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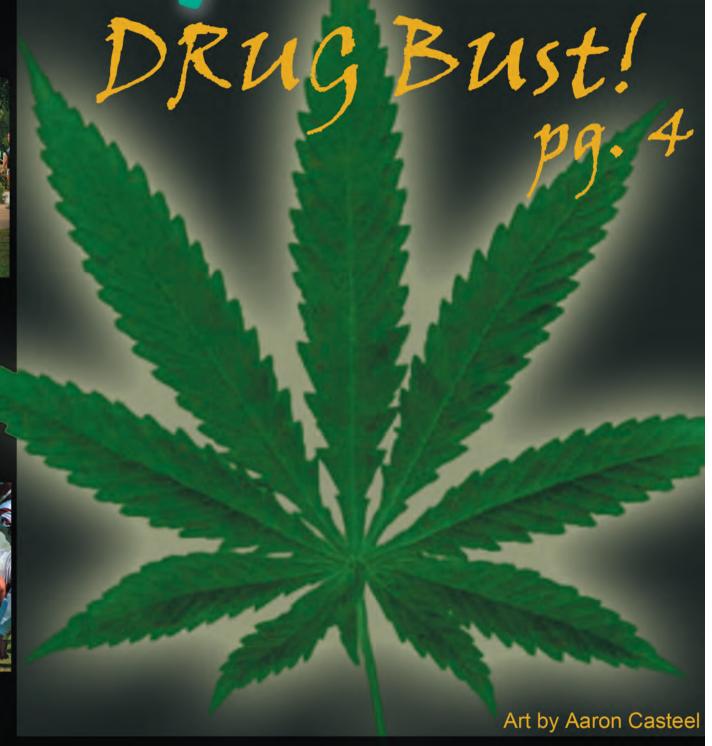
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Kicker Hopes to Make Changes at Methodist

Rodney Machokoto Staff Writer

The new Student Government Association (SGA) president, Anthony "Kicker" Liuzza, and his executive committee have decided to give the public a window to view the planning that previously went on "secretly" in their meetings. The SGA President expressed his wish for the university body to get more involved in the executive decision-making process of SGA. By allowing the Student Media access



to these meetings, Liuzza, hopes to have them represent the ear of the campus. That way the campus is aware of the SGA's decisions. By this, Liuzza hopes the school can work together and make positive changes at Methodist.

During the SGA Elections excitement and enthusiasm were shown for the candidates. After President *Kicker*, Liuzza's, election, there is still much enthusiasm for him.

"I think I said something right," said Liuzza.

He said that he has been positively received, by the student body, and by faculty and staff. Liuzza said that a number of faculty members have come to him making statements like, "I read your article!" "I read your vision!"

Faculty and staff members from the Reeves School of Business, The Music Department, The Department of Student Development, and the Cheerleading and Dance Team are among his supporters. Staff from these departments have mentioned that they are aware of his vision and cannot wait for him to begin working on it.

Liuzza is only 21 years old and portrays himself as an ordinary student. He said that over the summer he was struggling a lot with self-doubt about taking on the job and carrying out his vision. Liuzza is armed with a vision in his hands and is determined to carry out his vision to the end.

In the first Fall 2008 SGA meeting, President *Kicker*, Liuzza, shared his vision with the rest of

the committee. Liuzza emphasized the word "Collaboration". He has taken on a philosophy, which he feels strongly about, and believes is essential to allow SGA to lay the foundation in all they wish to accomplish.

During his presidential campaign, Liuzza suggested an amendment to the SGA constitution. This amendment would include a House of Representatives for SGA. The House of Representatives would include students from all the different activities and organizations at Methodist. For example, there would be a representative from each of the 16 Methodist Athletic Programs.

This would allow the Methodist students greater participation, voice, and representation in the SGA by providing voting rights and legislative power. He believes that this will free time from the SGA Executive Committee to allow them to focus on delegating and managing SGA affairs and establish relationships with stakeholders like administration.

