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BARTON COLLEGE



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General Stats

Methodist

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

Barton

Enrollment: 1150
Student/Faculty Ratio: 1:12
Cost: \$22,550

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 Resident 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).

Barton

The Board of Trustees has endorsed residence hall visitation in principle and primarily as a social activity. The Board of Trustees authorizes visitation hours in all halls from 9:00 a.m. until midnight each day and until 2:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and delegates, to the Student Life Committee, the authority to establish schedules of visitation as appropriate within the time frame. An exception to this visitation policy is Hackney Hall where 24-hour visitation is in effect Thursday-Saturday. (<http://www.barton.edu/studentlife/ResidenceLife/Policy/Visitation.htm>).

Alcohol Policy

Methodist

The possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited on the

Barton

Alcohol is not permitted in the residence halls at Barton College. Empty cans and/or bottles,

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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.

Barton College is now up, located in Wilson, North Carolina.

Lowdermilk Scholarship Winners



The Lowdermilk Scholarship award is presented to qualifying students by the Fayetteville Rotary Club. Pictured above are this year's recipients from left to right: William Kamffer, Julia Parker, LaToya Robertson, Veronica Romero, Krystal Richardson, Ben Hanson, Katrina Campbell, Anastasiya Zavyalova, Vice President of the Fayetteville Rotary Club Steve Peterson and Ryan Taylor. Photo by Tiffany Nabors

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Meet Your Match



Meet Your Match was a date auction sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. Pictured left, RHA Director of Spirit Keva Wilson auctions off Alicia Bates. Pictured right, Kevin Page is being auctioned. Below are all the dates and their buyers. Below and to the left Tiffany Mills, Nickey Brewer, Gosia Jarema, and Matt McHale smile for a picture at the free spaghetti dinner for all those who participated. Below and to the right, Keva Wilson and RHA President Norma Bradshaw take a photo break during the auction. Photos by Melanie Gibson.



Sex with Ron and Sandy

*Amber Smith
Staff Writer*

Ron Foster and Sandy Combs had a lot to say about sexually transmitted diseases Monday, April 3rd. Foster, the director of the Methodist College Physician Assistant Program and a practicing physician assistant, presented students with graphic images in an STD awareness slide show.

STDs are becoming more rampant on campus. Cases of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Trichomoniasis and the Herpes Simplex 2 Virus are common here.

Nationally, there are 4, 000, 000 new cases of Chalmydia each year, and the Human Papilloma Virus, or HPV, has been found to be the leading cause of cervical cancer.

There has been a rise in syphilis, especially in Raeford County, which has one of the highest numbers of syphilis cases in the nation. HPV is also found in half of seniors graduating from college nationally.

The STD awareness slideshow was alarming. The disgustingly real and potentially dangerous sexually transmitted diseases that were shown were a rude awakening to students.

Foster stressed the importance of using condoms and of females having pap smears. Foster says about any problems people are having, "If it becomes abnormal, it needs to be watched carefully."

Sophomore Katherine
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Methodist College cont...

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 (p. 80, Methodist College Handbook).

Barton College cont...

shot glasses and/or beer mugs, alcohol posters and/or signs are not permitted in the residence halls at Barton College (<http://www.barton.edu/studentlife/ResidenceLife/Policy/Alcohol.htm>).

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Harbeson said after watching the slideshow, "I'm so glad I'm waiting till I'm married to have sex."

Florida Gators Take Home NCAA Title



After knocking off the surprise underdog, George Mason, the Florida Gators beat the UCLA Bruins in a convincing 73-57 victory. Gators Star Joakim Noah (above) blocked six shots and shot 7 of 9 from the field for 16 valuable points. Many Methodist students watch the game from their rooms, or at the viewing party held in Chris' House. Photo courtesy www.espn.com

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Pro Soccer in NC

Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor

team was actually making a good profit, and city officials in Cary agreed

The new team will train this spring for a short ten game schedule during the 2006 season. In 2007 they will play a full schedule and compete in the USL Division I for the first time, playing as many as 20 home games.



A professional men's soccer league is in the works for North Carolina. Pictured above and below are the logos for the Rochester Raging Rhinos and D.C. United respectively.

After a successful exhibition match between D.C. United (of Major League Soccer) and the Rochester Raging Rhinos (of the United Soccer Leagues First Division) Cary officials have come to an agreement to bring professional soccer back to North Carolina.

The new team, yet to be named, will occupy the SAS Soccer stadium in Cary, NC just outside of Raleigh. The stadium is the only dedicated soccer stadium in the eastern U.S.



that a men's team could do just as well.

According to SAS Soccer Park manager Keith Jenkins, "There was a lot of work that had to be done to prepare the contract so that

both parties were comfortable with the terms."

