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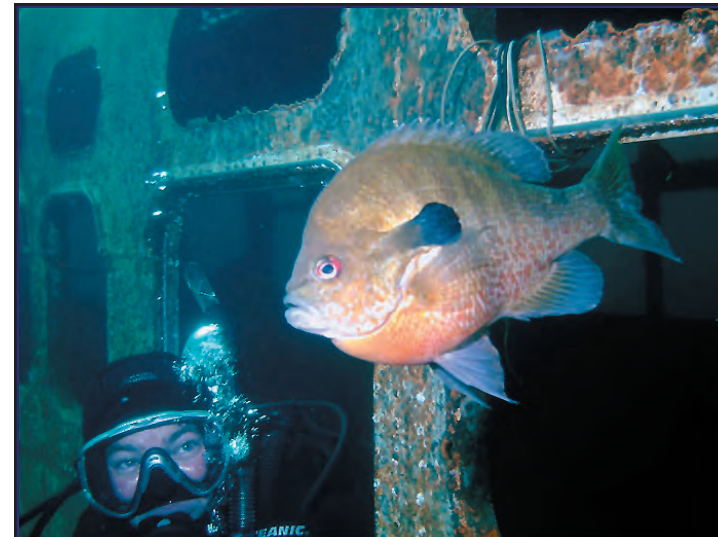
Three Students Dive into Certification

Julia Parker

Contributing Writer

Last month three more Methodist College students became certified open water SCUBA divers. The Outdoor club and Coach Sink funded the two week class for Willie Barnett, Justin Caines, and Julia Parker. They completed two weeks of book work and logged five open water dives. They did their open water dives in a rock quarry at Fantasy Lake SCUBA Park in Rolesville. The course emphasized safety, problem management and most of all having fun. SCUBA diving opens up an oppor-

tunity to experience the underwater world to its fullest. "I am looking forward to diving in Florida and taking advantage of all the opportunities that SCUBA diving has to offer," said Willie Barnett. Each of the divers is anxious to log more dives and continue their diving education. Overall, the course was an amazing experience and a must for outdoor enthusiasts. Thanks to Coach Sink and the Outdoor Club for funding the class. If you are interested in the next class dates or want more information about the Outdoor Club drop by and see Coach Sink in his office on the second floor of the Bern's Student Center.



A diver checks out a colorful fish in Fantasy Lake. Photo courtesy of Fantasy Lake Scuba Park.



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Bishops Visit Hensdale Chapel

Methodist College Hosts Annual Meeting of Bishops for the First Time

Dave Santiago

Opinions Editor

Hensdale Chapel was almost full to capacity this week as the leaders of the United Methodist Church gathered at Methodist College for the first time ever.

While Methodist College has been graced with the presence of bishops and church superintends in the past, Wednesday, Oct. 4 marked the first time in the school's 50 years that it was chosen as the location for the annual meeting of the United Methodist Bishops and superintendents.

While many issues unrelated to the college were discussed, much time was

contributed to higher education. The significance of the gathering symbolized a re-affirmation of the College's relationship with the United Methodist Church in North Carolina.

Campus Chaplain, Rev. Michael Safley commented by saying that this weeks visitation was significant in that it affirmed Methodist College's future with the United Methodist Church, which is still our man contributor.

Rev. Safley said that the connection we have with the church is a "unity of faith." In the past it was true that the United Methodist Church presided over the college, choosing the administration and setting all the rules for campus life. This is no lon-

ger true, the college is an independent institutions now.

Other institutions sometime breakaway from the religious organizations they were founded on, favoring affiliation with

State University systems. But Wednesdays meeting affirmed that the partnership of faith and mutual trust that exist between the college and the church.



Alfred W. Gwinn, Jr., bishop of the United Methodist Church's North Carolina Conference, attended chapel Oct. 4.



Rev. Michael Safley showed the bishops around campus. Photo by Ashley Young.

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Get Your Black and White Attire Ready to Dance

Dave Santiago
Opinions Editor

Ready to dance the night away? Well than get ready for the 2006 Methodist College Homecoming Dance. The dance will be held Nov. 4 from 9 pm to 1 am in the AIT Building located across the street from Husks Hardware in downtown Fayetteville (Hay Street.) Rumors that we would not have a dance this year were in circulation for while. The most common reason given in these rumors was because Alcohol did not make its way into the punch at last years Homecoming. According to Whitney Slaughter, it is true that we almost didn't have a homecoming dance, but it was due to problems in reserving a location. Football Game scheduling and conflicting events caused the date to be changed several times which made it impossible to book any place to hold the dance. But a weekend was finally settled on and the AIT building was reserved.

Another rumor that has circulated is that there will be a Black and White Dress code. While SAC has chosen a Black and White Bal theme, students are only encouraged to adhere

out of sprite, it is not a requirement and no one will be turned away for wearing something else. Students may dress as they please.

Students are encouraged to reserve a room at the Prince Charles Hotel. It is likely that a twenty to thirty dollar discount may be offered. Alcohol will not be allowed at the dance because this is a Methodist College event, therefore the policies and expectations held on campus will be maintained at the dance. But since it is a strong likelihood that students of age may wish to drink after the dance, they are encouraged to remain off campus and to avoid operating a vehicle, as well as obey any other North Carolina laws regarding age and public intoxication.

