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H1N1 is the loneliest number

Administrators follow
CDC guidelines to prevent
spread of H1N1

*Alicia Secord
Editor-in-Chief*

Flu season at Methodist University is usually marked by flu shots, sniffles and headaches. This year, however, those with the flu will be asked to quarantine themselves until the infectious period is over.

"It was lonely," said Tori Owens, a freshman who was recently quarantined for flu-like symptoms. "I watched Jurassic Park twelve times."

In recent weeks, two students have been isolated on campus to prevent the spread of the flu. Owens said the isolation seemed to be effective because it kept her away from other students until she was no longer contagious. While in isolation, Sodexo delivered her food and professors emailed school-work to her.

The isolation of infected students is part of MU's H1N1 Flu Prevention and Response plan. The plan outlines the origins of this new strain of the flu, how it is transmitted, and those considered most at risk. Dean of Students George Blanc, Director of Health Services Sandy Combs and Chief of Campus Police James Phillips were the main developers of this plan.

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Sixty hand-sanitizer dispensers were installed around campus over the summer. Photo by Aryn Hicks.

Student Government sets goals for school year

SGA plans to
become more
visible through
service projects

*Ashley Young
News Editor*

With a new Student Government Association (SGA) in place the Methodist SGA looks forward to another exciting semester. With Thomas Hutton, a senior and professional golf management major serving as President of SGA he plans to execute his position as President by being outgoing and in the public scene every chance he gets.

SGA is a student-run organization that is overseen by Dean George

Blanc, Vice President for Student Development and Services, who serves as an advisor and supporter of SGA.

"My goal for this year is promote the entire campus of Methodist University. SGA is a government body that oversees the entire campus. We are not here to plan large events or run major tasks. However, can we financially support programs that we feel better the student body. Methodist has so much to offer and it is through the guidance and support of SGA that I hope every student realizes that great gift that we have in attending MU," said Hutton.

While faculty and staff can suggest things to SGA—Hutton essentially wants ideas and their completion to be carried out by students. This year's budget for SGA looks

good in the eyes of Hutton and they will be spending money wisely while looking out for the greatest number of students. Hutton also said that SGA tries to get everyone's opinion for decisions on issues but since SGA was elected to represent the students the members must make decisions that they feel will better the student body.

SGA works with all of Methodists' organizations and serves as the financial backing to most of those organizations.

This month SGA will be holding a blood drive and will be handing out hand sanitizers in an attempt to help stop the swine flu.

An issue that SGA is currently working on is the attempt to make Methodist, "Go Green," but thus far there are no other pressing issues. However, stu-

dents are encouraged to come to SGA and voice their opinions.

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Thomas Hutton
SGA president, 2009-2010

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Students are free to join smallTALK at any point in the school year. Meetings are every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Heritage Dining Room.

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Disability Services gets a make-over

Ashley Young
News Editor

With no lining on the floors or walls, one computer with a loud keyboard, and only four testing spaces, the disability testing center was limited in its accommodations. These limitations became evident during finals week, when students had to bend their schedules in order to complete their finals. The center's "first come, first served" policy was a hurdle as students attempted to complete exams in the undersized and underequipped testing center.

Director of Disability Services, Linda Szulc proposed renovations to the disability testing room. When the proposal reached University President Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, it was approved without hesitation.

The testing room now has acoustically lined walls and floors to block echoes and noise from out of the room, five new desks, and eight workstations, which are lined with carpeting and dividers for students to tests. Two new computers were added to the testing center. Each computer is equipped with the JAWS (Job Access With Speech) software, a screen reading application. The computers also contain "ZoomText," a program that enlarges text in all computer applications, and a "track ball" for students who cannot use a standard mouse. The new computer software will assist students that are visually impaired and students that have limited hand mobility. This is about 15 students out of the 120 Szulc works with.

"The new room will give the students a very quiet, comfortable environment for test taking. There will be little, if any, distractions, and we should be able to seat more students at one time, eliminating the need to schedule tests at an alternate time because of capacity issues," said Szulc.



One of the new computers in the disability testing center.
Photo by Ashley Young

The remodeling of the testing center was finished about four weeks past the scheduled date of completion because the contractor in charge of the acoustics over-booked his schedule. The testing room was finished on Sept. 11, after the remodeling began in July.

In the near future, Szulc wants the walkway in the front of Pierce Hall to be extended from both directions to the front door of the Center for Personal Development rather than just on the left. This idea is on the "to do list" for the next "Show You Care Day."

"We have a wild dream of a new or remodeled building that could house Counseling, Psychological and Disability Services, as well as the Health Center that is now in West Hall," said Szulc. This building would be fully accessible, and a great convenience for all of our students. We have discussed it as a long term project."

Coach Sink Field, the Nimocks Fitness Center, and the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts were all dreams of staff and faculty members at Methodist for many years; these building are now a part of this campus. This could mean that future goals for the Center for Personal Development are attainable.

