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GROOVY! Todd Sackewitz Crowned Mr. Methodist

Ashley Young
News Editor

And the winner of the third annual Mr. Methodist Pageant is... Todd Sackewitz! Sackewitz is a sophomore sponsored by the ROTC. For his talent he played several songs on his guitar.

The show opened with the "Disco Divas" dancing to the song, "It's Raining Men." The contestants came out on stage, doing an opening number in which the guys strutted their stuff for all the ladies in the audience.

Next Justin Morehead sang and played on his guitar "Shady Grove" and "For My Brother."

The talent competition followed Morehead's act. Travis Lockett, sponsored by Pearce Hall, gave the audience an inspirational speech which he had written. David Santiago, sponsored by Men's Bible Study, did a stand up comedy routine. Kent Culmer, sponsored by the International Club, showed the audience a martial arts defense routine. The First Year Experience sponsored Miguel Perdomo who sang "If I Ever." Remille Shipman, sponsored by the Parent's As-

sociation lip synched "Heya," by Outkast. He ran around Reeves including all of the audience in his song. The Men's Bible Study also sponsored Ben Gray, who gave a speech on perseverance. He spoke about his younger brother who lost his two front teeth in an ice skating accident. Instead of crying, his brother persevered and searched for his teeth. Erik Casteel, was sponsored by the Student Activities Committee, danced and rapped to Justin Timberlake's "My Love."

The talents were followed by formal wear and questions. Every contestant was escorted across stage by a young female



escort and then asked one question on which they were judged. Casteel won Second Runner Up and Gray won First

Runner Up with Sackewitz taking the 'fro instead of the crown. Omega Jones, DJ of Foxy 99, hosted.



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Justin Morehead and his guitar. Photo by Cara Hale.



Left, Host Omega Jones. Right, the Disco Divas. Below, the contestants, judges, and escorts of Mr. Methodist. Photos by Sammie Burke



New Addition to the House

Byron Lowe
Staff Writer

Chris's House, which is known to many students for their various student activities or a spot to relax and hang out, has added a new member to their staff. The newest member who will be filling the title of Assistant Director of Student Activities is Casey DiGrezio.

DiGrezio has recently moved to Fayetteville from Spring Lake, NC with her husband who is now stationed at Fort Bragg. DiGrezio graduated from Davidson College, NC, and has a degree in Psychology. However, DiGrezio has always had a thing for being involved in Student Activities, in fact her

last employment was very similar to her new position here at Methodist.

When DiGrezio heard of the opening at Chris's House, she personally applied, and has now been employed there for approximately four weeks. She said is excited to assist in creat-



Inside of Chris' House. Photo from smallTALK Achieves.

ing, establishing, and building up various student programs. She is also involved with parent programs as the Parent Program Coordinator.

DiGrezio would like to encourage students to look out for upcoming events, like the Methodist pageants. The pageants will involve participants showing off various talents, model formal wear, and display intelligence during a question and answer session.

From everyone here at Methodist University we welcome you, DiGrezio, we hope that not only you will enjoy your time with us, but make it fun for us as well.

Coach Conley Inducted Into GCAA Hall Of Fame

Jameson Jones
Staff Writer

On Jan. 23, Methodist University Men's Golf Coach Steve Conley was inducted into the Golf Coaches Association of America Hall of Fame during a ceremony in Cape Canaveral, FL. Conley, who has been coaching the Monarch golf team since 1987, said that this honor "Is a reflection of the great people that have played for me over the past 20 years."

During his tenure, Coach Conley has led the Men's Golf Team to nine team National Championships, nine individual National Championships, 17 team Conference Championships and 14 individual USA South Conference Champion-

ships.

With this honor and pleasure of being at Methodist University, Conley also says that he has the opportunity to continue his passion of teaching golf not only to the Men's Team but to the PGM students. When asked about the recent purchase of King's Grant Golf Course by Methodist University, he said, "I am excited about the new opportunity for the PGM program to expand along with the new relationship with King's Grant Country Club."

Coach Conley and the Methodist University Men's Golf Team will tee off the 2007 spring season with the Mid Pines Invitational on Feb. 26-27 in Southern Pines, N.C.