Transportation shuttles will be provided courtesy of Campus Police. Details regarding pick up times and locations are currently to be announced. There is no cost to get into the dance, Only a Methodist College Student ID, as well as a valid for of photo ID for any guest attending accompanied by a Methodist College student.

Public Safety Report

A.E. Smith

Lieutenant of Campus Police

NOTE: There were no arrests or robberies reported during this period.

Thefts

- A community member who is an employee of the Green and Gold cafeteria reported that person(s) unknown removed three (3) monogrammed rugs from the main area of the cafeteria. Estimated cost of the stolen items is approximately \$200.00

- A community member who is an employee of Chris's House reports that persons(s) unknown removed two (2) X-BOX 360's w/controllers and three (3) X-BOX games from Chris's House. The value of the items stolen was estimated to be approximately \$600.00.

Injury to Real Property

- A community member reports that he parked his vehicle in the East/West parking lot on September 28 and did not return to his vehicle again until September 30. Upon inspection of his vehicle, he found a dent in the right quarter panel that was not there when he parked his vehicle.

Lost Property

- A student reports that while patronizing the Lions Den Café located in the Berns Student Center, he left his wallet on the table momentarily unattended. When he returned, the wallet had been removed from the table.

Automobile Accident

- A traffic accident was reported on October 06. The collision occurred in the Trustee lot, and involved two vehicles. Upon investigation it was found that neither vehicle was speeding. Damage between both vehicles was estimated at approximately \$2,200.00

TRAFFIC WATCH:

- Speeders beware! Campus Police Officers will be focusing on speeders in the crosswalks in front of the Cafeteria and in the vicinity of Clark Hall. There have been several complaints of vehicles speeding through the crosswalks and not yielding to pedestrians. Just as a reminder.....the speed limit on campus streets is 15mph unless otherwise posted. The speed limit in the parking areas is 5 mph. NOTE: Campus Police Officers are authorized to use held speed detection devices to determine your speed on campus streets.

Noise Ordinance

Violations: Several complaints of loud music have been received by the Public Safety Office. The City of Fayetteville noise ordinance does not apply to the campus streets. The music inside your vehicle should not be at a volume that others outside your vehicle are not disturbed. If the sound of the music emitting from your vehicle disturbs others whether in an outdoor setting or within a building; you are in violation of the ordinance. Public Safety officers will begin citing violators of the ordinance.

ROTC

Corey Rose
Contributing Writer

The Campbell Battalion which includes Methodist College recently conducted it's first of many annual Field Training Exercise's (FTX) on Fort Bragg this previous weekend.

The day and a half FTX consisted of two main events to include a day/night land navigation course and a Field Leadership Reaction course (FLRC). The events were geared toward the preparation for junior cadets to excel during next summer's training at Warrior Forge in Fort Lewis, WA. The FTX also helped to serve as an introduction to Army life for the freshman and sophomore cadets. The FTX was planned and supervised by the senior cadets and cadre.

Upon arrival at the Fort Bragg training site, all cadets were immediately taken to the land navigation site, where they were given maps and assigned lanes of eight points each. In order to successfully complete the day land navigation course, the cadets had to find five out of eight points in fewer than five hours using the maps and compasses. The course was repeated later that evening with the cadets relying on their map, compass and light the moon would provide in order to find three out of five points within three hours. The course was a success with most cadets finding nearly all the points in the day/night course and none getting lost in the woods. That night, the cadets slept in what is called a bivouac site while learning to take turns pulling security around the area.

Day two of the FTX started before sunrise at 5:00 a.m., after a nice hot breakfast consisting of sausage, bacon, cereal, and even French toast. The cadets were ounce again ready to get going and conduct a full morning of training.

The final event of the FTX was the FLRC, which evaluated the cadets' ability to work as a unit in difficult situ-

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Students are free to join smallTALK at any point in the school year. Meetings are every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Student Development Office Conference Room.

Phi Alpha Gamma Dating Game

Remille Shipman
Sports Editor

Are you looking for the opportunity for a hot date and a candlelight dinner? Or are you just looking to have some fun?

Phi Alpha Gamma will hold its first event of the 2006-2007 school year when the annual Dating Game commences on Oct. 19 at 8 pm in the Berns Student Center. It's the perfect time for students to meet new people and have a good time, Gamma-style. If you're lucky, you can find that special someone, because you'll have that opportunity!

Phi Alpha Gamma will also sponsor the annual Powder Puff football contest on November 3, 2006, as a part of Homecoming weekend. Want to receive an opportunity to become a superstar on the gridiron? Place your name and number on the poster right next to the Student Media office at the Berns Student Center.

The Sistine Chapel In Spraypaint

Paco Rosic applies the very last of the paint for his model of the Sistine Chapel. He created this work of art through the use of over a thousand cans of spray paint. Photo from MCT Campus.



Antonio Perez

Chicago Tribune MCT

Spray paint artist Paco Rosic works on the finishing touches of his 81 feet by 31 feet abstract replica of Michelangelo's famous Sistine mural at his family owned building, and future restaurant in Waterloo, Iowa, September 20, 2006. Paco, a former Bosnian refugee, has been working on his mural for over 3 months using thousands of 12 oz. spray paint cans to create the famous mural without the use of stencils or taping.

Mold Infestation

Art Jester
McClatchy Newspapers
(MCT)

Residents of a University of Kentucky fraternity house say their forced move over the next three weeks so that UK can clean out an infestation of mold couldn't come at a worse time because they'll be taking mid-term exams.