Currently, the SGA has three elected senators. The Executive Committee plans to fill the remaining 13 seats by Sept. 15 and they will hold elections around Sept. 8. Liuzza said he wants his Senate body to be filled so that he can fully implement his vision.

He is also interested in starting a Freshman Class Council, an idea he could have assumed from the Elon University's Class Body System. The Freshman Class Council would have a President and Vice-President together with representatives of the freshman class. This council would represent the class to the SGA and would be responsible for issues of interest of the Freshman Class. Overtime, Liuzza

hopes to incorporate other classes into the Class Council System with their own councils until the system is full.

The President of the SGA said that it is not SGA's goal to do things and make changes "really fast". Their goal is to establish a foundation that will allow the success of the SGA for at least a decade. Their goal is to establish an SGA that the students will take seriously. Liuzza believes that if the students take SGA seriously then the administration will take it seriously. He said his team was the "foundationalists" who would do everything right and proper but allow adaptability and not rigidity.

Liuzza said that initially he ran for President because he thought he had a lot of good ideas. Now he says that he ran because even though he had a good time here at Methodist, he feels he has not had as much of a good time as his friends in other universities.

Based on the resources and unique situation we have at Methodist, he feels that our Methodist University Experience can be better than what it is. A senior, Liuzza feels responsible to make sure that everyone that comes to Methodist after him will have a greater college experience than he did. He wants to set the stage for Methodist to be such a good experience for students that when they become alumni they will want to support their school because of their experience here.

The new SGA President reiterated that he has refused to make anyone a promise. His only promise to everyone was that the SGA will implement a system which would give the students a platform to speak, if the students will allow it. From this platform, students can

speak and be heard by the administration. Liuzza emphasized the need for the alliance of the SGA and students to be reasonable in their undertakings to call for changes. He stated that he will never claim to be the students' voice and while he was just an individual he believed SGA should certainly represent the 2000, or so, student diversity at Methodist.

"My ideas mean less," Liuzza said, as he viewed himself as a "vessel and facilitator in [his] government".

Liuzza admitted that the biggest challenge he is facing is the implementation of his goals. He desires to be able to get people involved. He hopes to gain as much from the student body as he has gained from the faculty members in events like "Bell Tower Live". Liuzza is expecting help. He would need different parties to be willing "to sit down and talk". Lack of communication, he says, among departments, organizations, clubs, and teams has left the university divided into clicks. He wants to develop networking in the university.

"People need to make efforts to know each other", Liuzza said, "And to leave their comfort zone in order to broaden their horizon. Communication is the key." He believes that there should be no action without communication.

Methodist "College" is being transformed into Methodist University. Two Presidents of Methodist University have begun to unravel this vision: President Hendricks from the top-down and President *Kicker*, Liuzza from the bottom-up. With Liuzza as SGA president one thing seems certain; this university is up for a ride of a lifetime.

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Library Set to Makes

Austin Bordeaux Staff Writer

Is there nothing to do in the library other than study and surf the internet? Well all of that is about to change! Quality Enhancement Programs (QEP) along with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) are working together in order to bring changes to the library. The focus of the QEP is on reading and cultural comprehension, meaning the changes in the library will help improve that.

Tracey M. Pearson, the Di-

rector of Library Services, commented about the changes. Some of the changes will include: fiction books and they hope to have a Reading Café up and running by Sept. 1. Pearson said the Reading Café will have light fiction, popular magazines, newspapers, and best sellers. She also said that there will be free beverages including tea, coffee, and hot chocolate in the Reading Cafe.

"The library is very excited to introduce fiction to our collection and provide enjoyment for students," Pearson said.

Methodist students seem to be

Changes

excited about the upcoming project as well.

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"I think it's a great idea. A good place to go and socialize and have something to talk about," said Felicia Back, in regards to the coming changes in the library.

Another student, Kristy Zeiler added, "I think it will make people go to the library more even if it's just to study."

It sounds as if exciting changes are coming to Methodist this year thanks to QEP and SACS!