However, on January 26, Cary Mayor Ernie McAlister and Rochester Rhinos Co-Owner signed the agreement to create the new team.

The team is currently holding a contest to name the club. The person who submits the winning name will receive a pair of lifetime season tickets.

Cary will hold another exhibition match featuring the Rochester Raging Rhinos on April 7, this time against the Atlanta Silverbacks. Tickets are still available for that game.

The SAS Soccer Park will also house two U.S. men's national team events. The first is a match against the Jamaican national team on April 11, which was sold out in 90 minutes. The second is the U.S. team's 10 day training camp in May.

According to Jenkins, the practice will be closed to the public, but there may be an autograph signing scheduled sometime during the training.

For more information on the new team visit www.CarolinaProSoccer.com.

SGA's Final Blood Drive

Ashley Genova
Opinions Editor

used to make changes on campus based on students' wants.

These will need to be completed by April 13 in order for the president to have time to analyze them.

Though Show Your Care Day was cancelled, Coach Sink needs help staining various wood structures around campus.

Maintenance will be taking care of the other planned projects, including bricklaying and planting news shrubs.

Though the end of the semester draws close, the Student Government Association still has work to do.

The final blood drive of the year will be on April 13.

SGA president Shauna Bunn hopes this blood drive will be the best of the year.

All possible donors are encouraged to donate from 11a.m.-3p.m. in Berns.

SGA is still collecting surveys to take to President Hendricks.

These surveys will be



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Campus Leaders

Norma Rae Bradshaw
Staff Writer

One of the biggest problems with on campus clubs is the high turnover rate of leaders.

Honestly, for as long as I have been here, I have never seen one person as the president of anything for more than one year. I am guilty of it too. However, I often think of times when a new president steps into a club or organization they believe they can do a much better job than the former president did. That may very well be the case, but it takes a while to get the hang of things.

When a new president comes into office, the club loses the most important thing an organization can have: consistency. Now I am in no way bashing any president who doesn't go for a second term, I am simply saying that it hurts the organization.

Here are a few things that a new president needs to know: first, the job is not as easy as it looks. There are countless tasks to do and delegate to others. The hardest part about delegation is making sure that others are getting the task done. It doesn't look bad on them when things don't get done; it looks bad on you, the president. Second, you have to take charge over more than one person, and learn how to work with others so people will do what needs to be done.

Now this next one doesn't apply to all club presidents, but there are almost always more meetings in a week than there are days and you have to be at all of them.

Finally, there is always something that will pop up at the most inop-

portune moment possible and you have to handle it.

Now, you might be wondering where I'm going with all of this. The fact is that a president who has done the job for a year knows what needs to be done. Hopefully during that year they have developed the time management skills needed to work through it, along with bringing new ideas to the table.

The point is when a new president comes in they are overwhelmed with what has to be done, and it takes a while for them to get their footing, which is going to make or break a club/organization depending on how long it takes.

Now, here are my ideas of some ways to avoid aforementioned problems or help with the transition of a new president. Have your elections earlier in the semester. If you have your elections earlier, people who are elected have some time to shadow the current executive board members and learn those roles.

Another idea is to do transition reports, in which the current executive members write out some helpful tips for the next person; also include some of the duties they have and so forth.

In the organization's constitution make sure the roles of each executive officer are clear so there is no confusion of what is whose responsibility.

If the organization had any events, create a folder and write out what was done and how it was done.

Most importantly, if the current president is not graduating, encourage him or her to stay involved with the organization even if it's not as president.

Abortion in South Dakota

Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor

Recently lawmakers in South Dakota passed a law that bans almost all abortions in the state. The only cases in which the procedure is allowed are those where the life of the mother is threatened. There are no exceptions for women who become pregnant as a result of rape or incest. The law is supposed to take effect on July 1.

However, there are almost no abortions per-

formed in South Dakota as it is. In fact, there is only one abortion clinic in South Dakota, and it is barely within the state borders. So why would the state's legislature spend time banning an act that almost never occurs?

The answer is simple. They hope to spark a court battle over the issue that will force the United States Supreme Court to review the issue of Roe v. Wade, the court decision that supported abortion rights and is used as a precedent in most cases. The new South Dakota law is directly contrary to that ruling, and if

the fight reaches the Supreme Court, it may become one of the most heated debates in American history.

If the issue reaches the national level, it is very likely that the Supreme Court will support the law and overturn Roe v. Wade. President Bush recently nominated two new Justices, including the Chief Justice who casts the final and deciding vote in court decisions. Both of the new justices are fairly conservative and have spoken against abortion rights in the past.



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Will Montoya
Editor-In-Chief

Fear, rejection, starvation, and hope are all things that Dave experienced as a child. In his new book you can experience these things too.