But at least some members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity agree the mold, a potential health hazard, has to be eliminated.

SAE members met privately last week with UK officials to discuss the mold, and the university's offer of temporary housing in dormitories and the Greg Page Apartments.

"We're convinced there is a problem, there's no question about that," SAE member Kyle Hettinger, a junior from Louisville, said after the meeting. "It's a misfortune that we'll be moving during midterms."

UK officials have ordered the move by Oct. 23, the date when they expect repairs to start. Because the work will involve tearing out walls and ceilings, "it's so disruptive that they wouldn't be able to stay here," said Ben Crutcher, UK associate vice president for auxiliary services, which operates UK's residence halls.

Crutcher said the SAEs could expect to be back in their house in early January.

The SAE house, an impressive \$7.5-million structure, opened in 1999 as a result of donations from and fund-raising led by the late William T. Young. Young was a UK alumnus and an SAE member. It is one of five Greek residences that UK owns and maintains.

Several SAEs said it was too early to know whether most of the 47 members still living in the house will stay on campus. UK officials said they expect the repairs will cost at least \$75,000 to \$100,000 initially.

One of the biggest challenges is finding the source of the problem. Twice before, in 2002 and 2004, UK has had to address mold problems in the SAE house, but this is the first time SAEs have had to vacate the house.

David Acker, a senior industrial hygienist at UK, said the mold problem is not serious according to measurements of the air that residents are breathing in the house. However, Acker said the mold buildup in the air ducts is the cause of concern. "It has to be taken care of or it possibly could get worse."

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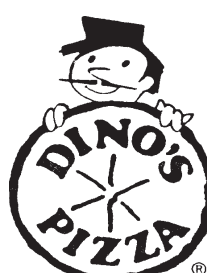
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Opinions

Remille's Rhetoric

Remille Shipman
Sports Editor



to this campus in the form of the brand-new Lion's Den. It took longer than we expected, but it's here.

I believe that many of the returning upperclassmen didn't know about the new Lion's Den until they returned to school in August. But my personal anticipation was even higher because I served as an orientation leader over the summer and I found out that our favorite snacking place was going to be remolded as soon as orientation concluded. I was excited that Sodexo was making an effort to improve the aesthetics and the overall services of the Lion's Den.

Most of all, I anticipated the prospect of the Den being

open until 10 pm on Monday through Thursdays. I know that students have pushed for longer Lion's Den hours for more than a year, and I myself was excited to see that these demands were answered. Students have made a hobby of whining about the inconsistency of the Green and Gold cafeteria, and a nightly Lion's Den would provide these complainers with a decent alternative.

Well, after a longer-than-expected period of remodeling, the Lion's Den officially returned on Sept. 27, on 11:06 am. Personally, I was relieved by the fact that I would not have to spend almost seven dollars a day for lunch at the Green and Gold cafeteria using my declining

balance meal plan. For the most part, I was pleased with Day One, but I was displeased with the fact that one of my favorites—the Buffalo Chicken wrap—wasn't yet available.

A part of me also doubted whether we needed all of this change—all I personally asked for were the expanded hours. I will even admit that I thought for a moment that the good old Lion's Den had gone the way of my favorite hamburger joint back in Elizabethtown, N.C. The local Melvin's franchise sold out to out-of-town investors a few years ago and quickly decreased in food quality. But this was only one of my private knee jerk reactions.

After a day or two, I can

now say that I have full praise for the rebuilt and remodeled Lion's Den. The choices are better, and I haven't heard anyone complain about anything really loudly since the first day. I would leave you with a sappy promotional statement imploring you to keep using the brand new Lion's Den, but I don't see any need to...because everybody seems to know that it's the best dining place on campus.

All Hail the New Lion's Den

Have you ever spent a long period of time anticipating something really special to happen to you? Better yet, have you ever counted down the days until something really huge would occur only to have that special occurrence delayed for some dumb and inane reason? Well, that feeling has happened

Q E P ?



What Grinds My Gears

Justin Morehead

What Really Grinds My Gears: AIM Users

America Online has an instant messaging service known to the majority of us as AIM or Instant Message. Others of you might recognize it as the function on your home computer that captivates every inch of your child's focus.

Over the years AIM has become a way of life. It is one of our generation's most vital means of communication. I can think of hundreds of times that someone IM-ing me has reminded me about assignments, tests, and tons of important things. It is great and convenient.

What's the problem? Everything seems great, right? Wrong!

There is a type of person, an attention whoring box of issues, that has taken this device and tainted it with evil and superficial nonsense.

This person takes the profile of their screen name and turns it into their private (public) journal. Oscar Wilde quotes followed by a big screw you to the ex-boyfriend. Possibly an excerpt from one of Shakespear's Sonnets just before a declaration of love and monogamy. I mean all of these people that are so in love don't trust each other farther than they can throw them anyway. It can't just be "I love you." It is "I luv you and only you, baby. You are the only one 4 me 4ever-n-alwayz."

Give me a break. I am not just saying that as a cliché, I seriously would like a little bit of a break from it. If you could stop being quite so obsessive and join us back here in Sanityville it would do you some good.

