

Editorials

Calling All Pens

by Kimberley Shackelford

Welcome back! The Methodist campus is quite active this semester. Whether it be the campus security forces issuing parking stickers, comedians in the Lion's Den, or three-hour waits for the infamous yellow ticket in the Business Office, things are definitely humming. How do you feel about all this activity? How much of this activity involves you? Do you feel that you are somehow being left out of all this activity? If so, we would like to hear your feelings.

The *Small Talk* staff consists of approximately ten people. We would enjoy the addition of about one thousand more--the rest of the student body. Writing for the newspaper is not a difficult thing, many articles could be completed in under an hour. A letter to the editor could normally be done in under thirty minutes. What would you write about? ANYTHING! If it interests you, it interests us. Photographers and design personnel are also needed.

Material may be turned into Dr. Michael Colonnese in room T231. If he's not there, slide it under the door. It's best to give us both paper copy and a copy on disk so we don't have to retype. The journalism "team" can be found in room T244 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:15 to 1:45. JOIN US! This semester you will notice deadline dates posted across campus--pick one of those dates and make it your time to be heard. Take a minute and get a byline (Extra-curricular activity always looks good on a resume).

**WHEN DRINKING, CALL A FRIEND.
OR GET A RIDE WITH A STRANGER.**



Drinking and riding can lead to a loss of license, a conviction, or even worse. That's if you're lucky. The fact is, 50% of motorcycle fatalities involve riders who have been drinking. So if you have been drinking, get a ride with a friend. It's the best call you can make. **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION**



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THE CAMPUS SECURITY MISSION

The primary objective of the Security Department is to provide a safe and healthy environment that both enhances and complements the College's educational mission. Uniformed security officers are on duty twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year to help maintain that balance.

Operating a vehicle on campus is a privilege, not an absolute right. This is the case in all of North Carolina. Regulations governing traffic, parking and registration of motor vehicles are set forth in the Student Handbook. All students desiring to utilize campus driving privileges and parking facilities must register their vehicles with the Office of Campus Security, and pay a registration fee which is set by the Board of Trustees.

The Campus Security Department has an Open-Door Policy where any member of the student body (staff, faculty, and students) can come in and see exactly what the Security Department does to make this community safer. Students are encouraged to set up an appointment with the Director of Security so that the student can accompany an officer during a shift to see firsthand how we properly discharge our duties.

We in the Campus Security Department are totally committed to making Methodist College a great community to live in, work in, and to learn in. Cooperation with the policies published by the college, and the laws of the State of North Carolina, is of the utmost importance, to enable us to provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

William R. Saunders
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Director of Campus Security

CONSERVATIVES CORNER

By Chris Larkin

Happy New Year! And welcome to 1993, the year with a new President, a slightly used Congress, and a storm of liberalism sweeping the nation. My best friend told me to stop talking politics and start doing something about it. That's why I have come to protect Methodist College from the impending storm. My first piece of advice, "Run for Your Lives, Liberals on the Loose!"

Now that I have destroyed my objectivity, I am equal with the media and can proceed with the issues.

COLORADO BOYCOTT.....NOT!
What is going on with this country? There is a huge movement among the entertainment industry to boycott Colorado because the citizens passed (democratically, I might add), Amendment #2 which says that a person isn't entitled to special protection and privileges based on sexual orientation. You mean it's GAY BASHING? Not hardly. Allow me to put into clear terms what this Amendment means. The amendment in effect says that homosexuals will be treated like normal citizens. If that is "gay bashing", then I am a card carrying member of the A.C.L.U.!

This amendment is the best thing to ever come out of Colorado (sorry guys, Coors is a little further down the list). It is time that we put the past behind us and start becoming what we should be, AMERICANS. Notice there is no hyphen before it. Americans, not Gay-Americans, African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, White-Americans or even Franco-American (sorry, I like Spaghetti).

I will be the first to admit that there have been some horrible injustices done to people in American history. There was a time when special-rights programs were necessary to establish equality. However, their effect is quite negative now! People who aren't on the receiving end of these programs are beginning to resent those that benefit from them. There also seems to be a growing separatist movement going on. Each of the specialty groups is trying to show that it is superior to the others. This growing tension is not healthy! Where does it end?

In Colorado. This state has finally taken the initiative, stood up against the tide and said "Enough! Let's all start liv-