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Easter Jam concert held in amphitheater

Ashley Young
News Editor

Easter Jam was a first-time event on Methodist's campus. A large crowd attended the event and lit up the night with music.

Campus ministries hosted Easter Jam in the amphitheater near public safety. Earlier in the week students and faculty had cleaned the amphitheater during Methodist's annual Show You Care Day. The exciting event included free T-shirts, Chick-fil-A chicken, and an appearance by the Chick-fil-A cow.

The jam began with a prayer and a moment of silence for Raul Smith. Smith was a freshman student who lived in Sanford Hall until he died in a car accident on April 6.

Then, wrapped in hats, gloves, and sweaters, the One Voice gospel choir kicked off the show with an upbeat tune directed by Ralph Chew.

After their performance, One Voice turned the stage over to Common Ground,

a Christian rock band. Common Ground performed both rock songs and hymns. The Methodist musicians finished with a song performed by both Common Ground and One Voice, a rare occurrence.

"I think tonight is an awesome opportunity that campus ministry can finally come together," said Sam Morrison, a junior business administration major. "It doesn't matter if you're black or white, we all play music for the same God."

After performances by the Methodist musicians, Veronica Johnson took the stage. The audience both listened and sang with Johnson, while she played the keyboard. Johnson is a member of True Vine Ministries World Outreach Fellowship congregation and is the post-production editor in music ministries for the "Your Day of Liberty" broadcast, which airs on community channels in central and southeastern North Carolina.



The alto section of One Voice gospel choir performs a hymn.
Photo by Lakeisha Story

The audience stayed warm by dancing and singing along to her performance. At the end of the show, Johnson sang with One Voice for the final song.

"I'm excited. We did a lot of work and preparation behind the scenes," said Thomas

Hutton, a member of campus ministries. "I'm glad it's finally here."

Hutton said that the campus ministries team plan to do evaluations once Easter Jam is over to measure its success. They hope to repeat it as a year-end event.



Kappa Sigma and Alpha Delta Pi members at homecoming.
Photo by Andrew Carey

The rise of the Greeks at Methodist

Aryn Hicks
Staff Writer

The 2008-2009 year marked a new tradition at Methodist University. Greek Life made its debut on campus, introducing three social fraternities and sororities to the student body.

Alpha Delta Pi became the first social sorority on campus, while Kappa Sigma and Omega Xi are the male societies available to students.

Alpha Delta Pi (ADPi) began as the Adelphean Society in Spring 2008. Although judged and often criticized, ADPi rose to become a powerful organization on Methodist's campus. ADPi held events across campus, such as Tie Dye with ADPi, to gain recogni-

tion early on. There were times when students could not walk anywhere around campus without seeing the ADPi logo on buildings, shirts, or bags. Later in the year, the sorority held a philanthropic event, Pie an ADPi, at Spring Fling. The ladies of the sorority made themselves available to be covered in whip cream pies in efforts to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House charity.

Kappa Sigma also gained popularity with students as the year progressed. Members of the fraternity presented themselves as dignified and sophisticated by wearing button-down shirts and ties on specific days of the week. Kappa Sigma's main community service activity was supporting the troops deployed to the Middle East. Members distributed yellow rib-

bons and collected donations from students and faculty in the Berns Student Center

Omega Xi also hosted various activities across campus. One of the most popular fundraisers held by the organization was Save Second Base, a program to raise money and awareness about breast cancer. Some of Omega Xi members participated by selling T-shirts with provocatively placed baseballs. Other fraternity members shaved their heads to show their support for those battling the cancer. Omega Xi also held pool and ping-pong tournaments to entertain students and offer the opportunity to win prizes. Omega Xi is the only local Greek organization on campus. However, they are currently seeking a national affiliation with Lambda Chi Alpha, a Christian fraternity.

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Bell Tower Live fades fast

*Alicia Secord
Staff Writer*

The first ever Bell Tower Live was held during freshman orientation this year. The August 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 tried to offer with the new live concert series. These groups sponsored live music at various locations on the first Friday of each month.

However, the concert series seemed to die out after the first few performances. Student attendance dwindled and the performances became less and less entertaining.

At the first performance, there was free food, inflatable games, pictures with a lion (taken in front of a green screen), and wax hand molds.

The second Bell Tower Live hosted two very good bands, Mighty Blue and Stereo Jesus but due to a scheduling conflict with a recital in the chapel, Bell Tower Live was cut short. Mighty Blue is a blues band from Fayetteville. Stereo Jesus, the second band, is a Christian rock band from Waynesville, NC.



