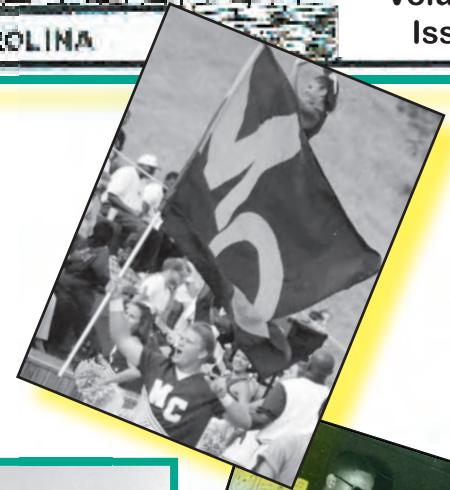


SMALL TALK

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METHODIST COLLEGE FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA



Celebrating 50 Years of Methodist



Celebrate! Anniversary

Calendar of Events



• **Oct. 27, 5-11 p.m.
Fourth Friday, Downtown
Fayetteville**

Check out the cheerleading team and One Spirit perform, as well as the Methodist College history displays at the Rainbow room

• **Nov. 1:
Convocation, 11 a.m.
Reeves Auditorium**
A special

convocation in honor of the anniversary will feature Reverend Dr. F. Bellton Joyner, who is speaking on the

college's connection with the Methodist church. Faculty and staff will wear full academic regalia.

• **Nov. 1: Open
House**
Alumni are permitted to visit classes.

• **Nov. 1: Poetry
Reading 3 p.m.**
Several professors will read poetry in Clark Hall

• **Nov. 2: Vienna
Choir Boys, 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium**
Concert tickets for the illustrious Austrian group are \$18 with student ID and \$22 without ID.

• **Nov. 3: The
Fayetteville Symphony,
7:30 p.m. In Reeves
Auditorium**

Keith Dippre commissioned a new piece for this concert. Tickets are \$22 or \$18 with student ID.

• **Nov. 4:
Homecoming Football
Game, 1 p.m.**
Methodist vs. Greensboro

• **Nov. 4:
Homecoming Dance, 9 p.m.
to 1 a.m.**
The formal dance will be held in the AIT Building. Black and white clothing is suggested, and a student ID is required.

• **Until Nov. 4: Alumni Art Exhibit at Mallet-Rodgers House**
Art created by graduates as far back as the class of '78, including paintings, sculptures, drawings, and mixed media of various subjects, will be on display.

Methodist Students Find Their Nirvana Yoga Classes Held In Riddle



From Left to Right, Top to Bottom: Dave, Mason, Will, Hester, Amanda, Joanna, Lauren, Tiffanie, Cortney Kerns, Ashley, Jordan, Cortney Schumancher. Photo by Pat Blalock

Cassandra Wells
Web Editor

Yoga is a spiritual practice originating in the west. It has been a form of relaxation for thousands of years. The Yoga/Pilates class offered at Method-

ist focuses on the fitness.

Here is what Coach Melissa Hay, who teaches the class had to say about Yoga/Pilates:

What is the difference between Yoga and Pilates?

Yoga focuses on breathing, and tries to keep heat inside the body for more fluid movements. It has been a form of relaxation for thousands of years.

Pilates releases the heat, to help strengthen the muscles. Both Yoga and Pilates strengthen the core and joints.

What inspired you to teach Yoga/Pilates class?

When I first came

to Methodist, there were no athletic classes geared toward females. I thought teaching yoga/Pilates would be a benefit to the campus community.

What would you say to people to get them to join the class?

It is a benefit to every population ranging from children to seniors. Yoga and Pilates compliments other workout programs. Yoga helps the body not strain the body, so it helps people cope with stress.

How long has Yoga/Pilates been offered?

Yoga/Pilates has been offered since last spring semester.

Will Yoga and Pilates be offered as separate classes?

I am trying to get them to be separate classes for spring semester, but if not they will definitely be offered as separate classes fall semester 2007.

For people who think they do not have time, or just do not like to exercise should give yoga a try because it is a good time for students to get into good habits like exercising. Yoga/Pilates only take half an hour to forty-five minutes. Yoga/Pilates has long lasting effects and is a great way to de-stress the body.



From left to right: Hiroki Usui, Deepak Shrestha dance.

Photo by Dionne Drakes

Halfway Around The World

Dionne Drakes
staff writer

Oct. 18 was a night filled with food, fun and culture. The Methodist College International Club hosted its annual "Asian Night". Many Asian and Middle Eastern countries were represented thanks to international club members. Countries represented included: Japan, India, Sri Lanka, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Nepal, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Philippines, Uzbekistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Some representatives even wore their past or present national dress.

Sanjar Radjabov (Uzbeki-

stan) wore a Tön or Chapan, a dress worn by grooms and kings or Khans and a doppi (head dress). "I feel like king," he said.

Other countries that dressed for the occasion, included Afghanistan, Philippines, Japan, Bangladesh, Nepal and India. Students could sample Asian foods. Hong Kong served shrimp chips, moon cake and green tea, India had chicken vegetable with stuffed potato, Bangladesh had Dal and Paratha, and Philippines had broas and polvolon.