AIM also allows an away message to be posted if you are going away for awhile and someone needs you. Apparently we are all so desperately sought after that we must inform all of our world

wide web buddies every time we take astop by the bathroom. My favorite is the itinerary. "Wake up, Shower, Class, Class, Lunch, Class, Meeting, Study, Grey's Anatomy, bed.... ough! One of those weeks!"

You are going to make me tell you how much I don't care aren't you?

You already know. I care more about the future celery has in the diet of my step-uncle Timmy-Tom than I do about today's line up for you. You know why? Because me and the other 2,000 people at this school have the same hell of a day to look forward to.

There are a number of acceptable things that you can add to your profile or away message. Quotes from good movies, quotes from good songs, jokes, even one liners: class, store, home, around, library, etc. How about a phone number for an away message. That was the person hunting you down can think- *Hey, Jimmy-John isn't available. Wow, how exceptionally appropriate- he left his phone number! I guess I will just call and actually speak with him.*

There is a certain way of typing a conversation too. Everyone uses this internet slang garbage. Examples: BRB (be right back), TTYL (talk to you later), OMG (oh my god- or gosh if you feel you will be struck down), G2G (got to go).

Have we fallen? Are we that low and that lazy that we can't type 10 more letters including the space bar? Before long people are just going to talk that way. No more actual words just audible consonants thrown around the air like darts of laziness puncturing the very souls of people like myself.

I am also bothered my the profile that has become the latest piece of contemporary art. If you have taken the time out of your life to discover how to draw flowers and beer trucks using only the symbols and colors given to you by your keyboard then you have a wee bit too much time to spare. A bright pink background that burns the cornea. On top of it typed in bright greens and oranges, using ridiculous fonts, read words like "dream", "wish", and "hope."

Do me a favor, make the background black and then in red using the "creepy" font write "death."

That appears to be enough for today. AIM users, you grind my gears.

A Voice From The Wilderness

David Santiago



I used to walk around watching every step I took. Whether it was the music I listed to or the joke I laughed at, I had to think "What Would Jesus Do?" If I wasn't uncomfortably talking about my faith, than I wasn't doing my job. Worse yet, I knew that despite my vigilance I was doing something

wrong because I was depressed, and even though every 17 year old has these insecure feelings about a lot of things, my insecure feeling were because of the sin in my life, it wasn't the normal stuff most teenagers go through. I don't know, that's just what the voices told me. You know those voices, especially if you come from the Evangelical tradition like I did. They are the voices of your Sunday school teachers, pastors, and Youth Group leaders. Sure I'm 17 and my hormones are going nuts but

I'm still at fault when sex so much as crosses my mind, and I need forgiveness. And as for dating, well, you really think God doesn't want us to even think about dating until we are like 20? That's what we were told, despite the fact that people just 80 years ago used to get married when they were 17. And wasn't Mary like 13 when she was married and pregnant with Jesus? But of course that's before God ordained the

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March

Fishing, Snorkeling, & Scuba Diving
 Key West, Florida (Spring Break)

April

Sea Kayaking, Claming, Surf Fishing
 Outer Banks, NC

May

Backpacking, Hiking Grand Canyon

(Santiago cont.)

middle class American way which was the plan all along.

I don't mean to get all down on those who raised me; I'm not saying they had any bad intentions. They did the best they could because they cared; I'm just saying they were misguided by what modern evangelical leaders want us to think. And I know they will want me to tell them what they need to do different. I can't fully answer that. That's the thing, they think since we can't really define what we do need, than were just rebelling and there methods are the right way since they know what to do. For example, in dealing with sex urges as teens, unfortunately that's a lose lose situation. Either you make sex out to be something horrible and disgusting (which is why you save it for someone you truly love) or you condone it in the minds of 90% of the teens no matter how much you talk about AIDS, not being ready to be parents and all that. One

direction is psychologically damaging, the other is a permission slip. All you can do is tell us the truth about things and let it go; don't keep tabs on the youth, that just drives them away further away (and that's the parents job anyway). And lay off the music thing, personally I think someone who gets out on a shooting and raping rampage had problems long before they picked up a heavy metal CD. Besides, the last thing you need to give the teens is more cheesy christian rock bands.

Finally, emphasize the importance of remembering Gods grace. Rather than program the youth to constantly think "WWJD" Just teach that when we fall, all we can do is pick ourselves up, seek guidance, and move on. We don't need to think of God as the little Jiminy Cricket on our shoulder, if you're forcing it like that your going to burn out. Just let God and the individual come to terms between themselves. Were going to make mistakes, some bigger than others, deal with it. And finally, stop generalizing the answers to all the things teens face and listen to us, deal with it on a

person by person basis. After the Columbine incident, Marilyn Manson himself stated that he would have listed to these two rather than say anything to them. That's what we need to do. I honestly feel more pity for the guys who did the shooting, because there peers rejected and ridiculed them and no one offered them any guidance, no one stood up for them against there peers. The kids who got shot were not INNOCENT victims. Not that I condone the actions those two took, I'm just saying I understand why they felt driven to do that. All in all what the teens in our high schools don't need someone to quote the right verses to them, they need someone to understand. I can't tell you how to generally approach every issue; I can just tell you not to answer everything with a few verses for justification. Don't be a priest that tells teenagers every little that' thing that's wrong, be someone to help them find their spiritual selves and just be a friend.

