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Methodist Going University?

Sarah Davenport
Staff Writer

The Methodist College administrative staff has been actively pursuing the possibility of university status since the spring of last year.

Anyone that lives on campus and has ears has heard the rumor that Methodist College is a)

going to university status and/or b) going to be called Eastern Methodist University (EMU). The rumors have been flying, mostly because many students are eager for the status change.

“Personally, it doesn’t really matter to me if my degree says “college” or “university” because I have already chosen this school and will be glad to call

recommendation has not been made as to whether the school should change its status or not. A study is being actively conducted and information is still being gathered.

“The study is being conducted professionally, not in-house. At the conclusion of the study, some type of recommendation will be made as to whether we



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Pictured above are student centers of Methodist College and High Point University respectively. The Methodist College photo is by Lindsey Hanson. The High Point University photo is courtesy of www.highpoint.edu.

Norma Bradshaw
Staff Writer

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

Now up is High Point University, located in High Point, North Carolina.

General Stats

Methodist College	High Point
Enrollment: 2100	Enrollment: 3000
Student/Faculty Ratio: 1:15	Student/Faculty Ratio: 1:14
Cost: \$24,620	Cost: \$26,220

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myself a graduate of this institution no matter what they call it,” responded junior Erin Yarborough. “I do think, however, that becoming a university would be great for the school; people who wouldn’t usually think of going here would give us a second look because of our university status, numbers would go up and tuition would potentially go down. Who wouldn’t like that?”
As of March 18, a

should go to university status or not,” stated Gene Clayton, Vice President for Business Affairs at Methodist College.

There are many supporters of the school changing its status, but there are even more people that don’t seem that affected by it.

“Whatever is best for the school,” replied sophomore Katie Dick when asked how she felt about the change.

SGA is Still Going Strong

Ashley Genova
Staff Writer

SGA is finishing the 2005-2006 year with many events for the students of Methodist College.

Applications are due by March 24 in the SGA office. Voting will be held April 4-6; “...Show You Care Day is April 1...” voting tables will be set up in Berns Student Center from 11a.m.-2p.m. and the Green and Gold Café from 5p.m.-7p.m. Budget meetings for

all clubs will be held in Clark Hall’s auditorium April 3 and 4 at 3:30p.m. Club advisors and presidents must attend.

Show You Care Day is April 1. All who want to help make the campus a better place need to meet

in the Green and Gold Café at 8:30a.m. Breakfast will be provided.

The final blood drive of the year will be April 13

at 11a.m.-3p.m. All students and staff are encouraged to participate and give the gift of life.

SGA is passing out surveys that will evaluate the students’ opinions of campus life.

These surveys will help SGA make improvements on campus and help

President Hendricks know what the students want. Candy will be given to those who complete the survey.

RHA is on a Roll

Amber Smith
Staff Writer

The Residence Hall Association has several activities coming up in the next two months.

Members of RHA had dinner with the president March 16, having ethical and moral discussions with President Hendricks.

Meet Your Match is RHA’s next biggest activity, and will be held on March 28. RHA members hope for a big turn out for the event in which contestants will be sold off to vying buyers.

Show You Care Day is April 1, and RHA is encouraging its members to help with the event in which the campus will be cleaned up and improved.

RHA is also supporting Student Health

Services. April 3, there will be an STD Awareness program entitled “Sex with Ron and Sandy.” RHA will provide food and drinks. A video that was formerly shown in IDS classes will be shown. RHA President Norma Bradshaw says, “They’re trying to educate the students [about STDs].”

A few other business issues were covered in the last two Monday meetings, including the issue of air conditioning, which will not be turned on until later in the semester.

The Redneck Olympics will be held April 20. RHA encourages anyone who has suggestions about games and activities to drop them off in the RHA office in the Berns.

RHA elections are coming up in mid April.

Keys to Your Perfect Interview

Will Montoya
Editor in Chief

Career Services added a state of the art interviewing program to their computer lab that is designed to prepare students for any type of interview.

The “Perfect Interview” is a computer software program that is designed with thousands of questions, coaching advice, alternate responses

and a web cam that records user’s responses.