Several students danced traditional Asian dances.

Steven Magnusen displays information on China.

Photo by Dionne Drakes.



Give Life, Get Free French Fries

SGA will sponsor a blood drive on Nov. 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Bloodmobile will be on the basketball court. Sign ups will be in the Berns Center.

Sodexo will give a coupon for a free regular-sized

order of fries from the Lion's Den to all donors.

To help prepare your body for donating blood, drink plenty of water and eat a meal before making your donation.

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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.

The Third Annual Wesley Heritage Celebration

David Santiago
Opinions Editor

Oct. 23d marked the third annual Wesley Heritage Celebration at Methodist College. The speaker was Dr. Randy Maddox, Professor of theology and Wesleyan Studies at Duke Divinity School. Dr. Maddox focused on John Wesley's views on medicine and health.

In Wesley's time, clergymen were trained in medicine so that they could serve a dual function in the English countryside. Wesley wrote extensively on medicine. He saw physical and mental health as crucial aspects of true spirituality.

While many of the medical procedures and prescriptions Wesley wrote about have long since been replaced by modern advances, it is clear he was rev-

olutionary in healthy living. Much of his practical advice on preventing illness still apply today. Wesley advocated walking, strength exercises and balanced diet as a necessary aspect of physical, mental and spiritual health.

Dr. Maddox is the associate general editor of the Wesley Works Editorial Projects. He is also the 1997 recipient of the Templeton Science and Religion course award and an advisory board member for the John Templeton Oxford Seminars on Science and Christianity. Dr. Maddox has published extensively on John Wesley, including "Responsible Grace: John Wesley's Practical Theology."



Sponge Bob Square Pants in his undies!
Photo contributed by Mike Sinkovitz

Ksenia Nikolaeva
Contributing Writer

If yes, Paint Till You Faint is for you.

We meet every Tuesday at 7pm, Weaver Lobby.

Paint Till You Faint is a program that gives resident students something fun to do. It is also an opportunity to express your personality and ideas. It is for everybody who likes to draw or who wants to make something memorable. Moreover, it is absolutely free.

Every week we have something new to do. For

Interested In Making Something By Yourself?

example, we have already made door hangers, jewelry, picture frames, T-

shirts and we also painted on canvas. Last time we made Halloween decoration. "It is a creative and entertaining way of spending my Tuesday evenings. I really like it," - says Gabriela Villareal, international student and sophomore at Methodist College. "Most of all I enjoyed making T-shirts. You can put anything you want on them," - claims an international student from Russia.

Paint Till You Faint goes under supervision of Kristi Jones, an artist. She is also majoring in biology at Fayetteville State University. "I

like to be creative; and I like to watch people being creative," says Kristi. Kristi is there to help you guys organize your creativity and ideas; she always helps with an advice or example.

At the end of the year an exhibition of the most interesting and unusual masterpieces of Methodist College students will be held. Likewise, we will graffiti the wall outside of Weaver.

In other words, if you feel like making something yourself or you just bored, come to Weaver Lobby every Tuesday night. As it has been already said it is free and everybody is welcome. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mike Sinkovitz, the coordinator of the Campus Recreation and Intramural Program (CRIMP).

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Breast Cancer Awareness

Ashley Young
News Editor

October marks Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and many associations throughout campus are making efforts to raise money and awareness for it. Sandy Combs, the director of Health Services, conducts a women's wellness clinic on Tuesday nights. Women can have a pap smear, a physical, and a breast exam. With the breast exam, the women receive a brochure and instructions on how self exam to check for unusual "lumps or dimplings" as the sheet puts it.

"Women's Wellness is based on health and prevention and we do education on breast exams and what to do if you find anything abnormal. In the event that something is found we refer mammograms to the patient and then do a follow up exam," explained Combs.

The Methodist College Bookstore is selling paraphernalia from the Breast Cancer Awareness Company. The bookstore will receive a certificate endorsing their help in the

effort to raise money for research.

Glenda Tart, the assistant manager of the Methodist College Bookstore said, "I think it's awesome because it's important that even at an early age we start examining ourselves."

Residence advisor Shannon Alford of Weaver Hall said that because October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, it is important to inform females about check-ups. A meeting in the Weaver Hall on Tuesday discussed breast cancer, family history, risk factors and treatment options. "Just the importance of young women taking care of themselves in all aspects is the reason we do this," said Alford.



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Opinions

Remille's Rhetoric

Remille Shipman
Sports Editor



I am really shocked, amazed, and even appalled by the fact that the semester is more than sixty percent complete. It gives me mixed emotions because I want this year to pass by as slowly as possible, but hey, I can't control the turning of the calendar. The rapid pace of the first half of the semester has given me so much to talk about, so I have decided that I have to go on rambling again:

First of all, I'd like to address Homecoming. It's clear now that it will happen, and I can say that this edition of homecoming will be the

and win this season. This sounds a bit tacky, but after all that has happened to me in my 22 years of life, it would be a dream come true to win on November 4th. I

know it won't mean much when I leave for the real world, but a victory on that night would



best yet because the amount of alumni I hope to see there has grown over the years. But I'm also running for the prestigious title of Homecoming King, and I really hope to get over the hump

leave me speechless.

