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Our inglorious final cover



Our Editor-in-Chief wanted to do something different for the year end issue cover. So, we cast Methodist students as characters in the mock movie cover we created. The photos are from various events we have covered in the last school year.

"Inglorious Basterds" was chosen because it was a popular movie and had a lot going on in the movie poster. The smallTALK staff used the poster (left) cover as the inspiration for our cover.

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Students dive into reading circles

Jessie Heath
Opinions Editor

How would you like to be 'Mack' and have conversations with the Holy Trinity in a shack in the woods? Or stand on a train platform in Wisconsin with Ralph Truitt and await the arrival of your Mail-Order bride?

Reading Circles have allowed students to dive into some delicious books, even though their feet are planted firmly on the ground at Methodist University.

This spring, Methodist University offered five different reading circles to students: love stories, mysteries, Christian fiction, urban fantasy, and sports. These circles are designed to help promote a culture of reading, in accordance with Methodist University's Quality Enhancement Plan. Each reading circle encourages students to read literature outside their required classroom assignments. The circles also stimulate conversations to help students better understand the communities in which they live.

The Christian fiction reading circle is just one of the five circles offered to students this semester.

Professor Joan Bitterman has led her students in discussions about different aspects of Christianity through books, such as "The Shack" and "Safely Home."

"The conversations that stem from our reading material are very insightful to Christianity and help me further develop my own opinions about what I believe," said Kaitlyn Leger, a member of the Christian Fiction reading circle.

Leger also said that she thinks the reading circles have done their job and helped her expand her reading interests.

In the love stories reading circle, students have focused romantic literature, rather

than faith-based literature. With love stories like "A Reliable Wife" and "Secrets to Happiness," the love stories reading circle has discussed the definition of love, how it feels to be in love, and what a relationship really is.

"I used to love reading as a kid," explains Andriika Clark, freshman. "My reading circle has renewed the love I once had as a child."

Clark also said that it's interesting to see the different perspectives guys and girls have on relationships and love.

Both Clark and Leger agree that the reading circles are a good addition to Methodist University's class schedule, but believe that the circles should count as more than one credit hour.

"You do so much reading outside of class for so little credit," said Leger. "I think that students should get more than one credit hour because they have to put in so much time into the stories."

Next fall, more than a dozen reading circles, with topics ranging from sports personalities to weird science fiction, are available for students to take. For more information on Methodist's Quality Enhancement Plan and reading circles, students should visit <http://www.methodist.edu/academics/qep.shtml>.



Faculty members pose to promote QEP at Exam Breakfast in December 2009. Photo by Roxana Ross.

Upcoming Events Around Campus

April 16 - 8 p.m.

Movie and a Meal

Book of Eli

Denzel Washington on the big screen, in the Berns center. Food. Friends. Post-apocolyptic action.

Free admission.

Berns

Apr. 24 - 11 a.m.

Spring Fling

RHA and SAC have paired up to celebrate spring with free food and fun events.

Free admission.

Football Field

May 15 - 2 p.m.

Graduation

Graduates say "Farewell" to MU, and "Hello" to the working world.

Riddle Center

More events can be found in the SAC calendar or on the university website at www.methodist.edu.

On the Town

Apr. 23-25 - 7-11 p.m.

Annual Dogwood Festival

Street festival with multiple live performances, midway rides, fireworks, and over 30 events.

Downtown Fayetteville

Apr. 29-May 16

Mon. - Fri. 5-10 p.m.

Sat. - Sun. 1 p.m. - Midnight

Fort Bragg Fair

This event is open to the public. Live entertainment. Unlimited carnival rides.

Parking is free, admission is not.

Fort Bragg Fairgrounds

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.

The health care bill and you

Outlining how the recently passed health care bill will impact Americans

BY KIM GEIGER
Chicago Tribune

The yearlong push to overhaul the nation's health care system reached a legislative peak Sunday when the House held its final votes on the issue.

Passage of the legislation is considered one of the most historic domestic policy achievements since the creation of Medicare 45 years ago.

The votes were cast on a two-bill package containing the Senate bill that passed on Christmas Eve and a separate bill of changes, called a budget reconciliation bill, which was drafted by House Democratic leadership to "improve" the Senate bill. To avoid casting a recorded vote on the Senate bill, which many House Democrats dislike, the members of that chamber had considered voting only on the "fix" bill. If the fix bill had passed, the Senate bill would

What starts now

- Six months after the bill is signed into law, insurers must allow children up to age 26 to remain covered under their parents' plans.
- Effective in September, insurers will be banned from placing lifetime limits on coverage and from rescinding coverage.
- Also in September, denying coverage to children with pre-existing conditions also will be banned. But insurers will not be required to cover adults with pre-existing conditions until 2014.

What will impact everyone

- Eliminates pre-existing condition exclusions so you can no longer be denied coverage.
- Ends lifetime limits on benefits.
- Bans rescission — when an insurer cancels your coverage even if you've kept your policy current.

have been deemed approved by the House and ready for President Barack Obama's signature. But Saturday, House Democrats decided to vote directly on the Senate bill, as well as the fix bill.

The fix bill will still need

Senate approval before it, too, can be sent to Obama's desk. A vote in that is expected this week.

Here's a detailed look at what this combined package will mean for you, depending on your income, age, job status and current insurance:



S.W. PARRA/THE FRESNO BEE/MCT

Major funding sources

With expected yield totals for 2010-19

Individuals

Yearly penalties of as much as \$695 or 2.5 percent of income per adult who doesn't carry insurance, with some exceptions

Yield
\$17 billion

Increase in the Medicare payroll tax from 1.45 percent to 2.35 percent for individuals/couples making more than \$200,000/\$250,000 and a 3.8 percent tax on unearned income for higher-income taxpayers

\$210 billion

Large employers (at least 50 full-time employees)

Employers that don't offer health benefits and that have at least one employee who receives subsidized insurance will be charged a \$2,000-per-employee fee. If the employer offers coverage but employee(s) instead purchase subsidized insurance, the fee is \$3,000 for each employee receiving a subsidy, or \$750 for each employee in the company, whichever amount is smaller.

\$52 billion

Industry

Yearly fees on pharmaceutical companies (\$27 billion), health insurers (\$60 billion) and medical device-makers (\$20 billion)

\$107 billion

Cadillac plan tax (see description above)

\$32 billion

Hospitals that are currently reimbursed for unpaid care they provide to low income patients would have payments reduced as more people become insured

\$14 billion

Reduced spending in medicare

Savings in Medicare Advantage program \$130 billion

\$130 billion

Health care timeline

■ **March 5, 2009:** President Barack Obama holds health care summit at White House.

■ **Spring 2009:** Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus holds a series of "stakeholder" meetings with groups representing doctors, insurers, hospitals, drug-makers and consumer groups.

■ **Nov. 7, 2009:** House passes its health care bill.

■ **Dec. 24, 2009:** Senate passes its health care bill.

■ **Jan. 19, 2010:** Republican Scott Brown wins election for the late Sen. Edward Kennedy's seat, putting Democrats one vote short of a filibuster-proof Senate.

■ **Feb. 22:** Obama releases his \$940 billion blueprint for health care reform.

■ **Feb. 25:** Obama and congressional leaders hold health care summit to discuss differences.

■ **Sunday:** House passes Senate bill and reconciliation bill.

■ **Cost (over 10 years):**

\$940 billion

■ **Net effect on deficit (over 10 years):**

\$138 billion reduction

— Tribune Newspapers

Graduating into Service

*Alicia Secord
Editor-in-Chief*

Among the seniors receiving diplomas next month, there will be six unique graduates who have committed the next eight years to the U. S. Army.

Hilary Nimmo, Jennifer Kiner, Charles Coldiron, Alexander Smith, Todd Sackewitz and Jennifer Farland are all members of the Methodist University Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC). In exchange for tuition, a stipend and book money (all paid for by the Army), each has agreed to enter the military as a 2nd Lieutenant and spend at least eight years in active or reserve duty.

Each has their own story, but in each interview they all said the same thing: The Army gives you a different perspective on and appreciation of college opportunities.

Four of the six students were previously enlisted in the Army and chose to be discharged before entering the Green-to-Gold program at Methodist.