Disability services at Methodist can be reached at (910) 630-7402 or through email at lszulc@methodist.edu.

Writing center helps with revisions

Mary-Ellen Connor-Kwong
Contributing Writer

Mark Twain, the American novelist best known for *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, has been widely quoted. One Twain statement resounds best within the walls of Methodist's Writing Center (WC) and appears on the cover of the WC brochure: "The best writing is rewriting."

Twain was definitely onto something: revision is the key to improvement. Despite our sophisticated technology, our spelling and grammar checking, all writers need to revise. In fact, some writing deficiencies actually may be furthered when new writers assume that technology will catch and correct all their errors.

How many of us use abbreviations like, "OMG" in text messages or informal slang like, "Word!" when we speak? Yet these kinds of expressions are inappropriate for most academic writing assignments and computer programs cannot fix these problems.

Student writers—like Twain himself did over a century ago—must first learn to recognize and master formal grammar and syntax. And the best

way to acquire such mastery is through revision.

That's why the Methodist Writing Center is important. Students who come for help at the Writing Center are provided assistance from qualified professional writing consultants, all of whom have graduate-level degrees. Consultants discuss all aspects of formal writing and can help students identify and correct colloquial slang, grammatical errors, incorrect citations, structural problems, or errors in logic or usage.

Staff members cannot guarantee higher grades, nor will they write papers for students, but they will bring caring expertise to one-on-one writing consultations.

The Methodist Writing Center is open 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Mon. through Thurs., and open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Fri. Appointments can be scheduled online at http://rich37.com/methodist_or by calling 910-630-7264 or 910-630-7138.

Students who come to the Writing Center become better writers—independent writers who know how to draft effectively, identify problems, and most importantly, how to revise. Twain was right: "The best writing is rewriting."

Upcoming Around Campus

Sept. 21, 11:00 a.m.

Peace Day and Climate Wake Up Call
The International Club will be celebrating Peace Day by participating in the worldwide Climate Wake Up Call Event. Students will wear white t-shirts in a "flash mob" event.
Yarborough Bell Tower

Sept 23, 9:30 a.m.

Board of Visitors Golf Tournament
The PGA Golf Management program will sponsor a walking tournament at the university golf tournament. Freshmen and sophomores will be caddies, and a junior or senior will play on each team.
Methodist University Golf Course

Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting
Students can present their concerns to University officials and student SGA representatives in an open forum.
Berns Student Center

Sept. 28, 6:00 p.m.

MBA Open House
Opportunity for prospective students to ask questions, preregister and tour the campus. Classes begin Jan. 8, 2010. The application deadline is Oct. 1.
Yarborough Auditorium

Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Friends of Music Guest Artist Series
First Friday Concert featuring the Brahms Horn Trio.
Hensdale Chapel

Oct. 5, 11 a.m.

Student Recital
Music students will showcase their instrumental and vocal talent.
Reeves Auditorium

Oct. 17, all day

Methodist University Homecoming Homecoming events for students and alumni will be held all day Oct. 17. Events include the 12th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet, "Lunch on the Green" by Carrabba's Italian Grill, football, soccer, Saturday night party at ScrubOaks contemporary pub for alumni and Homecoming Dance at Crown Coliseum banquet hall for students.
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smallTALK reports the events that do not appear in the SAC 2009 semester calendar. More events can be found in the SAC calendar and on the university website.

Events

On the TOWN

Sept. 25-27

7-9 p.m., 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., 12-6 p.m.

International Folk Festival
The yearly festival hosts an art contest Friday, a parade of nations Saturday, & food and entertainment all weekend long.

Festival Park, Downtown Fayetteville

Sept. 24 - Oct 11,

Thurs - Sat. 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m.

Whispers on the Wind
The Gilbert Theater will present this musical by John Kuntz about growing up in the 1950s and 1960s. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

116 Green St., Fayetteville

Oct. 3, 4:00 p.m.

Jazz on the River
WFSS 91.9 FM will sponsor Jackiem Joyner, Niis, Gordon James, and Groove Masters in their annual fall fundraiser. Tickets are available for \$30 on the radio station's website.

Campbellton Landing, Fayetteville

Oct. 8, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 pm.

Fall Into Work Job Fair
The Cumberland Workforce Development Center will sponsor a five hour job fair. Over 100 employers are expected to attend. Dress professionally, and bring resumes and pens.

Crown Expo Center

Oct. 15, 5 p.m.

Fayetteville After Five
An outdoor concert series sponsored by the Fayetteville Arts Council. This month will feature Satisfaction, a Rolling Stones tribute band.

Festival Park, Downtown Fayetteville

Oct 15 - 24, 8:30 p.m.

Historic Hauntings:
A Ghastly Ghost Tour
Take a haunted hayride through downtown Fayetteville. See ghostly re-enactors and story-tellers recount Fayetteville's most infamous haunted locations. The tour will visit historic sites where legendary ghosts are said to haunt. The tour concludes with a trip through the Cross Creek Cemetery, by torchlight, where Confederate Soldiers are said to walk.

