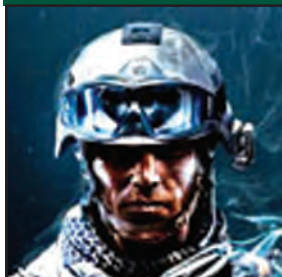


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Security breach at Methodist University

Man passes as student for two months; deception discovered after altercation in berns



Art By Aaron Bressler

By Aaron Bressler
Opinion Editor

Until recently, many believed John Dulaney to be a commuter and music major. After a complication that resulted in an investigation, it was found that Dulaney was not a student at all. This revelation was a surprise to many students on campus and has caused students to question the security of their school.

Visitors are usually issued temporary parking permits when they come onto campus, issued by either the Public Safety Office or the Welcome Center, but Dulaney normally walked onto campus. He was not breaking any rules by visiting the campus.

"Methodist University encourages legitimate visitors and guests to experience the campus," said Police Chief James Phillips. "People who aren't affiliated with the university walk across campus daily going to and from the bus stop on College Centre Drive."

Dulaney began to insert himself into the Methodist community, posing as a music major with a full-ride scholarship from the National Bluegrass Association, as he told students that he spent time with.

After a few months of being on campus, Dulaney soon found himself in trouble. Several students complained about Dulaney following them, or for invading their personal space. None of these complaints reached security. Things soon came to a head when Dulaney got into an altercation with a student.

"He was a creep," said Tyler Holt, a freshman Music Education major, "Nothing more, nothing less. He was asked to back off several times, not just by me, but by other people as well."

The incident that led to discovering Dulaney's non-student status began after an argument with Holt. Dulaney became angry and chased Holt around the

Berns Student Center, ignoring attempts made by other students to calm the situation. This continued until Dulaney was stopped by several Lambda Chi members. Holt was taken to Doris Jackson's office where he was interviewed by security officers.

When security officers searched for Dulaney in the student database, he was nowhere to be found, raising suspicions. By Oct. 24, security had confirmed that Dulaney was not a student, and never was. He was warned that returning to campus would have him charged with trespassing.

"My expectation is that Mr. Dulaney will comply with the Warning of Trespass," said Phillips. "At this point, I don't think placing such a label on him will do anything to enhance community safety. We continue to assess and monitor this situation, as we would any other like it."

A few students found out about Dulaney before the argument. "I knew he wasn't a student," said sophomore psychology major Brandon Johnson. "I thought it was stupid [for him to impersonate a student]... I tried to explain that to him but he wouldn't listen."

There have been rumors that Dulaney has been seen twice on campus since then, but according to Chief Phillips, he has not been seen since being escorted off campus.

"The safety and well-being of our students and other community members is the core mission of Public Safety. It's always our concern, and rightly so," said Chief Phillips.

If a student sees Dulaney, or any other suspicious person, on campus they are advised to distance themselves from the person in question and call security at 630-7577 or 630-7098, or use the call boxes located around campus. Provide as much information as possible. Important details include description, location and where the person is headed.



Battlefield 3: First Person Tofu

By Aaron Bressler
Opinion Editor

Graphics 8/10

Battlefield 3 has some of the highest definition graphics I've ever seen. Unfortunately, you almost never get to see these graphics. A nearly half of the game is at night or in the dark, and when it isn't, everything's obscured by dust or other effects. While the dust was really nice (I could feel the allergies), I really wanted to see the scenery, which the game did not deliver. The night levels were very frustrating because of the overbearing darkness. Even with the game's brightness controls turned all the way up, you can't see more than a few feet in front of you, making it difficult to find the person shooting you in the head. You get night-vision/IR for some of these levels, but night-vision looks crappy no matter what you do with the engine, which is what controls visuals in the game. It was almost like Dice was proud of their new Frostbite engine, but didn't have any confidence in it.

Gameplay 9/10

Where Battlefield 3 really shined was in the gameplay. The game was a polished, cohesive whole from start to finish. With the exception of a few minor slips in the artificial intelligence, everything was exactly where it needed to be. The characters and enemies are intelligent even on the lowest difficulty, using cover and weapons appropriately. They also dive or slide into cover, and will blind-fire at you if they can't get their heads up. They even enter rooms in tactical formations and lay ambushes. Your teammates are also just as effective. There are a lot of fights where they'll take out as many of the enemy as you will. This is a nice change from most shooters, where your AI "teammates" are little more than mobile aggravations blocking your fire. The physics are superb, especially the particle effects. One hilarious issue I found was that after killing a sprinting person, they would occasionally slide until rag-dolling into an obstruction. My only major complaint was the game's occasional habit of spawning enemies behind you. Also, controlling that tank was awkward as all get out.

