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President Elton Hendricks: From this day forward our institution shall be named...



Photos by Pat Blalock

Ashley Young
News Editor

Convocation held on Wednesday, Nov 1 was anything but ordinary. It was held in order to celebrate 50 years of Methodist College.

The convocation began with the Reverend Dr. Michael Safley giving a prayer on the college's history. Next President Hendricks told the audience a bit about the college's history. He said that a charter was granted on Nov. 1, 1956 to build this school with an art, science and Christian culture. Fifty years ago, construction began

and in 1960 students were able to enroll here with no more than three buildings and no residence halls.

Following these announcements from the President, One Spirit sang the school's Alma Mater. Immediately after Kevin Page introduced the



Dr. Jeyward, Dr. Sypult, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Brookman dressed in their academic regalia.

guest speaker, Reverend Dr. F Belton. He said, "Let's meet back here in 50 years!" Then the Reverend challenged everyone at convocation with seven questions. "Why bother?" "Who's hurting?" "What's happening?" "What's next?" "How does the university reflect God?" "Who's in charge?" and "Who's responding?" The Reverend answered these questions and then added the that today we live in

a world of immediacy and our diversities are a strength not a weakness.

The Reverend told the audience that the days ahead are important and that both the school and the Methodist religion are important to one another.

Changing the name of Methodist College to Methodist University was deemed more appropriate because it signals who we are here at Methodist and what we do.

Dirty Dancing at MU

Ashley Young
News Editor

On Nov. 4 the annual Homecoming Dance was held at the AIT Building in downtown Fayetteville.

Jason Eder from "Complete Music" in Durham served as the DJ. Jason has worked at "Complete Music" for over three years and said, "I think it's gonna be a lot of fun," in regards to the dance.

Everyone who attended had to present their Methodist ID at the door and had to walk through a metal detector in order to insure security in the AIT Building. The AIT Building was decorated in all black and white, and had a huge 50 on the back wall



Chris Guantlett and Kiwana Davis are crowned homecoming King and Queen. Photo by Ashley Genova



One Spirit performed "Many Gifts, One Spirit" and the Alma Mater.

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 commemorating 50 Years of Methodist.

"It's a really great atmosphere this year and it's a lot of fun!" said Stacie Canady.

Lois Devico said, "I think this is the best Homecoming Dance we've had yet!"

"This dance is awesome!" Bellowed Scott Russell

For the Homecoming Court Chris Gauntlett was crowned Homecoming King and Kiwana Davis was crowned Homecoming Queen. First Runner Up for Homecoming King was Remille Shipman and Second Runner Up was Kevin Page. For Homecoming Queen the First Runner Up was Erin Yarborough while Second Runner Up was Rahila Muhibi.

"I'm happy Kiwi won Homecoming Queen!" Trisha Bennett exclaimed



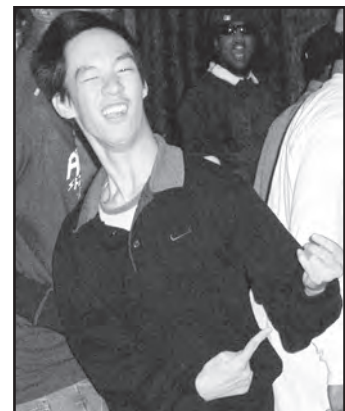
The crowd mingles at the Homecoming Dance. Photo by Melanie Gibson.



Margina Coccozza Bendana dances with Sanjar Radjabov. Photo by Ashley Genova.



Remille Shipman is psyched about the Homecoming King announcement. He was second runner up. Photo by Ashley Genova.



Bo Rong dances. Photo by Sarah Davenport

'We Are Guardians' Veterans Day Ceremony

Ashley Genova
 Editor-in-Chief

In remembrance of those who have served the U.S. military, the ROTC department hosted a flag raising ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 9.

Chaplin Michael Safley started the ceremony with a prayer of thanks for the sacrifices veterans have made for the sake of freedom. After his invocation, a color guard lead by Corey Rose raised the flag.

ROTC cadets marched wearing camouflage uniforms, white gloves, and gleaming silver helmets. One cadet cradled an American flag in his arms. As the cadets unfurled the flag, a small stereo softly played the national anthem. The red, white and blue material fluttered in the wind as it climbed the flag pole.

The silent onlookers, war veterans in suits and ROTC cadets in athletic gear, saluted the flag.

After the raising, April Santos, the organizer of the ceremony, introduced the guest speaker, Retired Sergeant Major Joseph S. Wright, Jr.

Wright thanked the ROTC cadets for their commitment to serve the military and advised them on their roles as leaders.

Wright said that he prayed every morning and advised the cadets to do the same. He said "If you keep God first, you will never be last."



Sergeant Major Wright



Corey Rose leads Mostafa Awad, Frankie Jackson, Carlos Sanford, and Scott Senerius in the color guard. Photo by Ashley Genova.

"We are guardians of our fellow brothers and sisters who have passed on before us," he said. Wright proclaimed military personnel have the duty to give deceased veterans a proper burial and to take care of the remaining family.

Wright had received many awards in the army before he was medically discharged in 2005. Santos said she chose him to speak because he encouraged her to join ROTC.

Other veterans at the ceremony included dean of students George Blanc, President M. Elton Hendricks and director of Public Safety Wilford Saunders.

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Correction Box

From October 18, the football photo was of George Sands, not Pat Doleman.

From October 30, the center spread photo labeled "Three presidents of Methodist" was not a photo of Methodist presidents.

Accounting in Raleigh

Gosia Jarema

Contributing Writer

On Monday, Nov. 6, the Accounting Club of Methodist University took a trip to Raleigh to visit the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants (NCACPA), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), and the Robert Half Finance and Accounting Recruitment Center. Seven accounting majors and Professor Pam Strickland attended.