Liberty Point, Fayetteville

For more events around town go to the Fayetteville Visitor's Bureau for calendars and historical information.
www.visitfayettevillenc.com

SGA GOALS:

SGA president Thomas Hutton sounds off on the organizations plans for the current school year

While it has not been done in a long time Hutton does reserve the right to have a "closed door meeting" for students only.

Over the years SGA has grown in the number of representatives it has on it.

"I love SGA and it is very dear to my heart. I hope that my roll in SGA can make a difference and make this year the best year at MU," said Hutton.

This semester's public relations coordinator is Taron Stubbs, a senator on SGA, a senior and business administration major. Stubbs plans to seek to make sure that the SGA voice is heard to the public and the public's words get back to SGA.

"I feel that SGA this year has a lot of motivated people that's willing to make this campus better. Any concerns or issues come to our SGA meetings or see Thomas Hutton or contact me," said Stubbs.

As public relations coordinator Stubbs will report issues to SGA as a whole then he will report to the students here on campus SGA's response.

The SGA board is comprised of Thomas Hutton as president, Joel Thomas, a junior, as vice president, Zach Rivenbark, a junior, as chief justice, Jeff Headman, a sophomore, as treasurer, and Mackenzie Eckard, a junior, secretary.

H1N1 VIRUS: Several suspected cases of flu quarantined until symptoms subside

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Administrators began meeting over the summer to develop a plan for possible cases of the flu. Combs, Blanc and Phillips met with the Cumberland County Health Department at least bi-weekly to ensure that the plan would follow the most recent guidelines published by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Blanc met with Dean of Academics Delmas Crisp and faculty department heads to outline the faculty's role in the plan.

"95 percent of the campus population is in a high risk group," said Blanc. "The best thing we can do is practice preventative techniques."

At-risk groups identified by the CDC are: anyone aged 6 months to

Methodist students to appear in Parade of Nations

*Alicia Secord
Editor-in-Chief*

The International Club will be attending "International Folk Festival" in downtown Fayetteville this weekend. Twenty students representing at least 20 countries will march in the Parade of Nations at 11 a.m. this Saturday. Following the parade, students will assist with setting up, running, and cleaning up the festival.

The "International Folk Festival" is part of the Fayetteville Arts Council's "Fourth Friday series." Every month, the Arts Council hosts live music, art exhibits, and activities in downtown Fayetteville. Several times each year the monthly festivities are much larger.

In May, the Dogwood Festival celebrates the state flower and the advent of spring. The Dickens Holiday is held the day after Thanksgiving to usher in the Christmas season. The International Folk Festival is the third such festival in this series.

According to the Fayetteville Art Council's website, the "International Folk Festival" began 31 years ago. It was started as a celebration of diversity and has grown since then.

Kebrina Bolling, Administrative Assistant of International Programs, has organized the participation of the International Club in this year's festival. In the past, students have attended the event, but this will be the first year that they will participate. Students will dress in traditional clothing from their home country for the "Parade of Nations" Saturday morning.

"It's good to get our students involved in the community," said Bolling. "Events like this allow our students to establish relationships with people in the community."

There are many opportunities for all students to participate in the festival. If you would like more information, contact Bolling at 910-630-7672

WHEN AND WHERE:

Friday

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Fourth Friday
Hay Street

Saturday

11 a.m.
Parade of Nations,
Hay Street

12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Festivities
Festival Park

Sunday

12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Festivities
Festival Park

24 years, pregnant women, those with immune-deficiencies, child care providers, and health care providers. The virus is transmitted via aerosols (water droplets propelled by a sneeze or cough) or on surfaces for up to eight hours.

Because the CDC no longer identifies flu strains, students diagnosed with flu-like symptoms have been asked to inform Health Services in West Hall. Students who are from the area are asked to isolate them-

selves at home for seven to ten days. Students whose permanent residence is outside the state will be quarantined in the Pines Apartments.

Combs said the quarantine measures have been successful so far. She has not seen students with cases of the flu other than the two students that have been isolated on campus.

"Our catch phrase lately has been 'wash your hands,'" said Combs. "It"

The prevention part of the plan can be seen all over campus. Sixty hand sanitizer dispensers were installed for students that don't have time to wash their hands between classes.

Health services offers the vaccine for the regular flu for \$20. When the H1N1 vaccine is produced, it will be available as well.

Our catch phrase lately has been "wash your hands." It's the best way to avoid getting sick.

- Sandy Combs, RN

Families visit campus for weekend full of fun

Aryn Hicks
Entertainment Editor

Proud parents and families filled the Methodist campus for the 2009 Family Weekend. Career Services sponsored the annual activities in which families are invited to join their students in a fun-filled weekend.

Before the football game began, families and students were able to participate in the Monarch Zone activities and tailgating. School spirit was definitely present as students and families covered in body paint, green and gold attire, and the “growl towels” filled the stands. The Methodist Marching Monarchs, the newly formed marching band, also showed of their spirit as they played during the Monarch Zone and halftime.