Dreamgirls from Methodist Sparkle

Melanie Gibson
Contributing Writer

Seven Dreamgirls glided their way across the stage in the opening number, set to the song "Dreamgirls," at the Miss Fayetteville Pageant held at the J. W. Seabrook Auditorium at Fayetteville State University on Saturday, Jan. 20.

Two Dreamgirls are students at Methodist University, sophomore Tiffanie Wagner and senior Ashley Kotz.

Both contestants, along with their competitors, competed in three categories including swimsuit, entertainment, and evening wear.

Each contestant was individually interviewed by the judge's panel prior to the competition that evening. Pageant participants were then asked another question concerning their platform during the evening wear competition.

For the swimsuit competition, Wagner wore a bright yellow two piece. RJ Lassiter, Wagner's stunt partner on the cheerleading team, commented that "her swimsuit was banging." Kotz wore a zebra print two piece. She mentioned later that her pageant coach was excited that she had chosen to wear something zebra print in the pageant because her coach had not seen a contestant do that before.

Following the swimsuit competition was the entertainment portion of the pageant. Wagner chose to perform an original cheer and dance mix that she choreographed herself.

Kotz did give a vocal performance. She performed an opera piece titled "Love is Where You Find It" from the opera "The Kissing Bandit." Kotz received the "Best Talent" recognition for her performance.

The last portion of the pageant was the evening wear competition. Wagner wore a sparkly light blue gown and escorted by her father David Wagner. Her platform dealt with child obesity. When she was asked what she would first do to prevent child obesity, she answered by saying that she would set up programs within schools that would allow children to exercise for at least an hour a day.

Kotz wore a curvy turquoise dress and was escorted by her step father Donny Stafford, captain of the Fayetteville Fire Department. Her platform was about patriotism. The judges asked about how patriotic she felt America really was and she responded by saying that Americans are definitely patriotic and that their patriotism is evident with the amount of American flags and "support our troops" banners that are on display.

When the results were finally announced, Kotz received "Best Talent," "Miss Congeniality," and "First Runner Up."

Second runner up went to Kaity Parson of Fayetteville State University and Jenna Racine Walters of University of North Carolina at Pembroke won "Miss Fayetteville." Walters will go on to compete in the Miss North Carolina pageant and could potentially go on to compete in the Miss America Pageant.

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Opinions

War in Vietnam...I mean Iraq

David Santiago
Opinions Editor

No enemy lines, lack of motivation within the troops, protest at home falling on deaf ears of a government with an agenda. Am I talking about Vietnam or Iraq?

It's hard to tell, because they are basically the same thing. In the 1960s thousands of troops were sent over seas to fight a war in the small Southeast Asian country of Vietnam as part of the struggle between the communist and capitalist world.

The basic atmosphere of the Vietnam era is something immortalized in the music of the time as well as many movies such as "Born on the Fourth of July." Protest, political battles, immense social change and scare tactics based on half truths promoted to win support from citizens are a signature of this time. There were no clear battle lines, and the Vietcong saturated the entire country in a kind of war that had not been seen in centuries. No western nation was prepared to fight such a war.

Let's fast forward to 2007 and see how things have changed. We find ourselves in a war with no clear battle line between our soldiers and the enemy, protest are taking place and

the government builds scare tactics on half truths about 9/11 and the leaders of the nations we are fighting. Wait, so what's changed? To sum it up, now we are in a desert, not a jungle.

It is common to refer to Vietnam as a cease fire. A cease fire, such as the 50 year long one we have had in Korea, involved armies stopping where they are, holding what ground they are on and mutually agreeing on some level of temporary and limited peace. In Vietnam we simply pulled out, and the regime we were trying to prevent from taking over took over. Now, where I come from that is called a surrender and loss. There is no getting around it, we lost the war in Vietnam after years of being beaten down by the opposing army. That's called a loss.

Both wars were illegal acts of pre-emptive aggression unsanctioned by international law. Deception was involved in both wars as well. In Iraq, it was disproved that there was a WMD threat and assumed a Saddam-Osama connection, even though these two had openly expressed a certain amount of contempt for each other. In Vietnam, it was the fabricated Gulf of Tonkin incident. This was in 1964 when President Lyndon B. Johnson claimed that the North Vietnamese attacked U.S. ships.