Payroll Goes Green

Daniel Lee Staff Writer

The Methodist University Payroll Department has made a few major changes to its payment structure. This new payment structure through the Automated Data Processing (ADP) program is used for both the student work

program and part-time employment. Sigrid Nuckolls and Debbie Yeatts, of Methodist University Payroll Department, were interviewed to explain how the new system operates, as well as the differences between student work and part-time employment.

Nuckolls explained the differences, "Student employment operates through the student work

program. Part-time employment administration," said Nuckolls. is funded through the school. Student employees are allowed to work up to 20 hours per week and can be paid up to the amount awarded by federal student aid. All student employees are paid minimum wage, which is \$6.55 per hour. Part-time employees can work up to 1000 hours a year and their salary is set by University

The new computer-based wage program operates for both part-time employees and student workers. Previously, Methodist used the Financial Edge Blackbaud program to process checks. Financial Edge required payroll to upgrade to another version, which would not accommodate our pay situations. After having a series of

meetings with the staff and faculty Accounting and Payroll departments collaborated to figure out a new system of processing checks. We decided to change check processing to ADP and Dr. Hendricks approved the final decision.

Major Staff Changes in Career Services

Daniel Lee Staff Writer

Major staff changes have been happening at the Department of Career Services ever since Garland "Guy" Stewart resigned as Director. Helen Tymes, the recently hired Assistant Director of Career Services, was recently interviewed concerning her new position. Katrina Stanley-Blue, the previous Assistant Director, was promoted to Associate Director. Kim Genova is the current Director of Career Services.

Tymes became interested in the job upon seeing an ad at the Methodist University website. She submitted her application and resume on June 19 and began work

on June 28. Tymes was previously the Coordinator of Vocational Services at Johnston County Industries and the Director of Project Newstart.

"I worked between Johnston and Harnett Counties and assisted dislocated workers into further education or new employment," said Tymes about her old position.

Tymes stated that she left her previous position because of lack of career growth. As part of her new position, Tymes will be working closely with employers to persuade them to hire Methodist students. She will also be in charge of career fairs, going to ENCA seminars, and further promotion of Methodist.

Tymes was optimistic

about her career at Methodist.

"So far, I'm enjoying my job. I'm still learning as I go and meeting new people. I do see myself working here through the next five years. Hopefully there will be opportunity for growth and development," said Tymes



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Students charged with drug felony

Ashley Young News Editor

Two students were arrested Aug. 20 on campus for dealing marijuana out of their residence hall, said a Fayetteville Police detective.

According to Lt. Chris Davis of the Fayetteville Police, the students charged were Tyler Coates and Ryan Hill. Items confiscated from their room, Garber 311, include "\$1,048, two smoke bongs, two drug scales, one push rod pipe, and one grinder," according to the campus police report. They were also charged with Class I Felony possession of marijuana and Class I Felony maintaining a dwelling with the intent to sell and deliver. According to the Fayetteville Police, there were 60.7 grams of marijuana, with an approximate street value of \$600, found in the students' room.

Resident coordinators and resident assistants from Garber declined to be interviewed. However, a resident of the third floor of Garber witnessed the activity of the arrest.

"It was right across from my door," said Sibu Ntshali. "I came from work after a long day to a hallway filled with police."

The incident was discovered by the Residence Life staff and then campus police were called in for further investigation. Upon the discovery of the marijuana and other items the students were charged and removed from campus. The case was turned over to the Fayetteville Police Department, after Methodist police made the initial arrests. The Fayetteville Police are holding all the evidence in the case while it is under investigation.

Davis accredits all of the work in the case to the Methodist Police and said the Fayetteville Police were merely handling the paperwork.

"This is the first week of school so by stopping this now we've stopped this problem for the school year," said Dawn Hamerla, Director of Public Saftey and Chief of Campus Police. "This should be a testament to the residence life staff for them detecting this to protect the community."

The students will face serious consequences if they are found guilty: a possible fine of \$10,000 and a sentence of five to 10 years in prison.

Fines and jail time are not the only punishments faced by Coates and Hill. They may be expelled. William Walker, Senior Associate Dean of Students and the Student Services will make that decision. Walker would not comment on the specific case, but spoke about general drug offenses.