Speaking of Homecoming...I'd like to give kudos to the Student Government Association and SAC for seeing that the voting process will be

fair. I don't really understand the situation that occurred two years ago, but I do understand that the contest caused some controversy. And I finished second runner-up last year to a Pink Bunny that many feared would actually run away with the Homecoming title (yes, there was concern that the Pink Bunny would win it all). No offense to our pink friend, but I believe that cartoonish gimmicks don't belong in a contest like this.

I'd also like to address the SAC situation. I know this statement is long overdue, but my thoughts go out to former SAC director Duane Grooms as he deals with the personal situation that caused him to leave us for good last month. I also commend Doris Jackson and the rest of SAC for holding the fort down this semester.

I'm just a little worried about the lax attendance for the last two SAC events before Fall Break. I thought I counted 30 people during the Live Band Karaoke event on October 11. I've been guilty of missing a lot MC Late Nights myself this semester, but what are students doing on Wednesday nights instead of coming to these events? Last time I checked, there's not much to do on Wednesdays anymore. Some of SAC's events don't fit the niche of everyone, but I'd try to support them because they try hard to entertain you. The freshmen and sophomores here don't really understand that SAC endured a rough period during my first year at Methodist; I don't want those days to return.

I'll leave you with these brief statements:

-Has anybody calculated the guy-girl ratio here for this semester yet? Contact me or find me in the Berns if you have concrete information.

-And finally, I feel that RHA and smallTALK could be more successful if they had bigger places to meet. They would get a lot more finished if they didn't have to deal with the distractions of the Garber basement or had to deal with cramped space.

A Voice From The Wilderness

David Santiago



I saw a commercial for skittles the other day. Three kids are sitting on a rainbow, one looks at the others and says "what of the rainbow isn't really here?" The section of rainbow he is sitting on disappears and he falls to the ground.

While humorous, it makes one think, is this the way of God? Unfortunately I think many people, especially in the Christian tradition, think this way. They root salvation is adherence to a specific set of beliefs,



and acting like you know these things to be true without a doubt, you're condemned at that moment you question things. Or in the case of those who follow a "once saved always saved" line of thought, they never really believed in the first place. Either way, this view of God is foolish and undermines the essence of whom and what God is.

I'm not one of these wishy washy theist who just says everyone goes to heaven and all that, but I'm not some narrow minded fundamentalist who has the whole list for beliefs and salvation boiled down to a

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formula or 12 step process. Spirituality is not about adherence to neat systems of moralistic philosophy. Yes I believe in ethics and right and wrong, but it can't always be boiled down to a list or single statement. It's about seeking the essence of God. Yes I believe God is love, but one must live out love for God to be manifest in his or her life, and even here there are many grey areas.

Honestly I don't care what heaven looks like, what gender God most resembles, or whatever else your neat little system of proof text says. I seek the kingdom of heaven now, and am open to whatever form it may come in. As a close friend of mine told me, "I don't seek objective proofs, I seek what is good, true and beautiful."

There are just too many blurry lines, even in the bible, to truly define the hereafter, God, and all that jazz in terms of doctrine and what your specific theological system says things look like.

Theology itself is the study of God, but can God be studied? Can you objectively look at God, describe his attributes, habits, and so on? For this reason I cannot put my faith in a belief of what may or may not happen 10, 100 or 1000 years. And I don't think that will condemn me. I believe there is something beyond this life yes, but I don't know, nor can I or anyone ever know enough about it to make that the center of their faith. All we can do is try to seek God and Heaven now within us.

Maybe after I die I'll find my self on some celestial shore in front of a kindly grandfather like old man, or perhaps I'll enter a state of pure calm and rest, such as the belief in Nirvana implies, I don't know. What I can do is seek god and make a stand for what is good true and beautiful now.

For me my faith isn't defined by where I will be the moment after I die, because who can truly know. The seat of my faith is that the moment before I die while laying on my death bed, my children, grandchildren, and anyone I have affected in my life can look at me and say "hey dad/grandpa/friends, thanks."

Point/Counterpoint:

Family Weddings vs. Eloping

Ashley Young

David Santiago

Weddings mark a significant event in which two people start a new chapter in their lives. More times than not, people marry because they love one another more than they have ever loved anyone else. Naturally they want to spend the rest of their lives getting to know that significant other to which they marry. A wedding not only marks a celebration of two people uniting to become one but also it marks one of



the first projects that someone and their significant other will complete together.

With a traditional wedding the bride and groom pick out china, send out invitations, make plans at a church, plan for a honeymoon and choose flower arrangements. The bride gets to pick out a wedding dress and choose bridal gowns while the groom gets to select tuxes for his groomsmen to wear and he gets to select a best man.

