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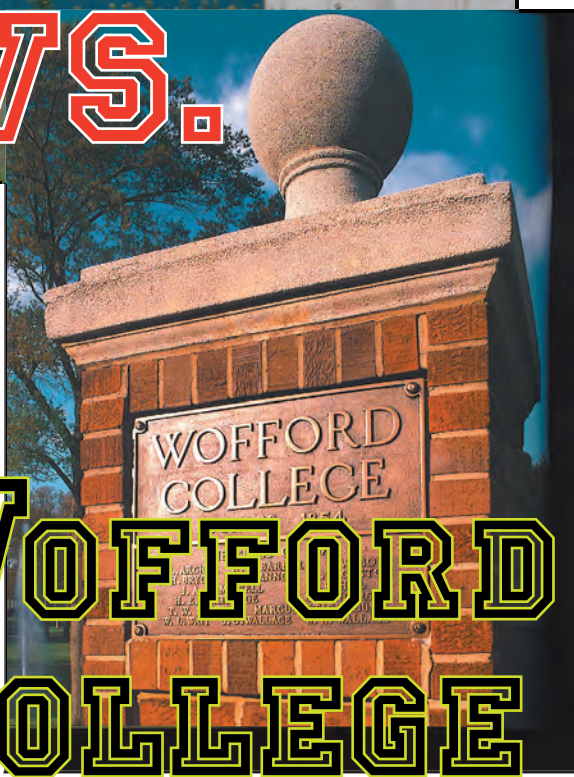


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A comparison of the issues that you care about most. Methodist College picture above by Melanie Gibson. Wofford College picture on the left is courtesy of the Wofford College viewbook.

Norma Bradshaw
Staff Writer



WOFFORD COLLEGE

Some of the most common complaints from Methodist College students are the alcohol policy and the visitation policy. Let's see how other schools measure up.

First up is Wofford College, President Hendricks' alma mater, located in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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Methodist Students Work Miracles

Julia Parker
Staff Writer

Instead of heading to class on the morning of Friday, Jan. 13, I was boarding an American Airlines jet bound for the Dominican Republic!

but she decided to come. Lauren and I were the only college students on the trip and the only ones who had not had any prior medical experience.

However, this did not slow us down. Each day we rotated between a



Julia Parker (far left) and a team of surgeons perform an operation on one of their many patients in the Dominican Republic. Photo contributed by Julia Parker

No, I did not go on an early vacation, I went to work. For the last six summers I have gone on mission trips with my church, but this year was different. I was part of a team of talented Christian doctors and nurses whose sole purpose was to share the gospel of Jesus Christ through medicine.

Over the summer I asked my friend and classmate, Lauren Holten, to come with me. She had never been on an airplane, let alone out of country,

general surgical team, general medical team, and an eye surgery team and our experiences were priceless.

This was my second trip to the Dominican Republic and the people hold a very special place in my heart. They are friendly and eager, so when we arrived, we were not worried about not finding patients. Each day held something new and exciting.

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Spring Break!

Green and Gold, Your Money and You Student Housing

DeMario Campbell
Staff Writer

Can students save more money living on campus, or living off campus, that is the question?

More and more students are trying to find housing off campus that is more cost efficient than what is given by the school.

Also, privacy and independence are important factors in the decisions made.

Students here often complain about the high prices of the room and board, but is it more cost efficient?

In this article, common 1br/1ba apartments that many Methodist College students inhabit will be compared to the prices of resident halls on campus. These are the prices per month.

Area Apartments
Cobblestone- \$550.00
King's Grant- \$590.00
Cumberland Trace- \$546.00

Carver Falls- \$685.00
On-Campus Apartments
Creekside - \$655.00
Cape Fear Commons- \$630.00
Pines Apartments- \$475.00

As you can see, the prices of the apartments in the area are not much different than the apartment complexes on campus. Apartment complexes on campus have an added bonus because all utilities are paid.

Also with apartments off campus, rent is due every month. With campus apartments, the burden of rent is not a problem because it is included in total tuition.

Although they may cost a few extra, in the long run, campus housing is a better investment. With the high cost of gas, electricity, water treatment, and other utilities, living off campus can add up to an extra \$400.00 each

month. Tanya Davis, director of housing at Methodist College says that "living on campus is more cost efficient because you don't have to pay all of the hidden cost."

Also, the new Creekside Apartments offer a bathroom in every room, and a washer and dryer in every apartment. These added

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accommodations have made it easier for college students to have more options when it comes to living arrangements rather than off campus apartments.

If you are in the market for a new living arrangement, don't count out the apartments on campus, they are well worth it.

King Arthur Like Never Before

Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor

Dr. Elliot Engel spoke on Feb. 17 at Headquarters library in Downtown Fayetteville.

The well-known literary historian gave a lecture entitled "The Immortal King Arthur."

He discussed the origins, history, and the impact of the real King Arthur and his legend.

Engel's main focus was on why the British love Arthur so much. According to him "Arthur was a blend of Celtic and Roman England, the two

'greatest' periods of English history."

He also discussed the various embodiments of that legend and how they were influenced by different cultures.

