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An undated photo courtesy of Bill Billings shows the construction of Cumberland Hall. This hall is considered to be a "traditional hall," which will be restored at the end of the campaign

## A Phone Call Away from Restoring the Classics

*Ashley Young*  
News Editor

Methodist is "restoring the classics with a month long Phone-A-Thon, which held to help raise money in for the four traditional residence halls on campus.

"Students are making phone calls to alumni and current parents to raise money for renovations to Garber, Cumberland, Weaver, and Sanford," said Bridget Holcomb, a participating student.

The halls she mentioned called the traditional residence halls, which are the oldest on campus.

About 15 students were hired and received commission to make the calls for improvements to the residence halls. For the past two years people from outside the university were hired to make calls for various fundraisers.

Over \$40,000 was raised in a six weeks by the Phone-A-Thon which is part of a larger "Restoring the Classics Campaign." The campaign is attempting to raise 2.2 million dollars to go towards the residence halls. The money will be used to provide rooms with individual air condi-

tioning/heating units that the students can change as they please. Also, the money will go towards renovating the bathrooms in the lobbies of the four traditional dorms.

Another program going within the "Restoring the Classics Campaign," is letters were sent to alumni and parents stating that if they donated \$1000 dollars to Methodist, for this campaign, then they could have a plaque placed outside the door of one of the rooms with their name on it.

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Methodist University ROTC Cadets conducted their first Field Training Exercise (FTX) this year at Fort Bragg on Sept. 29 and 30. The FTX was designed to test the organizational skills of the senior cadets and welcome underclassmen in the program.

This FTX was geared mainly toward preparing cadets for one of their biggest challenges to be encountered throughout their military training. Land navigation is one of the most perishable skills

a cadet can have. Land navigation requires a lot of training to sustain and improve.

Cadets from Methodist University, as well as three other schools, gathered at the parking lot adjacent to Reeve's Auditorium at 5 a.m. on Saturday. They proceeded into the auditorium to take a written land navigation test. This mainly includes identifying terrain on a map, and other skills like locating rally points and measuring distances. Once they were done, the cadets were escorted to the training site on Fort Bragg.

Cadets accompanied seniors while navigating through the woods searching for points.

## ROTC Navigates the Forests of Fort Bragg

Students in the training site. Contributed photo.

Cadets are only provided with a map, compass, protractor and point locations as provided through a GPS. This can be a challenging task because cadets are not allowed to use GPS systems.

While in the field, some cadets were introduced to the Army issued field rations like, "Meal, Ready-to-Eat" (MRE's) for the first time. They were also instructed on some field survival techniques that are not just specific to the military.

The Military Science Department conducts at least four FTXs each year. The next will be Nov 17.

# Adelphean Society Gives Presentation on Sickle Cell

**Mary Davis**  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday Oct. 23 the Adelphean Society held a presentation on sickle cell disease. Mrs. Patrica A. Broxton-Perkin, a nurse at the Operation Sickle Cell Inc., was the speaker along with her guest and fellow student, Andre Harris. Perkin discussed, and enlightened the audience of 40 people, with the causes and symptoms of sickle cell disease.

Operation Sickle Cell Inc. is located at 2409 Murchison Rd. in Fayetteville. This non-profit organization has been around for 36 years.

Sickle cell was first introduced to America in 1619 by a Dutch ship that was bringing slaves to Virginia.

Sickle cell disease comes from one or both parents carrying the trait. Some or all of the chil-

dren of parents with the disease will contract it. The disease causes normally round blood cells to form in a sickle, or c, shape. Sickle cell is usually asymptomatic, meaning people with it show no evidence of the disease. In all of the cases, sickle cell is not contagious, and it usually will not progress.

The symptoms of the disease include leg ulcers, pneumonia, gallstones, enlarged spleen, delayed growth, kidney problems, strokes, anemia, organ damage, pain, jaundice, and pregnancy complications.

