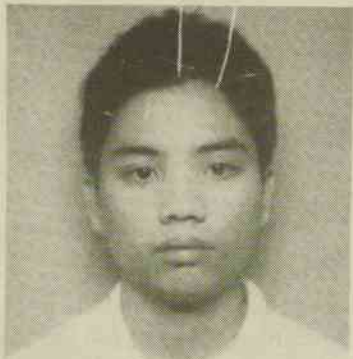


EDITORIALS

From the Editor's Desk . . .



Readers will notice a distinctly nostalgic feel in this issue of Small Talk. We are one of the first to celebrate the approaching 25th anniversary of Woodstock. It was a time of turmoil, radical change, and intensity. It was a time deserving a retrospective.

Ever wonder what some of our professors were doing in the '60s? Well, turn to the center pages for a picture retrospective and note the other features concerning this time. We also pay tribute to faculty who have been around Methodist College since its beginnings.

There is also a feature on the current trend of dressing--the baggy look which harks back to the hippie attire of the '60s as well as a flashback of Small Talk and its beginnings.

The 1990s look to be a decade of high expectations. A new Administration has been voted into power. At the helm is a man who campaigned on a promise of change and who himself was inspired by the upheavals of that era.

The music is changing, but the tune is the same. The '60s had The Who, Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix, and Bob Dylan. Today, we have Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Matthew Sweet, and R.E.M.--a "new" sound that really has its roots in the Woodstock era. And the traveling rock festival called Lollapalooza has replaced Woodstock as the defining cultural icon of the times.

The attitudes are changing, but the heart is the same. In the '60s, permissiveness reached new highs (or lows, as some will say), and people were not afraid to speak out any more. Idealism was the battle cry, and freedom and love topped the agenda. Some crusaders, from John F. Kennedy to Martin Luther King to students at Kent State, paid with their lives. But their legacy carried on.

Today, "Generation X," as the twenty-something crowd has been termed, has emerged from the shadow of the Yuppies and the Baby Boomers of the 1980s "Me" generation. Record turnouts of college-age voters indicate a concern for the future, but the percentage of those disgruntled with government is still high. People today care and are angry enough to want change.

We care, too. That is why we are here.

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Story of a Rape Victim

by Rebecca Wilson

I was raped at six o'clock in the morning at an old friend's house. I know firsthand what fear is like. It is a strong will to live, mixed with a head full of horror stories and Sunday night movies. I was not beaten within an inch of my life and I did not ask for it. Many people have a misconception of what happens when someone is sexually assaulted. Most people who are sexually assaulted do not tell anyone what has happened to them. There is an unfortunate reason for this. Doctors, policemen, relatives, peers do not always believe the victim. If you are not brutally bruised or if a weapon was not used, there is nothing anyone can do. As a victim and a survivor, I want to tell you what it is really like when you "do the right thing." I want all misconceptions to be put aside and re-evaluated. This is not an after-school special.

I did the right thing. I ran, I told someone and I went straight to the emergency room. I went from the most humiliating moments of my life to six hours of humiliation at the hospital. I was prodded and interrogated and skin tissues were taken. They pulled out my hair by the roots and took fluid samples from my body. I was given shots and antibiotics and more pills that made me add physical illness to my increasingly unstable mental state. I became so sick that I could not even hold down water. They caught the man who assaulted me but took no evidence from him. All the police did was ask him a few questions and on his good word, they let him go.

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Article Four of the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America begins with this statement: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial." Why are the words "shall enjoy" and "criminal" in the same sentence? Is this the basis of a fair legal system? In a system of laws written by men, executed by men, and prosecuted by men, women are given few votes that count. On a campus with a male to female ratio of three to two, Methodist College women must learn to be safe.

Safety is not found in carrying weapons. Safety is not mistrusting everyone. It is in being aware. Not the kind of awareness that educators and talk-show hosts push. It is the awareness of every minute of your surroundings. Be aware of your friends and your new acquaintances. Safety means trusting yourself, but never completely letting your guard down.

The police still have not arrested the man who raped me although they have my torn clothes and seven statements from the people that were in the house. It's the woman's word against the man's. The detective is a man, the D.A. is a man and the assailant is a man. Who do you think they'll believe?

Work Study Problems?

by Bryan Steinhagen

"There are 300 students without work-study jobs," says Steve Springthorpe, the residential advisor for the male dorms. Springthorpe is in charge of regulating work-study jobs within Sanford and Cumberland halls and knows that there is an abundance of students still waiting for promised work-study jobs.

This is a major problem on the Methodist College campus. Most students are entitled to work-study jobs, yet many are not working at all, and as a result are missing over \$1000 worth of money that is rightly theirs. Unless Methodist provides for these students, the award letters are unrealistic in their projected earnings for students. Students (See WORK STUDY, p.3)