

Editorials

Computer Inequality

by Eric Kimbel

Many people who use the C.A.C. laboratory find that the computer equipment there leaves much to be desired. Not only has a computer virus spread like an epidemic on old Wordstar software, but many software programs will not run at all. Students have no way to boot-up their own software because the C.A.C. lab computers have inadequate R.A.M. and no hard-drives.

Right next door to the C.A.C. lab sits a room full of computers that have hard-drives. The Business/Education lab has been equipped with machines that are years ahead of the computers in the C.A.C lab, but not one new computer sits in the C.A.C. lab.

Methodist College is said to be "moving towards a writing-intensive curriculum," but the college has not funded an upgrade for a lab targeted for Computer Assisted Composition.

There seems to be an inherent discrepancy between the desire to label courses at Methodist College "writing intensive," and the amount of money allocated to purchase equipment towards that end. The college should consider upgrading the C.A.C. lab or placing one of the new Business/Education computers in the lab in order to help students become "writing intensive" graduates.

God Talk

by Carrie W. Parrish

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE FRIDAY NIGHT *LOCK-IN* IN THE PAC? Perhaps you were there--between 40 and 50 of us were! Did you hear about the crazy games we played, what crazy fun we had--all night long?

It is crazy, isn't it, that so many people can have such a good time for so many hours, doing such ordinary things as playing basketball and volleyball, playing ice-breaker games, listening to music, watching movies and EATING! It didn't take drinking and wild partying and risk-taking and hell-raising! Yeah, it IS crazy, isn't it--totally CRAZY!

But it happened! Some said it couldn't be done; some said it would be a bore! Some thought only "religious freaks" would go to a party sponsored by a "religious organization." Guess what? The FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES is for *everyone who would seek a better way, a higher focus and purpose for his or her life.* It is an open invitation to YOU to let the kind of good time we had at the lock-in be one of the ways you journey through your college days.

Thanks goes to the leaders of FCA for the good work they did preparing for the lock-in. Thanks also goes to Rita Wiggs and the athletic staff for making the PAC available to us and to security for keeping a check on our well-being. A BIG "THANK YOU" GOES TO ADRIANNE HARRISON for helping the campus minister oversee the event! (We "old folks" held our own pretty well as the hours wore on, didn't we? Well, Adrienne isn't old, anyway!)

Yea--it's CRAZY that 40-50 ordinary young folks could have such an extraordinary, good time doing such simple things. Yet, WE DID! Join us next time!

NOW--continue the journey through this semester with determination to do your best in every course and in all dimensions of your life! Continue the journey with us in *worship, Wednesdays at 1:00.* (Did you hear about the special ASH WEDNESDAY service we had on March 4? Ask one of the 60 students, faculty and staff who were present to tell you about it!).

HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT, SAFE SPRING BREAK! Glad your back!

PEACE.

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Should MC Have a Social Column?

by Diana Pressley

Doesn't everyone at Methodist College have something going on in his or her life besides school? Of course! We just seldom hear about the engagements, weddings, promotions, birthdays and anniversaries.

Our Alumni Newsletter has a social column and so should *Small Talk*. This would not be a gossip column. Only those wishing to have information printed will be mentioned. I'd even be willing to write such a column.

So, if there is anything you wish to announce in the next issue of *Small Talk*, contact Diana Pressley at 875-3336 or turn all the necessary information over to Dr. Colonnese. His office is located in the Trustees Building, Room 231.