"The Inner City All-Stars" perform at the first Bell Tower Live.
Photo by Alicia Secord

Subsequent Bell Tower Live performances were held nowhere near the bell tower.

A later Bell Tower Live featured spoken-word poetry by Jon Goode, who performed for about an hour in the Green and Gold café. Goode performed poems about many subjects, including women, relationships, and growing up.

Other performances were held on the basketball court.

The Bell Tower Live series was a positive addition to Methodist's campus because it allowed students and faculty to experience different music and cultures.

Cumberland County dismisses drug charge

*Ashley Young
News Editor*

The discovery of \$1,048, two smoke bongs, two drug scales, one push rod pipe, and one grinder in room 311 of Garber Hall led to the arrest of two students: Tyler Coates and Ryan Hill on Aug. 20, 2008. By April 2009, however, the court had dismissed the charges against both Hill and Coates.

The two were also charged with Class I Felony for possession of marijuana and Class I Felony for 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.

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

Lt. Chris Davis of the Fayetteville Police filed the reports but accredited all the work in the case to the Methodist Campus Police force. Davis was unavailable for further comment.

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

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smallTALK says 'Thanks'

Editor-in-Chief Ashley Genova passes the torch

*Ashley Young
News Editor*

From threats to "fire us" if we didn't get our stories in to holding the privilege of Monday night dinner over our heads so we would attend meetings, Ashley Genova has been an irreplaceable editor-in-chief.

Genova has been a wonderful leader over the last two years and has helped smallTALK improve immensely. She took the flagging school newspaper and turned around to be a bi-weekly document that gave Methodist's campus a closer look at student activities, important events, memorial services, prayer vigils, new movies, books, and games, sports, school opinions and much more.

Genova has repeatedly dealt with the challenge of rallying a news staff that begins strong in August and dwindles down to about four or five people by October. She has been able to overcome the obstacles and keep the paper running.

Through personal hardships and triumphs Genova has always put smallTALK first in everything she does. She has stayed up until midnight to write a story, covered the nine p.m. event that no one else wanted, and sacrificed her Friday night to finish the layout. Whatever the case, Genova has always made sure the newspaper would come out on time.

The first time I met Genova was at Freshman Orientation in 2006. I sat down during the Ice Breakers session and she came over and asked if I would be interested in working for the school newspaper. I agreed. She gave me the rare opportunity of being an



editor during my freshman year at Methodist.

Genova taught me how to do layout on Adobe Indesign and, though I worked slowly, she had patience with me. With her guidance, I have become a better writer and a better reporter. The knowledge and insight that she has taught me is irreplaceable and I do not think I could have learned it from anyone else.

Genova led the news staff on trips to New York City, Baltimore, and Raleigh for various conventions and all over campus for Monday staff meetings. She even led us out of the bathroom-turned-closet which housed the student media staff originally, to the office where the news room currently resides. There, instructions to staff often appear on crumpled, torn, scrap paper, or in squares on the dry-erase board. Whatever the media, Genova has left her mark on both the smallTALK office and on the hearts of her staff.

While I cannot begin to describe what Genova has done for smallTALK in pulling it up onto its feet, keeping it alive even when times were hard, and making it something Methodist could be proud of, I can give my thanks to her for all she has done.

As the torch is passed to next year's editor-in-chief, Alicia Secord, I know the newspaper will continue on the path that Genova has created. Genova is an extraordinary leader and she will be greatly missed.

*Roxana Ross
Director of Student Media*

Ashley has been a good editor and I am glad that she is not completely leaving us yet. She has always been responsible, dedicated and passionate about the paper. Ashley has worked late when needed and is constantly striving to make smallTALK a better paper.

*Alicia Secord
Staff Writer*

Ashley has been understanding and patient with all of us as we learned to write, take pictures, and do layout. She has kept us on track and has been strict as needed.

*Austin Bordeaux
Web Editor*

When life gives you lemons ... BAM ... ninjas everywhere ... thousands of 'em!!!

Ashley ran an efficient paper ... no thanks to me.

*Danielle Levine
Sports Editor*

We've laughed; we've cried. We've leaned on one another when times were tough. Through Ashley, I have met life-long friends, and the man I love. I have gained a friend, and I consider you a sister.

Thank you for everything!