“Being in the Army taught me to set goals for myself and then accomplish them,” said Nimmo. “College has really been a two-year-long mission for me, and I’ve finally completed it.”

Many are members of the Green-to-Gold program, which gives scholarships to students for participating in the program. When the cadets graduate, they must serve in the military as an officer for several years, much like the N.C. Teaching Fellowships.

Farland chose the “active duty option,” which means that for the past four years she has worked for the Army and gone to school.

While many of the students entering the program have been in the military in the past, some came straight from high school. Smith is the only graduating senior in the program that did not enter the program through the military. Instead, he joined the ROTC program when he got to Methodist after high school.

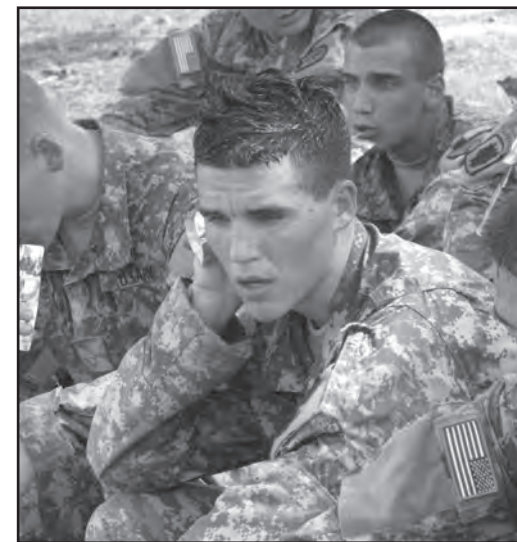
“It’s been a family tradition in my family to join the military, and my dad was a Methodist graduate, so I decided to come to Methodist straight out of school,” said Smith.

Sackewitz said that one of the things he liked about being in ROTC at Methodist was interacting with the students didn’t have a military background. He said that, though there wasn’t anything really new for him, it was interesting to work with the newer students.

Jennifer Kiner, elementary education major, chose to enter the National Guard for the next eight year and hopes to teach kindergarten on a military base. She joined the military because when she graduated from high school, she didn’t have the opportunity to get to college right away. Four years later, she was accepted into the Green-to-Gold program.

“The military helped me gain structure and maturity,” said Kiner. “Plus, the scholarship money can be helpful for people that can’t otherwise pay for school.”

Coldiron was in a similar situation. He didn’t have the money for college and wasn’t sure what he wanted to do. After three years in the Army, he said he has gained a lot of confidence and the ability to figure things out on his own.



Above: Alexander Smith takes a break after a 10 km ruck march.

Below: Jennifer Farland qualifies on the rifle range. Photos courtesy of Col. John Robbins.



Hilary Nimmo

Major:
Business Administration
Prior Military Service:
Eight years
Future Duty Station:
Fort Bragg
Career Plans:
Will spend at least eight years as active duty

“Coming to Methodist has offered me a new perspective. I’ve done things from the NCO [Non Commissioned Officer] side of things, and now I get to see things from the officer side.”

Jennifer Kiner

Major:
Elementary Education
Prior Military Service:
Five years
Future Duty Station:
Fort Bragg
Career Plans:
Will serve 8 years in the National Guard and teach at a school on base.

“Military life really makes you appreciate the people around you and the opportunities you are offered.”

Charles Coldiron

Major:
Global Studies
Prior Military Service:
Three years
Future Duty Station:
Fort Bragg
Career Plans:
Will pursue a career in the military.

“My major will help me be a good officer, because now I have a better understanding of other cultures and how governments work. I think I relate to people better now.”

Alexander Smith

Major:
Political Science
Prior Military Service:
None
Future Duty Station:
Vincenza, Italy
Career Plans:
Will enter an infantry commission and pursue a career in the military.

“I sort of felt like I had to play catch up, but it’s been great to learn from people who have all this experience.”

Todd Sackewitz

Major:
Computer Science
Prior Military Service:
Eight years
Future Duty Station:
Fort Richardson, Alaska
Career Plans:
Will spend 13 more years in the military until retirement. After retiring from the military, he plans to pursue other government work.

“It’s always been my goal to get a degree, and when the opportunity arose, I went for it.”

Jennifer Farland

Major:
Psychology
Prior Military Service:
Three years before coming to Methodist
Future Duty Station:
Fort Hood, Texas
Career Plans:
After retirement in 13 years, she plans to work in a civilian police or justice system.

“The military teaches you discipline, but it also teaches you to make informed decisions and see many sides of an issue.”

Military spouses wait out deployments

*Samantha Arrington
Contributing Writer*

A life can change with a phone call, a plane ticket or a knock at the door.

For someone married to, engaged to or seriously involved with a person in the military, extreme transitions in lifestyle happen at a moment's notice. A phone call or a knock at the door can mean the unthinkable for the partner of a soldier.

The University of North Carolina and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences examined medical records of 250,000 women married to active-duty soldiers. The study found that women whose husbands were deployed from one to 11 months were more likely to suffer from depressive disorders, sleep disorders, anxiety and acute stress reaction and adjustment disorders.

This study demonstrates that the burden of deployment can severely affect partners as well as soldiers. Having the tools and the ability to manage the stress and emotions of deployment is crucial to overcoming psychological and physical obstacles.

Staci Chiomento, a military spouse for eight years, and a former soldier, recalls the moment when representatives of the U.S. Army knocked on her door to inform her that her husband had been killed in action in Iraq.

Chiomento says that she forced herself to open the door.

"Everyone in the Army knows that when the guys in dress uniform knock on your door it is never to tell you something good," she said. "I felt like if I didn't answer the door, it wouldn't be real."

Cattina Kentcy, a military spouse for seven years, agrees.

"I hid in my bedroom closet as soon as I heard the doorbell ring. I just couldn't bring myself to answer the door. I already knew my husband had died, but hearing the news from 'them' made it real," said Kentcy.

The partners of soldiers must make an infinite number of transitions. They must prepare for deployments, and adjust to living life without their partner. And they must prepare to have their stomach drop from the ring of a phone or a knock at the door to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Loneliness comes naturally when a partner leaves for a long time. Accepting and coping with the loneliness is a key to a successful deployment. Family, friends or support groups provide a positive outlet to express your emotions. Bottling emotions and denying the need for help carries many risks.

"I catch myself picking up the phone and trying to call my husband's cell phone, and then I remember he won't answer because he is deployed," said Vonda Howell, a military spouse for 16 years. "So, to help deal with his absence I try to keep the house just as it was before he left. I don't move any of his stuff. All his clothes, shoes and toiletry items stay exactly in the same place as when he left. It helps

me to remember that he is coming home. It's funny because I catch myself dusting off all of his stuff, and I can't help but laugh at myself."

Finding the right activities can help deal with the overwhelming emotions and stress, and provide the individual with a healthy way to cope and deal with deployment.

Partners need to be strong not only for themselves, but also for their partners.

John Donnelly, a Navy corpsman for 17 years and the husband of a servicewoman, has experienced deployment from both sides.

"Family dynamic and a good support system are very important to the successful completion of a deployment for both partners involved," said Donnelly. "When I was deployed I relied on my wife to take care of the household responsibilities and understand the situation I was in."

"Now that my wife has been and is deployed I provide her with the same understanding and family support. Knowing that you have strong family support is reassuring to everyone in the situation."

Howell says, "It's very important to respect your husband, marriage and yourself not only when your husband is at home but especially when they are deployed."

Rising above the obstacles may be difficult. But military partners find ways to cope. They juggle the deployment with everyday challenges, attempting to maintain a consistent lifestyle for their children and them-

selves.

Monique Guerrero, a military spouse and soldier, says that she plans activities for the time he will be gone.

"It can be easy to get into a funk," Guerrero says. "So having pre-arranged commitments helps to force me out the door when I start feeling sorry for myself."

"Before he leaves I also go out and buy a stack of cheesy cards. I pre-address and stamp them so that, when life gets busy, I can just grab one fill it out and throw it in the mailbox every few days."

Whether through work, school or children, most military partners agree that it is important to stay busy during the deployment.

"I worked, kept the kids involved in activities and participated in the neighborhood childcare program with the FRG [Family Readiness Group] while my husband was deployed," Chiomento says. "Staying busy, building a network of friends and having adult communication is a

big part of the transition."