Engel talked about the French addition of romance, and how the characters of Lancelot and Guenevere (along with their adulterous affair) were added to make the story more interesting.

The speech was part of a continuing series of lectures sponsored by the library. Engels said that it was his 28th time speaking at the library in Fayetteville.



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CORRECTIONS BOX

In the 2-2 issue of smallTALK the story titled "Take a Stand" was written by Norma Bradshaw not written by Melanie Gibson.

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General Stats

Methodist College

Enrollment: 2100
Student/Faculty Ratio: 1:15
Cost: \$24,620

Wofford

Enrollment: 1152
Student/Faculty Ratio: 1:12
Cost: \$30,935

Visitation Policy

Methodist

The residence halls are open for visitation from 11:00am to 1:00 am Sunday through Thursday nights and 11:00am to 2:00am Friday and Saturday nights.

No person may have more than two guests of the opposite sex at any one time. For special permission regarding family members, see the Residential Coordinator.

Students must sign in ALL (male or female) guests using full names in the lobby of the residence hall. (p. 50, Methodist College Handbook)

Wofford

Students may host overnight guests, however these guests may not stay for more than 48 consecutive hours.

Cohabitation is prohibited. Visitation hours are to be decided within the first 48 hours of moving into your room.

Roommates are to decide on an individual basis the hours they will permit visitation in the room. These hours can be altered at any point during the year. All residents must pre-approve overnight guest with their roommate <http://www.wofford.edu/studentlife/handbookpolicies.asp>

Alcohol Policy

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The possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited on the Methodist College campus.

Possession is defined as having any alcoholic beverage or its commercially produced container on the student's person, in the student's room, in the student's automobile, or among properties owned or being used by the student.

Given reasonable cause, residence hall rooms and automobiles will be searched for alcohol. All residents and/or visitors who are present at a time that alcohol possession or consumption is established, in a common living area, are subject to the same sanctions as the individual(s) who actually brought the alcohol and/or alcohol containers into the environment (p. 80, Methodist College Handbook).

Wofford

Only those of legal age as specified in accordance with South Carolina Law are permitted the use of alcoholic beverages on campus or at college-sponsored functions.

Any individual consuming or possessing alcohol must have a valid picture identification card on his or her person proving that he or she is 21 years of age or older.

Students and guests 21 years or older, may only possess and consume alcoholic beverages in designated areas of the campus.

These areas are limited to porches, decks, and the inside of fraternity houses, individual residence hall rooms, and other areas officially designated by the college for special events. (<http://www.wofford.edu/studentlife/handbookpolicies.asp>)

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Within the first couple days there, Lauren and I saw the operating rooms in a clinic in La Romana. They were small and equipped with a flyswatter on the wall. Total we booked six for surgery, but many more would come.

The third day there, we set up a clinic in a small church with a triage area, waiting area, pharmacy, and a place where the doctors could see patients. Our group teamed up with a team of dentists from Ohio. They set up an entire office complete with two dentist chairs. We saw around 700 patients today and we had to turn away several hundred more. I saw things ranging from skin rashes to Spinal Bifida.

On day four, I experienced my first surgery. The next one, I scrubbed in and assisted.

We mainly did hernia surgeries because they are quick and can be done with a spinal anesthetic. Lauren's day was equally exciting because she had got to lance open a boil. Not bad for a few Methodist College students.

On day five, we did an eye muscle surgery on a little two year old girl. The surgery took three hours and I was the assistant. We performed over half of the surgery with a flash light because we lost power. We did two more surgeries that day and I came to appreciate the steady hands and artistic abilities of eye surgeons.

The next day, the teams reunited for one last clinic. We drove deep into a sugar cane field near the Haitian border. We set up in a small church, but this time we were able to give the gospel to a group of about 100 Haitians and Dominicans.

The response was phenomenal. Fifty accepted, inviting Christ into their lives and signed up as members of the church. This made the trip worthwhile.

The day before we were to return to the states, we took a boat out to Catalina Island. Catalina is a Dominican National Park where snorkeling and scuba diving are popular. We enjoyed a day on the white sand beaches, snorkeled beautiful reefs, and Lauren and I jumped off a 30 foot high cliff! It was a great way to top off an amazing week!

My trip to the Dominican Republic was one that I will never forget. I learned so many things about medicine, myself and the culture of the Dominican people. Most importantly was that many people were saved, both their lives and their souls.

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Deborah Schwartz of the U.S. State Department, pictured center with assistant career services director Kim Genova and career services director Guy Stewart, spoke with students on Tuesday Feb. 21 about internships and job opportunities.

in the U.S. State Department. For more information contact Career Services, located in Berns, at ext. 7279. Photo By Steven Magnusen.

Want a Hot Date?

Amber Smith
Staff Writer

RHA discussed the many items on its plate at its weekly meeting Monday night. The meeting was started with an ice breaker, a fun game that questioned diversity among the attending members.

RHA has several events coming up that hope to grab students' attention.

Their dating game, called "Meet Your Match," will be a fun activity that auctions off selected students to eat dinner with their buyer.

"Meet Your Match"

...**"Meet Your Match,"** will be a fun activity that auctions off selected students to eat dinner with their buyer...

will be held March 28. There will also be a dinner at the president's house on March 16.