Ashley and fiancé Thomas Holmes at the 2008 Hillary Clinton rally at Methodist.
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Genova's Notable Headlines

"The Love Doctors Are In"

- advice column co-written with Darlene Hopkins



"Gilbert Addresses Cafe Complaints"

- an interview with the former Sodexo General Manager about food and cafeteria quality

"Celebrating 50 Years at Methodist"

- a montage of photos and reminisces of Methodist's first 50 years

"Mercury spill creates a small scare"

- a broken thermometer brought HazMat to Methodist for clean up



Left, Genova prepares to climb a rock wall at The Climbing Place. Photo by Thomas Holmes.

Above, Genova prepares to make a phone call in Battery Park in New York City. Photo by Kristen McKane

SGA election update


*Alicia Secord
Staff Writer*

Due to a lack of candidates, everyone that ran for office in the Student Government Association (SGA) was elected. Thomas Hutton is the SGA president-elect.

Former president Anthony Liuzza will return next year as an SGA senator. Six other senator positions were filled, leaving nine open to be filled next fall.



SGA President-Elect Thomas Hutton
Photo by Roxana Ross



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A Year of Monarch Madness



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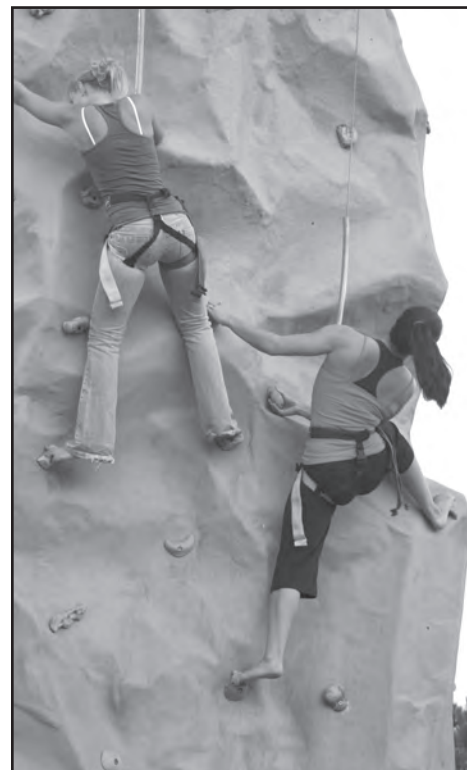
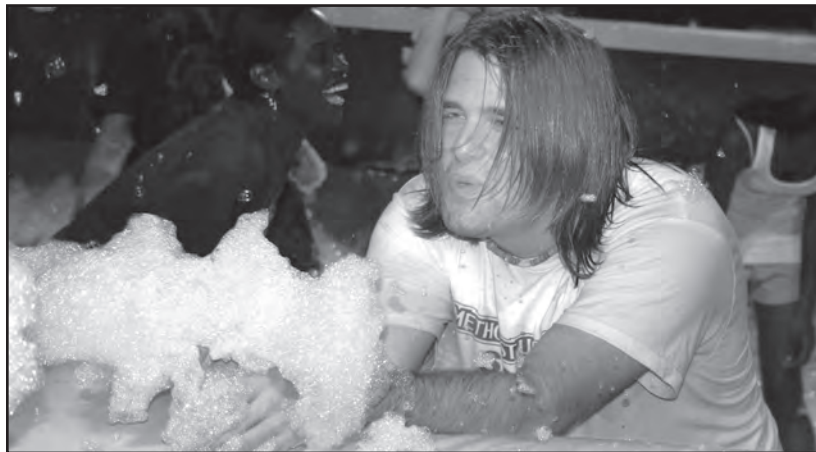
September's Casino Night drew a large crowd with the opportunity for prizes.

Recycled Percussion performed in the Riddle Center in November.

Country Western night was a popular event in October.

Extreme Madness had students gathered around the quad and library.

Anthony Liuzza blows bubbles at the Foam Dance Party held during Freshman Orientation.



PURSUE FAITH FREELY
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Monday 6:00 p.m. One Voice Practice Chapel
8:00 p.m. In His Grip Commons
9:00 p.m. Praise and Worship Band Practice Chapel

Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Alumni

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Campus Worship Service Chapel
8:00 p.m. Deeper Life Commons
9:00 p.m. "God Time" Traditional Worship Chapel

Thursday 8:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study Weaver Lobby
8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study Commons
Sunday 9:00 p.m. Catholic Mass Chapel



Special Thanks to Student Media's Advisor, Roxana Ross, who has put up with many late nights and absurd pranks.

