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A Day of Honor

ROTC cadets Jason Green, Jeremy Yama, Cory Rose and Steven Magnusen salute and raise the flag in remembrance and commemoration of our veterans during the Methodist College annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 11, 2005. ROTC cadets from Methodist College plan this event every Veterans Day. This years event featured guest speaker and Iraq war veteran Michael Blakelee and brought in a crowd of approximately 50 spectators. Photo by Matt McHale

smallTALK Stu is Born



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smallTALK Stu is dressed and ready for action. Rap lyrics courtesy of Kim Genova. Photo by Melanie Gibson

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Melanie Gibson
News Editor

No, not Captain Cave-man. smallTALK Stu has graced us with his presence. Standing a regal six feet tall (including hair), Stu is here to stay.

Stu is a junior here at Methodist College majoring in underwater basket weaving.

“Underwater basket weaving has always been

my passion,” says Stu.

Having transferred here from Grover’s Corners Community College in Grover’s Corners, New Hampshire, Stu hopes to better and further his education at Methodist.

He feels that Methodist offers the most opportunities for underwater basket weavers.

While underwater basket weaving and his homework keep him very

busy, Stu always finds time for Student Media Club.

“If the underwater basket weaving doesn’t work out, journalism is my back up plan,” says Stu.

smallTALK Stu enjoys long walks on the beach, fine dining and funny movies.

Look for smallTALK Stu on MySpace. Stu is new to both Methodist and MySpace, make him your friend today.

MC and its Community

Ashley Genova
Staff Writer

Giving to the surrounding community has been a part of Methodist College for years. Through gifts of life and heat, Methodist has donated to the community this past week.

The gift of life came in the form of blood. On November 30, a blood drive was held in Berns Student Center. Donations did not take more than an hour, including the short amount of paperwork needed. Gentle and friendly nurses made the process nearly painless.

Donors not only received a coupon for a free personal pizza, but they also received a free snack after their donation. Even with these incentives, most of the donor chairs were empty. Only about 30 students donated and 25 pints of

blood were collected.

Methodist's gift of heat came in the form of firewood. On November 5, trees from the fitness center construction site and trees near Stout Hall were cut by volunteers. The volunteers received a free breakfast before the work began.



Pictured above is one of the few students who donated blood. Photo by Melanie Gibson

The wood was donated to several families in the community whose fireplaces are their only source of heat during the cold winter months. Students were not allowed to use power tools or axes, but in-

stead moved logs from the ground to the beds of trucks. Volunteers from the faculty and staff handled the equipment.

Woodcutting began at about nine and ended before noon. The small number of sweaty and worn-out student participants dragged their tired feet to

their rooms were unhappy to find roommates still snoring in bed.

Though Methodist cares about its community, a lack of volunteers has caused community service projects to be less productive. Less than an hour of a student's time can save and improve the lives of others.

A lack of advertising may be the reason that students have not been participating in the community service activities. Flyers for the blood drive and woodcutting were few and plain.

Rivas has Big Plans for MC

Sarah Davenport
Staff Writer

Cheryle Rivas stands out among many as the Director of Public Relations

at Methodist College. While she is still somewhat new to the campus, she is no stranger to the community around her or the position that she is in.

Rivas has worked in and around the media for 20 years. She has a bachelor's degree in both Broadcast Television and Public Relations with a minor in Marketing. She was born in Fort Campbell, KY and is a military brat, but she calls Fayetteville her home.

If you're from the area, you probably recognize the name from her radio show. She was a personality for the number one morning show in the South East.

She has also hosted a show, "Country Close-Up," traveled to Nashville to interview artists, been a weather girl, written for "Up and Coming Weekly," served in the Air Force and her most recent job was an advertising executive.

So you might ask why she would find herself at Methodist College after doing all of that. The answer is: She loves it.

"I get to negotiate. I get to use everything that I have learned over the past twenty years in this job and I love it!" Rivas said.

While she may love it, she definitely has her work cut out for her. As Director of Public Relations, she is the managing editor for "MC Today," she oversees all publicity, ad-

vertising and marketing all the while maintaining a positive image of the college in the eyes of the community.

Her department also includes the managing and upkeep of the school web-



Cheryle Rivas, Director of Public Relations. Photo by Lindsey Hanson

site. "There's never a dull moment," she says laughing.

Rivas' goal is to ensure that the community is more aware of what Methodist is about and she already has some major plans in store to make it happen.

She wants to increase technology on the website, bring the whole campus together like state schools do.

She would like for the students to have to access the intranet first, so that announcements could easily be made to the entire campus without having to use posters.

Rivas would also like to brand the college, to come up with a logo that best fits the campus.

"I really want to increase awareness of what Methodist has to offer to the community. I'm not sure that they know what they have," explained Rivas.

After she implements her ideas and joins them with her background and her intelligence, Rivas will most likely achieve what she has set out to do.

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ROTC Cadets Honored



ROTC cadets William Montoya, Lynn Janes, and Martin Rovi. Photo by LTC John Robbins

William Montoya
Editor in Chief

Three Methodist College Army ROTC cadets were selected as Distinguished Military Graduates, which means they were in the top 20 percent of the 3,838 graduating cadets nation wide.

Cadets, Lynn Janes, Martin Rovi, and William Montoya, were honored to receive the designation. Receiving a Distinguished Military Graduate award guarantees them first choice consideration among the Army's 16 career fields for officers.

"Cadet Lynn Janes finished in the top 5% which is absolutely amazing," said Lieutenant Colo-

nel John Robbins, the Methodist College Assistant Professor of Military Science.

"It's a great feeling to finish in the top 5%, there are lots of great people in ROTC and I consider it an honor to finish in the top 5%," stated Janes.

Methodist College is one of the four colleges that make up Campbell Battalion; the other three are the University of North Carolina Pembroke, Fayetteville State University, and Campbell University. Overall, Campbell Battalion had a total of 12 out of 33 cadet's finish as Distinguished Military Graduates, which is better than any ROTC program in the nation.

Dinners with Gilbert

Amber Smith
Staff Writer

Fred Gilbert and his staff hosted a dinner November 9 to discuss food management here at Methodist. Several students attended to talk about dining experiences so far.

The menu for the night consisted of grilled shrimp, steak, corn, baked squash and zucchini, snickerdoodle and apple pies rounded out the evening.

Quite a few compliments were given at the meeting. New toppings that have been put in place for the soft serve machine have received much praise from students. Also, the

Pretzel Bar was a success.

A lot of suggestions were added as well, including labeling holes for silverware, and discussing weekend hour changes, so students will have more time to eat. Students also requested more variety at the grill.

The major goal of Gilbert and his team is publicity. They aim to provide students with more access to options. New marketing approaches have been decided upon, including the whiteboard in the cafeteria that now displays the menu for the day.

Gilbert also plans for a new calendar each month that shows special upcoming food events and menus.

The Truth About Thanksgiving

Leslie Quick
Staff Writer

For most college students, Thanksgiving Day is a chance to go home and visit with family. It is also a time for homemade food, family traditions, and a break before the end of semester crunch.

Good food and family aside, many don't realize the history of Thanksgiving or how much significance it has. It's a time to be thankful for your family, friends, and things you have and to remember those who are not as fortunate.

Thanksgiving Day did not always start out as the yearly feast of friends and family that we know today. It was also not the day before the beginning of the Christmas season, and the biggest shopping day of the year.

Thanksgiving had its humble beginnings in 1621 when Pilgrims invited the Wampanoag Indians to an autumn feast to celebrate a

good years harvest after a previous year of scarcity that Thanksgiving is heavenly.

However, this was not the start of Thanksgiving as we know it today. There was no feast the following year, according to The History Channel, and it took several years for this holiday to eventually become an annual celebration.

The Continental Congress eventually suggested a yearly thanksgiving celebration and New York would be the first state to adopt this holiday in 1817.

The History Channel also states that, "In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a day of thanksgiving as the last Thursday in November, which he may have correlated with November 21, 1621, the anchoring of the Mayflower at Cape Cod."

It is easy to see today



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ily commercialized as the beginning of the Christmas shopping season.

However, it is important to remember your family and friends during this holiday, not the chance to get great deals at the mall.

Thanksgiving Day has had a long history in the U.S. which is important to remember.

