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Homecoming Court 2000

Mica Gay Declared Queen

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One of the longest running traditions of homecoming is the crowning of a new homecoming queen. This year, the tradition continues with the crowning of Mica Gay as Methodist College's queen for the 2000-2001 school year.

Not many people could successfully argue with the student body's choice.

Mica is a highly involved student at Methodist College. She is actively involved in many clubs and organizations. Mica balances her duties as president of Student Athletic Advisory Committee with her duties as treasurer of the Gospel Choir. She is also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Society, as well as the National Resident Hall Honorary.

Mica is originally from Valley Stream, New York. She decided to attend Methodist College primarily for the sports medicine program and the women's basketball team. Another reason why she chose Methodist College is because of its small community atmosphere.

When she finishes college, she plans on continuing her education in physical therapy school, eventually becoming a physical therapist.

When Mica was asked on how she felt about her nomination by the women's basketball team, she said it was "...an exhilarating and humbling experience."

She accredits her nomination and success to her outgoing and friendly nature, the fact that she is a people person.

"It was an honor to be voted by your peers and realize that you had



Photo by Mike Micciche
Mica Gay gains her composure while being "sashed".

an influence on their lives," said Gay.

Her words of wisdom to her loyal subjects, "Enjoy your four years at Methodist because it will go by quick."

Paul Twining Crowned King

By Victoria Cleverly
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At the homecoming dance on November 4th, a new homecoming king was crowned to represent Methodist College. For those of you who have not yet heard, our millennium homecoming king is Paul Twining.

Paul Twining is a senior, preparing for his graduation in December of this year.

He is a double major in Professional Golf Management-Business Management and Marketing.

Originally from Bllicott City,



Photo by Jami Sheppard
Mica Gay and Paul Twining smile their royal smiles.

Maryland, Paul decided to attend over his four and a half years at Methodist College specifically for the PGM program.

His hobbies include playing volleyball, basketball, golf, and hanging out with friends.

After graduation, Paul is looking forward to relocating to Costa Rica. He has already accepted a job as a Director of Marketing for Golf.

The Student Government Association nominated Paul for homecoming king.

"It was a real pleasure and an honor," he said when asked on how he felt about the nomination.

He also stated that he was shocked when he actually won the title.

Paul accredits his winning to the many good friends he has met

over his four and a half years at Methodist College.



Photo by Jami Sheppard
Kristin Jeffers congratulates her friend.

odist College. Paul recognizes the tradition behind the crowning of a homecoming king. He believes in order to win, people must have thought of him as a good, outgoing person who represents the student body well.

When asked if he had any words of wisdom for his loyal subjects, he simply said, "Get involved!"

Sparks Fly At Bonfire

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Who says women can't play football?

It began with a powder puff football game on the practice field. At least thirty women students drew on game faces with Kohl.

Flag football harbors the dangers of tackle football.

Jessica Turnbaugh broke her hand during the game but believing it was sprained, stayed throughout the

night. A later visit to the doctor revealed it was broken.

Where there are football players, there are cheerleaders but not at Methodist College. Girls played the football, the football team coached and refereed, but no one cheered with pom-poms and twinkles.

After the game, students gathered in the pit for the roaring flames of the bonfire. Although the fire did not burn long enough for roasted marshmallows or melted smores, a pig cooker introduced students to the southern tradition of pig pickin'.

Although the entire pig was not on the cooker, Kristin Jeffers said, "It was a really good pig, but where's the rest of him?"

Introductions were made for all the athletic teams. The dance team shook it up for the crowd to keep the energy level high. William Walker announced the Homecoming Court to the cheers of the crowd.

While some students traveled back to their dorms, many still stood around the smoldering fire chatting.



The bonfire rages bright.

Photo by Jami Sheppard



Photo by Jami Sheppard
Jimmy Crayton knows a good pig.



We will win!

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Dance Has Mardi Gras Flavor

By Lee Nugent
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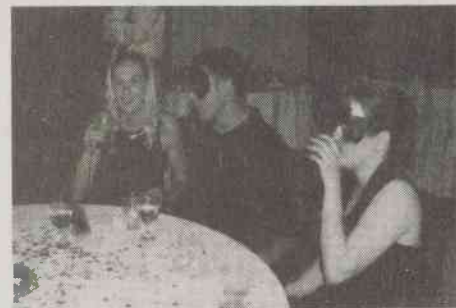
Were you at the big dance of 2000? Did you have fun dancing the night away? If you answer yes to these questions, then you know I am talking about the Homecoming dance.

It was held at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Shuttles left from Weaver Hall every thirty minutes to rush the students to the dance. Two shuttles rushed back and forth from Methodist to the hotel. One time during the night, about a hundred and fifty students stood anticipating the arrival of the next shuttle.

Excellent food lined the buffet table. Strawberries lingered on trays draped in chocolate. A sandwich buffet held breads, cheeses, and meat for those desiring more substantial food. Meatballs, chicken fingers, and terriaki chicken blended together for



Photo by Jami Sheppard
Having some fun with friends.