"*A Child Called It*," is a book that explores the inhumanness of child abuse by taking the reader into one of the worst child abuse cases in U.S. History.

The story delves into the life of David Pelzer, who was tortured, starved, and forced into a life of slavery by his alcoholic mother. Some of the graphic scenes displayed in the book include; David being forced to clean the bathroom while smelling the enclosed fumes of Clorox and ammonia, being starved for 10 days then forced to eat his baby brothers' feces, and even getting stabbed with a steak knife in his stomach by his mother.

What makes this story inspirational is the way the book combines fear, courage and hope into one little boy's story that was written from a real life experience. "*A Child Called It*," is like a rollercoaster ride through the experiences of child abuse, which was written to grip the reader by letting them experience the horrors of child abuse without ever actually experiencing them.

Miles Davis - "Kind Of Blue"

Justin Morehead
Staff Writer

"It is one of the single greatest achievements in recorded music."
-Ed Bradley, Journalist

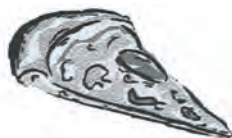
"It's a corner stone record not only for jazz, it is a cornerstone record for music."
-Herbie Hancock, Musician

"It's sort of like the bible, you know, you just have one in your house."
-Q-Tip, Musician

Kind of Blue is the number one selling jazz album of all time. Released in 1959, *Kind of Blue* represented a new kind of jazz, a cool jazz. The line-up that Miles Davis recruited for the album consisted of John Coltrane and Julian "Cannonball" Adderley on saxophones, Bill Evans on piano, Wynton Kelly (piano on *Fred-die Freeloader*), Paul Chambers on bass, and Jimmy Cobb on drums. With musicians like this you shouldn't expect anything but amazing.



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Michael Hamilton
Contributing Writer

For Georgia's Rap-
per T.I., it's all about
"What you Know".

Clifford "T.I.",
"TIP", Harris has been a
busy artist throughout the
past year. T.I. not only
starred in the greatly anti-
cipated movie "ATL",
but he also was able to
create an album titled
King because that is what
T.I. has chosen to call
himself. For those who
are not aware of the verbal
and physical altercations
that have come from
wearing the title "King of
the South", there have
been many objections to
his self proclaiming name,
most of the objections
coming from his rival Lil'
Flip.

T.I. has been in the
rap game for a number of
years with *King* being his
fourth solo album. On the
album, he features well
respected rappers from the
south such as UGK, BG,
Young Buck, and last but
not least, Young Jeezy.
With his spectacular ar-



rangement of the who's
who of the south, this will
almost certify his claim of
being King of the South.
The second single on the
album "Front Back", fea-
tures legends such as
UGK. Another star stud-
ded track titled, "I'm
Straight", is shared with
B.G. and Young Jeezy.
The rappers let their audi-

ence know that life with-
out the rap game and fame
is ok with them.

Now that T.I. has
broken out of the category
of just raw hip-hop listen-
ers, he now appeals to the
main stream audience.
Like track number 15 on
his album, he is living the
"Good life".

A Goo Goo Dolls Classic

Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor

The Goo Goo Dolls
Album "Dizzy up the Girl"
is perhaps one of the best
examples of great
alternative rock from the
1990's. Included among
its tracks are four number
one singles that will take
you back to your middle
and high school years.

Almost every
person who was in America
during the 90's heard
"Slide," "Broadway,"
"Black Balloon," or "Iris."
So far, the Goo Goo Dolls'
first album has been their
best, with these four chart-
topping hits forming the
backbone of the CD.

Along with these
classics are plenty of great
songs that were never
played on the radio like
"All Eyes On Me" and
"Acoustic #3."

The odd part about
"Dizzy up the Girl" is that
no particular instrument
stands out from the others
as exceptional or
emphasized. The guitar,
drums, and vocals are all
used effectively. What
really stand out are the
songwriting, the lyrics, and
the composition. The
words are moving, and the
chords are stirring. Catchy
riffs and gripping chord
progressions give "Dizzy
up the Girl" a memorable
quality.

The Goo Goo Dolls
make great music without
the electronic sound of a
lot of modern rock and
pop. If you want good,
musical alternative rock,
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Magnusen & Aldridge



Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor

Cartoon sequels usually suck. Most of the time they are half-hearted, low-budget, unoriginal attempts to milk as much money as possible from the first film (see "The Land Before Time" 2-7, "The Lion King 2: Simba's Pride," etc.). "Ice Age: The Meltdown" is a rare exception.

"Ice Age 2" is funny, enjoyable, and not too long, which makes it perfect for parents who want to take their kids to do something fun, but don't want to sit through two hours of a boring movie. However, there is some swearing, so I wouldn't recommend bringing very small children to see it.

