

MU Crowns A New Miss Methodist

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The crowd came to a hush as the announcer paused before reading the name of the next Miss Methodist. With two girls left for the title, a long pause created suspense among the audience. A fanfare of cheers erupted when senior Kelsey Magnine, a Business Administration major from Amery, WI, was crowned Miss Methodist 2012-2013.

The sixth annual Miss Methodist pageant was held on Feb. 8 in Reeves auditorium. Many students, family members and friends came out to support the girls who were participating. There were some cheers as well as words of encouragement coming from the audience during performances. Student Activities Director Doris Jackson felt that the pageant was a success.

“I thought it was a wonderful pageant with good quality talent and beautiful girls,” Jackson said.

The 12 Miss Methodist hopefuls opened the pageant with a group dance performance. After the dance, each girl had the opportunity to introduce themselves, sharing where they are from, their year and their major.

After the introducing themselves, the competition started with each girl showcasing a talent. Acts included singing, dancing, hula hooping, playing the water glasses and jumping hurtles. The crowd cheered after every act.

After the talent competition, the participants and audience took a 15 minute intermission, allowing the judges and audience to vote on their favorites in the lobby of Reeves. At that time, audience members could also drop money into cans for each participant. Proceeds went towards a breast cancer fundraiser.

Following the talent section of the pageant, the next portion contained evening wear and an interview. The ladies displayed their colorful and sparkly evening gowns and answered one interview question. Questions ranged

anywhere from “What super power would you want and why?” to “Do you think that you are a positive role model?”

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Kelsey Magnine won the Miss Methodist competition. She will reign as Miss Methodist for the 20112-2013 school year. Photo by Shakeh Galstyan.

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The votes from the judges and audience were tallied during the interview section, and five ladies, Syaz, Tina Nesbitt, Melissa Duffield, Knolan Johnson and Kelsey Magnine, were chosen to continue on to the next round. The ladies, still in their evening wear, answered a second interview question for the last round. The audience laughed as Syaz, a second year international student from Singapore, answered her question, which asked what she thought about Fayetteville. In her reply, she told the judges

and the audience that the little bit of Fayetteville that she has seen has been great and she looks forward to seeing more of it.

While the judges tallied the final results, Lacey Truelove, Miss Methodist 2011-2012, gave a farewell speech and performed "How He Loves" by the David Crowder band in American Sign Language.

The first to be crowned was Nesbitt, receiving the title of Miss Congeniality. Next, Syaz took the title of second runner-up, Duffield was named first runner-up in the competition

and Magnine took the crown as the new Miss Methodist.

Magnine has already made a few goals that she would like to achieve during her reign as Miss Methodist 2012-2013.

"My goals are to motivate, inspire and bring out the beauty of Methodist University," Magnine said.

Truelove hopes that Miss Methodist 2012-2013 will go above and beyond what is stated in her contract.

"I hope she has just as a fantastic year as I did," Truelove said.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am a big fan of smalltalk and do read it in my leisure. Not only me, many students on our campus also read smalltalk.

For me, smalltalk always brings something new to me to discuss with my friends at dinner table. For instance, I was talking with my friends about the "Renovations In Berns: Love it or Hate it?" at dinner tonight.

Anyway, I have a small suggestion for smalltalk, but I am very certain that if we implement this suggestion, it will add some good qualities upon smalltalk.

If we have a "International column" or "International page" on Smalltalk, it would bring so many positive outcomes such as below:

1) It will diverse the theme of Smalltalk and covers more au-

dience.

2) It will give a great cultural, historical, and social understanding to American students who have never been in any other countries.

3) American students have a chance to hear about International students who share their unique background, experience, and history.

4) There will be a great interaction between International students and American students through Smalltalk.

Again, just one page for "International Column" or "International page".

Thank you very much for your time.

With Best Regards,
Dhondup Tashi Rekjong

Dear Dhondup Tashi Rekjong,

We would love to have an international column. However, we do not have anyone on staff that can do that right now. Would you like to volunteer or do you know someone that can make this happen? If you do, we would greatly appreciate it. Please stop by Chris's house and speak with Roxanna Ross.