The best way to treat it is with daily hydration, medication, good nutrition, activity, and rest. The hardest symptom to treat is pain and there are cases where patients sit in emergency rooms for hours, waiting to get relief from it. In May of 1994, North Carolina began testing all babies for sickle cell.

Harris, a freshman with

sickle cell, spoke on his experience in dealing with the disease. At the age of two he suffered a stroke. This led to the 200 blood transfusions, which were given to him every month until he was 16. The blood transfusions made his iron build up, so he had to have a special kind of therapy in order to relieve it. Overall he insists "I had a normal childhood. I would forget that I was sick."

Harris has had so many operations that he could not give an exact number. He has even had visible surgical instruments placed in his chest, but they have since been removed. Harris had his gallbladder removed in 2005 and he has suffered from pneumonia, due to a weak immune system.

At the end of the presentation Harris said, "We have come a long way but we haven't got there yet."

# Chopping For A Cause Keeps Families Warm

**Daniel Lee**  
Staff Writer

The Jessie Smith Woodcutting Project is a charity event which Methodist University sponsors every year. Old or unneeded trees are cut down on campus and distributed to families and households that use the wood for fuel. Assistant Dean of Students, William Walker, has coordinated the project for the last 8 years. "Typically, a team of 75 to 100 students, faculty, and staff show up at 9 a.m. at various woodcutting sites. Within a 3 hour time frame the wood is cut, stacked and loaded to deliver to needy families all across Cumberland family," said Walker.

Walker stated that the wood is used to heat homes during the winter season. An organization named Urban Ministries

sends in applications from needy families to Methodist each year. "The wood needs to be split small enough to fit into fire places and woodstove heaters. The actual tree cutting is done by Mike Sinkovitz, who prepares each site. Students are only allowed to use wood splitters, but faculty and staff also use axes and chainsaws to cut the wood. Everyone is required to wear gloves and safety goggles as a precaution," said Walker.

Sinkovitz could not be reached for comment.

Walker also stated that Jessie Smith, the project's namesake, was an employee of Methodist University. Smith worked in the department of Mentoring Ministries and died while working at Methodist. The project is named in his honor.

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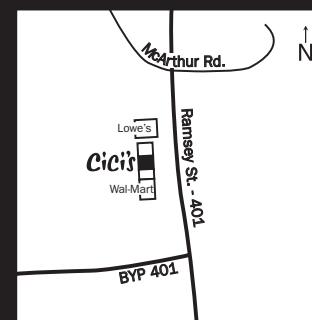
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## No Tricks, But All Treats

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People put on costumes and grabbed Trick-or-Treat bags on Tuesday, Oct. 30 for "October Fest." The event was held on the outside basketball court. With the fear of rain due to last week's "ghastly weather," the Residence Hall Association (RHA) made back-up plans to move October Fest into the Bern's Student Center, but the weather behaved.

Cotton candy, popcorn, sweets, sodas and snack were served. Carnival games like balloon darts, hula hooping and bingo gave students the chance to win prizes like stuffed animals and candy.

Ashley Genova, dressed as Little Red Riding Hood, won the costume contest with the prize of a mall gift certificate. The other contestants included students dressed as Tiger Woods, a ninja and a western couple.

James Barr said, "This is better than 'So You Think You Can Dance?'" "Cotton candy makes me happy," Kristy Zeiler said with a bushel of cotton candy in her hand.

"I enjoy it and RHA should put on more events like it," said Ralph Chew. "Best thing since Boston creme pie," commented Aaron Casteel.



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# Opinions

## Remille's Rhetoric

Remille Shipman  
Staff Writer



### Four Years of Homecoming: How Can We Make It Better?

Doing the same thing for four years can provide a lot of memories.

The entire Homecoming extravaganza could be considered the Super Bowl of Methodist University. Alumni return home to see old friends and relive old memories. The football team plays before the biggest crowd of the year. And at the end of the day, we crown a Homecoming King and Queen.