The comedy is aimed as much at adults as it is at children, and this will make it a tolerable experience for parents who dread bringing their children into public. From Sid going of a giant waterslide called "The Eviscerator" to the hilarious acorn-obsessed

squirrel that was so funny in the original, there is plenty here for parents to enjoy.

The plot isn't all that complex (it is primarily a kid's movie after all) and it has mostly the same characters as the original, so it shouldn't be a problem for kids who haven't seen the original. If they have, there are enough new characters to keep things interesting.

In terms of the computer animation, "Ice Age 2" has received a major upgrade from the original. The animators were able to create more complex and realistic environments than before.

"Ice Age: The Meltdown" probably isn't the best choice for the traditional early twenties college student. But for you moms and dads out there who are juggling work, school, and families, it is a good chance to get in some quality time with the kids.



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Point Counter Point: Illegal Immigrants

David Santiago
Staff Writer

I tried reading about the new immigration laws, and they don't seem like anything altogether new. Abstract language confuses the issue more and more.

First off, let's clarify who we are all thinking about when we generally referring to illegal aliens. We're talking about Mexicans. The issues would seem to be simple, either you have papers or you don't, but it's actually not that clear cut. For instance in the case of Cuban immigration, they are only treated as illegal and sent back if they are caught out on the water, if they manage to make it to the beach, they are refugees.

Now going back to the Mexican border, while the government of Mexico is not as oppressive, the poverty in Mexico is certainly a matter of concern. For many Mexicans, they only want to earn a little money to send home to their families. Yes some do exploit the welfare system, as do countless U.S. Citizens. And this hardly speaks for all of the border crossers. Now to be clear, there does have to be screening as to who can get in this country, but not at the expense of human dignity. It's not as easy as running across the border.

People who cross the border face the risk of

muggings from gangs, rape, and in recent years, crazy rednecks who want to patrol the border themselves. These people would not be desperate enough to endure all that if there wasn't a really good reason for them to escape whatever it is there getting away from.

So I'm not saying that we should let anyone through, nor am I saying we need to close off the borders. I'm just saying that making another non-specific law is not going to help; the issue needs to be examined more than that. We need to examine the risk, yes, along with the fact that many of these people are escaping oppression. It's not just Mexicans that come here. Many South Americans escaping the political turmoil of their countries also come across that border.

So the only point I can give is that it is not a clear-cut one-sided issue. It is treated that way, but it is much more complex than that. If we simply say we don't want more of a certain people coming through, a mentality which usually comes out of stereotypes, than we have betrayed the values this nation at one time founded itself on.

Norma Rae Bradshaw
Staff Writer

I never thought that I would hear myself say this, but for once I agree with President Bush, because he



doesn't think it's a good idea to allow undocumented immigrants amnesty. It would allow law breakers to jump ahead of law-abiding immigrants who have been waiting in line for citizenship.

I myself was not born in the United States; I was born in Toronto Ontario,

Canada. I moved to the United States when I was five years old. My parents had to go through the lengthy processes of naturalization for our family to become United States citizens.

Over all, it took about thirteen years before we were not considered legal aliens, but rather United States citizens. To this day, my family gets upset with the idea of illegal immigrants just living in the country, and not going through the naturalization process.

My dad is angry with the fact that law-abiding immigrants go through a lengthy and expensive process, and illegal undocumented immigrants do not, which only makes the naturalization process even harder.

Most people are arguing about the fact that illegal immigrants are being forced out of the country.

I am arguing that the illegal immigrants in this country right now are making it much harder for those immigrants that are trying to go through the naturalization process. I also do not think it is fair for illegal immigrants to just be granted amnesty so the United States can have people still working those jobs that no one else wants to work.

It's just not fair for so many naturalized citizens to have or had to go through years of waiting and paying large amounts of money year after year. On law-breaking immigrants can just get amnesty and have the same rights as any other citizen.

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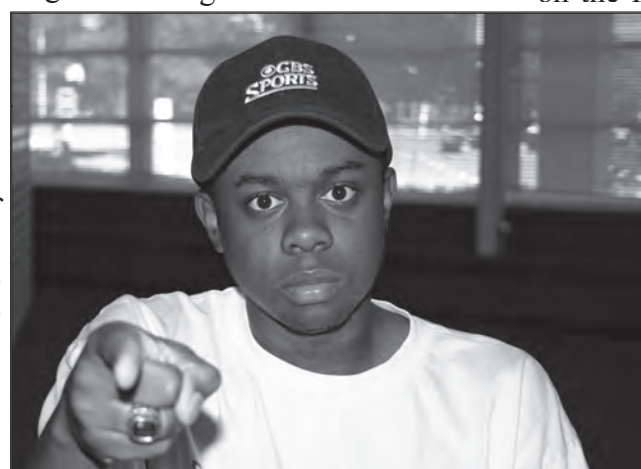
Yes, I am officially back after the fiasco that I caused a couple of papers ago which caused me to briefly suspend Remille's Ramblings. And I really do believe that few persons noticed my actual mistake, but that's OK.