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Genova Enjoys Her Work

*Dionne Drakes
Staff Writer*

Please meet Kim Genova, Assistant Director of Career Services, who joined the Methodist College team a little over a month ago.

Genova has attended tertiary institutes which include Hawaii Pacific and the University of Phoenix. She has her Associates Degree and her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Accounting and is hoping to receive her Masters.

Prior to working at Methodist College Genova worked as a first grade and kindergarten teacher in Hawaii for four years. She was an accountant for a company with 13 corporations and was self employed for the past year.

So why did she choose to work at Methodist? "I like waking up in the morning and not having to dread going to work, but to actually look forward to it," says Genova.

She is a mother of one and finds it less strenuous to know that she can feel so comfortable in a place where she can both send her daughter to school and be employed.

When asked why she went into accounting, Genova replied that she

had wanted to go into nursing, but after her first patient died she mourned profusely and she decided to find a field where there was no emotional involvement. Jokingly she said that with accounts she doesn't have to worry when doing people's taxes because she knows they have the money.



Kim Genova, Assistant Director of Career Services. Photo by Dionne Drakes

Genova looks at her position not just as a job, but as being a part of a team with a responsibility and duty to educate students on the necessity of their career goals and choices.

She says that Garland "Guy" Stewart, Director of Career Services, is a pleasure to work with. Genova says that Stewart has made her stay here at Methodist a pleasant one with his positive attitude, cooperation, and his willingness to share his knowledge and wisdom with her.

Stewart and Genova have helped those who have come into their office with "no working experience" and create impressive resumes.

Career Services is on a mission to make Career Services available to students and Genova, as well as Stewart, really wish more students would use these resources because that is what they are there for.

FTK "Got Game"

*Andrew McIntyre
Staff Writer*

Pool Hall owners Fernando, Tino and Kim, whose names make up the acronym FTK, have opened a new spot in the area that might become the biggest hang out spot soon.

FTK has five pool tables and nine game sys-

tems. The hall is open from Monday through Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and closes at 11:00 p.m. on Sunday. Some nights, they have local acts or artists come perform.

Go hit up the new spot in town and show the people how we play pool at the Methodist.

Cirriculum Change Revealed

*Amber Smith
Staff Writer*

Freshmen are participating in new Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) classes for the 2005-2006 school year. IDS classes changed this year to incorporate faculty and staff's growing concern for students here at Methodist. IDS itself is a very general introduction to college.

Professor Nicolette Campos discussed the changes made with the IDS curriculum this year. The changes were made because the faculty felt that students needed to be more prepared for life after college.

Two town hall meetings were held over the summer to talk about possible curriculum changes. Teachers came up with the basic values and ideas that would allow IDS classes to better help students prepare for college.

Values, ethics, morality, and a sense of commu-

nity service all play major parts in the IDS curriculum. Students should be well-rounded so that they are better suited to eventually enter into a professional working environment or graduate school.

Faculty also wanted to stress career-oriented programs to help students. IDS 410, also called Senior Seminar, is a process of reflecting on the journey of college. It focuses primarily on writing and polishing resumes, interviewing skills, cover letters, letters of inquiry, and even thank you and acceptance letters.

The actual changes made to the curriculum include a stronger emphasis on critical thinking, ethics, leadership, and community service. There is less of an emphasis placed on note-taking skills and time management.

The library curriculum altered after the Curriculum Committee approved the changes. A stu-

dent can now only receive credit for Library Basics through IDS 110 or a workshop.

Changes to the class were also made through the Curriculum Committee, which faculty voted upon. Students are now given LASSI, Learning and Study Strategies Inventory, which assesses skills that students are strong or weak in.

As Campos said about Methodist, "Many of the people here are here to help the students." The main goal of IDS is to help students adjust to college, and then succeed in their careers, and in life itself.

Questions can be directed to Campos, extension 7033. Her office is located in the Horner Administration Building. She can also be reached at ncampos@methodist.edu. There is also a webpage for Academic Services which can be reached through the school's website.

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Voice From the Wilderness

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord" Isa 40:3

*David Santiago
Staff Writer*

So many people make religion about a list of absolute truths, or ways of doing things. While it is necessary to have solid aspects to faith, to put your faith in a list of beliefs, based on versus loosely connected and taken out of context, is to repeat what has always been the downfall of the church. Trust in God is one thing, but blind adherence is dangerous, one must always question whether they are truly following God. For me personally, I have found faith not through the memorization of versus, but being in constant dialogue with God, constantly looking to the heavens for answers to all the questions that I face day to day. Such as; What is truth? Where do we go from here? What is sin really? What is just? What is Love? Who am I really? Is any of this real? What about this kind of behavior or lifestyle? What about this political system? That's true faith, to be seeking the answers from above and from within yourself.

Those that don't question or seek a deeper understanding of things beyond the mere printed and translated words of the Bible don't know the first thing about faith and following God, they put there

faith in ink and paper and there own definition of what a word, which may or may not have been mistranslated over the course of 2000 years, means. Even with the original Greek or Hebrew translation, the idea that it presents to our minds in today's culture may be completely different than the image in the authors' minds over 200 years ago. They seek words to live by, not God, not a higher state of mind, just something to rant about when things don't go their way. That's not faith in God at all. Look at Moses, he questioned God many times and appealed to him. The prophet Jeremiah was always looking to God questioning and trying to make sense, and yet these were God's chosen people. Therefore, the modern notion that if you question what was taught to you by a Sunday school teacher would be completely un-biblical.

God gave us the capacity to think philosophically and logically, and due to the separation between God and man, we can not hear his voice clearly and undoubtedly, so we must question everything, and to follow God as a student, not blindly as dog follows his owner, but yet trusting him. That is true faith.

A Shoulder To Lean On

*Donalda Higgs
Staff Writer*

I know we have the Personal Development Center to go to when we are feeling down, maybe even a friend or two, or a stranger every now and then. Yet where can you go when all of this fails?

I remember one afternoon the only person that comforted me seemed, before my time, Babylon Towers away. I was walking to class from my dorm room, and suddenly, unexpectedly, my heart skipped more than a few beats.

I thought that was it, my time had come, and the only name I could utter out was "Jesus."

At that point, everything that was once galloping around me peacefully became still. The pain had ceased, and I had never felt so calm in my life.

I didn't know

whether to continue to class, or check in with the nurse, but it was something about that name that gave me the confidence to journey on to class. No exaggeration, but the whole way to class I felt like I was leaning on the biggest shoulder ever.

What do you do when the world has cast you aside, as the block the builders' could no longer use because of its imperfections?

Where do you go when your meaning of "normal" just will not comply with anyone else's on campus?

Who do you look to when friends turn their backs, men race into the nights, and the youths generate power past your understanding?

Is there a shoulder ever big enough to lean on, cry on, get through life on?

God has given us this shoulder, through

Jesus Christ.

For the Sinners?
Yes.

Are we Forgotten?
Never.

Sometimes problems are too trembling to seek help from man, but you can be sure that the only man that will never fail you is Jesus.

You do not have to be saved for Him to hear you, or have a certain look or class, He loves us all. When I feel like my mother, father, sister, brother, boyfriend, girlfriend, teacher, or my staff has forsaken me, God will always be there.

He bathes us in his everlasting love. He forgets the past, because it is only Satan's job to remind us of what we were. God reminds us that each of us has a future, and it is indeed Satan's job to destroy that.

We will have God's shoulder to lean on now and into the future.



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Love Doctors: No Trust

Dear Doctors:

I recently had a frustrating conversation with my older brother. He can't seem to hang on to a girlfriend and can't figure out why. It is easy for me to see what is going on. I am worried that if he keeps this up he will lose yet another girlfriend and this latest one is a treasure. I am not exactly friends with her but I am friends with her friends who say she is great and really loves my brother.

This is approximately what he said last night: "You can't trust a woman. She said she would come over on Monday night. She knows how much I hate to sit around alone. She also knows that Monday night is my only definite night off from work. So we have this agreement that we spend Monday nights together. But she has something so important to do that she calls and then goes off and leaves me here alone. I can't help but wonder what she is up to."

He just doesn't get that his demanding and controlling attitude will never work. What can I say to get him to understand?
Helpless Brother

Dear Helpless,

You are a very kind and caring brother to be so concerned with your brother's relationship problems, but he may be offended by any advice you have to offer. He may not think that he is the one with a problem; remember it is much easier to find faults in others than it is to find your own.