Guerrero says, "Life gets really busy when he is deployed because I tend to really throw myself into my work and my life. Things that I don't do as much when he is home like going to the gym and focusing on my hobbies, I do more. I keep myself busy with the typical stuff, you know like cleaning house and shaving my legs."

Brittney Hall, whose fiancé is going through his first deployment, says she has really immersed herself in school and work.

"This has been the hardest thing I have ever done," Hall says. "It is so hard to maintain a relationship over the phone. I want to actually do stuff together not just talk, but on the upside we have been able to save enough money to buy a house and move in together once he gets back."

Consistency is important, but during deployments those stateside find they structure their days around when and how they can communicate with their partners. Telephone, email and webcam are popular outlets of communication; but when it's 8 a.m. in the United States and 5 p.m. in Iraq, it makes communication difficult. Those stateside must accommodate the schedules of the deployed. Deployment dictates not only the time of the communication, but also the substance: the military regulates when and how couples can talk and what they can talk about.

"The obstacle of communication worries me a lot," Howell says. "Sometimes I worry about us drifting apart or forgetting about each other. I don't want him to come home and be different or think that I am different. Even though we can't communicate like I want to, we still email and talk on the phone whenever we can. This helps me cope with his absence."

Staying pro-active helps.

"The world doesn't stop turning just because my husband is deployed," says Chiomento.

The previous was submitted by Samantha Arrington, a graduating journalism major. The people interviewed for the article are local residents.



Deployments can be hard on both the soldier and the spouse.
Courtesy of MCT.

"The world doesn't stop turning just because my husband is deployed."

- Staci Chiomento, Former U.S. Army Soldier, Widow of Operation Iraqi Freedom

The impact of campus crime

Alicia Secord
Editor-in-Chief

There have been three crimes in the last year that smallTALK staff considered worth revisiting. All were committed during the fall semester and have seen a conclusion of some sort. Methodist University administrators have required smallTALK to keep the names of those involved in these cases out of the paper.

In August and September, two female students reported that they were sexually assaulted by male students in two unrelated cases. Campus Police Chief James Philips termed the incidents, “acquaintance assaults,” suggesting that both women knew their accused attackers. In response, the Student Government Association (SGA) and administrators called for peepholes to be installed in the residence halls so that students could see who was at the door before opening it.

Also in August, an attack on a female student by an unidentified man was interrupted outside of the Pines Apartments by another resident.

December brought a report that chemicals stolen from the Methodist University Chemistry department had turned up by Union County Sheriffs in the car of two Methodist students. This prompted tighter restrictions on access to the chemistry department’s stock room during the spring semester.

Sexual Assaults

In the Sept. 7, 2009 issue of smallTALK, Staff Writer Matt Snowberger reported that a male student, accused of sexually assaulting a female student, was taken in handcuffs from his dorm room in Sanford Hall by the Fayetteville Police. He was then taken to the police department in the back of a police car. Investigators remained behind to examine his room for evidence. After a night at the station, he was released and allowed to return to campus.

Campus rumors and later reports from campus police about the case conflicted. Philips denied that any “formal or constructive arrest” was made. The student was not formally charged with the crime. Campus police would not comment further than to say that the Fayetteville prosecutor decided not to pursue charges.

Another, far less publicly known, incident occurred two days after the article was printed. According to Philips, the victim in this case knew her attacker, and the case was unrelated to the earlier one. No charges were pressed and the case was dropped.

Nearly two months later, the combination of these cases prompted discussions in SGA about one-way peep holes for the doors of the residence hall rooms. SGA Secretary Mackenzie Eckard reported during an SGA meeting that residents of Weaver Hall, an all-female residence hall, were concerned about their safety.

“The most beneficial thing that could be done for

women on campus is putting one way peep holes on dorm room doors,” said Eckard in the Oct. 21 meeting minutes. “There have been 3 reported rapes this semester on campus. 90% of rapes are not reported. Do the math. One way peep holes, lets get it done.”

The minutes from the first three sessions of SGA can be accessed on the Methodist University Blackboard by all students.

“There were actually two cases, not three,” said Philips. “These two cases were acquaintance assaults. Peep holes would not have made a difference in either case. That being said, it is always a good thing to improve physical security in any way.”

The peep holes were installed by maintenance over the Christmas holiday. According to Dean of Students George Blanc, the peep-holes were paid for with money from the University’s contingency budget (money set aside for needs that arise during the school year) or from the maintenance budget.

The residence halls at Methodist require a resident’s ID card to get into the hall and residents must sign all guests in and out or face a fine. If someone is inside the residence hall that does not belong there, there is already a problem. Some residential assistants (RA), including smallTALK Entertainment Editor Aryn Hicks, suspect students of using the peep holes to see when an RA is coming to the door and evading the rules of the residence hall.

“No one has said to me, ‘This is a problem,’” said Residential Coordinator Derek Collier, of Sanford Hall. “I don’t think they stop us from doing our jobs.”

Both Blanc and Phillips said that they had not had any reports of someone in a

residence hall that called security about a stranger in the building.

“I think it is more likely that a disgruntled boyfriend would be wandering around the hall than a total stranger,” said Blanc. “Students need to be sure that they know the person that they are opening the door for.”

Assault in the Pines

There was another incident in August involving an attack on a female student. However, in this case, the attacker was likely not a part of the Methodist community.

Just after school started, two students took a walk to the Mallet Rogers house in the middle of the night. They split up, leaving a female resident of the Pines Apartments to walk back alone. She was followed from the house



Peepholes were installed in Weaver Hall over the winter vacation. Photos by Aryn Hicks. Graphic by Matt Beitzel.

and was assaulted outside of the apartment building. The attack was interrupted when another resident heard her scream.

The attacker ran and got away. Despite reports that campus police saw someone running away from campus at around the same time, he was never caught. The campus police assert that he was not affiliated with the university. He did not fit the description of the man being sought by the Fayetteville police for a series of rapes at that time.

The student was not physically harmed.

In a recent interview, Philips said that he still does not know how the person got so far into the campus unnoticed.

Throughout the year, foot patrols were increased around the outer offices by reducing the other areas of responsibility for that officer.

At the end of spring semesters and the beginning of fall semesters, maintenance also clears brush and low-hanging trees behind the apartment buildings. It is hoped that increased visibility behind the building will deter strangers from coming onto campus from that direction.

“The good thing about the Pines community is they tend to watch out for one another,” said Philips. “They travel in groups, they question people that look like they don’t belong and they look after one another’s belongings.”

The Pines Apartment buildings are located outside the security gate at the entrance to campus. The entrance to the parking lot is across the lawn from the BB&T Bank and the bus stop. Both are frequented by residents from surrounding neighborhoods. Sometimes, it is difficult for security to distinguish between someone that doesn’t belong and someone waiting for a bus.

According to Blanc, the administrators have discussed closing The Pines in favor of more centrally-located housing.

“It is very likely that the Pines will either be refurbished or closed in coming years,” he said.

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CRIME: Security changes prompted by crimes of last semester

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Stolen Chemicals

An off-campus crime spilled onto the Methodist campus when two students driving through Monroe were caught with chemicals in their car. Some of the chemicals had come from the Methodist University Chemistry department. The students also had marijuana and cocaine in the car.

Police at the scene of the arrest were concerned that the chemicals may have been capable of making explosives or methamphetamine. However, initial testing found that the chemicals present were not concentrated enough to be used as an explosive.

According to an incident report from the Union Pines police department, the students were charged with drug possession and traffic violations. During their first two hearings, both students filed continuances. The Union County Courthouse calendar lists appearances for both students on May 17. The administrators involved in the case

chose not to comment on the case.

Though the students were not charged with taking the chemicals, the theft raised concerns within the science departments about access to the stockroom. Over the course of the spring semester, the chemistry department has made changes to improve security there.

When the semester started, campus security performed a vulnerability assessment detailing areas where security should be improved. smallTALK was not granted access to the report, but Philips said that it was given to Dean of Academics Delmas Crisp.

- George Blanc
Dean of Students

"In the end, it is up to the students not to do something stupid."

