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Methodist Celebrates Loyalty Day

Sarah Davenport
Staff Writer

On June 28, 1956, an organization called the Fayetteville College Foundation, was formed in order to raise money to help fund Methodist College and its students. Since then, the foundation has become the Methodist College Foundation and has annually held Loyalty Day, a fundraiser used to raise funds for student scholarships. This year marked its 50th anniversary.

Loyalty Day was held on February 7, 2006. The day began with a breakfast in the Green and Gold Café. Brad Hurley, the president of the Foundation Board called the meeting to order. Dr. Robert Christian gave the invocation and the Snyder Memorial Baptist Men sang the national anthem. Mayor Tony Chavonne was in attendance to offi-



Faculty members take part in the Loyalty Day breakfast on Feb 7.

cially proclaim the day as "Loyalty Day." Both Dr. Hendricks and the Honorable Anthony "Tony" Rand gave inspiring speeches.

At the breakfast, two men very special to Methodist College were

honored. Mr. Wilbur Clark, First Vice-President, and D. P. Russ, Second Vice-President, of the original Fayetteville College Foundation were in attendance. They each received a beautiful award for all they

have done for the college in those 50 years.

"I think it is important to remind this community that Methodist College is theirs and that it was started by local individuals from the community. It is

very important for the community to stand behind us now just as they did all those years ago," said Robin Davenport, Director of Development at Methodist College.

As of February 9, 2006, a total of \$44,515 had been raised, a great start for reaching the goal of \$85,000. "In this effort, over 127 volunteers have called on 755 individuals and businesses to raise funds for scholarships for our students," stated Dr. M. Elton Hendricks.

Loyalty Day is a vital fundraiser due to the fact that the money it raises is largely what funds student scholarships. And over 75% of the students at Methodist College have at least one of these scholarships. As the numbers continue to rise, it appears that the community is behind Methodist College and that Loyalty Day has once again been a success.

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Green and Gold, Your Money And You

Demario Campbell
Staff Writer

It's tax season. How much will you spend filing your tax returns? Or does that matter? While many of you will spend hundreds of dollars just to get that quick check, let's not forget

about all of the free services that are around that may help you save a little money. There are many services on the internet through the IRS that offer "Free Filing services to taxpayers with Adjusted Gross Income of \$50,000 or less; or otherwise as noted." (<http://www.irs.gov/app/freeFile/jsp/index.jsp>)

Another free tax preparation is actually here on campus. The Methodist College VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program is here on campus to prepare your taxes for free. They are done in Clark Hall in room 126. For an appointment, call

630-7084.

This service however, just does the basic tax preparations which are fine because that is what most people have anyway. Another tax service that can be of service to you is H &

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MC Joins the U.N.



Freshman and political science major Rahila Muhibi serves as Club Secretary. Photo By Steven Magnusen

Steven Magnusen
Managing Editor

Dr. Frank Trapp and Freshman Stacey Milbern started the Methodist College Model United Nations (MCMUN), which began meeting in October of last semester.

According to Dr. Trapp, Professor of Political

Science and faculty sponsor of the Model UN club, the organization plans to represent the college in two ways.

First, the MCMUN will participate in collegiate Model United Nations conferences. To take part in such events, the MUN team must first select a country to represent in the

assembly. The MCMUN is currently in the process of selecting a nation, and once the decision is made, they will begin the long process of learning everything they can about the chosen country. Areas of interest will include the political, economic, social, cultural, and religious history of the country.

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CORRECTIONS BOX

Melanie Gibson has resigned as news editor and we are currently looking for a replacement.

In the 2-2 issue of smallTALK the story titled "Take a Stand" in the opinions section was not written by Melanie Gibson.

At the same time, the representatives of the MCMUN will develop debate skills and familiarize themselves with the rules of procedure for the convention. To be successful, the delegation must be able to represent their nation effectively and realistically within the rules of procedure. Sometimes, however, representing a country accurately requires a delegation to break the rules and cause disorder. For example, in one Model UN just before the invasion of Iraq, the Iraqi representatives in the model UN staged a walkout in protest. They won several awards.