Sports

Spring athletic season comes to a close Recapturing Monarchs' athletic achievements



Junior Susan Martin
Courtesy of
Sports Information.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Four top-ten placements
in nine contests
1 1st place
2 3rd place
1 8th place

No other information on the
Monarch Women's Golf team is
available at this time.

BASEBALL

Record 24-11, Conference 6-4

Monarchs lost their first game in the USA South Conference
Tournament and played Christopher Newport on Friday.

All Conference Rookie of the Year
Trey Such

31 RBI, 22 Runs, 25 Walks, 14 stolen bases, 5 home runs
USA SOUTH 10 RBI, 10 Runs, 3 home runs

All Conference Rookie Pitcher of the Year
Michael Mahaffey

2-4 Record, 4.56 ERA 13 appearances,
7 starts, 41.7 innings, 28 walks, 45 strikeouts

First Team Honors

Brian Goodwin, Brian Halpin, Dustin Protor, and Trey Such

Second Team Recognition

Brad Davis, Brian Inghram, Tripp Lancaster,
Shawn Lovette, and Alex Sholar

Honorable Mention

Landon Jordan

Sportsmanship

Brian Goodwin

SOFTBALL

Record 16-24, USA SOUTH 9-9
Monarchs started the USA South
Tournament Friday versus Peace College.

Second Team Recognition
Jody Eyler and Courtney Kerns

Third Team Recognition
Darci Martin

Honorable Mention

Tabatha Stephenson and Kayla Talbert

Sportsmanship
Caline Daun



Senior Kayla Talbert
was also named
female Senior
Athlete of the Year by
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Courtesy of Sports
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MEN'S GOLF



Senior Matt Bova was
also named male Senior
Athlete of the year by
Methodist University.
Courtesy of Sports
Information.

Top-ten finishes in each
of eight tournaments
3 1st place
4 2nd place
1 8th place

USA South Men's Golfer of the Year
Josh Schrader

Averaged 73.0 in 12 rounds of play, 4 top-ten
finishes, 2 top-five, and 2 tournament wins

First Team Honor
Tom Cooper, Jake Pleczkowski,
and Josh Schrader

Second Team Recognition
Matt Bova and Trey Howell

Coach of the Year
Steve Conley

Sportsmanship
Jake Pleczkowski

Record 16-2, USA South 9-0

WOMEN'S TENNIS

USA South Player of the Year
Kaitlin Flaherty

16-2, USA South 9-0
Doubles with Shannon Vivian 16-1, 9-0

First Team Honor
Kaitlin Flaherty and Shannon Vivian

Second Team Recognition
Lindsey Davis

Third Team Recognition
Heather Brayton

Coach of the Year
Francie Barragan

Sportsmanship
Lindsey Davis



Sophomore Kaitlin
Flaherty
Photo from Archives

MEN'S TENNIS

Record 10-6, USA South 3-3
Monarchs started the USA South Tournament
Friday versus Greensboro College.

Second Team Recognition
Justin Campbell and Matthew Taylor

Honorable Mention
Dylan Knox and Rob Schmidt

Sportsmanship
Dylan Knox

USA South Athletes of the Week

Courtesy of Sports Information

March 8

Tom Cooper was named the USA South Golfer of the Week. Cooper is a senior from Scotia, N.Y. He tied for first place at the Camp LeJeune Intercollegiate Tournament in LeJeune on March 29. In the three-day event, Cooper opened with a two over par, followed with a four under par, then finished with a one over par. His performance led the Monarchs to a first place finish at the event.

March 13

Jessica Pridgen was named the USA South Softball Rookie Pitcher of the Week. Pridgen is a freshman from Warsaw. She appeared in one game last week for the Monarchs. In a 5-0 win over N.C. Wesleyan, Pridgen tossed seven complete innings, allowing six hits with two walks and six strike-outs.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Record 4-8

USA South 2-2

Monarchs started the USA South
Tournament Friday versus Greensboro
College.

USA South Rookie of the Year
Jasmine Stephens

39 points on 35 goals and 4 assists,
22 draw controls, 19 ground balls, 4
caused turnovers

First Team Honors

Andrea DiSefano, Dawn Sanderson,
Stephens

Honorable Mention/Sportsmanship
Lindsey Cosgray



Junior Lindsey Cosgray.
Courtesy of Sports Information

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Above is the intramural basketball champion team and below is the intramural volleyball champion team. Photos contributed by Kenny Tien, Assistant Director of Campus Recreation and Intramural Programs



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