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By Matt Snowberger

Staff Writer

Students at Methodist are thirty days and thirty alcohol violations into the new semester. Administrators insist the number is not high for this time of year, and that the majority of the busts have come from large parties. Many students are upset after being hit with hefty fines, and what they perceive as unfair treatment.

"The beginning of the year is always exciting," said William Walker assistant dean of students, in regards to the high number of alcohol cases. Walker attributes this trend to a number of students coming back from break and partying with the friends they have not seen during the summer. "It's unfortunate but not unusual." Students have noticed the spike in tickets, and many are concerned about the trend.

"They are handing them (violations) out like candy," said senior Mark Jernigan who has been given a citation.

"There has to be a reason for our staff

30 Busts Hath September

to be there," according to Walker almost all of the citations have been given either at or as a result of large, loud, on campus gatherings. "Every now and then

“**They are handing them [violations] out like candy.**”

-Mark Jernigan

we come across a large party." It stands to reason that these cases would be the most obvious and simplest for the administration to regulate fairly. There are however, claims of mistreatment by students.

"I was guilty by association," says Brittany StJacques, who is facing what she claims to be an unwarranted drinking citation. According to StJacques alcohol was found in the kitchen of an on campus apartment she was visiting. She was surprised when a school official entered the bedroom she was in, with the accusation.

"They have no sympathy for those not doing anything," StJacques claims that of the nearly ten people in the apartment she was one of only four that had been given citations.

As the number of violations continues to grow students are becoming more aware of administrations presence with regards to drinking. Students, particularly those of drinking age, are more and more

beginning question the administrations process of enforcing university policy. Jernigan insist that his RC went "beyond the call of duty" to find the beer "residue" that lead to his citation during a routine room inspection.

"It's ridiculous," said Jernigan "I was not even in my room.....she had to smell the glass to tell if it was beer." Mark is facing a \$100 fine, community service, as well as counseling. "I am 21 if I want to have a beer in my room what is the problem?"

"We have a responsibility to save students from bad decisions," said Walker while discussing why the administrations strict enforcement of the drinking restrictions, "and of course it is the policy."

Spongebob Stunts Learning in Young Children

By Eryn Brown
Los Angeles Times (MCT) LOS ANGELES

Watching just a short bit of the wildly popular kids TV show "SpongeBob SquarePants" has been known to give many parents headaches. Psychologists have now found that a brief exposure to SpongeBob, Patrick, Squidward and the rest of the crew also appears to dampen preschoolers' brain power. Angeline Lillard and Jennifer Peterson, both of the University of Virginia's department of psychology, wanted to see whether watching fast-paced television had an immediate influence on kids' executive function - skills including attention, working memory, problem solving and delay of gratification that are associated with success in school.

Television's negative effect on executive function over the long term has been established, the researchers wrote Monday in the journal *Pediatrics*, but less is known

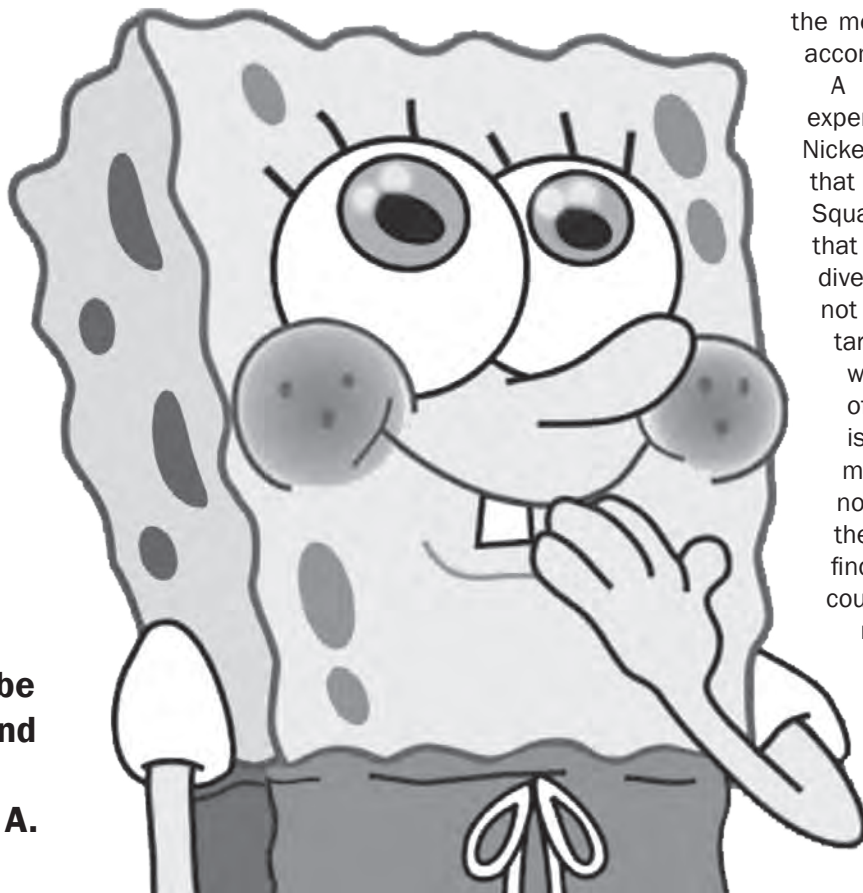
about its immediate effects. To test what those might be, Lillard and Peterson randomly assigned 60 4-year-olds to three groups: one that watched nine minutes of a fast-paced popular fantastical cartoon about an animated sponge that lives under the sea, one that watched nine minutes of slower-paced programming from a PBS show about a typical U.S. preschool-aged boy, and a third group that was asked to draw for nine minutes with markers and crayons. Immediately after their viewing and drawing tasks were complete, the kids were asked to perform four tests to assess executive function. Unfortunately for the denizens of Bikini Bottom, the kids who watched nine minutes of the frenetic high jinks of the animated sponge scored significantly worse than the other kids.