The MCMUN plans to take their first delegation to the Southern Regional Model United Nations in Atlanta, Georgia. The event takes place in November of 2006 and the club hopes that they will be able to bring home the "Best Delegation" award.

The other side of MCMUN is the Methodist College High School Model United Nations that will invite high school students from around the state to participate in a similar event. The high school model is tentatively scheduled to take place this summer on campus. The club plans to hold the conference in Clark Hall, while using the on campus dining and housing facilities for the students who participate.

Taxes

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R Block. When I asked H&R Block what were their prices for preparing taxes, I was told to choose by expertise, not by price. Executive Secretary, Evette Vasquez says that quality is more important when it comes to your taxes than quantity.

Located on Morganton Rd, Vasquez has been an employee of H&R Block for 9 years. Vasquez says that H & R Block offers "Professional and Solid" service. Unlike other tax services, Vasquez says that if an error has been made on past taxes, no one will tell you. However, with H&R Block, they will let you know about any past discrepancies and offer help in correcting. Also, in the event that a mistake is made with filing your taxes with H&R Block, Vasquez says that the company will pay any fees and also represent you in an audit if needed. Vasquez also stresses that H&R Block employees work year around making sure that they are educated on all of the new tax laws, and are not like other services that are just open during tax season. With all of the services offered for your taxes, it may be hard to choose. The deadline for filing taxes this year is April 17th.

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A Voice From the Wilderness

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord" Isa 40:3

David Santiago
Staff Writer

Many people of my generation were raised by our churches to think the following:

1) America is a divinely ordained nation and the government ought to impose Christian morality;

2) Sin and Morality boil down to a set list of rules, even though law does not save;

3) The Bible never contradicts itself, if you see a contradiction, than you need to pray about it because the Holy Spirit is not with you;

4) Salvation is experienced through a once in a lifetime decision where you have to stand up, say a sinners prayer that is biblical even though it is not in the Bible, and than that's it, you are saved no matter what;

5) Belief in evolution is a sin, and you must believe in 7 day creation, even though Jesus never said that;

Here are some alternative conclusions a lot of us from such churches are starting to come to;

1) Ancient Israel was the only divinely ordained nation, and they failed, so

what right do Americans have to make such a claim, especially now a days. The constitution was not a document inspired by God, it was the result of a gathering of inelegant men who understood man should be free to follow his conscience and that it was not the government's job to advocate moral codes. That is a matter of personal faith, and for someone to impose moral codes through the legal system, even biblical codes, is just as morally wrong as anything else deemed sinful.

2) Sin is not so much a list of rules, it's the spiritual darkness, and the acts are more like the rocks we trip over. To make sin out as a sort of force in and of itself is a flawed way of thinking known as Duality. There is no such thing as darkness, there is light (light particles and atomic reactions that we see as light) and than an absence of light that leaves us in a state we call darkness. No actual dark matter or atoms, just an absence of light matter and atoms. The same applies to the cold; there is no cold substance, just lack of heat substance that creates a condition we call cold. That is sin, not an act or force, just an

absence of the light or fire of God; it is an emptiness of divinity we call evil.

3) Ok this is just a matter of common sense, yes the Bible does contradict itself, this does not weaken it, it just shows what the human condition is. We struggle daily asking God and trying to figure things out, and yet through it all, God manages to shine through. That's what the Bible is, a record of people struggling to figure things out, and meanwhile God always shines through. The contradictions merely build a case for this, people had different ideas, but God always managed to shine though. Jesus was probably the only one who did and ever will figure

things out clearly. And that's the point of the Bible, a guide or map in the eternal search for truth.

4) That model of salvation is rarely found in the Bible actually, Jesus preached more on ethics and living by the spirit, in other worlds, when you follow God your whole life is a salvation process. Now, the main point here is that this can be a decision made one, but you must always decide every day to keep following, also, the decision is not always deliberate or conscience. That's how it was for me, I never had a dramatic salvation experience, by chance I was born in a home of Christians and as far away from them theologically as I am now, my whole life I have been

learning how to follow God and trying to do so, and that's what its' really all about, not some altar call that saves souls in a big line like it was some sort if salvation factory.

