

## Foreign exchange offers students a chance to study abroad



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Ever wondered what it would be like to study somewhere other than in the United States? Here is your chance.

Methodist College offers a wonderful foreign exchange program that includes the French and Mexican exchange along with the newly added summer study program in Spain.

The French exchange has been going on for about eight years. Each spring semester, Methodist College receives six students from the University of Rennes near Paris and can send six of its students in exchange. The exchange program is all in English, so it is not required that a student know any French to go. "It would be useful to know how to ask where the bathroom is and some other basic things, but it is not required," stated Magda Baggett, director of International Programs at Methodist

College.

The Mexican Exchange is newer, having only existed for five years. One student is sent from Puebla, Mexico for one semester. Puebla is about two hours east of Mexico City. The university itself is full service, so students that are not language majors can still attend, even athletes. "They are always asking for basketball players and other athletes," commented Baggett.

A new contract was just signed for a summer exchange in Spain. It is mostly for language majors and used as a way for students to learn the language in a place where they are forced to learn and live it. Enrollment for this program will begin March 21<sup>st</sup>, it will take place during the month of June. For more information on this program, there is a full color brochure at [www.methodist.edu/fl/summer\\_in\\_spain.pdf](http://www.methodist.edu/fl/summer_in_spain.pdf). For more information on the French and Mexican exchange programs, as well as others that are in the works, contact Magda Baggett at ext. 7159, Dr. Cristina Francescon at ext. 7082 or Jose Franco at ext. 7058.

## Author Discusses Executive Compensation for Ethics Day



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Corporate villains deplete the middle class to retain riches.

David Callahan challenges corporate executives' ethical decision making in the fourth Annual Lowdermilk Ethics Discussion.

The author of "Media Commentator" and co-founder of "Demos," a new think tank based in New York, Dr. Callahan argues the middleclass perspective.

According to the doctor, corporate scandals are a direct reflection of the lack of values in corporate America today.

Greed's direct association with compensation is the reason "the rich keep getting richer as the poor become poorer" said Callahan.

Corporate executives' perspective changed when they began setting their own salaries. For example, the chairman of Disney is paid 40 million dollars a year to manage people.

The question then becomes, are corporate executives worth the money they are paid? Dr. Callahan listed the four reasons CEO's have

been able to successfully retain their riches.

1. Organized labor declined
2. Shareholder revolution through stock options
3. Growing emphasis on leadership
4. Shift in values



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As a result, the middleclass are subjected to condition such as: extreme gaps in labor wages, a lack of unskilled service jobs, falsely rewarding CEO's, and a lack of accountability between the CEO and his performance.

In order to resolve this growing problem Dr. Callahan suggests: Congress make it

easier to form unions, allow stockholders to have indirect associates on the board of directors and allow stock options to be treated as an expense.

Tuesday, February 7, 2005, Reeves School of Business students gathered in the Science Auditorium to listen to Dr. Callahan. He began with a concept and left the student body with this vision, "values, norms, and culture is Corporate America's past and greed through consumption is present" said Dr. Callahan.

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In the 02-17-05 edition of smallTALK the bears that were stuffed during MC late night were given to the police department and the winner was Megan Gleason insted of Shawna Bunn.



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