Story & Characters 5/10

Battlefield 3 is by far the blandest experience I've had since I last visited the school cafeteria. The single player has all the usual parts, vehicle sections and night levels, but with no originality whatsoever. It wasn't until a monologue near the end I had any idea of the general plot, or what the order the seemingly random levels were supposed to be in. The characters are so much alike that you can't help but wonder if they're like Mr. Anderson from the Matrix, copied and pasted throughout the game. With no discernable plot or characters the single player portion is just something you'll snooze through.

Multiplayer 10/10

The online portion of the game is excellent. The mechanics of the game and the online community encourage a tactical team-based approach, even in death matches. Your teammates will assist you in killing an enemy, instead of competing with you for the most kills. This is due in part because the player can gain points not only for getting kills and captures, but also by assisting teammates with kits and suppressing fire. The co-op missions are basically more of the single player tofu, good only for learning how to use the vehicles and unlocking gear for the multiplayer. Now, if only they taught how to drive that tank...



Ben Folds The Best Imitation of Myself: A Retrospective

By Sung Kim
Staff writer

A North Carolina native and a judge on the hit show "The Sing Off", Ben Folds, recently released an album with songs carefully chosen from his past along with a few new songs that best outline his career. "The Best Imitation of Myself: A Retrospective" comes as a single 18-track disc or the extended 3-disc version. If you are not familiar with him, this album is a great introductory purchase to get a feel for his "piano rock" style. A lot of his songs are about the relationships in his life. The song "Brick", for example, which is the first track on the album, is a heavy song about his days in high school, and his pregnant girlfriend getting an abortion. He also has a love song called "Gracie," which is about his daughter; or "You Don't Know Me," a song about the complications of a relationship. His serious songs are well balanced with his sarcastic melodies like "Rockin' the Suburbs", a song about life

in the suburbs. His opening line, "let me tell ya'll what it's like, being male, middle class and white" gives you an idea of what the song is about or "There's Always Someone Cooler than You" which is self-explanatory. He is also known to do unlikely covers like Dr. Dre's "B****s ain't S***t", Ke\$ha's "Sleazy" or The Postal Service's "Such Great Heights".

Ben Folds describes this genre as "punk rock for sissies". His unique playing style is supported with a steady beat of bass and drums, some synth and topped off with his distinguished voice. He writes, performs and plays his own music, something many artists can't do. His lyrics are deep and personal; it reveals himself not only as an artist, but as a person. It's hard not to get attached or relate to some of his stories. His songs are a great break from what you normally hear on the radio like auto-tune and cliches. Giving Ben Folds a listen is recommended whether buying the album, songs on iTunes, watching on Youtube or listening on Spotify.



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By Aaron Bressler

One of the projects that the new president of Methodist University has been working on is the implementation of technology in the classroom. It's a noble idea with its heart in the right place, but it's failing miserably.

I think the most prominent of these failures is in the lack of consistency in the programs used. It seems that every other class uses a different online program, usually associated with the textbook. There are two issues with using textbook programs.

First of all these programs usually require an access code, which comes with new copies. If you try to save money by buying a used copy, you have to cough up an additional \$15 to \$30 (not covered by your book slip) for a randomly generated code so you can access your homework and tests. Second of all, you will only be able to use it for that class.

This becomes an issue when you have four classes that use different programs, all on different sites, with different login procedures and passwords to remember. There's also no guarantee that they'll be working when you need them to. This lack of organization between programs is more of a problem than a lack of technology.

If the Methodist University faculty really wants to use modern technology, they need to take the time to actually make a plan

before enacting it. If they did have a plan before now, it's certainly not a clear one or well followed. They need to pick one program (like say, Blackboard?) and actually use it effectively. This means making it flexible enough that most departments can use it and simple enough that the students can actually use it without a BS in computer science. Finally (and here's where Methodist always seems to fail) they need to make sure it will actually run smoothly. It can't just go down without reason. It's one thing to have scheduled maintenance every so often, it's another to have it go out with little to no warning every other week.