5) When I was 11 years old I noticed the holes in the first few generations from Adam and Eve up until Abraham. What I have concluded, the truth found in genesis are parables expelling the condition of man in relation to God. But it is not a scientific text. If you look at the old Hebrew, it doesn't even refer to Adam in a personal sense, it used the word "Ha Dam" which is not a name nor does it simply mean "man". It means "The Man Creature", little bit more open ended eh?



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Remille's Ramblings

Why Dont People Care?

Remille Shipman
Senior Sports Editor

Disclaimer: After one semester of endless ramblings, E. Remille Shipman returns to deliver whatever thought that may be on his mind about the Methodist community. I don't do this to offend anyone; I do this because I just want to be heard.

In my first "Remille's Ramblings" of the 2006 spring semester, I challenged members of the spring sports teams, Sports Management majors or any member of the student body to write brief reports about their various sporting events due the shortage

of sportswriters on our staff. It doesn't have to be rather lengthy; just about three-fourths of a page or a page maximum. I have worked hard in my one-and-a-half year stint as sports editor, but I can't do it myself. I have classes and homework like the rest of you guys, and if you want to increase the chances of getting recognized for your accomplishments on the field, contact me at eshipman@hotmail.com.

In the meantime, I wanted to address something that I think has been an issue at least for as long as I've been here. It's the plain fact that people seem not to care in general about a lot of



things here at this school

when January rolls around. I have witnessed students stop coming to RHA meetings (even though we have had this problem during the entire semester), and I have witnessed some Student Government Association senators resign while others only attend SGA meetings inconsistently. Heck, I think the Mr. Methodist pageant should have drawn more than the estimated 75 or 80 people that it did.

I'm just wondering why people suddenly turn apathetic around here when the New Year comes around. Is it the fact that summer is just around the corner (and yes, summer will be here before you know it) and that the fun and sun of the beach and other locales? Has the stress of Methodist's academic curriculum finally beaten down the brains of our students? Do people just not care anymore? Are seniors in such a hurry to get out of here in May that they

become apathetic as well? These are only some of the reasons that I could think of.

Speaking of seniors...I recently heard about the plight of yet another senior who found out that he didn't have all of his credits to graduate in May because of someone else's mistake. He now has to take two night classes and may have to take a test to get out of the third class. Because of the gaffe by his advisor, he also doesn't get a spring break due to night class. I think his plight is wrong because his advisors should have cleared that up beforehand instead of informing him during his last semester. I'm sure he was certainly keeping track of his classes.

I advise all underclassmen to use that little white sheet called a checklist so they can keep track of all of their classes and become their own advisors. The ones we have aren't perfect.