It took me a little while to understand why Homecoming was so big. Homecoming during my freshman year wasn't very memo-

orable. I dressed up, rode the shuttle, voted for the Homecoming King and Queen, and left. At the time Student Activities held their voting at the dance.

But for the past three years I have realized that Homecoming is a big event for students and alumni of the university. And I have had fun all four years. It's really like my high school homecoming and prom rolled into one. And maybe that similarity may not be a very good thing...

When I look at how Homecoming is presented at larger schools, I notice they do more than just put on a dance. Fayetteville State University had a whole week's worth of events during Homecoming week from a parade to a concert featuring talented rapper Lil' Wayne. I'm sure other schools have concerts and step shows and other events to entertain students. I know we are hampered by the size of the school and a limited budget, but why can't we look into implementing

events like these in the future?

Putting money towards concerts and other events would make our Homecoming look like a college homecoming. Right now, our biggest event of the year focuses on a popularity contest and a dance that are too similar to high school proms. I have fun at the dances, but moving away from the high school aura of things would be better for Methodist in the long run. And let's work on that shuttle system too. I had to become a hitchhiker this year because of it is unreliable.

More importantly, I also think we need to look into the Homecoming King and Queen voting process. The homecoming voting should be stretched over several days (as was the tradition in the past) instead of the one afternoon voting that we did this year. Then again, those who dare choose to run for King or Queen already have odds against them. In the last five years the title of King (which I call the "World Heavyweight

Championship" of Methodist) was claimed by a member of the football program. The lone exception was in 2004 when my predecessor Dante Alvarado reigned supreme. With all due respect to the football program, it's kind of easy to win when you have 150 ready-made votes (not including their girlfriends). With that said, how in the world did I place in the Homecoming voting for three consecutive years with far less ready-made votes, no athletic team to

support me directly and no girlfriend to take out to the dance?? I'm an exception to the rule. And maybe we should mimic other schools and announce the winners at the ACTUAL GAME. Maybe more people who don't dance will see and appreciate it then. Don't take this as a bash on anyone. Think of this article as a honest suggestion. By the way, thanks for supporting me all these years. Even though I kept falling short of victory, but I always competed



Students rock out at the homecoming dance. Photo by Aaron Casteel.

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# Entertainment

## Mindwarp Lives Up to Their Name



**Mary Davis**  
Staff Writer

This past Monday night the local music scene was shocked with a band at Open Mic Night at The Rock Shop.

Mindwarp broke the ice with their combination of different genres and their empowered instrumental work made the experience incredible.

These guys are like your typical garage band, a group of teens drawn together by their will to have fun and make a difference.

Lead singers Ricky and John's stage presences are so energetic

that they make the audience laugh and move at the same time. Ricky is the screamer and Jon is the singer. They give the band two extremely different melodies that are somehow in sync.

What mostly sets Mindwarp apart from the average local band is their impact lyrics. Each one of the guys brings a different view of the world to the group. Spending time with them before or after the show will make you laugh and time continuously. All five of the guys have very strong views of the world and are not afraid to show them or write songs about them.

Do not think that the vocalist

are the only ones who write the songs. Chris the drummer, Erick the guitarist and Shawn the bassist all help out on the process.

These guys are not that locally known but really deserve the attention, their next show has not been announced yet so check them out at [www.myspace.com/mindwarp](http://www.myspace.com/mindwarp).

The Rock Shop gives all new comers the chance to let their ballads be heard every Monday night. This event is mostly popular for its free admission and comfortable atmosphere, because of the smaller crowd.



## Hey Rock! What's the Game Plan?

**Amanda Stewart**  
Staff Writer

this is really his child, Kingman struggles to keep his reputation alive and still keep up his same old life. He soon begins to realize what being a father is like and what is really important in life.