Both wars claimed to be about promoting democracy. South Vietnam staged elections and saw governments controlled by the U.S. Iraq has had one

election so far in which most voters say they were casting ballots primarily to get the US to leave. The US has stage-managed Iraq's interim government.

With all these parallels, what is the light at the end of the tunnel, there is none. People need to handle their own internal problems and we can't help that. As for the oil factor, I think as gas prices go up more and more Americans will see the wisdom in alternative fuels such as hydrogen and ethanol, and with the demand, cheaper ways of making it. Thus even the oil excuse won't fly.

One positive difference I will point out is that despite people's sentiments against the war, our generation is much more sympathetic to the troops. In Vietnam much of the protest was as directed to the soldiers, many of whom were drafted, as it was to the government. The slogan for this war seems to be "Debate the war, but support the troops." Many people who protest the war now are aware that many of the soldiers had no choice in the matter and can't be blamed for being dragged into the situation. The protest is much more rightly directed to where the evil of it all lies, the government.

About the only difference between the two wars appears to be the climate of the countries we are fighting in, and the fact that a draft was in place in Vietnam. But let's face it, Bush is pretty dumb, so he may be thick-headed enough to restate that.

Remille's Rhetoric

Remille Shipman
Sports Editor



magazine of Methodist's community (aka Facebook). If that wasn't enough, I've

Love at Methodist, Part 1: What Do I Really Think About Valentine's Day?

Everyone realizes that a grand old holiday called Valentine's Day will be celebrated worldwide on Feb. 14. I don't have to explain to everyone what Valentine's Day is about. From my understanding it's supposedly a special day for couples to celebrate their relationship or marriage. Guys give their significant other expensive gifts, take them out to a cheesy, romantic movie, or buy them hoards of chocolate candy. At least this is what comes to mind when I think of Valentine's Day.

I think the concept of taking your loved one out to an expensive spaghetti dinner once in a while is a noble one. If you want your relationship to mean something, you'd do that sort of thing to surprise your lover. But I think it is ridiculous to set aside one day to show your love for your boyfriend or girlfriend. I mean, it really is.

Call me a Valentine's Day "grinch" if you want, but if you really care about your significant other, shouldn't you pretend that every private moment with him or her resemble the rituals of Valentine's Day? You don't have to spend large amounts of money on candy and jewelry every time, but I know I would make my girlfriend feel as loved as possible on every possible occasion.

I have also witnessed something that I feel is a direct result of the fact that Valentine's Day is around the corner. During the first two weeks of the semester I have seen more single women around here than usual change their relationship status to taken on the People

also seen more couples in the last two weeks socialize in the Berns Student Center or Trustees building that weren't couples at the end of last semester.

The increase in relationships may be just a coincidence, but I believe that the impending arrival of Valentine's Day may be the only reason why more people get into relationships in January. I discussed this matter with a friend of mine recently, and we concluded that girls seem to prefer jumping into new relationships around this time so they could improve their status with their "girlfriends." Please, anybody who does that is insecure, and I think that any relationship formed with Valentine's in mind has a great chance of failure.

I've already decided that I won't celebrate Valentine's Day once it arrives. I haven't celebrated it in seven years because I believe it is the most overrated holiday of the year. You just don't need to set aside a day to emphasize something that can be shown every single day. And I feel for the students here that want so-called valentines and won't have them. I'm sure that they will feel a little bit smaller once February 14 rolls around.

Stay tuned-I'll weigh in for the last time on a topic that has been known for at least the past half-decade next time.

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Kings Grant Golf Course

Point/Counterpoint

Jameson Jones
Staff Writer

Methodist University recently purchasing the King's Grant Golf Club in Fayetteville and I feel that it was a good decision by the school. It will certainly help to enhance the PGM program. Since the program only has the Methodist University Golf Club as their lone golf course to teach many of their classes, this purchase will allow for the professors to teach the same classes and possibly more at two facilities.

With the increased demand for internships and other work-related positions in the PGM program, King's Grant can serve students where they can be able to apply a lot of the knowledge learned inside the classroom onto a real golf club business with the convenience of being close to campus.