Alpha Delta Pi also participated in the festivities by raising money for the Ronald McDonald House. The sorority sold colorful paper links with encouraging messages for children with cancer and other serious illnesses.

The Monarchs played the Guilford College Quakers in a close match. At halftime, Methodist was down 9-3; after a late field goal, however, Methodist won 20-19. Students and families were enthusiastic about the win, as well as the family based activities.

“The football game was very family oriented. There was a lot of togetherness,” said Terrance Williams, a freshman physical education major.

Women’s soccer also played during Family weekend, losing 1-0 to Roanoke College on Saturday, but claimed a 1-0 victory against Washington and Lee University on Sunday. The Men’s soccer team came short of victory on Saturday, losing 1-0 to Emory University; they lost 1-0 again on Sunday to Catholic University of America.

“The sports should be more spread out to prevent [people from] rushing from one sporting event to another. [Football] shouldn’t take away from soccer,” said Janie Tisdale, aunt of freshman athletic training major Ruby Blackwell.

Another major event at family weekend was the annual talent show. The talent show had an audience of close to 100 people. Kim Genova, Director of Career Service, opened the ceremony by welcoming all families and students to the show. Katrina Blue, Assistant Director of Career Services, hosted the talent show and introduced the different acts. Students displayed a variety of talents, including celebrity impersonations, spoken word, and singing ensembles. Some parents were entertained by the amount of talent that the students demonstrated.

“[The talent show was] great. There is a lot of talent at Methodist,” said Rosemarie Savoia, mother of freshman PGM major Michael Savoia.

The winners of the talent competition received monetary prizes. Abhishek Kansakar won 3rd place and a \$50 prize for his guitar and vocal performance. The \$100 2nd place prize was given to both the International Club for their Indian dance routine, and Ed Clark, who did impressions. Serenity, a vocal trio, won the talent show and the \$200 prize.



Abhishek Kansakar plays guitar at the parent-judged talent show.
Photo by Aaron Casteel.



In the game against Guilford College, sophomore Reggie Scales ran 77 yards to score a touchdown.
Staff photo.

Corrections:

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Branded:

The student was not lodged in a jail cell. According to Chief of Police James Phillips, he was only interviewed at the Fayetteville Police Department. He has certainly not been charged with any crime, to date.

There was no formal or constructive arrest. The student was placed in investigative detention, handcuffed (possibly per FPD policy), and transported in a Fayetteville Police Department vehicle.

It was not campus police which said, “it appears that the allegations were intentionally false.” It is unclear whether Fayetteville Police said this or

Defendants charged in North Carolina with any crime except capital murder have a right to bond. In balancing the rights of a defendant with the safety of the public, courts may indeed set steep bonds when other violent crimes are alleged. However, such a defendant still has the potential for release under whatever restrictions the court imposes. As noted above, the student in this case has not been charged with any crime and therefore could not be lawfully held in custody.

Bringing down the wall:

Ronald Regan said, “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall,” in 1987.

Checking out the view:

The apartment complexes on campus are: Cape Fear Commons, McLean Residential Complex, and The Pines Apartments.

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**RIOT AND FIRE AT ASYLUM
REMEMBERED AFTER 53 YEARS**

Aryn Hicks - RHA Member

The riot that led to the fire at King's Asylum is still a topic of discussion amongst the Fayetteville community. Methodist University was constructed years later after a mysterious fire destroyed the old asylum, leaving only cotton fields and rubble. The fire and disappearance of patients led to one of Cumberland County's greatest unsolved mysteries.

King's Asylum served as the home for the criminally insane for over 50 years. Doctors treated the patients there using dangerous, unconventional methods. Doctors and nurses used electroshock therapy to 'treat' the more deviant patients. It was also rumored that some of the patients believed they were trapped in mirrors, or could even turn into werewolves.

On October 28th, 1955, a riot broke out in the common area of the asylum. Many of the doctors and nurses were brutally murdered by enraged patients. Other asylum staff members were seen fleeing into the cotton fields, but were never discovered. It is presumed that no personnel

members survived the riot. It is unknown whether the fire was caused accidentally or by arson, but officials do believe it was set intentionally. Upon investigation of the fire, it was found that several of the bodies were unaccounted for, including many of the more monstrous patients.

After the rubble was cleared, Methodist University was chartered and constructed. On campus, Chris' House is the approximate location of the old asylum. Some members of the Methodist community claim to have heard eerie noises coming from Chris' House during the month of October. Still others claim to have seen strange figures moving through the building.

One student that witnessed an apparition described the sighting as "terrifying...horrific...grotesque...down-right creepy."

On October 28th, 2009, Methodist University's RHA will investigate the strange occurrences of King's Asylum. All members of the Methodist community are welcome to attend; however, they are warned that re-entering the haunted territory may cause fits of terror.



Want to be part of the Fun?

