



Deborah Lemire and Molly Faircloth at the Make and Take Education Workshop held at Methodist College on November 14. Held once a year, the Make and Take provides an opportunity for educators to participate in "hands-on learning."

TMC - Here Today, Gone Tomorrow?

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For many, the Teaching Materials Center, commonly referred to as the TMC, is a valuable resource. Conveniently located on the first floor of the Trustees' Building, the TMC offers a warm atmosphere to study, access materials, work on projects, and share ideas with fellow students. It is the perfect place to go when students have a short time between classes and need a place to "hang their hat" or meet with their peers. Many classes are even held in the TMC because the items needed for the class are located in this room. Children's books, curriculum competencies, education journals, textbooks, markers, pens, staplers, glue, scissors.... you name it, it is here. Students and professors alike utilize this room and take full advantage of everything it offers.

The staff of the TMC is extremely friendly and is always willing to help students find what they need, or even assist in project work. Maureen Molter, the director of the TMC, is constantly bombarded with requests to for help. From laminating pictures, finding a specific book, or coming up with an idea for a bulletin board, Ms. Molter is what education majors call a "Godsend." The student employees are always smiling and cheerful, ready and willing to complete the task at hand. Many students have stated that the staff is what makes the TMC one of the most inviting places on campus.

The location of the TMC is also a plus for education majors. With the majority of

the required classes for Education majors in the Trustees' Building, many students ONLY go in that building. It makes sense to have the TMC in a place where it is readily accessible.

Unfortunately, this may change. Allegedly, the TMC will be moved over to the new section of the Davis Memorial Library. There probably will no longer be a place for Education majors to congregate and share ideas, to work on projects, and most importantly, to have easy access to necessary materials. Many students have stated that if the TMC relocates, they will not use it because it will be inconvenient.

Questions arise as to what will happen if this move is a reality. First, what will happen to Ms. Molter and staff? Second, what will become of the course that Ms. Molter teaches in Audio-Visual Education? Third, where will some of the materials go, like the laminating and Ellison machine, or the bulletin board and construction paper? Will students still have access to them? Finally, and most importantly, how will the students in the Education Department suffer because of this move?

Many other majors at Methodist College have a place to go that is located in the building where most of these classes are held. Art majors have art rooms. Theatre majors have workrooms. Psychology majors have a Psychology lab room. Science majors have lab rooms and a study room. Why should the education majors be any different?

Student Education Association

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Are you interested in expanding your horizons? What's the latest news pertaining to education? The Methodist College Chapter of the Student Education Association has much to offer all education majors. Its purpose, "shall be to develop in prospective educators an understanding of the education profession, to provide for a united voice in matters affecting their profession, to influence the conditions under which prospective educators are prepared, to advance the interests and welfare of students preparing for a career in education, to promote and protect human and civil rights, and to stimulate the highest ideals and professional ethics, standards, and attitudes." (NEA Bylaws, ART 1, Sec. 2) The SEA is part of the National Education Association. If you join the SEA, you are also a member of the NEA; therefore, a wealth of information and benefits are immediately available to you. Benefits of belonging to this organization include such items as: life, health, disability, and casualty insurance; the NEA High Education Loan Program; the NEA Home Financing program; savings

and investment programs; special discount offers; and a wonderful communications network.

The Methodist College chapter of the SEA aims to provide a unified student voice in matters affecting the Teacher Education Program, to broaden students' professional experience and development, and to inform students of issues and changes in the teaching profession. The SEA also strives to reward excellence in education in the areas of character, professional potential, academic achievement, and dedication to lifelong learning. Joining the SEA is the first step to success. It will help you make the transition from student to professional educator.

The agenda for Spring 1999 includes: fund-raisers, a student mentoring program, a soup and sandwich luncheon, a convention, an educational newsletter, and many other exciting projects.

Please contact Jaunita Heyward or Cindy Bridges for more information. New members are always welcome. ALL education majors, from freshman to seniors, are encouraged to join this organization.



Student Education Association members discuss next semester's agenda.



The Teacher's Job Fair at Methodist College was a success. Students had the opportunity to meet with representatives of various school systems and discuss available job opportunities.