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Parking, What Parking?



Troublesome parking on Methodist campus

Ashley Young
News Editor

Parking at Methodist can be a hassle. Many students, both residential and commuter, have trouble finding adequate parking or are unaware of the rules about where to park and when.

Where to park

Both commuter and resident students are allowed to park in the Bern's lot between the hours of 7 am and 2 pm. Only commuter students may park in the lots behind Reeves Auditorium, in front of Clark Hall, and behind the math and science buildings during those hours.

"I got a ticket the other day for parking in a commuter lot and I feel that we should be able to park anywhere on campus," said Trevor Finchum, a freshman biology major from Pearce Hall.

There are also places with a two hour parking limit. Certain officers for public safety are dedicated to patrolling the parking areas and check these places throughout the day. Vehicles left in these spaces for more than two hours can be issued a citation.

Resident parking

Students may park in designated areas around their halls or apartments. Residential Advisors (RAs) are given a special parking passes and may park in the reserved spots where they live. Residential Coordinators (RC) have reserved spots around their residences. All the halls and apartments have specific parking zones where residents are expected to leave their cars.

There is a lot between Garber and Weaver halls where residents from these halls can park. The problem, however, is there are more residents than parking places. Residents that cannot find a place in this parking lot can try to park in the lot behind Pearce and West Halls.

"There can be changes made and I also think that our students get upset because they have to park behind Pearce and West and want the convenience of parking in front of their dorm," said Joey Harris, RC for Garber.

In front of Sanford and Cumberland Halls there is a small parking lot for residents. Again the same problem arises of more residents than parking places.

Residents from these halls also try to park in the lot behind Pearce and West Halls.

Pearce and West Halls have a large parking lot in front of them which provides parking for their residents and some room for the residents of other halls.

Students that cannot find parking in these lots must park in either the gravel lot behind the Riddle center or in the lot in front of the Berns.

Creekside and the Cape Fear Commons' parking lots are separated by a sign which distinguishes one from the other. However, according to Ashley James, RC for Creekside, the same problem arises as does in the other halls parking lots; there are more students than available spaces.

Residents of the apartments are offered two options to solve their parking problem. Residents can either park behind Creekside in a lot that has a newly installed light and emergency call box or in the existing gravel lot behind the Riddle Center.

"I think the parking lot is good because we have a gravel overflow parking lot and it's close to the Commons," said Krystal Poirier, a junior biology major living Cape Fear Commons.

The Pines apartments are the only residence hall that has a lot large enough to provide parking for all of its residents.

"As a resident advisor in the Pines I do not know of any uses regarding parking. If there are any problems, the residents have not reported them," said Jerral L. McRae, a resident advisor in the Pines Apartments. "Certainly an issue that we could work on is visibility. The parking lots are not as visible at night due to the pine needles that have accumulated over the years. This is an issue that the horticulture department has neglected to solve. The Pines should not be left out of the beautification endeavors of Methodist University."

Currently all of the halls have more handicap parking places than are legally required. Considerations have been made to reduce the number of handicap places in order to allow for more resident parking.

Visitor Parking

Visitors to residence halls or campus must have a guest, visitor, or day pass if they want to park on campus. They must also park

within the visitor designated parking spaces. Visitors may get passes from the welcome center and visitors must have a valid driver's license with them.

Parking passes

Parking passes are \$150 for one academic year and \$80 for one semester. Students can park in any space that is not marked "reserved" or "handicapped."

To park in a handicapped space, a person must have documented proof that they are handicapped. This proof should be a letter from a doctor or other documented official. The student then must have either a handicap parking tag or license plate. Also, the school can give a student with a broken leg a temporary handicap parking pass if one is needed.

How to get a parking pass

While there is no set time for students to obtain a parking pass public security begins selling them at Freshman Orientation. Tables are set up in Bern's Student Center and students can go by and register there. Students can go to the public safety office to buy a parking pass at any time during the year until the end of spring when public safety stops selling them.

Numerous parking passes issued by Methodist are allowed for students with multiple vehicles, for students who lose a pass, or if a student gets a new vehicle. Each additional pass costs \$15.

Citations and other violations

Citations may be issued to any vehicle on Methodist's campus that is in violation of the parking regulations. Regulations include not having a proper parking permit or pass from public safety, parking in a limited time place for more than two hours, parking in reserved places without merit, parking in front of halls, apartments, or other buildings for an extended time without cause, parking in a visitor's place without a proper pass, and parking in a



Sign commonly seen around campus
Photo by Danielle Levine

handicapped place without proper documentation.

Citations are issued by RCs or by public safety. RCs citations cannot exceed \$25, but a citation from public safety can be up to \$100 for some violations. The money from the citations can either be paid directly by the student or will be debited to the student's account. This money ends up in the general fund which is controlled by Gene Clayton, the Vice President for Business Affairs.

If a student feels that a citation is unjust, he or she may file an appeal through student development within seven days of receiving the citation.

Public safety also has the right to tow a vehicle off Methodist's campus for any just reason. To get the vehicle back the owner must contact public safety and get the towing company's number. From there, the student is responsible for contacting the towing company and paying the charges. Wheel locks may also be placed on vehicles similar reasons.

For further information the office of public safety can be reached at 910-630-7000. They can answer any questions that any students may have in regards to parking and may be able to prevent students from getting a citation.

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Students are free to join smallTALK at any point in the school year. Meetings are every Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Cape Fear Commons Community Building.

Student Government Association full for first time in years

*Alicia Secord
Staff Writer*

2008-2009 Senators

Cory Bragg	Freshman
Kevin Enchelmeyer	Freshman
Kimberly Gragg	Freshman
Jeff Headman	Freshman
Sean Teetter	Freshman
Ralph Chew	Sophomore
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Samantha Gamble	Senior
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Brian Reed	Senior

September 17th marked another landmark election for the Student Government Association (SGA), resulting in a full senate. The senate has 16 positions, only three of which were filled by last spring's official elections. This fall 17 students ran

for the 13 open positions filling the senate for the first time in almost three years.

Most of the elected senators relied on word-of-mouth campaigns, including posting on facebook and myspace blogs. However, many students were not aware of the elections or who was running until the results were announced.

The new senate is much more diverse than previous bodies, with the new senators adding seven seniors, three juniors, one sophomore, and five freshmen. Unlike previous years, the new senate will be comprised of a variety of majors ranging from music to biology to religion. The four candidates not elected were Thomas Daniel Lee, Coumba Mbodji, Cavis Rodney, and Jose Pablo Salas Rojas.

George Blanc, the SGA advisor, felt that the student body was accurately represented by this election. The only real change he had seen was that this

was the first time in about six years that there were no international students elected to the executive committee or the senate. He was also impressed that most of the new senators are involved in other campus organizations.

"This new senate has the potential to accomplish a lot and it's particularly exciting



Senator Jen Hicks

because this is the first year in a very long time that all seats have been filled," said newly elected Senator Jen Hicks. "My biggest hope is that visible action will be taken to remedy any issues that arise."