If you didn't know already, five other students and I went to New York City to attend the annual College Media Advisers spring convention three weeks ago, and let me tell you-this was an experience. You can't see all of New York City in one trip, but I saw enough to make

the trip one of the most memorable moments of my life. Being from the country, I never imagined that I would receive the opportunity to lay eyes on Times Square, ride on a subway, or step foot inside the offices of Sports Illustrated until Methodist College, Student Media, and the Student Government Association gave me the opportunity. Thank you so very much.

My subject this issue is going to be a wacky one. With the end of the

year fast approaching, I thought I'd ask a few questions about the future of things here at Methodist



that I bet our community would like answered. Here goes...

Are we really go-

ing to university status next year? If so, does that mean that the two missing letters on the front of our school won't be replaced? Personally, I think becoming a university would not hurt Methodist at all.

What's going to happen to the Pines? I've heard rumors that the Powers-That-Be have tried to tear it down for years.

This decision won't be made until I graduate, but I feel they should look into renovation or building another residence hall, especially if this school keeps growing...

Will the dreaded "T" word come into play again? I'm talking about the word triples... I'm hearing that next year's freshman class will be at the level of 2004-2005. If more

and more female students arrive, I wonder where we will put them...

By the way, is Garber going to be co-ed next year? That's kind of a dumb question, given that things are pretty much set now.

Will prices in the Lion's Den decrease next year? Right now they are ridiculous. And will the hours change at all?

Will the cafe improve at all?

Can the new permanent Sports Information Director fill Lee Wright's shoes? He knew his stuff, and he did a great job with the website. I know the interim staff is doing its best, but the website just isn't the same right now.

Will SGA get enough surveys to make this ambitious project matter?

Do you have the answer to my questions? Email me at eshipman@hotmail.com.

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The Love Doctors: He Cheats and I Forgive

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Dear Love Doctors,

I am embarrassed to even be writing this letter. I am not doing so well on my own. Maybe you can help. I need to leave my boyfriend. I know I do. He cheats. I catch him, and he is full of regret. He tells me 'that woman means nothing to me'. He tells me how wrong he was, how much he loves me and pleads with me not to leave him. He promises he will never do it again. I tearfully forgive him and believe his promises. Then I catch him again, with someone else. Instant Replay.

I have learned my lesson. I know he will never change. I say I will leave, but I don't. I need to, but I can't. I love him. When things are good they are so good. No one knows me like he does. No one could ever reside in my heart like he does. No one on earth means more to me, so I stay. I am hurting and I need to leave. What is wrong with me?

Loving Him Anyway

Dear Loving Him,

I am terribly sorry that your boyfriend finds it to be so difficult to be loyal. A true, steady and committed guy does not need more than what he already has to be happy. I'm also sorry to tell you that for as long as this problem has gone on, there is little hope for your relationship.

This ugly cycle of cheating and forgiveness is never going to stop unless you take a stand. You said yourself that he won't change his ways, even though you still care. You should not have to stay to take this abuse of playing second fiddle to a number of other women.

Your feelings of love may be love of how your boyfriend was before all this deceit began. Let go of that and look at how things are now.

Is this how you want to continue your relation-

ship for the rest of your life? There are many guys out there who are happy with one girl, and have no loyalty issues.

I hope that you can find one that is right for

ity for deep love and the forgiving heart were a part of you before this relationship started and they will still be yours when it is finally over.

person. You deserve a love that feels as good as this one does... without the inevitable suffering attached.

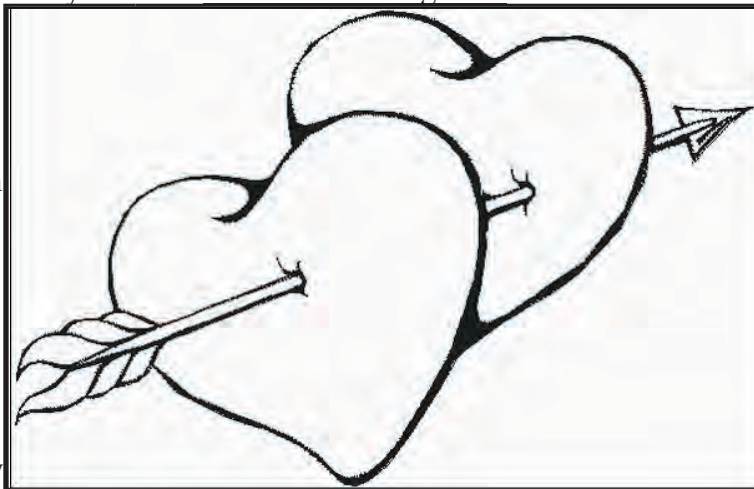
Talk to your loving and broken heart. Tell your heart that you will find a way for it to heal. Talk to yourself all day long. Promise yourself the good things you deserve.