The Accounting Club is the first student group to visit the organization of the NC Association of CPA's. The CEO, Mr. Jim Ahler, welcomed the visitors. He provided information on numerous scholarship

opportunities as well as student memberships and benefits for accounting majors.

The American Institute of CPAs has a new location in Raleigh. The students were given a tour of the newly established facility and got to view the working environment. As it is a new establishment, there are a number of job opportunities for those who may be interested in pursuing a career in accounting.

The Robert Half Finance and Accounting Recruitment Center offered a Power-Point presentation about the conditions of accounting in today's money market. They underlined the importance of the profession, as well as explaining the growing need for more accounting professionals.



The crowd seems to be entranced as Tom Deluca performs his magic through hypnosis. Photo contributed by Dean Blanc

Deluca Hypnotizes Students

Cassandra Wells
Web Editor

Hypnotist Tom Deluca appeared at Methodist University on Nov. 1.

Deluca chose people to hypnotize from the audience. Once those chosen audience members were on stage, he walked them through the process of getting into a deep sleep. At the snap of his fingers the volunteers' heads dropped to their shoulders all at once. Most audience members were mesmerized, and one student fell out of his chair because he was so amazed.

Deluca hypnotized the volunteers into thinking they were doing a number of things

from test driving Ferraris, lifting 100 lb barbells, eating ice cream, pose for a body building contest, and many other things.

Gosia Jarema was one of Deluca's volunteers. He hypnotized her into believing she was the chief of the Berns Center. Jarema yelled at the audience, "I'm mean, I'm strong! I'm the chief you're nothing!" Afterwards she said she only remembered bits and pieces of the events. When asked why she volunteered, Jarema responded, "I was curious to see if (the hypnotizing) worked or not."

Corey Cawthron, a freshman, said, "(The hypnotist) gave a mind blowing performance, my favorite part was the guy giving CPR to the apple."

Judging by the cheers from the audience when Deluca was finished, the audience would like to welcome him back to Methodist University.



Tom Deluca hypnotizes Gosia Jarema Photo contributed by Dean Blanc

Democrats Reclaim House

David Santiago
Opinions Editor

After a twelve year run as the house minority, Democrats have reclaimed the House of Representatives and a large part of the senate. The Nov. 7 mid-term election caused a huge upheaval in Washington, and the repercussions are already being felt in very high places.

Despite the president's refusal to fire Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, He resigned early he is to be replaced by former CIA chief, Robert Gates.

Wednesday morning, Pending Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, did not single out Rumsfeld's by name, however many feel she clearly was speaking of him in her call for Bush to "change the civilian leadership of the Pentagon."

"Sometimes it's necessary to have a new perspective," said President Bush about Rumsfeld. Democrats had long called for his dismissal, accusing him of being "the architect of the Iraq war." The criticism Rumsfeld has taken over the years pertain to his involvement and suspected conspiracy in engineering the controversial invasion of Iraq, including accusation of lying and forgery.

This is just one of many changes expected in this historic event. Although Bill Clin-

ton gave the Democrats an eight year run in the White House, the House of Representatives and senate has been dominated by Republican for well over a decade. This year's turn around may symbolize light at the end of the tunnel for some, while others may see it as a sign of the apocalypse.

On top of Rumsfeld's resignation, Pelosi also plans to introduce bills that she hopes will raise the national minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour, put into effect the anti-terror recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, and work towards allowing Medicare to compete for cheaper drug prices.

Besides winning control of the House, the party was assured of at least fifty seats in the Senate as well. This midterm election will certainly serve as a kickoff for the dramatic presidential election ahead n 2007/08, as Bush spends the last two years in office solidifying his already damaged legacy.

Locally, Republican Dan Mansell lost to Bob Etheridge. Republican Shirley Davis lost to Mike McIntyre. Republican Robin Hayes lost to Larry Kissell.

Patricia Timmons-Goodson was elected as State Supreme Court Associate Justice. She is the first black woman to be elected into this position.

Public Safety

Woman Assaulted in Reeves Lot

A.E. Smith
Police Lieutenant

Information compiled from Methodist University Campus Police reports (From October 20-10 November, 2006)

Injury to Property

- A community member reports on Oct. 24, that his black 2005 Lincoln had been damaged by an unknown suspect. The suspect sprayed paint on the front bumper, hood, top, and the rear of the vehicle. Damage was estimated at approximately two thousand dollars.

- A community member reports that on Nov. 5, that while her vehicle, a grey 2004, Chevy Aveo was parked in the East/West parking lot, an unknown suspect scratched the left side of the vehicle with a sharp object causing damage. Damage was

estimated at approximately one hundred fifty dollars.

Domestic Violence

- On Oct. 31, at approximately 9:17 a.m. an anonymous caller contacted the Methodist University Police/Public Safety office to report that an unknown black male had a female restrained against a vehicle in Reeves parking lot. Upon arrival of Methodist University Police, the female subject stated that her husband was trying to force her to come home. She stated that he had closed the car door on her and had threatened to shoot her. Victim stated she wanted to press charges. The male subject was taken into custody for assault on a female and communicating threats. The subject was taken before a Cumberland County Magistrate and was put in jail, with no bond.

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Opinions

A Voice From The Wilderness

David Santiago



Pacifism is such a hot topic in religious circles. In almost every major faith there is a tension between it and people who see violence as an acceptable means to stand up for their God. I've been on both ends of the argument at one point or another. It's not an easy subject. It seems that if I believe in love and any kind of inner kingdom of heaven, I should stand for peace. But at other times the harsh realities of this world seem to make some kind of forceful means of negotiation seem necessary.

What I mean to say is, I wish I could claim to be a pacifist, but I don't know if I can do that without making some kind of implied or abstract promise that I may not keep. I would like to think that my existence can and will promote peace and an end to violence and harm to any of my fellow human beings. But again, reality seems to slap me in the face when I least expect it. If I am standing up for myself or a cause, I can see myself "turning the other cheek." But at the same time I can not imagine not doing what is necessary to save a loved one if I saw them being harmed. I would like to say I love everyone and don't seek revenge, but it's not altogether true.