Several new senators, such as Ralph Chew, had a purpose for running for SGA senate. As a member of SAC, he is very committed to finding safe activities for students on the weekends. His goal on the SGA is to encourage clubs to hold more events on weekends to give students a reason not to go off-campus for drinking and partying.

Even the candidates not elected seem comfortable with the results. Coumba Mbodji, a junior business major, ran for one of the positions.

"I think the majority of the school is accurately represented," she stated. "It's a voting thing, it isn't personal."

SGA meetings will be held



Senator Ralph Chew

every Thursday at 8p.m. for the next month. After that, they will be held every other week. At this time they have yet to find a permanent meeting place. More information about SGA can be found online at www.smalltalkmu.com.

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Methodist Music Department expands

Ashley Young
News Editor

The music department is “pitching” things up a bit with its new staff. There are now five new instructors in the music department working part-time to fill the gaps in music education.

The only new full time administrator is Charles Dumas, who was hired to develop the marching band program. Currently he is recruiting students for the band, which will be active next year.

With an increase in the number of students, four adjunct professors were hired to teach private lessons in voice, brass instruments, violin and woodwind instruments.

“All of them work really well together and Dr. Martin (director of Choral Activities and Music Education) has got us focusing on the music itself; not the theory but the feeling,” said Stephanie Best, a freshman and vocal music major.

The new professors have skills with the saxophone, the French horn, classical percussion, the violin, and vocals.

The music department is trying to expand through its instrumental program. In the next year the staff hopes to start a marching band to bring more music majors to Methodist. This year’s freshmen class is composed of 13 music majors. With the addition of a marching band the music department feels that over the next two to three years it can get up to 30 to 40 music majors.

“I think eventually the music department is going to be competitive with other music schools and the department is growing exponentially,” said Tara Doyle, a senior and a music education major.

The department staff works on recruiting.

Every year Dr. Larry Wells, director of Instrumental Studies, goes to high schools to recruit students who play well and might be interested in coming to Methodist. The North Carolina Music Educators Association holds a conference each year in Winston Salem for the different music programs within the state. Potential students are given literature by Methodist professors to explain what Methodist’s music department has to offer.

Wells also looks to find teachers with the correct credentials that may be interested in coming to work for Methodist.

“I reflect on the fact of how lucky we are to have the caliber of music professors we have in this department knowing that they could honestly write their own ticket and be at other schools in the

nation, but either by choice or divine providence they landed in Fayetteville, North Carolina,” said Anthony Liuzza, a senior music in fine arts management major.

The department thinks if they can get up to 50 music majors they can really expand and start to bring back music appreciation.

“It makes no sense to go through life without knowing Beethoven,” said Dr. Keith Dippre, Department Chair in music.

Courses like “Music Appreciation 151” will teach students to let go of former prejudices about music they that may have had previously. Many tend to steer away from music without words but this class can help students to understand all kinds of music and respect it.

“Just because something is old doesn’t mean it’s irrelevant,” said Dippre. “You can’t appreciate anything if you don’t understand. It takes time and effort.”

“It makes no sense to go through life without knowing Beethoven.”

- Dr. Keith Dippre

Huddleston discusses ‘The Challenges of 21st Century Leadership’

Ashley Young
News Editor

The Lura S. Tally Center For Leadership Development’s annual leadership forum was held on Sept. 22 in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall.

This year’s speaker, Colonel Louis Huddleston, is currently a Vice President for RLM Communications and a candidate for the NC House of Representatives for District 44, which includes Cumberland County. He has spent 25 years as a senior leader, planner, and an executive manager and has leadership experience in both military and civilian sectors.

Dr. Andrew H. Ziegler, Jr., director of the Tally Center, said that the annual lecture is intended for students in any major with the ability and skills to be a leader.

Huddleston shared his thoughts on being a successful leader with students, staff, and faculty. Everyone in attendance received a handout outlining Huddleston’s eight suggestions for becoming a successful leader and covering some of Huddleston’s background.

Huddleston began the lecture with a bit of personal history and how it made him into the person he is today. He lost his father at a young age and was shaped by men that worked with him through

this difficult time. Huddleston later joined the military which he served for 31 years.

He explained that in the military, you cannot get anywhere if you are in it for yourself. Instead you have to provide for others. Selfless service creates a secondary relationship between yourself and others. According to Huddleston, without that secondary relationship you are no better at leading than a quarterback who has talent but has not read the playbook.

“The essence of being a good leader all amounts to getting a good foundation in life. Part of not making life complicated is accepting life is difficult,” said

Huddleston.

Among his many metaphors, Huddleston used the eagle as a representative of leadership. Eagles are powerful birds that lead and are the perfect example for successful leaders.

The purpose of a degree is no more than a hunting license that will be used to go hunt for a job according to Huddleston. He also stresses that being a successful leader is all about attitude when things do not go the way you had planned. If you put forth a bad attitude then it affects your future.

Huddleston’s advice to students: “Sometimes you simply have to take risks.”



This year’s Tally Leadership speaker, Colonel Louis Huddleston. Photo courtesy of Dr. Andrew Ziegler, Tally Center for Leadership.

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SAC hosts third annual Casino Night

Aryn Hicks
Staff Writer

Lights were flashing and the stakes were high at Methodist University's annual Casino Night. Members of the Student Activities Committee (SAC) transformed the Berns Student Center into a colorful, bustling casino, staffed by friendly SAC volunteers and university faculty. The gaming tables, poker, blackjack, and roulette, filled rapidly as an eager mass of students flooded the casino area.

With \$50,000 of fake money in hand, students commuted between gaming tables, hoping to win big. Poker tables hosted a loyal crowd, while students flowed to and from the roulette and blackjack tables. Patrick Rowan, a freshman, found favor in the roulette tables.

Rowan thought casino night was "very fun because it gives [students] something to do."

Intense pressure loomed at the poker tables. Some people wore poker faces to hide their emotion, while others chose sunglasses, hats, and hoods. One individual who was unafraid to express his emotions was poker dealer, Dereck Collier, the residential coordinator for Sanford Hall, who maintained a smile throughout the night.

When asked about his favorite aspect of dealing at Casino Night, Collier responded, "Interacting with the students is great ... and winning. It's always fun when the house wins."

One of the most popular areas of the casino had nothing to do with gambling. The "O₂ Bar" was where high-rollers and non-gamblers could relax and breathe easy, and proved to be the center of attention at Casino Night. Students visiting the section enjoyed oxygen, scented with deliciously aromatic scents. Students sported oxygen



A friendly game of poker quickly gets competitive.
Photos by LaKeisha Story

nose plugs around their necks to enjoy scents like, Zen, Fuzzy Navel, Sex on the Beach, and Peppermint Stick. One wearer of an O₂ cord was senior Amanda Underwood. Underwood said the O₂ bar was "good... [and] cool..." but she craved new scents, such as "strawberry, kiwi, [or] maybe watermelon."