"Connecting fast-paced television viewing to deficits in executive function ... has profound impacts for children's cognitive and social development that need to be considered and reacted to," wrote University of Washington pediatrics professor Dr. Dimitri A. Christakis, an authority on children and the media, in an editorial accompanying the study.

A different type of expert begged to differ. Nickelodeon, the network that airs "SpongeBob SquarePants," told CNN that "having 60 non-diverse kids, who are not part of the show's targeted demo, watch nine minutes of programming is questionable methodology. It could not possibly provide the basis for any valid findings that parents could trust." The network noted that "SpongeBob" is intended to be viewed by kids ages 6 to 11 and not by preschoolers.

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-Dr. Dimitri A. Christakis



Upcoming Events Around Campus

Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 - The Guys
Reeves Auditorium

The performance runs from Thursday until Saturday at 8 p.m. and the last show will be on Sunday at 2 p.m. Admission is free with a student identification card. Without a student ID, the cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children.

Sept. 30 - Dr. Spence Recounts his Cross Country Bike Trip*

Yarborough Auditorium

Dr. Spence will be sharing his journey at 11 a.m. His biking trip attributed to his continuous effort to raise money for the Rahila Muhibi's Literacy Program located in Kabul, Afghanistan. Learn more about how you can help by attending the event.

Sept. 30 - Presentation of *Como Agua Para Chocolate**

Hendricks 122

The department of Modern Languages will be continuing their film series with the presentation of *Como Agua Para Chocolate*. Tita loses her love Pedro. Because his mother disapproves of Tita and Pedro's love, Pedro marries Tita's sister. Tita begins cooking and expresses herself through the food that she cooks. 7 p.m.

Oct. 7 - Piano Recital featuring the *Maisonpierre Duo**

Hensdale Chapel

Methodist will feature the piano duo *Maisonpierre* at 7:30 p.m.

**Denotes an event with free admission.*

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

EVENTS ON THE TOWN

Oct. 1 – 3rd annual Fayetteville/Cumberland County Book Club

Miller-Motte College, keynote speakers AJ Mayhew and Helen Bethea will speak at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Then a discussion will commence with both of the authors at 12 p.m. To pre-register, call 910-248-3258 and just leave your name, e-mail address and cell phone number.

Oct. 2 – Cape Fear Botanical Gardens Heritage Festival

Activities for all ages will be held from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.. There will be barnyard animals, exhibits, bluegrass music and more. To get in you will have to pay the general admission.

Oct. 4 – Visit from New York Times and International Herald Tribune Columnist Anand Giridharadas

Cumberland County Headquarters Library, Columnist Anand Giridharadas will be speaking about how it feels to live between two different cultures at 7 p.m.

Oct. 6 – Novels of the Civil War

Cumberland County Headquarters Library

The library will be hosting a presentation called “Let’s Talk About it: America’s Greatest Conflicts” which features novels of the civil war. The presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. You must register with the Library to be able to attend this five-part series.

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.

Coach Paves The Way For A Great Football Season!

By Matt Snowberger
Staff Writer

The Methodist football team is currently 1-1 after beating rival Guilford College 40-22 in the team’s home opener. It was Dave Easvenson’s first win as the Monarchs head coach. The longtime assistant of Coach Sypult has brought a new tangible energy to his team.

“Coach let me be apart of everything” said Easvenson according to him, the plan has long been for him to take the teams rains after Sypults retirement. This plan made the transition of power relatively simple for both staff and players.

Among the changes Easvenson has brought to the program is his “Board of directors.” In which he meets with a representative player from each position in a closed door weekly meeting to discuss team issues. The meeting gives coaches and players the ability to get ahead of problems on the field and in the locker room. Easvenson took inspiration for the open approach form giants coach Bill Parcells. This is the first season that players were allowed to elect their own captains, a task normally reserved for the head coach.

“It is risky,” said Easvenson, “[I] knew they would elect peers they respected.”

“You have to love the grind,” said Easvenson regarding the team’s “work man like attitude,” which he says will be the key to it’s successes. The sledge hammer, and lunch pail carried by Monarch defenders are symbols of this mindset. The Monarchs embodied the theme Saturday by playing stingy, ball hogging defense, giving up only two touchdowns to the Quakers in their home opener.

“We want those goals,” said Easvenson regarding the national championship, and regard as the best division III team in the state. “But our goals are week to weekit is about the process.” Easvenson sees the work players put in during the off season, and between games in combination with a hardnosed attitude will pave the road to success. “We want to be more physical.... Out hit the other team,” says Easvenson “on Saturday we did that.”

The coming weeks will determine if Easvensons “All in” approach will stand up to the trails of a college season. Yet it would be hard to deny the energized atmosphere both on and off the field. The team breaks its pregame huddle with “We are MU, We are one, We Believe.” Buying into that message may define this team in and beyond the 2011 season.



Coach Talks strategy with team. Photo by Roxana Ross.



