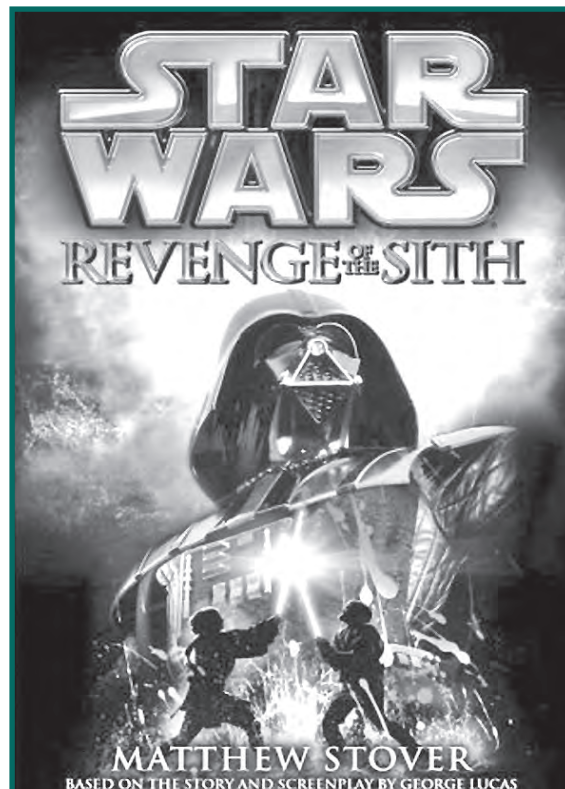
How far would you go to save the person you love the most? Would you give up your dreams, your friends and all the values you once stood for?

Anakin Skywalker must face this heavy decision in "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith," Matthew Stover's adaptation of the movie.

Anakin is a member of the Jedi Order, a group of warriors who defend the galaxy from harm and the evil Sith who oppose peace. Because the Jedi Order forbids marriage, Anakin must keep his marriage to

Senator Padme Amidala a secret. When she becomes pregnant, the fear that Anakin's secret relationship will be revealed is overshadowed by his prophetic dreams of Padme's death during childbirth.

Caught up in the turmoil of war and corruption of both the government and the Jedi Order, Anakin is uncertain of which side he belongs on. The question of his loyalty is made worse by the



knowledge that the evil powers of the Sith, the Jedi Order's enemy, may be the only way to save Padme from death.

Star Wars fans already know the outcome of the novel, but Matthew Stover's writing style gives the story a fresh twist.

Stover writes from inside the characters' heads, letting the reader know all their thoughts and

motivations. Scenes that were not in the movie have been added to the book, and other scenes are extended.

Stover adds to the drama of the story with his mediations on the dark vs. the light that are placed between chapters, and adds to the questioning of which side Anakin will chose.

Though Star Wars is science fiction, human emotions are the center of this drama. As Stover wrote in the prologue, "It is a story of love and loss, brotherhood and betrayal, courage and sacrifice and the death of dreams."

It is a story of the blurred line between our best and our worst."

# M O V I E S

## Magnusen & Aldridge



**Steven Magnusen**  
Managing Editor

“A History of Violence” is Hollywood’s latest attempt at something original. Unfortunately, the film falls flat due to a lack of depth and a poor story-line.

For a story with so much potential, the writers and director (David Cronenberg) of “A History of Violence” did a terrible job of developing the plot into anything entertaining. Tom Stalls (Viggo Mortensen), a small town man with a wife and children, is involved in a series of violent encounters that lead to questions about his past. These suspicions begin to come between Tom and his family, and he finds himself in a tough position with no allies. The plot could have been much deeper than it was. With a larger back-story, and some more development of the ending, this could have been a great movie. However, the way it stands, it seems like you’re only watching half of a film.

On top of a bad plot, the acting is generally mediocre. Viggo Mortensen is awesome in the lead role, and Maria Bello is decent as Tom’s wife, Edie. Unfortunately, most of the supporting cast is terrible. The child actors are bad, and instead of sympathizing with them as the director intended, I started to get angry at them.

“Violence” also includes two entirely unnecessary, and very graphic sex scenes. Some might say the gore is pointless as well, and either way, Cronenberg doesn’t connect the questionable content to the plot at all.

All in all, this movie isn’t great. It’s another example of Hollywood’s inability to produce fresh new material.