Thank you,
Smalltalk Editors

Letters to the editor can be submitted by any reader. Please send your letters to smalltalkmu@yahoo.com

EVENTS ON THE TOWN

Quilts from the African American Quilt Circle

Jan 6 - Feb 26, Fayetteville State Rosenthal Gallery

The AAQC, in order to exhibit the traditional art of quilting, is holding a gallery that shows their works.

The show opens from 9am to 5pm every day, Monday through Friday.

North Carolina Symphony: New World Symphony

Feb. 18 - Fayetteville State University, 8pm

Featuring Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, the North Carolina Symphony

will be performing selections from African American and Native American culture.

For ticket information, call the NCS ticket office. (919-733-2750)

Kids Exchange

Feb 20 - Feb 27, 3736 Legion Rd Hope Mills NC 28348, 8am

Parents help provide each other through the KX sale. In this event, gently used children's clothing can be bought and sold.

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 Influence of the Blues

Pictures by Tria Detz and Shakeh Galstyan



Artist Corner

Artists' Corner does not represent the opinions of the smalltalk staff. This is student submitted work. Any MU student can submit scanned work to smalltalkmu@yahoo.com; this includes poems, artwork, photos, lyrics and short stories. Both in grayscale or color.

In Time

Tis to be sweet
 Our friendship long
 In time proceeds
 A great love ignites
 Deep down inside
 Our longing hearts
 Abides the love
 That kindles sparks
 To enlighten the night
 Revealing the paths to our stirring hearts
 Never ceasing to run towards you
 For my love is ever so continuously true

A Passionate Heart

At last now I stand here dreaming in reality, all blurred into red
 and gray,
 my heart racing at the speed of light
 I envision bringing my fingers to your lips and all time stops
 I forever think of you and ponder in the memory of your ways.

How I silently called for your love
 the way you made me feel in my soul
 the way you touched my heart and made me
 believe.

Unable to stop, it seems too wonderful,
 but in the end there is not much but pain to bear.

I allow this for some time, then I awake to my senses
 and know that I am alive the possibilities are forever endless.

Farewell from Roxanne

You were always there for me,
 But how come I never knew?
 You had always loved me,
 But how come you never told me?
 It doesn't matter now,
 because I know all about the letters from your loving soul,
 It wasn't Christian's words of passion, it was you.
 Now you are looking death in the eyes.
 I lost the man I thought was for me,
 But it was you who my soul desired.
 Now I'm about to lose you.
 Oh Cyrano, why?
 Why does love forsake me so?
 Why?



All the poems this week are By: Zebulan Dula. Thank you Zeb for taking the time to submit.