Although the promises of fun and gaming brought many students to the Berns, there were two main lures which drew in a large number of people: free food and

prizes. Six massive hoagies were consumed by the swarm of hungry gamblers. Conveniently located across from the refreshment tables were the prize tables. Prizes ranged from CD's and rocket shooters to gift cards, trivia games, and vacuums. The most coveted prize was the V-Rocker™ chair, a lounge chair fully equipped with speakers that connect with gaming consoles and MP3 players. After hitting the games, students could exchange money and chips for raffle tickets. The tickets were placed in to a

box for a drawing of their favorite prizes.

At 11 o'clock, eager students prepared themselves for the prize drawings. Excited students jumped for joy as their ticket numbers were called, while the not so lucky looked on in disbelief and envy. The final drawing created much suspense and anticipation: the V-Rocker™. As the numbers were called, the usual disapproving grunts and moans filled the air. Finally, one individual ran to the front of the crowd to collect the recliner. It was Hakeem Brown, a sophomore.

Brown claimed not to have lost any money at Casino Night. He said his formula for gaming success was to "play smart." Brown planned to "sit in [his] chair and be late for class" the following day.

Casino Night was a place for students and faculty to relax and have fun over food, music, and games. Despite the competitive nature of the games, students enjoyed winning and losing their money in the easygoing environment. With good food, fun, and music: the only thing missing from the Vegas-like Casino Night was a poorly rehearsed Elvis impersonator.

English Department welcomes new chair

Lakeisha Story
Staff Writer

Last spring, Dr. Robert Christian retired from his position as head of the English department. Though he has continued to teach classes here at Methodist, Dr. Kelly Carney has taken over as the new department chair.

This is not just Carney's first year as the head of the English Department, this is also her first year teaching at Methodist. Carney comes from to us from Pennsylvania State University where she attained a PhD in Comparative Literature. Before receiving her doctorate, she taught at Vanguard University in CA for 14 years. There she was the English department and humanities division chair.

When asked why she chose to come to Methodist, Carney replied "I enjoyed the school and the people, and I like the classes so far."

Carney plans on adding a lateral entry program in which the students can take the classes needed for an English major and those required for a teaching degree at the same time. She hopes that the change will attract students to the English department because the change would lessen the amount of time it would take to become

a teacher. Carney has started the application process for adding the program, and hopes to have an instructional methods class started within a few years. She was satisfied with the English program and does not plan to make many further changes this year.

"We have great faculty and the department works well now," she



Dr. Kelly Walter Carney, the new chair of the English department.
Photo by Lakeisha Story.



Students place their bets at the roulette table.

Phi Alpha Delta Law fraternity \$1 sock fundraiser

*Taylor Blackley
Staff Writer*

What would you say if someone told you that you could help local elementary student for only \$1?

"Many student and faculty on campus don't realize how little it actually takes to help make a difference" said Phi Alpha Delta President, Chris Coats.

Phi Alpha Delta will be running a Sock Fundraising Drive to support the students of Hillsborough Elementary School right here in Fayetteville. The fundraiser will begin Today, Sept. 29 and end on Friday, Oct. 24.

The sock fundraiser is a great way for students and staff to get involved in helping the local community by purchasing a sock cutout. The cutouts are being placed on the law programs bulletin board in the trustees building for

everyone to see.

"Faculty, Staff, and students can always take a few extra dollars to help out, these cut outs are only \$1, think about it, that's a single soda," said Coats.

The money raised from this fundraiser will be used to purchase socks and underwear for the student and also to help provide assistance with the purchase of required school uniforms.

This is the second time that Phi Alpha Delta has

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- Chris Coats

contributed to the community in this way. Two years ago the same fund raiser was held and the Fraternity was able to raise over \$1,000 and this year they are hoping to raise more than two years ago.

Cattina Kency was one of the Phi Alpha Delta members that went to deliver the money to the school, "the kids were very excited to see us and it felt good being able to help give back to the community."

Wendy Vonnegut, academic advisor for Phi Alpha Delta summed it up well saying "it feels great to help those in need, most of the students at Hillsborough elementary school are from foster care, group homes, or low income families and are just so happy to have attention and are so appreciative of everything that we do."



Children's shoes cost less in Bosnia, around \$5 a pair.
Photo from MCT Campus.

*Ashley Young
News Editor*

How many pairs of shoes do most people keep in their closet? Do they wear every pair of shoes they own? What about people who do not have any shoes? Questions like these are being answered by the International Programs. The "Shoes in Your Closet" program was a new idea to raise money in order to buy shoes for the elderly and children in Bosnia.

Bosnia just came out of a civil war between Christians and Muslims and they are in need of many things. One of the listed needs was shoes for the elderly and children. This was something Magda Baggett, Director of International Programs, thought Methodist could help with.

With the help of Pum Vamasiri, Assistant Director of International Programs, and all the students in the International Program the "Shoes in Your Closet" program was able to raise \$1000. This money will also go toward buying shoes for people in Bosnia who are paralytic or have down-syndrome

'Shoes in your closet' kicks off to a good start

and don't receive the support they need.

Baggett says the International Department set a low goal on purpose in order to gain the support of the Methodist community, which was able to raise the \$1000 without a lot of effort. Students, faculty, and staff all chipped in to help reach this goal.

"I think it has united some people without much coaxing at all," said Baggett.

Baggett and Vamasiri left Saturday, Sept. 20 for Bosnia. They brought the collected money and planned to buy shoes there once they got specific sizes needed.

There are currently three students at Methodist from Bosnia and all of them are very supportive of the program. The students include junior, Sanda Markovic and freshman, Matea Peric.

"We collected a \$1000, so I think it was a good project," said Markovic, a financial economics major.

"It is perfect," said Peric, a microbiology major.

The International Department hopes to contribute to other societies this year and plans to look for community service needs in the Fayetteville community.

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Betty Bright retires after 18 years

Ms. Betty, the little lady who always has a funny story and a bright smile at Café A La Cart, is heading home to the Washington, D.C. area with her husband.

President Hendricks gave a short message at the farewell party on Sept. 19 and asked Betty to fix Washington while she's there.

One thing is for sure, buying drinks before class will never be the same and we hope her memories from MU are as fond as ours.

Ms. Betty Bright, a retiring Sodexo worker
Photo by Matt Beitzel



McCain and Obama differ on how to handle global hot spots

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Fundamental differences on foreign policy and national security separate John McCain and Barack Obama. Here's where they stand on four major challenges the next president will face:

IRAQ

McCain, who called for ousting the late dictator Saddam Hussein for years before the 2003 invasion, says the 80 percent drop in violence there is "a direct result" of the 2007 surge of 30,000 extra U.S. troops and that "victory . . . is finally in sight."

He opposes a timetable to end the occupation, which will cost an estimated \$1 trillion-plus before it's over. McCain believes that stability and democracy can take root in Iraq only if U.S. troops stay until there is political reconciliation, economic revival and Iraqi forces can operate alone.

A premature pullout, McCain warns, could bring renewed strife. Iraq, he says, could become a "failed state" where al-Qaida would gain a safe haven, Iran would hold sway through Shiite Muslim militias and violence would threaten neighboring states.