In addition, this purchase will help with the expansion of the PGM program from 300 to 400 students which would mean more funding for not only the PGM program but various academic and extracurricular programs for all Methodist University students due to the money that is coming in from tuition and student activities fees.

The purchase may seem at first to be just beneficial for PGM but in the coming years, we will see that this purchase will help Methodist University grow in all aspects and become a higher known institution.

David Santiago
Opinions Editor

Maybe I'm ill informed, but doesn't the school already have a golf course? I don't mean to contempt towards my friends in the PGM program, it's great that we have such a renowned program, but did we really need that Golf course?

I am going to be blunt here. The traditional dorms are falling apart. Garber and Weaver need new air condition and heating systems last I heard, and as for Cumberland and Sanford, well, we just need new Cumberland and Sanford's. When I was an RA I did my practice Room Condition Reports in them and I was disgusted. NO ONE EXPECTS THEM TO BE THE HILTON! But the condition they are in now is well below even basic standards.

There are the classroom buildings also. The Trustees building houses all of the Liberal Arts departments. The Trustees building needs a lot of attention. The offices are way too small, and the heating and air in the classrooms never is working.

Expectation seems to be that it will be a business owned by the school and bring more money in. I'm not so sure about that. It is one thing when you have an owner who makes money off something as his primary business, but with these expected costs, I fear maintaining and staffing the Golf Course could be a financial drain.

In conclusion, the Kings Grant Golf Course would be a great enhancement to the school if we took care of the more important things first. This golf course is a waste of money.

A Voice From The Wilderness

David Santiago



Confessions of a Cynic

I'm one of those people. You know, a cynic, pessimist, someone who predicts the darker side of every situation. I expect the worst outcome, and generally look on anything that seems too good with suspicion.

People generally take cynicism to mean depressed, spiteful, think I'm carrying a grudge. That's not it at all. It's how I deal with reality, through humor and just not conforming to optimistic ignorance. I'm actually a real happy guy. Many of us whom are labeled with one or more of these titles get that stigma. The worst part is many people also think it's un-Christian. They want us to be the same happy-go-lucky, nothing is wrong with my life with God automations. That's not what it's about.

George Bernard Shaw once said that "The power of accurate observation is commonly called cynicism by those who have not got it." When I make cyclical remarks about life, things in our society and even the church, I don't do it to belittle the people of my own faith, I'm just trying to get people to see things as they are.

SO yes, I roll my eyes when people say things like "Jesus spoke to me and told me..." Or so pompously throw around catch phrases that are supposed to prove a point like "God cre-

ated Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve" or "The Bible says it, I believe it that settles it." As Voltaire once so truly put it, "A witty saying proves nothing."

This is not to say I am apathetic to joy and inspiration, I simply choose to acknowledge the high chances that things will not go exactly as planned. That's the problem most people have. They think their life will go so great if they have a positive attitude or if they pray to God, but they expect it to be based on their own conceptions of what the end results will be. Ergo, when things fail to turn out as expected, they crash. People need to acknowledge that they may always struggle with money, emotions and sickness, that is real life.

And this is where we cynics come in. We pretty much approach life knowing this will always be imperfect and a struggle. And it's for that reason we live according to the laws of some mystery man my father taught me about named "Murphy." We reject the things said by so many televangelists who presume to think that if everyone agreed with them and built a nation according to their interpretation of the Bible everything will be all right, just like it was in ancient Israel, eh?

If I may go off on a side note, what do we need to do to get people to see how evil these guys are? I'm talking of course about the likes of Pat Robertson, John Haggee, and Benny Hinn. Listen, these men don't care about God or your soul, there only interested in power and your money.

But returning to the main point here, I am one of those black sheep in the midst of our churches that choose not to throw around phrases like "God spoke to me." I do believe God inspires and guides my heart, but not to the point that I can confidently say it as though God said something audibly in my ear thus making everything I say and do "the will of God."