Another issue at Methodist, although admittedly less important, is the problem with peer-to-peer connections. A peer-to-peer download is like a regular direct download, but instead of downloading from one source it downloads from all computers in an area with the file. This is not only faster, but is how many programs are designed to be accessed now and is no less secure than a regular download. There are a lot of legitimate downloads I have to do off campus because peer-to-peer is blocked here. Programs like Steam are likewise affected. The only reason they blocked peer-to-peer is because they're worried someone might get into the business office that way. Every now and then the block will disappear leaving the connections, and in theory the business office, open. Me, I'd just isolate the business computers from the rest of the network. But I'm reasonable like that.



When Pigs Fly: by Emory Jacobs and Jorge Rivera



Alzheimer's Walk: Wely's Angels

By Gabbie Isaac

Freshman Jorge Rivera stood in the doorway of his home, waiting to see his great-grandmother, whom he calls Wely. She had been living with another part of his family for quite some time, and this was her first visit since she had left. As she walked into the house, Rivera was excited to catch up. But as he told his memories of her, confusion played across Wely's face, and he realized that she did not remember him. She did not remember anyone. That was the first time Rivera truly felt the effects of Wely's Alzheimer's.

According to alz.org, Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia or memory loss. Sometimes, those inflicted with this disease are not able to do everyday tasks by themselves.

Rivera and his family have been taking care of Wely for two of the four years that she has had Alzheimer's disease. Since being diagnosed, Wely has not been able to recall who her family members are, although she still shows her thanks to the "strangers". She has also become immobile.

"We have to help bathe her," Rivera said. "She doesn't walk anymore."

Although Rivera's family has many other medical and health problems of their own, they are delighted to be able to assist Wely in any way possible.

Ever since Wely was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Rivera has made it his mission to raise awareness about the disease. He now participates in the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's, which raises awareness and money for the cause.

"She took care of us, now we are taking care of her," Rivera said.

At the walk, volunteers gave participants a pinwheel flower and encouraged them to write a message to a loved one. The flowers were then displayed in a special garden where participants could pick their flowers to take home with them after the walk. Rivera decided that he would write to Wely.

To raise money, participants were asked to fundraise for the cause. The Alzheimer's Association has raised over \$347 million for this cause. The proceeds from the walks, according to kintera.org, go toward research to help cure the disease.

This year, the walk took place in Fayetteville on Oct. 29. Rivera formed a team in honor of his great grandmother: "Wely's Angels."

"The reason why I am supporting this cause is because it is something that happens every day," Rivera said. "It can strike any person with no warning,"

There were many people who came out to participate in the walk. Representatives from all over the United States gathered to support the cause, including the president of the Alzheimer's Association.

"For any Methodist students who heard about the walk or participated in the walk, I want to say thank you," Rivera said. "My great-grandmother thanks them too."

After completing the walk, Rivera picked up the flower that he had written on to give to Wely. When he gave her the flower, a smile formed on Wely's face, a smile that Rivera recognized.

His flower read, "To Wely: 'Thank you for being my hero, thank you for being my angel and thank you for being the light in our family.'"



Photo provided by Jorge Rivera

Pearce Renovations: too little for too much

By Gabbie Isaac

On October 25, I went left my room in Pearce and went downstairs to the lobby to find builders creating what looked like a wall foundation. When I asked what they were building, a few staff members replied that a new room was being built and it would be used for a new office for the Center of Personal Development. The center has office space located both upstairs and downstairs in Pearce Hall and there is also another workspace that takes up a whole suite downstairs that could have housed a few more residents.

I do appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Center of Personal Development; however, being a resident of Pearce, I feel as though the other residents and I are being robbed of lobby space.

Although there are two lobbies in Pearce, both cannot be used as a place to hang out and relax. The upstairs lobby is the most commonly used of Pearce's residents, due to its use as a makeshift classroom for the First Year Seminar class that residents, who are in the First Year Experience program, are required to participate in. There are over twenty people in the FYS class, which meets once a week.

Since there has to be room for the class, there is no space for a ping-pong table or pool table. The only forms of entertainment are video games and movies, which can be watched on the SMART board. There is no cable access in the upstairs lobby, so if I want to watch television with friends, we have to go to the downstairs lobby.

Another major reason I am upset over renovations was the lack of communication provided by the residence hall staff. None of the residents of Pearce were informed of the changes, and by 'we', I mean both residents and Residential Advisors. Instead of being

informed before, we received an email a few days after the building began.