“The ideal way to use the program is to get asked the question, receive coaching advice, then

“...prepare students for any type of interview...”

record and review your response to the question,” said Kim Genova, Assistant Director of Career Service.

“The program lets students pick the type of job and position they want to be interviewed for,” added Genova.

Career Services installed the “Perfect Interview” a couple of months ago and thus far only one member of the administration used the program.

When Genova was asked, what the one thing

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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)

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. (p. 80, Methodist College Handbook).

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Opposite Sex. Visitation by members of the opposite sex is permitted, subject to compliance with established policies: Escort. All visitors must be escorted by a resident of the building. Hours. Visitation hours which apply to rooms and lounges in all halls and houses are as follows:

Mondays - Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

Fridays - Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. - 01:45 a.m.

Sundays 10:00 a.m. - 12:45 a.m. (http://www.highpoint.edu/campuslife/documents/11_chapter9.pdf)

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The University expects members of the University community to abide by state laws governing the use of alcohol; and, therefore, it prohibits the use of alcohol by persons who are younger than 21 either on campus or at campus-related events.

Although the University does not sanction the use of alcohol, students who are 21 years old or older may consume alcohol in their rooms in the residence halls provided the door is shut, provided no person under 21 is in the room (http://www.highpoint.edu/campuslife/documents/10_chapter8.pdf).

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she wished students would use more, she responded by saying, "I would be happy if they just came [to Career Services] and used one thing."

Genova believes that "students just don't know [what career services offers] and that students will not use [the services] until they are required to."

Furthermore, she thinks that, "career services should be a requirement for speech or the freshman IDS classes."

Equipping students with life skills that prepare them for life after college, is what Career Services is all about.

Why won't more students take advantage of the opportunities before it's too late?

Green and Gold, Your Money and You: Student Stock Options

DeMario Campbell
Staff Writer

Should students invest in stocks now? Investments have long been a way for potential investors to increase the value of their existing money.

In college, most students are not thinking of ways to save money. Most often, money is spent irresponsibly or the lack of income prevents many students to save money.

However, these years in college may be the best time to start investing. Saving money now and investing it in stocks can mean great rewards in the future for the investor.

Justin Tulk, a student here at Methodist College,

has been trading stocks using Ameritrade and is on pace to return nearly 80% on his initial investment. Tulk, a business major, started trading over the summer after watching his boss on an internship in Florida.

Tulk explains that there are several guidelines when it comes to buying stocks. A few of the things he looks for when purchasing shares of a company is a high earnings yield, a high return on equity, low debt, and favorable valuations.

To the average person, these phrases seem complicated, but understanding financial statements is important to

being a successful investor.

Tulk recommends that potential student investors read books and watch the market to learn the rules of investing in the stock market.

One book that he recommends is "The Intelligent Investor" by Benjamin Graham. Tulk also recommends reading periodicals such as Barron's Weekly, and using Internet financial sites such as www.CNN.com

However, Tulk acknowledges that he still has a lot to learn to help him become more successful. Although Tulk does not plan on trading full time as an occupation immediately after college, he does see himself leaving the workforce as soon as he builds enough capital.

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smallTALK in NYC

Will Montoya
Editor in Chief

Visiting Times Square, shopping, and learning more about journalism are just a few things the Student Media Club encountered during their recent trip to New York City.

“It was a once in a lifetime experience that I will remember for the rest of my life,” stated Remille Shipman the smallTALK Senior Sports Editor.

Five students and the Director of Student Media, Tiffany Nabors, traveled to NYC to attend the Spring College Media Advisors journalism conference on March 15-18.

“It was really great to have an opportunity to learn so much about journalism and all the different aspects of it,” commented Ashley Genova, one of the students who attended the conference.

The conference allowed students the opportunity to

attend sessions based on different aspects of journalism.

There were sessions on just about everything

from feature writing and managing staff to ad sales and blogging.

“I learned a lot about leadership and how to better manage the sports staff,” said Shipman.

The Student Media Club always attempts to take advantage of every opportunity to learn more about journalism.

The next College Media Advisors convention is scheduled for St. Louis on October 26-29.