I see atrocities such as genocide taking place and I can't help but feel like I could get some satisfaction from hurting and even killing the perpetrators of such horrific acts. It is a struggle. In the end, whether it is a case of a complete right versus a complete wrong, or simply an admirable trait many cannot live up to, I do see non-violence as ideal, and want to see it come to the world, but my own passion for justice seems to get in the way of idealized ethics. So I cannot answer the question of paci-

fism and whether violence is ever acceptable or not. All I can do is stand in this moment and offer my best power of reason.

If you are a soldier, I understand if you felt someone had to be saved from evil dictators or terrorist. Just, don't do it in the name of God or Jesus, or Allah. If you feel you need to protect something such as your homeland, your family, or a group of people under persecution, do just that. Do your job, and acknowledge that's what it is, something you felt had to be done. Don't go around saying it was God's will; don't act as though you are on some divine mission from God. Take pride in that you were willing to sacrifice yourself for another human, but do not act as though God wanted people to get killed.

Pray for God's protection, for those whom you're protecting, and even those who you had to kill. Don't make the violence itself out as something God intended, it's not. There is no divinely willed war; you're not on a mission from God, your just dealing with unfortunate circumstances, and you were braver than most men (or women). That is it.

Pacifists believe me I am on your side. I want peace. I want it to happen without violence and I will work for it to the best of my ability. I want killing to end and justice to prevail. Just keep a level head about it. Don't do it with hate. Remember that the man who hates his brother is guilty of murder in his heart.

Yes, lament the violence that is taking place, for those who are misled and victimized by it. Work for ways to fight injustice and oppression without using violent means, I am right there with you. But at the point where it's all Left versus Right, you're completely useless to the cause anyway. It's not about which side of the current political machine you're on. In most cases when you on the side of any governmental institutions you will find yourself in the wrong anyway.

It's about actually making the world a better place, and the best place to start is to improve the people living in it. That means me and you.

The Red Corner: Apocalypse Kerry

Zach Yonk
Staff Writer

More words of wisdom from Senator John Kerry: "You know, education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. If you don't, you get stuck in Iraq."

It's easy for a liberal, living off his wife's ketchup fortune, to say something as inaccurate as this, to imply that Iraq War veterans are uneducated hicks who like to hunt and watch NASCAR races. Call me uninformed, but doesn't that sound just a little bit familiar?

Then again, Kerry has always expressed contempt for the military. Back in 1971, it was Kerry, a ranking champion of the anti-war movement, who said, "...I think these men, by the letter of the law...are war criminals." He wasn't speaking of the NVA or Viet Cong, but rather he was speaking of American soldiers in Vietnam.

Okay, but at least Kerry apologized, right? Well, the impression I got from his "apology" was about the same as the impression I received from the Pope's apology towards those who were offended by his comments on Islam, which was, "I'm sorry that you were offended by something I said." Now don't get confused,

the Pope Benedict XVI was truly sorry, but in his case, I don't think he should have been forced to apologize. His comments on Islam were simply taken out of context. Anyway, it appears that Kerry was merely trying to whip up political support with his statement, he was at a political rally, after all.

Make no mistake-Kerry couldn't care less about his remarks regarding the United States military. Whenever he says that he supports the troops, it's more along the lines of, "I voted to go to Iraq before I voted against it." Understandable, as he is merely trying to appease the voters he represents in Massachusetts, which is on the same level as CBS when it comes to modern liberalism.

Unfortunately for him, this little incident could very well lead to Kerry's apocalypse, in regards to his chances as the 2008 Democratic presidential candidate. Numerous Democrats quickly distanced themselves from the situation, so as not to be burned by the flames of public backlash, including Hillary Clinton and Senate hopeful Harold Ford, Jr.

Personally, I hope it does spell the end for Kerry as a serious political contender. There are enough liberals who loathe the military without his rash remarks.



What Grinds My Gears

Justin Morehead

When Native Americans roamed the country they relied on wild animals for food and clothing. They used the bones of the animals to make tools. None of the animal went to waste. They prayed to the spirits of the animals, thanking them for what they had so graciously provided. This was survival.

Today, we have farms that raise animals and slaughter them. They come to our local Food Lion ready and waiting to be cooked and shoved into our fat faces. Packages of boneless chicken breasts strip steaks and sausages and patties ready to become the newest addition of back fat for the American citizen. This is provided for us and there are still men who go out in a NASCAR frenzy killing the animals that inhabit our forests. Why? Because it is a "sport."

Let me clarify something; a sport is traditionally an honorable competition where pride and pleasure come together in a very respectful and cordial manner.

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imaginary character- we'll call him Terry- out for an afternoon of hunting. Terry gets up at the crack of dawn and bathes himself in deer urine. He does this to trick his noble opponent into thinking he is your average woodland creature. Terry then goes out and sits in a pile of shrubs or in a tree 30 feet in the air and he is camouflaged. He waits there for hours sitting in one spot putting forth zero effort waiting for Bambi to get lunch.

Note that Bambi is unaware of her participation in this sport as she gets food for her starving children back in the underbrush.

Once Terry sees that Bambi is vulnerable, he puts one in her from 100 feet and chases her as she wobbles off to die. He approaches the helpless creature and, in the words of so many who have injured defenseless creatures, "puts her out of her misery." This means that Terry is going to slice her throat or put another bullet in her head.

Now, hunters, tell me this is a "sport" in the true sense of the word.

Of course there is also a psychological angle that can be taken. Maybe these men feel oh-so-masculine when they kill things. Maybe it really makes them a "man." You know what I say to that? Go hunt a lion with a spear. If you want to do that I have no problem. That would make you a man.