Food Fight

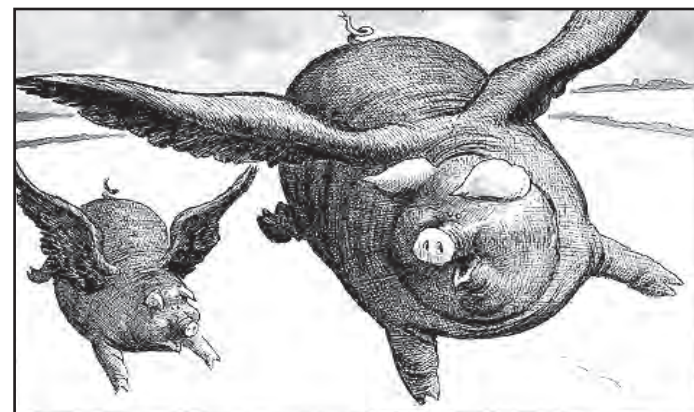
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Opinions Editor

Well pigs were flying in the cafeteria recently, at least part of a pig, by now I'm sure you have all heard of the Pork Chop Incident. Apparently a pork chop was thrown at a member of the cafeteria staff a few weeks ago.

We have all seen article after article as well as participated

which I watched my classmates in front of me get huge piles of eggs and bacon on Saturday morning. But for some reason I was handed plate with two pieces of bacon and barley a 2 or 3 forksful of eggs.

The one time I ad-



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in conversations regarding how inefficient the cafeteria can be at times. And while I don't think it's as bad as some people have made it out to be, I agree that many times the food and way the café is run could be described as Bovine Scatology.

First off I want to say that while I did not witness this event I did have the pork chops that night and they were among the better meals served in the cafeteria since I have been a student here. Second of all, I want to say that I am not surprised that this happens. I've seen the complaints run through the administration SGA, and every time it just gets talked about for 5 minutes and then ignored. When you have to eat this stuff three meals a day, I am more surprised that riots haven't broken out.

While I expect this, I don't condone violence, there are far worse things in life than food that doesn't meet everyone finicky taste. At least we have food, and normally there is enough for everyone to eat there fill and then some. But that doesn't mean that the problems should not be addressed.

I say this at risk of getting my food spit in, many of the cafeteria staff have a slight attitude problem. This is not the case for all of them, there are many staff members I enjoy saying hello to each day at lunch. But than there are some who need an attitude readjustment. Last year there were several instances in

dressed this issue, not by throwing food but politely asking for more, I was given a dirty look and this staff members sarcastically scooped a sliver of eggs, only half the size of my pinky finger, and than practically threw the plate back at me causing more than she had just added to fall on the ground. I refrained from reporting it because I was mad enough to become violent if I had to deal with the issue any more. I just left and went to Waffle House.

Indeed, the issue of the cafeteria needs to be addressed, but starting a food fight is not the answer. Since the administration and SGA seem to have a lack of interest in addressing the issue, perhaps it is time for just the regular students to organize a committee of our own dedicated entirely to the café, and not as just one of many issues being dealt with. Certainly the student throwing food was in the wrong, but the fact that it happened symbolizes a severe need to make some real changes and not just complain about it over and over again.

Entertainment

Eco-Terrorist Escapades

Zach Yonk
Staff Writer

Never was there a more outspoken representative of the radical "Keep America beautiful, burn a billboard," wing of environmentalism than the late conservationist Edward Abbey. After all, it was Abbey who justified the practice of throwing empty beer cans out of his car window, and onto the highway, by arguing that the highway itself already polluted the landscape; and it was Abbey who gave us "The Monkey-Wrench Gang," which proved to be his most memorable work of fiction, as well as a relentless call to arms for eco-terrorists nationwide.

The adventures of a small squad of eco-terrorists, determined to preserve the beauty of the American West, while evading the law's grasp, were covered in humorous, but sometimes uneven, fashion. Make no mistake; the main characters were not simply "tree-huggers", "eco-warriors", or "eco-liberators", but rather, they were eco-terrorists. Jeep-commandeering, mountain-climbing, meat-eating, gun-toting terrorists. When released in 1975, *The Monkey-Wrench Gang* raised plenty of eyebrows with its radical message, and alienated those with a more moderate view of the environment. In fact, the book inspired one particular organization of environmentalists, who later came to be known as "Earth First!", an unhinged organization, to say the very least.

Of course, according to Abbey, it was all merely "social satire." For example, Bonnie Abzug, one of the characters who had a nasal-accent, smoked marijuana, and always corrected her peers with, "That's Ms.!" seemed to represent the decaying feminist movement. It was more difficult to figure out who or what the other characters in the book stood for, because the other characters were even stranger than she was. The other

members of the group include Dr. A.K. Sarvis, a man who burned billboards in his spare time; George W. Hayduke, an ex-Green Beret who loved firearms; and Seldom Seen Smith, a Mormon riverboat guide with three wives. This could have been a very downbeat commentary on protecting the environment, but thanks to the outrageous, albeit politically incorrect, characters, it came across as an unrealistic comical adventure; think of "An Inconvenient Truth" combined with "Smokey and the Bandit," set against realistic desert landscapes only Abbey could describe so eloquently. Numerous chases and shoot-outs took place throughout, and propelled the story through some of the slower, more melodramatic, moments, such as the philosophical babblings on how one should protect the environment. Some scenes were so over-the-top that you couldn't help *but* laugh. One hilarious scene involved Hayduke getting revenge on a police officer, who had arrested him in the past, by stealing his patrol car and crashing it into a train.

