

## Happy New Year

# New Dorm, Caf, Frat, Staff, Security

### New Dorm

by Bryan Harris

Plans for a new dorm to be built in the area between Garber Hall and the gravel parking lot are in the works. This dorm is scheduled to be completed by next fall.

With the dramatic increase in the enrollment at Methodist, school administrators have found an answer to the question of housing the growing student population. With some of the current room assignments having as many as three occupants to a room at the beginning of the year, this new housing will help to accommodate the influx of students.

The exterior of the dorm will be a little different from existing dorms. The new dorm will be smaller (about two-thirds the size of the current dorms) and accommodate only 56 students of four students each. The concept is to create a sense of community with the smaller dorm.

### Campus Security

by Chris Gillen

The Methodist College security team is taking further steps to protect students on campus. The director of campus security Wilford Saunders believes that the security team is growing in status: "I feel we have one of the best campus security programs in the state of North Carolina."

Some changes the security team has made are the increase of foot-patrol officers around campus and additional lights installed in those areas students tend to frequent the most, such as the Student Union and the dorms. Another new element this semester is a new security vehicle which patrols the entire campus and a control gate that monitors the entrance of cars on campus.

The security team has also introduced a new program called Operation I.D. This program is designed for students who want to tag their valuables, so the security team can identify lost or stolen belongings.

### New Cafeteria

by Deborah Van Der Roest

Get ready to eat all you want and without the wait.

According to Dr. Bill Lowdermilk, the cafeteria will be renovated by Jan. 25, 1994, to put Methodist College on the "cutting edge" in the school food-service industry.

There will be eight different service stations (bars featuring pizza, grill, entree, deli, salad, dessert, beverage/cereal, and condiment/soup), and the interior of the cafeteria will also be remodeled.

Suggestions for changing the present 31-year-old cafeteria design came from surveys conducted on campus last spring which were evaluated by various focus groups of students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

Mr. Don Sawicki, cafeteria director, stated that 539 residential students, approximately 60 commuters, and 150 faculty and staff are on the meal plan. Having such a large number of people coming into the cafeteria caused the two serving lines to back up for a very long time. The limited variety of food choices caused a lot of complaints as well.

### Yearbook Staff

Barbie Ward and Kellie Fernandez are the new co-editors of Methodist's yearbook, the Carillon. Their focus is the growth of the college, and their theme is "Destinations Unknown."

Leigh Watkins is the sports editor, and Liz Guzman and Ariane Mellot round out the staff. Bill Billings serves as faculty advisor.

### Tau Kappa Beta

Methodist students have formed a new social fraternity for men and women called Tau Kappa Beta. The founding fathers are President John Preusser, Herman Pegram, Danny Cassidy, John Poteat, Scott Shackelford, and Jason Richards. The advisor is Tom Maze, assistant tennis coach.

Seventeen people make up the fraternity, and pledges will be accepted during the spring semester. The fraternity is now forming a constitution and membership guidelines.

## Was It Worth The Wait?

# Pearl Jam Releases "Vs."

by Dunderhead

After their debut album "Ten" topped the charts last summer, thanks to heavy rotation of their video/single "Jeremy," the Seattle band known better as Pearl Jam released their second record "Vs." The vinyl LP version of the record was released on Oct. 12; the CD/cassette version, a week later.

Having sold over 950,000 copies in its first ten days of release, the band tripled the record set by Guns 'N Roses in 1991 with their "Use Your Illusion 1 & 2" albums. That's right. I said *tripled*. G'NR had *two* records, remember? It debuted in the number one slot on Oct. 26.

This time, instead of tackling heavy topics like child neglect and suicide, singer, lyricist, and sometimes poet Eddie Vedder chooses to sing about something even more

profound: politics and society. Issues such as our infatuation with firearms ("Glorified G") and the mistreatment of minorities by the police ("W.M.A. or White Male America, written after two Detroit cops beat Malice Green, a black man, to death with flashlights last year).

Little America's struggle with Big Brother is analyzed in "Rats" and personal memories surface in the reminiscent-of-R.E.M. "Elderly Woman Behind a Counter in a Small Town." Vedder also points out how our views and lives have changed since the L.A. riots in "Rearviewmirror." The girl epitomized in "Why Go" from "Ten" returns in the concert favorite "Leash."

Although the record, taken as a whole, is different than its

pedecessor, it's much stronger. The band has chosen to avoid the typical promotional aids and has started their world tour already. Album Oriented Rock (AOR) stations are playing "Go" and "Daughter" from

"Vs," in lieu of an official single, and MTV has been forced to play the older videos because the band has decided against making a video for the time being.

Pearl Jam is currently touring medium-sized

venues with no less than five opening acts--artists such as the Henry Rollins Band, The Butthole Surfers, Mudhoney, American Music Club, and Urge Overkill. Catch them if you can.

