

Left: Cadet Captain Stanton Trotter plays "Taps" during the Veteran's Day ceremony honoring former MC student Patrick Hurley. Above: Captain Joseph Garst, currently a senior at MC, delivers a speech in tribute to his friend and fellow soldier Patrick Hurley. The permanent memorial to Hurley lies on the table to Garst's right. The memorial is displayed in the Horner Administration Building. (Photos by Jamee Lynch)

Rape drug becoming common on campus

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.-- Kristin, a University of Minnesota sophomore, awoke after a night of dancing at a popular downtown nightclub with bruises all over her body and no memory of how she got them.

The last thing she recalls is being approached by a tall man with long black hair, who leaned over to introduce himself to her on the darkened dance floor.

Kristin, who asked to have her last name withheld, said she believes she may have been a victim of the "rape drug" Rohypnol.

When she awoke in her bed the next morning, she was confused and disoriented. "I felt like, 'What the hell happened to me?'" she said.

"I felt something was wrong. I had bruises from head to toe...and for nine hours had conversations and interactions I can't recall."

Rohypnol is a powerful sedative which has been commonly prescribed as a sleeping pill in Europe and Latin America since 1975. It is illegal in the United States.

The drug causes drowsiness, loss of inhibition and judgment, dizziness, confusion, and in cases of high dosage, amnesia. The drug's effects are intensified when used in conjunction with alcohol.

Rohypnol is smuggled into the U.S. primarily from Colombia and Mexico in tablet form, according to U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. See ROHYPNOL, page 2

MC student killed in Desert Storm honored Nov. 11

By Sonya Sparks Murdock
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A lone trumpet sounded the solemn strains of "Taps" as the Army ROTC color guard lowered the United States flag to half-staff. A small crowd gathered on a brisk morning Nov. 11 to remember a veteran and student. Methodist College honored Army Sgt. Maj. Patrick Robert Hurley at an 11 a.m. ceremony in front of the Horner Administration Building.

Hurley was only two classes short of graduation when he died in a helicopter crash in Iraq in February 1991. The Desert Storm veteran was pursuing a degree in political science

and dreamed of going to law school. Methodist College awarded Hurley's bachelor of science degree posthumously in May 1991.

Hurley was only 18 months short of his twentieth year of service in the military when he was killed. For his military service, he received two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, and the Legion of Merit award posthumously.

Captain Joseph Garst, who was with Hurley on the cold night before his death, tearfully described him as a confident, reassuring friend and soldier. Garst's voice shook as he

said, "Pat remained until his death faithful to his quiet profession." Hurley was an Airborne Ranger on a Joint Special Operations Task Force. Hurley served in Operations Desert One (the rescue attempt of American hostages in Iran in 1979), Urgent Fury (Grenada 1983), Just Cause (Panama 1988), and Desert Storm.

Garst, who is the godfather of Hurley's son Josh, remembered a man who was always reading textbooks, even in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. "He would be off gallivanting all over the world, but always returned to Methodist College," Garst

said, smiling. Garst credits Hurley for helping him through his own struggles as an evening college student here. Garst said that there were times when he almost gave up, but he would remember Hurley's dedication to school, and it motivated him to continue trying. "He was always there with me," Garst said. Garst will graduate Dec. 13 with a bachelor of science in political science.

Patricia, Hurley's wife, agreed that school meant a lot to her husband. Although she is a mother of three and a guardian for her 20-year-old nephew, she has also found time

for school. She will be graduating with a degree in business administration from Methodist in May 1997.

Methodist College president Elton Hendricks presented a memorial of Hurley that will be displayed in the Horner Administration Building alongside the memorial for Vietnam veteran Kenneth H. Albritton. The Albritton-Hurley scholarship, which honors both soldiers, is a reenlistment incentive for soldiers at Fort Bragg, explained Frank Orians, director of veterans services at Methodist. So far, the scholarship has helped more than 250 soldiers attend Methodist College.

Sen. Jesse Helms visits MC during N.C. campaign tour

By Alexandra Dummer
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Republican Senator Jesse Helms made an unexpected visit to the MC campus on Nov. 4, one day before elections.

The 40-minute press conference was held in the Student Union at 11 a.m.. Many students and Cumberland county residents attended.

When asked about the election and President Clinton, Pearl Hooper, a local resident, said, "When you talk about my country, my God, and my son, you get me all wound up."

Susan Mills, part of the Republican campaign in Fayetteville, introduced Helms as he

walked down the center aisle, shaking hands with people and signing campaign posters.

Helms then introduced assistant majority leader Don Nichols from Oklahoma as, "one of the youngest conservative Republicans."

Nichols returned the compliment by saying, "Reelect Helms, because we need him. He has made a difference." Nichols added that Helms is pro-family, and helps small business owners and tax payers.

Helms brought up the issue of liberalism by saying, "Voting for Harvey Gantt is like voting for Ted Kennedy, and we don't need

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Irish police superintendent shares policing strategies to counter terrorism in Northern Ireland and U.S.

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For nearly 25 years, terrorism has been a problem in Ireland. Today, measures are being taken to help prevent terrorism. Customers are searched before they go into stores. Cars are also subject to search. More serious is the fact that Ireland does not have capital punishment. A life sentence usually lasts about twelve years.

