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Corey Rose Wins Mr. Methodist

Joe Aldridge
Entertainment Editor

The second annual Mr. Methodist Pageant was held at 8:00 p.m. on January 29, 2006.



The crowd cheered as

Corey Rose, sponsored by the Methodist College ROTC program, was crowned "Mr. Methodist."

"The show was fun, enjoyable, memorable, and tough. If sponsored again, I would do this next year,"

some way by the others, saying in their own way "don't be nervous," or "you can do it."

Cheryle Rivas, Methodist College's director of college relations and marketing, was the host. There were also performances by the Monarch Dancers, Lady T, and Chrissy Byrd, the reigning princess of North Carolina. Even smallTALK Stu was there to present the awards.

Many new faces were among the contestants this year, but there was one that competed last year. "The show this year was much better than last year; most of the kinks have been worked out. I had a great time," senior Nick Kimps said.

Gary Wall, senior, and Ben Gray, freshman, were talking about the competition just after the show.

"I had a lot of fun, the competition was tough. If it wasn't for graduation, I would do it again next year," Wall said.

Gray added, "It [the competition] was



Pictured left, Mr. Methodist winner Corey Rose, sponsored by ROTC, performs "Simple Man" for the talent competition. Photo by Norma Bradshaw. Pictured above, smallTALK Stu and Mr. Methodist Corey Rose celebrate the win. Photo by Pat Blalock

outstanding. I love being around this group, they are great guys, fun and inspiring. This is something I will never forget."

Anything goes during a Mr. Methodist Pageant

from a performance by Lady T, to smallTALK Stu in a hula skirt, to a cowboy singing "Simple Man" by Lynard Skynard. Next year's Mr. Methodist has much to live up to.

Rose said.

Contestants from all over the campus battled their way to be titled "Mr. Methodist." They were put to the test in many areas including formal wear, talent, sportswear, and also question and answer.

The crowd cheered as their favorite contestant was introduced, while back stage, the men were shaking hands and wishing each other good luck. When the time came for their turn, each contestant was patted or tapped in

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Be on the look out for smallTALK STU on Campus.

Green and Gold, Your Money and You

On-Campus Student Businesses

DeMario Campbell
Staff Writer

College can be a financially insecure time for many students.

Without the help of their parents or some type of work study, students are left to fend for themselves.

Due to these circumstances, stu-

dents exercise alternative ways of making money.

More and more students are becoming self employers by creating their own small businesses on campus.

These businesses usually cater to other students on campus, as well as people off campus.

One example of a student owned business is Latoya Robertson's "Lady T Productions."

As many of you know, Robertson is a rising recording artist/producer/songwriter.

With the equipment that she owns, she has created a music recording business. She offers studio

time to record music and the leasing of songs and beats with an option of buying.

Robertson is a Resident Advisor in

and has been cutting

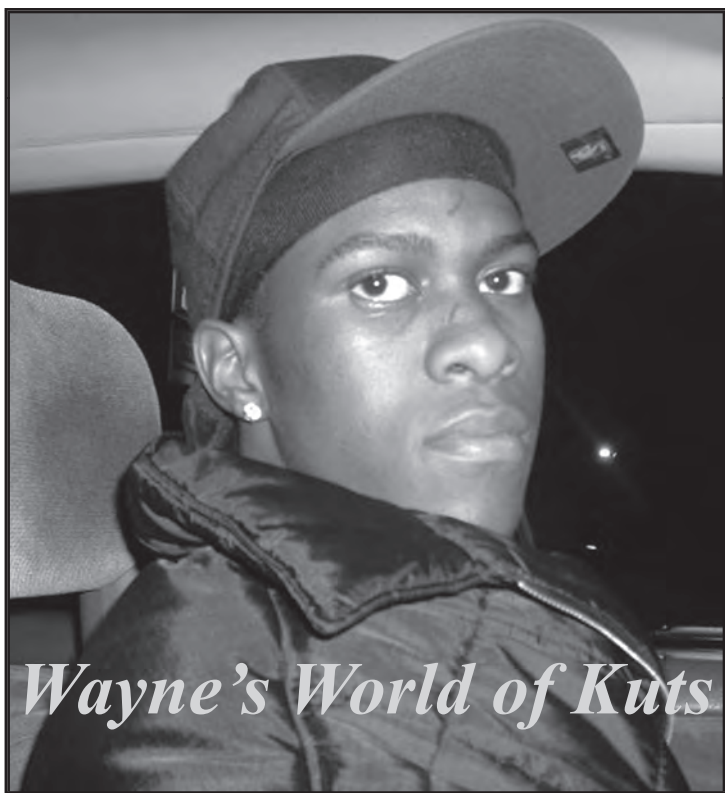
hair for the past 6 years.