The best advice I can give you is to talk to your brother in a respectable, calm manner. Perhaps start by asking him why he believes his previous relationships have failed, and then give your opinion. Although you believe it is his fault, try not to overwhelm him with guilt.

Tell your brother that his girlfriend has a life of her own with many obligations besides him. Breaking one date is not a sign of the end.

Your brother also seems to have trust issues. Ask him why he feels so upset when he doesn't know where his girlfriend is. Is his anger a result of insecurity? Finding out why he feels the way he does can help him find a solution.

Suggest that your brother has a talk like this with his girlfriend. Tell him that he must stay calm and communicate if he hopes to make this relationship work.

Remember that you might not be able to help your brother at all, and he may take offense to your advice. You can't force your brother to listen to you, but you can try to make him understand.

Good luck,
Ashley Genova

Dear Trying:

If your brother asked my advice, I would say:

"Do you believe that if someone loves you they will take care of your needs for you? Nothing could be further from the truth. This particular brand of love only works in infancy. Grown-ups take care of their own needs. When an adult knows what he needs and how to make his life work for him, then he is ready to share his full life with another adult.

It is hard sometimes to accept this reality. All of us want so much to be taken care of. It's a wonderful fantasy that someone could come along and make us happy. The special closeness we feel in love tends to awaken the infantile desire to be pampered. That's okay, it's part of the feeling of being close. But being pampered can only happen part-time. Anyone you would want to

love, also has a life.

Accept that you are responsible to know what it is that you need. You are also responsible to find many alternative ways of getting your needs met. The sooner you accept responsibility for your own happiness, the sooner you will be happy in a relationship."

But then, your brother isn't asking for my advice. He isn't even asking for your advice. Since he is your brother, he might give you a chance to say your piece. But he probably will have to make his own mistakes, maybe even the same one over and over again. Unfortunately, most of us do learn things the hard way.

Best wishes,
Darlene Hopkins

Stanley "Tookie" Williams

Norma Bradshaw
Staff Writer

Stanley "Tookie" Williams started the Crips gang in south Central LA, when he was only 16 years old. He is now on death row for the 1981 murders of Albert Owens, a convenience store worker and two Los Angeles motel owners and their daughter during a robbery.

Williams has been on death row for twenty-four years now. During his stay in jail he has become an anti-gang activist and has even written children's books; if that is not enough he was nominated by a member of the Swiss Parliament for the Nobel Prize for peace and four times for the Nobel Prize for literature.

My personal favorite, in August, Williams received a President's Call to Service Award for his good deeds on Death Row, complete with a letter from

President Bush praising him for demonstrating "the outstanding character of America."

There is no doubt that what Williams is doing is wonderful if its helping kids turn their lives around from gangs and street crimes, however, no amount of good deeds in my opinion excuses one from murdering three innocent people. I believe we all have choices in our lives and well Williams finally chose the right path, but just twenty-four years to late. I think that he should be held accountable for his own actions and let justice play out.

Williams claims to be a changed man, and that might very well be true; justice however must hold true because of the damage, pain and suffering Williams caused can not be amended, lives can not be given back. No amount of "good deeds" can change the past.

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choices.

Methodist College Career Services News

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Economics Is Hot Major For Undergrads

What's your major? Around the world, college undergraduates' time-honored question is increasingly drawing the same answer:

economics.

U.S. colleges and universities awarded 16,141 degrees to economics majors in the 2003-2004 academic year, up nearly 40% from five years earlier, according to John J. Siegfried, an economics professor at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., who tracks 272 colleges and universities around the country for the Journal of Economic Education.

Since the mid-1990s, the number of students majoring in economics has been rising, while the number majoring in political science and government has declined and the number majoring in history and sociology has barely grown, according to the government's National Center for Education Statistics.

"There has been a clear explosion of economics as a major," says Mark Gertler, chairman of New York University's economics department.

The number of students majoring in economics has been rising even faster at top colleges. At New York University, for example, the number of econ majors has more than doubled in the past 10 years. At nearly 800, it is now the most popular major.

Economics also is the most popular major at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., where 964 students majored in the subject in 2005. The number of econ majors at Columbia University in New York has risen 67% since 1995. The University of Chicago said that last year, 24% of its entire graduating class, 240 students, departed with economics degrees.

The trend marks a big switch for the so-called dismal science, which saw big declines in undergraduate enrollments in the early 1990s as interest in other areas, like sociology, was growing. Behind the turnaround is a clear-eyed reading of supply and demand: In a global economy filled with uncertainty, many students see economics as the best vehicle for a job promising good pay and security.

And as its focus broadens, there are even some signs that economics is becoming cool.

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What a Resume Can — and Can't — Do for You

Here's a quiz to test your resume acumen. Don't worry if you don't answer all the questions correctly. If you were an expert, you would be creating this quiz, not taking it.

This quiz has 14 questions.

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2. When putting together a cover letter and resume for an ad, you:
 - a. Tailor both the letter and the resume.
 - b. Send a generic letter and resume.
 - c. Tailor the cover letter, not the resume.
3. Armed with a good resume, a headhunter has all he needs to market you to a variety of potential employers. True or False?
4. A resume is your most important job-search tool. True or False?
5. Potential employers would rather hire an employed person than someone without a job. True or False?
6. The research you conduct to formulate your resume is also an important key to preparing for an employment interview. True or False?
7. Employers consider your resume follow-up a waste of their time. True or False?
8. You can expect to get a reply from everyone to whom you send a resume. True or False?
9. The most effective job search activity is:
 - a. Answering ads.
 - b. Networking with follow-up.
 - c. Using a search firm.
 - d. Mounting a direct-mail campaign.
10. The best way to begin a cover letter is with a unique reason for your interest in the company and available position. True or False?
11. Looking for a job is much harder than filling an opening, because the employer is always in the driver's seat. True or False?
12. In real estate, the three keys to success are location, location, and location. In writing resumes, it's tailoring, tailoring, tailoring. True or False?
13. Use the name of the person and company to whom you are sending your resume in cover letters, even if it takes some sleuthing to discover it. True or False?
14. With the perfect resume, you will be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, catch bullets in your teeth, and land a position that pays \$500K, plus stock options. True or False?

For answers to this quiz and much more, visit Career Services in the Berns Student Center.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE UNITED STATES for International Students

Employment opportunities for foreign students are restricted in the U.S. Obtaining authorization to work in this country is often a difficult process. In general there are two types of employment: on-campus employment and off-campus employment. ISO information sheets, complete instructions, and application forms for all types of employment can be downloaded.

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

On-campus employment is permitted for full-time students without special authorization from the USCIS so long as it is performed:

- On the College's premises and where the employer is either the College or a commercial firm which provides services to students on campus (such as the bookstore or cafeteria), or
- At an off-campus location that is educationally affiliated with the College

In either case, you must be pursuing a full course of study and may not work more than 20 hours/week during the academic year (employment that is required for an assistantship or fellowship counts toward the 20 hours/week maximum). During vacation or recess periods, students in F-1 status may work more than 20 hours/week as long as they are registered for the coming year. Also, any on-campus employment cannot displace a U.S. resident.

OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

Off-campus employment is any type of work or services performed in exchange for money, tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, food or any other benefit. A work permit is required before any off-campus employment is allowed after completion of **two (2)** full semesters or **one (1)** academic year. See an advisor at ISO for advice and assistance.

ISO has handouts and application forms for the following:

- **F-1 Optional Practical Training:** is an employment opportunity available to an F-1 student who has been lawfully enrolled on a fulltime basis for one full academic year. Student must apply prior to the completion of study. Training must be directly related to the student's field of study. OPT may occur during or after the program of study. Training may be part-time during studies or fulltime during vacations and holidays. OPT after course completion must be fulltime. No job offer is required. The training is limited to a max of 12 months within the 14 month period following the completion of study. OPT terminates when the student enters another educational program or fails to comply with F-1 regulations.
- **Curricular Practical Training:** Is an employment available to F-1 students who have been lawfully enrolled on a full-time basis for at least one full academic year. CPT employment must be "an integral part of an established curriculum. The training must be a requirement of the program of study and/or receive course credit. CPT is limited to a max of 12 months, unless an extended period is required for the program of study. If fulltime for 12 months or more, the student becomes ineligible for optional practical training. CPT requires a written job offer indicating job title, dates of employment, number of hours, and location. Training terminates when the student completes the program or fails to comply with F-1 regulations.
- Off-campus Employment Due to Severe Economic Need
- Employment with an International Organization

It is your responsibility to comply with all immigration regulations that apply to F-1 students. If you fail to comply, you may not be eligible for benefits granted to F-1 students or you may lose your valid student status.