There is yet another point of interest to be considered. The residents in Pearce Hall were hand selected to participate in the FYE program. Not only did we have to fill out an application to get in to Pearce Hall, we also had to pay additional money to participate in the program. The money that is provided is used for the extra programs that we do in Pearce. There are also some perks to living in this hall. We have suite style rooms and there are four people to one bathroom.

I feel that we are, in a way, being cheated. We did, after all, have to pay more to be in this residence hall than any other traditional dorm would have asked. I had the opportunity to move in to the Beta Sigma Phi sorority house earlier this year and I was told that it was cheaper to live there than it was to live in Pearce. So, the fact that our space is getting taken away to house more counseling offices really got to me and many other residents.

I feel that the opinions and concerns of the residence of Pearce Hall should have been taken in to consideration before the plans to build a new room were put in to action. This same situation is happening in West Hall as well. The lack of strategic planning five years ago has forced two dorms to house health centers. The reasons they chose the two smallest dorms on campus is unknown to current students. Why not place the Center for Personal Development in the basement of one of the larger dorms, like Weaver or Garber?

Although many academic programs desire their own building, if a building housing both the Center for Personal Development and the Health Center were constructed, Pearce and West Halls would be able to house more students. If new rooms are being built everywhere, then here is my question: Which hall is next?

Nurse's Notes

Sandy combs
Director Of Health Center

I highly recommend that you get a flu shot because it is the best way to prevent the flu and flu prevention should be the goal for everyone. The flu season begins as early as October and last through May. The best time to get the vaccine is in October and November. It can be given at any time but earlier is more effective. It takes about two weeks for the vaccine to be effective. Each year, the flu vaccine contains several different kinds of the virus. The strains chosen are the ones that researchers say are most likely to show up that year. The flu shot works by causing antibodies to develop in your body. These antibodies provide protection against the flu virus. Remember, the flu shot cannot cause the flu because it is an inactivated virus

Here are a few reasons you absolutely need to get the flu shot this year.

Influenza circulates all over the world, and it can affect anyone, regardless of age or health.

The flu can lead to complications like pneumonia, ear infections, and sinus infections. It can worsen existing conditions like asthma and diabetes.

Each year, thousands of people in the U.S. die from the flu and its complications.

Please remember that good hand washing is the best way to prevent the spread of all germs. If you chose to get the flu shot, please come to the Health Center. The cost is \$20 and I have plenty available.



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Excellence vs. Perfection

By Darlene Hopkins

Have you ever known a perfectionist? You know, the character who has to have every thing right and can't rest until it is just so. People with this trait are often secretly proud to be perfectionist. They believe that their high standards keep them standing above ordinary and they have a hard time letting go, even a little. What perfectionists often don't realize is that their standards are unrealistic. Trying to reach unrealistic standards will drive perfectionists and everyone around them a little bit crazy. Perfectionists might be better off to consider lowering their standards to something even better: EXCELLENCE. Consider these ideas.

Excellence is the willingness to be wrong

Perfection is being right.

Excellence is risk

Perfection is fear

Excellence is powerful

Perfection is frustration

Excellence is spontaneous

Perfection is control

Excellence is accepting

Perfection is judgement

Excellence is confidence

Perfection is doubt

Excellence is flowing

Perfection is pressure

Excellence is trust

Perfection is self-centered.

Excellence is an enjoyable journey

Perfection is an unreachable destination.



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Date	Opponent	Result
10/26	Greensboro College	W 3-0
10/29	Ferrum College	W 3-1
11/1	Ferrum College	W 6-0

Women's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Result
10/28	Greensboro College	W 3-2 (OT)
10/29	Barton College	W 3-0
11/1	Averett College	L 3-4

Women's Volleyball		
Date	Opponent	Result
10/22	Averett University	L 1-3
10/26	North Carolina Wesleyan College	L 2-3
10/29	Peace College	W 3-1
11/1	Shenandoah University	L 1-3

Varsity Football		
Date	Opponent	Result
10/22	Shenandoah University	L 23-46
10/29	Averett University	L 21-28 (OT)

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6 vs. 6		
Date	Indoor Volleyball	Time
Oct 25-Nov17	at Nimocks Fitness Center	6 p.m.

Recreational		
Date	Kick Ball Game	Time
Nov. 4 & Dec. 02	Coach Sink's Field	5:30 p.m.

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Date	Badminton	Time
Nov. 18	Coach Sink's Field	5:30 p.m.



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