His prices are also great compared to other barbers off campus.

Robertson & Bradshaw Room Cleaning and Painting Service is another example of student entrepreneurship.

Owners Latoya Robertson and Norma Bradshaw offer cleaning and painting services to anyone who is in need of refurbishing their living quarters.

All of these student business owners know the financial state of most college students, so their prices are great for people on a budget.



Robertson & Bradshaw

One Stop Paint Shop and Cleaning Service

the Cape Fear Commons and has also recently released a new album that is on sale now.

Compared to other studios, these prices are wonderful and recording would be a great way for any potential rising artist to get a professional recording of their work.

Another student owned business is Dwayne Johnson's "Wayne's World of Kuts."

Johnson is a resident of Cape Fear Commons

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Mr. Methodist the Next Big Kahuna



Back row from left to right, Kevin Page, RHA, Taron Stubbs, FYE, Remille Shipman, RHA and Kent Culmer, International Club. Front row from left to right, first runner-up Gary Wall Jr., Phi Alpha Gamma, Mr. Congeniality Nick Kimps, RHA, second runner-up Ben Gray, FYE and Mr. Methodist Corey Rose, ROTC. Congrats to all the winners. Thanks to all who participated and helped with the production. Photo by Pat Blalock.

From Grad School to Art Class

Katie Zybeck

Contributing Writer

During the Christmas break, a number of exciting additions were made to Davis Memorial Library's electronic resources. Two of the new resources that students may find most helpful this semester are the Learning Express Library and CAMIO: Catalogue of Art Museum Images Online.

Learning Express Library

Its arrival is perfectly timed! Going to graduate school? Try the practice tests available through the "Graduate School Entrance Exams" link. Practice tests are available for the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and the MCAT. If you need to

"Business Writing Success Skills." Review formats, audience, organization, grammar, spelling, word choice, and clarity.

Students with children will appreciate Elementary, Middle, and High School Skills Improvement areas. In addition, there are a number of advanced placement practice tests and college entrance exam practice tests.

CAMIO: Catalogue of Art Museum Images Online

CAMIO contains a collection of over 88,000 images of paintings, photographs, prints, sculpture, decorative arts, drawings, watercolors, costumes, jewelry, textiles, architecture, and more. All images are licensed for educational use, which means they can be used in

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review concepts before taking the tests (maybe you forgot all about algebra the minute you left the class), use the "Math Skills Improvement" exercises to brush up on your skills. Also, the "Reading Skills Improvement" section contains reading comprehension exercises, synonym and antonym practice exercises, word analogy exercises, and vocabulary exercises.

If you are bound for the rat race, check out the "Job and Career Success Skills" materials. Here you will find information on finding a job, networking, creating a resume, and interviewing. Also, brush up on your business writing with the

class projects, inserted into papers, printed out for poster presentations, pasted into PowerPoint presentations, and more. This resource has a multitude of ways to view the images. You can search for words or time periods. You can browse the various categories. Once in a category, you can limit by "Where?" and "Who?" to view only items from a specific place or a specific people (i.e. European; French). Also, when you have your list of items, you may view the items in a list with a short description or just view thumbnails of the works. This resource is also a great tool for art classes and artists looking for inspiration.

ROTC: A Class All Its Own

Adam Deshong
Contributing Writer

In political science, students read newspaper articles and write short papers on current events.

In English, students read short stories and poems and write long papers on symbolism.

Reserve Officer Training Corps, ROTC, is entirely different.

While cadets spend time in the classroom, it's the real training that makes the program the most exciting college course offered.