This movie displays great humor as a self-centered athlete goes through the process of learning to be a father, but it also has the tear jerking moments as he also goes through moments every first time father goes through. This movie has appeal for everyone, and unlike most movies of our day, it has a moral.

If you want to see a movie that can bring you loads of laughter and also loads of emotion then "The Game Plan" is the perfect movie. "The Game Plan" stars Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and child actress Madison Pettis.

It is a story of a star football player named Joe Kingman, played by Johnson. He has an expensive home, an expensive car, a immense amount of money and fame; yet at the end of the day he is alone. All he cares about is himself and his dog. All reality of the real world has left him, until a knock on his door changes his life.

Peyton Kelly, an 8 year old girl, shows up telling him that she is his daughter and needs to stay with him for a month. After realizing



## “Betcha Didn’t Know That” Trivia

**Ashley Young**  
News Editor

- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- America's favorite Crayola crayon is blue.
- Americans did not commonly use forks until after the Civil War.
- Ancient Egyptian women used to wear perfume cones made of wax that would melt in the heat letting out a nice fragrance.
- Austria was the very first country to use postcard starting in 1869
- The traditional Barbie doll's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts
- Every second, two Barbie dolls are sold somewhere in the world.
- Early Romans used to use porcupine quills as toothpicks.
- In 1989, twenty-three people were hired in Jacksonville, Florida, just to flush toilets so the pipes wouldn't freeze.
- It was during World War II that clothes with elastic waists were introduced because the metal used in zippers was needed for the war.

# Sports

## Red Sox Do a Repeat of 2004 World Series

**John Lowe**  
*Detroit Free Press*  
 (MCT)

DENVER — For all those decades they went without a world title, the Boston Red Sox's continual epitaph was that they weren't quite good enough.

Four times in that long drought they reached the World Series, and all four times they lost the winner-take-all Game 7. Then, in 2003, they lost their most excruciating Game 7 of all, to the Yankees in the AL championship series.

That '03 crusher suddenly seems long ago. The Red Sox now have twice won the World Series since then both times in sweeps.

They beat Colorado, 4-3, Sunday night to culminate one of the most one-sided of the 20 sweeps in World Series history. This wasn't quite the Orioles throwing three shutouts in their '66 sweep of the Dodgers. But the Red Sox outscored the Rockies, 29-10 — the largest run differential ever in a World Series sweep.

"From one through nine in the order, everybody can put runs on the board," said Boston's Mike Lowell.

These Red Sox are quite good enough, and then some.

David Ortiz singled in the first run Sunday night in the first inning. Then third baseman Lowell, en route to becoming the World Series MVP, doubled and scored

in the fifth, and led off the seventh with a homer. Lowell had four RBIs in the Series, scored six runs and played his typically superb defense.

"I'm on Cloud Nine," Lowell said. "Unbelievable."

Lowell's homer knocked out Aaron Cook, who did turn in only the third quality start against the Red Sox in this year's post-season.

Boston left-hander Jon Lester completed an amazing one-year climb: going from a last year's cancer diagnosis (lymphoma) to the winning pitcher in the clinching game of the World Series. Lester went 5 2/3 scoreless innings.

"I'm so proud of Lester," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "The way he pitched, the way he was composed and how he competed."

Francona was amazingly matter-of-fact afterward. He became the Red Sox manager for the '04 season, and so his record is now two world titles in four years. He's the first manager ever to win his first eight World Series games.

Garrett Atkins' two-run homer off Hideki Okajima with one out in the eighth brought Colorado within 4-3. Francona then summoned closer Jonathan Papelbon for a five-out save.

Papelbon got all five outs without allowing a runner. Jamie Carroll lined to the wall in left for the second out in the ninth. Then Papelbon struck out pinch hitter Seth

Smith swinging, tossed his glove high in the air, and quickly became the center of the celebration swarm.

In the seventh inning, Colorado cut the lead to 3-1 when Brad Hawpe led off with a homer. But pinch hitter Bobby Kielty began the eighth with the third leadoff homer in as many half-innings, and it was 4-1.