Most importantly though; behind all the glitz and glamour that goes into planning a wedding is the actual wedding within itself. Not only will the bride and groom be starting a new chapter within their lives but two individuals are united as one. Without weddings no one would be able to witness the miracle which occurs here. No one would have the privilege of seeing two people who love one another so much that they would be willing to die for one another unite. Weddings are an overall celebration of a new life which the bride and groom will share together through their joining in such a special ceremony.

Wedding (n)-Over rated waste of money; excuse to see all the relatives you wish you never had to see again. These are all aspects of a family wedding, a ceremony that supposedly commits a couple to life, or until there done with Operas experimental phase. I know this may be hard to believe, but I am a hopeless romantic. Having admitted that, why is that we put ourselves through the agony of having a family wedding? It's not about marriage; it's about the family status, right? Can I get an AMEN over here? Please don't misunderstand me; I like the idea of marriage. But it just seems like the huge weddings are more about everyone else besides bride and groom. Look, here are just few things that bother me about weddings.

First there the dress. Men, we rent a tux for 100 dollars, 50 if we know a guy. Women, 1500 dollars on a dress. And that wouldn't bug me all that much if it wasn't

for the excuses women have for it. "Someday our daughter will wear it to her wedding." Ladies, we men not as stupid as you think we are. Let's apply some logic to this little statement. If this were true, we would not be having this conversation to begin with, YOU'D BE WEARING YOUR MOTHER'S



DRESS! Alls you are trying to do is outdo other women's wedding by having a better dress (and putting the bridesmaids in uglier ones so you look pretty by comparison) after that there are all the arrangements, two fami-

lies wanting to invite all sorts of relatives that neither the Bride nor Groom has ever heard of. I mean for the love of all that is sacred, just elope. Divorce rates being what they are today it's not worth the money or hassle to have a wedding... unless you have a drummer doing comedic rim shots during the "I do" part. Really, marriage, once a sacred union of two people who love each other, has turned into on big joke.

Honestly, get married and then tell your families, and have a reception. That's the only part with going to anyway. Loud music, dancing, embarrassing speeches, the Chicken Dance, and of course the all female wrestling match for the flower bouquet, got to love watching those women mutilate each other for that thing. It's basically an overpriced bar scene. Again I am all about romance, but these big weddings seem to put a jinx in that, they almost dilute the romantic aspect of it all. So if you don't elope, still keep it simple and to the point. Spend the money on the Honeymoon.

Sail on the seas...



Join the Outdoor Adventure Club

2006- 07 Schedule

November

Swimming with Manatees- Florida
Deep Sea Fishing- Carolina Beach

December

Cross-country Skiing, Snow Shoeing, & Dog Sledding

January

Downhill Skiing, Snowboarding, & Tubing

February

Horseback Riding School
Washington D.C.

March

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

April

Sea Kayaking, Claming, Surf Fishing
Outer Banks, NC

May

Backpacking, Hiking Grand Canyon

Where will Methodist be in 50 years?

File photos courtesy of Methodist historian.
Compiled by Ashley Genova, David Santiago, and Cassandra Wells.
Timeline information from the Methodist College Webpage.



"We're going to be one of the greatest places on earth."

-William Walker



"We will be one of the top private colleges in North Carolina, with expanded and more diverse academic programs."

-Shauna Bunn



The first graduating class, the class of 1964.



Groundbreaking of the college.



"I predict the school will have a population of over 5,000 with at least 1,000 being graduate students."

-George Blanc



"We will have elevators in Weaver, and become a graduate school."

-Michelle Reyes



"Probably (the college will have) a Division I football team and better athletics."

-John Brown

"(There will be) better food in the cafe."

-Joseph Brown



The first members of the Board of Trustees.



Students of the past pose in front of a basketball hoop.

Methodist Through the Years

- 1956 Methodist College's Board of Trustees is formed.
- 1958 Groundbreaking ceremony
- 1960 Methodist is opened for students. There were only II majors.
- 1961 sMallTALK is established, named for the covered walkways called malls where students would chat.
- 1964 First publication of the yearbook, Carillon, named for the bell tower chimes.
- 1964 First graduating class of 43 students.
- 1973 Dr. Richard Pearce took the position of president after L. Stacy Weaver's retirement.
- 1978 Enrollment came close to 1000 students.
- 1983 President Hendricks becomes the third president of the college.
- 1987 The Professional Golf Management program is established, one of only five in the nation.
- 1993 Plans were approved to build new residence halls, a science building, and an extension of the library.
- 1996 The Physician Assistant Program and Laura Tally Center for Leadership Development are established.
- 2001 Introduction of the Master of Medical Science program.

"It should at least be a little bigger. I think it's going to have less focus on the religion side."

-Coumba Mbodji



The three presidents of Methodist College.



"Hopefully, every one of the 600 acres will have a building on it."

-Lois Devico



"(There will be) more people on campus and more students."

-Courtney Vail

"I don't think it will be very popular because of how it is now."