You'd think twice if the whole scenario were turned against you. What if you were wandering around your home fixing lunch for the kids and a giant deer kicked in the door with a shotgun and blew your knee off? The beast chases you into the living room where the rest of your family sits and watches TV. He intends to "put you out of your misery." Then he sees your family. He sees the horror on their faces. Does Johnny Deer all of a sudden feel a stroke of guilt and discontinue the pursuit? Nope! He just smiles and says, "JACKPOT!" Hunters, you aren't macho men, just mean people, and you grind my gears!

Point/Counter Point: College vs. University

Jameson Jones
Staff Writer

After hearing the announcement that Methodist College was going to change their name to Methodist University, I had a cow over us going from MC to MU. I do not feel that this is an appropriate time for us to change the name for three reasons.

Reason number one is that there are 11 other colleges in the state of North Carolina that are of similar size to Methodist with four of them having the option of Master's or Doctorate degrees available (Catawba, Greensboro, Lenoir-Rhyne and Meredith). Those four schools have probably thought sometime in the past about a possible name change to become a university, but they are staying with tradition and keep their original names as colleges.

Reason number two in why I do not feel that the name change is appropriate is we do not have enough students to be an "university". For example, when Elon College, now Elon University, made the name change a few years back, they were at the ideal size to be considered a university at approximately 4,000 students. There are many universities within the state of North Carolina that have at least 4,000 students or more. To me, the word "university" describes a largely populated school, and as of now, we only have approximately 2,500 students attending Methodist. Unless, we reach a student population of at 4,000, then I believe that calling us Methodist University may be a bad mistake.

Finally, the school should have more large academic programs than we currently have now. I know we have two large undergrad programs in PGM and PTM and three large grad programs that include the PA Program, the Master's in Business Administration at Pinehurst and the Master's in Justice Administration. To me, these programs are all well and good, but we need more departments to step up and say, "you should come to Methodist due to us having a large program in _____" (fill the blank with your major).

I have previously visited other campuses in the state of



North Carolina where they are well-known for a whole range of programs, not just two or three. If someone was not interested in PGM or PTM, they may not want to come to Methodist if their intended major is not popular, even if the school fits into their "ideal school" profile. From this, we may be scaring away potential students if departments are not willing to step up and talk about their programs.

To some out there, I may be venting for no reason and get used to the change. From I feel within, this name change had bad timing and that we just need to let the school grow on its own before we describe ourselves as a university.

David Santiago
Opinions Editor

I am more than happy that we are now a University because the meaning of the words "University" and "College" have changed.

If I walked up to someone in 1956 and called them "gay", it would be taken as compliment or an observation. It meant that one was "happy" or "overjoyed." Now it is 2006, and the meaning has changed. To walk up to someone and say "you're gay" is to proclaim that they are a homosexual, and it might be taken by some as an insult. Similarly, if I were to quote the King James Bible, I can say this: "And

Jesus, when he had found a young ASS, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ASS' colt." John 12:14-15. A biblical verse in 17th century English makes it acceptable to say the word in capital letters because it is referring to a donkey or mule. But any other context would get me into trouble if I printed it.

The point here is one that Dr. Hendricks touched upon during the announcement on Nov. 1. He

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Roll down the rapids.....



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2006- 07 Schedule

September

Hot-air Ballooning
Sailing School- Annapolis, MD

October

White Water Rafting, Rock Climb
& Rappelling
West Virginia, New York City, NY

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

Point Counter Cont.

stated that the meaning of words change with time. I absolutely agree. In fact, I believe that there is no permanent objective truth behind words. Language is merely a system of sounds that humans have arranged in order to communicate, just more complex and specific than animals. Societies decide meaning by subconsciously agreeing to use the same sounds for certain meanings so that we always know what we are talking about. But the meanings of these words often shift slightly over time.

What I'm sure Dr. Hendricks meant is that fifty years ago the words "college" and "university" meant different things. Being a college or university had more to do with student population and academics. But with no law of nature to hold that definition in place, "college" and "university" have different meanings now. Today "college" is more often associated with small institutions, such as "community college," and no graduate programs. A "college" is a more technical institution rather than the liberal arts. "university" is often used for small institutions with bigger visions. The word does not have to do with student population and wider ranges of academic programs with graduate degrees.

I'll give you an example: I first attended Southern Vermont College. The campus consisted of a dorm, a gymnasium, and a building for classrooms. This building was a hundred year old mansion that had been renovated maybe seventy years ago. While it offered four year degrees it was more common to receive an associate's degree and then move on to bigger institutions, as I did. Then I came to Methodist, multiple buildings, multiple residence halls, and a wider range of academic programs, many with graduate programs and more to be added in the years to come.

In today's society, these are the things that signify the difference between a College and a University. I am excited about the idea of telling people that I attend a university, and having that on my degree. It makes me look smarter than I really am, and trust me, I need all the help I can get.

Remille's Rhetoric

Remille Shipman
Sports Editor



Side note: Before I get to this issue's main subject, I want to address one thing that is of remarkable importance to the future of the school. As most of the students, faculty and staff know, Methodist College changed its name to Methodist University status on Nov. 1. I was quoted in the Oct. 26 edition of the Fayetteville Observer about this matter, and I did state that I preferred our school to be named Eastern Methodist University next year.

My guess was wrong, but still I feel our school will benefit from the name change because it will give us more prestige, more respect from the community, and possibly more revenue and more students. I attended the convocation, and I wanted to be the first one to give the new name a standing ovation, because having the name university on your diploma seems much more meaningful. Besides, the word "college" sounds so high school.

The topic of the school's name change had to be addressed. But my subject centers on the Homecoming King and Queen elections, or more specifically how poorly SGA handled elections for Homecoming King and Queen.