Obama, who opposed the invasion and the surge, admits that the surge has worked "beyond our wildest dreams." But he says that Iraq's Shiite-led government and its sectarian rivals will put off real reconciliation unless pressured to take responsibility for their own fate by a pullout of most U.S. forces.

He promises a "responsible and phased" 16-month U.S. troop reduction that would allow more U.S. forces to be sent to Afghanistan, which he sees as the front line of the war on terror. His troop drawdown would be accompanied by initiatives on reconciliation, refugee returns and regional stability.

Obama also would leave a "residual" U.S. force in Iraq to conduct "targeted counter-terrorism missions" and protect U.S. diplomats and civilian personnel.

Most experts agree that the surge greatly reduced violence. But, they point out that other factors helped, too: Shiite militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr declared a truce, minority Sunni Muslims had already been driven from large parts of Baghdad and former Sunni insurgents in Anbar province had joined U.S.-funded groups to fight al-Qaida-linked extremists.

Army Gen. David Petraeus, the U.S. commander who oversaw the surge, says that ground conditions, which he calls "fragile" and "reversible," should govern any U.S. withdrawal. But most Americans want the troops home, and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki wants a U.S. pullout by 2011.

AFGHANISTAN

Obama says the diversion of U.S. troops to the "unnecessary" war in Iraq allowed the Taliban and al-Qaida to rebuild after their 2001 defeat and to establish sanctuaries in Pakistan's tribal region, where al-Qaida is plotting new terrorist attacks.

He calls Afghanistan "the war we have to win" and says he would send thousands more troops to

Afghanistan to bolster the 72,000 U.S. and NATO forces there now. He also pledges to press NATO allies for more troops and would step up the training of Afghan forces and non-military aid programs.

Obama says he won't "tolerate a terrorist sanctuary" in nuclear-armed Pakistan, and implies that he would send U.S. troops across the border if Islamabad fails to act. He also backs a bill to triple non-military aid to Pakistan.

McCain, who's said the United States could "muddle through" in Afghanistan, denies that the rising violence there is due to "our diversion to Iraq." He says he would launch an Iraq-type troop surge to beef up U.S.-led counter-insurgency efforts. But he backtracked from a pledge to divert 14,000 troops from Iraq, now saying he would press NATO allies to provide some of the forces and equipment.

McCain also would appoint a White House "czar" to oversee Afghanistan strategy, including boosting non-military aid to Afghanistan and Pakistan. He also would recruit local tribes in Pakistan's tribal area to "fight foreign terrorists," the approach used against al-Qaida-linked terrorists in Iraq's Anbar province.

Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, says the Iraq war has restricted the fight in Afghanistan to an "economy-of-force operation." Army Gen. David McKeirnan, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, wants another 20,000 troops, but most cannot be made available unless there is a manpower reduction in Iraq.

Military officials discount the idea of an Iraq-style surge. The Iraq surge was mostly to pacify Baghdad, whereas the Taliban insurgency is based in the countryside.

IRAN

McCain, who once publicly sang "bomb, bomb, bomb _ bomb, bomb Iran" to the tune of a Beach Boys song, says that Iran is the "world's chief sponsor of terrorism" and is seeking nuclear weapons that would pose "a danger we cannot allow."

He rejects direct talks with Tehran and would seek tighter U.N. sanctions to pressure Iran to halt its nuclear program. If that failed, he would lead "likeminded countries" in imposing their own sanctions, including strangling Iran's gasoline imports. He

also would press for a private investment cutoff. McCain says he wants a peaceful solution, but he does not rule out using force.

Obama agrees that "there is no greater threat" to Israel and the region than Iran. But he says that he would hold direct negotiations without "self-defeating preconditions" - such as requiring Iran to first suspend uranium enrichment - and would offer it incentives to halt the program and end support for terrorism. If Iran refused, he would push for tougher U.N. sanctions and work with allies on unilateral measures, including a gasoline sales ban.

Obama also refuses to rule out force, but he says first exhausting all diplomatic options would ensure that such action would enjoy greater international support.

Russia and China resist tougher U.N. sanctions even though Iran has accelerated its nuclear program and refuses to cooperate with U.N. investigators despite three rounds of U.N. sanctions and unilateral actions by the United States and Europe.

Many analysts and European officials doubt the issue can be resolved peacefully without direct U.S.-Iranian talks on all outstanding disputes. "To make some headway, we have to enlarge this issue," said Trita Parsi of the National Iranian American Council.

Even then, Iran may have to be allowed to continue producing low-enriched uranium for power plants its right under international law if it accepts tougher U.N. safeguards against developing weapons.

RUSSIA

When it comes to dealing with a Russia that is increasingly aggressive abroad and repressive at home, McCain and Obama share some similar stands on specific issues but would pursue different approaches to the overall relationship.

McCain has taken a more combative stance. In an essay last year, he called for Russia's expulsion from the G-8 group of industrialized countries - which is unlikely to happen because the other G-8 partners don't want to do it.

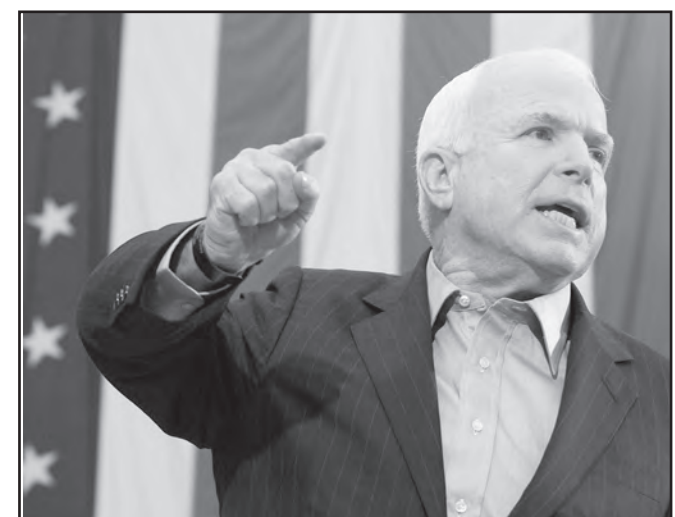
After the Aug. 8 Russian invasion of the nation of Georgia, he urged quick action on admitting Georgia and Ukraine to NATO. He said he told Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili in a telephone call, "Today, we are all Georgians."

Obama has been equally vocal in criticizing Russia's actions in Georgia and called for international peacekeepers to replace Russian troops in contested regions. But he's been more cautious on NATO membership for Georgia - favoring it in principle, but not calling to accelerate it in a time of tension. Many experts warn that admitting Georgia to NATO could provoke Moscow further and would commit the United States to come to Georgia's defense in the event of war.

Obama puts great emphasis on working with Russia to secure loose nuclear materials in the former Soviet Union that could fall into terrorists' hands. He puts diplomacy first, front and center, as his preferred way to work with Moscow.



