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## New Hangout on Campus

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The newest addition to campus and student life became a reality on August 21, 2001.

After several months of debating and bidding, the College Office Building is now officially known as Union Station.

Union Station is for the students, by the students. The Student Government Association (SGA) is now housed on the ground floor of the new student building. SGA President, Lindsey Spitzer, has her office and desk towards the back of the house. This allows students to have even more convenient access to the student government and delegates.

Also housed in the building is Chris Ryan, director of student activities.

On August 21, open house was held and tours were given. Associate Dean of Students William Walker was no stranger to giving the tours.

Walker began the tour in the



Photo by Amanda Garcia

The Union Station.

living room, which is the first room that you walk into as you go in. New furniture and a television fill the room. Students are permitted to lounge on the sofas and watch their favorite television programs.

Adjacent to the living room is the dining room. During the open house, the room was filled with tables of food. During the rest of the school year, the room is available for students to dine in.

The next room over is filled with various vending machines and a microwave. Anything from soda pop to junk food to sandwiches is available for purchase.

In the near future, a coffee

and cappuccino bar will be added to the adjoining room. Students will be able to stop by in the morning before class and purchase any extra caffeine they need to make it through those first few classes.

As you continue through the house, the next room is a multipurpose study room. There are plans being made to line the outer wall of the large room with computers for student use.

No tentative date has been set for the computers, but the room is still open for use.

The Union Station hours are currently set at 8 a.m.-1 a.m., Monday through Friday. Weekend hours are from noon-2 a.m.

Dean of Students George Blanc attended the open house.

"I'm very excited that Methodist is able to provide students a place to call their own," Blanc said. "It's a cozy, casual place for students to watch TV

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## MC Latenight Express Began School Year With Fun

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MC Late Night Express started the new school year with success.

On Wednesday night, August 22, MC students enjoyed the first of many MC Late Night Express events.

Many students attended the happenings of the school-sponsored event.

Highlights included hamburgers and drinks free of charge.

Dean of Students George Blanc was right in the mix of things cooking hamburgers on the grill and serving them to the students.

"I enjoy being with the students," Blanc said. "They're why I am here."

Beach volleyball was a popular event of the night. Several students formed spontane-



Inpromptu volleyball game.

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ous teams and competed against each other in the spirit of fun competition.

A unique event of the night was waxed hands. Students were given the opportunity to dip their hands into warm wax and let the wax cool, leaving the formed wax in various shapes. Some students formed the "I love you" hand sign. Others formed the "rock-on" hand

sign. Other students opted for other personal, distinctive hand forms.

One of the most popular sites of the evening was the spray-painted pictures that were also free to the students.

From castles to galaxies to bridges the artists used cans of spray paint, lids, putty knives, and other less common artist tools to impress students.

The night also held excitement for many who participated in the jousting pit. Oversized pugel-sticks were used by each of the two competitors who stood on not-so-over-sized pedestals.

The purpose was to knock the competition off onto the large blown-up pit.

The best two-out-of-three won the round and continued

to fight until defeated.

"It's a lot harder than what it looks, but it's fun," said Mike Carpentier.

There was also an unorganized water fight going on sporadically throughout the night.

Loud music, free food, and plenty of events all contributed to making the first MC Late Night Express a success.



Having a good time, MC style.

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