-Joshua McKoy

Entertainment

Sudoku By Michael Mepham

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Solution to Saturday's puzzle

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"The Lion King" an Amazing Production

Cassandra Wells
Web Editor

Remember the hit Disney movie, "The Lion King", made in 1994? That was one of my favorite movies. That is why I had signed up to go to the Broadway production of "The Lion King," with Mike Sinkovitz.

I did not know what to expect from the production, but from the moment the characters stepped foot on stage to the moment I stood up to leave at the end of the show I was amazed by the costumes, the set design, and the portrayal of characters.

The costumes were made with bright, vibrant colors. All the lions were wearing yellow except Scar (the evil lion) was wearing orange to distinguish him from the others. The only characters that did not have bright colors were the hyenas.

The people that were part of the ensemble at the opening and ending of the production, played different animals. Some were actually head pieces and costumes, like the gazelle, and some of the others were dressed in black and held pieces that were supposed to be the animal. They were dressed in black so the focus would not be on them.

The costumes were great, but I also liked the set design. The way light cues were set, made the audience keep their focus on the right actors, and the vibrant colors of the costumes also helped with that.

One of the set pieces was supposed to represent "the rock," which was a slow spinning piece with stairs so the actors could go to the top. For the parts that had Scar in them were dark and creepy, and the set reflected that.

The costumes and the set design were great, but the portrayal of the characters was the



Program cover of the event.

important factor. The dialogues in the production were in the same format as the movie, with some slight additions made.

Like in the "I just can't wait to be king" act, a curtain fell and Zazu got separated from Nala and Simba. Zazu looked at the curtain and said, "This wasn't in the cartoon." The acting was great and had the audience begging for more, even though most had seen the movie.

Margina Cocozza also went to this production and she said, "It was the most lively musical I've been to. I felt like I was in the jungle with the characters."

If you get the chance to see "The Lion King" Broadway performance, I would highly recommend you go.

You want to join Student Media?

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Staff Writer

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The atmosphere is incredibly soothing. There is soft and slow music playing, decent lighting and the aroma of succulent juices coming from the kitchen.

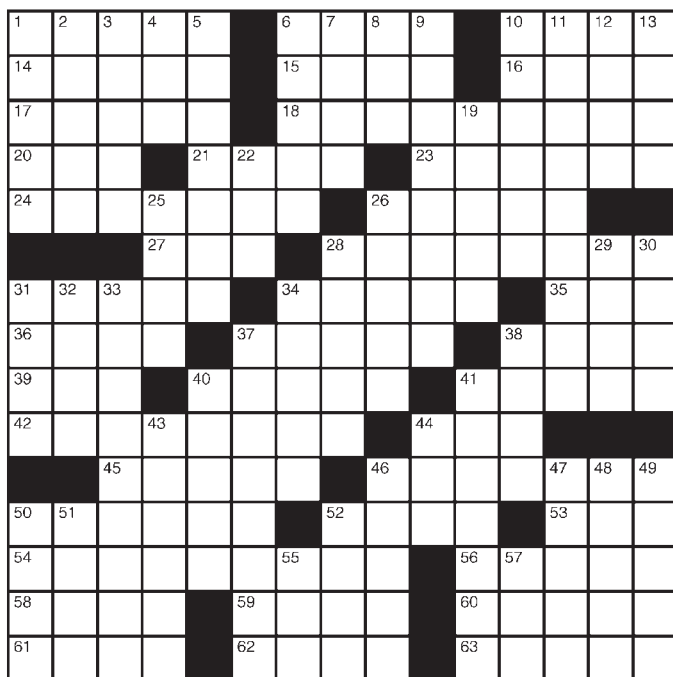
While dining there I had the pleasure of enjoying a Lasagna entrée. If you love yummy lasagna, then Pierro's is the place for you.

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Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Market figures
- 6 Balm ingredient
- 10 Damsel
- 14 "Time in a Bottle" singer
- 15 Jet-set jet
- 16 One-celled plant
- 17 Both/either conjunction
- 18 Clove pink
- 20 Falsehood
- 21 Menial laborer
- 23 "Where are you?" reply
- 24 Rebbe's workplace
- 26 Charlemagne's son
- 27 Top pitcher
- 28 Nice
- 31 Frisbee company
- 34 Pre-trial securities
- 35 Excessively
- 36 Many millennia
- 37 Runny cheeses
- 38 Swiss capital
- 39 Pollution monitoring org.



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- 40 Wishy-washy
- 41 Musical endings
- 42 Price reduction
- 44 First gear
- 45 Hauled away
- 46 Keep going
- 50 Motionless
- 52 Demolish
- 53 AAA proposal
- 54 Rear
- 56 Bandage brand
- 58 Buffalo's lake
- 59 Some traders
- 60 Upturned
- 61 Faculty head
- 62 Kind of boomer?
- 63 Small carriage

DOWN

- 1 Like uncleaned fish
- 2 Golfer Palmer
- 3 Ore deposits
- 4 Writer Umberto
- 5 Pacino movie
- 6 Aluminum maker

- 7 Low in fat
- 8 Trirreme tool
- 9 South African golfer
- 10 Crooner Johnny
- 11 Estranged
- 12 Frankenstein's flunky
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Jet Li's last stand is a victory

David Santiago
Opinion Editor

Jet Li's "Fearless" is one of the best martial arts movies I have ever seen.