ENTERTAINMENT



Southern Hospitality at Its Finest

Will Montoya
Editor-in-Chief

G & G Country Kitchen serves up Southern hospitality and great home cooked food with a smile.

Upon entering this unique country kitchen, I immediately noticed African American art hanging on the walls, the fresh smell of corn bread and collard greens, and the song, "We are Family," playing in the background, which made me instantly think that I was in store for a southern treat.

"We serve Southern home cooked food," said Hattie Graham one of owners of G & G Country Kitchen. "Fried chicken, Southern food and hospitality are what people come for," added Graham.

G & G Country

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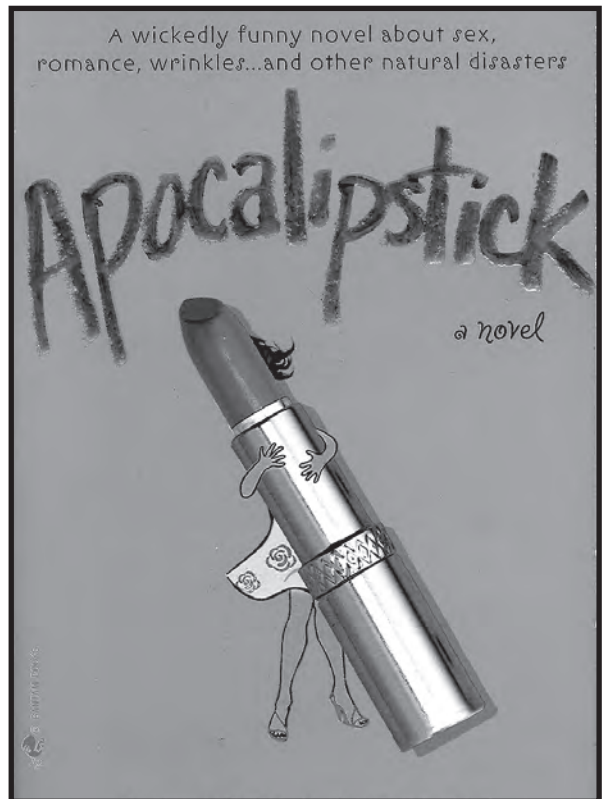
Kitchen is located in Spring Lake, NC, and serves a variety of southern food, including home baked mac and cheese, baked and fried chicken, Salisbury steak, fresh cooked collard greens, pork steak, cornbread and, best of all, the sweet yams.

The Country Kitchen seats approximately 40 people and offers daily lunch and dinner specials starting at \$5.95. All of their daily specials include two side items, cornbread or a roll, and sweet tea or lemonade.

I chose the sweet tea and, boy, was it sweet and delicious.

David Austin, a restaurant customer, said, "I've come here two days in a row. I love the food because it's country cookin' just like grandma used to do."

So, the next time you're in the mood to enjoy Southern hospitality and a tasty Southern meal, look no farther than G & G Country Kitchen, where the owners believe that "hearty appetites deserve quality foods."



Delicious Distraction

Melanie Gibson
News Editor

What do Lipstick, a grandmother who thinks she is cupid and scandal have in common? Sue Margolis' novel, "Apocalipstick."

Main character, Rebecca Fine, a beauty columnist at the Daily Vanguard, stumbles across a truth-telling face cream that turns her world upside-down.

First, Fine learns that her father is going to remarry her high school nemesis, Bernadette "Lipstick" O'Brien. Then Fine's grandmother starts playing cupid, trying to get

Fine married. Lucretia, Fine's boss, starts acting peculiar, which leads Fine to uncover the biggest scandal the cosmetics world has ever seen. And, on top of that, who's that hot new reporter just a couple of desks down?

Margolis expertly weaves humor and passion into the everyday life of Rebecca Fine with clever remarks from characters and ridiculous predicaments.

Although a quick read, "Apocalipstick" is a delicious distraction from the drama of everyday life.

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Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor

“Jarhead” is fairly well put together, but it lacks the power and emotion to make it a great movie.

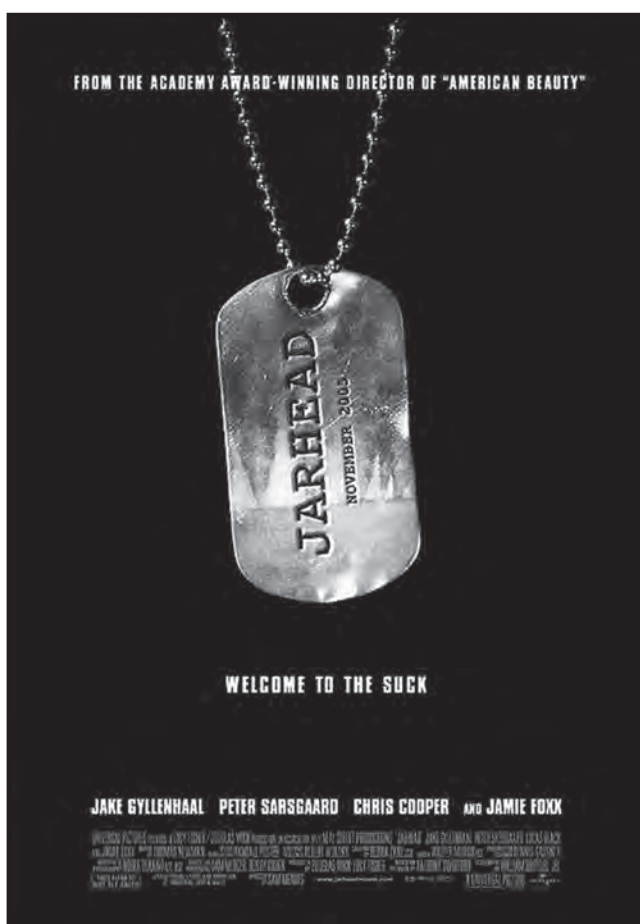
I think most people will like “Jarhead,” even though I didn’t. Coming from a military background, the lifestyle that is exposed in the film is nothing new to me, and the effects that war has on a soldier are just facts that I’ve accepted, even if I haven’t experienced them firsthand.

But for the average viewer, “Jarhead” will be shocking, intense and entertaining. The movie is meant to portray, as realistically as possible, the soldier’s view of war and peace. It emphasizes the intensity of training, the long periods of boredom, the strict standards and many other issues involved with daily life in the military.

Jake Gyllenhaal performs surprisingly well as Swoff, the marine scout sniper who is the focus of the film. He may not look like a soldier, but he ends up being very believable in the role. Jamie Foxx clearly is comfortable as the angry, arrogant and strict Staff Sgt. Sykes.

The script is a funny one, and this is probably the best aspect of “Jarhead.” The audience laughs from beginning to end, even at the most intense points in the film.

“Jarhead” is a decent film in the end, but it isn’t one that I’d readily put down eight dollars for.



Staff Sgt. Sykes (Jamie Foxx) punishes young marine, Anthony “Swoff” Swofford (Jake Gyllenhaal) after an unauthorized Christmas party.



Joe Aldridge
Entertainment Editor

“Jarhead” is a masterpiece.

Sam Mendes, director, makes his third major motion picture debut with “Jarhead.” He directed the Academy Award winning movie “American Beauty.” His shocking humor and style from “American Beauty” carries over into his newest feature. Fans of Mendes’ work will be stunned when they see this movie.

“Jarhead” is the story about one young Marine and his perspective of the world and the Desert Storm conflict in the early 90’s.

This movie does an outstanding job in portraying how people in the military cope with being away from friends and family.

Jake Gyllenhaal (“The Day After Tomorrow”) and Jamie Foxx (“Ray”) star in this fresh view of the military. Gyl-

lenhaal plays Anthony Swofford, a Marine who is caught in the middle of a war between himself and the conflict in the Middle East. Foxx plays Swofford’s supervisor, Staff Sgt. Sykes.