President Norma Bradshaw is hopeful more students will attend RHA meetings, saying that a prize board has been put in place. The student who brings the most people to

RHA at the end of the semester will receive a prize, and the entire RHA organization gets a pizza party.

Several other issues were discussed at the meeting, including the lobby in the Pines Apartments, which is still in progress.

SGA Elections Soon

Ashley Genova
Staff Writer

Student Government Association is planning many events for the remaining of this semester, including elections for new positions in SGA.

Applications will be available after spring break and are due March 24.

The following two weeks in March will be

debates and voting times.

There will be a blood drive at the end of March; this will be the last blood drive of the semester.

Grants are available for clubs and applications are due March 17. There will be a

...**SGA applications** meeting in are due **March 24...** April

concerning club budgets. Budgets will be due in April.

College Night at the Huske

Justin Morehead
Staff Writer

Students at Methodist College seem to have one common complaint. There's nothing to do here!

I mean sure you can go out to eat, find a party, maybe even a decent bar scene, but there isn't an overwhelming number of places for a person to exhaust their social needs.

How great would it be if there were an awesome bar with cool people that had a really great overall vibe?

Fear not my fellow Methodonians there is a solution to your problem.

The Huske Hardware House in downtown Fayetteville now has College Night every Thursday night. The Huske has been one the favorite hangout spots in Fayetteville since 1996. In that time they have also

become the areas premiere local music spot.

Methodist College student JP Laird is an employee at The Huske and deserves all the credit for The Huske's College Night. The idea for college night is as simple as it seems.

When asked why he decided to create College Night Laird replied, "I wanted to give my fellow students the opportunity to experience Fayetteville. I know a lot of people come down here from the northeast and transfer out because there is no social life. Well, when the Johnston brothers [owners of The Huske Hardware House] gave me the opportunity to run a college night for Methodist College, I jumped at the chance and it's definitely succeeding."

If you go to The Huske on a Thursday night you will be in great

company and will be able to enjoy their plethora of drink specials: \$1.00 Jell-O Shots, \$2.00

House Drafts which include, Airborne Ale, Regimental Red, Indian Pale Ale, McNair's Scottish Brown, and a Seasonal which at the moment is a Double Chocolate Bock, and \$3.50 Jager Bombs.

Of course you must be 21 to partake in the festivities. To all of those just shy of the 21 mark, it is well worth the wait!

There is also live acoustic music between 10:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. The Huske has been a supporter of live music throughout its existence and loves the opportunity to feature musicians.

Now, instead of sitting around complaining about having nothing to do, come out to The Huske Hardware House on Thursday nights! Good people, good drinks, good music, good fun!



Open Mic Night

"Brooke's Revenge" played in their punk rock style at the MC Late Night "Open Mic Night." they covered several songs and played two originals. Justin Morehead also played an acoustic version of Ray Charles' "Let's Get High". "He was awesome," commented freshman Kazuto Sumita. "Open Mic Night" hosted a variety of musicians and spectators heard everything from blues to christian rock. The event, sponsored by the Student Activities Committee, treated students to free live music, snacks, and soda. Photo by Steven Magnusen



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A Voice From the Wilderness

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

David Santiago
Staff Writer

Theology, creation, evolution, Catholic, Protestant, rapture, male or female priest, it seems like if one looks at Christianity today those are pretty much the distinctive that make us recognizable. But are these the way of the master? Well, to be fair, Jesus was a Jew and very clearly was not against ritualistic worship. Traditions and ceremonies, these are wonderful practices that bring us together, give us a time and a setting to contemplate, be inspired and so on. What I'm asking is: are these the heart of religion? Personally, I say not. The way of Christ is in ethics, standing for justice and action.

The common assumption is that sin boils down to a set of do this and don't do that's. Personally my understanding is that what you do counts for more than what you abstained from. One can see this in Jesus' actions. He was criticized for eating and drinking with the wrong people. But he responded by showing that these people need help, and having a drink or eating pork was not their problem. He showed by example that it is what you do, not what you abstain

from that is the measure of an ethical and just person. To love the world and help your fellow man, regardless of race, religion or affiliation, that was the ethics of Jesus. Whether the person was Jew or Canaanite or whatever, Jesus was ready to heal them, guide them spiritually, and stand for them when being treated unjustly. It's hard to see this now a days when so many people ignore the life of mother Teresa, preferring to listen to the Anti-Christ (Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, the Anti-Christ is right there on our TVs every day) They'd rather sit in the pews and whine like little babies about such stupid things like science being taught in our schools, or the fact that some guy in town who never even talks to them might be a homosexual, rather than do what Jesus would and be there to help the homeless in their town and stand for justice when people are suppressed.

Just to make myself clear, let me say that standing for the oppressed means doing it without distinction or prejudice. Jesus helped people while they were still in no moral posi-



tion to be in the presence of God. THAT was a choice he would leave to

them (sure he helped guide them and all). Helping people must be done without and prejudice, otherwise WE are the bigger sinners, not them. That means no matter what your opinion of things like homosexuality (just for the records, I am personally undecided in that field) and drug addiction are, you have to help them knowing that there is a good chance they still may not convert. That's the main part of the mission, to be there in the world as a relentless helper to all who need it no matter what their lifestyle and shortcomings are.