Illinois Senator Barack Obama
Photo by MCT



Senator John McCain
Photo by MCT

Entertainment

The Force Unleashed Review

For XBox 360, Wii, PSP, PS2, PS3, and Nintendo DS

Austin Bordeaux
Staff Writer

“Star Wars: The Force Unleashed” game is not what most people expected from the beginning. This is not another “Knights of the Old Republic” or “Jedi Academy.” The play style is similar to games like “Devil May Cry,” “God of War,” or “Ratchet and Clank.” If you are a Star Wars fan, then you will love this game.

• **Graphics** - The graphics are alright, taking advantage of the different consoles hardware for each respective game version. They are smooth and have very few problems with them. The camera angle can be annoying if the players are in a corner or attempting to back track through the level to get a holocron they missed.

• **Gameplay** - This game contains a combo system which actually has some depth to it. It has role playing game elements and the character levels up, gains more points, learns new force powers and upgrades the powers. The Force powers start off weak, but upgrades become ridiculously powerful. With different difficulty settings, this game has pretty good programming on enemies and can sometimes even be challenging.

• **Sound** - The music is wonderful, as most Star Wars genre games have that special music that each of us has come to associate with the series. Each song sounds a little bit different fro expected with an almost raw, primal feel to it. Which ties into the storyline well as it is a transition time for the Empire, though I'll let players themselves see why.

• **Controls** - The controls are a little hard to grasp at first and can frustrate players until they get the targeting system down. The combo system works fairly well and different moves look pretty cool while devastating the opponents. With the press of a few buttons, players can wreak incredible havoc on the forces of the empire.

Over all, if you like Star Wars, you should get the game. I gave it an 8.5 out of 10 because all of the elements of the game are well implemented, even though the camera is buggy and the controls are sometimes annoying. The Force powers in the game are incredible, as is the game itself visually and musically. Don't just trust my rating though. Get a copy and try it yourself.



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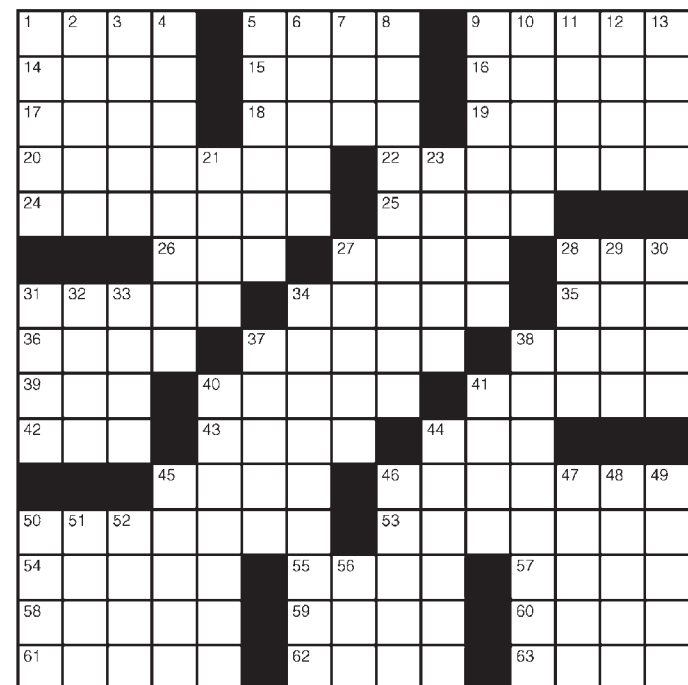
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27 Certain
28 Say more
31 Combine
34 Strongholds
35 Soil turner
36 Fabled canal
37 Trickery
38 Medieval peon
39 In days past
40 Kitchen implement
41 Midsection, informally
42 Plat section
43 Mine finds
44 Nurse, as a drink
45 Huff and puff
46 Siberian plains
50 More crude
53 Deluge
54 Distribute
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57 Relax
58 Sifting utensil
59 Fairy-tale creature
60 Pond cover
61 Watered, as a lawn
62 Enthusiasts
63 Females of the species

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Solutions



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Investigation of S.C. plane crash continues

*Kristy Eppley Rupon and Rick Brundrett
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(MCT)*

COLUMBIA, S.C. Federal investigators will continue collecting evidence Sunday from a fiery Learjet crash at Columbia Metropolitan Airport in South Carolina that killed four and critically injured performers Travis Barker and DJ AM late Friday night.

The plane was headed to California after the duo had performed a free concert for thousands of area residents of all ages in Five Points, S.C.

Airport traffic controllers reported seeing sparks coming from the plane as it taxied down the approximately 8,600-foot-long runway about midnight, National Transportation Safety Board spokeswoman Debbie Hersman said, though she couldn't provide specifics.

Parts of the plane and rubber were found on the runway, she said.

Investigators recovered the plane's cockpit voice recorder, which will be sent to Washington, D.C., for analysis to determine whether there were any conversations between the pilot and co-pilot prior to the crash, which killed them and two passengers, Hersman said late Saturday.

"I have every confidence that we will be able to determine the probable cause of this accident regardless of whether or not the cockpit voice recorder data is good," Hersman said.

Investigators likely won't know for weeks what caused the crash at the end of runway 11.

The private charter plane flew into Columbia, S.C., about 11:10 p.m. Friday from Teterboro, N.J., to pick up the passengers and take them to Van Nuys, Calif., according to authorities and flight records. The plane refueled before it left New Jersey, Hersman said. It was at the Columbia airport for about 45 minutes before the attempted takeoff.

The jet never got off the ground, crashing at 11:53 p.m. into lights and through the fence at the end of the runway. It traveled across S.C. 302 and crashed into an embankment on the other side, bursting into flames, authorities said.

Hersman described the crash as a "high-speed overrun," though investigators have

not yet determined the actual speed. She said the plane traveled "pretty much" in a straight line down the runway.

Killed in the crash were two members of Barker's entourage - personal assistant Chris Baker, 29, of Studio City, Calif., and bodyguard Charles Still, 25, of Los Angeles. Pilot Sarah Lemmon, 31, of Anaheim Hills, Calif., and co-pilot James Bland, 52, of Carlsbad, Calif., also died, Lexington County Coroner Harry Harman said.

Eyewitness William Owens told WIS-TV that he was driving on S.C. 302 Friday night when he saw a fireball go across the road about 800 feet in front of him.

Owens said he stopped his car and saw DJ AM, 35, whose real name is Adam Goldstein, and Barker, 32, standing in the middle of the road. He said Barker's pants were on fire and he was trying to extinguish the flames.

"We turned to the jet to try and see if there was anything we could do, but immediately, there was nothing anyone could do," Owens said.

"I felt ill or sick to think that these lives were snuffed out at that point."

The only other known witnesses were in the control tower, NTSB spokesman Peter Knudson said. But he said sometimes it takes a while for witnesses to come forward in crashes.

The partially burned jet sat on the embankment Saturday at



Former Blink 182 drummer Travis Barker, one of the performers injured in the crash. (AP/MCT)

Friday night.

The Learjet 60 was manufactured in 2006 and certified to fly in 2007; it was owned by Inter Travel and Services Inc., based in Irvine, Calif., and was operated by Global Executive Aviation in Long Beach, Calif., Hersman said.