**RHA meets every Monday
at 8pm in Garber Hall**

**RHA - Residence Hall Association
It's your home...make it your own!**

Campus events add a little color to every Monarch's week



MONDAY

Munchie Movie Monday

Location: Chris' House

Time: 8 PM

Bring your favorite person, or a pillow, and snuggle up on the couches of Chris' House to enjoy the show. Feel free to bring some popcorn or snacks to watch a different newly released movie each week.

For any movie requests, or to get information on upcoming shows, contact Casey Haigler or

Stephen Avent.

Salsa Dancing Lessons

Location: Weaver Hall Basement

Time: 7:30 PM

Get your groove on, improve your rhythm, and increase your sex appeal in this spicy dance class. It is open to all levels of dance experience, so grab your dancing shoes, and call the Nimmocks Fitness Center at x7440 for more information.

You Faint TUESDAY

Location: Weaver Hall Lobby

Time: 7 PM

With all the research papers and math homework, students can sometimes feel like there's no time for creative expression, but a trip to Weaver's lobby on a Tuesday evening will be the artistic boost you may need to get you through the week. With a variety of crafting projects, and little to no expense to students, everyone can feel like Picasso once in a while.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Location: Alumni Dining Room

Time: 8 PM

You don't need to be an athlete, or even religious, to join FCA for devotions and testimonies. Listen to good contemporary Christian music from a live band, hear inspiring experiences from other students, and do it all in the good company of Christ and your peers.

Student Activities

Committee

Location: Chris' House

Time: 9 PM

Want to get in on the action? How about

getting first dibs and the first word on all that SAC has to offer?

Show up to meetings and you'll have a say in how your student activity fee gets spent.

Monarch Madness

On Wednesday nights, campus strays from the monotony and morphs into Monarch Madness, where free food and entertainment are in abundance.

Student Activities also hosts semesterly educational programs that focus on topics relevant to college students. Most recently, an HIV awareness group, "Does HIV Look Like Me?" sent Chelsea Gulden from Charlotte, NC to share her experiences as a young woman with HIV.

Gulden was straightforward, and spared students the sugarcoated-high school-abstinence lecture. Instead, she shared her personal story of contracting HIV from her cheating boyfriend, who she'd been loyal to for five years.

"I loved him. I hated him for doing this



to me, but I completely loved him. I was destroyed when I found out, but I still knew it was my own fault. I made the choice to stay with him. We had sex without condoms. I let that happen," Gulden explained.

With statistics that show 50 percent of sexually active people will contract an STD

Homecoming Exclusive

Where: Crown Center Expo

When: Saturday, October 17th
6 PM - formal dinner w/Jazz Band
9 PM - Homecoming Dance w/DJ

Theme: Strike Up the Band

Dinner: Chicken, steak & pasta bar
Free for first 150 students
\$20 for guests, faculty and staff

Dress Code: Formal Attire

Tickets: On sale at the Mane Spot beginning October 5th

Transportation: Shuttles available from 6 PM to 12:30 AM; Pick up at Garber and Cape Fear Commons

Students allowed to bring one guest
All students must have MU ID to enter



before they are 25, programs like “Does HIV Look Like Me?” drive home the fact that nobody is immune from this epidemic.

To find available STD testing centers, text your zipcode to KNOWIT (566948). The tests are free, and the knowledge is priceless.

Hatha Yoga

Location: Weaver Hall Basement
Time: 6 PM or 7:15 PM

Feeling out of shape? With Hatha you can improve your posture and increase your range of motion, all while stretching and toning your muscles. These free classes are also offered on Wednesdays at 10 AM or 11 AM.

Movie and a Meal

Location: Berns Student Center
Time: 8 PM

Offered at least once a month, Movie and a Meal usually consists of a pre-DVD released movie and free food. Sometimes the movies are shown on a 20 foot inflatable screen on the football field, like on September 11 when SAC showed “Year

One,” starring Jack Black. Snow cones and popcorn were served to viewers, all free, of course.

Monarch Zone Tailgating

Location: Parking Lot across from Monarch Field
Time: 11 AM

At every home game, students will find spirit and entertainment to prepare them for the 1 o'clock football kickoff. At the September 12 game against Guilford College, the Monarch Zone featured Team Footberry, an extreme juggling act, and other acts set up by brands of campus

organizations offering free food, Growl Towels, and an opportunity to help fellow students raise money for a non-profit. Events at Monarch Zone will vary each week, but a spirited time is guaranteed.

Hula Dancing Lessons



Location: Weaver Hall Basement
Time: 11 AM

Learn the Hawaiian dance of Hula, and the Tahitian dance of Tamure. All are welcome to learn these traditional interpretive styles of dance, which are not only a means of creative expression, but a form of communication and historical preservation.