Chemistry department chair Narendra Singh is now the only person authorized to grant access to the stockroom. The locks were changed, and only three people were given a key (Singh, Dean of Science Lori Brookman and Lab Coordinator Kara Dawson).

"I am still inclined to install a camera in

there, to keep track of who is coming and going," said Singh. "I just don't know how much it would cost."

The department will hire a second lab coordinator over the summer to oversee the chemistry department, rather than having one for both the chemistry and biology departments. This person will keep a daily log of chemicals used in the laboratory periods and will submit them weekly to Singh for review. The coordinator would preferably someone with a bachelors degree in chemistry. They would be screened through interviews and a background check before being hired.

"I'm not concerned about the students who took the chemicals, that is for the higher ups to deal with," said Singh. "My responsibility is to my department, stockroom, faculty, students and labs."

As for the higher ups, Blanc said that he was in favor of the changes. He will decide over the summer what to do about the students who still await trial for these other charges.

"We can do all of these things to try to stay ahead of a problem," said Blanc. "In the end, it is up to the students not to do something stupid."

Campus Crime Briefs: March 2010

5 - Communication of Threats
Two residents in Weaver Hall were involved in a confrontation. One of the residents threatened the other. A Residential Assistant broke up the argument and no charges were pressed against the resident.

2, 18 - Larceny
A bicycle was stolen from Garber Hall. A vehicle radio antenna was stolen off of a car in the Trustee's parking lot.

2, 5, 16 - Fire Alarm Activation
The fire alarms in Sanford and Cumberland were activated intentionally under false pretenses. Fire alarms were activated in the Pines and Cape Fear Commons by cooking. That food was *smoking...*

2, 16, 18, 31 - Vehicle Collision
Three of five vehicle collisions occurred in the Trustee's parking lot during the month of March. None of the five collisions resulted in personal injury.

5, 19, 26, 31 - EMS Assist
EMS was called six times during the month of March. There were 4 individuals who were transported to the hospital; two refused to be transported.

1, 3, 4, 5, 23, 25, 26, 30 - Motorist Assist
Of ten motorist assists, six were to unlock car doors. The remaining four were to recharge dead batteries. Always remember to turn off your headlights and interior lights before leaving your car.

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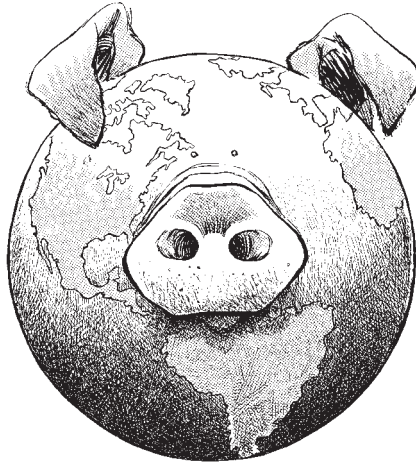


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The headlines that hit home

Ashley Young
News Editor



2009: Year of the Swine

Though the H1N1 virus swept across North Carolina in 2009-2010, killing 79 in February alone, Methodist University was able to keep the number down to two minor cases of H1N1.

Any students showing any signs of the flu—coughing, sneezing, runny nose, fever, etc. were sent to Methodist Health Center controlled by Ron Foster, medical officer of Methodist University, and Sandy Combs, director of Student Health, to undergo testing. Students with any of these symptoms were sent home immediately and students who could not go home were put into isolation rooms, in the Pines Apartments.

“Methodist had wonderful policies about students being excused with the flu,” said Combs.

The Health Center met with the local health department and the hospital at Fort Bragg and began offering vaccinations in October. Clinics were set up to offer students a free vaccination in the Berns Student Center and in the Green and Gold Café three different times. Free vaccinations were also available in the Health Services office at anytime. Hand sanitizer dispensers were installed in all of the buildings for students to use and security published a hand-out card on what symptoms to look for.

“I got my shot in October and I’m thinking about getting it again,” said Foster.

Because of the measures taken to prevent the spread of H1N1, Methodist has seen an unusually healthy year.

Despite the optimistic outlook, allergy season tends to cause a spike in flu cases. Since Methodist is located in one of the worst areas in the nation for seasonal allergies, and precautions against the H1N1 flu will continue as summer approaches.

2010 rocked the world

Since the beginning of 2010 the world has seen quite a bit of devastating seismic activity. The earthquakes began in January where a 7.0 magnitude quake struck Haiti, followed by 8.8 quake in Chile on February 27, and most recently a 7.4 magnitude quake on April 4. Due to the close proximity of all three earthquakes the Methodist University Campus Ministries has planned to start collecting an offering every Wednesday in Chapel starting in the fall semester of 2010. All of the funds raised will go to support international crises.

Haiti

Destruction and chaos filled Haiti after a 7.0 earthquake struck on Tuesday, January 12. The earthquake began at approximately 4:53 p.m. and tremors were felt for many days following. The quake triggered tsunamis which were felt in the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, southern parts of Florida, northern Colombia, western Venezuela and in many more countries. Haiti is located in the western part of the island of Hispaniola, which is one of the Great Antilles islands, and sits between the countries of Puerto Rico and Cuba.

Various organizations around Methodist’s campus worked together to raise money and necessary supplies for Haiti. Campus Ministries worked with the Economics Anonymous club and was able to raise \$1500 to send to Haiti. The raised the money through bake sales and pickle jars where people could leave money. The idea of the pickle jars came from one of the students in Campus Ministries.

“Initially it was just the fact that a lot of groups were doing fundraisers in support of the incidents that occurred with Haiti and I thought it would be a good idea to do something associated with Campus Ministries,” said Stephen Perry, a freshman. “I know not everyone is willing to donate a large sum of money but people have spare change on them and one thing my dad and I have always done is put our spare change in pickle jars. I figured it would be a good idea to have different stations where people could put their change in pickle jars.”

The International Department made kits with tooth-

brushes, tooth paste, nail clippers, soap, wash cloths, and hand towels to send to Haiti with the goal of making 50 kits. The International Department also did a fund raiser for Haiti, at the last pep rally and was able to raise 300 dollars in one hour to send to Haiti. They also teamed up with the Economics Anonymous Club and gave all the money they raised to the Red Cross to fund resources needed in Haiti.

All of the organizations on campus also worked with the United Methodist Committee on Relief in order to help Haiti.

Chile

Shortly following the devastating earthquake in Haiti an 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck Chile. The epicenter of the earthquake was approximately 70 miles from Concepcion which is Chile’s second-largest city. This earthquake was felt throughout Chile and in many parts of Argentina, along with parts of Bolivia, southern Brazil, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. Tsunamis were triggered putting many countries in the Pacific Ocean on alert. One of the tsunamis hit San Diego, California and caused minor damage to boats and docks there.

Jose Saihueque is a sophomore here at Methodist and is from Curico, Chile. Saihueque lives about two and a half hours away from the epicenter of the quake and while Curico did suffer damage in some areas his family was fine.

“I finally got to talk to them two weeks after the earthquake. When I heard that they were okay, I was the happiest man alive. I was so worried when I heard where it was,” said Saihueque.

Since then Saihueque said that his brother has written to him and a friend of Saihueque’s helped him contact his family by phone a few times.

The Economics Anonymous and International Department teamed up again to raise funds and awareness for the earthquake in Chile and the International Department plans to host a dinner, at Chris’s House, where people can pay two dollars and get a plate of various international foods. All of the money raised at this will go to Chile.

California and Indonesia

In the last week there was also a 7.2 earthquake in Mexico and a 7.7 earthquake in Indonesia.

The epicenter of the earthquake on Apr. 4 was in the northern part of Baja California, Mexico (approximately 40 miles south of the Mexico-United States border). The quake was felt as far north as Los Angeles.

One of smallTALK’s photographers, Sung Kim, is from Los Angeles, Calif. Kim is a sophomore and communications major.

“I talked to my mom and she said everything was okay,” said Kim.

The quake on Apr. 6, was centered just off the coast of Indonesia’s island of Sumatra. Tsunami warnings triggered widespread panic as residents recalled the devastating tsunami of 2004 which killed more than 200,000 people.

Starting next semester there will be offerings in Chapel every Wednesday and all of the money raised will go towards international crises.