Maintenance records were sealed and on their way to Columbia Saturday from California, Knudson said, adding it could take a couple of days for the records to reach investigators here.

"We have not yet found anything, but we are looking at everything," Hersman said. "Nothing has been ruled out at this point. . .

the end of a long, black streak of burned jet fuel across S.C. 302. Federal investigators, who arrived on the scene around 11 a.m., surveyed the crash site and collected evidence to help determine the cause of the crash.

Hersman said the weather was clear with a slight breeze

.We will be looking at the man, the machine and the environment to help us explain this accident."

The agency will investigate the pilots' records and what they had been doing 72 hours before the crash, a routine part of such investigations, Hersman said. The agency also will review paperwork, physical evidence and eyewitness accounts to help determine what caused the crash, she said, adding the S.C. Highway Patrol and the FBI are assisting in the investigation.

The two survivors, Barker and Goldstein, were taken by ambulance to Palmetto Health Richland and then to the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta, Ga., where they were listed in critical condition Saturday.

The crash shut down air traffic to and from Columbia Metropolitan all day Saturday, leaving hundreds of passengers scrambling for another way to their destinations. The airport's other runway is under construction through the end of November and could not be opened to accommodate airplanes.

The investigation also closed down a portion of S.C. 302 Saturday; Hersman said that stretch would remain closed until Monday night.

Fire and police units from the airport, Lexington County and the city of Cayce responded to the crash site Friday night to extinguish the flames and help the victims.

The fatal crash was the second at the airport in less than two years.

On Jan. 4, 2007, three Columbia-area men were killed when their single-engine Cessna crashed in woods on airport property while trying to land in foggy weather.

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Opinion

Ashley Asks...

Ashley Young News Editor

How is the freedom of classes at 11-12 affecting your lunch in the cafeteria or Lion's Den?



"It's crowded. I do think there are a lot of people which makes it a little hectic between 11 and 12."

—Kelisha Graves, a freshman and religious studies major.



"I feel that it's really hectic at times but I feel that it helps that the cafeteria is open for longer times."

—Dustin Autry, a junior, and a music education major.



"I like it, it works well, I don't have classes from nine until one so it works out well."

—Lance Kappel, freshman, and biology major.

Alpha Delta Pi not a good impression

Alicia Secord
Staff Writer



All over campus there've been signs and posters telling girls to "Come Home to Alpha Delta Pi," the new sorority at Methodist. The sorority has been touted as a close-knit group of girls who support each other and the community. This is a great ideal, but it is not the behavior that I have seen from the group.

A year ago, ADPi did not exist. Instead, Methodist was home to a social organization called the Adelphian Society. The

Adelphians were seen supporting events such as the Jessie Smith Woodcutting Project, the Think Pink basketball game, and Show You Care Day. They also held a date auction and donated the proceeds to a local charity. These girls seemed to really care about their community and were often friendly to those outside of their society.

The girls that were involved in previous years have not changed. However, the sorority has attracted many more members than the society ever could because of the sheer fact that girls would like to say, "I was in a sorority in college." It seems the sorority has gone from being an open member of the Methodist community to being a closed off group, very much like the clichéd sororities seen in movies and on television.

The newspaper has had trouble gathering facts from the sorority members. They've been instructed to stonewall the press while at the same time run occasional advertisements in the newspaper. The sorority has

gone from being an open member of the Methodist community to being a closed off group much like the clichéd sororities seen in movies and on television.

Even some members of the sorority have experienced the negative changes in the group. Several candidates, who wish to remain anonymous, have noticed discrepancies between ADPi's initial message and the actual environment offered by the sorority. One new member was told that because she was not from the south, she was not allowed to wear pearls. Another member was disappointed with the attitude of many of the members toward volunteering.

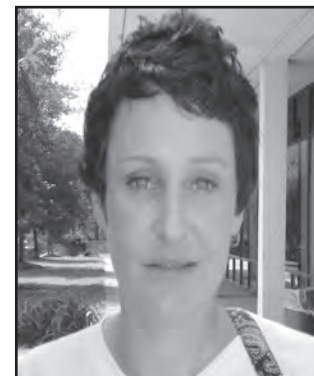
"I joined because I have family members that were in ADPi when they were in college," said one of the candidates. "They said they did a lot of community service. I was a disappointed when I realized that so many people had joined just to say they were in a sorority."

Their first attempt to reach out to other Methodist students, Tie Dye with

ADPi, was a flop. Not only was there no advertisement for the event in the week before, the sorority was very much unprepared. They did not have any t-shirts to supply students who wished to participate. Instead, many students were told when they arrived to go back and get clothes to tie dye. At a school where nearly every major group has given away printed t-shirts to students that attend their events, the fact that ADPi cannot supply blank white t-shirts for an event that inherently requires them seems very stingy, especially considering the exorbitant dues that each girl paid at the beginning of the semester just to join.

The sorority has left an unfavorable impression on me and others here at Methodist. I think they will have to try a lot harder if they hope to regain the respect that the Adelphian society commanded.

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"No organization. It's like a herd of cattle coming through. The stairs get backed up."

—Tabitha Cable, a junior, and an English major.

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Young voters taking this election seriously

*Jenee Osterheldt
McClatchy Newspapers*

Two months ago April Hardin hadn't given much thought to the presidential election.

She was preparing for her first semester of college - picking classes, preparing for dorm life, saving money. Politics didn't factor into her world. She'd heard of Barack Obama, but she didn't know much about him or John McCain.

She just didn't feel connected to the campaign at all. Until one day while flipping channels she heard two words: financial aid.

It was Michelle Obama on television talking about financial relief for college students. Financial aid is very important to April, a freshman at Missouri Western State University.

Before then, she didn't realize that the president had much to do with that. She wasn't even registered to vote.

"I wasn't even interested in the election," says April, 18. "Now I know whoever gets elected will have a major impact over the next four years of my life at school."

She was worried that it was too late for her to exercise her right to vote. She called her sister, frantic. But the deadline to register for voting remains ahead: Oct. 8 in Missouri and Oct. 20 in Kansas.

Two weeks ago, while walking back to her room from the cafeteria, April saw a voter registration drive and signed up.

"I want to be included," she says about the upcoming Election Day. "And I want to know what's going on."

Even though it was Michelle Obama who caught her attention, that doesn't mean she's sold on Barack Obama. She says she's now trying to learn more about the issues and the people involved.

"I realize I need to listen to both sides and get to know more about both candidates," she says.

"Education and financial aid are important to me. I have to make sure I know why I am voting for the person I choose, and who they are before I make a choice."

Joe Sims didn't care about politics either. There wasn't a big reason. He says it just didn't appeal to him. Then he turned 18 in August and gained the power to vote. He started paying attention.

His classmates started learning more, too. He says it's not something they sit around talking about, but there's an undertone.

"You can feel it, we're thinking about it," says Joe, a senior at Olathe Northwest High School.

