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The facts about the four-day week

*Ashley Young
News Editor*

Would you like to have Wednesdays off? How about Fridays? That is the proposal the scheduling and planning committee has recently discussed. This would be part of a proposed four-day-per-week schedule.

While the four-day-schedule pro-

posal has only been in circulation for a few weeks, students and faculty are contemplating the change.

The four-day-week would take away either Wednesday or Friday classes and would extend all classes to one hour and 15 minutes. Faculty would more than likely be required to have office hours on the day off.

"I could certainly use the extra

time to my benefit and longer classes would allow for continuity in class exercises," said Rodney Machokoto, a senior accounting major. "I would personally recommend having Wednesday instead of Friday off because a longer weekend would go to waste."

The scheduling and planning committee is responsible for plan-

ning class schedules for the upcoming year. About a month ago, the SGA President, Thomas Hutton, went to a committee meeting where the idea for a four-day-week was proposed. As a student representative, Hutton brought the idea to SGA.

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Azul Gomez Vilar and Stuart Villegas Perez dance a salsa in the Pangea show. Photo by Cecilia Bode.

International club hosts Pangea Multicultural Show

*Tim Davis
Staff Writer*

With dancing, improvisation routines, comedy, music, and educational material, "Pangea" was a multicultural experience.

The show, held Wednesday in the Reeves Auditorium, was sponsored by the Methodist University International Club. The theme of the show was that all people, of all backgrounds, make meaningful contributions to the world and global culture.

"We are all in this one big world," said Jose Pablo Salas-Rojas, president of the International Club. "Regardless of our ethnicity, sex, or religion, our world gets affected equally. That's the idea of Pangea."

The show began with a moving skit about the oppression found throughout the world. Whether by religion, colonization, or slavery, much of the world combats oppression in many forms.

"Considering the school's mission to promote diversity, this was an effective program," Phila Sifundza, freshman international student. "It is important for students to understand the perspective of students from other nations."

The curtain then opened to reveal a parade of flags, drawing applause and cheers from the audience.

In their "Trip Around the World" skit, SGA President Thomas Hutton and SGA Senator Anthony Lizzuzza began the trek across the globe.

Pangea consisted of cultural performances from the United States, Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Some of the acts included singing, hula dancing, a salsa routine, spoken word, instrumental arrangements.

Audience members responded well to the Gumboot dance performance, an intense dance that combines stepping with large rubber boots. Students also enjoyed the more colorful Bollywood dance to "Ma Hi Vee."

Although Pangea was entertaining, it was also used as a tool to inform students about worldwide efforts to support peace and human welfare. One of these segments featured Micheal Jackson's "Heal the World." As the song played, slides of war and poverty

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Todd Sackewitz, student company commander of the Army ROTC program, salutes the American flag during the National Anthem at the 2007 Veteran's Day Ceremony. Photo by Roxana Ross.

Army ROTC to honor veterans with ceremony

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Fayetteville is the home to the largest population of veterans in the state. The Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program will honor those who served with the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony. The ceremony will be held in front of the flag pole by the Horner Administration Building on Nov. 11 at 7 a.m. All members of the Methodist community are invited to the ceremony.

"Veteran's Day is a time to remember our nation's heroes from past to present," said Sergeant First Class Ted Shepard. "Through service these men and women bring freedom to our nation and strength to our community. It is important to honor those that have served."

During the ceremony, Retired Colonel Joseph Smith of the U.S. Army will

speak. Col. Smith graduated from Methodist College in 1979.

The Army ROTC Program at Methodist University trains cadets on to be future officers in the United States Army.

The training consists of many aspects including physical fitness, land navigation, and how to conduct future wartime and peacetime missions.

Tuesday through Thursday, cadets train in Nimocks Fitness Center. On Thursdays, they also train for combat to prepare for what they will face in the army.

The program at Methodist is led by Lieutenant Colonel Robbins and Sergeant First Class Shepard. Sergeant Shepard served in the army for over 15 years and has the experience and knowledge required to train cadets for the future.

ROTC has a recruiting table set-up inside Bern's Student Center at least once a week. Students are invited to ask questions about the program and available scholarships to participants. There are two-year, three-year, and four-year scholarships available to cadets. There are also pamphlets in the main ROTC office.

Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony

When: Nov. 11, 7 a.m.
Where: Flag pole by the Horner Administration Building
Who: All members of the Methodist community
Speaker: Retired Colonel Joseph Smith, U.S. Army

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contrasted with ones showing images of peace and hope.

As the show ended, the cast joined together to educate the audience about worldwide statistics about birth and death rates, as well as carbon dioxide emissions. The cast urged the audience to ask themselves what they can do to impact the world in a positive way.

"It's important to learn about cultures other than your own," said Hayley Williams, a freshman elementary education major. "It's good to keep an open mind so you can have a better understanding of different cultures."

In Fayetteville elections, District 3 remains unchanged

*The Fayetteville Observer
(MCT)*

Tuesday was a good day for incumbents. Or apathy. Or voter satisfaction. What it was not was a blockbuster of an election. An incumbent fell, here and there, but the story was much the same throughout Cumberland County.

In Fayetteville, the biggest headline went to health care consultant Kady-Ann Davy, a novice whose civil but aggressive campaign won her the chance to prove, if proof is needed, that 26 is not too young to help govern a growing city. Incumbent Charles Evans was gracious in defeat.

Mayor Tony Chavonne turned back a challenge by Bob White, a member of the Soil and Water Conservation District board, by a margin of two to one. All other City Council incumbents were re-elected; five of them without opposition. This includes District 3, home to Methodist University, where City Council member Keith Bates ran unopposed.

Robert Massey, first elected in 1992, may have had a few uneasy moments this time, but in the end the votes were there for him. D.J. Haire swept back in for a seventh term, and incumbent Bill Crisp demonstrated staying power of his own.

Correction

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Helping their peers:

The student volunteers are called "student educators."

Upcoming

Around Campus

Nov. 16-23 - noon- 5 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child

Each year, Operation Christmas Child provides gifts to needy children across the globe. Methodist University will serve as a collection point for the Fayetteville contributions. Volunteers are needed to load boxes for shipping.

Reeves Auditorium Parking Lot

Nov. 19-22 - 7:30 p.m.

Ride, Ride!: The John Wesley Musical
The musical, written by Alan Thornhill, depicts the true story of Martha Thompson. Thompson was rescued by Methodist Minister John Wesley from a mental institution.

Reeves Auditorium

Nov. 21 - 8:30 a.m.

Jessie Smith Woodcutting Project
Students will meet for breakfast in the Green and Gold Cafe before going outside to chop wood for charity. The firewood will be donated to local families who cannot afford gas or electric heating.

Green and Gold Cafe

Nov. 21 - 9:30 a.m.

Wesley Workshop

This full day workshop will feature three guest speakers. Speakers will discuss the life and thoughts of John Wesley, and his relevance to the 21st century. \$25 per person, includes admission to "Ride! Ride!: The John Wesley Musical."

Hensdale Chapel

Dec. 11 - 7:30 p.m.

Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert
Members of the Fayetteville and Methodist communities will come together to perform holiday music. Admission is free.

Reeves Auditorium

smallTALK reports the events that do not appear in the SAC 2009 semester calendar. More events can be found in the SAC calendar or on the university website at www.methodist.edu.

Events

On the Town

Nov. 12-13 - 6:30 p.m.

Rhythm and Blooms

A concert featuring the Blue Dogs, a country and bluegrass band from Charleston, S.C. Food will be prepared by Locke's Creek Restaurant. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Campbellton Landing

Nov. 18 - 7 p.m.

Old Time Music

Musicians of all ages are invited to explore the tunes of the 19th and early 20th century America.

Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex

Nov. 27 - 1 p.m.

A Dickens Holiday

The Fourth Friday celebration sponsored by the Fayetteville Arts Council. Actors will dress as the characters of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." There will also be food vendors, fireworks, and Christmas carolers.

Downtown Fayetteville

Nov. 27-Dec. 13 - 8 p.m.

A Christmas Carol

The Charles Dickens holiday classic tells the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge and his three Christmas ghosts. Local actors will perform the well-known roles.