**Joe Aldridge**  
Entertainment Editor

With an all-star cast, a u d i e n c e s would expect an all-star movie.

V i g g o Mortensen, Ed Harris, William Hurt and Maria Bello lead the way in this big name cast.

T h e problem with “A History of

Violence” is that the story is weak to have such an outstanding cast supporting it.

Mortensen plays Tom Stall, a small town restaurant owner. His life is perfect until some people from out-of-town try to rob his store.

In one quick heroic action Stall takes care of the bad guys and becomes the town saint.

With his face all over the news some acquaintances from his past come to find him.

Stall is faced with a problem, trying to convince the mob hit men that he is not who they think he is.

The movie had mass appeal right up to the point when you find out whether or not Tom Stall is really who he says he is.

Even though it is well acted and the director does a decent job of carrying the slow but steady action, the movie falls short.

I would have to say, yes I liked this movie from an entertainment and artistic point of view, but most will not like this movie.

“A History of Violence” is worth seeing when it comes out to DVD and there is nothing better to do on a weekend.

### Weekend Box Office Stats:

Rank:	Title:	Weekend:	Total:
1.	Flighplan	\$15M	\$46.1M
2.	Serenity	\$10.1M	\$10.1M
3.	Corpse Bride	\$9.76M	\$32.9M
4.	A History of Violence	\$8.2M	\$8.97M
5.	Into the Blue	\$7M	\$7M
6.	Just Like Heaven	\$6.1M	\$38.4M
7.	Exorcism of Emily Rose	\$4.4M	\$68.5M
8.	Roll Bounce	\$4.03M	\$12.7M
9.	The Greatest Game Ever Played	\$3.75M	\$3.75M
10.	The 40 Year Old Virgin	\$3.1M	\$101M

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## Could Latoya Be The Next American Idol?

*Demario Campbell*

*Staff Writer*

Latoya Robertson sets her sights to be the next American Idol.

In last years last issue of smallTALK, I wrote a CD review of local Methodist College student Latoya Robertson's album, "A Blue and White Canoe."

On Monday October 3rd, Latoya Robertson competed with thousands of others to be the next American Idol.

With the huge success of Fantasia Barrino and Clay Aiken, producers from American Idol saw the need to bring auditions to Greensboro, N.C.

Junior Latoya Robertson is from Reidsville, N.C.

From knowing Latoya, she has a very humble persona, is

extremely talented, and an extraordinary personality, all of which are qualities of American Idols.

In my interview with her, I could see why Latoya has a great chance of being the next American Idol.

Her room in the Cape Fear Commons, where she is an RA, is like a mini music studio. There, she practices and records music for her collection.

Since age 8, Latoya has been mastering various instruments, but the piano and bass are her most accomplished instruments.

Her current album, "A Blue and White Canoe," has spawned a video for the song "Understand" for a Communications class last fall and another song, "Right Now" is currently in production for a video in another communications class.

When I asked Latoya what made her want to audition, she said, "I saw it as another opportunity to put myself out there as a musician."

When asked what she would do if she won, Latoya said "she would hope to have success."

She went on to say that after splurging on herself, she would donate money to Methodist College Basketball team, Residence Life, and the Music Department. She would also promote charities and help misfortunate children.

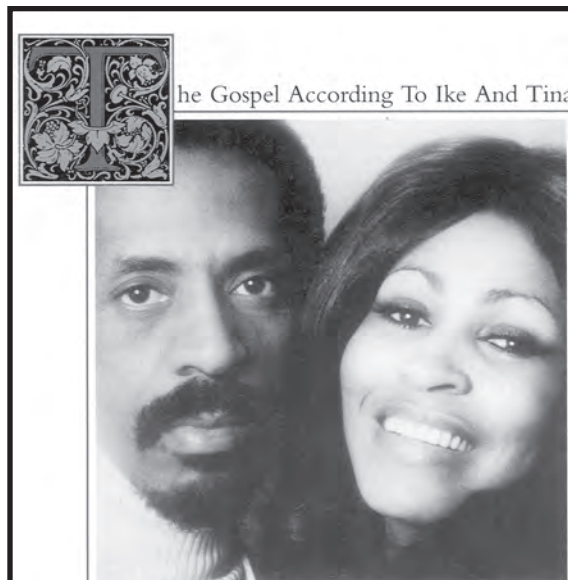
Latoya has a great chance of making it through because of her experience in music and her eclectic voice.