Both of these characters have their reasons for either agreeing or disagreeing with the conflict. But, something they both have in common is the want and desire to return home.

One thing most people felt was lacking in this movie was the violence of war. You must understand the conflict. There was no killing. A person going to this movie should not expect much action.

I can’t say enough about “Jarhead,” even if a person lacks the military background, this movie will open your eyes.

“Jarhead” is by far one of the best movies of the year.

Weekend Box Office Stats:

Rank:	Title:	Weekend:	Total:
1.	Chicken Little	\$32M	\$80.8M
2.	Zathura	\$14M	\$14M
3.	Derailed	\$12.8M	\$12.8M
4.	Get Rich or Die Tryin’	\$12.5M	\$18.2M
5.	Jarhead	\$12.3M	\$47.1M
6.	Saw II	\$9.4M	\$74.2M
7.	The Legend of Zorro	\$6.6M	\$39.5M
8.	Prime	\$4M	\$19M
9.	Dreamer	\$3.8M	\$28.9M
10.	Pride & Prejudice	\$2.8M	\$2.8M

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Life Beyond an English Degree

*Ashley Genova
Staff Writer*

What do pizza, computer manuals, and the Methodist College English Department all have in common?

Dr. Emily Wright, the Chair of the English Department, combined all of these subjects by arranging a dinner on Nov. 1.

All of the staff from the English department met English or Writing majors and minors at Cape Fear Commons Community Building for a pleasant meal of pizza.

"We like to do this thing from time to time," said Dr. Robert Christian.

Though this is only the second dinner Wright

has coordinated for the English Department, she feels that they help students and staff become better acquainted with one another.

Wright wanted to use these dinners to not only familiarize the Department with one another, but also to show students the job potential in this field of study.

"There are lots of different jobs you can do with a Writing or English degree," Wright said to contradict the common belief that all English majors become teachers.

To accomplish her goal, Wright believed that the dinners needed guest speakers who were using their English or Writing degrees in their jobs.

Featured at the dinner was Arjay Hinek, who spoke of his job as

technical writer.

Though many people assume that technical writing only involves writing manuals for electronics, writers do much more. Many become involved in project management and other tasks related to business and technology.

"It can be mind-numbingly boring," admitted Hinek, but technical writing "can be very exciting" as well.

The demand for technical writers is high because of society's dependence on computers.

This demand is especially high in the pharmaceutical industry.

As a technical writer, Hinek explained, communication skills are just as important as technical skills.

In writing a manual,

a writer must be able to communicate the product's abilities to the consumer.

Henek said when he works on a manual for computer software that the programmer must explain the software to him so he can properly write the manual.

"I sit down with them [programmers] and decipher from 'computerese' to people-speak."

This translation process is the reason why Henek suggests a foreign language background to those students interested in technical writing.

Henek encourages aspiring technical writers to take courses in computers and project management, as well as literacy in software such as Microsoft Project.

Henek gave more

advice for technical writing by explaining the benefits of working freelance, which he explained by saying, "It allows you freedom. You can come and go."

Wright would like to continue these dinners and guest speakers. She said, "They convey information that degrees in English and Writing are useful in the workplace."

For future speakers, Wright would like to invite a journalist, copy writer, or a teacher. She plans on hosting one dinner each semester.

Wright hopes that her efforts will help majors in English and Writing discover the uses of their degrees in jobs and introduce them to new and exciting career opportunities.

ΦΑΓ Fraternity Auctions Dates for Dollars

*DeMario Campbell
Staff Writer*

On December 1, Phi Alpha Gamma will be hosting their annual Date Auction.

Phi Alpha Gamma is a fraternity that was established in 2003 and has recently celebrated their anniversary on November 3. The Date Auction is an annual event held to raise money for the fraternity.

In the auction, members of the fraternity and anyone who wants to participate will be auctioned

off to the high bidder for a potential date or whatever is decided among the bidder and the person being auctioned.

This auction is the perfect opportunity for anyone who has a crush on someone or just wanting to get to know someone a little better.

If that special someone is being auctioned off, this would be a great chance to bid on them.

This event will be held in the Bern's Student Center at 9:00 p.m. Anyone interested in being auctioned should contact Jackson Jean at (910) 482-5876.

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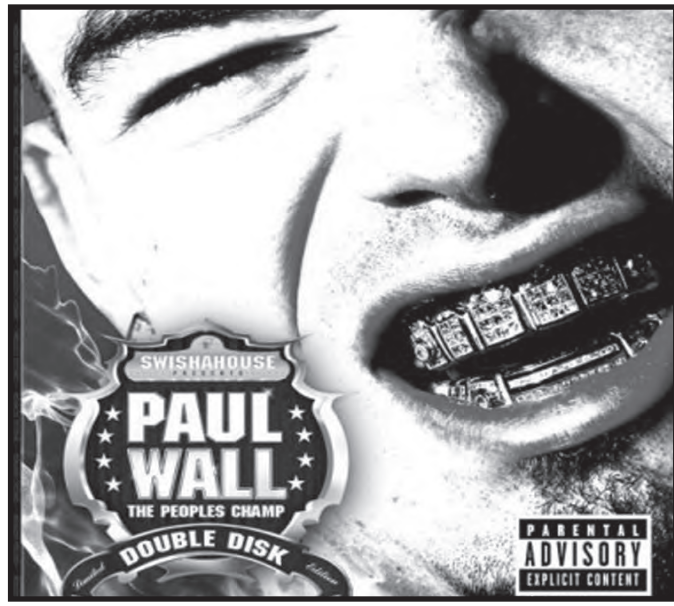
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Rap



Demario Campbell
Staff Writer

2005 seems to be the year for Southern rappers.

Atlanta, most notably with Young Jeezy and T.I., but now, Houston is getting in on it. Their sponsor in the game is their own Paul Wall. His first nationally released album, "The

People's Champ", was released Sept. 27 and peaked at No. 1 on the Billboard charts in its first week of release. It currently holds the No. 9 spot.

When I first listened to his work on the radio, I have to be honest, I didn't like it. My assumption about this rapper was that he was just another rapper who rapped about what he had and that's all. However, my roommate had the album and after listening

to it a few times, I quickly realized that this album was not just another bragging album.

Yes, he does brag a lot, but unlike a lot of rappers, he has a lot of originality and great verbal skills that are sure to hit nerves with a lot of people. His beginnings as a rapper started with freestyles and mixed tapes, and with these beginnings, he is able to showcase his originality and verbal skills on this album.

His first song released, track number seven, "Sittin' Sidewayz", is a song that explains his cars and the basic life of Paul Wall. Track number two, "They Don't Know", is his current song release and gives a description of Texas that most people don't know about.

My favorite on the album, track number three, "Ridin' Dirty", is a cool, laid back song that you can play while you're cruising in your car. Track six, "Smooth Operator", is a song for the ladies, explaining to them how his game is. Track number

11, "Drive Slow", is a song that features Kanye West and is also on West's album featuring Paul Wall.

Before gaining stardom as a rap artist, this Houston, Texas, native was and still is a skilled jewelry designer, specializing in custom made grills for teeth. Some of his customers have been Lil' John, T.I. and several NBA

players.

Paul Wall is an extremely talented person and his verbal skills will take him a long way in the rap game. In all of his songs, he continuously speaks of motivation and the desire to be the best. With his verbal skills and desire, Paul Wall will soon be the people's hip-hop champ.

A German Treat for the Methodist Church

Jameson Jones
Co-Sports Editor

On November 5, the highly popular and successful a cappella group from Leipzig, Germany, Ensemble Amarcord, performed at the Hay Street United Methodist Church in a performance sponsored by Friends of Music at Methodist College.

The group had a wide arrangement of pieces from the Middle Ages to the English Romanticism periods to a rendition of Billy Joel's "The Longest Time." The group brought the music to the audience with high enthusiasm and talked with the audience after the performance.

I thoroughly enjoyed

their wide range of selections, and the performance brought back some great memories from when I was in an a cappella group called Blue Light Special in high school.

For those who missed the performance at Hay Street UMC, Ensemble Amarcord will have another performance at UNC-Pembroke on February.