Cumberland County Fair Meets Marching Monarchs

By Tria Detz
Staff Writer

Even the best laid plans go awry. Methodist University's Marching Monarchs learned this lesson the hard way while playing at the Cumberland County Fair opening ceremony Sept. 15th, an honor for Methodist University. The band played in front of the coliseum and the colorguard performed as people walked into the fair. As people walked by Charles Dumas, the band director, they made comments such as "they looked sharp". Bystanders commented on how entertaining and fun they were, as well as how good a job they did. People even turned around to watch the band outside from within the fair.

Visitors attending the opening ceremony were inside listening to the speaker. There were little kids outside dancing to the music while the parents were waiting for others. The band could not play until the end of the ceremony due to an approaching thunderstorm. There was not enough space inside where they were holding the ceremony for the band.

Megan Hesson, a member of colorguard, said "It was fun but I wished that more people had seen them perform."

The band felt a little annoyed that they were placed facing the parking lot and

could not play until the end due to the rain. When some of the band members went back to the fair, they were told they could go in for free but had to pay if they wanted to ride the attractions. Overall it was a learning experience for the band and showed that sometimes things don't go according to the plan.



Top: Marching monarchs play outside the Crown Coliseum.

Bottom: A colorguard member performs outside the fair
Photos by Tria Detz.

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Convocation Lays Out Future for Methodist University

By Joyce Johnson
Contributing Writer

The future of Methodist University could include increasing the number of international students and the opportunity for student travel, expanding the school's emphasis on community service and student-faculty collaborative research, and the creation of a school of health sciences.

In his first convocation as Methodist University president Sept. 12, Dr. Ben Hancock laid out several initiatives intended to "take Methodist to the next level."

Hancock announced the establishment of a task force to look into the creation of a school of allied health sciences. A school of health sciences could include areas of study already in place, such as the nursing, physician's assistant, health care management, athletic training and exercise science programs. The task force will also look into new areas of health studies. Chaired that task force will be Dr. Lori L. Brookman, a biology professor and dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

Stepping out in front of the podium at a packed Reeves Auditorium and speaking without notes, Hancock

told students, faculty, staff and members of the community he had launched committees to study:

- Leadership, co-chaired by political science department chair Dr. Andrew Ziegler and Athletic Director Bob McEvoy. "I want every student at Methodist University to be empowered," Hancock said. Students will be encouraged to take on more responsibility and develop a leadership skill set, "taking a leadership role, understanding what's involved in being a leader."

- Globalization, led by study-abroad director Michelle Garayua. Hancock, who has held four international fellowships, said he believes "being involved in the greater world" is an important part of education. Hancock said he wants to double the school's current 100 international students, and give every Methodist student the opportunity to study abroad.

- Undergraduate research and collaborative projects, led by Executive Vice President Dr. Delmas Crisp and science professor Dr. Clay Britton. "We already have some traction," he said, referring to successful ongoing research efforts among students and faculty. "But I want to be able to take it to the next level."

Such research, he said, not only enriches the classroom experience, but prepares students for graduate school, job searches and professional careers.

- Community engagement, led by career services director Antoinette Bellamy and Social Work department chair Dr. George Hendricks.

Every student, Hancock said, "will be in some way involved in a meaningful experience off campus." Possibilities include internships, group projects or service, he said. Again, he noted, the university already has numerous initiatives in this area. But under the new plan, every student would have the opportunity to participate in community engagement. Hancock emphasized projects that would develop leadership as well as problem solving skills. Such internships and projects, he said, will enrich the community and the educational experience.

Hancock said each committee would be pulling together key players around campus to identify the issues and resources needed to address and advance these initiatives. These will become, he said, of what he called "the Methodist University journey."

"We're here," he said, "to be engaged... The three keys to success in any endeavor aspiration, inspiration and perspiration," he said.

As he closed, Hancock drew an ovation when he asked the assembly if it was "ready to take Methodist to the next level." Hancock cited the response as an example of the enthusiasm he's seen in his six months as Methodist's fourth president.

"It is a great day to be a Monarch" Hancock said. "It's a great day to be the president of Methodist University. It's a great day ... a critical time, a great time to be an engaged university."