Above, Remille Shipman, Demario Campbell, Will Montoya, Ashley Genova and Laura Lester smile in Times Square in New York City. Photo by Tiffany Nabors. Below, Laura Lester, Ashley Genova, Tiffany Nabors and Remille Shipman attempt to navigate the New York Subway system. Photo by Will Montoya



OAC in Key West for Spring Break



Methodist College Outdoor Adventure Club enjoys a ride through Everglade National Park in Florida during their recent Spring Break Trip. Twenty-four students camped out, visited Key West and Disney World and also went deep sea fishing during the trip. Photo by Amber Graham

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Ignoring Your Future: Career Services Has the Cure

Kimberly Genova

Assistant Director of
Career Services

Why do so many people on this campus believe that students do not need to visit Career Services until their Senior Year? Your career began the first day that you stepped foot on this campus. During your freshman year, you should be developing your portfolio and getting to know the staff in the Office of Career Services. A résumé is a "work in progress" and should be started as soon as possible. This gives you

an opportunity to see in what areas you are lacking. Get involved in clubs, organizations and activities! Employers want to see an individual that is able to multi-task and shows leadership skills. If you don't get involved your freshman year, your chances of being elected to an office decrease.

Internships are a wonderful opportunity to "try out" careers. Do you really want to wait until graduation to discover that the subject you have been

studying for four years isn't what you want to do the rest of your life? Take the opportunity to experiment with different jobs during the breaks and during the summer. You can never gain enough experience or knowledge!

How many of you know that the office has interview



Have you visited this office? Photo by Ashley Genova

software that allows you to practice your interviewing skills? You can sit in front of a camera, be coached

how to respond to questions, and then record your response. How cool is that? Do you know that there is a new service post-

opportunities? Did you know that you can do a skills and interest assessment online? Do you know that the Office houses over fifteen binders that include job postings, internships, scholarships, and career fairs? Are you thinking about graduate school? Career Services has information on schools and study guides for the GRE, LSAT, and MCAT.

There are so many resources available to you in Career Services. If you haven't visited the office, you are missing a great opportunity for success!

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The Love Doctors: I Love Her, I But Hate Her Dad

Darlene Hopkins is the Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at the Center for Personal Development. The letters 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.

Dear Love Doctors,

I just got some bad news and I don't know how to respond. My girlfriend's father has been diagnosed with cancer and has only a few months to live. She needs to go home and stay with her Mom and her Dad during his last days.

She and I are engaged and live together near the college. Her parents live here in Fayetteville. Her parents are ok with us living together and have encouraged us to give up our apartment and live together with them. My girl's Mom really needs her to be there in the house.

Here is the problem. I can't stand her father. I hate to say this about a sick old man, but he is a total jerk. He has a foul mouth, he is disrespectful to me and he has been critical and mean to his wife and daughter for their whole lives.

I understand that they love him anyway, but I don't. I can't live there and be around him all the time. I have thought about just keeping our apartment by myself. I have thought about insisting that we stay in our place and I could go over there as seldom as absolutely necessary. Which one do you think I should do?

In a Nasty Bind



Dear Nasty Bind,

Your girlfriend needs your support and love now more than she ever did in her life. Despite how her father treats her and her mother, she most likely still loves him, and that piece of her life is soon going to be gone forever.

It's also understandable if you don't get along with her dad. Many couples have in-law trouble, but you need to put that aside. The prospect of death could change this man's whole perception of life. He could possibly even grow to like and accept you. His blessing of you would probably be a great comfort to your girlfriend after his death. You should make an effort to get along with her father in his last days.

However, staying in the apartment might be better for you. You won't be forced to act like you care for someone you dislike, but you won't be there to support your girl all the time.

You may want keep the apartment as a kind of resting place for when things get too stressful at your future in-laws' house, but visit as much as possible. This family, the family you will be a part of, needs your support.

Don't be selfish in this situation. Marriage is full of compromises, and living with your girlfriend's parents may be one of those compromises. Even if you do decide to keep the apartment, your girlfriend needs you. Visit as much as you can. Get to know her father better. You may regret it if you don't.

