



College News



Greek Life Returns

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Sigma Phi Beta, hopefully the first of a string of sororities, conducted their first new member initiation Saturday, Feb. 10.

Kerri LaSalla, Beth Gray, Celena Jackson, Elizabeth Smith, Melonde Colvin and Kenyatte Little joined the base of the ten initial members.

As you are reading, Sigma Phi Beta is in the works of bringing a national sorority to campus. They have been contacted by several national organizations and are planning campus visits for March.

Sigma Phi Beta is excited about this semester. They are striving to bring sisterhood and spirit to the campus. They have a semester packed with events already and are enthusiastic about next semester.

Intertwined with their fundraisers and campus spirit events, Sigma Phi Beta is involved in Breast Cancer awareness. As a group of strong women, Sigma Phi Beta be-



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lieves this is an issue more people need to become aware of and a cause worthy to raise money for. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is not until next semester, but Sigma Phi Beta has a card-making event planned for this semester. The cards will be then be sent to the Cancer wing of Cape Fear Valley Regional Hospital.

Sigma Phi Beta is a strong group of such dynamic women and their enthusiasm is spread over the campus, bringing a sense of pride as well as sisterhood to the Methodist College Community.

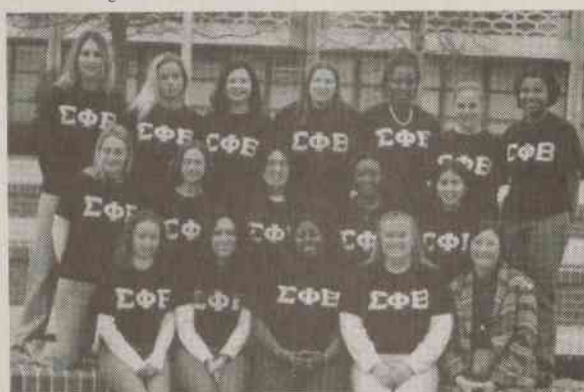


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Skiing in West Virginia

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On the weekend of Jan. 27-28, Outdoor Adventure Club went skiing at Winterplace resort in West Virginia.

On Friday afternoon, the group of 15 students left Methodist College. This is not the first time Outdoor Adventure Club has gone skiing and students seem to love it. The group contained both experienced skiers who went skiing dozens of times before and those who just decided to try it for the first time.

Winterplace ski resort offered fun and excitement for skiers of all levels. First-time skiers, such as Tabitha Rudolf, a sophomore Business Administration major, enjoyed 11 confidence-building beginner slopes.

"It's my first time skiing, and it's such a blast. I sure will go skiing again next year," said Rudolf.

For more experienced skiers, Winterplace offers several breathtaking "Black Diamond" slopes which, not everyone will dare to try. In other words, there is something for everyone.

Winterplace offers the wide variety of winter activities besides traditional skiing such as snowboarding and tubing and sledding. Kenny Tien, an experienced skier, decided to try snowboarding this time and is considering doing it next year.

Winterplace ski resort was chosen by the Outdoor Adventure Club for several reasons. First, it offers 27 skiing slopes, which is more than any skiing resort in North Carolina. Sec-



"Getting off the lift is the hardest part!"

Photo submitted by Outdoor Adventure Club

ond, the visitors of the Winterplace ski resort enjoy the longest skiing day in the entire Southeast: slopes are open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Third, the resort has nine state-of-the-art lifts that take you to the top fast. Fourth, the slopes are conveniently located only minutes away from Pipestem park lodging area that offers ski lodges and cabins. Finally, Winterplace ski resort is situated on West Virginia border, only several hours away from Fayetteville.

Students seemed to enjoy their short stay in the "wild and wonderful" state of West Virginia. On this trip, the Outdoor Adventure Club stayed in a nice, three star lodging facility in the Pipestem Resort State Park.

Even though, skiing is one of the most expensive trips that Outdoor Adventure Club takes, the student cost did not exceed more than \$55.

That sum covered everything: lodging, transportation, food, ski rentals and a lift ticket.

Next time Outdoor Adventure Club is planning a hang gliding trip to the mountains of Georgia which, should be even more fun.



"Are you sure this is the beginners slope?"

Photo submitted by Outdoor Adventure Club

MC Calls Chief

By Amanda Garcia
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Technology has brought many great things to policing. The invention of the car brought patrol to a new level. The introduction of CB radios in conjunction with the patrol cars saw the police force reacting quickly to calls. The telephone, though it has been around for a long time, has also had an impact. This impact has less to do with improving police mobility, but more to do with public relations.

Methodist College students had first hand experience with the police and telephone combination. Through the coordination of Dr. Darl Champion, the evening college class CRJ 330 had the opportunity to hear Chief Dolan, from the Rapids City, MI police department, give a telephonic interview.

Chief Dolan is thought by many to be one the national leaders and advocates of the new era of policing.

For several decades, this country has been under the influence of professional policing. This can be seen through the famous saying by Sgt. Friday, "Just the facts, 'mam. Just the facts, please."

With this era came an attempt to eradicate politics from policing; but at the same time, separated and isolated the police and the public.