The shaken city of Calexico, Calif. reflected in the broken glass of a display window after a 6.8 earthquake just south of the U.S.-Mexico border. Photos courtesy of MCT.

When I look back at my freshman year on student media, I see the insecure, quiet version of myself who wasn't sure how to approach an article and had no idea how to go about designing a paper. Over the last two years I have learned how to give my articles perspective, when to lead and when to follow, and how to layout a paper. I see the improvements smallTALK has made and the improvements we have yet to make.

One of my main goals for next year is to figure out a way to connect the rest of the campus with the military students who attend class here. I have spoken to multiple soldiers on our campus to see how they feel smallTALK can better cater to their needs as students. I would like to incorporate the yellow ribbon program on campus into the newspaper by including more articles and upcoming events that focus on uniting our school with the community around us.

Obviously, a newspaper should be aesthetically pleasing. I plan to continue to work on creating a layout that is pleasing to the eye. Our layout looks much better than it did in 2007, but I firmly believe that everything can always be improved. I will work to have dominant art on each page, instead of multiple graphics that pull readers in several directions at the same time. I would like to start incorporating text into graphics (such as the last issue's Baseball is a homerun article) to tie together graphics and articles in a way that captions cannot.

Readership is important for any publication, and smallTALK is no exception. Mass Communications professor Daniel Trigoboff suggested that the paper be distributed in the cafeteria, over beside the television area. I have also seen students reading papers in the Lion's Den that were left there by others, and I think that the papers should be distributed on tables as well as in racks near major traffic areas.

While we were in New York, I saw a paper that had a faculty-quote box in their news section. The quotes told what various faculty members and administrators were doing in their departments and was used to keep students up-to-date on departmental events and issues. I think smallTALK could do a very similar thing in next year's paper to help students stay aware of what is happening in the academic world of Methodist.

Good Night, and Good Luck

To the staff, I bequeath to you all of my scholarly possessions, which aren't much...

To Jessie: I leave you my brilliant technique for checking tires for leaks.

To Aryn: I leave you my clutter, to amuse yourself with.

To Austin: I leave you a supply of attack commas, use them wisely.

To Ashley: I leave you a sharp, pointy pen; for poking the Man every once in a while.

To Keisha: I leave you the mega blocks, for building an empire. Or at least as much as you can with 750 blocks.

To Skyler: I leave you a "rawr," may it serve you well when disciplining minions.

To Josh: I leave you the doughnuts, for bribing people.

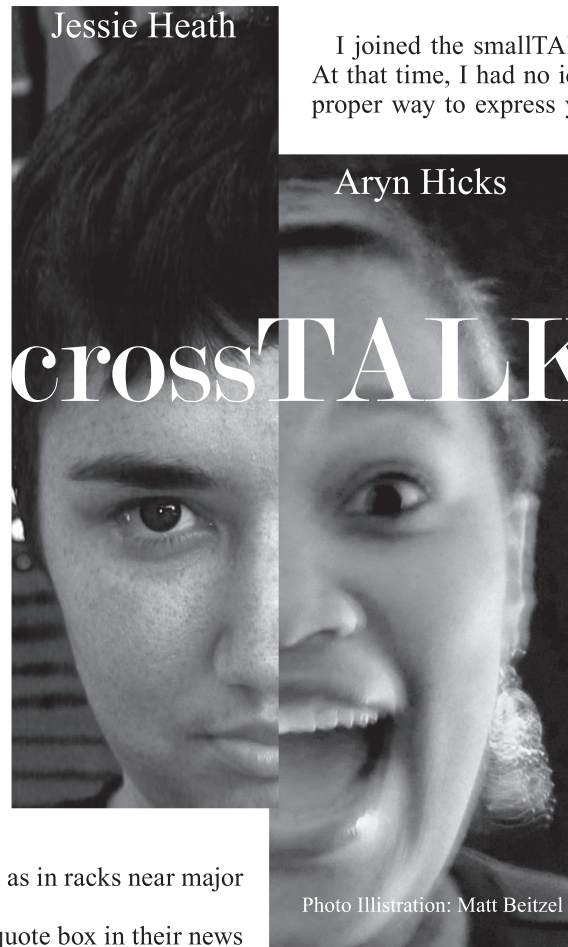
To Tiffany: I leave you a smaller suitcase.

To Sung: I leave you a map, so that you can find a Pho King where ever you go.

And to Matt: You can take the golf cart with you, I hear there are kittens all over the place.



P.S. I'm taking the baby with me.



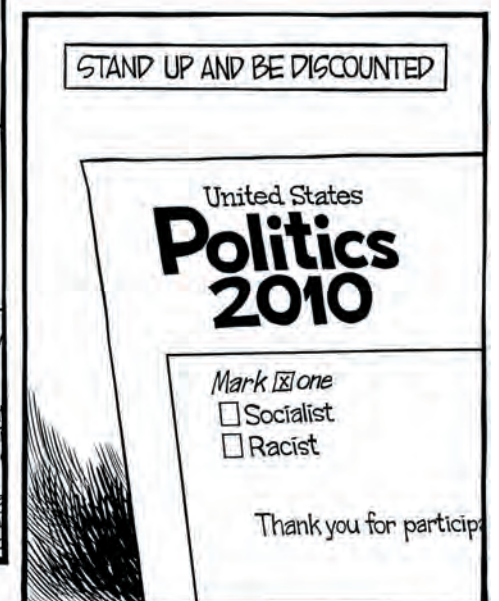
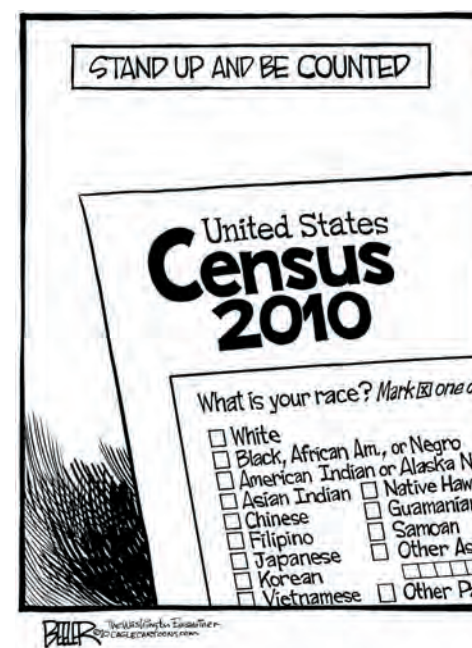
I joined the smallTALK staff at the beginning of my sophomore year at Methodist. At that time, I had no idea what AP style was, nor did I have any clue that there was a proper way to express your opinion in a publication. Since then, I have grown a lot. I have learned how to layout the smallTALK publication, cover difficult angles on stories, and how to interact with people to conduct an interview. smallTALK has come a long way since I joined the staff, but there are still some changes that need to be made.

One of my major goals for next year is to strengthen the bond between Student Media, the student body, and the university faculty and administration. There has been some tension between the newspaper staff and certain groups within the MU community. Without cooperation between the groups, the paper cannot effectively and objectively report stories on campus. This leads to misunderstandings when reporting and misconceptions within the student population. By building a stronger bond between the groups, smallTALK can report the news fairly and truthfully.

I also hope to increase communication between Student Media members to smooth out issues that can affect the paper. When there is a lack of communication between staff members, it shows in the newspaper. It leads to graphics not matching with stories, as well as story angles that are inconsistently covered through the article. Increasing staff communication includes being understanding of staff members' circumstances and situations. A well informed staff is a happy staff, and a happy staff creates a successful publication that students and faculty members can be proud of.

Increasing readership is an important goal that be tackled next year. Getting more students to read the paper is difficult because there are so many aspects that can affect readership. Encouraging students to write Letters to the Editor, or Editors, will allow us to make reasonable changes to help promote others to read smallTALK. More photos and graphics to pages with lots of text will make smallTALK issues more aesthetically pleasing, which will encourage more people to read. Including current event articles that apply directly impact the lives of students and staff will not only help increase readership, but will make students more aware of the world outside of the campus gates.