"Possession of illegal substances is a crime and students could be arrested and most likely expelled from Methodist University," said Walker.



Garber Hall. Photo by Lakiesha Story.

Hamerla said the Methodist police are working to prevent further crimes like this through the education and training of the staff and community.

'Inner City All Stars' perform at first Bell Tower Live

Alicia Secord Staff Writer

The first ever Bell Tower Live was held during freshman orientation this year. This month's performance was by, "The Inner City All-Stars," a New Orleans style jazz group.

Lamon Lawhorn, the band's drummer said, "We like to play happy music that people can dance to and have fun with."

That is exactly what the Student Activities Committee (SAC), Student Government Association (SGA), and Greek Life are offering with the new live concert series. These groups will sponsor live music in the amphitheater at the library entrance on the first Friday of each month.

"The Inner City All-Stars" are like many "Dixieland style jazz" groups. They play a much straighter beat than one would expect from a lounge style jazz band. "Dixieland jazz" places more emphasis on the beat which makes a more upbeat and danceable style than other styles of jazz.

In addition to the live music, there was free food, inflatables, pictures with a lion (taken in front of a green screen), and wax hand molds. Also, Miss Methodist 2008,



The Inner City All Stars blows the audience away.

Photo by Alicia Secord

Erin Yarborough, performed during one of the band's set breaks. She sang the Carrie Underwood hit, "Before He Cheats."

"It's very exciting to see live

bands on campus," Yarborough said. "This is a good use of the amphitheater. It's nice to see the school getting something out of it"

Though the freshmen in attendance enjoyed the concert it was the returning students that were happiest about new events on campus.

"Last year I stayed in a lot on the weekends rather than going out to parties where I knew there would be drinking" said Travis Fulp, a sophomore marketing major. "It's good to have alternatives offered here on campus."

The audience was composed of a mixture of freshmen and upperclassmen. Like many campus events, the crowd began to arrive about a half hour after the event was scheduled to begin, and was well attended. There were about 500 students on campus this weekend, and about half of them made an appearance.

The next Bell Tower Live will be held Friday, September 5. The concert series will continue on September 5 with an open mic and dinner from 5-7 p.m. followed by a live band

from 7-9 p.m.

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Freshmen catch 'Monarch Madness'

Alicia Secord Staff Writer

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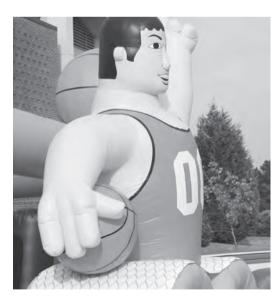
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There were extra events between each bingo round. After the first round, eight audience members played musical chairs and the winner won a \$50 gas card. After the second, the audience answered trivia questions about the previous round of music videos and about Methodist University. Those that answered correctly received cash prizes ranging from \$1-\$20.

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Though the foam was optional, it was definitely the hit of the evening. An inflatable square was filled with bubbles creating a foamy pit. Students danced, slid, and partied in the foam to the latest hip hop and rap songs. They blew bubbles at one

another, created beards out of the foam, and even jumped on people that refused to go into the foam pit, getting them wet as well. Everyone in the foam was soaked and covered in bubbles within minutes of joining the fun.

Only about a third of the students present went into the foam, but even the students that did not get into the foam had fun dancing and socializing on the basketball court.

The food and t-shirts quickly disappeared and the photographer was busy for most of the evening. Above all, this weekend's SAC events were a great way for freshmen to break the ice and start getting to know their classmates before the upperclassmen arrived.

"SAC events seem like a great way to meet new people and have fun," said Tierra Caldwell, a freshman biology major. "I hope there are a lot more dances like this one."

The only improvement students had to suggest was for more styles of music to be offered, not just hip hop and rap.

"I'd like to hear more diversity of music." Cory Bragg, an incoming freshman. "I think it'd be cool to hear some metal music and mosh in the foam."

With as much fun as everyone seemed to be having, the party broke up after only two hours (around 11:30 p.m.).