While other students are sitting behind a computer typing papers, the cadets will be improving their physical fitness, developing leadership skills, and preparing for a high-pace career in the military.

As part of ROTC, cadets participate in challenging and motivating physical training, PT, three days a week.

Between running, circuit training, and strength building, cadets find themselves in the best shape of their lives. The feeling of accomplishment after PT provides an energy that carries through the whole day.

In addition to PT, the various field exercises scheduled throughout the semester develop leadership skills like no other class.

While students work in groups in the classroom, nothing compares to developing a plan and leading others in tracking down and defeating enemy forces. Crawling silently up to bunkers or laying low to

recon the capabilities of the enemy is much more exciting than taking notes during a lecture.

Increasing physical fitness and developing leadership skills prove vital to the challenging career cadets face the day they are commissioned officers in the United States Army.

Some will be members of the Reserves or National Guard and others will go full-time active Army, but all the new officers will be called on to put their training to use.

From preparing briefings to deploying to other parts of the world, the members of ROTC will have the opportunity to change the world. The training they receive this semester in ROTC will set them up for future success.

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The Students' Voice

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Take a Stand



Melanie Gibson
News Editor

Why does it seem that the students just want to complain? I mean we are in college and these are the years that we are supposed to be growing from teens to adults. We are supposed to be gaining real-life experience here and learning how to take care of problems and confront issues that we may face in larger scales in the future. I admit as a freshman I was scared of standing up for things that I didn't agree with, most of the time I ended up doing some things that I thought I never would have; and wish I never did. However, I have learned greatly from these "mistakes" if you will and they have formed me into the person I am today. I see a problem on this campus and I want to jump right in and find a solution. I hear people complain about something and I want to fix it. I am learning fast that I am only one person and I can't do everything I want to do alone.

I guess I just wonder

why I have to stand up alone. I know there are other leaders on this campus, but those leaders are the same leaders of every other organization and club on this campus; it's impossible for them all to have the time to commit to some challenges. I never thought that I would ever consider giving up on a fight here at Methodist, but the fact is I am tired of standing alone. Methodist College students need to understand the power they have here. Our tuition keeps this school running; if we want something changed the Administration will have to at least listen to us. Unfortunately not everyone sees it this way and so students will complain to other people who will not stand up and nothing will ever get done. A few phone calls from concerned parents can get the fire started under any idea of change that any student wants. If enough students demand the same thing there is no doubt that something will be done. Anything you want changed you can have as long as you are not afraid to stand up for it and try.

Graduating on Time

Joe Aldridge
Entertainment Editor

Can an average student really graduate from a four-year university in four years?

The answer is both yes and no.

A student can graduate in four years if he/she were to abandon their conventional thinking in the terms of a school year. Ever since kindergarten the typical school year has been nine months.

The problem with that is once students reach the college level and go to a "four-year" school, most think that they actually will graduate in four years.

Here are a few facts to dwell on: a full-time student is a student who takes between 12-14 semester hours, a conventional year is two semesters, a graduating senior, typically, must

have over 120 hours for their degree.

Now, lets do the math if a student takes 14

must take summer school to graduate in four years. Or they would have to be more than a full-time student.

Also, statistics say that the average college student should study 3-4 hours a week per credit hour. This means a student taking 14 hours is supposed to study between 42-56 hours a week.

So, what does this mean as far as sports, recreation, jobs and a social life?

There are 168 hours in a week. A full-time student will spend 14 hours in class, 21 hours eating, 56 hours sleeping, and 56 hours studying each week. Which means they will only have 21 hours left each week, or 3 hours a day to do all of the other things in life.

How will you spend your 21 hours?



hours each semester for four years, they will have accumulated 112 hours. Eight semester hours shy of graduation, this means that a full time student

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Love Doctors: Blabber On

Dear Love Doctors,

My girlfriend talks too much. When I first met her she was cute, quiet and shy. That is why I liked her so much. She is still cute and around almost everyone else she is still quiet and shy. With me, she talks constantly. I am known as a quiet guy, and I thought we would make a good match. It was really nice at first. We could just sit quietly and be together, but the longer I know her, the more that girl talks.

I can't help it. I have come to love her and can't imagine my life without her. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but her constant chatter is driving me up a wall. Help!