Make a point of spending time with friends and family who remind you that you are worthy and lovable. Use your faith for a source of strength, if you don't have a faith you might consider looking for one.

Remember that LOVE is the only thing that never dies. You will love this guy forever, no doubt. However unconditional love is not necessarily attached to unconditional commitment.

You will learn to love him from a distance, far enough away that he can't hurt you like this again. Tell yourself every morning that today you will take a baby step from away from this pain. The baby steps will move you forward into your freedom.

Best wishes,
Darlene



Please work on applying that ability to love to loving yourself. Being in love is not without pain, but love is not supposed to hurt this much. You are a good

you.

Good luck,
Ashley

Dear Loving Him,

Nothing is wrong with you. You have been blessed with a capacity for deep love and you have been blessed with a forgiving heart. Those are beautiful and valuable characteristics.

Remember that these are your gifts. The capac-

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What Really Grinds My Gears is... Dating and the Economy of Men

Justin Morehead
Staff Writer

Dating is the underlying importance of college life. I know this may seem presumptuous but think about it. Yes, you hope you do well on the test, and yes mid-terms are next week, but in the back of your head the thought is: Will I meet someone this weekend? Will I finally remove myself from the third wheel position?

I am sure that girls and guys both have these feelings, but I dare say that in Fayetteville men do more seeking than women. I am still unable to fathom the idea that women don't have to try. I mean who are we kidding, they don't have to try.

If I were a girl at Methodist and I felt like going out on a date I could call any one of the 500+ single men and be set. Just make the move, no stress, no sweat, and now there is a date on Saturday night.

Unfortunately this is not the case with men. The amount of stress and trouble related to achieving the

ultimate goal of - well we will just call it "a date"- is too much to bear.

Just go talk to her!

Well you can't just talk to her because she is a girl which gives her the upper hand and gives you the vulnerability to be squashed like the bug that you are in her eyes. Talking requires you to actually function appropriately and pleasantly. Without the appropriate amount of liquid courage talking is not an option.

Well just make eye contact!

Well if eye contact didn't make me look like some creepy weird guy that would be great! Plus we all know that eye contact takes at least three tries.

You are looking and then she looks and you aren't prepared so you look away real fast. But she saw you look away and she

knows you were trying to do the eye contact thing so you look stupid, and apparently you are stupid because it is inevitable that



you try again. Your brain says no, your friends say no, but your eyes just want another shot.

The second time is always the long one. You end up dazing off forgetting that you are doing the eye contact thing and then she looks your way. You are a slobbering mess of day dream going cross eyed at the thoughts running through your comatose brain. You notice and look away while she starts to mock you to her friends.

So you try again and this time everything seems to work out, but what do you do now. You are looking at each other, off in another universe of romance and lust, when all of a sudden you flash this

idiot grin that sends her back down to earth in a second. You have failed. Then you realize that you spent 15 minutes trying to make eye contact with another person, and it occurs to you that you are quite possibly the biggest loser to grace the earth with its presence.

Not all men have this problem.

The economy of men is a theory that was conjured up about 4 months ago.

My roommate Tyler and I were sitting around complaining about something, nothing out of the ordinary, and we stumbled across a notion. Men are like the U.S. economy.

It is much easier than it seems.

The upper class of the economy has nothing to fear. They are loaded, their kids are loaded, and they are cruisin' easy.

The lower class of the economy really doesn't have that much to worry about because they will receive help from the government and in the end they will still be ok.

It is the middle class, the average Joes, that get screwed.

Now, in a totally heterosexual way, really hot guys are like the upper class. They don't have much to worry about because they have six pack abs and muscle man boobs, the whole nine yards. They are going to get a girl regardless.

You know when you see that one guy who is dating a girl way out of his league? You see it like once a day.

How the heck does that happen!?

Well they are like the lower class. They receive hand outs and some sort of dimension X sympathy and end up with a good looking chick. It happens all the time, man. It blows my mind.

Now let's talk about the average male, the good guy. He is the middle class; screwed every which way but the right way.

In order for you to really relate to this type of guy I think we should give him a name. Let's just call him Tyler Caviness.

Tyler, and guys like Tyler, are usually funny. The only six packs that you can find on them is the soda in the fridge. These are the guys struggling with women. We always have at least one good girl friend from high school calling us to complain about her "upper class" boyfriend who acts like a fool and treats her badly, only to stay with him for another year or so.