Photo by Tria Detz

By Aaron Bressler

Opinions Editor

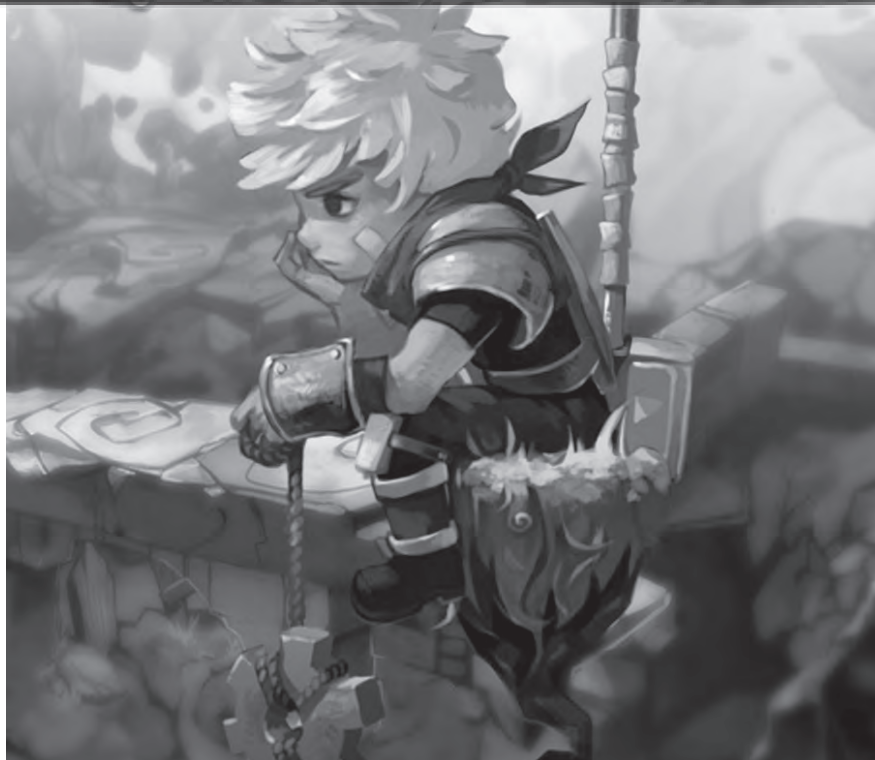
Released on Xbox live and PC

Graphics 10/10

Most games try to have photo-realistic graphics, or the perfect cell shader. Bastion on the other hand takes an entirely different approach. This game features stunning hand-painted graphics. Each level is lovingly crafted and illustrated to perfection. While each level has a unique look, they each share a common visual theme that ties the game together as a whole. The landscape also is unique in its presentation. The land forms under you as you move; not only giving it an interesting look but also saves the game some effort. Given how much detail is packed into the game this probably saved it from lagging issues.

Design/Gameplay 9/10

Possibly the most impressive aspect of Bastion is its design. Every mechanic is well designed and balanced, with few flaws or issues. The many weapons provide an excellent array of options and tactics. Just about any playstyle is available with options from hammers and machetes to dueling pistols and artillery mortars. The combat is fast and energetic, without being hectic or rushed. The opponents are colorful and unique, making the player use a variety of strategies. The boss fights are difficult, but not too unreasonable. The most innovative mechanic of Bastion is the difficulty settings. Instead of having a traditional setting list the Bastion lets players visit a shrine to alter the game in specific ways. One can give opponents more health, or the ability to deflect attacks, or move more quickly. This lets the player adjust the game to their preferences.



Music/Sound 8/10

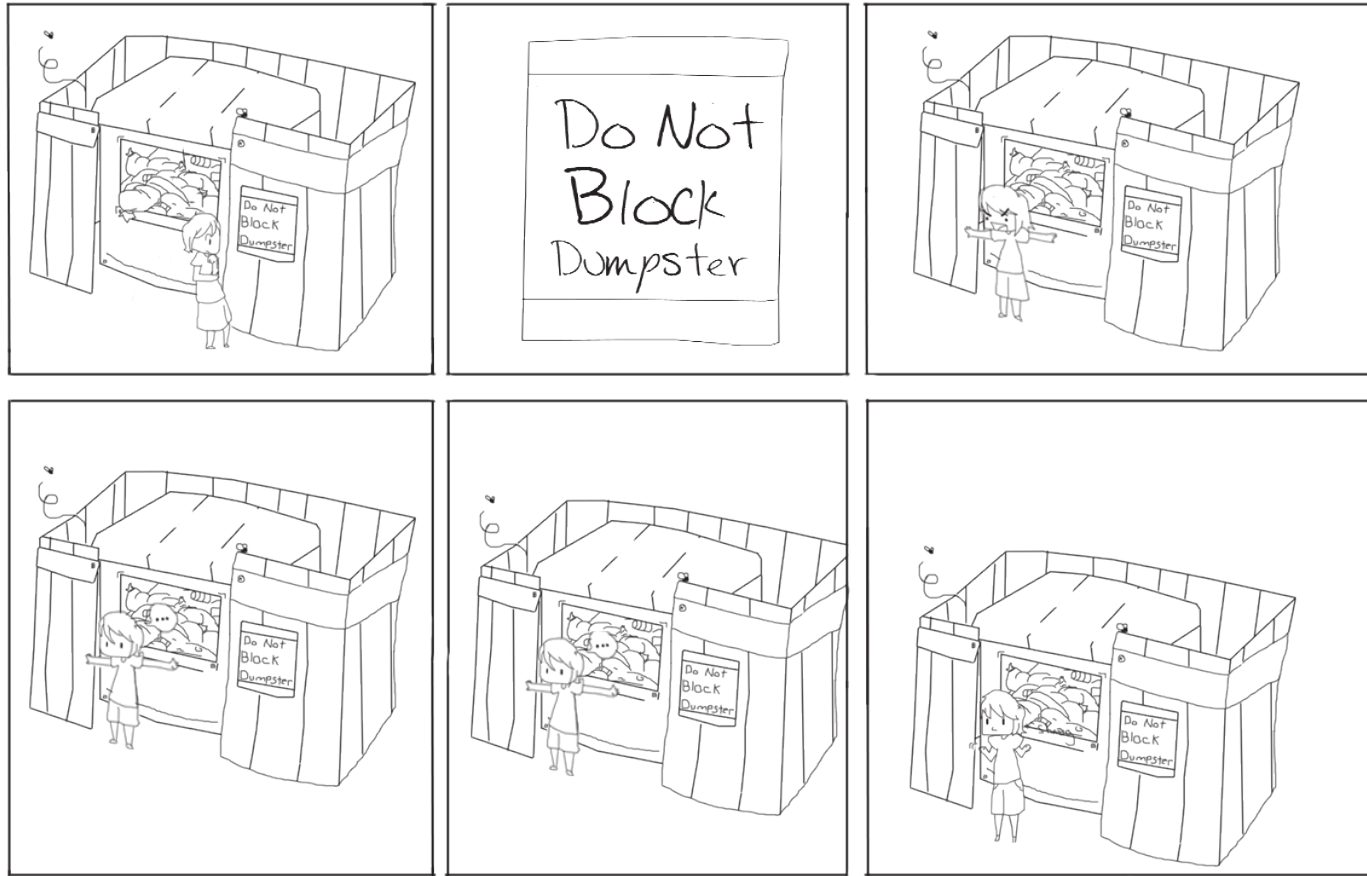
Bastion features some absolutely amazing music, and a wide array of sound effects. However, the music isn't used to the best of its ability. There are some incredibly awesome songs, but are used rarely, leaving more generic music to fill the gaps. The sound effects are much better used. Each weapon has a unique sound, and your enemies can be easily identified in the same way. The coolest feature of Bastion is the reactive narrator. The smooth, sexy voice narrates everything you do, even changing the script to reflect your actions.