Games and Brain Teasers

Riddles

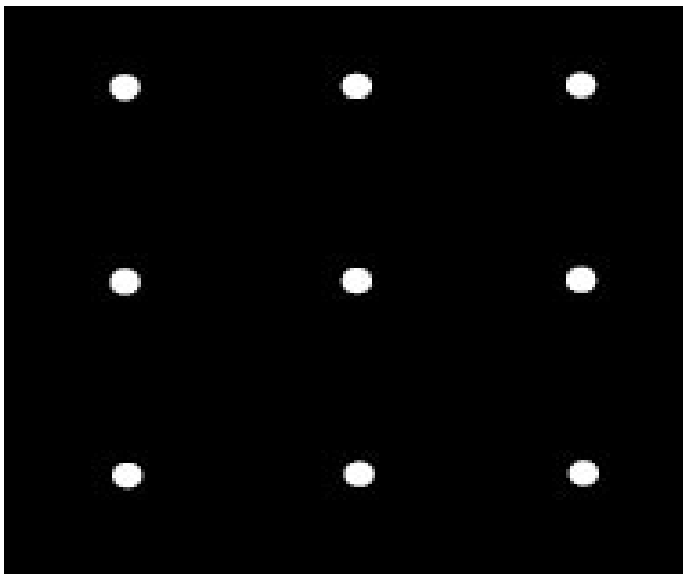
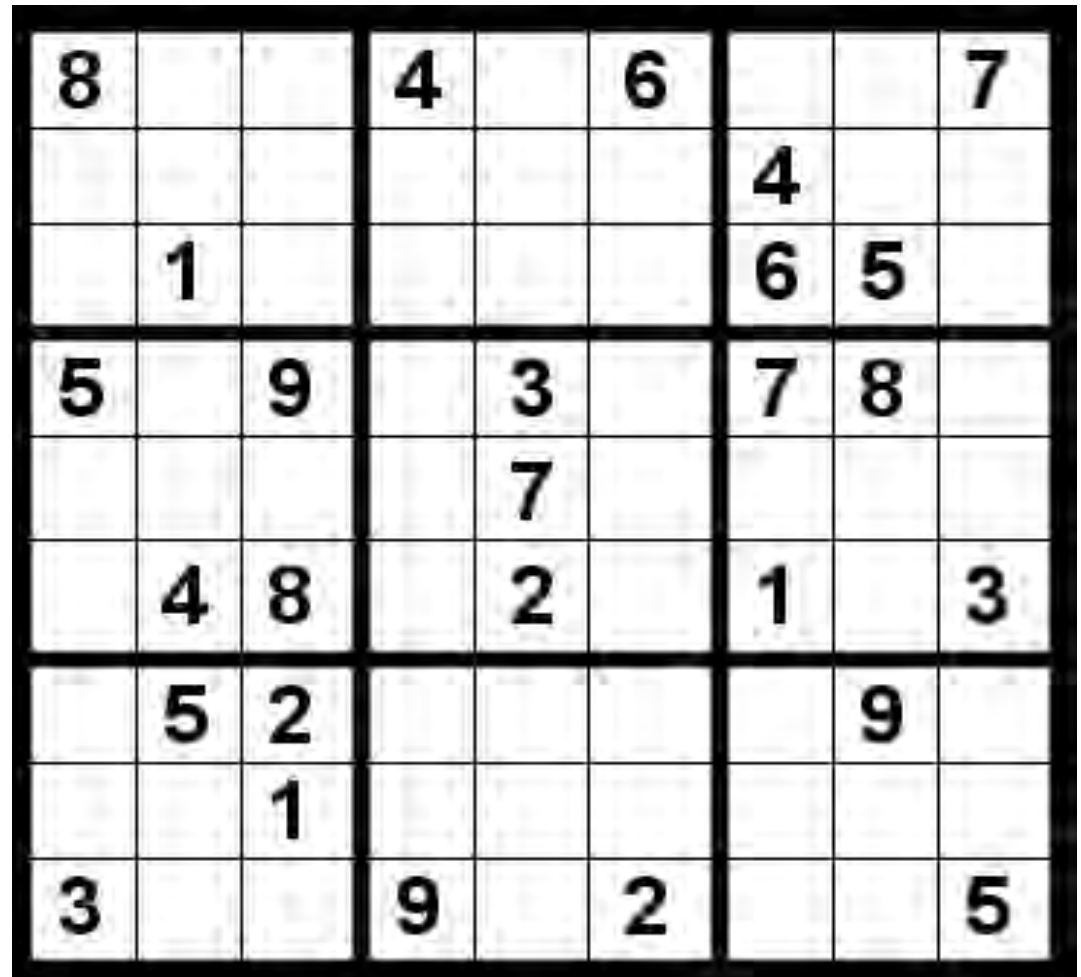
1. The person who makes it does not use it. The person who buys it does not use it. The person using it, does not know they are using it. What is the object?

2. What walks on four legs in the morning, two legs in the afternoon and three legs at night?

3. What has six legs, but only walks with four?

Put in order from oldest event to newest event:

- A. Hello Kitty was created
- B. The American Revolution came to a close
- C. Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo
- D. Bob Marley Died



Can you connect these nine dots with just 4 straight lines?