It will take work and time. But overall, Jessie Heath and I will do our best to put out a publication that is both informative and entertaining. We do not just print a paper for our health. We do it to keep people informed about the campus and community. Okay, and we do it to add a little bit of spice to everyday life.



smallTALK says “farewell” to its Editor-in-Chief, Alicia Secord

*Ashley Young
News Editor*

With a slice of pizza in one hand and a pen in the other, Alicia Secord led the staff of smallTALK through Monday meetings with passion and determination to make the coming issue better than the last. On May 15, smallTALK will say “goodbye” to its Editor-in-Chief when Secord, a biology and chemistry double major, graduates.

Secord brought new ideas to smallTALK and freshened up many old ones. The entire paper was given a facelift. She rearranged the cover page by adding article teasers to the top of the paper, changing the color of the boarder and framework, and changed the fonts to make it more appealing to readers.

The “Campus Ninja” advice column, written by [name omitted to protect anonymity], and “crossTALK,” written by Jessie Heath and Aryn Hicks, were added by Secord to entertain readers while addressing problems effecting college students. Secord also had the two center pages of smallTALK printed in color for all issues, which was different from previous years.

Recently, Secord established a system of turning in story leads for articles early so that she could ensure that writers were on the right track with stories. She

made suggestions on how to improve the articles before they were entirely written. This method increased productivity by reducing the time wasted redoing articles that were not satisfactory. Secord also taught staffers how to take different approaches on both writing articles and taking photographs in order to keep smallTALK interesting.

Secord was not against stirring up controversy on campus. She was not afraid to get her hands dirty by covering articles that would raise questions around campus. Two of her most recent articles included a story on two students who were caught with Methodist chemicals in their car, and an opinion article discussing segregation within Greek Life.

Although both articles caused negative feelings against her, Secord was not afraid to report the truth. She encouraged staffers to always research the facts and follow up to make sure they were getting the whole story.

There are not many people who can accomplish what Secord has done. She was able to make positive changes to smallTALK, stepping up the editing process. While attending the College Media Advisers conference in New York City, she was also focusing on finishing two senior seminar projects. Secord accomplished all of this with Dylan, her one-year old son, at home.

Secord’s personality will be missed greatly by the smallTALK staff. She has always been able to bring humor to any situation. Secord has been with the Student Media staff as it has expanded and moved.

Alicia Secord has been an irreplaceable asset to smallTALK, and will be greatly missed.



Alicia’s senior seminar presentations will be given on April 29 for biology and May 5 for chemistry. Both deal with Bisphenol A in the environment.

“Despite a rough demeanor, she truly cared for and respected the Student Media members that made an effort in their work.”

-Austin Bordeaux, Staff Writer

“Alicia has been a great editor and a great role model for the staff. We’ve had our moments, but in the end, she is one of the best friends I could ask for.”

-Aryn Hicks, Entertainment Editor

*To Alicia, From Us
Kind Words from the smallTALK staff*

“Alicia never let anything slow her down. She pushed herself and pushed us to give 100% all the time. She never let us back down or give up.”

-Jessie Heath, Opinions Editor

“She has been a strong, assertive leader. She is giving us all an example of excellence to follow. Her presence and guidance will be missed.”

-Matthew Snowberger, Staff Writer

“It started by giving me doughnuts, and I started taking care of your child. You gave me pizza, then I started working on the paper. It was always fun.”

-Joshua Emerson, Graphics Team

“Alicia is a good leader. She has greatly improved the paper.”

-Leanne Russell, Staff Writer

Working on a tan with the Campus Ninja

Dear Ninja,

As the year comes to a swift end, I have planned to reap the benefits of the fruits of my parents' labor. I fully intend on mooching off of their cash, sleeping in until the late afternoon, and loafing on the couch.

However, my parents have other plans for me.

They want me to get a summer job. They tell me that it's good for my work ethic, and could benefit me in the future. I wonder, oh great Ninja, does your Drunken Master make you get a summer job?

Sincerely,

Bumming in Berns



refreshing and exhilarating. However, I still enjoy doing average human activities, such as go to the beach and sunbathe.

Unfortunately, the sun turns me a horrible shade of red anytime I stay outside longer than 5 minutes. This atrocious color radiates through my ninja robes, making me more visible to enemies. I do not want to give up my summer sunny day activities, but the retched sunburn is unbearable. How do ninja enjoy the summer weather and avoid the harmful foe known as UV overexposure?

Sincerely,

Sunburnt in Sanford

Dear Bumming,

When it comes to a summer job, my clan master gives all ninja two choices. We can get a regular summer job to increase our stealth among the general population and acquire funds, or go through a summer long session of Spartan training. I opted for the training one time and will never make that mistake again. It was the most miserable few months of my entire existence.

Normally, I like to work at stores like GameStop or Books-a-Million. If I have no other option, I am not above working at a fast food restaurant or grocery store. In the end, it really comes down to your personal choice; try to work where you think you would enjoy it.

Dear Ninja

As a ninja in training, I practice my stealth abilities during the summer to stay limber for the year. I find that leaping tree to tree is both

Dear Sunburnt,

To begin I would like to commend you for starting along the path of Ninjutsu Mastery. Never give up and keep striving to become a full fledged ninja!

Now to address your problem, it seems that you lack the proper chakra control to avoid getting sunburned. You must meditate and feel the flow of your life force and control its movement carefully. The best way is to have a constant flow of chakra seeping out of your pores, as this allows the harmful UV rays to bounce harmlessly off the invisible barrier you have created. Also, applying a sunscreen of at least SPF 30 is extremely beneficial if you are trying to avoid bad sunburns.




“Sayorana, for the summer”

from smallTALK's Advisor,
Roxana Ross

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Ashley Asks...

How do you feel about the new health care plan?

"I think there are a lot of good things the bill will bring; however, I think there are some bugs which Congress should have worked out before the bill was passed. I guess with my medical history, as a cancer survivor, I fear the unknown. I also am curious to see how the bill will stand, once President Obama goes out of office, because there are so many long-term plans within the bill."

*Ashley Young
News Editor*



"While it's a good start, it is horribly inadequate for the problems we have in this country."

—Phillip Ziehlke, a freshman computer information technology major.

"I think it's going to cost a lot of money, but at the end of the day it will probably be worth it because if somebody in your family gets sick or you get sick, you won't have to worry because your taxes will have already paid for the treatment."

—Demetrius Pressley, a sophomore biology major.



"Obama said, 'You should not go broke because you get sick.' I can see how the people that have the money feel it's unfair because they've worked hard to be financially stable and they don't feel that someone else should benefit off their hard labor; however, you want everybody to have health care."

—Taira Lobban, a sophomore music education major.

"My problem with the health care reform is, for starters, I work and I think that health care is important and I pay the premium for my health care coverage. However, I don't think I should have to pay an additional tax for people who don't think it's important, and I don't think the government should penalize me if I don't want to carry insurance on myself."

—Danielle Crawford, a freshman business administration major.



Wheelchair access has a handicap

Ashley Young

Have you ever tried to get around Trustees with crutches or a wheel chair? Let me tell you—it's not easy.

As the classes of Spring 2010 come to a close, disabled students are still waiting to see changes made to the Trustees Building. Trustees is one of the oldest academic buildings at Methodist University. It was built long before there were laws requiring wheelchair access.

"I love this school and I would not trade going to this school for anything, but the disability access stinks," said Pamela Randon, sophomore social work major who uses a power chair.

Trustees is a two story building with steps, no elevator, no automatically-opening doors, and heavy metal fire doors on the inside between the halls.

At the beginning of the current school year, smallTALK reported that Trustees would be getting automatic opening doors on both the upstairs and downstairs doors, along with magnetically-open fire doors inside.

"I know last semester I was stuck outside during one of Dr. Hendrick's classes because I could not open the door to get in," said Randon.

This project had the possibility of being done over the Christmas break, but attention on campus buildings shifted from changes in Trustees to Greek Life Housing.

Now, the changes are slated for June. An elevator has also been proposed, to be installed by June 30, if the costs are not too extravagant. However, the elevator project is still in the bidding process. The installation of an elevator is being estimated at \$300,000 which will come from the cash reserve. The cash reserve is money from contributors, interest on endowment, and money from the surplus of the operating budget.