Tired Ears

Dear Tired Ears,

Your girlfriend must really love and trust you to be able to overcome her shyness with you. Take her chattering as a compliment; she trusts you with her most secret thoughts!

But silence can be nice, and your girlfriend will not know that until you tell her. Try taking her for a walk somewhere with beautiful scenery, and say something like, "It's nice to just enjoy the quiet and the view." Or, try listening to some soft music with her. You can help her see that silence can be pleasant.

If an indirect way of telling your girlfriend to talk less does not work, be forward. Tell her that a little quiet is not a bad thing, and you enjoy moments of silence. Be sure to tell her how much you appreciate that she shares so many thoughts with you, but tell her there is no rush to say everything that is on her mind at once. If this relationship is true love, you and your girlfriend will have plenty of time to talk.

Good luck,

Ashley

Dear Tired Ears,

Isn't that the way of life? We find something that works just perfectly...then it changes. In real life, everything is in a state of flux. Circumstances change, people change and relationships have to change to keep working.

Honest communication is essential for a relationship to survive change. Your cute, shy girlfriend has found a confidant. That is probably wonderful for her. But she needs to know what is wonderful for you. Please consider trying an honest straight-forward communication.

I always recommend using the 'sandwich' technique when you need to say something another person might not want to hear. Start with something true and positive, state your need in concrete terms and follow up with another positive statement. This method makes the unpleasant reality easier to swallow.

Try it. I'll bet it will work.

Best wishes,

Darlene

Voice From the Wilderness

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

David Santiago

Staff Writer

Life constantly throws surprises at you. I was taught to believe Angels and Demons really exist, and for the most part I still do. This became problematic when taking a class in which the professor, who believes in God, didn't believe in any other form of spiritual entity, including angels and demonic forces. To me it was only logical that if God exist so do they. Technically I still do, but the surprise was when one of the most important lessons I learned in life came out of this debate. I was listening to his reasoning for such a belief and just letting it fly over my head when he suddenly hit me and the class with something that left me speechless. He said "if you really want to see what the devil looks like, go look in a mirror."

I couldn't say anything, all of sudden my entire perspective had changed. Because when I thought about it, he was absolutely right. So how do I deal with this?? Do I abandon my belief that

such beings as angels and demons exist? First off, no I did not do that, I still believe that there are celestial beings on the other side. But now, due to that statement my whole approach to life is changed. Before, I looked at the elements of this world in the demonic influences, when all of a sudden I realized that I was looking in all the wrong places. Suddenly I knew if I was to help rid the world of demonic forces, the one demon I had to focus on was not Satan or anything like that. The demon I need to battle day after day is that demon staring back at me from the mirror every day when I wake up, myself.

Again I will reiterate, I do believe in things such as demons and angels and such. But what I have let go of is the doctrine that so many Christians and religious people of many faiths hide behind. I was taught to always beware that Satan was influencing me, now I'm not so worried about that, I realize that the demon that messes up and battles me day after day is myself. Look at the Adam and Eve story. Weather you take it as a lit-

eral account of creation or an allegory for spiritual truths, one important truth can be taken by both groups. Satan may have talked Eve into disobeying God, but he never pointed a Gun to her head, she made the actual decision to do it. Some people say things like money are the evil of the world. There is nothing inherently wrong with money at all, it's what we have done with (class warfare etc.) that made it evil. The heart of the problem in society and the world is us. We make the decisions that affect our lives and the world, and rather than try and help and fox the problem, many Christians seem bent on hiding behind the old Flip Wilson adage, "The Devil made me do it!!" If you really want to see changes take place, stop obsessing over finding Satan in the some message played backwards on an old record, or the sexual orientation of a telle tubby, look in the mirror, there is the demon we all must fight day after day, and when the battle against that demon is won, only than will you see some serious changes in this world.

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Remille's Rambling

Remille Shipman
Senior Sports Editor

I want everyone to consider the withdraw passing/withdraw failing system. Let me tell you my story. During the 2004 fall semester, I was failing a biology class really terribly and I was looking for a possible solution because I did not feel I was passing the course. I tried everything; I had a personal tutor. I tried study groups. I even had my RA come with me to talk with my instructor to see if there was any glimmer of hope for me to get out of this course alive. During this search, I knew one thing: I either had to withdraw from this class with a passing grade, or fail it no matter what I did. This is the WP/WF system, folks.