Answers to these puzzles will be displayed in the next issue of the Smalltalk

“The Vow” Touches Hearts

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In “The Vow,” a tear-jerking chick flick, Channing Tatum plays Leo, a man working to regain the love of his wife Paige (Rachel McAdams), who lost her memory after a tragic car accident. During the accident, Paige loses all of the memories that she has made with her husband, while Leo comes out with a few bumps and bruises. Fortunately, Paige can remember her parents and sister, but she does not understand why she would have left her home and changed who she was.

In order to help regain her memory, her

doctor recommends that she get back into her daily routines. Paige attempts to remember how life was with her husband, who is now a stranger to her, but eventually the stress of coping with a strange life causes Paige to go home to live with her mother and her father. Before she moves home, Leo warns Paige to be careful around her parents. Leo is worried that she will remember the reason why she gave up on her family and moved to the city.

After moving home, Paige has to deal with her ex-fiancé and a family secret that will have movie-goers on the edge of their seat. This movie is best for women of all ages and is a great date movie.



The Hobbit Comes to Life

Staff Writer
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“*The Hobbit*” by J.R.R. Tolkien is a very good book. The plot is a long journey with a lot of little adventures within the main story. The book is from third person narrator point of view; which adds a comical feel to the book.

The main character, Bilbo, is a hobbit that lives in a hole called Bag End. Hobbits are miniature humans with big hairy feet that love to drink alcohol and enjoy good food. However, they do not like adventure or the exploring the world beyond their own community. Unfortunately for Bilbo, he encounters much adventure.

Gandalf, a wizard friend, shows up on Bilbo’s door along with thirteen dwarves in tow who need Bilbo’s help. Bilbo has been drafted to join them on their journey as a “Burgler” or “Sneak” in their quest to

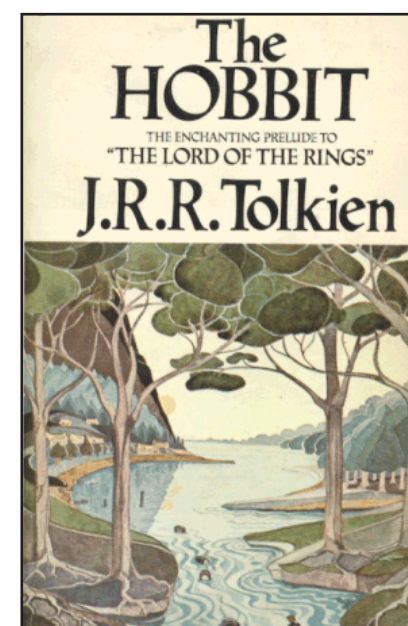
reclaim their lost lands. As it turns out, a mountain owned by the dwarves was taken by a dragon called Smaug who has made the area a home for himself and his very big pile of treasure. The book details Bilbo’s adventures and his journey with the Dwarves.

Thorin Oakenshield is the dwarf in charge of the expedition due to the fact that the mountain is his inheritance; his grandfather had lost the mountain to Smaug. There are also elves, goblins, trolls, and other magical creatures that make an appearance in Bilbo’s adventure.

This book is the prequel to the Lord of the Rings series and explains how Bilbo found the ring and met Gollum. It is also a setup for the start of the series.

Soon, “*The Hobbit*” will hit the big screen in two parts. The first part, called *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, will be coming out on December 14th, while part

2, called *The Hobbit: There and Back Again*, comes out December 13th, 2013.



Steve Martin's**Picasso at the
Lapin Agile****Contributing Writer**

What if . . . Picasso and Einstein met at an out-of-the way cabaret bar in the Montmartre area of Paris before either of them became famous? What would they talk about? What effect would Picasso's theories about art have had on Einstein's Theory of Relativity? What would $E = mc^2$ have done to Cubism? And what if they had both discovered why you shouldn't step on a pair of Blue Suede Shoes? The answers to those questions and more are revealed in Steve Martin's **PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE**, running Feb. 23-26 at Reeves Auditorium on the campus of Methodist University. For more information, call 630-7483.