By reading the detailed descriptions of canyons, mesas, and mountains, one can easily see that there were no political shackles linked to the nerves in Abbey's mind; the preservation of the environment was something he truly cared about. However, from a strictly literary perspective, he was no polished writer. Sometimes sentences just fused together, floated along, and disappeared, only to return later on; sometimes the narrative would jump from past to present-tense. The characters, as peculiar and robust as they were, didn't have much depth to their names.

"The Monkey-Wrench Gang" navigated the choppy waters of radical environmentalism without much finesse, but stayed afloat thanks to a rapid-fire pace, hilarious situations, and rich, detailed descriptions of the American West.



Have a Funny Halloween

Ashley Young
News Editor

What has webbed feet, feathers, fangs and goes quack-quack?

-Count Duckula
Why are there fences

around cemeteries?
-Because people are dying to get in

Why do mummies make good employees?

-They get all wrapped up in their work

What kind of mistakes do spooks make?

-Boo Boos

What do ghosts serve for dessert?

-Ice Scream

What do skeletons say before they begin dining?

-Bone appetite!

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

-He didn't have the guts!

What instrument does a skeleton play?

-A trombone

What is the first thing a skeleton does when he goes into a bar?

-Asks for a mop!

Is It Love?

Cavis Rodney, Cassandra Wells, Marianne Mosch

What do you think your loved one deserves?
a) Gold b) Silver c) Pearls
d) Diamonds

If it was raining and your sweetheart was sick, what would you do?

a) Leave him/her alone
b) Take him/her to lunch
c) Giver him/her a call
d) Bring him/her breakfast in bed

If someone told you something about him/her, would you ...?

a) Argue with him/her
b) Believe them even if he/she said it was not true
c) Keep it to yourself and get angry about it.

d) Ask him/her about it

If you were alone together, would you rather?

a) Go shopping and him/her pays for everything
b) Cuddle together without talking

c) Have a good laugh with each other

d) Go for a long walk

If you answered mostly As: Sounds like you don't really love this person. You should re-evaluate your relationship.

If you answered mostly Bs and Cs: Sounds like you are not in love with this person, but in lust.

If you answered mostly Ds: You are in love.

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Crossword

- ACROSS
- Tribal healers
 - Short choral work
 - Capital river
 - Cage for tots
 - Do away with
 - Quirky
 - Scholarly book
 - Goddess of death
 - B&O stop
 - Minty drink
 - God of Islam
 - Vigilant
 - Brit.
 - Conservative
 - Actress Black
 - Singer Denver
 - Smallest bill
 - Bedecked
 - Bess who was Miss America
 - Puppy bark
 - Keyed up
 - Ms. Rogers St. Johns
 - Writer Bagnold
 - Prairies
 - Condemn
 - Map book
 - Singer Janis
 - Elver's parent
 - "M*A*S*H" star
 - Hired
 - Before now
 - Stone near Cork
 - Prevent by anticipatory action
 - Stalkless, in botany
 - Bos'n for boatswain, e.g.

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- U.S.-Mex.-Can. union
- "Romeo and Juliet" role
- Mimic
- Ceylon export
- Picnic invader
- A Cobb
- Actress Elfman
- Spring formal
- Untie
- Eddy or Tom
- Serengeti carnivores
- Cleared
- Novelist Gordimer
- Equatorial
- That girl
- Old pronoun
- Schon and Hefti
- Humpty Dumpty, e.g.
- "...the Explorer"
- Vitamin letters
- Entryway
- Paint additives
- Takes a nap

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- DOWN
- Lovers' quarrel
 - Vagabond
 - Minute particle
 - Pigmented nevus
 - Athos, to Aramis
 - City on the Merrimack
 - Actor Maximilian
 - Naval noncom
 - Landon and others
 - Pay
 - New Age pianist
 - Yuletide carol
 - Writer Waugh
 - VIP's wheels
 - Star of "Sleepy Hollow"
 - Comic Johnson
 - Recipe abbr.
 - Pub pour
 - Egyptian souls
 - Bill or Louis
 - Stimpy's buddy

Antigone-A Decision on Life or Death

Cassandra Wells
Web Editor

“Antigone,” a Greek tragedy, directed by Dr. Paul Wilson, was shown in Reeves Auditorium October 5 through 8. When going into the play, I thought I would be lost and confused, but that is not what happened.

The role of the Chorus, played by senior Melanie Gibson, helped introduce the characters and basic plot of the play. The energy of the actors made the audience want to keep watching.

Antigone, played by freshman Debora DeKlein, played her role well. Audience members

could feel the stress Antigone had to face with her decision of



Antigone and her fiance Haemon. Photo by Dr. Wilson

choosing death over life. While Antigone was arguing with Creon, played by Robert Bloodworth, who recently retired from the Mass communications department, I could see audience members staring at them anticipating what was going to happen next.

Other actors in “Antigone” such as the Nurse, played by senior Patricia Blalock, Ismene, Antigone’s sister, played by senior Laura Lester, and Haemon, Antigone’s fiance played by freshman Brogden Heidenreich, were all affected by Antigone’s decision. The overall play was dramatic, but the Guards, played by sophomore Samantha Gamble, freshman Michael Reid and senior Israel Sepulveda brought some humor into the show.