Good luck,
Ashley

Dear Nasty Bind,

Sometimes a loving commitment requires unbelievably difficult things of us. I can tell that you have given this a lot of thought and that you are searching for an alternative you can live with. I don't like either of the alternatives you have come up with. It seems to me that both of them will end up with hurt: hurt for your girlfriend, hurt for your relationship, and hurt for you.

I don't think you will like yourself much if you leave her to handle this alone. Your fiancé really needs you right now and the way you respond to this need will set the tone for the rest of your life together.

It is possible to do an unbelievably difficult thing. Make a decision to love your girl, to follow her and support her in whatever way she needs you while her father is dying. Make a decision to love this poor man, this suffering human being even though he is not lovable. I know that you can't really love him while you can't stand him. All you can do is to make the decision to love him and to love her in the way she needs you most. There is a little magic (or grace) in such things as this. You see, just making the decision to do this will give you the ability to do it: one little step, one little action at a time.

Since you would be taking on an unbelievably difficult task, get a lot of help. Enlist on your side, your friends, your family and anyone who can pray. You can do this.

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Darlene

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Preparing for Presidency

Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor

It may seem like the next presidential election is a long way away, but for those interested in running, the next few months may be an important time for their campaigns. Over two years in the future, a candidate's success will depend largely on the political base he or she builds now.

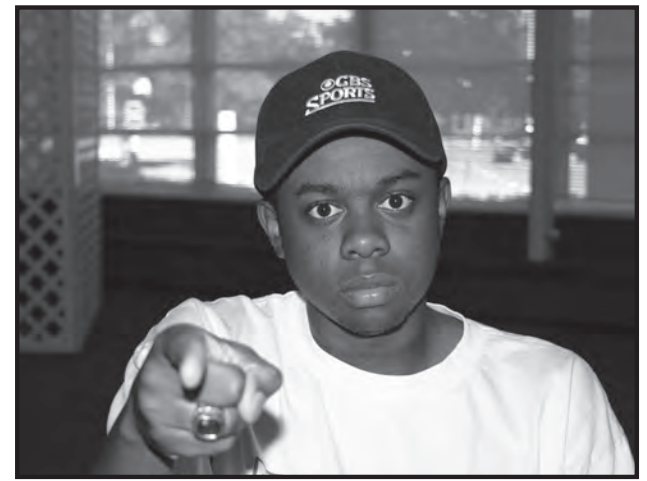
The beginnings of the candidate selection process can already be seen on both sides, and possible nominees have become more visible in recent weeks. The GOP recently held the Southern Republican Leadership Conference in Tennessee, and a poll taken there revealed a number of possible candidates. The winner of the poll was Senate majority leader Bill Frist with 36.9 percent of

the vote. The surprise of the poll was Mitt Romney, the Governor of Massachusetts, who finished with 14.4 percent.

However the Southern Conference poll did not include the heavy-weight contender in the Republican fight for the presidency, Senator John McCain. The Arizona senator took his name off the ballot, encouraging participants to write in George Bush as a sign of loyalty to the President. McCain is by far the front-runner in a number of polls conducted by various news organizations. Other strong Republicans include New York Governor George Pataki, Former NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani, and Bush Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

For the Democrats, the search for a candidate seems simpler. New York Senator and former First Lady Hilary Clinton has won most Democratic party polls. In the most recent, conducted by CNN, USA Today, and Gallop, she finished with 43 percent of the vote. The two closest candidates were Massachusetts Senator John Kerry and North Carolina Senator John Edwards, who held 14 percent each.

These results are a frightening prospect for the Democrats. Their strongest candidate, Clinton, has repeatedly fallen to John McCain in opinion polls. Kerry and Edwards fell to Bush in the last election, and it seems almost impossible for them to beat John McCain,



An Apology

Remille Shipman
Senior Sports Editor

Unfortunately, I won't be rambling about anything this time.

I ended my last column with a rather controversial statement that needed to be said; however, it was said in a way that was totally irresponsible and not entirely accurate. I stated in the last paragraph of my column that thirty-four percent of residential students suffer from various forms of sexually transmitted diseases. I received this information off the record while in a discussion with another student who had regular conversations with our school nurse, Sandy Combs.