It's not that we're un-biblical either as I have been accused once or twice. It's just that I have to recognize that ev-

ery reader and community brings a different perspectives as to what things mean, so I can't base things like my political options and how I relate to my neighbors who might be Muslim or Gay or whatever purely on the moral guidance of the Bible that applies to my worldview. It's not that I am against the church, but yes I don't sit my faith in the church because if you do you will be disappointed. The church will fail you at some point. I like worshiping as a community, but it's not a necessity to my faith, my faith exist as something separate from the church, that's all, the church will not always be there for me in every situation. The church doesn't always have the right answer.

I expect there always to be a struggle with something no matter where I am, because that's what the world is like. Optimistic people often find themselves in the middle of drama, it's because they just keep thinking things will work out if they just have this much faith and love God enough and all that and they must be sinning too much because something always seems to be going wrong... Hey, we all are sinning, I'm not condoning it. I'm just saying that that's the condition we are in. That's why God says he would FORGIVE us; he wouldn't need to forgive us if we were capable of not sinning. And yes, life is a struggle; you may always struggle with money, sickness and a million other things. Even at my tender young age I've come to terms with that. Just don't sweat it. Do what you got to do today, worry about tomorrow when tomorrow is today.

Pessimism and cynicism for me is more Zen thing. I have plenty of joy in life, in the little things, because the big things are always going to be struggle. And when something does go right it's a nice surprise, isn't it? All in all it comes, ironically, to a nice little witty saying I have lived by much of my life by. "A Pessimist is never disappointed."

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Entertainment

"Catch and Release" Lighthearted Comedy

Ashley Genova
Editor-in-chief

The story of "Catch and Release" drips with sap, yet is moving and lighthearted.

Gray, the main character, loses her fiancé, Grady to an accident shortly before their wedding. Unable to pay her rent, she moves in with her fiancé's fishing-obsessed friends, Dennis and Sam. Their friend, Fritz, also decides to crash at the house. The movie set is very

picturesque with the action all in a small, rural town. The soundtrack of acoustic guitar adds to the mood, despite the dark feelings of Gray as she discovers Grady's secrets.

Overall, the movie is no tearjerker. The death of a loved one should pull at the heartstrings, but nothing is known about Grady other than he was a loved man. Even pictures of him are blurred or shadowed.

"Catch and Release" works well as a comedy. The

drama is downplayed by funny moments throughout the movie, mostly courtesy of Sam the goofball. But all of the characters have their moments of humor, such as Gray's confessions ("I steal library books!").

But sap still drips through humor. The characters come together to deal with their loss, with support and sentimental dialogue. Somehow, the sappiness, comedy and drama come together to make the plot workable.



The group of friends. Photo courtesy by us.movies1.yimg.com

VH1 TV Beat

Dionne Drakes
staff writer

I Love New York

Did you get enough of Miss Tiffany, New York Patterson, on VH1 Flavor of Love Season one and two, no?

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Hogan Knows Best

"They don't know nothing 'bout us, Brother!" We watched him beat people up in the ring, we watched him make his presence felt on the big screen and now we get to watch

him be a husband and a dad. After about thirty years of wrestling, the 53 year old is as strong as ever. He has plenty on his plate, as he and his family are in their 3rd season of "Hogan Knows Best"



Hogan knows best cast. Photo cortesey on VH1, by image.com.

becoming one of America's favorite reality family. Now, out of the wrestling business, except for a few guest appearances, Hulk is focused on managing his daughter's music career as the blonde bombshell is promoting her first single, "About Us," on her newly released album "UNDISCOVERED." Catch the Hogans on VH1 Sunday night at 10pm, Brothers.

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"The Good Shepherd" Surpasses Expectations

David Santiago
Opinions Editor

I thoroughly enjoyed this film. The Movie is the story of the founders of the CIA, mainly Matt Damon's character Edward Wilson. It traces his steps from a Yale poetry student called on by a FBI agent, played by Alec Baldwin, to spy on his alleged NAZI professor. Through WWII, he learns of spy techniques from British intelligence. Later on he is called on top head counter intelligence for the new Central Intelligence Agency, formed partly in response to the Soviet Union's atomic capability. Through the Red Scare of the



The Good Shepherd.
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1950s and finally the failed "Bay of Pigs" attempt to bring down Fidel Castro, deals with family issues while going down in history as a founder of one of Americas most mythic and mysterious agencies.