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Pat Robertson is an Idiot

How the misguided Baptist gives a bad name to the Religious Right

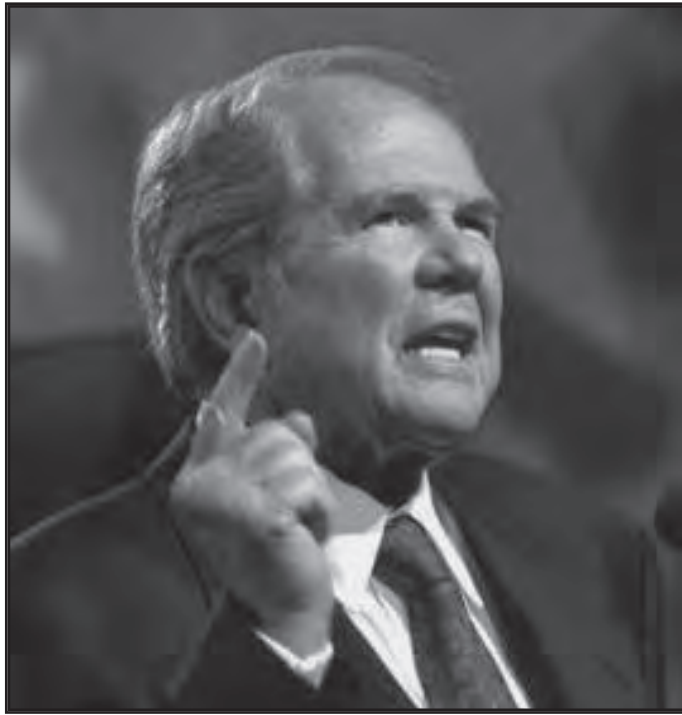
Steve Magnusen
Managing Editor

Pat Robertson, the hyper-conservative Baptist preacher who is the brains (or lack thereof) behind "The 700 Club," has made several comments in the past few months which have unnecessarily offended many people.

His first questionable statement came several months when, in reference to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, Robertson said, "We have the ability to take him out, and I think the time has come that we exercise that ability. We don't need another \$200 billion war to get rid of one, you know, strong-arm dictator. It's a whole lot easier to have some of the covert operatives do the job and then get it over with."

Robertson suggests that Chavez be assassinated simply for the sake of convenience and to avoid a looming war which realistically has no chance of taking place. The Baptist preacher believes this to be necessary to avoid the spread of communism and Islamic extremism in South America. Neither of these presents a real threat to the security of the U.S., and Robertson's hatred for Muslims and his outdated Cold War ideology of communist containment have no place in modern American Governmental decisions. Aside from all of this, it is illegal for the U.S. government to order or sanction the assassination of any political figure.

Robertson's second offense came when he blamed hurricane Katrina on the Academy of



Television Arts and Sciences. Yeah, you read that right. He claims that, "By choosing an avowed lesbian for this national event, these Hollywood elites have clearly invited God's wrath. Is it any surprise that the Almighty chose to strike at Miss Degeneres' hometown?" First of all, the idea that God would kill hundreds of people and send many more spiraling into poverty for the sake of a TV show is simply horrible. Robertson has no grasp of the concept of divine mercy. Also, the Bible (the entirety of which, in the reverend's opinion, should be taken literally) tells us in Genesis that God mourned for the victims of his flood in Genesis and promised never to take such action again. Apparently Robertson has been too busy raising fund for his next Presidential run to study the scriptures recently.

Strike three for Robertson is his recent claim that Prime Minister

Ariel Sharon's stroke was God's wrath being brought upon him. "God says, 'This land belongs to me, and you'd better leave it alone,'" said Robertson. As John Stewart noted on "The Daily Show," the Prime Minister was overweight, overstressed, and aging rapidly. It is much more reasonable to assume that such factors were the primary cause of Sharon's health problems. I don't think God would be angry with a man who brought terrorism to a screeching halt in Israel and brokered one of the most important peace treaties in modern history.

I am continually amazed by Pat Robertson's ability to bring disgrace to the Christian community in America, a community of which, many would say (including myself), he is not even truly a part. If you are flipping through the channels and you happen to see "The 700 Club," I strongly encourage you to watch something, anything, else.

We're Not The Only Ones

Steve Magnusen
Managing Editor

Americans are often accused of being intolerant of other cultures. People in other parts of the world feel that we want everyone to be just like us. While this may be true, I feel it necessary to point out that Americans aren't the only ones with cultural, racial and religious prejudices, and many other nations are much worse.

Recent events in Europe have brought to light the racial tensions that have been mounting there for decades. In France, North African immigrants (Pieds-noirs or "Black Feet" as they are called by the natural-born French) the are discriminated against in a number of ways. They are forced to conform to French culture, and are even kept from wearing their religious clothing because the

government feels that it distinguishes them as non-French. Muslims cannot cover their faces in classes, and Jews are kept from wearing yarmulke. This discrimination was the cause of weeks of rioting in France last year.

In Italy it is nearly impossible to find a job for Blacks, Jews, Gypsies and other minorities. They are considered inferior and usually end up begging or selling cheap imitation watches in the subways.

In much of the Saudi Arabia or Iran, one can be killed simply for denying the teachings of Islam.