Replay Value 8/10

Bastion has a lot of replay value. Between the game's long length, wide array of options and new game plus mode there is plenty to do after you finally finish the game. The game will be entertaining long after you buy it, and given its low price of \$15 it is well worth the cost.

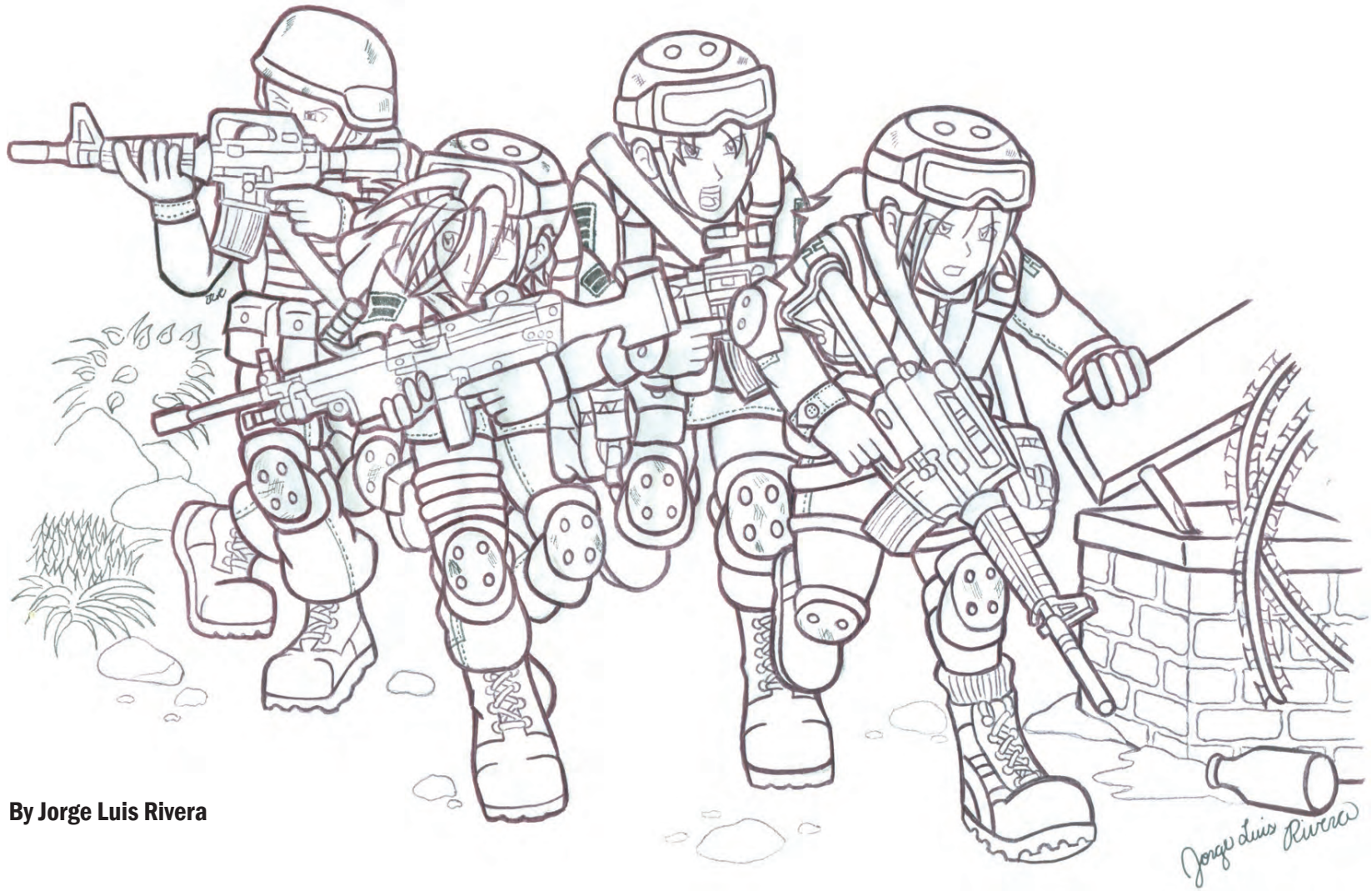
Overall 9/10

Overall, Bastion is an incredibly well-crafted work of art, well suited for any kind of gamer, casual or hardcore. The game's many variations and beautiful presentation create an unforgettable experience. Considering that Bastion is a quarter of the price of a normal game but just as long, and far more entertaining than most of the other games this year, your collection won't be complete until you've purchased Bastion.