This was an excellent movie. I would dare say it would have to be Matt Damon's best role since Good Will Hunting. It was also the only movie I have ever actually liked Angelina Jolie in. I guess her acting abilities finally decided to show themselves for this one, and they made her look half way normal. The Movie also contained excellent appearances by Robert DeNiro, Joe Pesci, and John Turturro. All in all I give this movie 5 stars.



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"Dream Girls" On The Big Screen

Dionne Drakes
Staff writer

"Dream Girls," with a 4 star rating, is considered one of the best movies. The cast included Grammy award winners, Beyonce and Jamie Foxx, along with the Golden Globe Award winner with the platinum voice Ms. Jennifer Hudson. Based on Tom Ewen, Tony Award winning Broadway Musical, "Dream Girls" is an absolute must see movie with some of the best musical performances seen on the big screen in a while.



The "Scrubs" cast. Photocourtesy by www.jasoncoleman.info

Scrubs Trivia

MCT Campus

The TV comedy "Scrubs" currently is in its sixth season. How much do you know about the NBC series?

1. What is the name of the hospital on "Scrubs"?
A. County General Hospital
B. Sacred Heart Hospital
C. Seattle Grace Hospital
D. St. Mary's Hospital

2. Before playing Dr. Elliot Reid, actress Sarah Chalke appeared on what sitcom?
A. "Full House"
B. "Kate and Allie"
C. "Roseanne"
D. "Family Ties"

3. What is Turk's first name?
A. Chris
B. John
C. Don
D. Marion

4. "Scrubs" star Zach Braff won which of the following awards for his movie "Garden

- State"?
A. Academy Award for Best Screenplay
B. Grammy for Best Compilation Soundtrack Album
C. Independent Spirit Award for Best Actor
D. Golden Globe for Most Promising Filmmaker
5. Actor Neil Flynn plays The Janitor on the show, but he first auditioned for which role?
A. Dr. Cox
B. Dr. Kelso
C. Ted (the hospital's lawyer)
D. The surgeon "The Todd"

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2. C.
3. A.
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Sports

Sports Management Club Seeks Members

Remille Shipman
Sports Editor

Methodist University offers clubs and organizations that cater to nearly every student's whim. Now, even students majoring in sport management have a club of their own.

Methodist's Sports Management club seeks to further expand its membership and give sports management majors and non-majors the opportunity to learn about the business side of sports.

The club appeared on the Methodist scene when it hosted "Sports Fest 2006: The Ultimate Study Break" in April 2006.

The club also attended the International Conference of Sport & Entertainment at the University of South Carolina on Nov. 8-9, 2006, where members received the opportunity to network and make contact with others in the sports management community.

The club members plan to launch the Sports Fest event again for the second consecutive

year on Reading Day at the end of the semester. In addition, the club plans to attend another conference at Georgia Southern University, attend a Carolina Hurricanes game (while also receiving the opportunity to view the organization's behind-the-scenes operations).

"That's going to be a lot of fun," vice president Sean Brennan said about the Hurricanes trip.

Brennan and president Kate Roth said they also want to help increase fan attendance at

traditionally non-revenue athletic events this semester, including sports such as softball and lacrosse.

However, Roth and Brennan are focused on increasing membership.

They would ideally like to increase their numbers to 50 or 75 members in the future.

"We're out there," Roth said. "It takes members to (help better the club)."

The club, under the advisement of Dr. Greg Combs di-

rector of the Sports Management program, meets on Monday and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in Clark Auditorium.

For more information about the concentration in Sports Management, visit their page at <http://www.methodist.edu/business/sportsm.htm> where you can be able to download a PowerPoint presentation detailing the program.

Weekly Sports Trivia Quiz: NHL, NFL

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than 2,000 points during his NHL career.

