

Methodist College Has a "Wait and See" Attitude

**An Investigative Editorial** By Cindy Bridges, Editor and Michael C. Molter, Assistant Editor

During the summer of 1991, an Apple computer disappeared from a storage room located upstairs in the Science Building. There was no sign of forcible entry. The computer was never recovered. Also that summer, a VCR disappeared from a storage room in the Science Building.

During Christmas break in 1992, an instructor in the Science Building reported that an answering machine had been removed from his office over the holidays. There was no evidence of forcible entry.

In January 1996, a computer was stolen from the foreign language lab in the Trustees' Building.

A speaker system was stolen from the Alumni Dining Room in February 1997. A television was stolen from the Cumberland Hall lobby in May of the same year. The

following month, a VCR was stolen from and sign for a master key the Trustees' Building. Three months later, a computer with software was stolen from Reeves. In September of that year, a VCR was taken from the Trustees' Building.

A TV and a VCR were stolen in January 1998 from the physics stock room in the Science Building. An air purifier was stolen from the academic resource center in May of 1998. The list goes on and on. What do these thefts have in common? There was no sign of forcible entry and these items were never recovered.

You may notice another thread which many of the thefts have in common-they happened in the Science Building. Is this merely an unfortunate coincidence, or could there be a weakness in the security of the Science Building? What does the lack of forcible entry imply? The answer is a master key

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for their respective buildings, every faculty member with an office in the Science Building has a master key. Does this mean that a faculty member is somehow involved in all of this? Not at all. However, if keys are lost, they can fall into anyone's hands. In fact, we know that "several [keys] have been 'lost' (unexplained) over the years."

According to Gene Clayton, Vice-President for Business Affairs, there is no central campus agency regulating receiving and processing. Each depart-



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## **Tally Forum To Examine Environmental Issues**

Methodist College's fourth annual Lura Jim Martin, and Sen. Jim Broyhill; he was Tally Leadership Forum, set for February 22-28, will explore the theme, "Environmental Challenges: Jobs, Health, and Politics." The public is invited to the convocation Monday morning, February 22 and the panel discussion that afternoon.

The keynote speakers for the morning convocation will be Phil Kirk, Jr., president of the N. C. Citizens for Business and Industry, and Dan Whittle, senior attorney for the N. C. Environmental Defense Fund. Each will present the viewpoint of his respective organization on how best to meet environmental challenges.

A former public school teacher and state legislator, Mr. Kirk currently chairs the State Board of Education. In 1996 he coordinated the successful statewide campaign for \$2.75 billion in bonds for schools and roads. A prominent Republican and a graduate of Catawba College, he served as chief of staff for Gov. Jim Holshouser, Gov.

also secretary of human resources under Governors Holshouser and Martin.

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The Sustainable Development Panel convenes at 2 p.m. in the Clark Hall Auditorium. The guest speakers and their topics will be: Dr. Charles Peacock of N. C State University, "Effects of State and Federal Environmental Policies on the Future

Development of the Golf and Resort Business;" Paul Rehder, director of engineering services and environmental operation of the Novo Nordisk plant in Franklinton, N. C.; "Novo Nordisk: A Winning Case Study of Sustainable Development;" and Deborah Johnson, president of the N. C. Pork Council, "Sustainability and Survival: Perceptions and Realities About North Carolina's Environment and Its Hog Farmers.'

Seventeen round table discussions for students will be held February 23 and 24 in the Alumni Dining Room of the Berns Student Center. These will cover a variety of topics and will enable students, faculty, and local leaders to interact. See page 4 for a list of round table topics and descriptions.

For more information about the Tally Leadership Forum, contact Dr. Andrew H. Ziegler, assistant professor of political science and leadership, at (910) 630-7488.