If you wish to purchase any of their music, visit their website (make sure to select the English version) at www.amarcord.de, and click on the CD link that will take you to an ordering page.

This CD is a great choice, especially if you like a cappella music or if you just want to add something different to your CD collection.



All Home Games will be played at 7:35 pm, except Sundays, which will be played at 4:00 pm.
All Home Games will be played at the Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville, N.C.

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| Friday Nov. 4 Jacksonville v. FireAntz | Friday Jan. 20 Columbus v. FireAntz |
| Saturday Nov. 5 Knoxville v. FireAntz | Thursday Jan. 26 Florida v. FireAntz |
| Thursday Nov. 24 Pee-Dee v. FireAntz | Friday Jan. 27 Pee-Dee v. FireAntz |
| Friday Nov. 25 Jacksonville v. FireAntz | Thursday Feb. 2 Florida v. FireAntz |
| Saturday Dec. 3 Knoxville v. FireAntz | Friday Feb. 3 Florida v. FireAntz |
| Friday Dec. 9 Huntsville v. FireAntz | Saturday Feb. 4 Jacksonville v. FireAntz |
| Friday Dec. 16 Jacksonville v. FireAntz | Friday Feb. 10 Columbus v. FireAntz |
| Saturday Dec. 17 Pee-Dee v. FireAntz | Sunday Feb. 12 Huntsville v. FireAntz |
| Friday Dec. 23 Florida v. FireAntz | Friday Feb. 24 Florida v. FireAntz |
| Sunday Dec. 25 Knoxville v. FireAntz | Saturday Mar. 4 Pee-Dee v. FireAntz |
| Sunday Jan. 8 Columbus v. FireAntz | Friday Mar. 10 Knoxville v. FireAntz |
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Self-Exploration



Evaluating Yourself

Know Yourself!

A process of self-evaluation can help you to zero in on your career preferences and analyze what's important to you in your work.

Following is a list of 12 traits employers rate as highly important in job candidates. You can use this list as a guideline for evaluating yourself. As you do so, try to think of an example or two from your experience that demonstrates each trait. Not all of the examples need to be related to your academic work. They may have to do with extracurricular activities, or with summer or part-time employment. Some may be connected with an experience or accomplishment from years ago. But all are important. Together, they'll help you to gain a better understanding of yourself.

Communication Skills

- Do you have the ability to organize your thoughts and ideas effectively?
- Can you express them clearly when speaking or writing?
- Can you present your ideas to others in a persuasive way?

Honesty/Integrity

- Are you truthful in word and deed?
- Do you follow a code of ethical and moral values?
- Do you follow through on what you say you'll do?

Interpersonal Skills

- Can you bring out the best efforts of individuals so they become effective, enthusiastic members of a team?
- Do you have an awareness of the reactions of others?
- Are you able to adjust your own behavior to fit the situation?

Strong Work Ethic

- Are you willing to come in early and stay late to get the job done?
- Are you willing to give each assignment "your best," regardless of how important the assignment may or may not be in the greater scheme of things?
- Do you get satisfaction from knowing you've done your best?
- Are you willing to go above and beyond requirements?

Teamwork Skills

- Are you willing to share information and work load with others to reach goals?
- Can you assist and support other team members when necessary?
- Do you have a positive attitude when working with others?

Analytical Skills

- Do you make decisions on sound reasons?
- Are you able to pinpoint pros and cons and develop alternative solutions when problem solving?
- Are you able to effectively evaluate a variety of opinions on how to perform a task?

Motivation/Initiative

- Are you willing to assume responsibility?
- Do you have the ability to identify purposeful work and to take action?
- Do you see a need and try to fill it?

Flexibility/Adaptability

- Are you capable of change and receptive to new situations and ideas?
- Are you able to work on more than one thing at a time (multi-task)?
- Are you able to change your approach or course of action as needed?

Computer Skills

- Are you able to use the Internet to conduct searches, send, and retrieve e-mails?
- Are you capable of using the computer for word processing - editing, printing, and saving?
- Can you use spreadsheet and data base software?

Detail-Orientation

- Do you check your work to ensure you have spelled everything correctly and that it is grammatically correct?
- Do you check your work to ensure that you have included everything that needs to be included and that nothing important is missing?
- Do you check your work for accuracy?

Leadership Skills

- Do you typically take a leadership role when working with others?
- Can you motivate others to achieve goals?
- Are able to recognize needs and problems of others?

Organizational Skills

- Are you able to prioritize your projects?
- Do you use timetables or checklists to complete your work?
- Are you able to set and meet deadlines?

Coming to an interview well-prepared is essential. This month we tackle the topic of what Human Resource Managers say candidates should ask them in an interview. Read what the industry experts have to say.

Good luck with your job search!

“WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU LIKE CANDIDATES TO ASK YOU IN AN INTERVIEW?”



Expert #1 (Rodney Morris Director, Human Resources)

“I expect candidates to do their homework prior to the interview. Visit our website, our restaurant(s), talk to our Managers/Employees. It establishes a basis for understanding what our organization is all about! Some questions to ask in an interview are:

1. What are the future plans of your company? (1 year/3 years/5 years)
2. What qualities are you looking for in candidates to fill this position?
3. Who does this position report to? And how do others describe working with this person?
4. What is the focus of your operations team or for that department’s objectives? For example, at Pasta Pomodoro our restaurant operations team is focused on 3 Key Areas: Pasta, People, and Profit.
5. When can I start?”

Expert #2 (Rob Cooperman, Director of Recruiting)

“When one of our recruiters speaks to a candidate we would hope that they would already have taken a look at our web site, done some research on their own in order to be somewhat knowledgeable of organization when they speak to us. This helps them frame an intelligent question, and shows me that they prepared for the interview and that they are interested enough in the opportunity to do some homework. I like to see several questions written down that are based on this preparation. In terms of what they shouldn’t ask there really is not an unacceptable question. I do have reservations about people with unrealistic expectations about promotion and advancement. Many candidates ask the time frame for promotion to GM. While I have no objections to the question, certainly it is pertinent when a candidate has GM experience, I will say that the candidate that is not hung up on titles and who is confident in his or her abilities has the ability to advance based on demonstrated performance. A candidate would be better off approaching the recruiter from this perspective. Any intelligent, thought out question is a positive, not having any prepared questions at all, or spontaneous questions that are not thought out are negative.”

Expert #3 (Karen Bauckham, Recruiting Manager)

“An interview should be two way communications between an employer and an applicant to determine if it is the right fit for both parties. 85% of our positions that we recruit for are entry level front line jobs. We look for people that are interested and ask questions about the company, ask about the company values and how we operate. Successful candidates are those people that show a genuine interest in what we do and the customer service we provide. Applicants should ask as many questions as they need to, to determine whether the company is the right fit for them. If an applicant has little to say, it says they don’t really care about the company that they are just here for a job.”

Skills for Success

Simply having good grades and completing a degree are not enough to get a job in today’s rapidly changing economy. In addition to a solid academic background, employers want you, as a college graduate, to have demonstrated ability in the following five skill areas:

Communication

Ability to verbalize, write, listen, give presentations, facilitate discussions, and share knowledge effectively

Technical

Ability to appropriately apply technology and effectively use major software and the web to accomplish job responsibilities

Leadership

Ability to lead, gather resources, coach and allow others to lead



Teamwork

Ability to work effectively with others and to collaborate successfully

Interpersonal

Ability to relate to colleagues and customers, inspire others, resolve conflict, be tactful, understand cultures, and show diplomacy



ENTERTAINMENT



Great Mexican Food, Not Far Away



Will Montoya
Editor-in-Chief

Spicy Mexican food is only a hop, skip and jump away from Methodist College.

Mi Casita is located only minutes from campus in the Northgate Shopping Center and offers spectacular lunch specials starting

at \$4.99. Traditional lunch specials include enchiladas, tacos, burritos and chalupas, all served with rice or

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At Mi Casitas the food is always served hot and is consistently well prepared. But

let's not forget about their friendly and attentive hospitality and the ambience of Spanish music playing in the background, which truly makes the dining experience unique.

So, the next time you're in the mood for a little spice in your rice, visit Mi Casita for a quality meal at a decent price even for college students.