Whatever the case, Methodist College will be cheering on one of its idols, Latoya Robertson.



Methodist college may soon be the host school for Americas next American Idol. Photo by Demario Campbell.

## Classic Gospel



*Demario Campbell*

*Staff Writer*

Ike and Tina Turner's gospel album is the farthest thing from most people's perception about the two.

When most people

think of Ike or Tina Turner they either think of three things; Ike and the abuse, the song "Proud Mary", or the song "What's Love Got to do with It." Although these three things are obvious symbols, would you ever think gospel? Yes, it's true. In 1973 before their breakup, the singing duo penned the gospel album, "The Gospel According to Ike and Tina." Normally, the music of Ike and Tina is associated with bluesy rock and roll gratified by sex. In many of their concert performances, sex was their main focus with Tina and her backup singers, "the Ikettes," suggestive dance moves.

However, in

November of 1973, the duo put together a rather soulful and spiritual gospel album. On the album, all of the classic gospel songs throughout history are displayed. The first song "Father Alone" which is sung by Ike Turner is given in the low voice which is Ike's signature tone. Track number two, "Walk with me Lord" is perhaps the most captivating of the whole disc. In the song which is sung by Tina, Tina gives her all as if she is in a Sunday morning church service. It almost sounds as if maybe she should have sung gospel as a career. Another track, "Glory Glory," shows the full extent of Tina's signature rasp which has

carried her voice through her career. Other songs are "Just a Closer Walk with Thee", which is sung by Ike and the popular "Amazing Grace" which is sung by them both, "Just a Closer Walk With Thee", and "When the Saints Go Marching In", and a few others.

Although this album was made in 1973, the album sounds very up to date and retains its share of inspirational power. All of the songs have a distinct sound with Ike's use of synthesizers and the different variations of his keyboards. This was the group's first and last gospel album and because of this, this album is a classic in gospel history.

# sports



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## Football Perfect at Home

*Remille Shipman*  
Co-Sports Editor

Methodist running back Mike Hill put on a show for the many parents in attendance on Family Weekend.

The sophomore running back recorded his second consecutive 140-plus yard game as he helped the Monarchs to a successful home debut with a 31-20 victory against visiting North Carolina Wesleyan. Hill rushed for 143 yards on 26 carries and delivered a game-breaking 51-yard run in the fourth quarter that sealed the

Monarch's first USA South conference victory of the season. Hill's efforts were needed, as the Bishops took advantage of a Chris Ronchetti interception to take control of the game late in the third quarter when quarterback Cedric Townsend's 35-yard touchdown pass to Pat Funkhouser gave N.C. Wesleyan a 20-17 lead that would stand into the beginning of the fourth quarter.

However, the Monarchs showed their resilience on their second possession of the fourth quarter with Hill's 51-yard

jaunt with 10:43 remaining in the game, giving the Monarchs a 24-20 lead that they would not relinquish. After forcing the Bishop offense to punt, Methodist put the game out of reach when junior wide receiver Chuck Howard scored on a 34-yard run off a double-reverse with 8:11 remaining in the game.

Ronchetti turned in another stellar performance both on the air and on the ground as he completed 14-of-23 passes for 196 yards and rushed for 72 yards on 11 carries. He was responsible for Methodist's first two offensive strikes when he hit sophomore receiver George Sands with a 73-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter and scored on a one-yard quarterback sneak with 6:54 remaining in the first half. Sands had four carries for 101 yards, while the Monarch offense gained 486 total yards.

After an exciting game against the Bishops, the Monarchs hosted non-conference opponent Emory & Henry (Va.) on Oct. 1. The Monarchs offense stormed out to a 30-14 lead at halftime and never looked back as they defeated the Wasps 55-21.

Ronchetti and Hill teamed up for most of the offense as Hill gained 150 yards rushing on 28 carries for two touchdowns and Ronchetti going eight-for-11 passing for 123 yards and gained 62 yards on the ground on five carries.

The Monarchs will be on the road this Saturday at Averett to take on the Cougars. They then will play at Ferrum on Oct. 14 for a Friday night game.



Eric Nadelman is the new record setter at Methodist College in golf. Photo by Laura Beth Lester

## Nadelman Makes History

*Laura Beth Lester*  
Staff Writer

Eric Nadelman teed off at the Methodist College golf tryouts looking to make a lasting impression this year.