As a visually impaired student, I was unaware of these difficulties until 2007, my second year at Methodist. In the fall semester, I took two night classes. Every night, I had a Campus Security Escort that would carry my belongings and help me walk between my classes and Weaver Hall.

The first thing I noticed was that the stairwells in Trustees were very dimly lit in the evening when it was dark outside. I also noticed that trying to physically walk across campus, in the dark, with an escort carrying everything I had, while I was holding onto his arm was next to



From the parking lot, students must travel up ten steps (left) to get into Trustees or travel down to a sidewalk by the Reeves Auditorium to reach a ramp on the opposite side. If a student is inside, they must go out of the building and around to the opposite side to get from one level to the other, because there is no elevator.

Photos from smallTALK archives.



impossible.

In January 2008, I began doing a research article that took me close to three months. I interviewed many disabled students, in wheel or powerchairs, who expressed their difficulties in traveling around Trustees and throughout campus with the lack

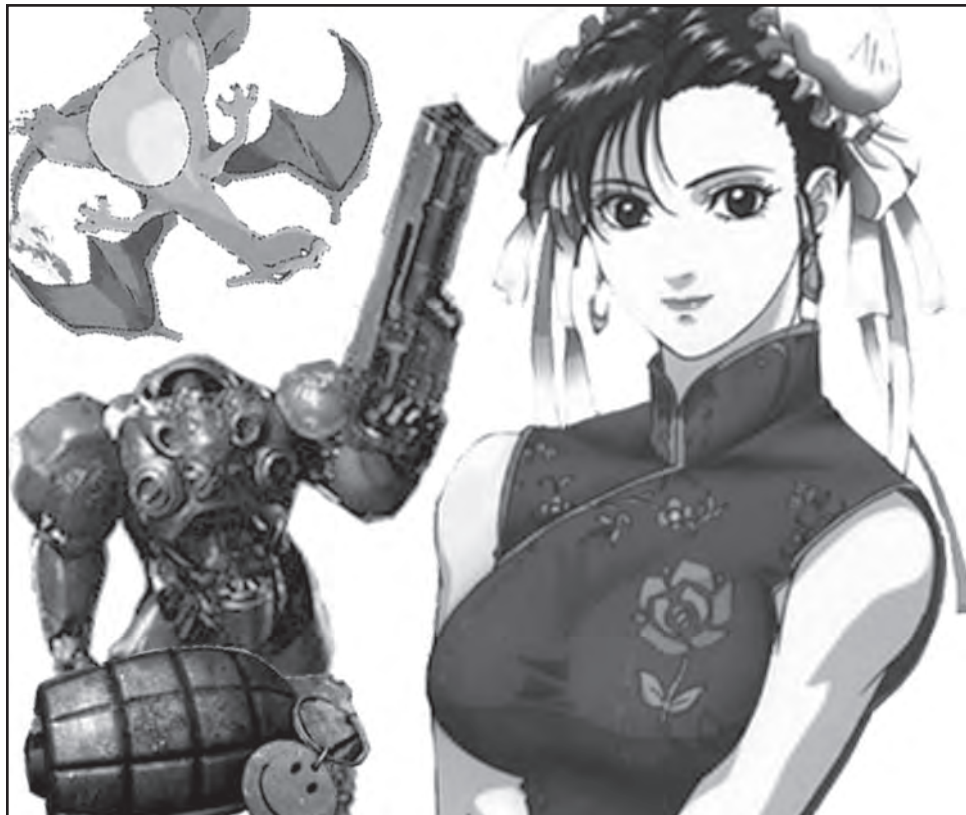
of disability access. The article pointed out the difficulties of being incapable of using the stairs inside Trustees and raised awareness of the need for changes throughout Methodist's campus.

That article sparked a flame in some people at Methodist. On Apr. 1, 2009, the Chi Delta Chi Veteran's Honor Society held Handicap Awareness Day. The society was able to raise approximately \$400 in donations to go towards disability access improvements. A year later, disabled students are still waiting to see changes to Trustees.

Methodist's campus has seen many improvements since that article was released. There has been bright yellow paint added to the ends of many grey, concrete steps throughout campus, a ramp has been added to the Public Safety Office (so disabled students finally have access to it), and a sidewalk has been added to the left side of Pearce Hall so that physically disabled students don't have to travel all the way around the building in order to get to the Center for Personal Development. With all the positive changes—the biggest and most expensive changes are still yet to be seen.

"I'd like to see all of the classrooms modernized, new floors—tile not carpet, Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning Units (HVAC) for each classroom, all bathrooms upgraded, technological improvements for the rooms, and I'd like to see the classrooms tiered," said Gene Clayton, Vice President for Business Affairs.

Whether or not Trustees will be completely accessible, both inside and out, to the physically disabled, by Fall 2010, is uncertain, but there will be a need for disability access; and that is a certainty.



Charazard from Pokemon, Chun-Li from Street Fighter, Grenade from the Battlefield Bad Company and Space Marine from Starcraft II. Graphic by Josh Emerson.

A Shout Out to the Gamers

Austin Bordeaux
Staff Writer

Students at Methodist University have a wide variety of interests, ranging from sports to politics to making crafts, but one of the most participated in activity is playing video games. There are a wide range of video games including real time strategy (RTS), turn based RPG, fighting, sports, action adventure, and the most popular of all, shooting games.

So, this is a shout out to you, mister RTS player, who is glued to his computer screen for hours on end playing game after game of Warcraft, Starcraft, and Empire Earth. The largest amount of RTS players can be found right outside the Student Media office, taking up couch space and competing against each other day after day. Keep it up and know that one day Starcraft 2 will finally be released.

This shout out is for the huge majority of gamers that play First Person Shooter games at all hours of the day. It is almost impossible to walk down a dorm hallway whether it be Sanford, Garber, or the apartments without hearing guns blazing and shouts of victory or dismay over a properly placed enemy sniper shot. Enjoy your Halo and Call of Duty for it is a more responsible hobby than drinking nonstop, but remem-

ber to take the time to study.

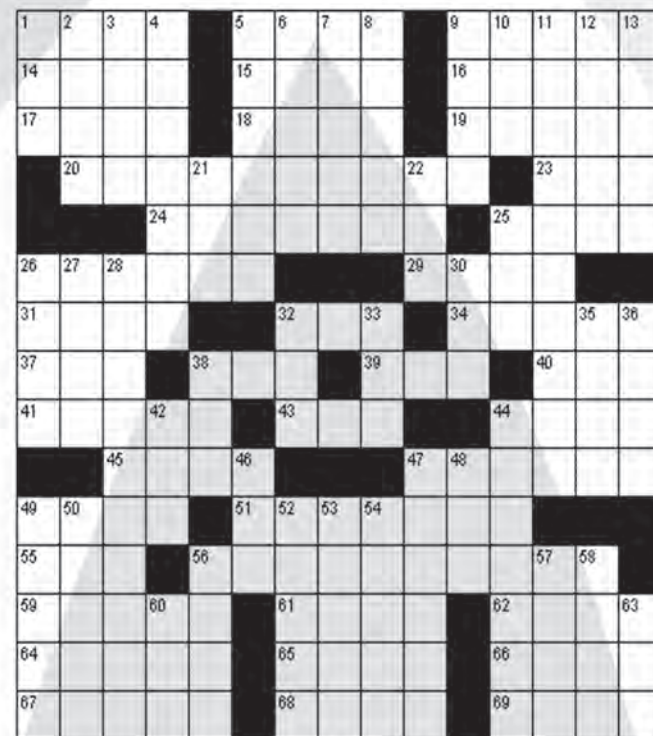
This shout out is to my personal favorite gamers, those that play fighting games. Though there seem to be few that openly play them, I know they exist, for I have seen traces of Marvel vs. Capcom, Street Fighter, and Mortal Kombat about the campus. Be proud of your gaming skills with your lightning quick reflexes, properly timed guard breaks and super moves. Just know that I claim sovereignty over Soul Caliber and have yet to find a challenger.

The last shout out is to an under-appreciated gaming group. Here's to you sports gamers with your Madden, FIFA, and NHL that are often rigged up on the dorm lobby TVs in the evening time. Well placed passes and strong shots bring about victory to those with the most skill. Akin to real sports teams, the pride you place in your sports gaming skills is admirable.