Gilbert Theater

Dec. 5 - 3 p.m.

Hope Mills Christmas Parade

The small town of Hope Mills celebrates Christmas with hot cocoa and family friendly festivities. The parade will feature floats, fire trucks, and the South View Marching Tigers.

Downtown Hope Mills

There are many more events happening around Fayetteville for all interests. The Fayetteville Visitors' Bureau lists a community calendar which can be found at www.visitfayettevillenc.com.

FOUR-DAY WEEK: Recent scheduling proposal gets mixed students reactions

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The student body was informed through e-mails to students' Methodist e-mail accounts and through a survey on the SGA Blackboard site. The survey will be available until the end of this semester.

According to Taron Stubbs, SGA senator and Head of Public Relations, the number of days in the fall and spring semesters will remain the same and night classes will not be affected. Stubbs said that depending on the professor, there may be more work during the classes, but midterms and finals would not be affected.

An anonymous posting in the Blackboard discussion section pointed out that even though the same number of classes would be offered, there would be more schedule conflicts. There are only six class times available for Tuesday and Thursday classes, as opposed to the eight class times in the Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule. Students on Blackboard were concerned that too many schedule conflicts would mean not being able to graduate on time.

The benefits of a four-day-week for students include an extra day to get assignments done, an opportunity to catch up on other academic work, and a day to rest. For faculty, it would give them a chance to get caught up with their work

and do more with planning for classes. Also a four-day week would allow the Student Activities Committee (SAC) and other campus groups a day to host events.

"I think if it is on a Wednesday that it will allow more students the flexibility to participate in the services without being pressured for time in between classes," said Donna Wilson, Director of Campus Ministry Events and Administrative Services. "I think this day off will be a time that the students can use to study and participate in more community services activities."

A four-day-week would also allow for classes and clubs to have field trips on the day off.

Other positive effects are environmental. The university would save electricity by cutting the power off in classroom buildings for the day. On the Blackboard discussion site, Mackenzie Eckard, SGA secretary, said the that four day schedule was proposed as a "go

green project" by a faculty member who is part of the calendar committee.




"The school can save a substantial amount of money and energy a year by simply shutting down power to one of the buildings for one day a week," said Eckard on Blackboard.

SGA's goal of announcing a four-day-week to students through e-mail was to get them excited about a different schedule, get their input and feelings, and make sure events on campus do not interfere with the day off.

"We hope to get everybody involved, we would love to get them all involved, and any club or organization is welcome to submit their input," said Stubbs.

Places like The Writing Center, Davis Memorial Library, the computer labs in Trustees and the Math Building, the bookstore, Career Services, the Lion's Den, and the Green and Gold Cafe would remain open to students on the day off.

Not all students are excited about this change. Some posters on the Blackboard site say that the current hour and 15 minute classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays are hard to concentrate in. Some students do not catch all of the material being taught. Classes extended by 25 minutes actually have the potential to teach less.

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The four-day week proposal would eliminate either Wednesday or Friday classes. All classes would be 75 minutes long. Graphic by Skyler Champ.

Campus Crime Briefs

Weapons Violation

Oct. 13

On the last day of fall break, a student was found with an unspecified weapon. According to Chief James Phillips, the student was arrested and will face charges.

Many Stolen Items

Oct. 8, 9, 12, 13, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30

As the semester has progressed, campus police have seen a spike in thefts. These cases did not involve any break-ins. Items

should never be left unattended, and residences should be locked.

Fire Alarm Activations

Oct. 2, 3, 18, 23

Cooking fumes and shower steam are the main culprits for fire alarms going off around campus. October saw fewer activations than previous months.

Medical Assistance

Oct. 9, 15, 19, 20, 22, 23

There was no change in the number of

emergency calls made.

Vehicle Damages

Oct. 18, 19, 23, 26, 27, 31

Break-ins, minor traffic collisions and other damages. The reported number of vehicle damages has increased in October.

Conduct Referrals

Oct. 25, 29

These students were referred to the student court for breaking student handbook guidelines.

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WWW.SMALLTALKMU.COM

Methodist students celebrate Halloween



Jordan Aytych wields a wicked-looking cleaver as the "demon butcher from hell."

