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Special Orientation Issue

Late Night Express Means Late Night Fun

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The brand-new MC Late Night Express is all about having fun in the middle of the night, and it kicks off this fall! An enthusiastic group of faculty, staff, and students has designed this series of free, fun events for all Methodist College students who want entertainment during late hours. Every Thursday night at 10 p.m. for the first six weeks of classes, MC Late Night Express will sponsor a different fun activity. For example, on August 24., the Express will host a volleyball and horseshoes tournament and a cookout. A game night with free snacks will be held on Aug. 31 and an outdoor movie with piña-colada snow cones will be shown on Sept. 7 are among some of the activities being planned.

Students know best what students like to do; therefore, the coordinating committee eagerly seeks student involvement in the planning and hosting of events. Students interested in having fun and making fun for others are encouraged to get involved. Drop by Student



Cookouts, games, and disco bowling make Fridays at Methodist fun. Photo by Jami Sheppard

Life in the Berns Center or call 630-7152 for details. Watch for flyers under your door and posted throughout campus detailing upcoming events. Don't miss the Express!

My Lasting Impressions

EDITORIAL
By Erin Updegrove
Editor

As I look back on the past four years, I realize what a wonderful experience I had at Methodist College. I was able to meet many amazing people, get a wonderful education, and participate on conference winning athletic teams. At first I was unsure of my adventure to Methodist College, but I now know that I am very happy with the life changing decision I made after my high school graduation.

My senior year of high school, I began looking at a couple of small Division III schools in my home state of Maryland. Once I visited Methodist College, I knew I would enjoy the nature and the friendly people at this small, southern institution. I will never forget the time my parents dropped me off for the first day of college. After hugging and saying our good-byes, I ventured toward Weaver Hall ready to begin a new path in my life. Before reaching the door, my mother yelled to me, "Hurry inside, Erin. I want to make sure you are in safely." From that moment on, I knew I was ready to take on the many challenges that would lie ahead.

After my first semester at Methodist College, I was hired as a resident advisor. This was a great experience for me and I learned a lot over the seven semesters that I served as an RA. The position not only allowed me to develop many great friendships, but it also taught me how to handle all different types of situations. I would definitely encourage students to apply for RA positions because the memories are all very valuable.

The education that I have received at Methodist College has definitely prepared me for the future. I give a lot of the credit to my advisor, Dr. Brookman. This professor was always available and she was willing to answer all questions honestly. Dr. Brookman assisted me in arranging my schedules and she made sure that I spaced out my core requirement classes with my major classes. She would constantly add up my class hour totals, so I wouldn't stay on track for my graduation date. Like Dr. Brookman, I have found most Methodist College professors to be extremely friendly and helpful, as long as the students are willing to learn and take advantage of their knowledge.

While taking classes and serving



Erin Updegrove helping at "Show You Care Day." Photo by Jami Sheppard

as a RA, I also participated on the tennis and basketball teams. Each team offered me chances to compete for one spot in the conference. Practicing with teammates everyday and taking weekend road trips allowed me to form many special bonds with all different types of people. These are experiences that I will never forget. Unfortunately, I had to choose my education over athletics my senior year.

Knowing that my athletic career could not offer me a stable job, I was beginning to ponder what my future would hold. I was taking classes to get a degree in microbiology while I was also fulfilling the core requirements needed to get into the Physician Assistant program. When I received my Methodist College Physician Assistant program acceptance letter, I felt like I had conquered a small portion of my life. Although I would still be taking classes at Methodist College, starting the Physician Assistant program would be a whole new adventure.

Now that I have almost completed a full year of Physician Assistant classes, I am ready to tackle my clinical rotations. Once I graduate in December of 2001, I know I will be extremely satisfied with my career decision. All in all, Methodist College has taught me so many lessons about life, but most importantly, I have learned to set goals and achieve them.

Advice to New Methodist Students

EDITORIAL
By Deborah Riley
Contributing Writer

As a recent graduate of Methodist College, I would like to share a few words of wisdom that I have learned as I have grown up. (Jenneth Honeycutt contributed to this article.) I hope that you will find some (or all) of it helpful.

First of all, college is quite different from high school. Your instructors will expect you to read the assignments and answer the questions for homework. They don't "spoon

feed" the material to you in college. Don't make the mistake of thinking that college is one big party after another.

You are on your own now. Everything that you do will have consequences. The sooner you learn to take responsibility for your actions, the better off you will be. (If you have already learned this, good for you.) The most important thing to do in college is to find out who you are and what you want from life. Once you discover that, you will be ready for the

world.

Get involved with some of the clubs that Methodist has to offer. Joining a club is the best way to meet new people and have fun. Keep your eyes open and look out for social activities (movies, dances, etc.) on campus.

Take advantage of (but do not abuse) all of the services and facilities that Methodist College offers. There are several computer labs on campus as well as a gymnasium and a nature trail. If you need some money but can't find an off-campus job, look into a work-study job (it is a type of financial aid). You can always find something to do.

As for off-campus activities, Methodist is growing rapidly. Movie theaters, shopping centers, and restaurants are popping up left and right. If its hockey you want, Fayetteville has it. The Fayetteville Force will begin its fourth year of play at the Crown Coliseum in mid-October.

In addition to the activities in the Fayetteville area, Raleigh, NC is only an hour away. You can take a short road trip to Raleigh and catch a concert at Alltel Pavilion (formerly known as Walnut Creek) or a Carolina Hurricanes game at the Raleigh Entertainment and Sports Arena.

Good luck to all of you!



Students play cards at a Garber Game Night proving there is always something to do at Methodist College. Photo by Jami Sheppard

Matching Roommates

By Rob Foreman
Director of Residence Life

Students who will live on campus this fall have a variety of ways to request a roommate. Once a student has paid the deposit they will receive a packet of information from the Housing & Residence Life Office. Included in the packet will be a housing contract and application. There will be space provided on the application to identify a roommate. Students can simply return that application to the Housing and Residence Life Office and will be assigned a roommate. If you don't choose a roommate at that time you will still have an option to request a roommate. You may request by calling, e-mailing, or sending a letter to the office.

When requesting a roommate please include the students name and



Roommates, Fred Ford and Quinte West, hanging out outside of Berns. Photo by Jami Sheppard

social security number along with the roommates full name. Only mutual requests will be honored. Housing and Residence Life will not honor a third party (i.e. coaches, staff) requests. If you have any further questions, please contact Housing and Residence Life at 630-7682 or e-mail at housing@methodist.edu.

Student Activities Committee Schedule

August	Music/Door prizes
23 Welcome Dance	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
9:00 p.m.	20 Game Show
26 Outdoor Movie	Rules of the Game
9:00 p.m.	Prizes will be Awarded
30 Craig Karges (Mentalist)	8:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.	
September	October
2 Gold Rush (Free)	3 Comedians
Late Night Bowling	Buzz Sutherland & Vic Henley
Win Cash/Door Prizes	8:00 p.m.
Across from School	19 Movie
11 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.	Mission Impossible 2
7 Outdoor Movie	9:00 p.m.
Gladiator	31 Co-sponsoring with Athletics Hoopla Frenzy
9:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
9 Tailgate Party	

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