To prepare for the tryout, Nadelman golfed all summer in Fishers Island, N.Y., while doing his Professional Golf Management (PGM) internship. His score at the end of the tryout was a 280 (+4), which is the lowest score recorded in the history of the golf program at Methodist College.

Eric Nadelman, a sophomore from Longmedow, Mass., has been golfing for six years. In high school he was captain of his golf team and a pivotal player. Last year, as a freshman, he was a member of the spring golf team, and this year he returned with hopes to stand out.

The Methodist College golf team is well

known around the nation and holds countless championships. To be a part of our golf team is not only an honor, but a goal for most PGM students.

The tryouts were held September 10-11 and September 17-18. This year, 96 Methodist students turned out, and there were only 10 positions to fill.

Not only is Nadelman now a member of the prestigious golf team, but he's also a record setter.

Nadelman said, "It feels phenomenal to be apart of the team; hopefully this year I will be an asset and achieve all my goals as a golfer."



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# Methodist Volleyball Spiked by Wesleyan

*Amber Smith*  
Staff Writer

The Lady Monarch volleyball team lost a well-played match against the North Carolina Wesleyan Bishops on Tues., Sept. 27.

The first game was energetic and spirited, with a lot of enthusiasm from both teams.

The Lady Monarchs struggled to develop a rhythm in the beginning, but quickly caught up with NC Wesleyan.

Volleying back and forth became more intense as the game went on, and there was a fantastic save by senior Melissa Leonard from the Bishops.

The scoring continued to run neck and neck through most of the match, but the match ended in defeat for Methodist with the score finalized at 30-27.

The Lady Monarchs dominated the second match, however, as they took it to NC Wesleyan.

The match was close in score from the beginning, and there were several spectacular volleys between the teams. The Lady Monarchs held the lead throughout almost the entire game, and their

enthusiasm jumped up as well.

Tammie Langston, a junior who wears #12 for the Methodist Monarchs, made an excellent save, followed by an amazing spike from freshman Sara Yeatman.

The second game ended 30-19 in favor of the Monarchs and it looked like they might bounce back from their rough start.

Both teams seemed tired and slacking at the start of the third game.

There were a few bad plays and errors from both sides. The Bishops lead halfway through the match, but Methodist began to catch up. The third match ended with a 30-18 Bishops victory.

The fourth and final match opened with just as much intensity as the first, as the Lady Monarchs hoped to emerge victorious. The play unfortunately degenerated over the course of the match, and spirits dropped.

There was one final struggle at the end of the game, which ended in another Bishop win with a score of 30-28. NC Wesleyan triumphed with a final score of three matches to one.

# Men's Soccer Rallies

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The Methodist men's soccer team seems to have finally had success finding the net and finding victories.

After going through the first three weeks of the season without a victory—as well as a three-game, one week stretch without a single goal—Methodist's men's soccer program has found the net in two consecutive games. The Monarchs managed to record their first win of the season on September 24 when they recorded a 4-2 victory over visiting

Piedmont College at the Monarch Soccerplex. The four goals scored were more than the Monarchs had scored in their first six games combined as the previous offensive futility helped Methodist go winless in its first two games. Freshmen Evan Monteiro and Sean Gregory stepped up to the plate for Methodist as Monteiro scored two goals in the first half and Gregory scored his first collegiate goal in the game's 82<sup>nd</sup> minute from an assist from senior Adam Sippy. Senior co-captain Andrew Neff tallied a goal in the 11<sup>th</sup> minute and assisted on

# Women's Soccer Report



Junior midfielder Jamie Oakes receives a pass from a teammate. Photo by Remille Shipman

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A roller coaster of bright spots and disappointments has defined Methodist Lady Monarchs' soccer program so far.

Even though Methodist finally ended its five-game scoreless streak recently—and ended its five-game losing streak as well—by defeating a undermanned Averett team 4-2 at the Monarch Soccerplex on September 21, the Lady Monarchs have continued to struggle when it comes to wins and losses. The Lady Monarchs were unable to carry on the momentum of their first USA South conference win on to their next contest against Piedmont College

Monteiro's second goal.