I made the poor decision to print the actual number, feeling that this information was accurate and was fair game to be printed in Remille's Ramblings when it was NOT. I was overzealous and over-eager to add muscle to my article. My eagerness not only broke one of the basic laws of journalism, but the laws of America.

There is a possibility that this article could also damage the trust level between the students and Mrs. Combs. I implore you to trust Mrs. Sandy as much you did before, be-

cause she and the infirmary care deeply for the well being of us students. I know this first hand, and I personally apologize to Mrs. Sandy for this egregious mistake.

I also want to apologize to those who were offended by the material included in my last paragraph of the March 1st edition of smallTalk. What I discussed was a very sore topic. It's my personality to care for the overall well being of others, so I wanted to implore Methodist students to be safe and smart in any fashion I could. I just broke the trust between columnist and reader in doing so by printing a statistic that was off the record and should not have been printed.

I had planned to talk about various subjects for this issue, but I feel consequences must be felt on my part. I am suspending the actual column for this issue and giving you this statement of apology instead. I will return to business as usual next issue, and I pray that you will find it your hearts to forgive me.

Regards,
Edward Remille
Shipman
Senior Sports Editor
smallTALK

A Very Special Thank You to the Security Personnel of Methodist College!

North Village Community Church...

Would like to thank the Methodist College Security Personnel who has diligently served our church and guests. This past year as our church met at Methodist College. It has been a great experience for us from the very first day. We will always hold our humble beginnings at Methodist College as a part of our fond history. Thank you to everyone who helped make our experience so meaningful and working so hard to make sure our experience was a good one. As we move to Pine Forest Middle School, we want to extend a warm invitation to all the Students, Faculty, Administration and Personnel to our

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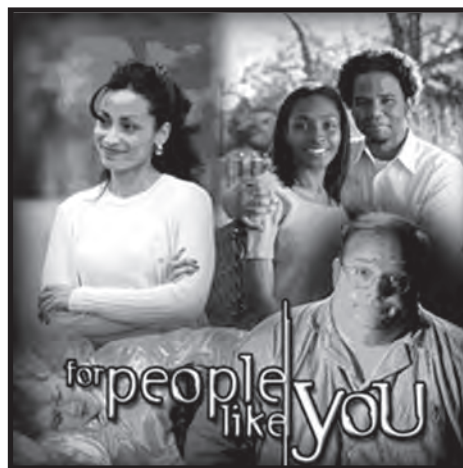
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What Really Grinds My Gears Is... The Way Kids Dress These Days

Justin Morehead
Staff Writer

Some things really grind my gears. I am an avid fan of people watching. (For those of you who aren't familiar with this hobby I suggest that you look into it.)

Although this activity can fill many days with humor and good times it also carries the burden of getting your gears ground. Fashion, or what is considered fashion, is at the top of my list.

I would like to start with the 3 degrees of Polo misuse.

The first degree of polo misuse is the popped collar. I'm just going to throw this out there but... are we in Britain? I am assuming that there was some sort of practical beginning to this horrible mistake.

Perhaps a sailor off the coast of England popped his collar to avoid the harsh circumstances of heavy winds and rain. Well even at that I seriously doubt that a centimeter thick piece of \$60 cloth de-

signed by a man named Lauren is going to prevent anything more than a breeze from assaulting our precious necks.

The second degree of Polo misuse is tucking in Only the front of your shirt.

I really don't know what happened here folks.

I think this was an attempt at glorifying laziness. Laziness is cool, it is very cool, but don't you think trying to glorify such a concept might defeat the purpose...just a little? If you want to look lazy, wear jeans and a t-shirt.

Actually, let me rephrase that.

If you want to look normal, wear jeans and a t-shirt.

Stop traffic, everyone!

Now I don't know if you can completely comprehend this next bit of fashion hell, but bear with me.

The third degree of Polo misuse is when someone wears a Polo, pops the collar, and then layers the first Polo with a second Polo which is also sporting

a popped collar.