I am here today to stand up for the rights of all middle class men! Fear not good soldiers, your witty jokes and misplaced humor are leading you down the path of righteousness. Stand proud and fear not the pretty boys, for they are mere products of Hollister and tanning beds. When in doubt continue to consult Comedy Central, Spike TV, and Law & Order.

Our normalcy sustains us. Our friends are our family. March Madness is our Christmas. We are the average male. We are above average.

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Methodist Sports Briefs

Remille Shipman
Senior Sports Editor

Baseball

Methodist placed themselves back into a tie first place in the USA South on the weekend of April 1st and 2nd with a sweep of conference doormat Averett. Great pitching efforts from seniors Ryan Brandt, Adam Denning and Casey Varnell propelled the Monarchs to



5-3, 5-2, and 9-6 victories over the Cougars in Danville, Virginia.

Methodist has won 11 of 12 going into the final weekend of conference play after an 8-10 start to begin the season.

Men's Golf

Methodist recovered from a five-stroke deficit in the first round to win the Jekyll Island Invitational at Jekyll Island, Georgia on March 28th. Senior Adam Horton also captured his fifth indi-



vidual title by shooting a five under par 211. Junior Nick Bova finished tied for fourth and senior Cory Schneider placed seventh.

Women's Golf

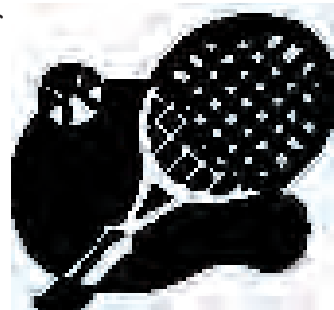
Methodist finished fifth in the William and Mary Invitational at Williamsburg, Virginia on March 26. Junior Charlotte Williams finished fourth overall with a final round score of 73.



Sophomore Katie Dick finished 28th with a score of 162 (80-82), while junior Heather Martin finished 29th with a score of 163 (84-79).

Men's Tennis

Methodist has won 11 consecutive matches as of March 29th as the Monarchs are now ranked seventh in the South region. The Monarchs won their eleventh straight match at Greensboro College against the 3-9 Pride, and after traveling to Sewanee, Tennessee last weekend, the team will have its next



home match against Ferrum on April 6.

Women's Tennis

The Lady Monarchs swept two home matches over conference rivals Christopher Newport and Ferrum last weekend as they now sit in sole possession of first place in the USA South with a 12-3 overall record. The Lady Monarchs will travel to Mary Washington this weekend in their final match before the USA South tournament on April 16-17.

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Powerful Methodist Lacrosse Team Looks Ahead to Post-Season

Remille Shipman
Senior Sports Editor

The USA South, who selected Methodist to finish fourth in their conference, must look a little foolish right now.

In only its fifth season of existence, Methodist's lacrosse team has had the season to remember as they have amassed a school-best 10 victories against only three losses with only one regular-season game left on the 2006 schedule. In addition, the team recently ran off a school-record nine consecutive victories that came to an end with a road loss against conference rival Christopher Newport on March 25. The team also saw former Lady Monarch Emily Neilsen's records fall when senior



The Monarchs lacrosse team is at the top of their conference with only one game remaining in the regular season and the post-season only a week away. Photo courtesy Monarchs Online

Lindsey West surpassed Nielsen's record for most career goals on the 25th.

"I couldn't do it (break the career record) without my team," West said. "It (her own and the team's success) starts with my goalie and goes to our offense,"

Methodist has achieved their goals so far with a dynamic offense and a spirited defense. The Lady Monarchs rank seventh overall in the nation in scoring offense and rank seventeenth overall in caused turnovers. Individually, West (51 goals and

73 points as of March 30), junior Lauren McGonagle (48 goals, 72 points), and sophomore Katelyn Cushman (30 goals) have lit up the net with the most frequency.

The team's excellent physical condition also plays a key hand in their success. Methodist usually goes into battle with two substitutes or less, and they ended their fall season last semester with only 10 healthy players. The Lady Monarchs usually overcome this by out-hustling their opponents. "Our hustle and intensity helps us beat teams [that are] better than us on paper," head coach Beth Brundage stated.

Methodist hopes to build on their success going into the USA South conference tournament on Easter Weekend as they

hope to capture their first-ever USA South conference tournament championship and their first-ever NCAA Tournament berth. Although the Lady Monarchs are pleased about their stellar season, Brundage believes that the team can win if they go into the tournament confident and hungry. Methodist's two conference losses this season to Christopher Newport and Greensboro were extremely close. In fact, the Lady Monarchs actually led Greensboro for the majority of its season opener on February 22nd.