It traces the life story of Marital Arts legend Huo Jaunjia, who co-founded the Jingwu Sports federation.

The setting is early 20th century China. The Manchurian dynasty, the last of the great dynasties to rule China, is being infiltrated by western business. Meanwhile the opium epidemic causes much of the population to cave in on itself.

The movie traces Jaunjia's journey starting with his days as a rich playboy who fight only for victory and money. But when tragedy strikes his family, he journeys into exile where he grows internally, finds an inner peace and discovers the true meaning of Martial Arts.

Upon his return to mainstream society, he finds his world tragically changed as the western nations are seemingly taking over China's economy. Jaunjia fights to give the Chinese people a sense of pride and honor.

This was one of the best films I have seen, however one should be warned that it is in Chinese with subtitles for English-speaking audiences. Also, there are periods that seem somewhat rushed and un-climatic.

This is more than made up for in the dramatic end that left this movie goer leaving in the theater in a daze. All in all, this movie is defiantly worth seeing.

More ready than you realize!

David Santiago
Opinion Editor

One book I read that truly touched me was "More Ready than You Realize," by Brian McLaren.

In this book, McLaren talks about his years of experience as a pastor and how he has come to define Christianity and evangelism in the post-modern world.

Specifically he uses the protagonist of a young woman who expresses interest in persuing Christianity and engages in conversation, mostly through e-mail, about the questions and sizes all of us face.

Most evangelical leaders stress quick conversion followed by church attendance, but McLaren turns this belief around by keeping his distance, and letting the young woman seek and believe on her own terms.

Rather than evangelization being a mission as with a quota, McLaren feels that it should be passive and done so on the person who is seeking God's time, not in a moment based in a "sinners' payer."

In the end, after years of searching and receiving guidance and friendship from McLaren, the young lady finds God, not in the stereotypical dramatic scene of crying at some convention, but just in finding an inner peace. And according to McLaren, that's okay.

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Sports

Football Loses to CNU Captains

Remille Shipman
Sports Editor

Methodist's slim-to-none hopes of a USA South championship were unofficially dashed in Newport News.

The Monarchs fell short in their bid to gain a second consecutive victory against hated rival Christopher Newport on Oct. 21.

Methodist's offense was all but stymied by the Captains' defense as the Monarchs only mustered 139 yards of total offense opposed to Christopher Newport's 360 offensive yards. Methodist also failed to capitalize on CNU's four turnovers.

Methodist trailed 7-0 at halftime before CNU's Justin Long recovered a fumble which led to a Todd Faison touchdown pass to George Jones with 8:58 remaining in the third quarter.

The Captains then added another score when Evan Taylor capitalized on a Methodist turnover to score on a five-yard run



Mike Hill hopes to rush through GC's defense on Homecoming. Photo by Monarchs Online.

with 1:55 remaining in the game.

Halfback Mike Hill was held to 53 yards on 17 carries while freshman quarterback Brandon Parks was 11-for-28 with 104 yards and an interception.

The Monarchs will attempt to fulfill their quest for a winning season when they host Greensboro College at 1 p.m. in their annual Homecoming game.

Lady Soccer Seniors Make Final Home Regular Season Start

Byron Lowe
Staff Writer

Methodist women's soccer team finished last season with a record of 9-11-1. They also had a new coach for start of this season.

But this is not a problem, for like the men's team the women have put together an outstanding season. The team is 13 - 3 overall and 6 - 0 in the USA South Athletic Conference with only two games left in the season before the conference tournament.

The women's team has dominated all season, scoring 88 goals against opponents, while giving up only 16.

Oct. 21 brought another game to show their dominance as it was a special day for the team for a couple of reasons. First, their 7 - 0 win over conference rival Shenandoah, earned the team the first place seed for the USA South Conference Tournament.



Ashley Sloan throws in a ball during her last regular season home game as a Monarch. Photo by Remille Shipman

The Monarchs showed off their nationally ranked offense; Michelle Anderson pulled a hat trick, scoring three goals, she also had one assist, Chrystal Bradley scored two goals and had two assists, Brenda Chambers had two goals, Erica Nath provided two assists, and Teresa Futrell chipped in with an assist.

The second reason is that it was a special day for the Lady Monarchs soccer team, is that Seniors Ashley Sloan, Jamie Oakes and Elyse Myers were honored before the game.

Each has been a member of the soccer team since their freshman years; the three girls have combined to play 177 games, and after this season the girls will have to say goodbye.

After the game, Myers stated that she feels this team, if healthy, will win the conference championship. She also stated that it would be an "ecstatic ex-

perience" to finish her career at Methodist College with a conference tournament final win. Myers would like everyone on the team to know that she will miss all of them.

Sloan stated that she greatly enjoyed playing on this team, saying that the girls were all close, did everything together, played with heart, and always gave 100 percent on the field.

Oakes is going to miss all the good times, stating that this was the best team she has played on, and that she loves these girls.