Let's take a deep breath, and run back through it.

Someone has on the assumed undershirt and Polo A. (Seemingly normal at this point.) Then the second Polo, Polo B, is layered upon Polo A with the appropriate poppedness.

Witnessing this day in and day out has lead me to believe clothing can in fact cause a stroke.

These three degrees of Polo misuse clearly grind my gears. I hope that you all stray from this tragic miscommunication between the brain and shirt.

These Polo incidents apply mainly to males. Because I am so impartial, it's only fair to give the women some fashion advice as well: the insect sunglasses.

Apparently it is cool for good-looking women to cover half of their beautiful faces with sunglasses. If you haven't seen these things you really must find a pair.

It seems as though the smaller the girl, the bigger the sunglasses. I am not joking when I tell you each lens could double as a solar panel. If we want to stop traffic pollution, we should gather these sun-

glasses and Superglue them to the roofs of motor vehicles.

How about those pearls?

It's as if every oyster decided to throw up on every girl in America. Throw her behind a few Greek letters, a North Face jacket and call it a day.

If we aren't careful, the pearl-draped girls of today will become the SUV, Yellow Tail Merlot, pretentious art, Pottery Barn, soccer moms of tomorrow.

I may be dabbling in dangerous waters, but hey, that's what it's all about. It all just grinds my gears.

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Ja-Makin'-Me Hungry at Calabash

Will Montoya
Editor-in-Chief

Jamaican food in a homely atmosphere is what you get at Calabash Jamaican Restaurant.

Calabash serves up Jamaican style food and is located at 3500 Murchison road at the corner of Pamalee. As one walks into the restaurant you immediately see bright multi-colored tables, a painting of a beach bungalow in the sunset, and a green, black, and yellow Jamaican flag hanging on the wall.

The Caribbean style restaurant offers home-style food cooked fresh to satisfy the taste buds. With reggae music

playing in the background one customer danced to the drum beats as she waited in line to order her food.

The owner Hyacinth Thompson said, "I've been making Jamaican food all of my life and I opened this restaurant about two-and-a-half months ago."

Calabash Jamaican Restaurant offers daily lunch specials to include: jerk chicken, curry chicken, brown stew, and fried chicken, all served with rice and steamed veggies for under \$5.00. For the more exotic taste buds one can order curry goat, Escoveich fish, or ox tail. Adrian Stinnett, a frequent customer commented by stating "I always try to order the Es-

coveich fish, it's really good and has a bunch of textures, it's the greatest."

On my visit I ordered the jerk chicken which was seasoned with just enough spice to leave a little tingle in your mouth after eating it, maybe that's why they call it jerk chicken. I also tried the Bob Marley Punch that tasted like a combination of cranberry, grape, and lemon juice all mixed into one delicious beverage. The spices in my meal really excited my taste buds and keep me wanting more. Calabash Jamaican Restaurant is unique in its own way and definitely a place to have lunch sometime soon.

Keeping a Secret is Often Humorous

Emma Corrigan has a secret. Many, actually.

For instance, "I lost my virginity in the spare bedroom with Danny Nussbaum while Mum and Dad were downstairs watching Ben-Hur.

When my colleague Artemis really annoys me, I feed her plant orange juice. (Which is pretty much everyday.)

My G-string is hurting me."

Normally Emma would have kept these thoughts to herself, but one horrendous day on the job and one turbulent plane ride later, she spills them all (unintentionally, mind you) to the handsome American sitting next to her.

Ok, no problem, right?

Wrong. It turns out that

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handsome American is her boss.

"Can You Keep a Secret" by Sophie Kinsella is laugh out loud funny. The characters are real and very relatable, especially Emma.

This romantic comedy offers a refreshing perspective to the otherwise run-of-the-mill plots of the same genre.

"Can You Keep a Secret" is recommended to those looking for a delightfully lighthearted romance and good laugh.



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*Demario Campbell
Staff Writer*

Jamie Foxx's album "Unpredictable" should have been named "Predictable," considering the amount of success he has had.