QUESTIONS:

- 1.) How many teams did "The Great One," Wayne Gretzky, play for during his NHL career?
- 2.) What was the winner's share for individual players in Super Bowl I?
- 3.) Current Pittsburgh owner Mario Lemieux is ninth on the NHL's all-time goal-scoring list. How many goals did he score during his career with the Penguins?
- 4.) How many Super Bowls did Bill Walsh win as coach of the San Francisco 49ers?
- 5.) True or False: Mark Messier scored more

ANSWERS:

- 1.) Four. Wayne Gretzky played for, in order, the Edmonton Oilers, Los Angeles Kings, St. Louis Blues and New York Rangers.
 - 2.) In Super Bowl I, when the Green Bay Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10, each winning Packer received \$15,000. Note that last year, each winning Pittsburgh Steeler received \$73,000.
 - 3.) Mario Lemieux scored 690 goals.
 - 4.) Bill Walsh won Super Bowls during the
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Men's and Women's Basketball Go Through Midst of Seasons

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Both basketball teams had an impressive weekend, playing two games each (Jan. 27 and 28).

Lady Monarchs

The Lady Monarchs were riding a five-game winning streak going into Saturday's match up versus conference rival Christopher Newport Captains.

The Captains came into the game ranked second in the USA South preseason poll, while the Monarchs were ranked fourth.

The game contained 50 minutes of action, two overtime periods, 14 lead changes, 8 ties, and two game saving scores with less than 10 seconds in the

game.

The Captains took an early lead by taking advantage of Methodist turnovers in the first half. Methodist gave up a total of 19 points to the Captains due to turnovers in the first half, and found themselves down 46 - 32 at halftime.

However, the tables would turn in the second half. The Captains found themselves giving the Monarchs 12 points off of turnovers, while the Monarchs held them to only 3 points off turnovers.

Although the Monarchs cut down on the turnovers, the Captains were still finding ways to score, and with only 2:35 left on the clock the Monarchs were still down 68 - 63.

They would need a defensive stop and at least five more points. They would find both defensive stops, and scoring by

guard Zan Messer. Messer would score the last five points of regulation time to tie the game up for the Monarchs.

With the game being tied after regulation time, the Captains and Monarchs would start their first five minute overtime period.

Once again with 10 seconds left in the game, the Monarchs found themselves down, and again Messer saved the game with a lay up with only seven seconds on the clock. Messer's lay up tied the game at 77 - 77. The final period would go down to the wire as well, but the Monarchs would fall short and lose the game 86 - 84. Messer had a chance to tie the game, but the third time would not be a charm on that night.

In the heart breaker Stacy Williams would have a big game with 27 points, and Ashley Harris chipped in with 10 points, 7



Senior forward Dragan Radmonovic prepares to shoot a free throw. The Monarchs will be back in action Feb. 6 as they take on the Averett Cougars in a USA South Conference game. Photo by Remille Shipman

assists, and 4 blocks.

The Lady Monarchs would play again on the 28th. The Monarchs did not let the loss to Christopher Newport get them down for they would crush the visiting Shenandoah Hornets 81 - 66. This win put the Lady Monarchs at 10 - 7 overall, and 4 - 3 in the conference.

The Monarchs will be playing seven more conference games, meaning if they still have an opportunity to put themselves in a decent rank for the tournament.

After the game, coach Jarman stated that her team is maturing and coming together at the right time. That their goal is to win more games to jockey themselves for a good position to enter the tournament.

The highlight of the day for the Lady Monarchs was forward Stacy Williams. Williams became the fifth person in Methodist women's basketball history to score more than 1,000 points.

Coach Jarman is going to miss her senior forward (Williams) after this season, stating that for a basketball team, Stacy is everything, a hard worker, plays with heart and soul, and is loved by her team mates.

Monarchs

The men also had a very successful weekend, winning both of these games. They also had a thrilling over time match

versus Christopher Newport.

The Monarchs defeated the Captains on Saturday by a score of 86 - 85. Senior Robert Lee had 23 points with 5 steals, and freshman Adrian Bascom put up 19 points in the Monarchs big win.

The Monarchs then defeated the Shenandoah Hornets on Sunday 89 - 78. Robert Lee had a second big night with 22 points, and Dragan Radmanovic put up 17.

The Monarchs are now 8 - 10 overall, but still in the conference race at 3 - 3.

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1981, 1984 and 1988 seasons.

5.) False just barely, though. Mark Messier scored 1,887 points in his illustrious career (694 goals and 1,193 assists.)

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