



MC Women's Lacrosse Club

By Michelle Riley
Contributing Writer

Wow was the first word that sprang to mind at the first MC Women's Lacrosse Club practice.

I had never played lacrosse and neither had many of the girls that showed up, but by the end of practice we were looking good.

I was amazed at the turn out. There were women from all cross sections of the Methodist Community from Veteran sports players to first

timers.

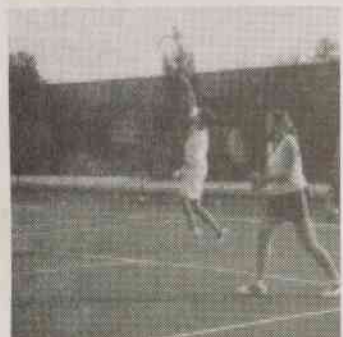
The enthusiasm and team spirit are obvious at practice. The head coach Heather Stafford and her volunteer assistances Deeny DePriest, Brian Kruger and Sal Mercogliano are inspiring. They always have a helpful hint or encouraging word.

With the effort and talent shown by both the players and coaches, the Methodist College Women's Lacrosse Team is a team to watch.

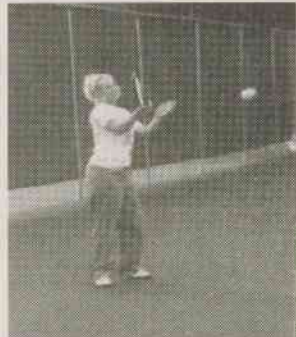


Taking a break.

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"Watch out for flying objects!"



"Nice swing."



"Catch the ball!"

Men Finish 14-10

By Amanda Garcia
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The Methodist College Men's basketball team regular season has come to an end. All that is left is the tournament games. The team enters the DIAC Tournament with 14 wins and 10 losses. Their Conference record currently stands at 7-5.

Despite having four members of the team come up with ten points each, the Monarchs fell victim to the North Carolina Wesleyan team on Feb. 19 with a score of 76-72. This loss was followed by two other tough losses that same week.

The mighty Monarchs also gave up victories to Chowan in a close score of 88-85. This loss came despite a valiant effort by Demarkus Byrd with an amazing 26-point performance that night.

The Monarchs unfortunate fate concluded with a loss to Christopher Newport University. David Carr came off the bench to contribute 15 points to the Monarch effort. The final score of 79-61 handed the team their final loss of the regular season.

There is still much hope for the strong Monarch team. They hold the fourth seed at the tournament. CNU hosts this year's tournament in Newport News, VA. The first opponent was Greensboro.



Photo by Kristin Porter

"Ugh! Now I have sand in my shoes!"

Watch for Tennis and Golf articles in your next issue!



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"I think I can, I think I can..."

Softball Team Prepares

By Erin Dodson
Staff Writer

The Methodist Monarch Softball team hit the field for practice on Sunday, Jan. 28.

The season looks very promising with Methodist returning a handful of starters; Adrienne Midgley - Center Field, Julia Best - Second Base, Emily Minton who will make the move from right field to left field, Ashley Dubisky - Center, Tonya Pipkin - Third Base, Lisa Strimatter - Short Stop, and returning from a year absence is Weasel Stroud, who will help the Monarch's defensively in Right Field.

Freshman Jennifer Patrick will

take on the challenge of Methodist's starting first basemen. The Monarchs defense will be strong again this year due to all returners and their playing experiences.

Tara Nestapolous and Kara Alexander are looking to fill the shoes left by DIAC Player of the Year and Methodist's MVP last year, Heather Hugas. Newcomers Allison Curtis and Tonya Fisher will need to step in and produce some big games for the Monarchs. Both Nestapolous and Alexander are faster and have more command of their pitches than last year, and are ready to take on the challenge.

