

Campus Minister

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for these kinds of things, and I believe that if the process had been allowed to work, I believe that the process would have recommended that I return."

Reverend Parrish likes the "interaction with the community" and has enjoyed working with Methodist College students. "I'm an interactive person. Interaction with students has particularly been absolutely wonderful. Of course, I enjoy interaction with all age levels, but I have deeply appreciated the students here. My mission, I think, has been essentially with the student body and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. It truly enriched my life. I will miss it."

Since Reverend Carrie Parrish has been the campus minister, worship ministry has increased significantly. Although the chapel is not filled to capacity at every service, it has been filled many times. The semester before Reverend Parrish's arrival, attendance averaged in the single digits. For her first service, 18 people were present. Today, approximately 110 students, faculty, and staff attend worship services each week.

"On campuses, I think you can expect attendance to flip-flop some. You can expect it to rise and fall. It's interesting. I notice that in the fall when you come back from fall break, a lot of things take a nose dive. We understand why. In the spring, with spring break, the weather gets warmer and suddenly finals and papers are staring you in the face, things take a nose dive. But still, our worship ministry is strong."

Reverend Parrish stated that she has tried to include a lot of student leadership in worship. She continually evaluated and enriched the worship programs. She has included more music and more guest speakers to diversify the services and make them

more enjoyable.

One of the programs that Reverend Parrish is most proud of is the mission model that was created five years ago. The model has three components: local, national, and international. A team of students travels every fall break and every spring break to various areas to assist in relief programs and to experience cultures beside their own. In the spring of 1995, students traveled to Lima, Peru. They have traveled as close as the Habitat Village in Fayetteville, a Hispanic mission in Sanford, Redbird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky, and have participated in three hurricane recovery programs in Homestead, Florida—two years after Hurricane Andrew devastated the area, in South Carolina after Hurricane Fran, and Currituck after Hurricane Bonnie.

"I like to help our students expand their global consciousness. Our students consciousness of a world beyond Methodist College and their comfort zone has a chance to expand with this program."

Another program that has been implemented since Reverend Parrish's arrival is the Host Family Program. It began with only one church and now there are approximately eight churches that participate in the program. The goal is to "adopt a freshman." Freshman apply to participate in this program, and they are given a host family here in the community to serve as a "home away from home." Only nine students were placed at the inception of this program. However, this year, approximately 65 students have an "adoptive" family that they can share experiences with. Cookouts, discussions, emotional aid, and attendance at athletic events are some of the benefits host families have to offer.

This program is a wonderful solution to solving the homesickness dilemma that many new students face when arriving at the college. "This is a very successful program. It offers great visibility for Method-

ist College," Reverend Parrish said.

Monarch Movers is another program started by Reverend Parrish. Upperclassman assist new students with the process of moving-in. Their job is not only to assist with the hard work, such as lugging computers and televisions up the stairs, but also to aid in the transition issues. It is a program about caring. Thirty-eight upperclassmen helped incoming students this

year.

Reverend Carrie Parrish has certainly left her mark on the Methodist College campus. She will be missed. Her dedication to the college community has been nothing short of outstanding. Her new ministry appointment is at Christ United Methodist Church on Raeford Road. "Reverend Carrie" implores students to stay in touch.

SGA ELECTION RESULTS

President: Eddie Price
Vice President: Jessica Kupper
Secretary: None
Treasurer: None
Chief Justice: None

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RELATIONSHIP ISSUES

One Too Many Men

Dear Darlene,

I have a big problem. I have a boyfriend here at college. We get along great and I think the world of him, but we will be hundreds of miles apart all summer. When I went home over Spring Break I met this guy who really liked me. I can see a lot of potential for having a great time with him. I do not want to spend the summer alone, but I do not want to hurt my boyfriend. I am having a hard time thinking about my classes with this problem on my mind. Please help me decide what to do.

One Too Many Men

Dear Too Many,

I can certainly see why you have a hard time concentrating with this problem on your mind. It must seem like if you choose to do the honorable thing you will be miserable all summer. Of course, if you do a dishonorable thing; that, too, will make you miserable.

When you are truly in love with someone and deeply committed, being apart for the summer is hard. It is hard, though, not because you must give up having fun with someone else, it's hard because you miss your lover and you long to share your daily life with him. I think this is a dilemma for you because you want to avoid hurting your boyfriend. I don't think you are troubled because you are truly unsure of whether or not you want to spend the summer being faithful to an

absent lover. It seems clear that you really don't want to do that.

Do yourself and your boyfriend a favor: Get honest. Tell him that you are not ready for that kind of commitment yet. Let him know the truth about your honest desire to have fun this summer and date other people. There is nothing wrong with that. Most college students are not ready for deep commitments. Just because your boyfriend is ready doesn't mean that you are on the same time table and must also be ready to commit.

If you are honest, you will hurt your boyfriend. No doubt about it. But you will hurt him far more if you make promises that you really don't want to, and may not be able to, keep. Agreeing to date others this summer isn't necessarily the end of your relationship. Some relationships become stronger after such a time apart. Few relationships survive dishonesty and cheating. If you value this relationship, honesty is the best policy.

BEST WISHES,
 Darlene

Darlene Hopkins, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at Methodist College, is the author of "Relationship Issues." If you would like to submit a letter to "Relationship Issues," please send it to the editor of *Pride*, via campus mail. If you would like a confidential reply to a letter, you may send it to Darlene Hopkins, Counseling Center, via campus mail.

Students Perform Last Recital Of Semester

By Jonathan Barber
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The Methodist College Music Department presented its final student recital of the 1999 Spring semester on Friday, April 16, in Hensdale Chapel. Students are required to participate in a specific number of public recitals based on the number of credit hours of applied lessons that they are taking.

The program opened with Lynette Capps, soprano, performing "The Beatitudes" by Albert Hay Malotte, accompanied by Mrs. Jane Gardiner. Donald Warren, baritone, performed "Amarilli, Mia Bella" by Giuho Caccini, accompanied by Dr. Sue Snyder. Angalie Quinn completed the vocal portion by performing

"Heidenroslein" by Franz Schubert, also accompanied by Dr. Snyder.

The instrumental portion included Marshall Carter performing "Etude #2 - Andantino" by Mareo Bordogni on the baritone horn. Rachel Schultz, flutist, performed two movements from "Sonata I in E Major" accompanied by Mr. J. Michael Rogers on the piano. The final piece was "Sonata, Op. 29" by Robert Muczynski featured Jason Taylor on saxophone with Mrs. Janie Gardiner playing the piano accompaniment.

Student recitals are always open to all Methodist College faculty, staff, and students. Recital schedules are available each semester from the Fine Arts Division secretary at campus extension 7100.