Such injustices as the ones I have listed occur in many countries around the world. So next time you want to complain about the glass ceiling, look at the countries around us and see just how far we've come.

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Love Doctors: Here's to the Future

Darlene Hopkins, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at Methodist College, is the author of Conversations in Relationship. Although the situations are inspired by counseling conversations over the years, the situations used in this column are fictional and bear no relationship to real people or real events. If you would like to suggest a conversation as a topic for a future column, please send it to the editor at MC Box 12032. If you would like a confidential reply to a letter, you may send it to Darlene Hopkins, Center for Personal Development, via campus mail.

Dear Doctors,

My parents hate my boyfriend. I know that sounds so 'high school' and I feel stupid writing about it, but I need some help. My boyfriend and I are seniors and will be graduating from college in May. Our plan was to line up jobs in the same city, then we would move together, go to work and get married as soon as we settle in.

It all sounded like such a good plan, but now we are seeing how unrealistic it is. It is hard to get one job that starts right after graduation, let alone two jobs and in the same city. Not only do we have no money saved to use as start up money, but we both have school loans to start paying on. My parents have encouraged me to come home after graduation and stay with them (rent free) until I get on my feet. There is only one catch. I cannot bring 'my worthless boyfriend' with me. In fact, if I insist on 'continuing to carry on with him' I will not be welcome home at all. My boyfriend has no place to go after graduation at all. I cannot just walk away. But I have no other place to go. I welcome your advice.

Homeless Graduate

Dear Homeless:

I have no idea what you should do. Your situation is so different from anything I have experienced. I am happy to tell you what I did when I was young and in love. My guy

and I were going to school in Arizona. We decided to get married because we didn't want to spend another night apart. So we took the one car we had between us and drove to Las Vegas and got married. We drove on to Albuquerque, which we picked because it was a decent city with lots of jobs. We rented a cheap room; furnished with a bed, a refrigerator and a hot plate. We got jobs waiting tables and washing dishes to pay for each night's rent. We spent our leisure time looking for real jobs. We both found real jobs, went to night school to finish our degrees, had babies, bought a house and 25 years later we had a church wedding, paid for by our grown kids. I guess I believe in love and in hard work and taking a risk.

Best wishes,
Darlene



Dear Homeless,

It's hard when your parents don't agree with your decisions, but you have to keep in mind that they are concerned about you.

You are not alone; many parents see their children's boyfriends or girlfriends as a bad influence. Since you are just about to graduate college, your parents are probably very worried about you because you are getting to a point in life that your parents have little influence on you, so they are trying to hold onto that influence, especially since you are considering marriage. The suddenness of this decision and the lack of finances are probably the reasons that they do not approve of your boyfriend.

The only way to make your parents see that your boyfriend is not worthless is for him to prove himself; words will prove nothing. How can he do that? Find a home and job by him, with no help from you. That would help your parents to see that your boyfriend is not using you and that he is willing to work hard.

Perhaps this is not the best time to get married. You will be getting a degree and have a world of opportunity open for you; don't let anything hold you back from trying everything you can. You and your boyfriend may be separate for awhile, as you both go off to pursue your dreams, but that doesn't mean it's over for you two.

My best advice is to wait for marriage until you have built up your career and your funds. After you and your boyfriend have work experience and savings, your plans will work out smoother and your parents will see that you are being more responsible. If you rush into this marriage, you may regret it.

Good luck, Ashley

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7: Send a Cover Letter: Yes employers do read them. Just keep them short and specific to the employer and their posting.

6: One Application is Fine: Don't keep sending your resume. Remember it is much too easy to use the delete button. Resending it after 90 days is fine.

5: Follow Instructions: Respond in the manner in which the employer requests in their job posting. The employer is thinking, "If they can't follow instructions now, then when will they?"

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3 Don't Forget Where You Work: Past experience is the most important thing on your resume. Don't hide employment details, dates, or your achievements.

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sports



Spring Sports are Coming Soon

Remille Shipman
Sports Editor

The month of February is upon us, which only means one thing: the beginning of spring sports at Methodist.