Meanwhile,
in
New Zealand...





By Jorge Luis Rivera



Photo by Tría Detz



By Mindy Song



Dragon Sheep
By Emory Jacobs

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Standards

By Aaron Bressler

"What are you doing?"
"What does it look like?"
"Are you crazy?"

The man returned to what he was doing before, pausing only to stamp his gnarled hands together for warmth against the bitter cold. He wore a series of worn coats, glimpses of the lower layers visible through the holes. The other man continued to glare at him. His clothes were less worn than the second man's, his coat newer and with fewer holes, his hair with less grey. Eventually he sighed loudly and tossed his crumpled cigarette down on the ground.

"You shouldn't be doing that!" The first man said.
"Why the hell not?"
"Don't you have any standards?"

The second man stared at him for a moment, eyebrows like bristly caterpillars raised in confusion. He was silent for a time as if he couldn't understand.

"We're homeless for cryin' out loud! We don't got any standards. Comes with the territory. Or lack thereof. Or doesn't actually." He said eventually with an exasperated tone.

"Don't be stupid."
"What you talkin' about stupid, you the one sayin' we got to be havin' standards."
"Well we should, just saying."
"Us being homeless and all?"
"Just because we're homeless doesn't mean we don't have our pride."

There was a long silence. He looked at the first man as the sounds of the city rang out around them. Sirens, dogs, merchants and tourists all contributed to the cacophony as it slowly died. Their alley was silent as they stared at each other.

"Pride?"
"Pride."
"Really? You're kiddin' me right?"
The first man's shoulders remained squared and defensive.
"Dignity then." He huffed.

There was an even longer pause. As the night deepened the sounds of the city faded away as the light flickered on, throwing the scene into sharp relief. Their breath made ephemeral clouds highlighted orange by the light. The first man finally threw his hands up in frustration.

"What would you call it then?"
The second man shrugged as he stamped his feet. The corners of his mouth turned upwards in a sardonic smirk.
"Way you goin' on, sounds like you think we should be havin' professional standards."

10 Things You Didn't Know About Methodist

Gabbie Isaac
Staff Writer

You can get free books from the library to keep for yourself as part of the QEP program. You can also trade in used books to be redistributed.

"They just pick it up and that's it," Library staff worker Zachary Emanuel said regarding the free books. If you wish to donate books, drop them off at the library. There are several stations where you can pick up and trade off books. While you're reading, check out some of the QEP reading stations like the one in the cafeteria.

Campus security can unlock your vehicle when you lock keys inside and help you out in many other ways.

According to the Methodist University website, "University Police Officers are equipped to 'jump-start' dead batteries, unlock vehicles when keys are left inside or provide access to a phone to summon additional assistance." Make sure to keep the emergency numbers for the campus security team handy.

Campus Ministries goes on several mission trips.

"The spring break mission trip is to Saint Simons Island in Georgia. The spring mission trip is to Eleuthera in the Bahamas," Donna Wilson, Director of Campus Ministries said. "In the Bahamas we are doing hurricane relief." The mission team will help with the Faith Harbor Children Center when they are in Georgia. They will renovate homes. See Wilson for more information on the mission trips.

You can get an MU License plate for your car.

You can show your school pride by ordering a MU license plate. Also, you don't have to be registered in North Carolina to have the plate. The regular collegiate fee is 25 dollars but if you would like it personalized, the cost is 55 dollars. Just go to the website and click the link to order.

Career Services offers an assessment to help students decide what to major in

"It matches you with various career paths." For more information on this test, you can visit the career services office for assistance staff members.

There is a waterfall in the woods

"I found it," first year student Paige Martin said. "It's quiet and it's secluded." The waterfall is located just a little ways away from the river in the woods behind Methodist. Make sure that you know where you are going and how to get there before you hike out.

C.R.I.M.P. sponsors craft classes

"We do several activities throughout the year with dorms like pumpkin carving," Assistant director of Recreation Cassie Sinkowitz said. C.R.I.M.P. also does "Paint till you faint" and "Nicks and Needles." These programs were designed to be creative and help students discover new hobbies.