The Monarchs continued their momentum on September 28 when they opened up USA South Conference play with a 4-0 victory against Averett University at the Monarch Soccerplex. The Monarchs spent much of the game on Averett's end of the field before finally breaking through with a goal by sophomore Dustin Breckinridge in the 24<sup>th</sup> minute to give the Monarchs a 1-0 lead at the end of the first half. The Monarchs put the game out of reach in the second half when Sippy scored in the 55<sup>th</sup> minute off an assist from senior Gregg Cohen and junior Jimmy Izaguirre

on September 24, as Piedmont ripped the Lady Monarch en route to a 5-3 victory in front of a Family Weekend crowd at the Monarch Soccerplex.

The Lady Monarchs managed to stay on the attack in the first half as Bradley answered a early Piedmont goal with a penalty-kick score, but Piedmont struck twice with goals in the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> minute to quickly squash the Lady Monarchs' spirits. Sophomore Brenda Chambers trimmed the deficit to 3-2 by the end of the first half with a corner kick, but Piedmont eventually pulled away in the second half as Bergdis Gudnadottir scored the last of her three goals and and Haley Boyce scored the

scored on a penalty kick in the 60<sup>th</sup> minute. Breckenridge scored another goal in the 61<sup>st</sup> minute for good measure.

The Monarchs will host former USA South member Chowan on Oct 6. So, come out to the game and show your school spirit game time is a 4 pm.

second of her two goals to put the game out of reach. Bradley scored her second goal in the 80<sup>th</sup> minute to make the final score a bit more respectable.

The Lady Monarchs would go on to suffer an even more humiliating 9-0 thrashing at the hands of local Division II power UNC-Pembroke on September 27. Although Methodist stayed toe-to-toe with UNC-P for the first 10 minutes of the game, the dam seemed to break for the Lady Monarchs after Melanie Cobb scored the game's first goal in the 13<sup>th</sup> minute. Cobb would score another goal in the second half as Katie Stokes and Sarah Day also scored two goals for the Lady Braves. UNC-P led 3-0 at the end of the first half and added six more goals in the second half.

After losing 4-0 to Catholic in Washington, D.C. on October 1, the now 3-8 Lady Monarchs will prepare to travel to Christopher Newport on October 8 as they seek to avenge their USA South conference tournament final loss to the Lady Captains.

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# Corner Worker's Corner: A Look Into Motorsports

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With points still undecided in both the Rolex Sports Car Series and Grand-Am Cup, an exciting and dramatic spectacle of racing will happen this weekend at the 3.27-mile Virginia International Raceway in Alton, VA.

For those who may not have heard of VIR, the track is located right across the North Carolina-Virginia state line and is within 30 minutes of Greensboro, NC, and only an hour's drive from the Triangle. This track is a very technical road course with many elevation changes that include two straights that are at least 3,000 feet in length, therefore creating a great challenge to the drivers and teams of the Rolex Sports Car Series and Grand-Am Cup.

The Rolex Series consists of two classes: the

Grand Touring class (GT) that have cars such as the BMW M3, Porsche 911 and the Pontiac GTO competing in this highly competitive class. Along with the GT class, the Rolex Series' premier class is the Daytona Prototype class that has closed cockpit prototypes with chassis manufacturers Riley, Crawford, Doran and FABCAR with engines from many street cars such as Pontiac, Lexus, Ford, BMW and Porsche.

Also, the season finale for the Grand-Am Cup will happen on Saturday at VIR as there are heated points championships in the two classes with the cars basically taken out of the showroom with few modifications to compete. The Sport Touring class (ST) consists of cars such as the Chevrolet Cobalt, Acura TSX, Mazda RX-8 and the BMW M3. The Grand Sport class (GS) which is the number one class of the series, consists



The cars and stars of the Rolex Sports Car Series navigate around VIR's signature corner, Oak Tree, in the 2004 edition of the VIR 400. An exciting weekend is ahead for not only the Rolex Series but Grand-Am Cup, PCA and the Cooper Tires Championship Series at VIR. Photo courtesy of GrandAmerican.com

of various cars such as the 2005 Ford Mustang GT, Nissan 350Z, Porsche 997 and Cadillac CTS-V.

With both of the aforementioned Rolex Series and Grand-Am Cup, the Grand American Road Racing Association promotes "a race within a race" as the classes of cars compete not only for a possible overall win but a class win in these highly competitive series.