The Monarchs played two more regular season games- they tied formidable Lynchburg 1-1 on Oct. 24, and they traveled to Ferrum on Oct. 28 (results were not available at press time).

The Monarchs will host the conference tournament for the championship beginning on the week of Oct. 30

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New Monarch Makes Its Debut

Remille Shipman
Sports Editor

Recently there's been a new birth in the Monarch family, and he's due on November 4.

Methodist College's 50th anniversary and Homecoming celebration will debut a new Monarch mascot that will bear a brand new name, logo, and costume.

After the old Monarch costume began to show its age, a contest was held at the beginning of the school year to give the newly refurbished Monarch a new name.

After a selection process that involved 50 possible names, a committee led by Methodist head cheerleading and dance coach Melissa Hay, narrowed the possible choices down to three names. After consultation with the administration committee, which included President Elton Hendricks, Athletic Director Bob McEvoy and Dean



of Students George Blanc, a name and ferocious logo was settled upon. The design of the logo has not been determined, but the Monarch mascot, new name and all, will ride into Monarch Stadium on a Harley-Davidson during a lavish pre-game ceremony of the homecoming

football game between Methodist and Greensboro College.

Hay plans for the new Monarch mascot to be incredibly visible at Methodist athletic events.

He will be incorporated in cheerleading competitions (including the Nationals), perform



more stunts, and incite more fan interaction at games.

He will also make his presence known at Methodist's basketball games.

Hay believes that the new mascot will be a great representative for Methodist athletics. "He's a great ambassador

If you want to know the new name and look of the Monarch mascot, you will have to come to the pre-game festivities during the Homecoming game on Saturday. Here are two photos of our Monarch looking tough.

Contributed photos by Tiffany Nabors

for the athletic department," she commented.

Senior cheerleader Mike Bass, who at one point wore the old mascot uniform, confirmed that there has already been a lot of buzz for the new uniform. "It's about time we got a new mascot," he stated. "A lot of people have noticed... (News of the new mascot) is starting to build up around school."

To find out the new name, check out smallTALK online Monday, Nov. 5 under New Monarch Makes Its Debut.

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NBA Tips Off With Predictions

Byron Lowe
Staff Writer

As the baseball championships wrap up, basketball season begins to swing into effect. A new season always brings questions. Who will excel? Who will struggle? Will Miami repeat? Well here is Small Talk's opinionated overview with rankings for conference.

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

3. New Jersey-Jason Kidd, Richard Jefferson, and Vince Carter should serve as a nice recipe for winning. Chances: Front runner

7. Toronto-Call me crazy, but this team is growing up, with forwards Chris Bosh and "rookie" Jorge Garbajosa. A rookie with 11 years of experience in European league, and two Olympic appearances, Garbajosa is avg. 13.3 points per game with only 1 turnover pg for the pre-season. Chances: Possible contender.

8. Philadelphia-This team follows A.I., if Iverson has drama, then the team will. If Iverson is focused this team may compete. Chances: Dark horse

11. New York-This team is overpaid, and will underachieve, they will however, improve from last season. Chances: Maybe next year

14. Boston-This team has not improved. Wally Szczerbiak is over rated, and Paul Pierce is just wasting away in Boston. Chances: Not any time soon

Central Division

2. Cleveland-A full season with Larry Hughes, Zydrunas Ilgauskus, and LeBron James along with role players Drew Gooden and Damon Jones, could be enough to top Detroit in a close race. Chances: Front runner

4. Detroit-Detroit won 32 games last season by a single digit, the loss of Big Ben will cut those down. But any team with players like Chauncey Billups, Rasheed Wallace, and Rip Hamilton will contend. Chances: Possible Front Runner

6. Chicago- Ben Wallace will improve the defense, but a consistent offense is still a question mark. But this team is capable of 45 wins and a playoff spot. Chances: Contender.

9. Indiana-The Pacers are a decent team in any other Eastern division, but not in this one. I predict they will be very close to Chicago, maybe 4 or 5 games behind. Chances: Possible contender.

10. Milwaukee-In any other Eastern Division, Milwaukee is not a last place team, but they are here. With Micheal Redd a .500 season is always possible. This in recent history can very well get an Eastern Conference team into the play-

offs, even when last in the division. Chances: Dark horse.

Southeast Division

1. Miami: If the Heat do not let their new shiny trophy get to their head, they will be right back in the mix of the playoffs. Chances: Front runner.

5. Washington: If the Wizards can strengthen their defense, their offense should be more than suffice to make a playoff run. Chances: Contender.

12. Charlotte: Who would not be excited to see Emeka Okafor, Sean May, and Adam Morrison on the same team. Give them 1 - 2 years to contend. Chances: Maybe next year.

13. Orlando: Too many question marks, but it will be interesting to see how J.J. Redick adjusts to the NBA level. Chances: Maybe next year.

15. Atlanta: Maybe ... Never ... well not with this team anyway. But, I will look for Josh Smith at the Dunk Fest. Chances: Not any time soon.