Methodist will honor West and fellow senior Bridgette McGrath on April 8th when the Lady Monarchs host conference rival Shenandoah in the team's regular-season finale. Game time is at 1 p.m.

Methodist College Cheerleaders Earn National Title



Cheryl Rivas
Director of College Relations

Methodist College's Cheerleading Team took home national honors in Myrtle Beach at the Co-Ed National Title at the Canam College National Championships. The Monarchs earned the highest team scores of all college divisions competing. The team also earned two additional titles: the All-girl Partner Stunt and the Individual Cheerleader Title went to freshman Tiffany Wagner.

Wagner is a native

of Spring Lake, North Carolina and was the 2004 Cheerleader of the Year. She performed an individual routine which earned her the national honor. Team members on the All-Girl Partner Stunt include Wagner, seniors Kathi Mason and Gayna Holcomb; junior Amber Arnold; and sophomore Jordan Mercer.

The team is preparing for the NCA College Nationals in Daytona Beach, Florida. The Daytona competition will be televised on Fox Sports in mid-April.

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Softball Ranked 8th in The Nation



The Monarchs Softball team is ranked 8th in the nation. The team is shown to the left in the 2006 team photo. Photo courtesy of Monarchs Online.

Remille Shipman
Senior Sports Editor

After six years of knocking on the national doorstep, Methodist's softball program are finally receiving quality recognition.

The 30-6 Lady Monarchs finally cracked the national top 10 in the National Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association on as they claimed the eighth overall ranking in Division III on March 29. This is the highest-ever ranking that Methodist has garnered in the history of the program, as last year's team was ranked as high as 11th in the country. In addition, as of March 29, Methodist has garnered the most wins of any team in Division III.

Head coach Ron Simpson's squad has accomplished this feat despite the fact that the team has only played eleven games at home in 2006. But the Monarchs have fared extremely well on the road and at tournaments in Santa Ana, California, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Florence, South Carolina as they have gone 8-1 on the road and 14-4 on neutral sites so far this season.

Methodist has achieved this feat with solid play in all phases of the game. The Lady Monarchs have the top pitching staff in the USA South, led by senior ace Jenny Sorensen

(14-3, 1.90 ERA) and freshman started Lesley Hewitt (9-1, 1.88 ERA). The Lady Monarchs also rank fourth in hitting with a .323 team batting average.

Exceptional team chemistry has also played a big role in Methodist's

success this season. "Our camaraderie has probably been as strong as it's ever been," third baseman Kate Roth commented. Roth and outfielder Kim Ward also credit "fabulous leadership" from co-captians Sorensen and Amy Faucette as another reason for

the team's success.

The Lady Monarchs currently hold an 11-1 conference record and will be looking to add two more victories to their record with a road showdown against Ferrum at Salem, Virginia, on April 9.

What's Happening at Methodist College April 6 - 19

CAREER SERVICES

April 6 - Car Max Recruiter - Berns Student Center 10AM - 8PM
April 10 - Teacher Job Fair - Triton High School, Erwin, NC
April 11 - Education Job Fair - Carmichael Auditorium, UNC - Chapel Hill

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB

April 6 - Intermural Basketball Finals
April 11 - Softball begins
April 14,15,16 - Kayaking trip Outer Banks, NC
Every Tuesday- Bowling, 3-5 p.m, Northview Lanes
Every Tuesday - Paint Till You Faint, 7-10 p.m, Weaver Hall

SAC EVENTS

April 7 - Movie & A Meal 8pm Lion's Den
April 9 - Movie Night 7pm Chris' House
April 11 - Xbox Tourney 5pm Chris' House
April 12 - MC Late Night 8pm Berns
April 14 - Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)
April 18 - Baseball Spirit Game 3pm Shelley Field
April 19 - MC Late Night 8:30pm TBA

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

COLLEGE RELATIONS & MARKETING

April 9 - Student Recital featuring Estelle Singletary (Oboe) and Erin Yarborough (Clarinet) 3 p.m. Hensdale Chapel
April 10 - Templeton Lecture Series on Science and Religion 11 a.m. Clark Auditorium "The Beginning and End of the Universe"
April 10 - Opera Workshop Recital 11 a.m. Reeves Auditorium
April 10 - Methodist Orchestra and Chamber Ensemble Concert 7 p.m. Reeves Auditorium
April 12 - Methodist College Talent Show 8 p.m. Reeves Auditorium
April 17 - Arts and Business Seminar 11 a.m. Clark Auditorium
April 18 - 29th Annual Stock Market Symposium Presented by the Center for Entrepreneurship, Methodist College 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Ball Room, Holiday Inn Bordeaux
April 18 - Synergy (Methodist College Show Choir) Concert 7 p.m. Reeves Auditorium



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