Magician/Mentalist: Daniel Martin

Sunday night played host to Martin, a magician whose tricks and humor amused an audience of over 50 students. He performed slight-of-hand tricks with

volunteers from the audience. With his

hands handcuffed and locked inside a

box with six padlocks, he managed to

free himself. He turned a \$1 into a \$20,

tin even caught a paintball pellet in his

two males to tie him to a chair in less

than three minutes. If Martin could not

escape the rope ties in less time than it

took them to tie him up, he would give

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His final trick was a bet. He asked

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Come Home... to Alpha Delta Pi

Alpha Delta Pi, the new sorority at Methodist, is recruiting women the week of September 1st to become founding members. We're seeking women of all ages—freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior—to join our sisterhood.

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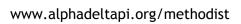
Tues-Wed, September 2-3 "Tell Us About You"
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Alumni and Heritage Rooms

Tuesday, September 2 Philanthropy Event
7:00 - Reeves Auditorium

Thursday, September 4 Alpha Delta Pi Bid Day



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Entertainment

SAC Presents: 'Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull'

Alicia Secord Staff Writer

This year's movie on the football field was "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," which aired in theaters May 22. The event was a great success this year for one main reason...the sprinklers didn't turn on. Despite assurances of such, only about 100 people were in attendance, likely afraid of a sprinkler recurrence.

The movie is the fourth in the Indiana Jones series, the last of which ("Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade") was released 19 years ago. This latest sequel is set in 1957, during the Cold War. Henry "Indiana" Jones Jr. (Harrison Ford) is older, more mature, and has a new

enemy, Soviet Communists.

The story begins when a group of Soviets break into a US military base and force Jones to help them raid a U.S. government warehouse. Jones escapes after they have stolen the body of an extraterrestrial found ten years earlier in Roswell, N.M. only to find himself under investigation by the FBI. This suspicion forces Jones out of his teaching job at Marshall College. He is headed to New York City when confronted by Henry "Mutt" Williams (Shia LaBeouf). Williams needs Jones's help to rescue Williams' mother, Marion Ravenwood (Karen Allen), and mutual friend, Harold Oxley (John Hurt), who had been kidnapped by the Soviets.

Oxley found the burial site of

Spanish conquistador, Francisco de Orellana and a legendary crystal skull. The skull was said to give ultimate power to whoever returned it to the Mayan city of Akator, in Peru. The Russians want to harness the power of the Mayan temple as a weapon for the Soviet government.

The ensuing adventure plays out through South America as Jones and his friends strive to escape the Russians and return the skull. There is the expected and enjoyable mix of outrageous maneuvers, thrilling car chases, and comedic moments, not to mention a little romance.

Though the supporting characters leave something to be desired and the plot is a little bit out there,

Harrison Ford easily carries this movie through to the very end.

Many students in attendance had seen the previous installments of the Indiana Jones series. There were, however, mixed reactions to the movie.

Harrison Ford and Shia LaBeouf co-star in Paramount Pictures' latest adventure "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull." Photo by Paramount Pictures MCT

Tiffany Mills, a senior microbiology major, thoroughly enjoyed the new Indiana Jones.

"It was different in a good way," said Mills. "They've introduced a more mature Indiana Jones and updated the content."

For others, this movie just didn't measure up.

"The movie was good, but I think the older ones were much better," said Matt Decker, a junior majoring in Computer Science. "The alien premise was just weird." Despite mixed reactions, this action adventure was the perfect choice for SAC's yearly movie on the football field. Like last year's showing, "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," this was a movie that generated a lot of hype due to previous installments and that appealed to a large audience. It is certainly nice to have free movies available to students who can't always afford to go to a movie in theaters.



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Sports

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Freshmen catch Mo

Alicia Secord Staff Writer

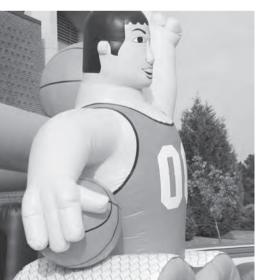
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