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## Methodist to make improvements with millions

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Methodist Colleges' fund campaign, *Seeds On Good Soil, A New Season*, recently received a \$1 million gift that will go towards a new fitness and intramural center. Additionally funds will go towards annual operating fund.

This major gift marks the third of it's size in the 48 year history of the school. It was generously donated by David Nimmock Jr. and his wife, Elisabeth Burns Nimmocks. The Nimmocks family has supported the college for several years.

Appropriately bearing the Nimmock's family name, the new fitness center will be approximately 22,000 square feet and will contain a full-size basketball court, a weight lifting and exercise room, a walking track and several offices.

Director of Development, Robin



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Davenport, stated that "The plans to start building the fitness center are now in progress." Although a date has not been set for the construction to start, an estimated target date will hopefully be in the summer of 2005 and is estimated to take about 12 months to complete.

In addition to the fitness center, Methodist has proposed to build an addition to

the Science Building.

Although many of us students will not be here to see the plans completed, the expansion of Methodist College is something to be both excited and proud about.

Proud of the growth taking place here at Methodist, President Hendricks has stated that "Without the support of our friends, the growth that is taking place would not be

possible."

To achieve the building and expansion of the *Seeds of Soil* campaign has raised to date a total of \$8.6 million and will continue to take donations for the next 12 to 18 months.

This electronically generated picture predicts the design of our new building on campus.

## The real meaning behind the green

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For thousands of years, St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated around the world. It is the one day of the year where everyone gets the chance to wear green and show his or her Irish pride no matter what religion or nationality.

But many do not know why we celebrate this month for shamrocks and leprechauns and why we wear green every March 17. Although some are unaware of the history of the holiday, plenty know what the holiday means to them.

For many it is a day to party and indulge themselves in green beer. For others, it is a day to enjoy a proper Irish meal of corn beef and cabbage.



I will admit, I do enjoy the festiveness of this holiday and willingly partake in the green beer. But being Irish myself, the history of this holiday has been

drilled in my head since a child and it is important to know the reasons why we celebrate St. Patrick this month.

The origins of St. Patrick are surrounded by mystery and folklore. Many of the details of St. Patrick, the individual are up for debate such as the story of him chasing snakes out of Ireland and using the shamrock leaf as symbolism for the Holy Trinity. But there is a real story behind the legends.

St. Patrick, (whose real name was

maewyn) was born in about A.D. 380, in England. Kidnapped as child, St. Patrick was taken to Ireland to herd sheep. After being in slavery for 6 years, he then escaped to France where he studied religion.

After becoming a priest, Patrick returned to Ireland where he built an abundance of churches and schools to spread Catholicism.

Patrick died on March 17, 461, and was later ordained a saint for converting the people of Ireland to Christianity.

That is basically the story of St. Patrick in a nutshell. As to the reason why we wear green, some believe it is to honor Ireland, the Emerald Isle. It is also to honor an ancient Irish custom. According to Irish folklore, the people of Ireland burned branches with green leaves during March, which was supposed to make the land fertile and green.

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