Now, I was a Homecoming candidate. The editor-in-chief of our newspaper was a candidate as well. Although I didn't win, I do not want to be seen as a whiner. I can handle it when someone defeats me fairly in competition.

But the voting booths were mysteriously absent on the Tuesday and the Wednesday of homecoming week in the Bern's Student Center's main area. I hardly saw any advertisement for where the voting would be held. I only knew where voting would be held due to the contract that I signed a week ago.

Instead, I heard that the voting was only consistently held in the cafeteria during dinner. There is a huge problem with this because there is a good voting base of Cape Fear Commons, Pines,

and Creek Side for dwellers that do not possess meal plans. The majority of students who patronize the café are freshmen and sophomores. Having the voting unfold exclu-

sively in the cafeteria would almost certainly rob upperclassmen students and commuters of their voice to vote. I feel that this is almost immoral.

Having Homecoming voting under these circumstances would place an asterisk beside the name of the Homecoming King and Queen now and in the future. I don't think anybody wants to see that happen. In fact, I feel that Student Government and RHA in particular has not had a presence here this semester when it comes to student buzz, and the voting ineptness only proves my point. I can not be a part of these organizations now because I have to graduate from Methodist University, but I'm just a little worried about the majority of our student clubs right now.

Presidential Race

Let the Games Begin

David Santiago
Opinions editor

The political game will be an interesting one in the next few years. The closer we come to finally getting Bush out of the White House, the tenser the mood seems to get.

The religious right is still a major factor, although its support of Bush could be a huge weakening factor. The left is on equally thin ice due to the time they have wasted in name calling directed towards the right and not really do anything useful either. Unfortunately I think we are still condemned to a few more decades of the Republican/Democrat machine before any third parties (Libertarian, Socialist) gain any credibility.

Here is what I predict, at least until the actual campaigns for the White House gets going.

I am sure a woman will run in the next election. Hilary Clinton will most likely make the historic run. I don't think she was taken seriously enough to get run in the past but our current situation could be just the edge she needs to get elected. If the Democrats want to get a president in this time, I think Hilary would be a rather wise choice for them; however I also fear she could end up being the liberal equivalent of Bush, taking things to a leftist extreme in the same way Bush has often tried to take things to a rightwing extreme. This would only worsen our already dire

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Political Game Cont.

situation in this country from the other end. To get elected, she would be a wise choice, but as president, I think she would end up making a lot of enemies even in her own party. But it seems that she will be there choice anyway. Kerry has his name on the list again, but his recent comments may have killed his future.

The republican side may be harder to predict since the party is in such crisis from the last two terms. Colin Powell's name has come up. He ran once before but backed out, and never really approached the idea with much enthusiasm to begin with. I have heard it said that the reason he will not run is that he may feel that the first minority president will live under constant threat of assassination.

It does seem feasible that the first African American president will have to deal with an attempt on his or her life, and after putting his life on the line during several tours in Vietnam and being in such high places through other wars, it is understandable that he may feel he has risked enough. However the failure of the last Bush administration and his own disenchantment with it could be a good motive for him to decide to step forward and run.

Naturally John McCain's name has come up, but I honestly feel that if the Republicans want another president, I think their best bet would probably be former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. While his actual time in office was plagued with controversy over moral character, he is well known for having improved the over all atmosphere of New York City. He is most known today for being the mayor during the terrorist attacks on 9/11. In the spectrum of Republicans he is rather liberal; which could be his strongest selling point for the Republican Party.

Somehow I doubt he will end up running, and if he did he'll have to pull off one heck of a campaign, but looking at thing subjectively I feel he would be a wise choice. There may be better candidates on paper, but I have a real good feeling that he would do a good job pulling America out of the rut we are in.

Express Yourself

David Santiago

I am sitting here doing layout and I have three columns left with nothing to put in there at the moment. I took this position as opinion editor because I specialize in opinions. I'm outspoken at times and don't care what people think. If I say something the wrong way and THAT offends someone because it came out the wrong way, then I will apologize. But if I state an opinion clearly, intelligently and tactfully, I stand by what I say.

That being said, it seems that I often have to fill in space myself with my opinion. While I enjoy writing and stirring things up a bit, this is Not "Dave's Opinion Section." It's open for any of you that have something to say. And I know you all do. I listen to you conversations, I hear you all complain about stuff and your great ideas fore how to run the world. Well here is your chance to get it out there in a way that could actually make somewhat of an impact. We want your opinions.

Listen, if Gandhi or Martin Luther King Jr. had just sat around talking to there friends and people they feel safe around all day, do you think they would have ever made an impact? NO! Have the courage to tell the world exactly what is wrong with it. Have the guts to challenge conventions, or stand for your unpopular ideas. And writing is the perfect way to do it. No one can interrupt you, therefore you can avoid emotional responses that often leads to insults being given. You have the time to think over how you say things. You can work out your reasoning in a logical and systematic way.

So I am inviting anyone to offer an opinion. It can be a serious statement on a global issue, or a humorous reflection on a petty nonsensical irritant. There are only a few standards which I will lay out for you right now.

1) Be intelligent. I encourage strong statements but do it in a manner that is reasonable and not hinged on deliberately offending someone. Present your idea and give, I'll say three reasons why it's wrong or bad, and what can be done.

2) If being humorous, try and maybe do it in a way that can cause people to laugh at them selves rather than the total but of a joke.

3) Have fun with it. I write because I enjoy it. It helps me organize my ideas so that I know exactly where I stand. And shocking or making people laugh, even causing discussions leaves me with a real sense of satisfaction. often I do not know what I am writing about or where I stand on an issue until I have already began to type my ideas

out, it helps to define oneself when you can organize thoughts in such a way.