King's Asylum residents haunt Chris' House

Felicia Aycock
Staff Writer

Screams of fear filled the cool night air as students fled from King's Asylum.

On Oct. 28, Residence Housing Association (RHA) brought terror to Methodist University. RHA filled Chris' House with frightening effects and horrifying characters -- all designed to terrorize students.

"It might be the best campus event I've been to," said Travis Fulp, a junior. "It was so believable. The girls were screaming. It was awesome."

In a preview advertisement, RHA released the story of an asylum which once stood where Chris' House is now. The eerie ghost story set the stage for a night of scares.

When the house opened at 7 p.m., a long line of students extended to the sidewalk. King's Asylum went until 11 p.m. because of the large turnout. Over 200 students made their way through the haunted house; some students even returned.

Students had a guide to lead them through the house and out onto the back deck. At the entrance, a video of the "Billy puppet" played a warning for students, much like those seen in the popular horror series, "Saw."

King's Asylum was divided into separate rooms. There was something to catch students off guard from every angle. Horror film characters, including

Freddy Krueger, Jason, and Michael Myers, popped out from every direction, scaring many students. Realistic special effect scenes rounded out the experience.

"The special effects were really good," said Josh Bartelheim, a junior.

When students finally reached the back deck, actors jumped out of the shadows from every corner. The setup gave students the feeling of being trapped.

Just when students thought they had made it out of King's Asylum safely, they were chased into the night by two men with chain saws.

"It was fun and scary, said Jamequia Powell, a visitor on campus. "The end was the best when they were jumping out from around the corners."

Students scattered to avoid being chased by the chain saws, some running as far as the road to escape. After the ordeal, students laughed and joked about how scared they were.



Taylor Davis, dressed as a doctor, cuts into Chase Pattillo, his patient, with a jigsaw. Photos courtesy of Student Development.

Fall Festival feeds famished students

Aryn Hicks
Entertainment Editor

The smell of popcorn and sugar filled the Green and Gold Cafe as students entered the Fall Festival. On Friday Oct. 30, the Green & Gold Cafe was decorated to resemble a county fair.

Carved pumpkins and scarecrows welcomed students as they entered the cafe, while cotton candy and candy apples were spread across the serving stations.

Students who attended the event enjoyed the relaxed environment. Some commented on how the food and music reminded them of eating the large variety of foods served at the county and state fairs.

"It's a good change from the normal, everyday thing," said Alex Van Etten, a freshman biology major.

Most students dislike the cafe's weekend food options, but on this night, they tossed out their typical selections for festive fall foods. Philly cheese steak sandwiches, waffle fries, soft pretzels, funnel cakes and candy apples proved to

be favorites among the dining students.

"I think the food's really good," said Bethany Dinger, a sophomore physical education major. "It's like when you went to the fair as a kid."

Many students were, however, disappointed by the low turnout of students. Unlike most events on campus, the cafe was nearly empty for the entire span of the event. Some students admitted that they did not know that there was a fall festival.

Freshman athletic training major Pierson Singleton was expecting dinner to be the normal burgers and fries, but was unaware that he was walking into a more festive setting.

"It was festive," said Singleton. "If they had advertised it more, it would have been better because more people would have shown up."



Alex Van Etten poses for a photo, while Mike Dobbins blatantly steals her cotton candy. Photo by Aryn Hicks.

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Ashley Asks

Ashley Young
News Editor

The Student Government Association (SGA) offers grants to all student organizations. To apply for a grant, a club must turn in a written grant request form, which details how the money will be used. The allocation of funds is voted on by the finance committee and the SGA treasurer.

SGA does not require clubs to do community service to be eligible for grant money.

At the Sept. 9 SGA meeting, it was proposed that student organizations should be asked to perform community service projects in the community. Failure to do so would result in a decrease in SGA grant money for the club.

SGA Treasurer Jeff Headman said that the issue had been tabled, but will be discussed in upcoming meetings.

Should SGA-funded clubs be required to do community service?



“I think it’s a great idea. It makes a better name for Methodist University clubs, and community service is better for students individually because they get out [into the community].”

Chase Pattillo, senior environmental and occupational management major.