SUNDAY

16 Kinds of Pizza, Pasta, Salad & Dessert!

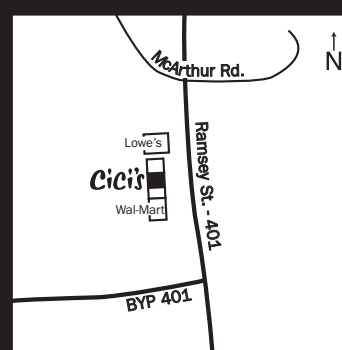


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Thoughts from the Editor:

Mixed signals on the importance of education

Alicia Secord

This year has been a rough one for education in North Carolina. The allocation of funds from the education lottery and budget cuts by the NC General Assembly have caused major changes in the way education is handled. This is parallel to Obama's push for students to take responsibility for their education and finish school.

The North Carolina Education Lottery which was established in 2005 with the promise that the revenues would be used solely for education. In March, however, Governor Purdue ordered the removal of \$50 million from the Education Lottery Reserve Fund and another \$50 million from the Public School Textbook Fund to go into an emergency reserve to cover deficits before the income tax due date.

In August, the General Assembly cut another \$225 million from education funds in an attempt to balance the state budget.

On Sept. 11, Methodist students found out how this budget rearrangement would affect them. North Carolina students receiving the North Carolina Legislative Tuition Grant (NCLTG) received an email

from the Financial Aid office informing them of a reduction in funds for the current school year.

The NCLTG is a non-need-based grant offered to North Carolina residents attending a private college or university. The grant previously offered \$1975 yearly for full time students. After the most recent round of budget cuts, the grant was reduced by 5% to \$1850.

For students whose student account was low or just even, this means reassessing funds to pay for the current semester. Although it is about \$60 per semester, at this point in the semester, most students are eagerly awaiting refund checks which may not come or breathing a sigh of relief for meeting their financial obligation for the semester.

These state budget shifts preceeded Obama's recent speech to our nation's youth. Obama urged young adults to take responsibility for their education, and to do their civic duty for their county. I was impressed with this speech. It is too often that students and young adults do not take responsibility for their own successes.

Clearly, officials have their wires crossed. I would like to see more emphasis on education in the form of funding and resources. North Carolina should reallocate resources to support the state's youth, rather than short-changing them.

Questionable queries of a campus ninja

Dear Ninja,

I am constantly picked on and beaten up for my monarch dollars and meal plan swipes. The upperclassmen constantly pick on me for my small size and I'm sick of it. What should I do, Oh Knowledgeable One?

*From,**Bullied in Berns**Dear Bullied,*

Stand up for yourself, Oh Wimpy One, and do not falter in the face of those stronger for you. Those that bully normally freak out when their prey demonstrates assertiveness; similar to the fear of a person realizing there is a skilled ninja near them. Remember, if you do receive a vicious beating, whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger. However, on the off chance that the bullies end your existence, I will mourn the loss of my reader and loyal follower.

Dear Ninja,

How do ninjas avoid the societal menace called "THE SWINE FLU," and the resulting quarantine that goes along with its reign of terror?

*From,**Contagious in the Commons**Dear Contagious,*

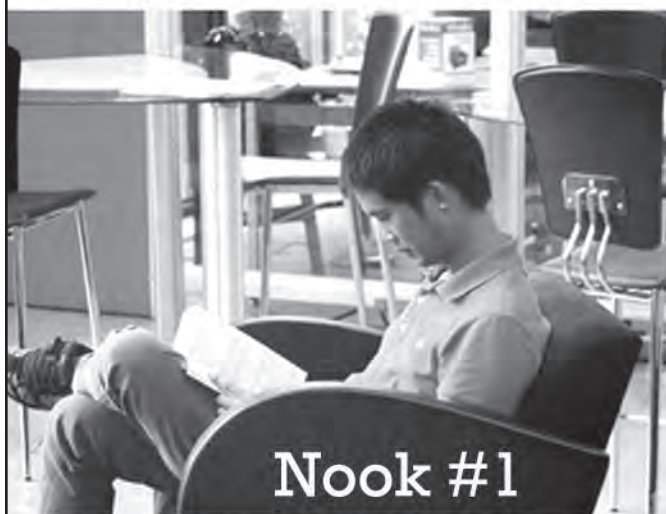
Obviously, we Ninjutsu masters have a high protein diet. Of all of the sources, pork ranks third on the list. With as much pork as the average ninja consumes, there is no worry of Swine Flu at all. In fact, ninjas can become one with nature,

and have some swine related attributes that provide natural antibiotics. As for the regular folks out there who are not masters of stealth and nature, I highly recommend covering your mouth when you cough and washing your hands as often as possible.

