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Common Grounds Café, Coffee Brewing and Business Booming

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Did you stay up too late last night, you're tired, and you've got a full day of classes ahead of you? Or maybe you have to stay up all night tonight to start and finish that term paper. Either way, you realize you need the most efficient caffeine delivery system available: COFFEE!

Methodist College students will enjoy the low prices at Common Grounds Café. Compared to its counter parts in the area, such as The Coffee Scene, Barnes & Noble, and Rude Awakening, Common Grounds has low reasonable prices for students.

Common Grounds was opened on January 15, 2002 by its private

owners, Marisa Preuss and her fiancée, Mohamed Naim. "I worked part-time at Starbucks Coffee for a year and a half and my fiancée and I wanted to start a business with the experience we already had. When

seemed perfect," Preuss said.

The café is located in Union station next to Cumberland Hall and across from Cape Fear Commons. The atmosphere is perfect for studying, watching movies, or

just relaxing on the deck outside on beautiful days and drinking a cup of coffee. Inside there are big comfy couches and a big screen TV. There are also tables and chairs to study for that test

operation are Monday – Friday from 7:30a.m. until 10:00p.m. and Saturdays from 12:00 noon until 5:00p.m. The

café is closed on Sundays. "We may change our hours as the semester goes on. I would like to

set up some special events such as movie nights, game nights, and in the spring, invite a band to come and play on the deck outside," Preuss said. "I also plan on having special nights related to the Olympic games."

At the Common Grounds Café, you can enjoy many drinks ranging from gour-

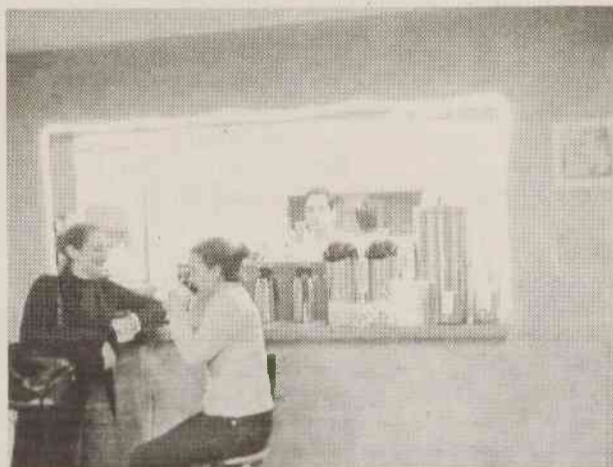
met brewed coffee, espresso drinks, and fruit smoothies to frozen coffee frappes, and fresh baked pastries. "The most

popular items seem to be the fruit smoothies and the frozen coffee frappes," Preuss said.

"They have one of the best mochas I've ever

had," said Ms. Mellott, the Educational Secretary.

Coming soon in the spring are large umbrellas to enjoy outside on the deck. Later in the semester during midterms, the café plans to operate on extended hours. Please come take a look and see what its all about!



courtesy of Marisa Preuss



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Dean Blanc purchased a real cappuccino machine, the idea

in the morning.

The current hours of

Tribute to Mrs. Leona Martin

By Amanda Garcia
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Methodist College returned this spring semester without one of its own. Mrs. Leona Martin, a Methodist College employee for twenty-two years, passed away on December 22, 2001. Funeral services were held on December 28, 2001. The service was carried out by The Reverend Thomas Malloy at Saint Ann Catholic Church.

Methodist College Security participated in her service as pallbearers.

Martin began her career at Methodist as a secretary. She was later promoted and filled the position of Administrative assistant. Many of the students on campus remember her smiling face as they sat and ate in the cafeteria.

"She was a really nice

lady. She always had a smile for us," said Caleb McKeel, a junior.

Martin is survived by her husband, two children, and three grandchildren.

During the funeral service it was said that Martin enjoyed life to the fullest. Besides her family, she also enjoyed working out at the local spa three or four times a week. She lead a healthy life of jogging, power walking, and even traveling.

Martin passed away in Wake Medical Center in Raleigh of a brain aneurism. She is buried in the Lafayette Memorial Park.

Her fellow colleagues and students will miss her dearly.



Leona Martin stands in the center

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