“I honestly think it shouldn’t be required, because most already have to do community service hours as it is. By making it required, it makes it seem like it’s hand holding.”

Frank Rivera, sophomore biology major.



“I think it depends on why they’re requiring it and how many community service hours they would require from the group. If the community service hours were delegated to specific events, like forcing a math group to do community service hours at a nursing home, that’s ridiculous.”

Danielle Crawford, freshman criminal justice major.



“I think it is fair because the different clubs should be helpful to people in need and it would also produce good leadership skills in the future.”

Lakesha Murray, sophomore sociology major.

Questionable queries of a campus ninja

Dear Ninja,

Some of my friends and I went out on Halloween and pretended to be kids to get free candy. This worked out well, and netted each of us a few days worth of sustenance. I was wondering, do ninjas celebrate Halloween?

From,
Hungry History Student

Dear Hungry,

We ninja do celebrate the glorious holiday of All Hallows Eve, but not in the same way as normal people. Ninja use the holiday to make money.

We hold closer to the original holiday and hold divinations to let people know how their crops will do or who their future spouse will be. Some ninja carve faces into turnips and sell them as lanterns. A few ninja even rent stores across from malls around America, and run a Halloween store for the masses to buy frivolous merchandise to scare small children.

In the end, it’s all about profit for us ninja on Samhain.

Dear Ninja,

There is a girl that I am very interested in one of my classes, but nothing I do seems to let her know I’m interested in starting a relationship with her. I have tried everything I know how to do.

I smile at her when she isn’t looking, I glance at her sideways with lust filled eyes, and I whisper that I would like to have my way with her every time she is near. How do you pimptastic ninja gather all those lovely kunoichi at your side?

From,
Terrified in T325

Dear Terrified,

Well, sir, the main problem you seem to have, is that you are acting like a perverted sociopath. That can be fixed if you follow some basic advice.

Be confident around the girl you are interested in. Women like a confident man, but not over confident, because that just looks like you are being pompous. Listen as much as you talk, this allows for a nice flow of conversation on both ends. Lastly, take interest in her, but don’t change who you are. So what if you have never played tennis before? If she likes it give it a try. Don’t quit all your old hobbies and decide to become a pro tennis player though.

As for how we ninja attract women, we just walk into a room and direct our will-power toward the lucky lady we have our interest in. No regular person can resist, so if they do we know we have found a chick ninja on the job, which is a challenge. And ninja love a challenge.



If you would like to query the ninja, send your question to smalltalkmu@yahoo.com.

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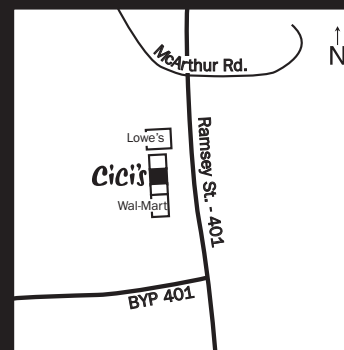
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CROSS TALK

Sobriety Testing vs. Trusting Students

Methodist security should perform sobriety tests at the front gate

Aryn Hicks

Methodist University is a dry campus, but most Methodist students know at least one place off campus where they can drink alcohol.



Wednesday nights and weekends, the most popular bar-hopping nights due to discounts for college students, pose the issue of students driving while under the influence; some over the legal alcohol limit, and others under the

legal drinking age.

When these students get back to campus, they proceed through the gate, unpunished for driving while intoxicated. On nights when students are known to go have a meeting with Mr. Alcohol, Methodist security should take the time to introduce students to Mr. Sobriety Test.

Campus security and campus police already do random identification checks for our safety, so why not invest in a breathalyzer or perform physical sobriety tests as well? These checks would help protect the students of this campus and the other drivers in the community.

In the time that it takes for security to check the student IDs of the students in a car, a single sobriety test could be performed on a student who appears to be under the influence.

Campus police should ticket students who drive while under the influence. Campus security should then step in to reprimand students to the same degree as those that bring alcohol onto campus.

If sobriety tests were implemented at the front gate, the area right in front of the security hut could serve as the stop point for students whose blood alcohol concentration is higher than the legal limit.

