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## One Time at Methco...

*Matt McHale*  
Photo Editor

The end of the fall semester 2005 is drawing to a close, and what did you remember most about this past semester?

Some might remember all the way back to the Air Band/Lip Sync Contest, which had Methodist students mouthing words to their favorite songs.

Maybe you remember Bowling for Dollars where students bowled late into the night right across Ramsey Street, or the Homecoming dance that rocked out at the Holi-



Senior Eric Staley being crowned Homecoming King. Photo by Melanie Gibson



Freshmen Samantha Gamble and Nikita Hackett won first place at the MC Late Night Air Band/Lip Sync Contest with their performance of "Respect" by Aretha Franklin. Contributed photo.

day Inn. Don't forget Oktober-Fest which hosted tons of fall foods and activities, and of course the Jesse Smith Wood Cutting Project.

Possibly you're one of those artsy types and all you remember were our two awesome plays performed this year, "Red and Blue" and "Chamber Music."

You might be a sports buff and remember our football team beating Christopher Newport & Shenandoah for the first time in history at our homecoming game, or our volleyball team which recorded 17 game wins, the most wins since 1992.

If none of that triggers your memory, maybe

you remember all of our international activities like the International Soccer Team or our over the top International Food Festival.

It's true your classes might be slowing down, but there are still a few more events that are holding the pace.

There is the MC Talent Show,



Annie Ren helps serve traditional international dishes at the International Food Festival. Photo by Matt McHale

the Dance Theater of Fayetteville will present "The Nutcracker" December 2-4, and the Winter Commencement is on December 17, 2005.

Graduates we wish the best for you and returning students have a great break.



Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, President of Methodist College. Photo by Will Montoya

## How Hendricks Became President

*Sarah Davenport*  
Staff Writer

Dr. Richard Pearce stepped down as the president of Methodist College in 1983 when the enrollment numbers started falling. A nine-member hiring committee was put together by the Trustees to find the right person to take over his position. In his final letter in the July 1983 edition of "Methodist College Alumni News," Pearce explained to the public what he thought Methodist needed to grow: "Now the college needs a new president who is strong in the solicitation of funds; one who is aggressive in asking for support of the col-

lege." That person was Dr. M. Elton Hendricks.

"In 1973, the college was in an enrollment downslide. Pearce came in 1973 and brought it up, but it fell again in 10 years. So we brought in Elton. I told him he had ten years to bring it up or he was fired. But he has kept it up. Through the use of innovative programs, program recruiting, and financial aid programs, the numbers have yet to decline," says Gene Clayton, Vice President of Business Affairs. Clayton was the Academic Dean and Athletic Director when Hendricks was hired. He was not actually part of the hiring committee, but cont. on pg. 3 see PRESIDENT

## Operation Christmas Child



Student volunteers helped load gift-filled boxes into vans. Photo by Laura Beth Lester

Operation Christmas Child would like to thank all of those who helped with Operation Christmas Child this year. In eight days, we collected 26,623 shoeboxes filled with gifts that will go to needy children around the world.

Thanks again.  
Chaplain Benjamin Wells

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# Student Debt No Longer a Plague

**STUDENT DEBT  
ALERT**



**DeMario Campbell**  
Staff Writer

Credit card debt is the leader in debt among college students. From the time that students enroll in college all the way through graduation, students are constantly getting advertisements in the mail for credit cards.

When I worked in the Post Office last year, on average, there was about eight in ten students either receiving credit card bills or advertisements for credit cards each day.

This growing trend has given a lot of students with perfect credit, bad credit.

Bad credit will haunt students in the future by making it hard for students to buy homes and other major properties. While most credit card debt is accumulated through irresponsible buying, some of the debt is actually not the fault of the student.

Some debt is accumulated through college itself. Students use credit cards

to help pay for school. Without this, many students are not able to stay in school. As interest rates rise, students find it hard to pay for these accruing bills, and often default on these financial responsibilities. The result is bad credit.

## Ways that debt can be avoided

There are many ways that debt can be avoided.

1. If you must have a credit card, understand your interest rates, and be responsible in buying.

2. If you have a balance, try and pay more than the minimum when your bill arrives. This will help with any interest that may be added.

3. Before getting a credit card, realize that credit is temporary, and a source of income will be needed to pay for this debt.

4. Be responsible in purchases. Only use your card for essentials and have a plan to pay the balance off as soon as possible.

5. If your reason for getting credit cards is to pay for school, then explore your options. There

may be less burdening ways to pay for school such as loans that have small interest rates and don't require payment until your school career ends.

Another form of debt that usually plagues students is Student Loans. "About 39% of college graduates graduate with unmanageable debt." ([www.studentdebtalert.org](http://www.studentdebtalert.org))

This is alarming considering the fact that this is the only way for some students to actually pay for college. StudentDebtAlert.org is run by students to examine why these loans are needed and also the burdens that are caused by debt.

There is also a student debt yearbook on this site so students can share their stories about the burdens of debt and get the word out on this problem so potential solutions can be obtained. If you have a story to share, just go the website previously mentioned and share your information so that you and others may find comfort in this national epidemic.