But here's my point. I went to another in-

situation before coming to Methodist, and they would allow their students to withdraw from a course no matter what grade they had without penalty (of course, you had to repeat the course). Here, after exhausting all of my avenues and trying in vain to squeeze a D-minus in this course, I wind up failing a class. Now I'm not trying to bring attention elsewhere or criticize our academic mission, but I suggest that maybe we should give students somewhat of an option by not punishing students for failing. If Methodist can look at just allowing struggling students to withdraw without destroying their GPA in the process-without allowing others to abuse the system in the process. I don't think giving kids a do-over would hurt our academic reputation.

Marijuana Legalization

"To be stoned or not to be stoned, That is the question."

Justin Morehead
Staff Writer

Justin: Actually the question is whether or not it is ok to get stoned, get high, you get the idea. Yes! It is ok! And it is ridiculous that marijuana is illegal in the United States. Let's look at a few of the hundred reasons why marijuana should be legal. The government is wasting all of our time and money prohibiting marijuana. Taxpayers are forced to pay billions of dollars to incarcerate people for having marijuana. If marijuana were legal this money could go to education or health care.

Landon: Yeah right!!

Justin: Another reason is the many medicinal uses of marijuana. Marijuana can ease the pain of many very painful or uncomfortable illnesses and treatments. Also, the tax revenue from marijuana could help put a dent in our stupid national debt.

Landon: That's a great idea, I mean lets just make it a business, yeah that would work well. Then we can induce free enterprise in the business of addiction and worthless rec-

reational activities. Tell me, how can doing drugs develop your personal or judgmental skills? It only destroys people and their closest friends.

Justin: I mean, drunks speed up and down the highways killing hundreds of people, they sit at home and beat their families in their alcohol induced rages, and they drink their liver into failure in one sitting, but getting drunk is as legal as breathing. When someone is stoned they don't feel like getting up to go get into the car and drive.

Landon: Nor do they feel like getting a job or contributing to the society that gives them the freedoms that all of us enjoy.

Justin: But no one has ever smoked so much pot that they have died. There just aren't pot overdoses. It is a natural drug. It has positive uses. It is less harmful than tobacco and alcohol. It should be legal!

Landon: But would you want your kids in the business of selling products that do permanent harm to the brain?

Justin: Look man, pot doesn't do as much damage to your brain as alcohol or many other things.

Landon: I don't know

about you but I like to be able to think clearly. The simple fact is that it is completely morally wrong to be encouraging a mind altering substance that will have permanent impacts on the lives of people you know.

Justin: Morally wrong by whose standards?

Landon: The standards of society.

Justin: God's? Yours? Morals are a person's. Just like beauty is in the eye of the beholder. I think it is more of a moral fault to pass judgement.

Landon: Let's look at the facts. There are in excess of 10 million "heavy drug users" in the United States. 70% of street crime is drug related. 70% of all child abuse is committed by substance abusers. Intoxication is a huge problem in America; do you want to make it legal??

Justin: Pot is fine. Yes, it should be legal.

Landon: I have personally seen lives destroyed by the use of pot. I have watched as friends have been pulled into mindless games of vandalism and hate, forgetting all sense of right from wrong. Nothing good can come out of smoking pot.

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Magnusen & Aldridge



Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor

It's pretty rare to find a sequel that is better than the original movie that spawned it. "Underworld: Evolution" surpasses its predecessor, "Underworld," in almost every way.

I enjoyed the original "Underworld," but it had its flaws. The plot was extremely complex, and the writers didn't fully explain everything that was happening. Much of the history behind the story was left as a question mark.

"Evolution" goes a long way towards filling in the gaps, while adding plenty of depth. Director Len Wiseman does a much better job of tying all the little details into the rest of the story. It's still a little confusing at the beginning, but things clear up after a while. However, if you haven't seen the original, you'll have no clue about what's happening in the new film.