Gamers all over campus, I beseech you to continue on your digital quest for greatness whether over your friends, strangers, or to best your personal records. Video games are an amazing past time with a wide variety of genres and fans. Despite the vast differences, all gamers share the same fighting spirit, want for victory, and overall enjoyment of the games. So, this one's for you gamers, stay strong.

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Student Activities

Above: 2009 Miss Methodist Michelle Simmons, 2008 Miss Womanless Travis "Bonqueisha" Fulp interview contestant Jeremy "Jenny Dong" York in the Womanless Beauty Pageant last September. Photo by Lakeisha Story



Left: Students bid on roulette at Casino Night in September. Photo by Sung Kim.



Above: Homecoming kicked off with a concert by Rehab in the Nimocks Fitness Center. Photo by Yashaswi Shrestha.



Left: Mama Lou showed off her impressive strength during a performance in February. Photo by Cecilia Bode.

The Monarch Playlist of 2009-2010: Dave Matthews Band, Jason Aldean, Ludacris



*Aryn
Hicks
Entertainment Editor*

One thing is clear about Methodist University students regarding music: Monarchs have very eclectic tastes. After a survey of 50 random students about who their favorite musical artist and album was this school year, the list of artists ranged from “Wicked the Musical” to “Rebirth” by Lil Wayne.

Although the music choices were very diverse amongst the students, three artists and albums were voted most popular by students. “Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King” by the alternative rock group, Dave Matthews Band, was a favorite among many rock-loving students. Jason Aldean’s “Wide Open” was most widely liked by students who enjoyed country music, while Ludacris’ new album “Battle of the Sexes” was a favorite hip-hop album amongst students who favored this genre of music.

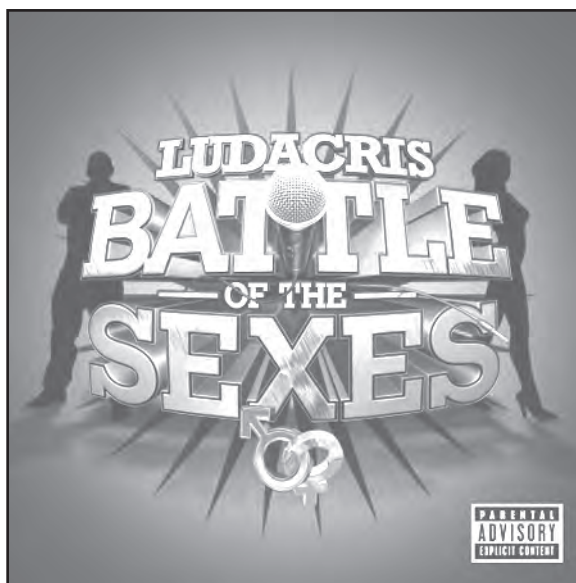
Dave Matthews Band “Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King”

Different is the best word to describe “Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King” by Dave Matthews Band. This is the 7th studio album release by the group. This album blends rock music with a funky, New Orleans style blues feel. Every song on the album releases a positive energy into the air, which just makes listeners want to move. The band plays with such passion, and it is clearly expressed through every lyric on the album.

Despite the new feel and sound, some people miss the older, more classic sound of the band.

“They really left what they used to be and became a chick band,” said James Barr, a junior computer information technology major. “[Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King] is not as good as previous albums.

The band’s sound is definitely much different than it has been on past albums. Dave Matthews Band has become more commercial, but they keep some individuality amongst other groups that sell-out for popularity and money. Songs like “Alligator Pie,” “Grux,” and “Why I Am” have a southern country feel that adds an extra dimension to the album, but further removes them from their previous style. The band’s sound is consistent through the album. The New Orleans jazz style present on the album gives the album an extra bit of



rhythm and grit.

Jason Aldean “Wide Open”

Nothing soothes a weary mind like hearing music that remind you of happy, simple moments in life. “Wide Open,” Jason Aldean’s 3rd studio album, has that calming affect. The album’s laid-back, mellow tone allows avid listeners to drift into a state of country nirvana. As Aldean sings, his relaxed down-to-earth persona allows listeners to relate to the situations in the songs, which makes the listening experience more enjoyable.

“I love how his songs make me feel,” said Ambrosia Fenwick, a sophomore occupational and environmental management major. “When I hear his songs, it makes me think of home.”

Compared Jason Aldean’s previous albums, “Wide Open” falls short. All of the songs on “Wide Open” start the same, and end the same, only leading me to want to bang my head against the wall, repeatedly.

Songs like “She’s Country” and “Crazy Town” broke up the monotony of the album, but it wasn’t enough to spare my ears from the constant repetition. The first album featured songs like “Amarillo Sky” and “Hicktown,” which were amazing songs that set Jason Aldean apart from other sing-songy country artists. However, the lyrics and tunes of “Wide Open” seem so much alike to one another, one can’t help but to place him in the category of typical country singers.

Ludacris “Battle of the Sexes”

“Battle of the Sexes” is Ludacris’ 9th album release, and as always, there are some twists on this album. Of all of Ludacris’ albums, “Battle of the Sexes” is decent. It’s not Ludacris’ best album, but it’s not the worst. The beats are more unique than they have been on past albums due to fact that no single song has the same producer.

The album is geared towards people who want a more party-oriented album with a dash of sex. Okay, so the dash of sex is an understatement with songs like “Sexting” and “Sex Room” on the album.

“The album was creative and has a lot of songs I can dance to,” said Renesha Brown, a sophomore graphic design major. “Each song has a meaning. It’s all in how the artist portrays it.”

“Battle of the Sexes” was definitely an unfair battle. The album was slanted towards the men. The most upbeat tracks, such as “I Know You Gotta Man” featuring Flo Rida and “Party No Mo” featuring Lil Scrappy, featured male artists. These songs were more edgy and many of the songs featuring female artists, such as “Can’t Live with You” featuring Monica, were less catchy and more subdued. The exceptions to this included “My Chick Bad”

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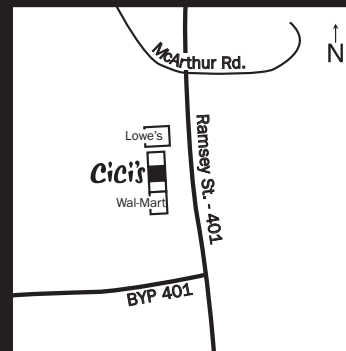
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Date	Opponent	Results
3/27	North Carolina Wesleyan College	W 3-2
3/28	North Carolina Wesleyan	L 1-4
3/31	Virginia Wesleyan College	W 11-0
4/2	Greensboro College	W 13-4
4/3	Greensboro College	W 8-7
4/7	Lynchburg College	W 14-12

Baseball		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/30	Piedmont College	7:00 p.m.
5/1	Piedmont College	4:00 p.m.
5/1	York College of Pennsylvania	7:00 p.m.
5/2	York College of Pennsylvania	2:00 p.m.
5/8	Alumni Game	1:00 p.m.

Softball		
Date	Opponent	Results
3/27	Averette University (DH)	W 9-3, W 5-4
3/31	Meredith College (DH)	W 7-2, L 2-4
4/2	Ferrum College (DH)	W 10-2, W 3-2
4/6	Peace College (DH)	W 4-2, W 11-3
4/9	Mary Baldwin College (DH)	W 11-7, W 21-5

Softball		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/20	Virginia Wesleyan College (DH)	4:00 p.m.

Men's Golf		
Date	Opponent	Results
3/26 - 3/28	Camp LeJeune Intercollegiate	1st - 849

Men's Tennis		
Date	Opponent	Results
3/27	Ferrum College	W 9-0
4/3	Shenandoah University	W 9-0
4/7	North Carolina Wesleyan College	L 0-9

Women's Tennis		
Date	Opponent	Results
3/27	Ferrum College	W 9-0
3/30	Peace College	W 9-0
4/3	Shenandoah University	W 9-0
4/3	Agnes Scott College	W 6-3
4/7	North Carolina Wesleyan College	W 6-3

Lacrosse		
Date	Opponent	Results
3/27	Christopher Newport University	L 2-20
4/1	Ferrum College	L 5-8
4/8	North Carolina Wesleyan College	W 20-3



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

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