Education, the war, economic turnaround and better health care are some of the things on Joe's mind. He thinks that the war was unjustified and that America went to Iraq without a plan.

He has been tuning in to the speeches and making himself familiar with the candidates to

see who caters to the changes he wants to see. He says it's more involved than he realized.

"I'm learning a lot," says Joe, who is leaning toward Obama. "There are a lot more issues at hand and they go further in-depth than I thought they could. I just thought it was as simple as do you want to be Republican or Democrat, red or blue, nothing else."

Now that he sees what goes into the campaign, Joe says, learning more about the candidates has made him feel like his vote is going to really count toward something big.

"I have never really anticipated an election before," he says. "I'm really excited. It's always been the same old stuff, year after year, and there's going to be a change."



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Local Restrurant Ratings

All of the restaurant ratings below are from North Carolina Public Health Inspections website. They are current from its website as of 9/26/08.

Restrurant	Inspector Comments
Golden Corral 3901 Ramsey Street Rating: 94.5 [A]	Clean the racks where the bowls are stored. Debris and sitting water was on the rack during the time of inspection.
Kyoto Express 3915 Ramsey Street Rating: 97 [A]	Use an effective method of pest control. Numerous flies present during the time of inspection.
Decker's Brick Oven Pizza 3612 Ramsey Street Rating: 95.5 [A]	Ice machine needs to be cleaned free of mold. Thoroughly clean the following: Vents above grill Inside coolers and tracks of doors Microwaves and Toasters Gaskets (and replace as needed) All shelves
Ruby Tuesday's 3660 Ramsey Street Rating: 99 [A]	Replace all plates that are chipped and all lexan pans that are cracked. Replace cutting boards.
McDonald's Drive In 3815 Ramsey Street Rating: 96.50 [A]	THE FOLLOWING NEEDED CLEANING: INSIDE OF ICE MACHINE, ICE SHOOT AT LEFT DRINK STATION IN DINING ROOM, LEMON SLICER AND THE DRINK NOZZLES AT DRIVE-THRU THE INITIAL FINAL COOK TEMPERATURES OF THE REGULAR MEAT WAS 140oF-160oF; however the situation (increase in grill temp.) was corrected and the final temperature was 165-185

A woman's choice, no buts about it

Response to John Taylor Brantley's submission to the Sept. 15 issue

*Alicia Secord
Staff Writer*

Whether Democrat or a Republican, abortion is often a hot-button issue. Leaders like Senator McCain and Governor Palin endorse the overturning of Row v. Wade. Others, like Senator Obama and Senator Biden are in favor of the case's outcome.

The idea that fetuses have souls from the time of conception is a religious one. It is a belief system that has no place in making laws for a country which prides itself on the separation of church and state. To claim that a fetus has equal or greater rights than the woman carrying it is a serious blow to women's rights. She is often the one that has to raise the child, not to mention the changes to her body and lifestyle.

Outlawing abortion will not stop women from having them. It will only drive women to the same desperation seen in the 1970s. The rich flew to countries where abortion was legal. Stateside, illegal abortions happened in unsanitary facilities and were performed by under qualified people, often resulting in harm or death to the woman. Even those whose pregnancy put them at a serious health risk could not legally obtain an abortion.

Persecuting the people that have and perform abortions is not the

way to incite change. It only drives the rift even deeper. How do you know that the person walking into that abortion clinic isn't a rape victim? For her, making that trip is hard enough, and every name you call her drives the shame and worthlessness that she already feels even deeper. What about the woman that was just diagnosed with cancer? She had to make the choice to give up the baby she has wanted for so long so that she can go on chemotherapy to try to save her own life.

If you're going to petition and picket for anything, ask for better sex education to help reduce the number of unplanned teen pregnancies. Petition for state funding to create housing for these pregnant teens so that having a baby for adoption is a legitimate option. Prochoice is not about killing unborn babies. It is about providing women with options. Whether we are sick, hurt, or merely made a mistake, women deserve to have choices. If you don't agree with the main one that is available, provide a new one before throwing stones.

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Sports

Fall season nears halfway point

Danielle Levine
Sports Editor

Football

Two weeks of practice came to a close for the Monarchs as the football team had a week off from games on Sept. 20. As the Monarchs came off a tough loss to Guilford College of Greensboro, the team looked forward to the game against North Carolina Wesleyan College of Rocky Mount. The Monarchs play again at Monarch Stadium on Oct. 11, which is "Take a Kid to the Game" day.



Junior free safety, Nicholas Hunter. Photo by Aaron Casteel.

Men's Soccer

After four consecutive losses, the Monarchs Men's Soccer team has had four consecutive victories.

The Monarchs defeated Guilford College by a score of 0-4. Senior forward, Evan Monteiro had two goals, freshman forward, Julian Hart and junior midfielder, Bret Brennan both added one. Senior midfielder, James Gunderson; senior forward Mike DeMara; sophomore defender, Brion Kelly; and Brennan all added one assist to the Monarch victory. Freshman goalkeeper,

Kyle Beach had seven saves and no goals allowed.

After the Guilford contest, the Monarchs were victorious against Southeastern University from Lakeland Fla. by a score of 0-3. Kelly had two goals and DeMara added one. Gunderson and sophomore forward, Stan Pajak had one assist each. Beach had five saves and no goals allowed.

The Monarchs then headed to Ferrum, Va. where they faced Ferrum College. The Monarchs had a 2-1, overtime victory. Brennan had both Monarch goals, and senior midfielder, Brandon Cunningham added an assist. Beach had four saves and allowed one goal.

The Monarchs continued on the road in Ashland Va. where they faced Randolph-Macon College, and shut them out 0-3. Gunderson, DeMara, and Pajak each added a goal; Cunningham, Brennan, and Monteiro each added an assist. Beach had nine saves and no goals allowed, making the game in Ashland his third shutout.



Freshman midfielder Jeff Fallier.
Photo by Danielle Levine



Sophomore midfielder, Catherine Ramsay.
Photo by Matt Beitzel

Women's Soccer

Monarch Women's Soccer has had a rocky start. The last three games, the Monarchs went 2-1.

At Guilford College, the Monarchs dealt the Quakers a loss 3-1. Junior defender, Erica Nath had two goals; and junior midfielder, Ashley Kolano added one goal. Freshman midfielder, Christine Ellington and sophomore defender, Amber Jurkovic both added an assist. Freshman goalkeeper, Sara Altman had eight saves and one allowed goal.

The Guilford game was followed by a tough loss against Lynchburg College of Lynchburg, Va. 5-1. Freshman midfielder/forward, Danielle Minichello had a solo goal for the Monarchs. Sophomore goalkeeper, Kasey Nichols had 9 saves and five goals allowed.

After the loss against Lynchburg, the Monarchs shutout Peace College of Raleigh. Sophomore midfielder, Catherine Ramsay; freshman forward, Allie Jennings; freshman midfielder/defender Lauren Colenda, and Minichello each added one goal to the 0-7 victory. Junior forward, Whitney Roberson added two goals for the Monarchs. Freshman forward, Jillian Reed; sophomore midfielder, Lindsey Oliphant; and Colenda each added one assist. Nichols had one save no allowed goals. In addition to the six goals made by the Monarchs, Peace College made a goal on their own goalkeeper.