You can order a Pizza from the Cafeteria

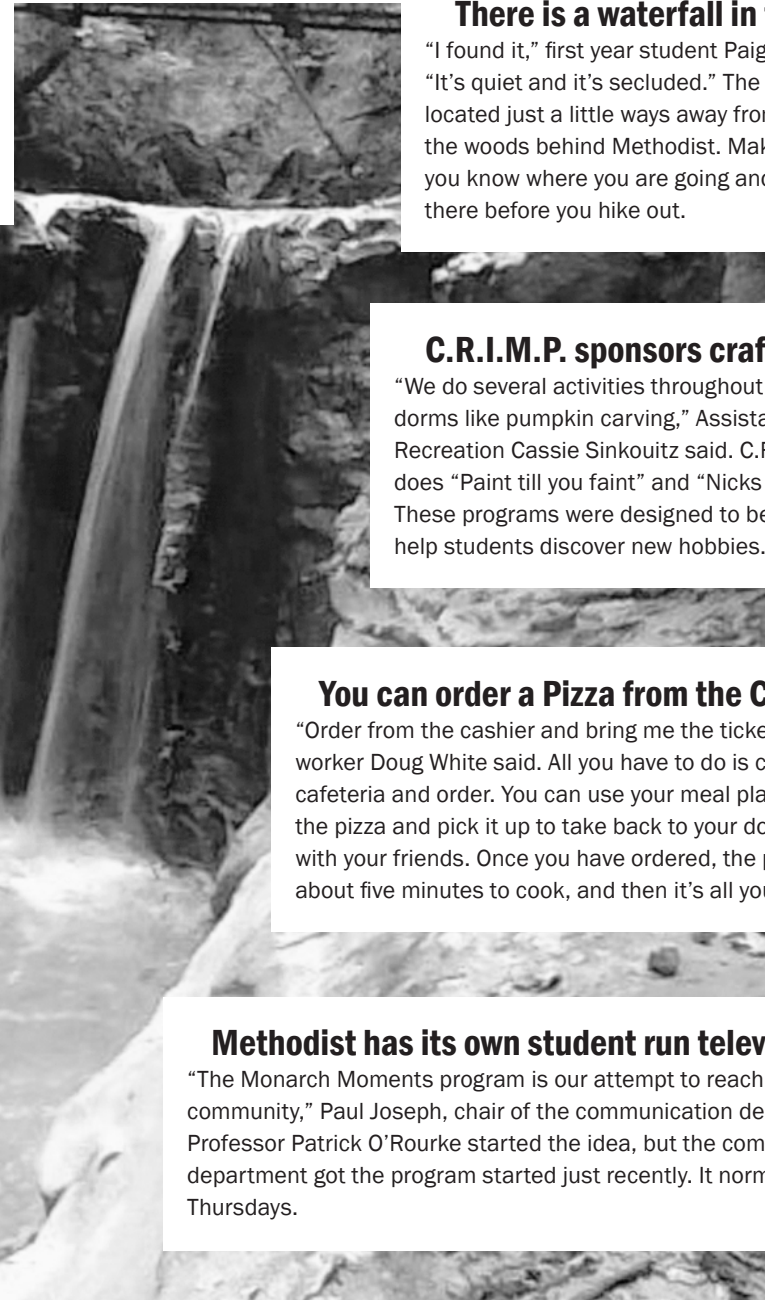
"Order from the cashier and bring me the ticket." Lead worker Doug White said. All you have to do is come to the cafeteria and order. You can use your meal plan or pay for the pizza and pick it up to take back to your dorm to share with your friends. Once you have ordered, the pizza will take about five minutes to cook, and then it's all yours.

Methodist has its own student run television show

"The Monarch Moments program is our attempt to reach out to the community," Paul Joseph, chair of the communication department said. Professor Patrick O'Rourke started the idea, but the communication department got the program started just recently. It normally airs on Thursdays.

The Residence Hall Association meets to improve the dorms

The residence hall association meetings are open to anyone who lives in any of the residence halls on campus. Come to discuss any problems that you hope to get fixed or any improvements that you think of. The association meets on Mondays at nine in the basement of Sanford.



Monarchs Make it on TV



Students Joyce Johnson and Lorenzo Mckenzie editing video for the upcoming episode of Monarch Moments. Picture taken by Erik Alegria.

By Mi'osha Neal
Staff writer

"Lights, camera, action," the director announces and the recording begins. No, this isn't the set of a hit TV show or a new film; it's the recording of the Methodist University Communications Department (MUCOMM) television show, Monarch Moments.

"Monarch Moments has been something we have wanted to do for a long time," Methodist University professor and head of the Communications Department Paul Joseph said. The show was started by a former faculty member who made a commitment with a local access cable company to deliver the content. Since the former faculty member has left Methodist University, the Communications Department has assumed ownership of the time slot. The content and the format is much different, but the concept remains the same.

Monarch Moments will appear on the community channel, which is channel seven at 8:30 p.m. The date

of the first episode has yet to be announced but will air soon.

"We are an entity which produces a television show for Methodist University," Joseph said. The two main producers are Joyce Johnson and Lorenzo McKenzie. Other members include Daquan Major, Rebecca Tate, Jamile Thompson, and Eray Kim, but membership for the program is still open.

Monarch Moments is intended to be the voice of students at MU, especially those who are a part of the Communications Department. The production will air some edited and also live-on-tap interviews and field packages that are in the interest of the community campus wide. It will also include documented campus events, such as lectures where appropriate.

The production has only been on the air since last year, but this year they plan to stream it on the internet. To improve the show, the Communications Department will enhance technologically and journalistically. "We hope to see regular updates to the technology, more leadership positions for students, greater programming

opportunities as more students work with us, and perhaps more episodes per month as this becomes practical," Joseph said.

"We are just getting warmed up, really," Joseph said. This year, the Communications Department is going to introduce virtual sets and advanced graphics, and they are looking into getting equipment for portable live productions. "Content-wise, the sky is the limit," Joseph said. They plan to keep a news format, but could also branch into opinions, demonstrations, and just about anything else.

Anyone can join to help with the production of Monarch Moments by contacting Paul J. Joseph, Joyce Johnson, or Lorenzo McKenzie or participating in their general meetings on Monday or Friday at 11:00 a.m. Paul Joseph can be reached at 910-630-7052 or pjoseph@methodist.edu.

"I most enjoy watching the students see their ideas come to life. I enjoy empowering students and giving them the opportunity to own something," Joseph said.