Western Conference

Northwest Division

2. Denver-Marcus Camby, Carmelo Anthony, Kenyon Martin, Andre Miller, J.R. Smith = Playoffs. Chances: Front runner.

6. Utah-Injuries plagued the Jazz last year; if they can stay healthy they can compete.

Chances: Possible contender.

11. Seattle-Too much offense with no defense, this team will live by the three, and die by the three. Chances: Maybe next year

12. Portland-This team is heading in the right direction, but do not expect too much. Chances: Maybe next year

15. Minnesota-Please, please, please trade Kevin Garnett to at least a decent team. Chances: Not any time soon.

Pacific Division

3. Phoenix-With Steve Nash, Shawn Marion, and Amare Stoudemire, this team will make the playoffs, but they will need to improve on defense to get to the finals. Chances: front runner.

5. Sacramento-The race for send in this division will be tighter than an airplane bathroom, all these teams can contend. A full season with Ron Artest gives the Kings the edge, (they are 36 - 22 since acquiring Artest.) Chances: contender

7. Los Angeles Lakers-Love him or hate him; Kobe Bryant is arguably the best player of his time. But besides Kobe, who do the Lakers have, Lamar Odom? Playoff chances: contender

8. Los Angeles Clippers-It was a hard decision to move Clippers down two slots from where they finished last season, but like I said, this division is tight. Chances: possible con-

tender

13. Golden State-Interesting team with Baron Davis at the helm, will probably compete for a while, and eventually fall out of the race, maybe next year. Playoff chances: dark horse.

Southwest Division

1. San Antonio-The Spurs have an organization devoted to winning, they always seem to contend, and with a roster with names like Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, Micheal Finley, and Manu Ginobili it's no surprise. Chances: Front runner.

4. Dallas- The Mavericks are the most successful offensive style team out there, because unlike teams like Seattle and Washington, Dallas is consistently good. Chances: Possible front runner.

9. Houston-It is unbelievable how this team has underachieved; hopefully the Tracy McGrady bunch can turn things around. Chances: Possible Contender

10. Memphis-The team is decent, but not good enough to seriously contend. Chances: Possible Contender

14. New Orleans-They should never have left the Eastern Conference. The Western Conference is too deep. Chances: Not this year.

Corner Worker Prepares for Race

Jameson Jones
Staff Writer

Many of you are wondering what I did during the fall break. Oddly enough, I was not near a race track at all.

I went to our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. with my friends from the Criminal Justice Association, and we had a ball touring the city. My highlights of the trip included visiting the World War II Memorial and the Abraham Lincoln Memorial.

A little side note to ones who may not know this, but Washington, D.C. hosted a racing event back in 2002 on a temporary circuit outside of RFK Stadium where the American Le

Mans Series and the Trans-Am Series both raced on a 1.66-mile temporary racing circuit. Unfortunately, for natives of Washington, D.C., the closest road courses to them are Summit Point Raceway in West Virginia and the Pocono International Raceway in Pennsylvania.

Now, I will look into my crystal ball and to see what is happening in the motor sports world during Homecoming weekend. Of course, there is the bumping and banging action of NASCAR this weekend at Teax Motor Speedway in which a very tight points battle is happening in the Cup series. On the other hand, if you are like me and would want to see left and right turns being made instead of all lefts for three consecutive hours, there is a very big event that is happening at the Virginia

International Raceway on Nov. 4. This, my friends, is the Charge of the Headlight Brigade, which is a 13-hour endurance race occurring on the 3.27-mile VIR road course. This event is being put on by the N.C. Region of the Sports Car Club of America. The event has started out as a summer eight-hour race that has extended five hours and been moved to the very end of the racing season. The racing will be intense for the 13 hours as a field of approximately 90 cars from 13 different classes compete for the overall win. Basically, whoever completes the most laps in 13 hours wins the race.

I know you are pondering out there: "Is there only one driver for each car?" No, there are teams from two to five drivers competing with a pit stop

and driver change coming every 45 minutes to an hour during the event.

So, how many laps have been completed by winners in years' past? The exact number varies on the class but can range up to 315 laps (approximately 1,020 miles) in the 13-hour event depending on the number of caution periods and average lap time and speed. Most of the cars competing have an average speed of 80 to 100 mph depending on the regulations set forth by the class as it takes approximately two minutes and 10 seconds to complete a lap around VIR.

Finally, I bet many of you are wondering whether this corner worker will be at this event instead of Homecoming. Yes, I will be at this event and I have had high anticipation since Sep-

tember to be able to work my first true endurance race. I have previously worked three-hour races but they are classified in our racing circle as "sprint" races. To be classified as a true endurance race, it has to be at least six hours in length or cover a distance of at least 1,000 kilometers. The drivers in the expected field for this race range from close friends of mine to racing champions such as Derek Bell, Gene Felton, Tony Adamowicz and Buzz Marcus.

Do not worry, I may not be there in person but I will be there in spirit. Only thing I ask from everyone out there is for your thoughts that it will be a safe and exciting race for drivers and workers alike. Until next time my friends, I will see you at the races.