

FCA, What Really Happens There?

Fellowship for Christian Athletes and non-Athletes. 9:00pm in "The Cave" in Weaver Hall

By David Merrill
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Having fun comes easy here at Methodist because everyone is a friend, and people love to have a good time. Everyone knows their next-door neighbor like a brother or a sister, and you enjoy staying up into the morning hours talking, and listening to music, while you push that un-written paper farther and farther into the back of your mind.

Well, what kind of music are you listening to? Have you ever just turned the music off, and broke out into song, singing some of those old time favorites such as "Jesus Loves Me," or "Amazing Grace?" As you all sing do you suddenly feel that long night being transformed into an exhilarating sing a long, which triggers emotions, opens the soul, and makes tears roll down your face? Then you look around the room, all you can really feel is the Holy Spirit

moving through out each individual, and you understand the power of friendship, the power of love, the power of Christ.

You get so wrapped up in song that you close your eyes, and you see one of your friends pulling out a guitar, and a microphone, making the room magically become filled with 50 people you know, 50 people you might not, but 100 people that you love, because you realize you all have something in common.

You can't see these people's disabilities, their ethnicities, or race, but you suddenly see them as people just like you, just like your friends, and filled with the Holy Spirit from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You look around this crowded room, and you see hands flying, smiles pouring from people's faces, and a speaker giving his testimonial about when he found the Lord. You're astonished, and amazed

at what you see. There is no fighting, no absurd language; just peace, understanding, joy, and love, all being pulled together into this one room. "Where am I?" You say to yourself. Then your friend stands up in the front of the crowd with his guitar, and starts singing a song, which you've known from childhood.

Tears start sliding down your already heart-filled face, and people all around give you hugs, and hold your hand, and just sing along with you, because they understand your feelings, and yes, they love you for who you are. As the song continues you start thinking about your family, your friends, and people that have passed on.

You cup your hands around your head, and sing quietly to yourself. Then you feel a presence touch your shoulder which leads you to the front of the room, where your friend

is playing. You're not embarrassed, or scared, but over filled with love, and happiness. You give your friend a hug, and the whole room starts clapping. "Welcome to FCA," He says. You stand back and look at your close friend through your soft tears.

You suddenly see him in no other way before, and you begin to understand more about yourself, and who you really are. Then your friend reaches out for your hand, and you slowly open your blurred, wet eyes, and feel yourself traveling back to your room. Your eyes fully open to the sound of your roommates singing Amazing Grace, and all you feel is peace, and comfort.

Everyone is holding hands and has tears strolling down their face. You wonder how God does it. How can He uplift so many souls in the playing of just one simple song? Then you think back to that room

with those 100 people in it. Where everyone was singing, hugging, laughing, and comforting one another.

Finally, you take one last look at your friends who are still singing Amazing Grace, and you understand. You say to yourself, "Thank you Jesus, for first loving us, because it's your love we feel in these songs, and in each other, it's because of you we can love one another."

You get so excited that you jump up from your bed, and ask your friend what time it is. He says, after whipping tears from his face, "Um, 9:00 pm, Tuesday."

As you're overfilled with joy, you calmly tell your friends, "I've just learned of a place where we can go that we can be with friends who will except us for who we are, who will comfort us with their words and songs, and where the love of Jesus travels throughout everyone. ...Let's go to FCA."

GREEK GRAPEVINE

It's all about Sigma Sigma Sigma

By Leanne Edwards
President of Tri-Sigma

Tri-Sigma has officially colonized at Methodist College with former local sorority of Sigma Phi Beta. Tri-Sigma recently held their first new member period with the help of their fellow sisters from the Delta Delta chapter from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The weekend was a fun filled four days with many activities ranging from dinners and banquets to fun bid day activities.

Tri-Sigma is currently the only National Panhellenic Sorority at Methodist College. Their colors are royal purple and white, and their flower is the purple violet.

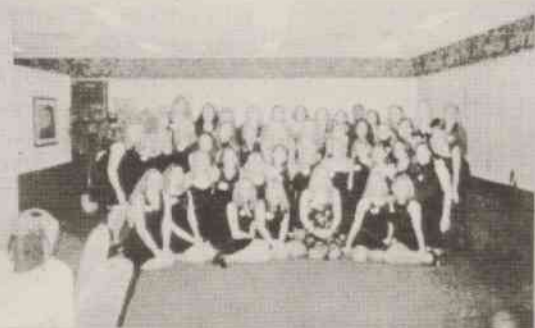
Tri-Sigma's philanthropic activities include their national philanthropy, which supports play therapy for hospitalized children

through the Robbie Page Memorial program, as well as their local philanthropy, which is Breast Cancer Awareness.

Sigma Sigma Sigma's legacy is the tradition of sisterhood and lifelong membership, which they look forward to sharing with the stu-

dents of Methodist College. Tri-Sigma currently has a National Leadership Consultant, Miss. Tiffany Kellogg who is staying on campus this semester and is also supported by a state and local alumni advisory board. Their faculty advisors are Mrs. Luianna Jordan and Darlene Hopkins. The chapter officers for the Tri-Sigma colony are as follows:

- President - Leanne Edwards
- Vice-President - Kristin Ziska
- Treasurer - Kleida Pani
- Director of Education - Neilani Siatini
- Membership Rush Director - Amanda Ormandy
- Secretary - Simeshha McEachern
- Installation Chair - Sara Howell



Preference Night with Delta Delta Leanne Edwards



Bid day activities Leanne Edwards

M.C. CRIMP roars into the spring

By Roman Trodnenko

Methodist College Recreation Department is excited about the new programs and additions it has to offer in the spring semester.

First, CRIMP will organize a scuba diving class with the certification dives in Key West, Florida during Spring Break. That class has proven itself to be the fastest and least expensive way to get an open water diver certification.

Non-divers will also find that trip very exciting. For them activities will include snorkeling, swimming, fishing and visiting the Dry Tortugas National Park.

Second, CRIMP will continue its cooperation with the Spa and Fitness Center. Our students can become members at the fitness club for only 30 dollars down and 30 dollars a

month.

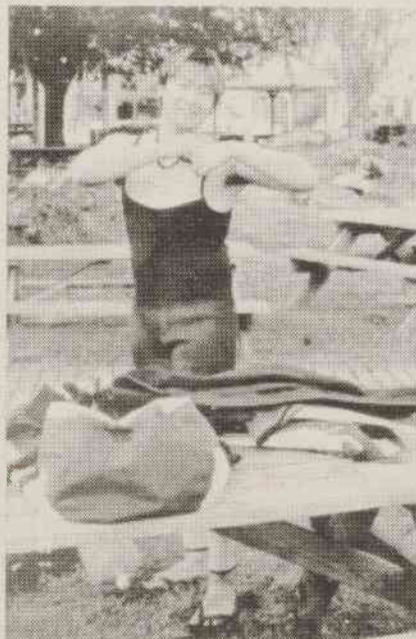
Our department this semester this semester will introduce several new trips. We will put together a whale-watching trip off the coast of Norfolk, Virginia. It will be an interesting excursion

that will interest all those who would like to appreciate wild life or those who just want to have fun outdoors.

In February we will be re-

cruiting people who would like to learn how to sail. For those of you already acquainted with the basic sailing techniques, an option of sailing big catamarans is also offered.

If you are interested in any of the trips for this semester, feel free to contact our office at 630-7161 or just stop by room 8 in the Union.



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