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Just what happened to the USC Trojans?

By Michael Lev
The Orange County Register
(MCT)

CORVALLIS, Ore. Could we possibly have been that wrong?

Did USC simply fool us?

Are Virginia and Ohio State that bad?

Either a bunch of impostors wearing cardinal, gold and white showed up at Oregon State's Reser

Stadium on Thursday night, or the Trojans revealed their true colors.

USC's outlook-altering, 27-21 defeat didn't stem from Trojans mistakes like the last time they lost here, in 2006. No, this was different. This was about fundamentals such as tackling and blocking.

This was about battles lost at the line of scrimmage. This was disturbing.

"They played better than us," USC coach Pete Carroll said afterward in a cramped hallway underneath Oregon State's basketball arena. "They played harder than us.

"They didn't hide what they were doing. They just did it, and we couldn't stop them."

The most unstoppable Beavers player of all was tailback Jacquizz Rodgers, a 5-foot-6 freshman whom the Trojans let slip through their grasp time and again.

Rodgers was the just the 10th player in the past 77 games to rush for 100 or more yards against USC and he did that in the first half. Rodgers finished with 186 yards against a USC defense that had allowed 103 in its first two games, a pair of victories by a combined score of 87-10.

USC thought it might have a bead on Rodgers thanks to its own diminutive freshman tailback, Curtis McNeal, who arrived just in time after getting through the NCAA academic clearinghouse to serve as a Rodgers impersonator in practice. Oddly, though, McNeal wore No. 8 for those scout-team sessions the number of Rodgers' brother, slotback James Rodgers. Jacquizz Rodgers is No. 1. USC won't be for very long.

How far the Trojans tumble in the rankings was among many lingering questions as they dressed quietly in the visitors' locker room.

USC was a near-unanimous No. 1 choice in the writers' and coaches' polls after smashing then-

No. 5 Ohio State, 35-3. Pundits portrayed the Pac-10 as the Pac-1 and nine also-rans. The talk-show talk wasn't about Oregon State; it was about whether USC somehow could lose a spot in the BCS title game despite going undefeated in conference play, the conference supposedly weak enough to drag the Trojans down with it.

A perfect, dominant run through the Pac-1+9 was behind a likelihood; it was a certainty.

Then Oregon State happened, again.

"The reality of the Pac-10 is obvious," said Carroll, who had insisted all along that rumors of the conference's demise were greatly exaggerated.

Carroll believed he had his team prepared for a prime-time visit here, dismissing talk of a letdown and ignoring the ghosts of Corvallis past. Then the game started, and USC didn't look prepared at all.

"When we were out there," Carroll said, "it just didn't feel like it."

USC didn't bring a split squad to Corvallis; it brought a split personality.

During the first 30 minutes, the Trojans didn't look like they

belonged on the same field with the

Beavers. One scribe in the press box said he was counting the number of USC players on the field on each play to make sure there were 11. Carroll should have considered checking IDs.

Then, during the next 15 minutes, the Trojans suddenly looked like themselves again. They flew to the ball on defense. They gained first downs and scored touchdowns on offense. Carroll is renowned for his halftime adjustments; it appeared he had made all the necessary corrections.

But the hole USC found itself in proved too deep, a common thread with that 33-31 upset loss here in '06. The Trojans fell behind then, 33-10, and their unbeaten season died when a potential tying two-point conversion got batted down.

USC lost one more game that season, to UCLA, but won the Rose Bowl and finished No. 4 in the final rankings. The Trojans will have to readjust their expectations in 2008.

Reaching the BCS title game is still possible; heck, LSU made it with two losses last season. But the

SEC's power ranking is much

higher than the Pac-10's, even if the conference is better than people think. USC has lost any margin for error it might have had.

The Trojans did not expect to be caught in traffic outside of Los Angeles, but there they were, fighting through streams of orange-clad Oregon State fans who swarmed the field.

The public-address announcer repeatedly urged the fans to stay classy, Corvallis, but it was a fruitless plea. As he repeated his message in the final minutes, hundreds of students already had jumped the wall behind the Oregon State bench.

No one could stop the students, just like the Trojans couldn't stop Jacquizz Rodgers, not early and not late, when his plowing 2-yard plunge bumped the score to 27-14 and sent Oregon State's fans into a frenzy of leaps and hugs.

What Oregon State did to USC was nothing new. "They've been running those plays for how many years now?" linebacker Brian Cushing asked. The way USC lost was unfamiliar. And more than a little worrisome.

Monarch Scoreboard

Contest Results

Date	Opponent	Result
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Football

Since the previous issue of *smallTALK*, there have been no Monarch Football games

Men's Soccer

Sept. 17	Guilford College	W 0-4
Sept. 20	Southeastern	W 0-3
Sept. 22	@ Ferrum College	W 2-1 OT
Sept. 24	@ Randolph-Macon	W 3-0

Women's Soccer

Sept. 17	@ Guilford College	W 3-1
Sept. 20	Lynchburg College	L 5-1
Sept. 24	Peace College	W 0-7

Volleyball

Sept. 17	Greensboro College	L 3-1
Sept. 19	@ Ferrum	L 0-3
Sept. 19	<i>Christopher Newport</i>	L 1-3
Sept. 20	@ Shenandoah	W 3-0
Sept. 20	<i>Averett University</i>	W 3-1
Sept. 24	@ Meredith College	L 2-3

Upcoming Home Contests

Date	Opponent	Time
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Football

Oct. 11	Averett	1:00 p.m.
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Men's Soccer

Oct. 4	NC Wesleyan	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Christopher Newport	3:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 4	Averett University	1:00 p.m.
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Volleyball

Sept. 30	NC Wesleyan	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Greensboro College	7:00 p.m.

All contests in italics were played at the site listed above it.

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Alpha Delta Pi

welcomes our new Alpha members home to Alpha Delta Pi.

Felicia Back	Courtney Fernandez	Katelyn Jarrell	Chelsea Posey	Brittany Surratt
Alicia Bates	Ashley Fields	Amber Jurkovic	Megan Pritchett	Candice Tynes
Cecilia Bode	Samantha Gamble	Jessalyn Lykins	Lauren Ratley	Camille Walker
Jessica Britt	Lydia Haig	Marianne Mosch	Dawn Sanderson	Shelby Webster
Stacey Cassanova	Jessie Heath	Michaela Myers	Kaitlyn Seiboldt	Christie Wheeler
Taylor Cotton	Lauren Hicks	Melissa Owen	Michelle Simmons	Laura Wilhelm
Andrea Daly	Nicole Holden	Deanna Piacente	Ashley Skipper	Kristina Wolfrom
Maria Drakos	Christine Hood	Krystal Poirier	Whitney Sowers	Kristyn Zeiler
Ashley Evanich	Jerianne Jackson	Jacqueline Ponder	Bailey Suggs	

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