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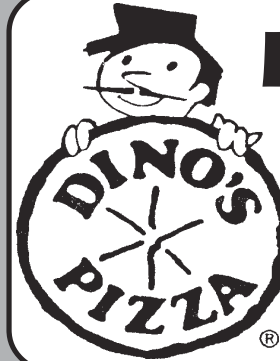
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Campus Ninja,

There's this dude in my dorm that's real sketchy. If anyone gets close to his door when he's coming or going, he slams it shut, and it always smells weird around his room. I think I should tell someone that he may be up to something, but I don't know who. What would you do?

From, Skeptic in Sanford

Skeptic in Sanford,

Well, with my obviously good looks, I would charm my way into his room to figure out what's going on. If it was bad, I would shut him down with my sweetastik moves of awesomeness, then play his video games and eat his food, leaving the room seconds before campus security, which I would have notified with my telepathy, arrived. Or just play video games if he didn't do anything. But for you, one of no sweetastikness, you should simply go to your RA if you feel someone is potential trouble. Then your RA should call me in.



Campus Ninja!

I am writing in a rush because I have to go to a meeting, then I have a meeting after that meeting, then I have about ten minutes to eat before I have to go to practice. I think I might be doing too much, and I want to quit some of the activities I'm in. How do I do that without hurting anyone's feelings?

From, Overloaded Freshman

Overloaded Freshman,

You really shouldn't do so much your first semester. Since ninjas don't participate in activities that don't involve throwing stars, I have a lot of free time to do all of my homework and practice playing guitars underwater (two at once, in fact). I suggest talking to the person in charge. Most understand the pressure of doing too much and know you shouldn't overload. If they throw a fit, just chuck a smoke bomb and leave. It works for me.

Campus Drive-by: Ambush Journalism

By Aaron Bressler
Opinion Editor

Nick Spell is a junior business major here at Methodist University. We met him outside the Berns student center after his last class. We talked for a while about a number of things, but he didn't really have an opinion about the drinking on campus.

"I don't really have an opinion, I don't really drink." Spell said. "About this being a dry campus though, I don't know."

When asked about his favorite part of Methodist University he only had one thing to say.

"Baseball, definitely" Spell said with a huge grin.

The only activity Spell is involved in is baseball. He doesn't really see anyone who has joined too many organizations,

but does occasionally feel overwhelmed by the work load of his classes. However, he doesn't feel like there are enough inter-student activities available. If given the ability to change one thing here Spell would change the tuition.

"It's really high" he said.

When I asked him about his plans for the coming zombie apocalypse however he seemed less sure. His plan is to stock up on food, and then barricade himself until help arrived. Hopefully Spell will have a more detailed plan before the zombie hordes come to consume us all. Until then he will be looking forward to his favorite class, Jazz in Popular Culture. Spell appreciates the laid-back approach the class takes. He is also interested in music and enjoys learning about what makes jazz unique.



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Monarch Scoreboard

GAME RESULTS

Men's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Result
9/10	Emory University	W 2-0
9/17	North Park University	T 1-1
9/18	Lynchburg College	W 3-1
9/21	Chowan University	W 3-0

Women's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Result
9/14	Lynchburg College	L 0-5
9/16	Berry College	L 0-2
9/17	Sewanee College	W 2-1

Women's Volleyball		
Date	Opponent	Result
9/14	Greensboro College	W 3-0
9/17	Shenandoah University	W 3-2
9/21	Meredith College	W 3-1
9/23	Christopher Newport College	L 0-3

Men's Tennis		
Date	Opponent	Result
9/16	Greensboro College	W 8-1
9/17	Emory & Henry College	W 8-1

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Time
9/24	Emory & Henry	1 p.m.
9/25	Greenville Sports Academy	2 p.m.
10/1	Christopher Newport University	1 p.m.

Women's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Time
9/24	Meredith College	2 p.m.
9/25	Peace College	4 p.m.
10/1	Shenandoah University	2 p.m.

Women's Volleyball		
Date	Opponent	Time
9/25	Mary Baldwin College	1 p.m.
9/27	NC Wesleyan College	7 p.m.
10/1	Christopher Newport University	2 p.m.
10/1	Ferrum College	4 p.m.
9/17	Averett University	2 p.m.

Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
9/24	Emory & Henry College	1 p.m.
9/25	Greenville Sports Academy	2 p.m.
10/1	Christopher Newport University	1 p.m.

Game of the Week

By Jose Kercado

Methodist University (5-1-1)
Men's Soccer
 Tuesday, October 4th at 4 p.m.
 HOME

St. Mary's College of Maryland

Methodist University (7-2)
Women's Volleyball
 Tuesday, September 27 at 7 p.m.
 AWAY

NC Wesleyan College

Men's Soccer

Although we support our Monarchs to the greatest extent the game of the week

goes to the Men's Soccer team. Now on a two game winning streak after defeating Chowan University 3-0 they look to face St. Mary's College of Maryland who is currently 5-0-1. This head-to-head matchup is definitely one to watch. Come out and support your Monarchs as they look to defeat St. Mary at home.

Methodist University(1-1)(9/21/11)
Varsity Football
 Saturday, October 1st at 1 p.m.
 HOME

Christopher Newport University

Methodist University (3-5)(9/21/11)
Women's Soccer
 Saturday, October 1st at 2 p.m.
 AWAY

Shenandoah University

Womens volleyball Photos by Charisma Ocasio





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Event starts at 10:00 p.m.

September 30 ★ December 7

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