So please, if you have something to say, contact me at TazSntg@hotmail.com, or drop by the media office during the day. I'm not there all the time, but a good amount. If you meet the standards I just mentioned I will print it. Feel free to offer too debate me or anyone else as

well. Just pick a topic. If we disagree I'll gladly engage a friendly point/counterpoint with you. And no matter what I'll help you if you need it. If you think you're not a good enough writer to write an article, that's ok. All you need is something you feel passionate about, if you have that, you can write, I guarantee it. So ask me and I'll help you write it. So please, have the courage to stand by your values and write for the opinions.

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Entertainment

Alumni Art Exhibit Shows Cultural Traditions



Etsuko Martin with her piece Inner Japanese. Photo by Margina Cocozza Bendaña

Margina Cocozza Bendaña
Staff Writer

This show really represents what the person wanted to show and it is amazing how that doesn't change even though two, 20 or even 50 have years past. The concept of the person will live as long as their art survives. This show demonstrates that and left me with a big curi-

osity of meeting all the artists to ask them what they were thinking when they decided to create their work.

I liked all of the works; maybe there was one or two I didn't have the chance to look at carefully. However there was one that caught my attention from the moment I came in: Etsuko Martin's "Inner Japanese". I cannot express the feeling that

came on to me as I was admiring her piece.

I felt like I was in the presence of thousands of years of culture and traditions. I felt like time stopped and I was being introduced to the essence of Japan and its people. I thought this piece of art was the most striking because every single piece that composes its whole has and will stay with me for ever.

The impact that piece left on me is enormous: I felt I could touch the real Inner Essence of Japan. I am happy that I felt that and I admire Etsuko Martin, because that was exactly what she wanted me (and anybody that saw her work) to feel when I stood there in front of it.

Martin had other works in the exhibition: "Calendar" and "Prisoner". The last one is another one that caught my eye. This piece's point is strongly represented by the position of the man, its complexion and the bag in his face. It powerfully

"The show reflects the quality of the artists."

-Peggy S. Hinson,
Professor of Art



appeals to the feelings of those who can do nothing to save him from his sentence: he is always going to be waiting for death and the audience is always going to feel frustrated.

could not summarize Martin's work better than she would. I had the fortune to meet her and so I asked her some questions about her work in general and specifically "Inner Japanese".

About the "Inner Japanese" she said that she wanted to show everything from Japan, but not a self portrait.

She said the real and original religion in Japan was



Lutte L Erwin's "Learning from Monet" Acrylic on Canvas Painting. Photo by Ashley Genova



Patricia Wisniewski's Full Moon Swing Photo by Margina Cocozza Bendaña

called Shinto. She explained to me that it was stronger than any other religion.

However Japanese kept some things from this religion, like the calendar. So she decided to put together a drawing of a Japanese woman (everything is a drawing, except the sculpted face) and representations of different stories from the Shinto religion.

Thus, what her work show is the real Japanese spirit and a direct message about her ideas to the public.

Other art came from alumni as far back as the class of 1978. Paintings, sculptures, and drawings also made the show noteworthy.

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Singing Slugs, Potty Humor in 'Flushed Away'

Roger Moore
The Orlando Sentinel
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ready to party and watch Jolly Olde play in the World Cup in these swank new digs. Roddy is

mobsters chasing? Lara Croft-rat, aka Rita (Kate Winslet), an adventurous operator who

lariously spirited Jean Reno), serenading slugs and all manner

Flushed Away" starts meekly (a tribute to "Risky Business"), and only builds steam as the chases progress and the wacky gadgets and rat re-uses of popsicle sticks, pencils, tennis balls and the like pile up in a sight-gag overload.

Stories of fights between Aardman and Dreamworks have gotten out, and this is supposedly the last collaboration between the animators who made "Chicken Run" and "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Wererabbit" and the studio that made billions off "Shrek." American sitcom writers are add-on credits for the script. And there are other telltale signs of DreamWorkings.

Truth be told, DreamWorks' touches, such as computer-generated animation, a "joked up" script (potty gags) and lots and lots of pop music (some of it sung by Jackman, some by the singing slugs) are what give "Flushed Away" its breakneck tempo. Aardman's old fashioned, hand-crafted movies, with their elaborate sight gags and pratfalls, are probably more for adults than kids.

But here's hoping that "Flushed Away" won't be the last gurgle from Aardman in feature-film form. Aardman shows us that animated humor, even in the toilet, can still be good clean fun.

Flushed Away is the latest animation from those marvelous folks who made the various "Wallace & Gromit" movies. It's about rats, the World Cup, the Queen and toilets, four obsessions in its country of origin Great Britain.

It's also funny. Quite. At times.

A simple story, acted with as much ham as Ian McKellen, Kate Winslet, Billy Nighy and Andy Serkis can manage, "Flushed Away" takes us down the "loo" and into the sewery underworld of London, which is where the real inventiveness kicks in. The clay animators at Aardman have a gift for turning the commonplace into the fanciful, as rats tool about on hand mixers (as Jet Skis), in wash-tubs, propelled by mousetraps and inflated surgical gloves and who-knows-what in a breathless chase that owes a bit to "The Rescuers" and "The Great Mouse Detective."

Hugh Jackman stars as the voice of Roddy, a Kensington upper-class pet rat who has the run of his lonely, gilded prison whenever the humans (feebly computer-animated) are away. Then Spike (Shane Richie) pops up from the plumbing,

flushed down the drain to Spike's world.

That's where he discovers a world of sewer rats, slugs and frogs, of rodent mobsters (Serkis and Nighy) working for The Toad (a frog, actually, voiced by McKellen). And who are the

swipes jewels and other precious objects from the Queen-obsessed Toad.