Such Moral codes are for you to live out and for them

to work out in their own lives. And for the love of God, is the whole creation vs. evolution thing really THAT big of a deal?

I sometimes wonder if Jesus would come to church if he came back down here today. I doubt it to be honest. Again, religious tradition has its place, but that state of the church now, especially in the so called evangelical tradition, would probably just disappoint Jesus to such sorrow he would treat most of the church goers as no better than he did the Pharisees (and yet he was still there for some of them when they needed it). I think if he did come today, and was choosing his disciples, he would be more likely to choose Bono instead of Bob Jones.

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Love Doctors: Not Ready for Love Magnusen's Political Breakdown

Darlene Hopkins was unable to contribute to this issue of The Love Doctors. Kim Genova, assistant director of Career Services, has taken her place.. Although the situations are inspired by counseling conversations over the years, the situations used in this column are fictional and bear no relationship to real people or real events. If you would like to suggest a conversation as a topic for a future column, please send it to the editor at MC Box 12032. If you would like a confidential reply to a letter, you may send it to Darlene Hopkins, Center for Personal Development, via campus mail.

Magnusen's Political Breakdown

Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor

well.

The Democrats have claimed that it is illogical to hire the very people that we are afraid of to protect us. They say that putting Arabs in charge of American defense is a national security risk, and that the President is opening the door for terrorists to take advantage of such a security leak.

The White House has responded by claiming that such beliefs are nothing more than anti-Arab racism and paranoia. Republicans have pointed out that the company that received the contract is from the United Arab Emirates, the most pro-western country in the Middle East. In addition, they say that even though the owners of the company are Arab, they will be employing the same American workers that any domestic company would. The employees will also be subject to the same in-depth background checks that American company would perform.

While the Bush administration may have a strong argument, it will be difficult to accomplish anything without the approval of the Democratic Party.

Since this is my first installment of this column, I'd like to make my objective clear. I have noticed that many of the people who do not pay attention to politics simply don't care. Their apathy isn't due to a lack of interest in the issues that face our society, it's due to a lack of understanding. In response, I have created this column, not to change anyone's political opinion or tell them how to think, but to simplify the political happenings of the past week so that it doesn't require a political science degree to understand them. With that being said, my first discussion follows.

If you glanced at the 24-hour news channels in the past week or so, you might have noticed people getting into fiery arguments over port security. The issue in question is that the White House has hired an Arab country to provide security for American ports, and is considering expanding the agreement so that the same company will be protecting military installations as

Dear Doctors,
I have been dating this girl for about three weeks. I like her a lot and we have fun together, but I have a bit of a problem.
This girl told me that she loved me, and without thinking, I said it back. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but this is happening too fast! I don't know if I'm in love with her or not, but if I tell her that I was caught up in the moment when I said "I love you" she'll think I don't like her at all! But I don't want to lead her on thinking that I love her either!
What should I do?
Not in Love

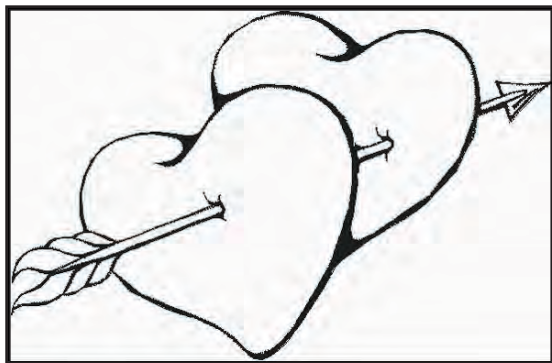
Dear Not in Love,
It's okay if you don't feel like you love this girl yet. Some people fall in love quickly and for others love takes a long time to develop.

But you are right in thinking you can't lead her on. Just simply tell her that even though you like her, what you are feeling isn't love yet, but be gentle.

This will probably hurt her, but let her know how much you really care for her and that you think that this relationship is moving too fast.

If she does not accept that you don't feel love yet,

you may need to find someone who wants to progress slower.
Good luck!
Ashley



Dear Not in Love,
It's easy to get caught up in the moment, but a few weeks are a short time to fall in love. You need to be honest with this

girl and let her know that you feel that things are happening too fast.

She may have gotten caught up in the moment, too. If she truly has feelings for you, she'll understand that you want to slow down and get to know one another a little better.

It's better to let her know this now. Prolonging it will only increase the chances of someone having hurt feelings.

Best of luck!
Kim

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The Bush Administration has proposed hiring a company from the United Arab Emirates to provide port security. Photo Courtesy Reuters.