# Waste No More

**Barbara Beebe**  
Contributing Writer

Many people are aware of the first two dictums of the environmental movement – recycle and reuse. However, the third mantra – reduce – has had some difficulty catching on with Americans and particularly with college students. Although Methodist currently lacks an integrated recycling program, no great or small change ever occurs without the initiative of individuals. Thus, it is important that students, staff and faculty begin to do their part to decrease the amount of paper used on the campus.

According to the Department of Energy, "Paper is the number one material that we throw away. For every 100 pounds of trash we throw away, 39 pounds is paper." This is a statistic that needs to change!

How can students reduce their use of paper products? By fully utilizing the technology that is widely available. Flashdrives, cell phones, laptops, digital cameras, scanners and other technologies that are quite visible on the campus belie the extensive use of paper evident on campus and particularly in the library. The key to making these technologies more effective is the successful integration of their uses and functions into everyday practices of college life.

**PAPER WASTE – SO 1990s**  
Anyone who visits the library's reference desk area can see the enormous amount of laser paper prints that have been abandoned by students. Multiple copies of research papers, copies of forwarded e-mails, prints of photos of friends and celebrities, class notes, bad prints, etc. are routinely printed and never claimed by students. Currently, the library has 65 inches of unclaimed



prints. This is paper we've simply piled and saved from Spring 2005 through the current semester. Since a ream of paper is two inches, this comes to approximately 33 reams of paper. A ream has 500 sheets. So, those 65 inches equal 16,500 sheets of paper!!

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As Americans, we are blessed to live in a country that has a plethora of technological goods. Many of these goods permit us to decrease our use of precious or limited resources. The conversion of trees to paper – which requires heavy use of water, energy, and the trees themselves – is a process that can be decreased by the conscious decision to reduce use. In order to make our world more livable for all people – with better air quality, more energy, and potable water – it is imperative that we begin to embrace all the mantras of the environmental movement – recycle, reuse and REDUCE.

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# Instigating Change in China

Ashley Genova  
Co-Sports Editor

A great change is happening in the economic system of China, and Methodist College is taking part in it. Philip C. Williams and Michael H. Sullivan traveled to China to teach project management sessions to Chinese hospital officials and public health officials.

Chinese companies have always been told by the government what their plan for business is, but that is all changing. This concept however is foreign to the people of China. "Previously, this was all done from the top," Williams said.

Not only are the Chinese learning how to manage their own businesses, but they are also learning about private health insurance.

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he did interview Hendricks before he was hired.

The committee was looking for someone who could bring the college out of its slump and boost it to the next level. They were looking for someone with higher education experience, a doctorate, fundraising experience and a vision to help predict the future. When they chose Dr. Hendricks, Ike O'Hanlon, the then chairmen of the Board of Trustees described him as "just the man we were looking for."

"I remember there being two other candidates. But when I interviewed Elton, he wanted to talk about program recruitment and bringing more students in, which is what we needed," Clayton explained.

When Hendricks was appointed president of Methodist, he was the academic dean at Randolph-Macon College. In addition to academic dean, Hendricks also had previously held the positions of Acting President and Director of Admissions at Randolph-Macon and had also been the Director of the Residence Hall pro-

Learning was not a one-way street on this trip. Sullivan said, "I learned a great deal in China."

Many of China's healthcare policies are different from the United State's policies. One of these differences is the Village Health Station. Most of the doctors in the stations are only trained to an equivalence of a licensed practical nurse, but they are the most honored and respected of health care givers. The Village Health Stations distribute both western and traditional Chinese medicine.

Changes in China are frightening the people a little, but Williams said, "We all have to force ourselves into accepting change instead of avoiding it." With progression in China, he believes that "in five to ten years, they can equal us in output."

gram at Wofford College. Hendricks earned his degree in history from Wofford College, graduated magna cum laude from Duke Divinity School and earned his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of South Carolina.

Since Hendricks has been at Methodist, not only has the enrollment steadily increased but the college itself has made major strides. When Hendricks first came in 1983, the budget for institutional money was 10 thousand dollars. It is now at 8 million dollars. From 1970 to 1990, there weren't any new buildings built. Since 1990, Methodist has built a new building almost every year. The Professional Golf Management program was started when golf players from Methodist started going to PGA school and running their own clubs. The PGM program is now one of the biggest attractions for prospective students.

"Elton [Hendricks] told the board that the college would have to grow for him to be successful," Clayton said. The college has steadily grown and because of everything that he brought with him, it is still

# Wild Animals and Wild Times in Florida



"Twenty students took part in our annual trip to Florida, half of the students were International students and half were not," said Coach Mike Sinkovitz, director of Intramural Recreation at Methodist College. "We got to swim with the big Manatee fish," replied Ksenia Nikolaeva a Russian International student. "The most exciting experience I had during the trip was riding the newest roller coaster [at Busch Gardens] called the 'Sheikra,' it has a 90 degree drop, and it was very scary," added Nikolaeva.

The Outdoor Adventure Club has many upcoming trips planned for the spring semester. They plan on traveling to Jamaica for Spring Break, Atlanta for Easter as well as skiing in West Virginia.