Recently, there has been a move across the country to reunite these two parties. This movement is known as community policing.

Dr. Champion commented that the interview went well.

ROTC Navigates Bragg

By Amanda Garcia
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Many of you have seen the cadets on Thursday afternoons running around on campus and lying in the woods.

The cadets are training in preparation for Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, WA. The cadets must successfully complete Advanced Camp in order to receive their commission into the United States Army upon graduation.

On Jan. 27, training was held at Fort Bragg in an attempt to further the learning process and experience necessary for the cadets to complete Advanced Camp. The training conducted was geared primarily toward land navigation.

Land navigation is comparable to a game of hide-and-seek.

Cadets are given a map, a compass, and points to locate. After plotting the points on their map, the cadets are then required to traverse through the woods and find the points. The points were marked with orange and white triangular flags, hidden in over 10 square kilometers of

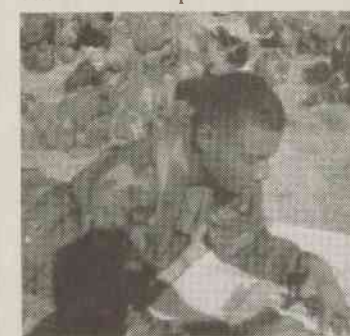


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trees, bushes, weeds, and creeks.

During the day, each cadet had five points to locate. In order to pass the course, the cadets were required to find three out of the five points within a given time limit.

Land navigation became all the more challenging with the setting of the sun. Once darkness enveloped the cadets, they were issued three more unknown points to locate. It became just as critical to not get lost as much as it was to find the points.

The duration of day saw each cadet making their way through the woods and walking between six and ten miles. Tired bodies and sore feet were the story told by most of the cadets when the long day came to an end.

The cadets not only learned navigation skills, they also learned to overcome challenges and to have confidence in themselves. The tasks given to them were not easy, but accomplishing them gave the cadets a

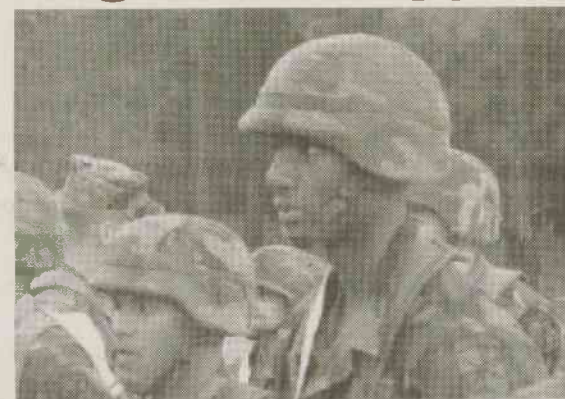


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sense of pride. It feels good to know that you can overcome obstacles—both mental, physical, and natural, to complete the mission.

The ROTC department used a new training site on Fort Bragg to conduct this year's training. The site offered many challenges. Methodist College ROTC cadet and history major, Karl Gregory, confirmed these

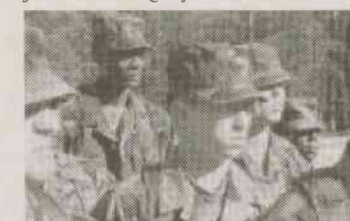


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challenges.

"The course was more challenging than last year."

For more information or questions about the ROTC program call 630-7693.

Methodist College Home To Lone Chi Delta Chi Chapter In NC

By Amanda Garcia
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Being in an area surrounded by military personnel, it is easy to overlook many of the benefits that may be available to you because of the military. Several members of the student body are composed of military members or family members.

The military offers several educational opportunities for its members and their families. Among those most known are the GI Bill and tuition assistance. However, there are other avenues, not necessarily financial, that are offered for military members and their families.

One of these other avenues is Chi Delta Chi, a nationally recognized organization. Those individuals involved with active duty, reserve, National Guard, veterans, as well as family members of any of the above are authorized to join.

Dean McBride of the University of South Carolina founded the organization in 1988. The mission statement is to honor academic achievements of veterans. In 1998, the director of veterans services at Methodist College, Frank Orians, saw the need for an honor society due to the military setting to which Methodist is affiliated.

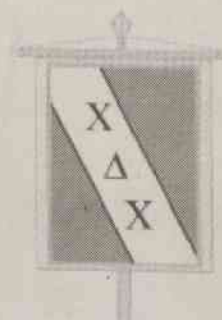
The spring semester of 1999 saw the beginning of the Chi Delta Chi National Organization and Honor Society for Veterans. Interestingly enough, Methodist College is the home to the first and only Chi Delta Chi chapter in North Carolina.

In order to become a member, you must fulfill the following requirements: Be a veteran of the US Armed Forces or a family member of a veteran; Have completed 12 hours of undergraduate work at the current academic institution; Be in good

standing with the US Armed Forces and the current academic institution; and have a 3.0 GPA.

There is a \$35.00 lifetime membership due. Chi Delta Chi will be holding initiations toward the end of the semester, but applications and fees are due in advance.

For more information or questions contact the Office of Veteran Affairs at 630-7174.



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