10 Holiday Must-See Movies

Melanie Gibson
News Editor

1. "A Christmas Story"

This is Christmas as you remember it; wanting that one gift your parents won't let you have, those ridiculous gifts from distant relatives and your pet dog eating the Christmas turkey.

2. "It's a Wonderful Life"

This is a holiday classic to say the least. When this movie was released, it wasn't very popular; it wasn't until this film was shown on TV that it became a holiday tradition.

3. "A Charlie Brown Christmas"

Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang teach us the real meaning of Christmas. This TV special has been around since your parents were kids, and it can still successfully entertain us all.

4. "Christmas Vacation"

Talk about bad luck. Anything that can go wrong for this family goes wrong during this holiday gathering. With Murphy's Law at its best, this comedy is sure to make you laugh.

5. "White Christmas"

Don't think this is some sappy Christmas movie. It starts out with two GIs at war and one saves the other's life. The film depicts the exciting journey of the two

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Identity Crises Equal Methodist Success

Amber Simith
Staff Writer

Arthur Kopit's "Chamber Music," directed by Dr. Paul F. Wilson, chair of the Methodist College theatre department, was a huge success with **M e t h o d i s t**. The theatre department produced a fantastic play with an amazing cast.

The play itself was rather short, but it was opened with a monologue, written by Christopher Durang, performed by Marianne Parker as Mrs. Sorkin discussing etymology of the word "drama."

The basic premise of the plot is that several of

the women in an insane asylum get together to discuss problems within their ward.

Each woman, however, believes she is a famous person but does not believe the other women are the famous people they claim to be. For example, Amelia Earhart and Susan B. Anthony are present at the meeting.

The play had a few comic scenes, but for the most part, it was a sad irony. At the end of the play, the other women at the meeting murder Amelia Earhart, played by Melanie Gibson.

This is extremely ironic because Earhart is the sanest person in the ward.

The other women present at the meeting include Mrs. Mozart played by Keva Wilson, Susan B. Anthony played by Natallia Yesaulenka, Osa Johnson played by Heather Gilroy, Isabella of Castile played by Keisha Ahye, Joan of Arc played by Samantha Gamble, Pearl White played by Laura Lester and Gertrude Stein played by Tara Doyle.

Other cast members include The Man in White and his assistant played by Dr. Evan Bridenstine and Chase Hayes respectively.

The play was an altogether thought-provoking work. It was very well performed, and each member of the cast gave a spectacular performance.



Pictured above, Mrs. Sorkin discusses the etymology of "drama." On the top right, the Man in White taunts Mrs. Mozart, while Joan of Arc is oblivious to the situation.



Pictured left Joan of Arc defends her cross to Mrs. Mozart, Amelia Earhart, Osa Johnson and Gertrude Stein. Above, Gertrude Stein informs Pearl White that White is not in her seat. All photos by Dr. Paul F. Wilson

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from war to Hollywood to Vermont. It also features the title song, "White Christmas," performed by crooner Bing Crosby.

6. "Elf"

Featuring Will Ferrell and Zooey Deschanel, this film tells the story of one of Santa's elves that doesn't quite fit in, but loves to spread Christmas joy anyway. Although it was just recently released, this film is sure to become a classic for our generation.

7. "The Santa Clause"

This family-friendly movie explains Santa Claus' longevity when an average Joe, Scott Calvin, finds himself in Santa's shoes.

8. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

Whether you watch the original cartoon version or the live-action version with Jim Carrey, it doesn't matter; both are equally fantastic in their own right. Both films feature the infamous song, "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch," as well as proclaiming the message that Christmas doesn't come from a store.

9. "Eight Crazy Nights"

This animated feature, inspired by a line in Adam Sandler's original Chanukah song, is sure to bring laughs, just as any Sandler film does. This film depicts a family's hi-jinx during those "eight crazy nights."

10. "Polar Express"

Based on the beloved children's classic of the same name, this beautiful rendition exposes the magic of Christmas. Using state-of-the-art animation techniques, this heartwarming story can make anyone smile.

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MOVIES

Magnusen & Aldridge

Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor



“Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire” is an excellent continuation of the popular series of films. Harry Potter always causes a lot of hype, and the expectations are always high. Luckily, J. K. Rowling continues to deliver.

The newest film, “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire” has a much darker mood than the previous episodes. The first two films, “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” and “Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets” were more playful. With “The Prisoner of Azkaban” things got more serious.

“Goblet of Fire” is by far the most intense of the four, and this earned it a PG-13 rating instead of the PG that was tagged on the other three. Not only is it much more violent than the others, it has a bit more foul language.

“The Goblet of Fire” also tackles more serious issues than the other movies. While the first three dealt with ideas of friendship and loyalty, the new film wrestles with the difficult concepts of evil, betrayal, and death. The challenges that Harry faces have become much more life-threatening, adding to the weight of the movie. For the adult audience, the more intense storyline is a definite advantage, though parents may want to consider viewing the movie before allowing their children to watch it.

Ralph Fiennes performs particularly well as the villain of the story. The teenage actors are very good, especially considering their age and relative inexperience.

For anyone who enjoyed the first three Harry Potter movies, I highly recommend “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.” Newcomers and old fans won’t be disappointed.



Joe Aldridge
Entertainment Editor

“Walk the Line” has Oscar written all over it.

Joaquin Phoenix (“Ladder 49,” “Gladiator”) and Reese Witherspoon (“Vanity Fair,” “Legally Blonde”) team up in this cinematic masterpiece of the famous singer, Johnny Cash.

Phoenix gives his best performance to date, playing the uniquely tal-

ented Cash. Whereas Phoenix had to gain weight, and muscle mass to play in “Ladder 49,” he had to lose much of it and put on more fat to accurately portray Cash.

Witherspoon’s performance was equally as powerful. The only concern is the audience’s ability to suspend disbelief, in that Witherspoon usually plays a very young woman and now she has to a mother in her mid-30s.

Many will compare this movie to “Ray,” but a problem with that would be that the two artists are completely different.

This movie stands in a category of its own.

Not only does this film pull at your heart strings, the music in the film is outstanding. The fact that Phoenix sang all of his own songs, adds to his amazing performance.

The movie starts with Cash performing in a prison in Folsom. The opening prison concert is to grasp the audience’s attention. The flashback style of the movie then explains why Cash ended up performing in a prison.

If you are looking for a good movie, go see “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire,” but if you are looking for a great movie, go see “Walk the Line.”

Weekend Box Office Stats:

Rank:	Title:	Weekend:	Total:
1.	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	\$54.7M	\$201M
2.	Walk the Line	\$19.2M	\$54M
3.	Yours, Mine and Ours	\$17.5M	\$24.3M
4.	Chicken Little	\$12.6M	\$118M
5.	Rent	\$10M	\$17.1M
6.	Just Friends	\$9.19M	\$13.2M
7.	Pride & Prejudice	\$7.16M	\$16M
8.	Derailed	\$4.61M	\$29.3M
9.	In the Mix	\$4.45M	\$6.14M
10.	The Ice Harvest	\$3.74M	\$5.05M

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Methodist Dodgeballers United

Remille Shipman
Senior Sports Editor

For one-day, Methodist students got to display intensity, athletic ability, and competitive spirit in the game of dodgeball.

On November 18, 2005, Methodist College's Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) hosted their first-ever dodgeball tournament at the Riddle Center.

Eight teams paid \$35 dollars each for the rights to \$60 and the opportunity to knock their unsuspecting victims senseless. The tournament was held for a good cause; half of the mon-

ey raised from the tourney went to SAAC's canned food drive, while the other half was used for prizes. SAAC manage to collect 2,820 canned goods which were donated to the Salvation Army.

The competition was nothing short of intense. The final best-of-three series between "Hit and Run" and "The Fayetteville Gunners" turned out to be a heated and emotional contest, but in the end, "Hit and Run" took the series in three games-but not before going through physical anguish in the process. "I'm a little hurt," "Hit and Run" team member Greg Hysolp said. "My shoulder popped out like three times, but it was worth it." John Northern stated "Man, I'm psyched, there were a lot of good teams; I just want to thank God [for our victory]."

Nasiro-Sigo Comes Up Short

Remille Shipman
Senior Sports Editor

The dream season of Methodist runner Husein Nasiro-Sigo didn't end the way that he would have wanted it on November 19, 2005.