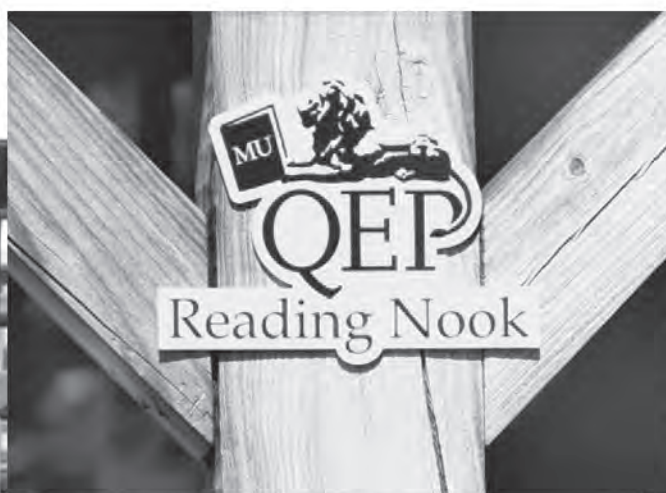


If you would like to ask the ninja a question, send your queries to smalltalkmu@yahoo.com

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Nook #2



Nook #3

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crossTALK with Aryn and Jessie

Safe and Secure v. False Sense of Security

Closed campuses are safer for students create campus community

Jessie Heath



As a high school senior, most of the colleges I applied to had an open-campus policy, allowing anyone to come on- or off-campus as they pleased. In the end, my top three colleges were chosen because they all had a closed-campus policy. Closed campuses provide a closer sense of community, better security and better student-teacher relationships.

Part of the reason Methodist is such a close-knit community has to do with the fact that our University is not spread out over ten city blocks. Universities that are spread across cities and towns have individual communities that rarely come together for one common purpose.

In fact, Yale has a graduation ceremony for each school within the university, but no ceremony with

all of their seniors together. Being at a small school allows students the opportunity to recognize their own achievements, as well as that of their friends.

Closed-campus also have better security. Since unauthorized persons are not allowed on campus, the over-all student safety on a closed campus is higher than the safety of students on open campuses. According to the California College Policy Awareness Center, open-campus have higher crime rates, including shootings and bomb threats. Closed-campus have 31% lower crime rates.

Students on a closed-campus have stronger relationships with their professors and other university faculty than those on an open campus. On an open-campus, you may not find music students drinking coffee and talking in their advisors' office between classes. Nor would you find students and maintenance employees playing pool together. On a closed campus, students and staff are able to get to know each other better. Often times faculty members have longer office hours at a closed-campus than an open-campus.

Life on a closed-campus is more family-oriented than on an open-campus. Students get to know each other on a personal level while enjoying the comforts of higher security and knowing that they are not just a number.

Closed campus shuts out community and enables unnecessary risks

Aryn Hicks



Methodist University is considered a "closed campus." This is meant to ensure student safety and privacy. The front gate is considered the only way to get on campus, and without prior permission, community cannot access the university.

The front gate does nothing but add decoration to the university. After recent events, campus security claimed to have bumped up security. But to what extent has security truly been raised?

I recently came on campus with a commuter who was driving a car without a parking sticker. Did security stop the car and ask for identification? No. Both of us were waved onto campus without any question. This fact is disturbing considering the recent attack near the Pines Apartment complex. Security should be more vigilant of who enters campus, as well as who is walking around in less secure areas, such as the Pines, which can be accessed without entering the main gate.

Some students may remember the alleged incident last year when an armed gunman entered campus from the BP station gate, ran around campus, and was finally caught by campus police. Others may remember the "Ramsey Street Rapist" attack on a female walking along the Cape Fear River trail. With better security surveillance around campus, Methodist could be considered a truly closed-campus; but until that day comes, we are as vulnerable as a newborn kitten.

Another disadvantage of being a closed campus is the fact that the university is not well known for its community service projects. Compared to Fayetteville State University, we are considered hermits within the Fayetteville community. Instead of doing good deeds on campus that may or may not spread around town, the university should partake in activities off-campus so that others can see that Methodist is more than just a private university that shelters itself away from outsiders.

Calling ourselves a closed campus is a limiting title that the university should reconsider. We are still vulnerable to people unknowingly entering campus, as well. We also give off the impression of being snobs within the Fayetteville community for our lack of participation outside of the campus gates.

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'The Final Destination' does 3-D right

Aryn Hicks
Entertainment Editor

After last year's 3-D cinematic catastrophe "My Bloody Valentine," one might be hesitant to spend \$12 on a movie. One might also be turned away by yet another sequel to the "Final Destination" series, based on the theory that sequels get worse as time passes. However, I was pleasantly surprised to find that "The Final Destination" was actually a decent, entertaining movie.

The plot as was predictable as the earlier "Final Destination" movies, but there were some nice additions. The story starts out with the premonition by Nick, the protagonist. I found the premonition scene to be one of the most horrific because of the realistic nature of the deaths. To prevent spoiling the it, all I will say is that I will cringe every time I watch NASCAR on television.

After Nick and his friends survive the accident, the survivors begin dying off one by one. Unlike in the other movies, Nick actually has visions about how every survivor dies. This addition gives the audience clues on what to expect; however, the visions are never exactly what they seem. As the movie progresses, the deaths get more gruesome and entertaining. Like many sequels, "The Final Destination" was somewhat predictable. If you could follow the order of death from the premonition, you could possibly figure out who was going to die when. There were occasional plot twists scattered through the movie, and there was some of comic relief to break up the despair and carnage.