The Rockies became the modern version of the '67 Red Sox. They had an unexpected, remarkable run to the World Series, then lost it.

Boston rookie centerfielder Jacoby Ellsbury, who had three doubles in Game 3, led off Sunday with an opposite-field double to left. He went to third when Dustin Pedroia grounded out for the first out. The infield came in. David Ortiz stroked a sharp grounder through the drawn-in right side for a 1-0 lead.



Boston Red Sox pitcher Jonathan Papelbon (58) celebrates with catcher Jason Varitek (33) after their 4-3 win over the Colorado Rockies during Game 4 of the World Series on Sunday, October 28, 2007, at Coors Field in Denver, Colorado. (Kevin Kreck/Colorado Springs Gazette/MCT)

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# A Hoop-Ful Frenzy

**Jordan Honan**  
*Staff Writer*

Methodist basketball kicked off the 2007-2008 season in entertaining fashion, with the tenth annual Hoopla Frenzy in the Riddle Center on Oct. 25.

Leading off the night was a staff/students game, with the staff pulling off the upset and defeating their younger opponents. Following that were several mini-games, including a three-point shootout, a game

of knockout and a game in which players had three seconds to get off a shot starting at halfcourt.

Perhaps the most popular mini-game, though, was the obstacle course game. The first part, which featured the basketball team, required them to dribble around an obstacle course while wearing goggles with distorted vision. In the second part, while wearing the goggles, the players pushed students around the course on a rolling board. Not surprisingly, this ensued in many spills and laughs.

To wrap up the night, 10-minute scrimmages were held for both the women's and men's basketball teams; with the latter team's scrimmage featuring many fancy dunks and alley-oops. Hoopla Frenzy was dedicated to the late Chris Ryan, for whom Chris' House is named. During a pre-event recognition of Chris, his sons Caleb and Joshua were greeted and presented Hoopla Frenzy T-shirts by men's basketball coach David Smith and women's basketball coach DeeDee Jarman.



To the left, the Lady Monarchs play. To the right, the cheerleaders perform a stunt.

All photos by Aaron Casteel.



## Sports Shorts

**Jordan Honan**  
*Staff Writer*

### Women's Soccer

The Methodist women's soccer team had a successful regular season. The Monarchs finished off the regular season with three straight wins, including victories over top USA South teams Christopher Newport and Greensboro. At the end of the regular season, the Monarchs were 15-4 with a perfect 9-0 record in conference play. Methodist carried that momentum into the USA South Tournament, with an 11-0 victory over Mary Baldwin in the quarterfinals. Hevyn Diers led the team with a hat trick, with eight other players also finding the back of the net.

### Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team has also enjoyed a nice season, finishing the regular season with a 12-6-1 overall record, and a 3-2-1 record in USA South play. The Monarchs closed out the regular season by going without a loss in five straight games, with one of those games being a tie. In the quarterfinals of the USA South Tournament, Methodist earned an emotional 2-0 win over Ferrum.

Tempers flared after the Monarchs' first goal by James Gunderson, as Panthers goalkeeper Chris Taylor was unhappy after Dustin Breckenridge unintentionally collided into him. A scuffle broke out in which players of both teams exchanged shoves before officials stepped in and cooler heads prevailed. Mike DeMara wrapped up the scoring with a goal off of assists by Breckenridge and Gunderson.

### Volleyball

Methodist's volleyball team's season is complete, and the Monarchs finished with a 16-16 overall record, and a 9-9 record in conference play. As there were no seniors on this season's team, every player will return next season. The Monarchs' lone senior next season will be their most valuable player, Sara Yeatman. She led the Monarchs in kills with 418, and finished second on the team in digs with 342. Other key returning players for Methodist are libero Jordan Grady, who had 514 digs this season, and setter Tiffany Zellhart, who recorded 973 assists.

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