Antigone was a well put together produc-

tion, and I can’t wait for the next show, “Another Antigone,” coming November 16.



The cast of “Antigone.” Photo by Heather Gilroy



Colleen King and Heather Gilroy. Photo by Pat Blalock

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Sports

Gloomy Day for Monarch Football

Byron Lowe
Staff Writer

Saturday, Oct. 7 turned out to be a gloomy day for not only the weather, but for Methodist football fans as well.

The Monarchs fell to the visiting Averett by a score of 28 – 25, putting the Monarchs at 2 – 3 for the season.

In perspective the Monarchs did play a quality game where they were winning with two minutes left in the game, but let it slip away.

Both teams showed quality offense: Averett started off the game by scoring on their first drive, which took only three minutes and fifteen seconds.

The Monarchs would answer right back with a touchdown on their first drive as well. This came from a four yard run from Mike Hill.

The Monarchs would then strike again in the second quarter, thanks to a 24 yard field goal from Patrick Larkin. However, Averett would end the first half with a huge 40 yard pass, which then set up a seven yard pass for a touchdown giving Averett a 14 – 10 lead at half time.

Both teams' defenses showed up in the third quarter.

Both teams started off with several plays ending in punts. Averett broke this spell with a touchdown pass with 6 minutes left in the quarter. This touchdown made the score 21 – 10 Averett.

Methodist went into the fourth quarter facing an 11 point deficit. The Monarchs would not show cause for concern, but instead struck early, scoring in the first twenty seconds of the fourth quarter: Mike Hill ran in his second touchdown to make the score 21 – 16.

Following the touchdown, quarterback Brandon Parks would connect with Andrew Gurley to successfully convert two points, which put the Monarchs with in three at 21 – 18.

With seven minutes and forty seconds left in the game, Parks put together an impressive drive for the Monarchs. Starting from their own five yard line, the Monarchs put together a 95 yard drive which led to Mike Hill running in his third touchdown, which was assisted by an impressive block from Clarence Baker.

This touchdown gave the Monarchs the lead: 25 – 21 with five minutes left in the game.

Methodist assisted Averett in the Cougars' last offensive scoring drive.

The Monarchs committed



Receiver Pat Doleman makes a clutch reception. Photo by Spencer Hardwick

three detrimental penalties, including two for unsportsmanlike conduct and one for roughing the passer.

These penalties gave Averett 45 free yards, and also put them on Methodist's one yard line with first down.

This led to the final score of the game, giving Averett a 28 – 25 victory.

It is important to mention

is that Parks, a freshman, made his first career start at the college level. "I was impressed with (Parks), he did an excellent job, generated offense that the team (Monarchs) need," head coach Jim Sypult said about Parks' performance.

In his debut game, Parks completed 12 of 27 passes for a total of 136 yards.

Mike Hill rushed for 140

yards and three touchdowns.

After hosting Ferrum on Oct. 14, the Monarchs will travel to hated rival Christopher Newport University on Oct. 21.

Corner Worker Goes International

Jameson Jones
Staff Writer

Well everyone, as championships for the various racing series are being decided in the final three months of the year, another series is kicking off their second season, A1GP. As many of you maybe remember last year's column I did about them kicking off their inaugural season with the "World Cup of Motorsport" as 23 countries took to the grid for

the 2005-2006 season. Three countries are no longer participating in A1GP from last year-Russia, Portugal and Austria-while the same numbers of countries joined the championship; Singapore, Greece, and Turkey are on the 2006-2007 grid.

Two events have been completed so far this season at Zandvoort, Holland and Brno, Czech Republic with 10 races remaining. The motorsport powerhouse countries have four of the top five positions in the

standings with a relatively new motorsport country in the mix: Germany is first with 20 points, Mexico is second with 19 points, Malaysia is third with 17 points, where the Czech Republic, Canada and Great Britain are in a three-way tie for fourth with 11 points. Other countries that needs to be watched include Brazil, the United States, and France. All three countries have a wealth of racing talent that includes Nelsinho Piquet (BRA), Philip Giebler (USA) and Nicolas Lapierre (FRA). In

addition, China is developing some well-rounded drivers that are currently in the chase with eight points with Indonesia being able to earn one point in the standings. Last year, Indonesia hosted their first international motor sports event in a number of years by hosting a round of the A1GP Championship at the Sentul Circuit.

And do not be surprised to see Team Lebanon, who has up and coming open-wheel star Graham Rahal, to gain points in

the championship. Rahal is able to compete with the team due to his Lebanese roots and has been rumored to be competing in the Champ Car World Series in 2007.

An exciting season is ahead for the World Cup of Motorsport as 23 countries will compete for this unique championship with the wealth of racing talent that can be seen throughout the world where it is country versus country on CWC

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Methodist Draws N.C. Wesleyan

Byron Lowe
Staff Writer

Whoever decided to not show up to see our 10 – 2 Monarchs men's soccer team face the undefeated (12 – 0) NC Wesleyan Bishops missed out on a thrilling match.

NC Wesleyan ranked eleventh in the nation was expected to come in and steal the show here at Methodist College on October 9. Methodist had only one response: "Not today!"

So the stage was set: David versus Goliath? Maybe not.

Both teams showed an outstanding display of defense that led to the game ending in a draw at the end of two regulation half's and then at the end of two overtime periods.

