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Special Orientation

Why I Chose Methodist

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My first year of college was an experience I will never forget. My friends and I ate Taco Bell and Pizza Hut in college algebra. We skipped psychology on a daily basis for fresh coffee at a local coffee shop. I never went to class.

But I thought I had a good reason. I was hanging out. I was real cool.

Until something happened.

I started thinking about the college I was attending. I saw drug deals go down. I saw colors, gang colors. Teachers knew me by my social security number, not my name. I was threatened in class by other students. After being sexually assaulted after class on night, I knew something had to change.

I transferred to Methodist on the advice of my parents and my boyfriend.

I noticed an immediate difference my first year at MC.

The professors knew my name. When I saw

them in the halls, they would ask how everything was going. They genuinely seemed to care.

I felt safe again.

Then, I got involved in different programs.

My first year at Methodist, I participated with Rainbow's End - the scholarship vocal ensemble. I performed with show choir. Most importantly, I made friends with anyone who would talk to me.

After an intensive first year at MC, I relaxed for a while.

Several times, I changed my major (five times to be exact) and landed in the English Department.

Now as a senior, I am the editor-in-chief of the newspaper.

That would have never happened at another college. I'm not even a journalism major.

Yet, I was given chances that I would have never received at another college.

For example, how many college's would have allowed me to represent them at a newspaper convention in San Fran-



Adcox winning musical chairs. Photo by Jami Sheppard

cisco? Not many. Plus, they helped me pay for the trip.

On this campus, you will find opportunities at every corner whether it is a convention, a trip, or a chance. These things don't happen at larger college. Smaller campuses allow students to gain experiences that they elsewhere might have been over looked.

Methodist has also reminded me how to have fun while I grow up.

MC Late Night Express has helped me learn to relax a little. I won a lollipop at musical chairs last year.

As you get older (I'm in my fifth year of

college), some things don't matter any more. At twenty-two, I have little concern for drinking or partying every night. I want to take advantage of every situation to make it easier for me in the future.

I'm sure it won't matter in ten years from now - that President Hendricks or Dean Blanc asked me how things were going every time they saw me. But that means a lot to me now.

I hope a great freshman/first year for everyone. If you see me on campus, say hi. I usually know close to everything that's going on in case you get bored.

Not All Colleges Are Alike

George Blanc Vice President for Student Life

There was a time when an average college student and their family would spend more time finding the right "used, but reliable" automobile for college, than the time they would spend choosing the college the student would attend.

Higher education has never been more competitive. Choosing the right college has never been harder.

Today's college bound students and families are doing their homework. Many parents know more about candidate colleges they have never seen and may never visit, than they know about the college they attended.

Comparative shopping is the order of the day. Everyone is looking for the best college at the best price or at the best discount.

The more you page through a big city-like phone book sized guide to colleges or through hundreds of websites, the more colleges look alike.

Carefully selected photographs depict beautifully manicured campuses filled with students who could not look happier to be there.

So, how do you find the best college? If they are all wonderful, which one is best for you?

Many times the most important aspects of

a college or university are factors that cannot be measured in square footage or in dollars and cents.

Experience shows choosing the right college requires you spend as much time examining the intangibles of an institution as you spend measuring the tangibles.

Some of the intangibles that should be considered in your decision making process include: a sense of community, academic climate, personal safety, professional commitment, academic excellence, caring professionals, approachable faculty, supportive staff, developmental student activities, a truly personal education, first name relationships, and a Christian based educational experience. These qualities can make a real difference in the quality of your college experience.

The Student Life motto at Methodist College can also be defined as a set of intangibles: "To Serve and To Develop."

We see our role as one which, complements the academic mission of the college by providing our students with a meaningful and supportive environment outside the classroom.

This not only serves your particular needs, but also provides you with opportunities to continue your "whole person" development.

On the average, a college student will spend



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20 to 30 hours of every week in a classroom and in some form of dedicated study. This leaves the student with approximately 140 hours weekly to spend in some other endeavor. This is where Student Life comes into play.

Our dedicated team of student affairs professionals developed a myriad of programs and activities. Each of these specifically designed to provide our students with the opportunity to maximize their college experience through personal growth and development.

For many, college provides the last opportunity to prepare for the kind of life you want for yourself. Our responsibility at Student Life is to do all that we can to support and optimize your preparation. This is Job #1 for us: "To Serve and To Develop."

I encourage all to visit us at Student Life and see what we offer. I believe that you will like what you see and recognize that intangibles do make difference and that all colleges are not alike.

Student Media Events coming this Fall!

Positions being filled for the *Monarch Messenger* staff team, the *Carillon* staff team, and the *Student Photography Team!*

Work study positions available!

We will be attending the **National Student Media Conference in New Orleans!!**

We will be inducting students into the **first chapter of Society for Collegiate Journalists!!** Membership requires that you belong to a **Student Media team** or are a **communications major.**

Call 630-7292 for more information!