Taking a moment.

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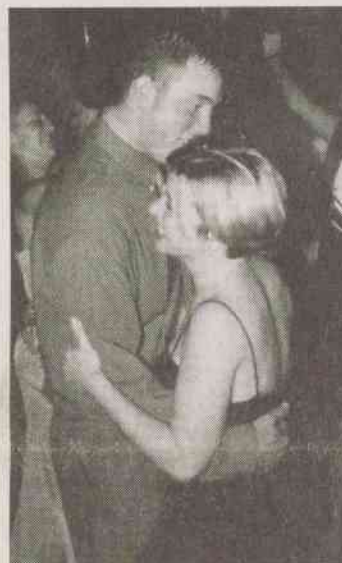
an aromatic treat for those passing by. Punch bowls were filled with colorful liquids. And what good southern college could have homecoming without pigs in a blanket?

DJ Teddy Ted spun tunes from his stand. The former alumnist kept feet hurting and hands moving throughout the night.

Thanks to Chris Ryan and all the SAC members who helped put up the wonderful decorations. Tables were scattered with Mardi Gras con-

fetti. Metallic shades of green, gold, and purple littered tables underneath colored masks. Each table was decorated with these free gifts. Strands of gossamer swirled together in green, gold, and purple creating a canopy over the dance floor. A solitary disco ball spun out sparkles of light from the center of the canopy.

With the memories of this Mardi Gras Homecoming, hope everyone is looking forward to Homecoming 2001.



Couples and friends joined on the dance floor to make memories for tomorrow.

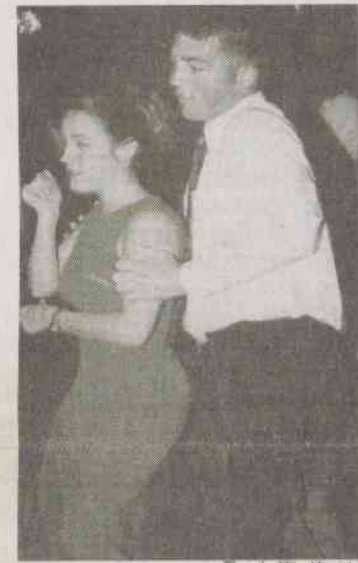


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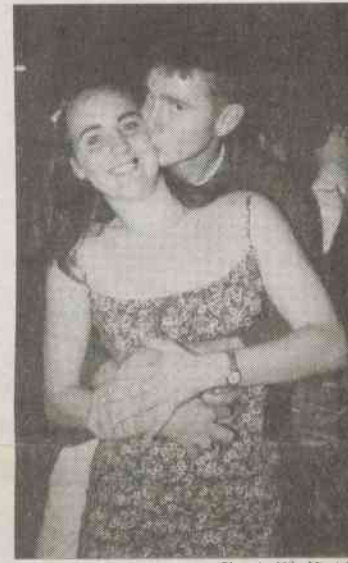


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Homecoming Traditions Forgotten

By Robin Warrington
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Did you ever wonder what Homecoming was like for the students who attended Methodist College in the 1960's and 1970's? What did they do for Homecoming spirit? Did they have live bands or disc jockeys at the dances?

Homecoming is a tradition that has followed each and every person through high school into college.

Each year, a young man and woman are nominated for King and Queen of Homecoming. The week of Homecoming usually consists of fun school spirit days like hat day, school colors day, and pajama day.

For Methodist College, the activities include powder puff games, bonfires, and a few other fun activities to highlight the week. On Saturday, students rally to the football field for the big game. At half time, the King and Queen are presented. The game is followed by a dinner and a dance, where everyone shows off their finest evening attire and flashiest dance moves.

Believe it or not, Methodist College did not have a Homecoming when the school first started. That particular tradition began in 1966.

At the first Homecoming, the students attended a basketball game. (Years later, the basketball game gave way to soccer, and eventually soccer gave way to football.) At half time, the royal court was announced and the queen was chosen. Hours later, a dinner and dance were held in the Bern's Student Center.

To build up school spirit, pep rallies, bonfires, pageants, and resi-



The boiler room finalist in their best dress.

Photo taken from archives

dence hall decorating took place. We still have the traditional bonfires and pep rallies, but the pageants have been forgotten.

There was at one time a chapter of the Circle K club on campus. The Circle K chapter held a Miss Boiler Room pageant beginning in homecoming of 1967/68. It was a fund raising drag queen pageant that brought a ton of laughs to the college. The name eventually evolved into the Ms. Monarch pageant, but the concept was the same. The show included a fashion show, talent show, and comedy.

The residence halls used to be decorated to the hilt when Homecoming rolled around. The players trashed the other opponents through the excuse of decoration. Crepe paper creations were hung on the fronts of the halls. Windows were decorated cheering on our team.

Time has faded the boiler room pageants into nonexistence and decorations are not as extravagant as they once were.

Maybe the future generations of homecoming planners could look to the past for some fun-filled homecoming events.



One contestant sways the audience with a leg show.

Photo taken from archives

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