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Tuition On The Rise Again

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Methodist College students will have to dig deeper into their pockets next semester in order to meet college costs.

For the third year in a row, tuition costs have risen. For the 2000-2001 academic year students were forced to raise \$13,300 in order to clear tuition. Add to that a \$40 student activity fee. Add to that another \$2500 for a double occupancy room rate. On top of all of that add \$2580 for the 21 meal-plan. The grand total for last academic school year was \$18,420.

The upcoming academic year promises to bring an even larger total. According to the Business Office, tuition alone will rise another \$770. Double occupancy room rates will cost an extra \$150. The meal plan will increase by \$100, and the student activity fee increases by five dollars.

Next semester you are looking a tuition cost of \$14,070, room rate of \$2,650, and a meal plan of \$2,680. A total increase of \$1,025.

"I've been to Methodist College for the past



Photo by Amanda Garcia

two years, and I don't believe that they are being efficient with the money they already have. The new apartments are nice, but what about things and facilities that *all* the students can benefit from, like a new student union, a recreation center, on campus phones, or even more parking?" asked sophomore Kimberly Culman.

Other students agree with her.

"The only thing I see the money go towards

are speed bumps and TVs that no one ever watches," said another Methodist student.

Some students simply feel that the cost of an education here at Methodist is already over-priced.

"Students are pay-

ing too much money to go to school as it is," said Mary Anderson, a sophomore.

"This school is expensive enough," commented Dilara Altinbazak, echoing the opinion of many.

However, not everybody disagrees with the rising costs.

"In order to receive good instruction, the school must be able to pay its teachers a competitive salary," voiced sophomore Sean Valente.

"Staff salaries and general upkeep of the school is just as important as education," said Laura Ratcliffe.

Last fall, Methodist College was host to approximately 1,970 students, including the evening college. When you multiply the number of students by the tuition and student fee increases, the college will be taking in an extra \$1,526,750.

\$1.5 million is a significant increase. What will all that money be used for?

"Any tuition increase is spread entirely across the budget," said Gene Clayton, vice president for business affairs.

According to Mr. Clayton, the funds are not

earmarked for any particular purpose. The extra money will be used for several different uses to include increases in utilities, and to help pay salaries.

Methodist College staff and faculty are given a cost of living increase every year. Dr. Peter Murray said that the professors have not missed a raise yet.

The money is also used for other college needs. The vans that different student organizations use to travel are included in the budget and benefit from the increase in tuition.

Despite the general use of the funds, many students still feel that the increase is too much.

One student commented that the increase is an unfair burden to students.

Another student is opposed to the increase due to already having

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Tuition Increases

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Tuition/Fees	\$12,600	\$13,340	\$14,115
Room/Board	\$4,830	\$5,080	\$5,330
Total Costs	\$17,430	\$18,420	\$19,445

\$12 Million Goal Set For Capital Campaign

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Methodist College officially set a goal of raising \$12 million through the capital campaign.

Currently, the Methodist College Administration is observing a silent phase before the campaign is announced. During this time, everybody's lips are sealed on the exact details of the full-scale fund raiser.

Despite the lock-down on the information,

a few general pieces of information are known.

The campaign is scheduled to begin in May and was originally planned to bring in \$8 million in revenue for the school.

However, due to the school's needs, that amount has been raised to the current \$12 million goal.

This goal greatly exceeds all previous attempts at fund-raising for the college.

Reportedly, two Methodist College trustees have already each pledged \$500,000 to-

wards the campaign and Mr. Ramon L. Yarborough, chairman of board of trustees, has pledged \$150,000 to refurbish the fountain in the center of campus.

Approximately three years ago, Methodist completed a similar campaign under Mr. Jay Dowd, the former vice president for institutional advancement, that raised \$8.05 million for the college. The original goal of \$6.55 million was surpassed by over \$2 million.

A portion of the money raised in 1997 was used to build the library

annex and Clark Hall.

The funds from this Capital Campaign will go towards new classroom buildings and a Student Life health and wellness center.

"Expanding the Vision" (the last capital campaign) was the third campaign conducted by Methodist, making this one only the fourth campaign that has been undertaken in the 44-year history of the college.

The funds come from various sources. Among these sources are alumni, the members of the board of trustees, the

board of visitors members, faculty, staff, parents, friends, corporations, and foundations. The North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church participated in the last campaign.

The Institutional Advancement office now known as the development office will undertake the great feat of raising money for the college

campaign.

The development office also handles events such as the alumni phonation and Loyalty day which are also fund-raisers for the college.

Dr. Hendricks, president, will also travel around in an attempt to help raise the funds. This is the last official Capital Campaign for Dr. Hendricks.

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