



# Small Talk

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## MONARCH MOMENTS

### Change the Name

No, our Small Talk nameplate is not a mistake. It's in transition. New name coming in January issue.

### Finals Start Today

Here's your last chance to pass. It's an impasse: Dec. 8-15.

### "Gas" Goes to D.C.

The two-act play "Out of Gas" is going to the nationals at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., on April 18-25. It is entered in the finals for the Michael Kanin Playwriting Awards Program, National Student Playwriting Award, and the Colombia Pictures Television Award for Comedy Playwriting.

### Exam Breakfast

Have your favorite professor serve you bacon, eggs, and grits during exams Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. in the Cafeteria. Tips not included.

### Fayetteville Symphony

On Dec. 19, the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. It is free to students.

### M.C. Stage Band

The Methodist College Stage Band will perform at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. in Cross Creek Park.

### Vesper Invitation

Students are invited to attend Vesper services every Sunday night at 7 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. Dress is casual.

### Interim Courses

Take one of twenty courses from personal finance to the image of the female in myth and theology during the two-week term beginning Jan. 3.

## Campus Landmark Gets Cosmetic Surgery

by Dan Devlin, Jr.

As you know (if you don't, then you haven't been on campus in the last couple of days), our trademark Carillon is receiving a facelift.

In addition to its cleaning, fresh paint job and new light fixtures for the cross inside, the Carillon will receive a brand new electronic sound system with speakers. The Carillon will chime every hour on the hour, which it hasn't done since 1988, and will play two musical selections at 5:00 p.m. daily. The music has not been heard since 1974.

An anonymous alumnus made a donation of half the cost of the carillon repairs. Do you suppose he saw the picture/editorial about the Carillon in the last Small Talk issue?

## Who cried wolf?

## Bomb Scare Hits Methodist

by Sharon Revels

On Nov. 19 at approximately 9:30 a.m., a Methodist College staff member reported that someone called the administration building and said, "There's a bomb out there." The person repeated the phrase three times and hung up. Immediately after, students and faculty were told they could leave the campus.

Mr. Wilford Saunders, director of campus security, said he and his security officers immediately began searching for a bomb. "We started searching the business building and then went to the auditorium. We searched the entire campus and found nothing," said Saunders. "People do not realize the inconvenience they cause others and should think about what they are trying to do. In reality, they are holding an entire campus hostage and committing a felony."

Most students and faculty said they felt the threat was a hoax and decided to stay, but others were terrified and left the campus in haste. One student said, "It may be a hoax, but Fayetteville has entirely too many mentally disturbed people, and I am not going to take my chances!"

## Freshman Arrested for Murder

by Mark Herring

A freshman biology major at Methodist College was charged with first-degree murder and shooting into occupied territory on Nov. 17. John Bryant was arrested along with Gary Boggs, 16, on the same charges.

The night of the murder began with Bryant joining Boggs and Mitchell Mathewson, 17, a student of Seventy-First High School in Fayetteville. Bryant allegedly is related to one of the other suspects.

At approximately 10:15 p.m. the three men were traveling south on Murchison Road. Another car, carrying 15-year-old Jonathan Braxton

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Bell Tower gets refurbished.

## Graduation Scheduled for Dec. 17

On Friday, Dec. 17 at 2:00, 114 students will graduate from Methodist College. Dr. William C. Harrison, superintendent of Hoke County Schools and a 1974 alumnus of Methodist College will be the guest speaker.

This year's class is composed of 51 males and 63 females. Four foreign students (from the Bahamas, Mauritius, England, and Unified Germany) will present flags from their countries during the ceremony of flags.

Graduation rehearsal is Dec. 16 at 2:00. Cap and gown pictures will be taken on this same day from 12:00-2:00 in Reeve's lobby.

Lynda Beard, graduation coordinator, notes that this year more students than ever are graduating as biology and history majors. She advises all undergraduates to submit their Intent to Graduate forms on time.