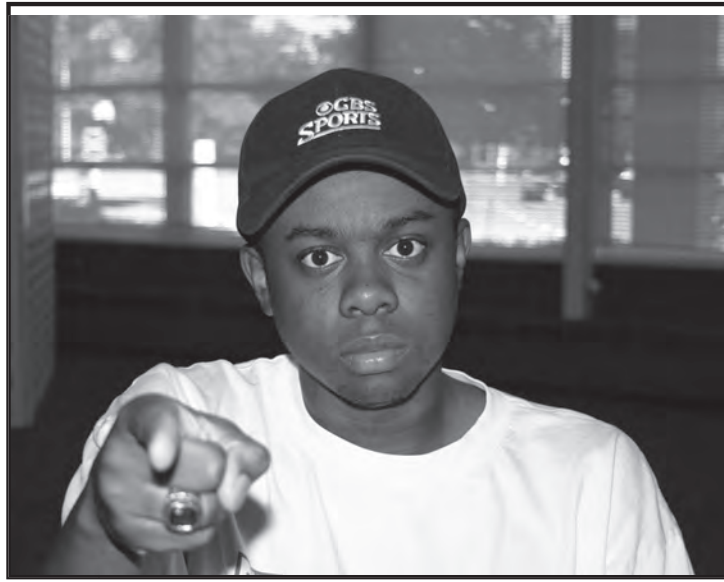
Remille's Ramblings: Too Much

Remille Shipman
Senior Sports Editor

Disclaimer: After one semester of endless ramblings, E. Remille Shipman returns to deliver whatever thought that may be on his mind about the Methodist community. Do you have an opinion on this article? E-mail me at eshipman@hotmail.com.

Well, I would like to start my column by asking a question that recently bothered one of my colleagues at one of our recent staff meetings. Methodist's basketball team hosted Ferrum in the quarterfinals of the USA South tournament on February 21, 2006, and some students around campus have wondered why they had to pay three dollars for admission to the Monarchs' postseason game. Now I am almost certain that the admission charge was set by the USA South Athletic Conference, not Methodist College. But I felt that the fee was a big reason for the game's meager attendance (I forget the actual number, but I believe it was only about 150 or so). Students here aren't used to paying any amount to attend a sporting event here at Methodist College, even if it's only three dollars. But on the other hand, the USA South has to make money; I'm kind of torn on this issue personally; really I just wanted to voice what others felt.

Speaking of basketball-did anybody actually pay attention to one of the most egregious acts of poor sportsmanship that I have seen in my two years here on February 18? After Christopher Newport's



women's basketball team defeated the Lady Monarchs 68-51, their team celebrated in the middle of the court, proclaiming the Riddle Center "their house". I also heard that further jawing occurred in the locker rooms after the game. CNU's behavior can only be described in three words: absurd, unacceptable, and ludicrous. I thought Methodist's defeat of CNU's softball team last Sunday was a little bit of poetic justice.

Since I had a bit of trouble coming up with a topic for this issue, I decided to illustrate to everyone who has wondered how hard I work to do what I do for this school. I've repeated over and over again that I'm basically one of the few people that does sports for smallTALK. I have to assign stories, copy-edit other writers' stories, go to games, do interviews, etc. Plus, I have a deadline to follow every other Saturday. That's a big responsibility, especially since I feel a lot of people depend on me to put out good material every two weeks.

And let's not forget my classes. I have four Monday-Wednesday-Fri-

day classes, and they are very capable of wearing out an average student out. I'm taking 16 hours this semester, all in an effort to add on to the 89 hours I have currently (I lost 15

hours of credit when I transferred to Methodist in August 2004). And let me tell you, the reading that an English major has to do isn't a joke. Plus, I have to worry about finishing my foreign language requirements, which is a lot of work in itself. And I'll have to tackle the issue of a possible internship and summer school come May, all in the name of graduating in December. I don't know if that will happen or not.

And I have a social life, too; Almost everybody on campus knows who I am. If I haven't talked to you, it's because I'm still a pretty shy person. It takes time for me to get comfortable sometimes. But I can get comfortable anywhere; I'm a very eclectic person

when it comes to a lot of things. I like to befriend people no matter where they came from or what kind of economic, social, or cultural background they came from. Basically, I'd like to say that I'm an easygoing guy whose door is always open, and that's why I feel I've been successful so far.

And check this out. It's a fact that 34 percent of our resident students contracted STDs from wherever, and that's a frightening thing. Say what you will about conservative rules and alcohol, but when we as a student body have a record of being this reckless, something's wrong. The cycle can be broken. Just use protection or abstain completely.

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The Final Medal Count

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medals
1	Germany	11	12	6	29
2	United States	9	9	7	25
3	Austria	9	7	7	23
4	Russia	8	6	8	22
5	Canada	7	10	7	24
6	Sweden	7	2	5	14
7	Korea	6	3	2	11
8	Switzerland	5	4	5	14
9	Italy	5	0	6	11