"Evolution" also has a significant increase in blood and gore compared the first "Underworld." In the first film, most of the killing was with guns, and while it might have been violent, it's nothing compared to the creative killing that goes on in "Evolution." It seems like the writers sat around for hours simply coming up with different ways to kill off the various characters in the film.

Anyone who finds Kate Beckinsale even mildly attractive will love the new installment of "Underworld." The writers and director went to great lengths to take full advantage of her eye-candy appeal.

"Underworld: Evolution" is one of the better action films I've seen in a while. Action, gore, and Kate Beckinsale make one great film.



Joe Aldridge
Entertainment Editor

Finally there is a sequel that has the capability of comparing itself to that of the original.

"Underworld: Evolution" is an action packing, blood pumping, edge of your seat thrill ride. Not to mention the fact that it is a about superhuman creatures that thrust for flesh.

Kate Beckinsale ("Serendipity," "Underworld"), Selene, and Scott Speedman ("Underworld"), Michael, team up again in this story

of a vampire clan waging war against the werewolves.

Sequels often have no new gimmicks or story lines, this movie has both. The story didn't just pick up and move to some distant area, or introduce characters completely out of their element.

Instead, the movie picks up right where the other left off, the same night in fact. Selene, is on the run with her mate, Michael, a disturbance in the balance of the war has come to the attention of Marcus, the leader of the vampires. And the search for the truth behind Selene's past is on.

The action in this movie is well balanced with the story and this will keep the viewer watching with great interest.

With more gore, more action, more story and of course more Kate, "Underworld: Evolution" is the next step in sequels.

Weekend Box Office Stats:

Rank:	Title:	Weekend:	Total:
1.	Big Momma's House 2	\$28M	\$28M
2.	Nanny McPhee	\$14.1M	\$14.1M
3.	Underworld: Evolution	\$11.1M	\$44.3M
4.	Annapolis	\$7.71M	\$7.71M
5.	Hoodwinked	\$7.38M	\$37.7M
6.	Brokeback Mountain	\$6.35M	\$50.8M
7.	Glory Road	\$5.16M	\$34.8M
8.	Last Holiday	\$4.8M	\$32.6M
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Eric Brimer
Contributing Writer



It has been two and a half years since Yellowcard's first major label release "Ocean Avenue" on Capitol Records. To date the record has sold 1.7 million copies and has given the band some major national attention, helping to create a large dedicated fan base.

On Jan 24 the long awaited second major label album "Lights and Sounds" was released.

After listing to the second track "Lights and Sounds," it is apparent that

the band has changed their sound too a much heavier tone. The songs that have the heavier tone seem to have much more energy and aggression in them. One thing unique about the band is that they use a violin in their songs, which makes them different for many bands that are out today. The only downfall

in the record is when the violin plays the lead in "Rough Landing, Holly."

The intro to "Waiting Game" the violin starts the song with a lead melody that is used throughout the song in many great spots. Overall, this is a great record and may be an even better success than "Ocean Avenue."



Justin Morehead
Staff Writer

In 1973 The Allman Brothers Band released the album "Beginnings." The album is actually a compilation of the bands first two albums. Its intention was to encourage a new audience who had missed out on the earlier recordings and to get them up to speed with the Allman Brothers.

After listening to the album, it is easy to understand why "Beginnings" exceeded all expectations and broke through as a legitimate record.

"Beginnings" was released just two years after the tragic death of slide guitar legend Duane Allman.

This is a great opportunity to listen to his unforgettable sound.

The album features

the soulful vocals of Gregg Allman on "Its Not My Cross To Bear," as well as the psychedelic groove of "Dreams." "Whipping Post" and "Midnight Rider" are familiar favorites that can be found on the album. The jamming reputation of The Allman Brothers Band is held strong throughout the seven minute "In Memory of Elizabeth Reed" as Dicky Betts adds the spice of jazz to the mix. A personal favorite of mine is "Don't Keep Me Wonderin'." It'll turn your groove machine on.

These tunes are anything short of ear candy. If you want to get back to the roots of modern rock and give your speakers some soul, just toss in a copy of "Beginnings." You won't regret it.

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Miracle Shots Save Lady Monarchs

*Remille Shipman
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Miracle shots have been a part of the game of basketball for almost as long as the game has existed. And miracle shots have kept the Methodist Lady Monarchs in the USA South race.