Freddy - Michael Molter (MU staff, stage debut)

Gaston - Robert Nantz (non-traditional student; career military, MU stage debut)

Germaine - Sophia Notto (non-student, MU stage debut)

Einstein - Nick Owen (Theatre major, has appeared in *The Robber Bridgroom*, *The Mousetrap*, *The Odd Couple*, *All in the Timing*, many others)

Suzanne Amanda Grimm (MU student, non-major, MU stage debut)

Sagot - Robert Bloodworth (Professor Emeritus of Mass Communications, long-time professional stage and TV actor)

Picasso - Yankiel Camaraza (MU student, non-major, MU stage debut, from Cuba)

Schmendimann - Brandon Johnson (MU student, non-major, previously appeared in *All in the Timing*)

Countess - Aaran Quincey (MU student, non-major, previously appeared in *The Mousetrap* and *All in the Timing*)

Female Admirer - Mekala Poirier (MU student, non-major, MU stage debut)

The Visitor - Melvin Perez Hidalgo (MU student, non-major, MU stage debut, from Costa Rica)

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Student Media is looking for people that would like to investigate and write articles please come to our meeting on Tuesdays at 4:30pm in Chris's House if you are interested.

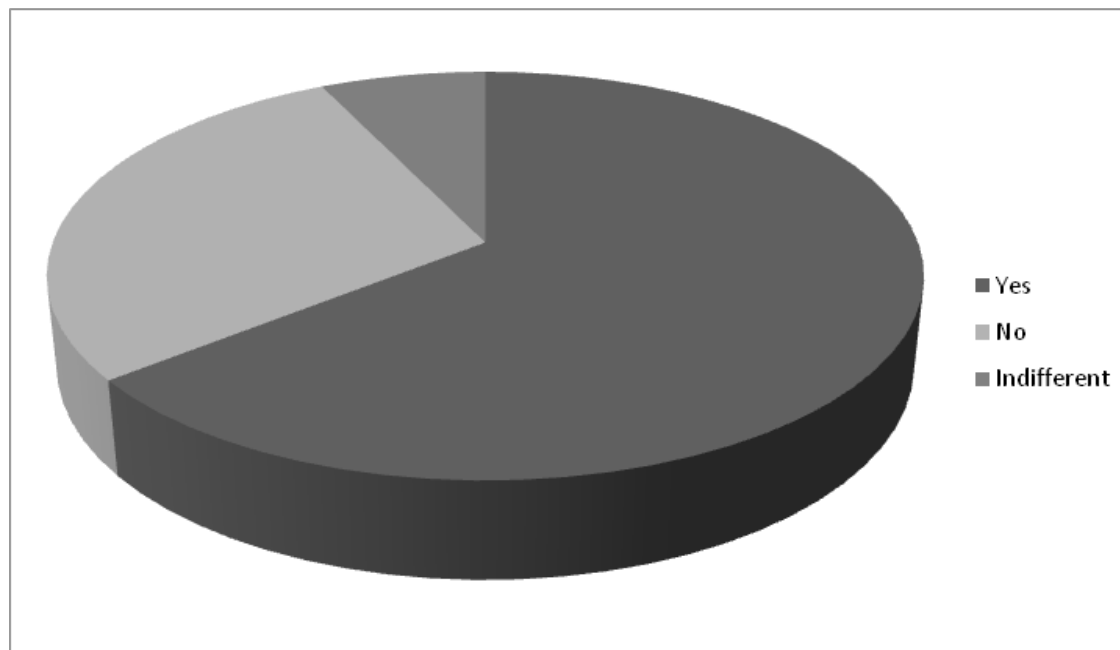
Smalltalk has a website. It is
www.mctcampus.com

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This is the on-going
comic: "When Pigs
Fly."
See next issue for the
next part.



Is the Entrance to Methodist Safe?



Some students have encountered car problems and safety issues due to the road work on Ramsey street as well as the stoplight that leads students and faculty on to campus. This poll was taken by students of Methodist University. Approximately 50 students took the time to take this poll.