All throughout his long career, everyone who knows Jamie Foxx knew that he is extremely talented musically and it was just a matter of time before he broke into the music industry. With the

success of his portrayal of Ray Charles in the movie "Ray" in 2004, Jamie Fox fulfilled his musical talents with his first album "Unpredictable". This album debuted at number one upon its release in December of 2005 and currently holds the number nine spot on Billboards R&B and Hip-Hop charts.

His title track, "Unpredictable," has been

played on the radio steadily since its release. The song an explanation of how he can be unpredictable with the ladies in many different ways. Other tracks on the album feature artists such as: Ludacris, Twista, The Game, Snoop Dogg, Kanye West, Common, and Mary J. Blige.

Number six, which features Mary J. Blige, is named "Love Changes" and displays both artists' vocal ability.

Another song that stands out is "Extravaganza," which is currently playing in radio stations now, features Kanye West. In the song, a night of drinking leaves Fox with amnesia the next day, which is common with anyone who gets lit up.

This album is great and would be the perfect choice for anyone who wants a cool, low toned, and laid back record of great unpredictable songs, from a talented artist who is totally predictable in his success.

Retro Seventies

*Justin Morehead
Staff Writer*

In 1971 Grand Funk Railroad put out their chart topping album "Survival."

Like many great bands of their time Grand Funk went in a new direction later in their careers.

Nothing but a groove as this record takes off. "Country Road," the first track on the album, shows of the wonderful vocals of guitarist, Mark Farner, and drummer, Don Brewer.

The most appealing quality of this album is the raw sound. All instruments were recorded live, accepting solos etc., ripping

vocals off the cuff, it is one of those sounds that you can't get anywhere except the soul of a musician.

The rest of the album does justice to its terrific start. Some other features on the album are, "Feelin' Alright," (also recorded by Joe Cocker) "Gimmie Shelter," and "I Want Freedom."

Grand Funk Railroad was able to capture the essence of the early 70's in one single album. The groovin', movin', love makin' music that helped bring rock-n-roll to the world is found on "Survival."

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M O V I E S

Magnusen & Aldridge



Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor

After a long string of crappy Spiderman/X-Men wannabes, it's good to see an original and innovative superhero film like "V For Vendetta."

If you take George Orwell's 1984 and squish it together with Daredevil, you'll get something like "V For Vendetta." It is futuristic and classic, frightening and hopeful at the same time. The Wachowski brothers have created a fear-based world of paranoia that keeps the audience looking over their shoulders.

The real appeal of "V For Vendetta" is the deep plot and back-story. The superhero "V" is one of many victims of a brutal and oppressive British government. His hatred for the government drives him to stir up revolution, no matter what the cost.

Hugo Weaving is incredible as V, and manages to portray a range of emo-

tions even though he wears a mask during the entire film.

Natalie Portman plays Evey, a young woman who finds herself caught in the crossfire between the frightening V and the secret police of the British government.

The only real weakness is that in some places it becomes too much of a statement in support of homosexuality and against religion. Whether or not you agree with the writers' statements, they detract from the universal appeal of the film.



Joe Aldridge
Entertainment Editor

"V for Vendetta" is the next step in social and political statement film-making.

The Wachowski brothers, the minds behind "The Matrix," now bring you their newest endeavor, "V for Vendetta."

This movie is one with a huge political agenda, great action, and creative writing.

The action in the movie is limited to a few scenes, mainly found in the beginning and end of the film. But, in the mod-

ern age of movies, too much action can be a bad thing for a director. V has just the right amount of action.

The Wachowski brothers have such creative minds they are able to take a DC comic book with little or no audience and turn it into a Hollywood box office smash.

This movie is great from start to finish. Audience members will enjoy this film, even if the political statements are not obvious, which if you were alive just over five years ago the message is hard to miss.

Action, comedy, suspense, thrills and of course political agendas, what's not to like about this movie?

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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 Honeggar'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.

Survey Insert

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Because students usually don't turn in surveys, a prize will be awarded to each participating student and a grand prize winner will be chosen from this pool. To turn in this survey, please cut it out and bring it to the Student Media office located upstairs in Berns offices 9 and 10.

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SGA Celebrates Mardi Gras



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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