After 36 minutes of solid defense, the first goal was put on the score board.

Striking first was Desmond Keane to put the Monarchs up 1 – 0.

This would be the only goal scored in the first half, thanks to solid defense and several key plays made by the Monarchs.

A few to mention include: on a NC Wesleyan corner kick, Methodist goal keeper Jeremy Belnap pulled out the goal to tip the cross in, this left the goal open for a NC Wesleyan strike.

However, freshman Bret Brennan pulled back to cover the goal.

Thanks to his quick thinking he was in position for the shot, where he headed out and prevented a potential goal.

Dustin Breckenridge also had an impressive slide tackle when he was one on two versus two NC Wesleyan players. If he had missed the tackle it would have been two NC Wesleyan players with only the goal keeper left between a goal.

The second half came, and NC Wesleyan showed their abilities, using quality ball con-

trol the Bishops pressed and tested the Monarchs defense; scoring twice in the matter of two minutes (53:31, 55:08)

One of the goals was off a penalty kick from 18 yards out. The Monarchs defense however did not fold, but showed grit and determination. Even though possession time, shots (Bishops 22 – Monarchs 10), and corner kicks (Bishops 11 – Monarchs 2) were greatly in NC Wesleyan's favor, the Monarchs seemed to play with more than just skill, but a strong presence of determination, heart, and desire to not give in was present.

The Bishops were constantly on the Monarchs' half pressuring their defense, but the Monarchs would hold them to two goals.

Down 2 – 1 with time running out the Monarchs needed an equalizer, and it would come: Thanks to a quick assist from David Giunti, Desmond Keane struck in his second goal of the day, to tie the game at 2 – 2 with 16 minutes left in the game.

Both teams would be held scoreless for the rest of the half, and then in two 10 minute periods. The result is a hard earned tie for the Monarchs against a nationally ranked team.

The Monarchs are now 10 – 2 – 1 for the season, this is the best start the men's soccer team has had in a decade.

After the game, head coach Justin Terranova expressed that he was with the team showing the will and desire to win.

He also said that this was a vital game to recover from the game on Saturday.

When asked where he thought his team would go from here, Terranova stated; "We will take one game at a time, from here out every team we play is good and a conference opponent."

The Monarchs hosted their final two games of the season against St. Mary's and Shenandoah before they travel to Randolph-Macon on Oct. 19.

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the race track. Team France was the inaugural AIGP Champion and hopes to defend their crown this season. I will try to keep you posted on the championship, but feel free to go to <http://www.aigp.com/> to follow it round-by-round to see who will be the next World Cup of Motorsport champion. Until next time, I will see you at the races and in the meantime, check out the schedule and the countries competing in this year's championship.

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Nov. 26- Sepang, Malaysia
Dec. 10 – Indonesia*
Jan. 21- Taupo, New Zealand
Feb. 4 – Sydney, Australia

Feb. 26- Durban, South Africa
Mar. 18 – Brazil *
Mar. 25 – Mexico *
Apr. 15 – Shanghai, China
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* - Circuit to be determined



Junior captain C.J. Komons prepares to put the ball in play against North Carolina Wesleyan. Photo by Remille Shipman

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Bradley and Robeson Light It Up

Remille Shipman
Sports Editor

For the past two years, Methodist forward Chrystal Bradley carried the women's soccer team's offensive attack on her own. Now, help has arrived.

Last season, Bradley scored 55 percent of the team's goals as she tallied 16 goals and 34 points. However, the team's second leading scorer-defender Marie Finley-totaled only nine points and four goals as Methodist struggled to score in 2005. While Bradley has upheld her high level of play in 2006, Methodist has been able to rely on someone else for offense this season. Freshman Whitney Robeson has made a huge impact this season with 11 goals and 24 points in only 10 games, which places her second to Bradley's 13 goals and 29 points.

Bradley and Robeson's dominance this season has

gained them national recognition-for games through Oct. 1, Bradley ranks eighth in Division III with 3.22 points per game, while Robeson is tied for twenty-fifth with 2.67 points a contest. Bradley and Robeson also rank seventh and twenty-first in the country with 1.44 and 1.22 goals per game, respectively.

Their offensive prowess has helped Methodist average 3.68 goals per game throughout the first ten games of the 2006 season. The offense was even ranked as high as ninth in the country as of September 28th. Methodist is off to a 7-3 start this season after posting a 3-7 mark at the same point last year.

Bradley and Robeson contribute the early season success to hard work in practice and games. "We put in a lot of extra work (at practice), just because we want to win so badly," Bradley said. The other members of the team were also

appreciative of the fact that there is more than one weapon that the Lady Monarchs depend on. "It (Robeson's presence) gives the team a boost so we don't have to depend on Chrystal all of the time," junior Brenda Chambers stated.

Robeson and Bradley also have great relationships amongst one another as they are close friends and roommates off the field. Robeson credits Bradley for helping her adjust to the college level as well. "She's a good role model and she doesn't make me feel like a little freshman," Robeson said.

Robeson and Bradley have also adjusted well to new first-year head coach Tony Tommasi. "It's a new experience," Bradley said. "He knows his stuff and he makes a good contribution to the team." The two collectively hope to ride their hot streak to a possible NCAA tournament berth in November.



Chrystal Bradley, left, and Whitney Robeson pose for the camera.
Photo by Remille Shipman

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Wednesday, January 31, 2007