Campus Detective



Illustration by Emory Jacobs

Dear Campus Detective,

I walked into the Berns student center today to find a piano. To me, it is rather annoying. Some people who cannot play a simple song like “Chopsticks” tend to come over and pound on the keys. It’s not that I hate pianos, I just think that it is added noise to the already bustling Berns. My question is, how do other students feel about the new addition?

Sincerely,

Nothing but Treble.

Dear Treble,

I decided to further investigate your predicament. All of the clues led me to believe that more than half of the students who were questioned actually enjoyed the addition to Berns. However, there are a small amount of people who agree with you as well as some who are indifferent to the addition. I hope that this information has helped you.

Your Welcome,

C. Detective

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GAME RESULTS

Men's Basketball		
Date	Opponent	Result
2/4	Shenandoah University	W 67-66
2/8	Greensboro College	L 64-70
2/11	Ferrum College	W 79-72
2/15	North Carolina Wesleyan College	L 54-57

Women's Basketball		
Date	Opponent	Result
2/4	Shenandoah University	W 61-56
2/5	Mary Baldwin College	W 45-36
2/8	Peace College	W 74-61
2/11	Ferrum College	L 72-63
2/15	North Carolina Wesleyan College	W 66-60

Men's Baseball		
Date	Opponent	Time
2/4	Roanoke College	W 11-0, 4-2
2/5	Roanoke College	W 5-4
2/11	LaGrange College	W 6-52
2/12	LaGrange College	W 4-3

Men's Tennis		
Date	Opponent	Time
2/12	Mount Olive College	L 2-7

Women's Tennis		
Date	Opponent	Time
2/12	Fayetteville State University	W 7-2
2/12	Mount Olive College	L 4-5



Sophomore Bryan Hockaday defends the ball against his Shenandoah competitor. Picture by Shakeh Galstyan.



Sophomore Andrew Womble passes the ball. Picture by Shakeh Galstyan.

UPCOMING GAMES

Women's Basketball		
Date	Opponent	Time
2/21	<i>North Carolina Wesleyan College</i>	7 p.m.

Men's Baseball		
Date	Opponent	Time
2/20	Louisburg College	4 p.m.
2/22	<i>University of Maine, Presque Isle</i>	4 p.m.
2/23	<i>Randolph-Macon College</i>	4 p.m.
2/25	Greensboro College	4 p.m.
2/26	Greensboro College	4 p.m.
2/27	Louisburg College	3 p.m.
2/28	<i>NC State Club</i>	7 p.m.
2/29	<i>Virginia Wesleyan College</i>	4 p.m.
3/2	Piedmont College	7 p.m.

Women's Softball		
Date	Opponent	Time
2/24	<i>York College of Pennsylvania</i>	1 p.m.
2/24	<i>Stevenson University</i>	3 p.m.
2/25	<i>Piedmont College</i>	12 p.m.
2/25	<i>Emory and Henry College</i>	2 p.m.
2/26	<i>Roanoke College</i>	1 p.m.
2/28	Pitt Community College	2 p.m.

Men's Tennis		
Date	Opponent	Time
2/22	<i>Chowan University</i>	3:15 p.m.
2/23	<i>Queens University of Charlotte</i>	3 p.m.

Women's Tennis		
Date	Opponent	Time
2/22	<i>Chowan University</i>	3:15 p.m.
2/25	University of Mary Washington	1:30 p.m.

* Games in Bold and Italics are home games.



Story and Craft Hour

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 &
Wednesday, February 8, 2012
10:00am - 11:00am

At no cost, children can enjoy a craft as well as a story read by Methodist University students.

*Play
4 Kay* **Play 4 Kay**

Saturday, February 18, 2012
Dine at Chick-fil-A Ramsey St. to help support the Play 4 Kay charity.



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Tutoring

Thursday, January 26, 2012 &
Thursday, February 2, 2012

4:00pm - 6:00pm

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Daddy-Daughter Date Night

Monday, February 6th

4:30pm • 5:30pm • 6:30pm • 7:30pm

Registration begins on January 23rd.

Make reservations to enjoy a special evening with your daughter at Chick-fil-A Ramsey St.