Police superintendent Gerry McCann spent two weeks, from Oct. 27 to Nov. 11, at Methodist College to inform students about special problems concerning terrorism in Northern Ireland.

As a commander of a police subdivision consisting of detectives, uniformed officers and specialists, McCann has experienced every level of the police system in Ireland. He wants students to have some insight into the similarities and differences of other jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies.

He also wanted to teach students about how terrorism can influence both criminal justice and law enforcement in the world.

The outgrowth of community policing in Ireland due to terrorism has encouraged the United States to develop a similar system of community policing. This type of policing allows officers to do more than just prevent crime; it allows them to build a better relationship with the community. One part of McCann's job is to meet people in the community and find out how they want the police to operate. Officers in both countries feel that improving the quality of life in a community is one pre-

ventative against terrorism.

McCann mentioned other commonalities we have with Ireland. He described the two countries as democracies that have legislation based on the same criteria.

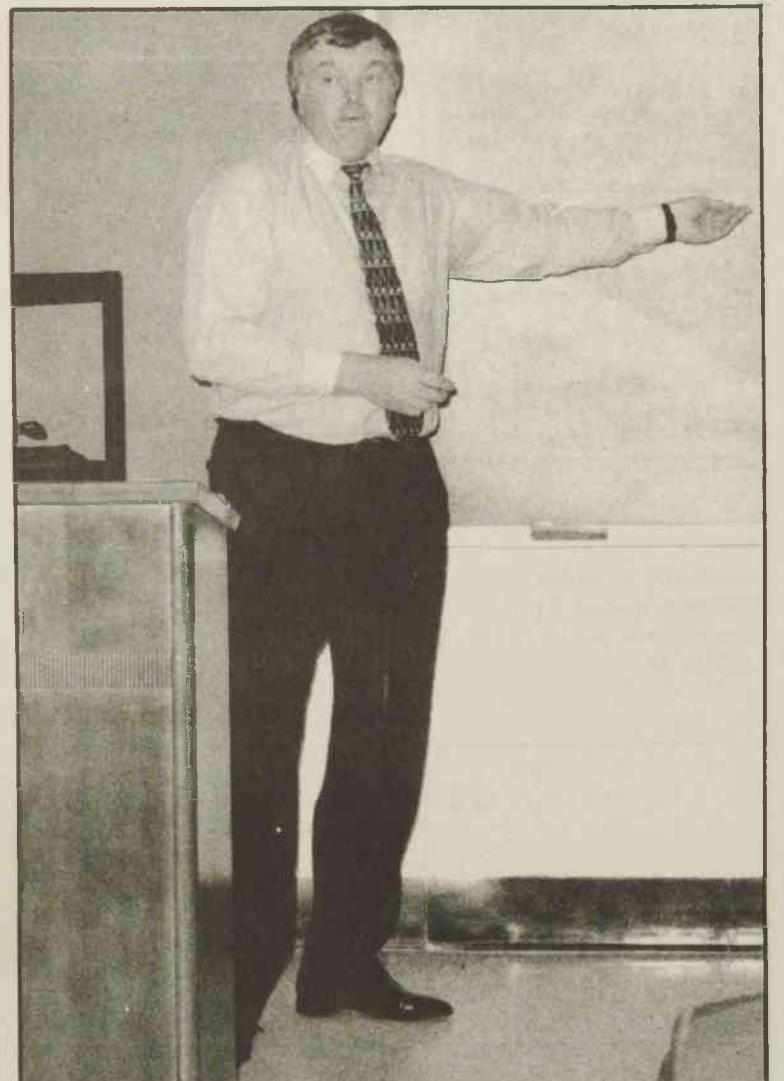
"We both have fair trials with a prosecutor and a defender, and victims are innocent until proven guilty," he said. "Our legal systems are not far apart."

McCann arrived from Bangor, Northern Ireland at the invitation of Dr. Darl Champion, director of criminal justice studies. Champion wants to develop a foreign exchange between two countries who have criminal justice programs.

"I wanted to expose students to other criminal justice systems outside of the United States," Champion said. "There is a world outside of Methodist."

McCann said the focus of his stay was an exchange of ideas. "I wanted to learn from the students, as well as teach them about the differences in policing, correction procedures and working conditions in different countries," he said.

MC student Donna Saunders, president of the Criminal Justice Association, said, "It was an eye opener for me to see how easily terrorism can happen in this country...how a militant group can change our lives." She described McCann as having so much experience with terrorism and that although his lectures were very informative, they were also very frightening. "We in the United States have no idea what it [terrorism] is like or how close we are to coming to that type of lifestyle," Saunders said.



Police superintendent Gerry McCann discusses problems faced by Irish police as a result of terrorist activity prevalent in Northern Ireland. (Photo by Bill Billings)

McCann is considering the possibility of Methodist students completing internships in Ireland. He also has plans to contact the Methodist college in Belfast and to tell them

about our college. McCann, who said he thoroughly enjoyed his stay here, added, "I want to continue to nurture the development of our exchanges."

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The Pride staff wishes everyone a happy holiday. Enjoy your break, and we'll be back the middle of January.