Methodist had a rather interesting week last week as it took two last-second shots to defeat non-conference rival Meredith College on

January 26 and conference rival Shenadoah on January 29. These efforts-combined with a tough defeat of conference opponent North Carolina Wesleyan on January 23 and a road loss to rival Christopher Newport on January 28-gives the Lady Monarchs a 9-8 overall record and a 4-3 conference record going into the second half of the USA South conference slate.

The Monarchs' victory over N.C. Wesleyan proved to be the Lady Monarchs' most dominating outing of the 2005-2006 season as they went on runs of eight, ten, and

thirteen points in the first half to garner a 21-point lead in the first half against the shorthanded Bishops. The Lady Monarchs' first-half run ended when freshman Zan Messner hit a half-court shot at the buzzer to win the approval of the crowd and give Methodist a 43-19 lead going into the second half. The Lady Monarchs led by as many as 34 points in the second half as they cruised to a 72-43 victory. Sophomore Ashley Harris and junior Stacy Williams led a balanced Lady Monarch attack with 12 points each as all 15 players saw at least nine minutes. But the Lady Monarchs had a much harder time against a Meredith team that they had previously beaten by

24 points on November 30. Methodist fell behind by as much as 19 points in the second half after allowing Meredith to shoot 75 percent from three-point range in the first half. But Methodist slowly worked its way back into the game before senior point guard Doris Richards tied the game on a lay-up with 1:55 remaining in the game. Meredith's Nicole Hall and Amira Issa scored back to back lay-ups to give the Angels a 77-73 lead with 51 seconds remaining, but sophomore Courtney Bissette drained a three-point shot with 30 seconds remaining to cut the lead to one point.

Meredith's Elizabeth Hall missed both of her free throws after Method-

ist fouled her, giving Richards—who scored a career-high 14 points—the opportunity to hit the game-winning 15-foot jumper. “It felt really good (because) we worked too hard as a team to lose,” Richards said of her game-saving shot. Bissette also scored 18 points on four-of-eight shooting from three-point range. Nicole Hall led Meredith with a game-high 26 points.

After losing a tough contest to Christopher Newport and having to rely on a Lisa Jackson jump shot to earn a victory over Shenadoah last weekend, the Lady Monarchs will host Greensboro on February 1st before traveling to Ferrum on Saturday, February 4.

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“America’s Next Top Monarch”

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Her biggest fans call her “America’s Next Top Monarch”. She’s been named the USA South Rookie of the Week two times this season. No wonder why freshman Ann Forsberg has made such an impact on the Methodist’s women’s basketball program.

Forsberg’s play this season has given the 8-8 Lady Monarchs a boost this season as her play earned her two USA South Rookie of The Week awards for

the weeks of December 5 and January 16. As of January 28, the 6-foot Forsberg is averaging 7.7 points per game and 3 rebounds per game while shooting a crisp 40 percent from three point range. She is also shooting a stellar 90 percent from the free throw line.

Forsberg fared especially well in Methodist’s first two conference games of the 2005-2006 season, scoring 17 points on five-of-nine shooting from three-point range against Greensboro College on January 11 and scoring 13

points on four-for-six shooting from three-point range against Ferrum on January 14.

Forsberg is a local product, having played for Jack Britt High School in Fayetteville for four years. She chose Methodist because of its close proximity and because her parents “had influence” on her college choice. Her decision has paid dividends so far as she has become acclimated to her new team. “We all get along pretty well,” Forsberg said. “We all have pretty good team chemistry.”

Forsberg has high expectations for her team for the remainder of the season; she hopes that the Lady Monarchs can capture the USA South conference title and the NCAA bid that comes with it. Her approach to the game is rather simple: just do anything that it takes to win.

Her personal on-court inspiration on the court is Cynthia Cooper because “she’s a (heck) of a player,” Forsberg said. “She’s a good leader; the female Micheal Jordan.”

In her spare time, Forsberg enjoys shopping and chilling out with her friends.

Freshman Ann Forsberg smiles for the camera. She has made a great positive impact on the Lady Monarch’s Basketball Team.

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