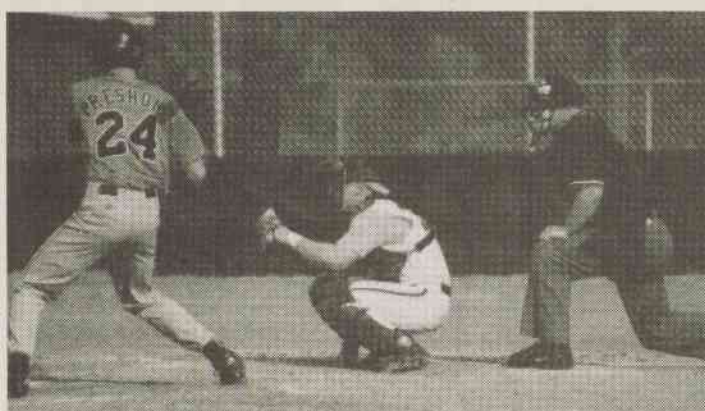
The Monarch's offense looks to

be good again this year. With the addition of Patrick, who can hit the long ball and Stroud, who will help Midgley with the short game, the Monarchs look tough top to bottom.

Co-captain Adrienne Midgley said, "With a solid group of returners and a talented freshman class, the upcoming season looks very optimistic."

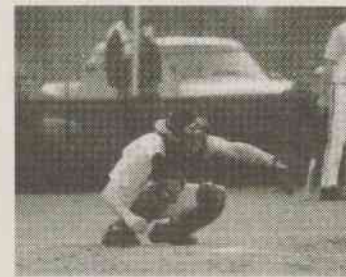
The Monarchs took the field against the college of West Virginia, as they opened the season on Friday, Feb. 23.

Good luck Methodist Monarch Softball team!



"Man my knees hurt!"

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"Oh no, I'm falling!"

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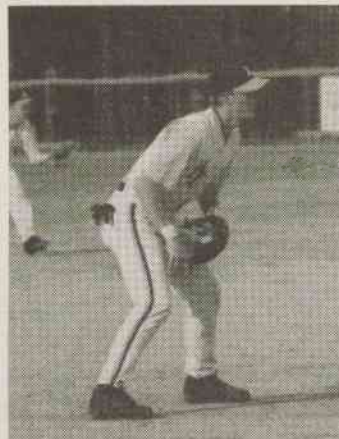


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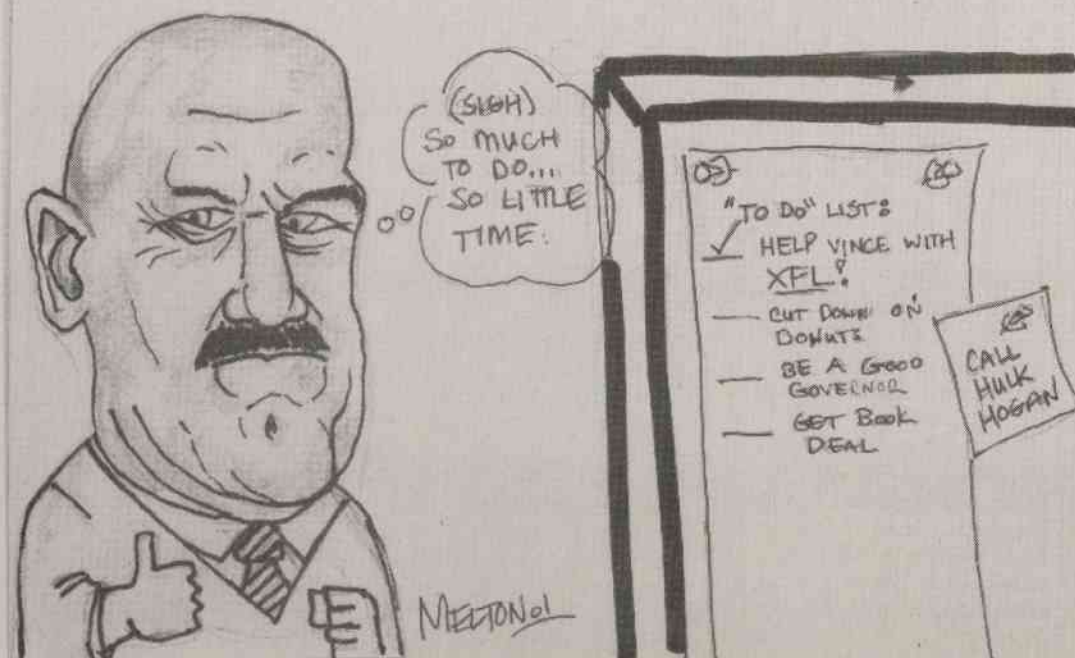
"I hope I don't drop it."



"Safe!"

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