Methodist's baseball, softball, men's and women's tennis and lacrosse teams look set to maintain their tradition of excellence this spring as all five teams are stated to start play this month.

Both the men's and women's tennis teams were selected to repeat as USA South conference champions, while softball was chosen to once again claim first place in the USA South. However, the Monarch baseball squad

was selected to finish second behind Ferrum in the USA South preseason poll, and the Lady Monarch lacrosse team was picked to finish fourth.

However, Methodist head coach returns a solid core of veterans from a team that finished 30-12 and won the USA South regular-season title.

Senior pitcher Ryan Brandt was selected as a preseason Division III All-American by Baseball America Magazine after a 2005 season which saw him win the USA South's Pitcher of the Year Award and first-team All-USA South honors.

Brandt was also the ace of the Fayetteville SwampDogs of the Coast-

al Plain League during the summer of 2005 as he was voted the CPL's Defensive Player of the Year.

Methodist also returns All-USA South infielders Billy Quinn (.322, 15 RBI last season) and Kyle Eudy (.319, 16 RBI) as well as outfielders Jonathan Spivey (.372, 33 RBI) and Matt Hunt (.305, 17 RBI)

Methodist's softball team, which finished 32-12 last season and won the USA South regular-season championship, aims for another conference title in coach Ron Simpson's eighth season with returners such as USA South Player of the Year Kristie Kennedy (.356 batting average) and reigning USA South Rookie of the Year

Candace Hudgins. Reigning USA South Picture of the Year Jenny Sorensen (15-8, 2:18 earned run average) will lead the pitching staff in 2006 along with juniors Jessica Hutzul (4-2, 1.92 ERA) and Mara Brown (9-0, 2.37 ERA).

Second-year head coach Eddie Luck hopes that the return of 10 players and a strong performance at the ITA Division III Atlantic South Regionals at Emory in the fall will earn the Monarchs another USA South championship. Reigning USA South Player of the Year

Keith Criscoe and sophomore Chris Fletcher head the list of returnees.

The Lady Monarch tennis team returns seven of eight letterwinners as first-year head coach Francie Barragan leads a talented team that went 11-5 last season and captured the USA South regular-season and tournament championships. Junior Julie Angrick and sophomores Jenny Smith, Leighton Bull, and Tiffany Tucker headline the list of returnees as the Lady Monarchs hope to advance to the NCAA regionals.

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Monarchs Salute the Armed Forces with Military Appreciation Day

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The Lady Monarch lacrosse team will feature new leadership in 2006 as first-year head coach Beth.

Brundage begins her first season at the helm. Reigning USA South Player of the Year Lauren McGonagle,

2005 USA South Rookie Of the Year Katelyn Cushman and All-Conference senior performers Lindsey West and Bridgette McGrath form a solid nucleus that hopes to improve on their school-record eight victories last season.



Cheryle Rivas
Director of College Relations and Marketing

Methodist College's Athletic Department will host a Military Appreciation Day on Saturday February 18 starting at 2 p.m.

Military families, active duty members, retirees and DOD civilians are invited to join Methodist College students, faculty and staff as they are honored in appreciation for their service and support to our great nation.

In addition to free admission to both the women and men's basketball games, service members and their families will get free popcorn and drink, free face painting and a chance to win exciting prizes. Seating will be limited to the first 900 in attendance.

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men and women's basketball teams will be playing conference rival Christopher Newport University. Game time for the Lady Monarchs is set for 2:00 p.m. and the men will play at 4:00 p.m. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the athletic department at 910.630.7175.



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American Shaun White earned a gold medal for Men's Halfpipe Snowboarding. Photos Courtesy Olympics.com



Left: American Chad Hedrick skates to gold.



Right: Hedrick celebrates his victory in the men's 5000 meter speed skating event.

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The Medal Count As Of February 14

	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medals
1	United States	5	2	0	7
2	Russia	4	3	2	9
3	Germany	4	1	2	7
4	Sweden	2	0	0	2
5	Norway	1	5	5	11
6	Netherlands	1	2	0	3
7	Canada	1	1	1	3
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9	Italy	1	0	2	3
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