These two series

are not the only series that will be running this weekend as the Cooper Tires Championship Series with their open-wheel Formula Fords can be compared somewhat to a Champ Car or Indy Car. Also, the Porsche Club of America will have a sprint race on Saturday and a one-hour endurance race on Sunday which will prove to be exciting with the various types of

Porsches, both old and new, that compete on the race track at the same time.

The Grand-Am Cup race will be on Saturday and is scheduled to take the green flag at 1:50 p.m. for 200 miles (62 laps) or a time limit of two hours and a half hours with the Rolex Series race being Sunday at 1:00 p.m. for 250 miles (77 laps) or a time limit of two hours and 45 minutes.

# NHL Changes Up the Rules to Quicken Play

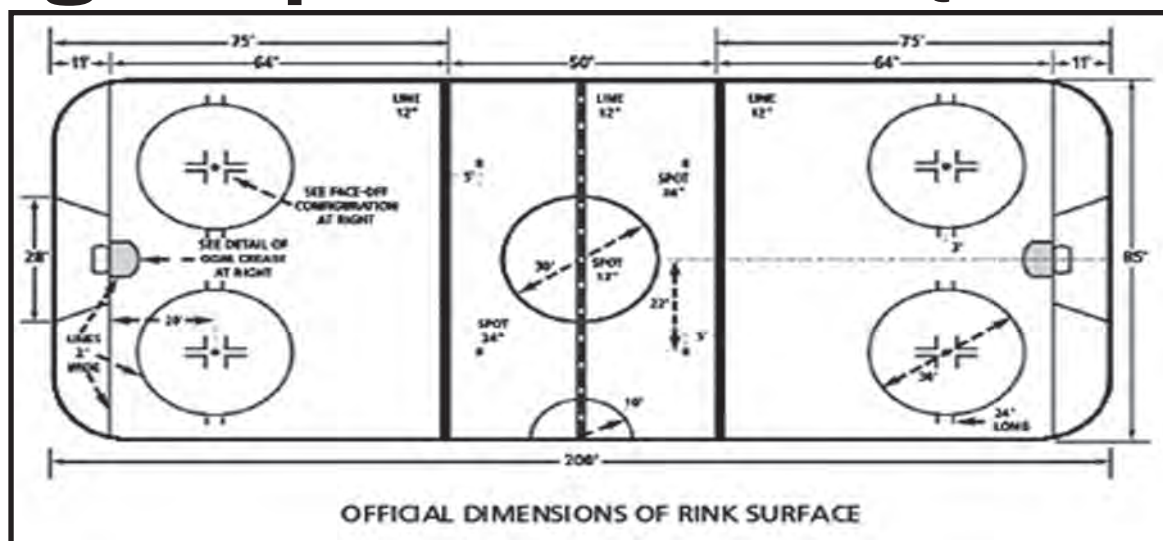
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After the end to the year-long lockout, the National Hockey League created new rules to speed up play.

One of the first things that the league looked to accomplish was to increase offense league-wide.

In the past, there was no two-line passing allowed. A winger who passed the puck across the center red line and the offensive blue line would see his pass blown dead by a linesman.

Beginning this season, this will be allowed in order to create more offense in the neutral zone. The Southern Professional Hockey League (SPHL), in which the Fayetteville FireAntz currently play, allowed it during their first



An illustration of what an NHL rink will look like for the start of the 2005-2006 season. Through these changes, the league hopes that it will create more offensive opportunities and lead to higher scoring games. Illustration courtesy of NHLOfficials.com

year of existence which led to many high scoring games during the 2004-2005 season.

Another call that would have slowed play down was the numerous offside calls in which a player was ahead of the puck when it crossed into the offensive zone.

This season, an

offending player that might be offside can nullify a possible call by skating and touch the offensive blue line before going back on the attack.

The NHL also looked into major goalie changes from decreasing the size of the blocker pads to limiting where the goalie may play the puck.

In the past, the goalies would be allowed to play the puck at any time and at any place on the rink to prevent a possible scoring chance.

Now, the only place he is allowed to play the puck is in his goal crease and in a trapezoid-shaped area immediately behind the net. If he plays the

puck at any other time, he will be charged with a delay of game penalty.

With these recent rule changes, the National Hockey League should have more offense and higher scoring games that will lead fans that have seen the game from its beginning into a bright and promising future

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