Nasiro-Sigo hoped to add to his Mason-Dixon Conference, USA South Athletic Conference and Division III South/Southeast regional championships with an individual NCAA national championship at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships in Delaware, Ohio. Although he had the title in his sights and was among the leaders heading into the final stretch things wound up taking a turn for the worst. Nasiro-Sigo fell within the final mile and a half of the race and was unable to finish.



Patrick Larkin, Andrew Gurley, Greg Hysolp, Chris Gauntlett, John Northern and Billy Delapp pose for a picture after the tourney. Photo by Remille Shipman



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Athlete Standouts



Athlete Standout Quarterback Chris Roncketti attempts a pass against Shenandoah.

Photo by Melanie Gibson

Remille Shipman
Senior Sports Editor

This fall semester Methodist's sports teams set great team accomplishments. Football won its first-ever conference championship, and volleyball won 17 games for the first time since 1992. However, none of these team accomplishments would be possible without these individual efforts.

Methodist quarterback Chris Roncketti and halfback Mike Hill not only helped lead Methodist's football program in capturing its first-ever USA South Conference championship in school history, but they also set school records in the process. Roncketti, a senior, led the USA South Conference in passing this season as he became the first-ever Methodist quarterback to throw for 2,000 yards in a single season. He completed 141-of-241 passes for 2,234 yards and 15 touchdown passes.

Roncketti also set single-season records for completions and attempts and single-game records for completions and yards

as he threw for over 300 yards on two separate occasions. Roncketti was selected by the USA South as the conference's Offensive Player of the Year for the first time in 2005.

Hill, a sophomore, became the first-ever Methodist player to rush for 1,000 yards in a single season when he rushed for 1,054 yards and 11 touchdowns on only 194 carries.

Football wasn't the only sport in which records were broken in 2005. Senior outside hitter Jennifer Ellis set two milestones while helping Lady Monarchs Volleyball to record their first winning season since 1992. She finished her Monarch career as the only Methodist player to ever record 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in a season, and she leaves the Lady Monarch volleyball program with a school record of 1,655 kills and 1,363 digs. In addition, Ellis also holds the single-season Methodist record for kills with 541, set in her Freshman year.



Monarch guard Eugene Grant guards a teammate during Hoopla Frenzy
Photo by Julia Parker

Men's Basketball Heats Up

Remille Shipman
Senior Sports Editor

The lofty expectations established by Methodist College's men's basketball program haven't gone down in the very least.

Seventh-year head coach David Smith will have the luxury of 11 returning lettermen and three returning starters, including five seniors. All USA-South senior wing Seth Thomas (15.2 ppg in 2004-05) and All-USA South senior guard Eugene Grant (12.0 ppg) return for their last campaigns, and junior defensive specialist Robert Lee (9.9 ppg) and sophomore Marcus Hairston will see plenty of time in the backcourt. Junior Dragan Radmanovic (6.3 ppg) leads the list of frontcourt returnees as he and 6'11 senior Michael McEvoy, junior Brandon Williams and sophomore Craig Moore will be replacing the huge production left behind from graduated USA South Player of the

Year Sam Porter and Bryan Booth.

Coach Smith has been rather pleased with the team's progress so far in preseason. "They're working awful hard," he stated. Smith stated that the team is ahead of schedule in terms of preseason preparation so far this season, but that the team's frontcourt must pick up its post defense in order to successfully replicate last year's success. The presence of five seniors this year has also proved to benefit as well, in part due to the sense of urgency that comes with being in their final year. "They know it's their last chance," Smith said.

The Monarchs will again face a challenging non-conference schedule this season as they travel to Division I Appalachian State on December 1. Methodist will also play a program that has been ranked as high as third overall in the NCAA Division III against Wooster College in Ohio, as well as top-10 NAIA school Mobile and powerful Virginia Wesleyan. The rest of the competition in the USA South, including North Carolina Wesleyan, Averett, and Christopher Newport, will also prove challenging to the Monarchs.

Methodist opened its season on November 19 at the Lon Varnell Classic in Sewanee, Tennessee, and has gotten off to a 2-2 record so far this season.

Lady Monarchs Start Season with Tough Loss

Shantell Dustin
Staff Writer

Fall sports are finally out of the way and the winter sports are starting.

The women's basketball season is finally under way, and the Lady Monarchs have opened the season with a record of 2-3.

The Lady Monarchs started the season with a tough loss against Emory and Henry with a score of 119-94.

Lisa Jackson was the leading scorer for the monarchs with 30 points.

After this tough loss, the Lady Monarchs beat Lynchburg 66-60.

The winning momentum against Lynchburg carried into the game against Bennett. The final score was 65-52 with Antionett Holliday leading the team with 21 points.

After these three away games, the Lady Monarchs came home to play in the Methodist Cross Creek InnKeeper Turkey Shootout on November 26-27. The Lady Monarchs lost to LaGrange 88-86 in double overtime. At the end of the first half, the Lady Monarchs were losing 33-36 but came back in the second half scoring 34 points compared to LaGrange's 31. In the first overtime period, both teams scored 13 points and then LaGrange pulled ahead in the second overtime period.

In the last game of the Turkey Shootout, the Lady Monarchs lost to Piedmont College 71-61.

They have many games left this season to improve their record. The Monarchs will be in action at home on Jan. 7 when they return from Christmas break.

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A Letter to the Editor

Hello, my name is Eric Staley(a senior). I got a couple of problems with "smallTALK." On Nov. 3 when paper was release I noticed that the article about the football team beating CNU and the homecoming court was the smallest thing on that whole paper. I didn't say anything at first because I thought yall will make it up on the next article boy was I wrong. Man we won homecoming beat a team we never beaten before and we can't get no love on "smallTALK", I'm mad as hell.

This something everyone needs to know. Also, I won Homecoming King and Shauna Bunn won queen and we didn't get any newspaper time or any questions asked on about how does it feel to be King and Queen. We

got nothing but a small picture of us sharing it with the football team. Some people still coming up to me saying "I didn't know you won homecoming, I tell them you are late, haven't you read the paper. They say, yeah but didn't see you." An you didn't offer any of the extra pictures taken at homecoming to me or Shauna. What is yall doing down there? Also I'm not a Junior, I'm a SENIOR and the paper printed junior if anyone would have got some information about me, we would have this problem. Now even the new "smallTALK" paper aren't showing the football team any love. It was Senior and Parent day at the game and yall don't have any pictures of that or even the dang game. For us seniors, it means a lot for us read and see news

articles about us. All we get is the summary of the game that's cool and but you could have talked to some of the seniors and ask them how does it feel to play there last college football game or even win the conference championship but you didn't. NO PICTURES, WHY? This part goes to Remille Shipman, the next time you right and article about somebody you better never say (reserve)by someone name, pretty much don't put with my name. Plus I started that game if yall would have paid attention. I'm very displease with "smallTALK" right now and how it's ran, something needs to be done about all of this. If at least one of these articles are not corrected, action will be taking.

Eric Staley

Response From the Editor

*Will Montoya
Editor-in-Chief*

Mr. Staley, I'm happy that you wrote a letter to the editor, which is our first this semester. I will do my best in explaining our point of view on the concerns you addressed.

First, the homecoming game and royalty court, I agree with you, this story did not get the coverage it deserved. The reason for this is, we have a lack of sports writers on our staff and with all of the sports here at Methodist College it is nearly impossible to give each sport the coverage they deserve.

However, a quick fix to this problem would be to have you join our staff, as a sports writer, doing this will give you the chance to cover the sports

stories that you feel are most important plus my staff can also help you to improve your writing and grammatical skills.

As far as the pictures of homecoming are concerned, if you want copies of pictures all you have to do is come by our office in the basement of the Berns and ask. My staff will not hunt you down to give you pictures.

I do take personal responsibility for all of the typos in smallTALK, so I apologize for incorrectly naming you a junior when you are really a senior. I hope this response answered all of your concerns if not please stop by our office anytime so we can chat.

smallTALK Bids Farewell to Director



Student Media will bid farewell to our director and advisor Lindsey Hanson at the beginning of January 2006. The staff would like to thank you for all that you did in your short time here at Methodist College. You truly will be remembered as an advisor who really cared. Good luck in the future and God Bless You.

Best Wishes,
smallTALK Staff

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