Roddy is sucked into this altercation and must learn that in life it's not every-rat-for-himself, even for a loner like him. French frog ninjas (led by a hi-

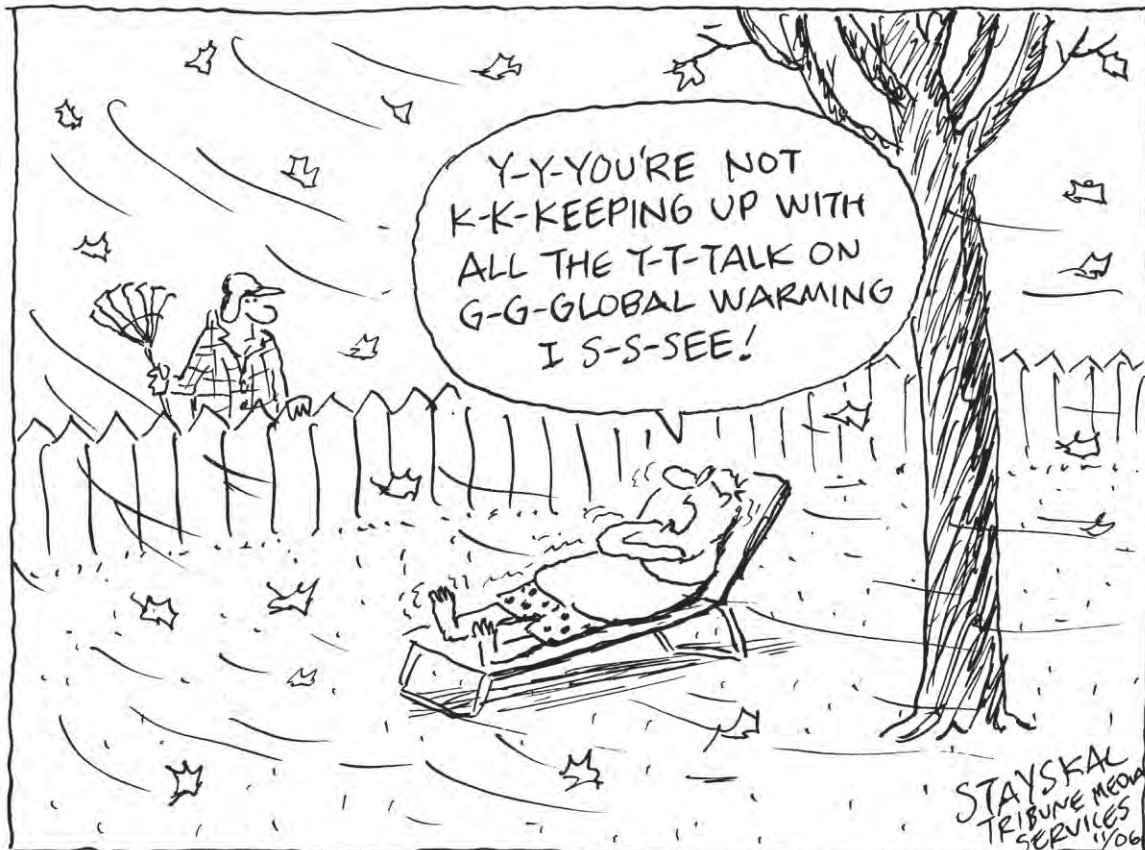
of sewer life aid or impede Rita and Roddy in their quest.

Aardman always scores points for the sheer giddiness of the animation, the big round mouths of chickens, rabbits, dogs and frogs as they blurt out utterly Britishisms such as "You plonker!" These are films to be savored, thoroughly British in their sense of tinkering and twittering and wit.

But "Flushed



Roddy (Hugh Jackman, left) and Rita (Kate Winslet, right) find themselves in the clutches of henchrats Whitey (Bill Nighy holding Roddy & Rita), and Spike (Andy Serkis, far right) in DreamWorks Animation's and Aardman Features' computer-animated comedy "Flushed Away." (Handout/MCT)



Sudoku By Michael Mepham

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Sports



Photo by Spencer Hardwick

Sad MU Homecoming

*Remille Shipman
Sports Editor*

Methodist students and alumni came from all over the country to celebrate the university's Homecoming on Nov. 4. But the end result wasn't what any Methodist fan wanted.

The Monarchs assured themselves of their first losing season since 2003 when they committed six turnovers en route to a disappointing 17-13 loss to Greensboro College. However, Methodist did have its opportunities to win throughout the game. Pride quarterback Calvin Bacon threw three interceptions and also committed a fumble, and running back Allen Williams turned the ball over at the Greensboro 18-yard line to give Methodist new life with 7:27 remaining in the game.

Methodist took advantage when freshman quarterback Brandon Parks scrambled for a touchdown run to cut the deficit to 17-13. However, Methodist botched the extra-point effort when they

mishandled the snap from center, which kept Methodist's deficit at four. Methodist's last chance for victory later ended with 2:03 left in the game when Parks' pass to Patrick Doleman was incomplete.

Methodist's offense could not get it together as Parks threw for only 50 yards on 9-for-21 passing and star halfback Mike Hill ran for only 38 yards. Special-teams miscues also hurt the Monarchs as two roughing-the-kicker penalties prolonged Greensboro offensive drives; one even helped the Pride score a touchdown.

The game also saw 13 Monarch seniors be honored at pre-game for their contributions to the Monarch program. Methodist will attempt to avoid a last-place finish in the USA South when they travel to Shenandoah on Nov. 11.

MU Adds Five Names to Athletic Hall of Fame

*Byron Lowe
Staff Writer*

On Friday, Nov. 3 Methodist University celebrated its ninth annual induction banquet for the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Inducted into the Hall where: Catherine Byrne, Class of 1991; Heather Hugus-Purgason, Class of 2000; Amy Todd, Class of 1999; Jamelle Ushery, Class of 1995; and Dr. Ernie Schwarz, Athletic Director from 1962 – 1966. These five join a list with 34 other names, but the 2006 class will have distinct differences. First they are the first to be inducted under the name Methodist University. Second, they are inducted on Methodist's 50th Anniversary, and third they are an exceptionally large group with five diverse individuals.