If you are interested in taking a trip with the Outdoor Adventure Club call Coach Sink at ext. 7161.

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## Remille's Ramblings A Review of the Past Semester

*Remille Shipman*  
Senior Sports Editor

It feels like only a week ago, or better yet, yesterday, since this semester started. I was so excited when I returned to school three days early, I might add about almost everything that was both old and new about Meth-Co. I was glad that I was finally done with Biology and Physical Science, and I was really excited to meet all of the new freshmen who I had helped break in during orientation in July. Plus, I was excited about the improvements made to Student Activities and Chris' House. I thought this semester would definitely top last year, hands down.

I figured that my final rambling of the semester would basically be an overview of how I felt the 2005 fall semester at Methodist College went; we only have a full week before exams start. Nothing else is going to happen, is it?

First of all, I definitely think that Student Activities has improved by leaps and bounds over last year. For those that weren't here last year, let me tell you something; SAC sucked last year. Nobody went to the few events that they had, advertising was non-existent, and our advisor last year didn't really care. This year, SAC has improved in every aforementioned aspect, and Duane Grooms is a person who really cares. SAC

might need to follow the schedule just a little bit better, but otherwise they have been excellent.

I am disappointed with RHA's numbers this semester. I know people have issues with some things here at Methodist College, and RHA is one forum to do something about those issues. One associate of mine who lives off-campus said I sometimes come down too hard on Methodist students. I have apologized for doing this, but when I see the apathy around campus and the fact that the numbers of students who want to make their voice heard are few and far between—it's extremely difficult to sit by and not call anybody out. It's depressing sometimes.

I can't really talk about SGA this semester because I wasn't at all of the meetings. I was too busy eating free food at Chris' House. I promise I will stop by more often next semester.

I wish I lived in the "new" Cumberland now that women are living there. I lived there last year, and girls would have made that place better even though I had fun and met a lot of people. Now we would be better balanced as a population if half of the building was remodeled to suit girls. I just heard that we had a Physician Assistant Studies program for undergraduates this year. It will take a little while, but I have a feeling this program will become

as successful as the PGM program and could balance our lopsided gender numbers here.

The café, in my opinion, has only gotten worse as we have gone through the semester. I wait eagerly to see what things change and what stays the same next semester.

Next year's Bonfire will improve on this year's.

Resident assistants in some buildings need to do better jobs letting their residents know who is on duty for the night. In my hall last year, we didn't have that problem.

Security had a good semester since, I did not hear about any successful assaults, thefts, or rapes on campus. Of course I could be wrong.

And finally, I want to leave behind the application I mentioned during the last paper; I want everyone to understand that I can't withhold the tradition alone. So instead of writing a resume out, I'm just going to ask you to e-mail me [eshipman@hotmail.com](mailto:eshipman@hotmail.com) and tell me in no less than 50 words how spirited you are about MC athletics and how much you deserve the yellow fence. I know there's someone out there that wants to carry on the tradition. Next semester I'll continue rambling on, but until then, have a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Remember to love thy neighbor as yourself.

**If Methodist College were to establish a mandatory dress code for the students starting in the spring semester 2006 how would you feel or react and why?**

*Survey & Pictures By:*

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News Editor

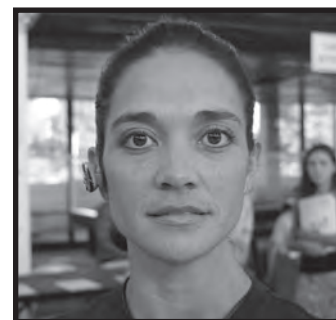


Name: Justin Leonard  
Year: Sophomore

Actually, I would welcome a dress code. Coming from the education department we have an unwritten dress code. In support of the code I think it would be a great idea.

Name: Amanda Harris  
Job Title: Evening Admissions @ Methco

I wouldn't really care, since I work here- I already have one. I don't think college students should have one though.



Name: Christine Rudolf  
Year: Junior

I would not agree with a specific dress code. Guidelines may be more acceptable (for modesty for example), but to have a specific dress circle/ "uniform" would not be a good idea and may cause problems amongst the student population.



Name: Marie Finley  
Year: Sophomore

I feel it is pretty ridiculous to ask adults to follow a dress code when society can't even force a dress code on elementary and high school aged students. My questions are who will enforce it? What will be the consequences of a violation of this dress code (fines? as always) and what kind of dress code will be mandated? If the school wants us to merely dress appropriately for being in public, then in that case only, I feel that some people shouldn't wear the clothes that they do. (Especially big girls in short shorts and boys who's butts hang out in saggy pants) and a dress code would benefit the eyes of people like me who don't want to see the aforementioned sights. Dress code= no, Dress appropriateness- yes, please!

# 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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**Past Accomplishments:** Free laundry and Co-ed housing in Pearce and West.

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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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Room 11, Berns Student Center.**

## 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.*

1. Any well-planned job search begins with a great resume. True or False?
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.



# CAREER DECISION PYRAMID

## 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!**

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

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**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

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## 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.

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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.



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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# 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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# sports



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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.

## Merle Norman

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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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