A security or police officer could also escort the students back to their halls, and issue a citation once they are safely at their residence hall. Their car could remain in the Trustees parking lot to be picked up the following day.

Sobriety testing would be an invasion of students' privacy

Jessie Heath

Methodist University is a dry campus, but within a five minute drive, students can find various places to drink alcohol.

Campus security do identification checks at random at the front gate on popular drinking nights. If they suspect a student is intoxicated, they have a right to tell that student they cannot come onto campus. However, they should not make every student perform a sobriety test.



Testing every student who comes onto campus at night for alcohol consumption is invasive. It assumes that every student who leaves campus leaves to get drunk; this is simply not true.

What about those late night runs to Wal-Mart for more loose-leaf paper or to buy a movie and some microwave popcorn? Should those students be subjected to a sobriety test too? Unless students are exceptionally rowdy or unruly when they approach the gate, how would security know who needed to take a sobriety test and who didn't?

Many students carpool or drive together when they leave campus for any reason. If every student was given a sobriety test when they returned, the breathalyzer would have to be sanitized between each use. The time it would take to do this would cause a traffic jam at the front gate, as every car was stopped and its passengers blood alcohol level tested.

If students were forced to submit to a breathalyzer test upon their arrival to campus, many would stop going out and start staying on campus to consume their alcohol. This is against campus policy and would cause unnecessary problems for Residential Coordinators, Residential Assistants and other residents.

Sobriety testing would cause more problems than it would solve.

Campus Ministry Calendar fall 2009

Mission



The mission of Campus Ministry at Methodist University is to offer the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ to all persons by planting the seeds of faith and providing a nurturing spiritual environment for the seeds to grow and develop. Each person will be encouraged to reach his or her potential through participation in diverse styles of worship, Biblical study, music, community service, pursuit of justice and leadership. Every person is challenged to pursue faith freely with open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

Weekly Events

Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Campus Worship Service	Chapel
Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (DOGS)	West
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Commons
Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Soup Talk	Parsonage
	9:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Chapel
Monday	6:00 p.m.	One Voice Practice	Chapel
Monday	8:00 p.m.	In His Grip	Commons
Monday	9:00 p.m.	Praise and Worship Band Practice	Chapel
Tuesday	8:00 p.m.	Fellowship of Christian Athletics	Alumni

Special Worship Opportunities

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offered 1st Wednesday following the conclusion of Chapel Service

Wednesday, August 12	Faculty Worship	9:00 a.m.	Chapel
Sunday, August 16	Orientation	11:00 a.m.	Chapel
Monday, November 23	Community Thanksgiving Service and One Voice Concert	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Sunday, December 6	Moravian Love Feast	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Saturday, December 19	Baccalaureate	10:30 a.m.	Reeves

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Sacred 2: Fallen Angel is a well put-together RPG

Austin Bordeaux
Staff Writer

Though on the surface, Sacred 2: Fallen Angel appears to be just another hack-and-slash game, it actually requires a degree of strategy.

Gameplay: 10/10

There are light and shadow campaigns which each contain six classes to play. This offers a large amount of content to explore. There are six different classes to choose from: completely melee to completely magic and everything in between. The attributes are like most standard role playing games (RPGs) and include:

Strength: Increases melee weapon damage and hit chance except mage staves and daggers.

Stamina: Decreases the regeneration time of Combat Arts.

Vitality: Increases max hit points (HP) and HP regeneration rate.

Dexterity: Increases hit chance and defense value. Increases damage by melee and ranged weapons.

Intelligence: Increases the chance that a spell hits the target with full force. Mage staves and spells will increase the damage.

Willpower: Increases resistance to spells and detrimental effects.

There are also special abilities called "Combat Arts." There are Attack and Buff Combat Arts. Certain buffs are permanent once used and others last only a short duration. Combat Arts can be upgraded through the use of runes found around the environment and dropped by monsters.

There are portals that once activated can be used to teleport to make travel easier. Also, mounts can be used by characters to get around faster and speed things up.

The game offers over 500 quests. Online play involves either working together on quests or fighting each other to the death.