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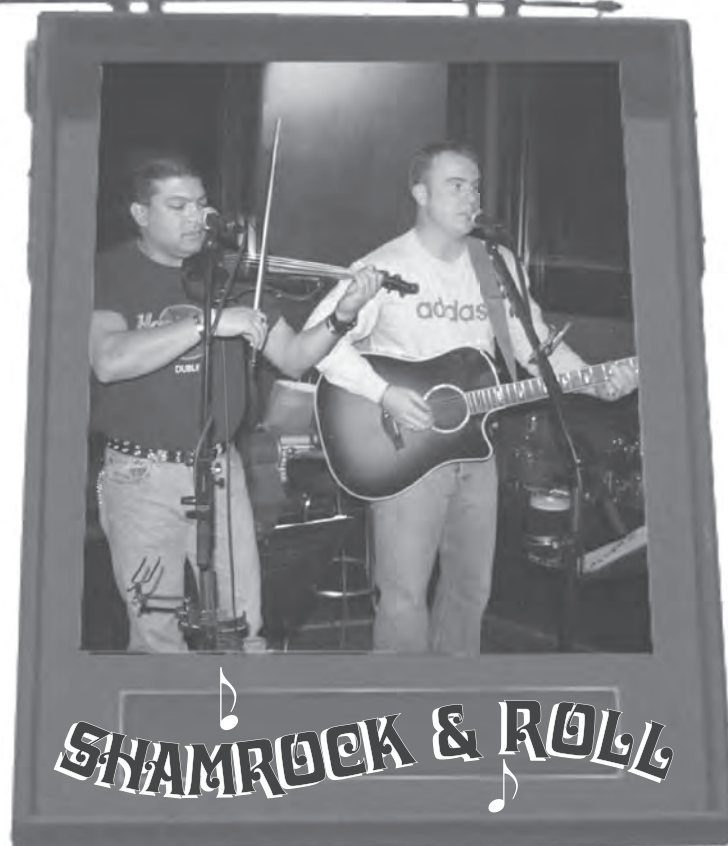
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ENTERTAINMENT



“Little Shop of Horrors” was No Horror

Melanie Gibson
News Editor

“Little Shop of Horrors” was awesome. Each cast member brought their character to life with an explosive energy, making the show fantastic.

The Methodist College Department of Theatre and Music presented “Little Shop of Horrors,” directed by Evan M. Bridenstine, Feb. 23 to 26 at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday at Reeves Auditorium.

The story begins in Mushnik’s plant shop with Seymour, played by Randall Spells, sharing a new and unusual plant he found.

Audrey, played by Courtney Shumacher, and Mushnik, played by Nick



Audrey, played by Courtney Shumacher, Seymour, played by Randall Spells, and Mushnik, played by Nick Kimps, are curious of the new and unusual plant Seymour bought. Below, Seymour watches as Orin, played by Andy Nelson laughs himself to death. Photos by Paul Wilson

happen to Seymour as the plant grows, but the only thing that makes the plant grow is blood-- human blood. This scenario sets the scene for many comical, yet slightly tragic events, leaving the audience with a warning: “Whatever they offer you, don’t feed the plants!”

This production was an absolute joy to watch with many outstanding performances. Nikki Butler shined not only in her role as Ronnette, but also in her solo in the song “Ya Never Know.”

Spells’ performance was strong and carried the

show. Many of his facial expressions brought big laughs from the audience.

Andy Nelson’s performance as Orin, the sadistic dentist, stole the show. It’s too bad he died so early.

It took four people to play Audrey II, the plant, and all were fantastic. Kaisha Ahye, who manipulated the actual puppet of the plant, had splendid timing, and brought the character to life. Daniel Rosser’s spoken voice for Audrey II was eerie, but LaToya Robertson and Jonathan Thomas provided deep and disturbing singing voices for the plant. Their voices were strong and soulful, giving just the right edge and attitude to the character. The “feed me; feed me” moan was especially funny.

Crystal, played by Tara Doyle, and Samantha Gamble of the dance trio had over-the-top expressions that were a pleasure.

Laura Lester’s choreography was crisp and energetic adding an exciting element to every musical number.

The rotating set presented Skid Row and the front door of Mushnik’s plant shop, and then rotated to inside the plant shop.

Bridenstine’s direction was great, utilizing every part of the stage and beyond. The platforms in front of the stage brought the action that much closer.

The orchestra, conducted by Betty Neill Guy Parsons, was a perfect compliment to the performances onstage.

One audience member said this was one of the best shows he had ever seen at Methodist. I definitely agree.



Kimps, are skeptical of the unusual plant until it starts bringing new business to the shop.

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Demario Campbell
Staff Writer

Keyshia Cole's debut album, "The Way It Is," consist of exactly that, the reality of her life.

Released in June of last year, this album has been on the Billboard Charts for 35 weeks and currently holds the number 6 spot on the R&B charts. What made me review this album is her consistency, her realness, and the deep connection she has to her soul. Born in Oakland, CA, this songstress knows all too well the struggles of life and they are evident in her song style. Keyshia Cole's voice is unlike anyone's that I've heard in a while. Its closeness to the likes of a diamond is seen in the correct proportions of softness and hardness that are heard in her ballads. On her album, each of the 12 tracks is given life from her sensational voice.

One of her first songs was released last

year entitled; "Changed my Mind" featured Kanye West and was basically a sample to the world of what was to come. Her second song "Should Have Cheated" was an anthem for all women who had been in a situation where accusations of cheating were ruining the relationship. She sings this song from the heart, as if she had experienced this situation before.

Her most recent song released "Love" is a beautiful love ballad that explains the feeling of finally finding true love. In this song, she can be rough, and then unexpectedly, soft again in her vocal variations.

Keyshia Cole's interpretations of "The Way it is" is a great example of pure talent at its best, and is a great interpretation of success and the way it will be in the future for this talented artist.