The 3-D effects in "The Final Destination" deserve praise for giving an already graphic movie more visual depth. The explicit amounts of intestines and blood surpassed



previous "Final Destination" movies. The graphics were more realistic than in "My Bloody Valentine," and the effects were completely in sync with the gory plot. Some of the more disturbing effects included watching a human torso forced through a chicken wire fence. The effects were cheesy at some points, but strangely satisfying because there was always gore popping out of the screen. And by cheesy, I mean the blood and guts often resembled strawberry Jell-o.

"The Final Destination" was an interesting movie that is worth the time to watch. If you want to save money, see it without the 3-D effects at selected theaters. Otherwise, splurge the extra \$3 to see the graphic, demented 3-D version of the movie. It is worth the time, and you might even find yourself laughing, despite cringing in disbelief.

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MONARCH SCOREBOARD

GAME RESULTS

Football		
Date	Opponent	Result
09-05	Campbell University	L 48-28
09-12	Guilford College	W 20-19

Men's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Result
09-04	Milligan College	L 3-1
09-05	Gallaudet University	W 17-0
09-09	Mt. Olive College	L 1-2
09-12	Emory University	L 0-1
09-13	Catholic University of America	L 0-1

Women's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Result
09-05	Salisbury University	L 0-4
09-06	Capital University	L 1-2
09-12	Roanoke College	L 0-1
09-13	Washington and Lee University	L 0-2
09-16	Guilford College	W 2-1

Volleyball		
Date	Opponent	Result
09-04	Mount Aloysius College	W 3-0
09-05	Mount Aloysius College	W 3-1
09-09	Salem College	W 3-0
09-12	Penn St - Harrisburg	W 3-1
09-12	Marymount University	L 1-3
09-12	Messiah College	W 3-2
09-15	Greensboro College	W 3-2

HOME GAMES

Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
09-26	Emory and Henry College	1:00 PM

JV Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
09-27	Guilford College	2:00 PM

Men's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Time
09-23	Guilford College	4:00 PM
10-03	Covenant College	11:30 AM
10-04	Chowan University	4:00 PM

Volleyball		
Date	Opponent	Time
09-19	Shenandoah University	12:00 PM
09-19	Averett University	4:00 PM
09-23	Christopher Newport University	12:00 PM

Women's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Time
10-03	Averett University	2:00 PM
10-04	Ferrum College	2:00 PM

Cross country team runs at Seahawk Invitational

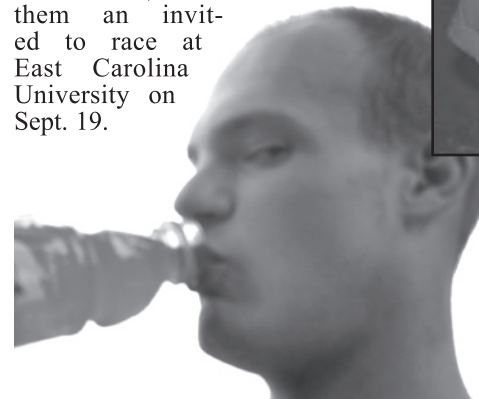
Leanne Russell
Staff Writer

Sept. 11, the cross-country team traveled to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington for the Seahawk Invitational. There was both D1 and D2 schools present at the meet including East Carolina University and University of North Carolina at Wilmington. The men raced first and did well. Methodist runner Aaron Holmes won USA South Conference rookie athlete of the week.

"We have been training harder this year than ever before and expectations for this season are high" says team member Nick Sauls.

After the men's competition concluded, the Women's Cross Country race began. Team captain Kristy Zeiler came in first place. She maintained a great lead throughout the race, and finished strong. Zeiler completed the 5K (3.1 miles) race with a time of 18:05.

The Methodist Cross Country team's performance at the Seahawk Invitational, earned them an invited to race at East Carolina University on Sept. 19.



Above: Kristy Zeiler celebrates her strong finish. Left: Nick Sauls hydrates before the race. Photos by Leanne Russell.

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Weekly Events

Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Campus Worship Service	Chapel
Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (DOGS)	West
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Commons
Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Soup Talk	Parsonage
	9:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Chapel
Monday	6:00 p.m.	One Voice Practice	Chapel
Monday	8:00 p.m.	In His Grip	Commons
Monday	9:00 p.m.	Praise and Worship Band Practice	Chapel
Tuesday	8:00 p.m.	Fellowship of Christian Athletics	Alumni

Special Worship Opportunities

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offered 1st Wednesday following the conclusion of Chapel Service

Monday, November 23 Community Thanksgiving
Service and One Voice

	Concert	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Sunday, December 6	Moravian Love Feast	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Saturday, December 19	Baccalaureate	10:30 a.m.	Reeves