Story: 1/10

This game is not deep into story. It is more like "Diablo" and other similar hack-and-slash games. The only reason it gets any points for story is the fact that it does include one.

Graphics: 8/10

The graphics are very detailed. The characters, equipment, and environment are high quality if you are playing on an



HDTV. When playing on a regular TV, the graphics are decent. They are by no means horrible, but don't shine like some other RPGs similar to it.

Sound: 9/10

The sound and music are very good. The soundtrack features the German band, Blind Guardian. The music has a very epic, heavy metal tone to it. The sound effects when using skills and slicing away at monsters is spot on.

Each character also has some funny remarks they will say if you stand still for too long, or after slaying a beast. The main reason sound lost a point is due to the fact that those funny remarks start to get old after awhile.

Overall: 8/10

The gameplay is reminiscent of "Diablo" and "Elder Scrolls" games. If graded on gameplay alone, the game would get a perfect score. However, the higher quality television requirement and lack of any decent storyline kept it from achieving that rating.

The max level is 200, and there are a lot of items to collect. There are also many builds to try out with just one class, so you could spend 2,000 hours playing just one character. This game can be endless if you want it to, and that is aspect of a game that I love.

MONARCH SCOREBOARD

GAME RESULTS

Football		
Date	Opponent	Result
10-24	Averett University	L 7-38
10-31	N.C. Wesleyan College	L 32-42

Men's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Result
10-24	Ferrum College	W 3-1
10-26	Barton College	W 3-0
10-28	N.C. Wesleyan College	L 0-2
10-31	Shenandoah University	W 2-1

Women's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Result
10-24	Meredith College	L 1-2
10-25	Peace College	W 8-0
10-30	Greensboro College	L 1-2

Volleyball		
Date	Opponent	Result
10-24	Shenandoah University	L 2-3
10-24	Averett University	W 3-0
10-28	N.C. Wesleyan College	L 2-3
10-31	Mary Baldwin College	W 3-0
10-31	Peace College	W 3-2
11-03	USA South Tournament First Round	W 3-1

Men's Golf		
Date	Event	Result
10-26	Tom O'Briant Memorial	1st- 589

Women's Golf		
Date	Event	Result
10-26	Ross Resorts Invitational	6th- 949

Men's Basketball		
Date	Opponent	Result
11-04	Athletes in Action	L 57-108

HOME GAMES

Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
11-14	Christopher Newport University	1:00 p.m.

JV Men's Basketball		
Date	Opponent	Time
11-16	Wake Tech Community College	7:00 p.m.
11-19	Johnston Community College	7:00 p.m.

Monarchs fall to Bishops

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Avid Monarch fans crowded the stands as the Methodist Monarchs played against the N. C. Wesleyan Bishops in a home game.

The day started out with the marching Monarchs warming up with the national anthem, and then the kickoff started the game. The Bishops received the ball first and attempted to drive the ball successfully and score. An unfortunate mishap occurred for them as Quentin Tate, a Methodist defensive back, intercepted the pass.

It wasn't long before the Methodist players turned over the ball. As the Bishops moved the new possession, fans became upset. Many felt the referees were not calling a fair game.

Although fans were upset, it did not prevent the Bishops from scoring the first touchdown of the game in the first quarter. The crowd got quiet, but there was a turn around soon to come.

The Monarchs got a good field position after the ball was kicked out of bounds by the Bishops.

The Monarchs took advantage, and drove the ball down the field to tie up the game 7-7 in the first quarter.

After that, the game was essentially a see-saw. At halftime, the Monarchs were up, 28-24.

"This game is really good," said Matt Detweiler, a sophomore, at halftime. "The score is going back and forth, but I hope we pull off the win."

During halftime, the marching Monarchs put on an awesome halftime show with samples played from groups like Tower of Power, Chicago, and Earth, Wind, and Fire.

"I think we presented an entertaining halftime show," said Nathan Bright, a trumpet player. "We played good music."

Both teams came back on the field after halftime still looking for a win. In the end, the Bishops won with 42 points over the Monarchs' 32.

"Both teams played a very good game and fought hard," said Shawn Dodd, a sophomore punter for Methodist, "We kept the game close to the end, but they came back to win the game."

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