Justin Morehead
Staff Writer

A soulful groove has recently hit the shelves.

The Derek Trucks Band's new album "Songlines" was released on February 21st. The band has been known for their eclectic taste but "Songlines" really shows their appreciation for all roots music. The album gives a good look at how diverse this band really is. "Songlines" features blues, jazz, gospel, Eastern Indian, Latin, and r&b.

The album features covers of Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Taj Mahal, and Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan. Many of the songs recorded on the album were regularly played at concerts throughout the past year.

While this may disappoint fans on the surface it is sure to make them smile after a listen. They have taken their trademark songs and given them a whole new feel.

A real delight on this album is the Eastern Indian selection "Sahib Teri Bandi-Maki Madni." The slide guitar virtuoso displays complete control over his instrument. The vocal qualities of slide guitar are put to perfect use as Trucks fills your ear with an enchanting quality of tone and completely captures the essence of Eastern music.

The album also features the blues number "Chevrolet." As opposed to the ripping version played in many of their concerts the band has taken the song back down to the

Mississippi Delta. The song features only a Dobro, vocals, and the tasteful percussion of Count M'Butu.

The vocals of Mike Mattison are another highlight of the album. Mattison is the bands first permanent vocalist. He has toured with the band for several years, but Songlines is his first studio endeavor with The Derek Trucks Band. Mattison can give you the ruff and gruff, or the sweet soul of falsetto. No matter what he sings you are sure to be pleased.

"Songlines" is an all around great album; terrific music, great improvisation, and moving in every way. Be sure to check out The Derek Trucks Band and pick up a copy of "Songlines."



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M O V I E S

Magnusen & Aldridge



Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor

It's rare to find a really good movie during the spring. In fact, recently it has seemed almost impossible. Most of the high-profile movies come out during the summer and the Christmas break.

"The Matador" is a magnificent exception. Without a doubt it is the best film since the Christmas season.

The plot is the strongest aspect of "The Matador." The film is about a hit man, Julian Noble (played by the classic hit man himself, Pierce Brosnan), who is close to the end of his career and losing his edge. He runs into a businessman (Greg Kinnear) in Mexico City and they become friends. Eventually, their differences force each of them to reflect on their own life, and how they have lived.

Writer Richard Shepard does an excellent job of contrasting drama and comedy, to heighten the in-

tensity of each. The comedic scenes add depth to his characters, and as a result, the drama becomes more pronounced.

The acting is also worth recognition. Pierce Brosnan is excellent, and even though Julian Noble is a very similar role to many others he has played, Brosnan makes Noble into a unique and enjoyable character. Greg Kinnear is perfect as businessman Danny Wright, portraying a wide range of emotion with seemingly little effort.

"The Matador" is a great film, and not one that will be fully appreciated.



Mexico City he meets Kinnear, Danny.



Joe Aldridge
Entertainment Editor

"The Matador" is the year's first great comedy.

Pierce Brosnan ("Tomorrow Never Dies") and Greg Kinnear ("Stuck On You") team up in this gut-busting comedy.

Brosnan, Julian plays a hit man on the verge of losing his cool. He has no family or friends to support him through this crisis, but while on a hit in

Julian feels he has just found his newest best friend. Meanwhile Danny feels he has just met the nicest hit man alive.

This movie is full of situational comedy, like for instance Danny asks Julian to prove that he is really a hired hit man. Julian then takes Danny, a normal, morally stable person, through the actions of a professional hit.

This movie has been given rave reviews by critics and audiences alike. Although, the box office gross of this movie doesn't support this fact.

I highly recommend this movie to anyone willing to get inside the mind of a hit man on the verge of a breakdown.

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sports



Softball Team Rocks California

Remille Shipman
Senior Sports Editor

Methodist College's softball team had an amazing visit to California over spring break.

The 27th ranked Lady Monarchs visited the West Coast March 6-12 to play a tournament with several other teams. The tournament was held in Santa Ana, California.

Our Lady Monarchs played excellently, winning six games and losing four. Their most notable games were a 6-5 loss against the University of Pennsylvania, a Division I Ivy League school, and a 2-0 loss against Chapman, who was ranked third in the nation at the time.

But it wasn't all work and no play over the break. The team was in the studio audience of *American Idol*, and they also toured Hollywood and vis-

ited Laguna Beach.

Sara Poling, a freshman shortstop, started all the games but one, and played in every single game. She stated, "Everything about it was awesome. It was a very great experience."

Hopefully the now 23-5 Lady Monarchs will keep up the hard work the rest of the season.