Byrne had the honor to be the first athlete inducted. She was a third team All-American in 1989, a first team All-American in 1990 and 1991, and an academic All-American in 1992. Byrne was also named first team all conference during the 1988, 1990 and 1991 seasons. While playing for the Lady Monarchs soccer team, Byrne and the team won three USA South regional championships.

Hugus-Purgason was a starting pitcher for the Monarchs Softball team from 1997 – 2000. Hugus-Purgason helped to lead Methodist to its first two NCAA Division III national tournament appearances in 1999

and 2000. Hugus-Purgason holds the Methodist pitching records for innings pitched (696), wins (66), strikeouts (596), and shut outs (17). She was a four time All-Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection and two-time DIAC Player of the Year.

The late Dr. Ernie Schwarz was a special inductee. Unlike the others, he was not a student of Methodist College. He not only served as the first Director of Athletics at Methodist, but he was also the college's first men's basketball and golf coach. In 1966, Schwarz was named DIAC Coach of the Year.

Amy Todd was a three-year starter and three year first team All-DIAC selection, Todd played basketball from 1996 – 1999. In 1999, Todd was the DIAC Player of the Year. She holds Methodist single game records for points (38), and field goals (15), she also has the single season record for rebounds (315).

Last but not least, Ushery was inducted. He was a standout track athlete and a NCAA All-American from 1993 – 1995. He was also a seven time Mason Dixie Conference Champion. Ushery made three appearances to the NCAA Outdoor Championships; once in 1993 where he finished 8th, then he finished 4th in both 1994 and 1995. Ushery was selected to the All-Mason Dixie Conference twenty three times during his career. He holds numerous indoor and outdoor hurdle records.

Volleyball Season Concludes

*Remille Shipman
Sports Editor*

Halloween wasn't kind to the Lady Monarchs as they saw their up-and-down season come to a quick and sudden end.

Methodist's hopes of winning the USA South conference tournament title and the NCAA tournament bid that comes with it were dashed on Oct. 31 when they were swept in three games by the home standing Ferrum Panthers by scores of 21-30, 14-30, and 20-30. The Lady Monarchs actually defeated Ferrum three games to two during a neutral-site contest at North Carolina Wesleyan on October 28, but Ferrum's home-field advantage proved too much for Methodist to handle.

Sophomore Sara Yeatman led the Lady Monarchs with six kills and four digs, while freshman Taylor Cates had four kills, two aces, and six digs. Sophomore Katy Flaherty finished with 18 assists and four digs.

The young Lady Monarchs concluded the season with a 15-17 overall record and a 6-8 mark in USA South play. Although head coach Eddie Matthews fielded a team with 14 freshmen in 2006, the experience gained this season will certainly aid the program in 2007. Senior Caryn Moreland, who finished her career with 524 digs, will be the only one lost to graduation.

Lady Monarchs receive bid to NCAA Tourney

*Byron Lowe
Staff Writer*

The Methodist Lady Monarch soccer team has had an excellent season with a record of 16-3-2. Thanks to an NCAA Tournament at-large bid, their season is not yet over.

The Lady Monarchs will join 59 other teams in the NCAA National Soccer tournament. Their first game will be on Nov. 11 against the Scots of Maryville College. This will be the Lady Monarchs first entry into the Tournament since 1995, and the first one under Coach Tony Tommasi.

Their entrance into the tournament will be a tip to their accomplishment throughout the season and the playoffs. After finishing the regular season with a perfect 7-0 record against USA South Athletic Conference opponents, the Monarchs entered the conference tournament as the number one seed.

The Lady Monarchs entered the first round taking on Peace on Oct. 31. The Lady Monarchs slaughtered the Pacers 10-0 to advance to the Semi-Finals.

The Lady Monarchs would receive a little more challenge in the semifinal game against Averett, but they still came out on top by a score of 5-1. After defeating the Cougars, the Lady Monarchs advanced to the USA South Athletic Conference soccer finals.

The conference finals pit the Lady Monarchs against the Christopher Newport Captains. The winner would receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, so the pressure was on. The first half was a fierce battle for 45 long minutes, where the Captains would come out on top with a 2-0

lead at halftime. But the Monarchs came out in the second half with a determination to not be shut out at home. A comeback would not be easy, for the Captains defense seemed unshakable. Whitney Roberson would get the Monarchs on the board first. Thanks to an assist from Ashley Kolano, Roberson struck in the goal at 57:04 on the clock.

Sitting in the audience with 30 seconds left on the clock, one could feel urgency among Methodist fans, who saw their team down 2-1 with the clock running out. When the 10 second countdown came on the loud speaker, the atmosphere switched to one of prayer and dire urgency. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 a whistle sounds, the clock stops on 1, but why? Christopher Newport's goal keeper gets off the ground and looks to the back of her net in disgust, for in her sight is the miracle strike from Chrystal Bradley. With the clock running out, Bradley would not give up, but was drove down the field straight through the Captains defense where she would be fouled and awarded a free kick from approximately 18 yards out. It took her three seconds to set up the kick, three to shoot, and only one left on the clock to save the game in regulation time. The crowd immediately erupted into sheer jubilation.

The game went into two overtime halves. Both of them ended scoreless, and the game went into a shootout to determine the winner. Christopher Newport would win the shootout 3-2, and leave the Lady Monarchs hoping to make the NCAA Tournament. But thanks to the at-large bid, the Lady Monarchs season is not yet over.



Ashley Sloan tries to psych out a defenseman in order to attack the net. The Lady Monarchs will be facing the Fighting Scots of Maryville College in their first round game on Nov. 11. Photo by Remille Shipman

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Out with the old, in with the new: The King made his official Methodist University debut during the pre-game Homecoming. The old Monarch mascot is pictured with junior cheerleader Melinda Meyer, while The King cheers the Monarchs to victory on the photo on the right.

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