Senior Pitcher Jennifer Sorensen Photo Courtesy Monarchs Online

What's Happening at Methodist College March 23 - April 5

CAREER SERVICES

- March 30 - Cumberland County Department of Social Services Job Fair 9a.m.-2p.m.
- March 31 - Non-profit Agencies Career Fair at Peace College 11a.m.-1p.m.
- March 31 - Lenoir County Public Schools Teacher Job Fair 1p.m.-5p.m.
- April 3 - Univision 40 Job Fair at North Raleigh Hilton

COLLEGE RELATIONS & MARKETING

- March 26 - Cumberland Oratorio Singers presents Honegger's King David 4 p.m. Reeves Auditorium
- March 29 - MC Modeling Show 7 p.m. Reeves Auditorium
- April 1 - UMC Multicultural Celebration 9 a.m. Reeves Auditorium
- April 2 - Senior Violin Recital featuring Jessica Stewart 7 p.m. Hensdale Chapel
- April 3 - Methodist College Awards Day 11 a.m. Reeves Auditorium

SAC EVENTS

- March 27 - Munchie Monday 9p.m. Chris' House
- March 29 - MC Late Night 8pm Lion's Den
- April 1 - NCAA Final Four TBA Chris' House
- April 3 - NCAA Basketball Championship TBA Berns

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB

- Every Tuesday- Bowling, 3-5 p.m, Northview Lanes
- Every Tuesday - Paint Till You Faint, 7-10 p.m, Weaver Hall

CAMPUS MINISTRIES

- Every Wednesday - 11:00-11:30 Service of Midday Prayer in the Chapel
- Every Wednesday Night - 7-8 p.m. Vespers in the Chapel

REEVES SCHOOL of BUSINESS

- March 27- Mr. Barnard's sporting and entertainment events presentation Reeves 1 - 3:30 p.m.

International Soccer Team Scores Two Big Wins

Bottom: Junior defenseman and team captain Kurt Kaempfe of Chile moves into defensive position against the opposing attack.
 Right: Junior Midfielder and coach Sean Houg gives pointers to Junior Forward Jorge Bravo-Carrizales.
 Photos by Andrew Ginther.



“That Methodist team really moved the ball well,” commented one player from an opposing team.

The team’s top scorers are George Askenov of Russia and Nicolas Mounayar of France with 4 goals a piece. Kurt Kaempfe, a junior at Methodist, scored the team’s inaugural goal. It is the Chilean defenseman’s only goal so far.

The team has also had some difficulties in the first three games, including several injuries. Sophomore Goalkeeper Andrew Ginther received five stitches after being kicked in the head by a member of the opposing team.

Says Ginther, “I didn’t even know I was bleeding until one of the spectators told me. I thought it was sweat running down my face.”

He was replaced by Steven Magnusen the team’s second keeper, who suffered a minor concussion after he was kneed in the head in the 8-1 victory last week. However, he still managed to finish the game.


The Monarchs play again this Sunday.

Amber Smith
 Sports Co-Editor

The International Soccer Team’s debut has been quite a success here at Methodist. Although the team lost its first game 6-3, it won its second and third games, 4-3 and 8-1 respectively.

Unofficially dubbed “Monarchs United,” the team has had a good season so far. After the initial loss, the team held a week of intensive training to better prepare for the next match.

The Monarchs rallied with two victories, bringing their record to 2-1.



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Track gets a fresh start

Amber Smith
Sports Co-Editor

Methodist College has a new track coach this year. Matthew Hayes hails from Lynchburg, VA, and he is the Men's and Women's cross country and track and field coach.

Methodist's track and field team is currently undergoing a rebuilding year, with the team totaling five male members and

three female members. Hayes, however, hopes to expand the team to about 50 men and 50 women in the next few years.

The track itself is scheduled to be resurfaced in the next two or three years. Hayes also wishes to expand the coaching staff to around four or five members.

Hayes says of his team, "We've improved a lot since the first day of

practice. I'm real happy with the progress we've made. I'm excited to see what they can do."



MC's new track coach, Matthew Hayes.
Photo Courtesy MC Online

He feels there is "a lot of potential for the program here." He is currently recruiting and scouting high school students from all over the state. Hayes has attended indoor high school meets, and he

plans to go to several outdoor meets as well. He has also sent letters and made phone calls to potential members.

C o a c h Hayes encourages those interested in being on the track team to come and participate. He considers his group hard workers, and they're "a great group to work with." Methodist has six to eight meets they plan to attend, and the

team is working hard to make it to Nationals this

year.

The Monarchs began their run to Nationals on March 18 with a solid showing at the Seahawk Invitational at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Three runners achieved individual Top 10 finishes as Todd Sackewitz placed sixth in the pole vaults with a height of 4.15 meters while Kawesi Darby placed seventh in the men's 100-meter dash at a time of 11.33. Tia Imel also placed seventh in the women's 400-meter dash in 1:06.27 minutes.

Also, Krystal Patton placed 11th in the women's 800-meter dash in 14.18 seconds, while Ryan Taylor placed 27th in the men's 800-meter run in 2:16:43. Darby also placed 19th in the men's 400-meter dash in 55:64 seconds.

Methodist's next meet is set for March 25 at the Emory Invitational in Atlanta.

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Counter clockwise starting from the far left: SGA treasure Anastasiya Zvayalova wears her festive garb at the SGA sponsored Mardi Gras party Wednesday March 1. Dean Blanc and Kevin Page are all smiles at the party. Dancing of all types, even line dancing, was a hit. Vice President Keva Wilson and President Shauna Bunn enjoyed the colorful fun. Photos contributed by Dean Blanc. Free subs and pizza were served during the evening. Photo by Isreal Sepulveda.



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