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Sink Field survives attempted move



President Hendricks addresses students at the Coach Sink Field debate on Oct. 4. Photo by Kika Frisone.

Matthew Snowberger
Staff Writer

Sink Field will stay in its current location. That was the decision President Dr. Hendricks shared with students and alumni during the Sink Field debate on Oct. 4.

"We are going to find some way to address the housing, and space problem, without removing Sink Field as an active Intramural field," said Hendricks.

A town hall meeting was called in response to a student uprising against the proposed construction of a new nursing building and

additional housing on Sink Field.

The meeting served as an open forum for students to express opinions and ask the administration questions.

"I am extremely happy we are not relocating," said Dean of Students, George Blanc. "Mike's memory will be associated with the field he built."

"We will not [bind] the hands of future boards," said Hendricks when asked if the decision not to build on Sink was permanent. "It would be irresponsible for me to speak past the next three months when I plan to retire."

"All he is concerned about is the next three months," said Deanna Piacente, an alumna, who, along with several other students, expressed concerns about the future of the field. "The next step is maintenance, making sure the school administration keep their promises."

Many students expressed emotional anxiety over the proposed move. Several of the comments and questions directed at Hendricks called the administration's actions "disrespectful" and "insulting" to the memory of Coach Sinkovich.

"I knew him before the students," said Hendricks in regards to those questioning

his feelings of Sinkovich. "I loved and appreciated him...I hope we always remember Mike."

According to Hendricks, the plans to build two to four new 25 person residence buildings around the perimeter of Sink Field will continue, but will not comprise the field. There are no solid plans as to where to build a nursing building.

The intramural field is located on the north end of campus and was built by Coach "Buddy" Sinkovich in 2008. It was memorialized in his name in 2009 after his death.

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Methodist Track gets a facelift

"It was really just time to have something new"



Freshman Brittanie Morris jumps a hurdle on the football field while the track is under construction. Photo by Aryn Hicks.

Erik Alegria
Staff Writer

Three weeks ago, Methodist University started to tear apart the old track around the football field in order to make way for a new and improved one. Construction crews are currently putting the final touches on the new track.

The previous track was worn down, and was found to be detrimental towards the health of those running on it. The track was not level and was sloped on one side. The bad shape of the track has been held responsible for injuries such as knee and back problems,

as well as shin splints in the athletes who ran on it.

"The last couple of years we really had to watch how we trained students. Sometimes we had to train 3 out of 5 days on the grass in order to preserve the runners legs," said Duane Ross, director of Track & Field and Cross Country program. "The track had not been resurfaced in ten years, and just had normal wear and tear."

According to Ross, "It was really just time to have something new."

"It's a proud moment for myself, our coaching staff, athletic department, and alumni," said Ross, when he was asked how he felt about the much needed renovations. "It speaks volumes about where our program is and where its headed."

Students are also pleased to see the track under construction.

"I'm really excited about it," said Kristy Zeiler, a senior member of the track and field team. "We will finally be able to practice on a track without worrying about how it's going to affect our legs...and one without holes and dips."

In previous years, the track and field team has always had to travel to compete. The new track means that the team can finally compete at home.

"My friends can come see me run, instead of just hearing about my races," said Zeiler.

"Our program and our students give our sincere thanks to President Hendricks, Director of Athletics Bob McEvoy, and the entire administrative committee for having the foresight to reward our students and faculty with a top-notch facility that will continue to be a bright spot for years to come for the university," said Ross.

Upcoming

Around Campus

Oct. 11 - 11 a.m.

Resume Hour
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Center for Career Services

Oct. 13 - 8 p.m.

Movie and a Meal
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Grab some friends and head out to Sink Field for a free movie and a meal. Take an extra blanket or towel to sit on and make sure to get there plenty early!
Sink Field

Oct. 18 - 19

Fall Break
Go home and enjoy time with friends and family. Be sure to bring back some warmer clothing if you don't have much on campus. Fall Break signals that summer is officially over.

Oct. 20 - 7 p.m.

Rockclimbing
Join CRIMP on their rockclimbing trip to downtown Fayetteville. Remember your sneakers.
Meet in Nimmocks

Oct. 22- 8:30 p.m.

Green and Gold Bon Fire Pep Rally
It's a Pep Rally with a twist - join your fellow students and staff members at a Bon Fire Pep Rally to kick off the homecoming celebrations.
The Sink (Behind the football field)

Oct. 23 - 8 p.m. - midnight

Homecoming Dance
Dance the night away following the homecoming football game.
Crown Coliseum

More events can be found in the SAC calendar or on the university website at www.methodist.edu.

Events

On the Town

Oct. 14-16 - 7:30 p.m.

The Diviners

Theatrical play by Jim Leonard Jr. shows a friendship of a disturbed boy with a phobia of water and a disenchanted preacher. After an accident where the boy loses his mother and almost drowns, the preacher attempts to persuade the boy to let him wash the boy in the river. The townspeople, mistaking it for a baptism, come to watch. In the confusion of the moment, the boy drowns.

Tickets are \$10.

Butler Theatre at FSU

Oct. 15-17

Fri. 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Sat. 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Sun. 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sanhills Film Festival

The Sandhills Film Festival will feature a wide variety of local and international independent films. Shorts and features, narratives, documentaries and experimental films. The festival has something for everyone. Their mission is to bring quality independent films to the Fayetteville area and inspire local artists with in the community. Tickets are \$10.75 per event.

Robeson Plaza

There are many more events happening around Fayetteville for all interests. The Fayetteville Visitors' Bureau lists a community calendar which can be found at www.visitfayettevillenc.com.

Livestrong and prosper

Students, staff and faculty unite to raise money for Cancer research and awareness



*Aryn Hicks
Editor-In-Chief*

The bell tower was surrounded by a sea of yellow shirts on Friday Oct. 1. Economics Anonymous hosted Livestrong, a philanthropic event that raises money for cancer research and awareness. After the pep rally in the Berns Student Center, students, staff members and families made their way out to the bell tower to participate in the Livestrong fundraiser.

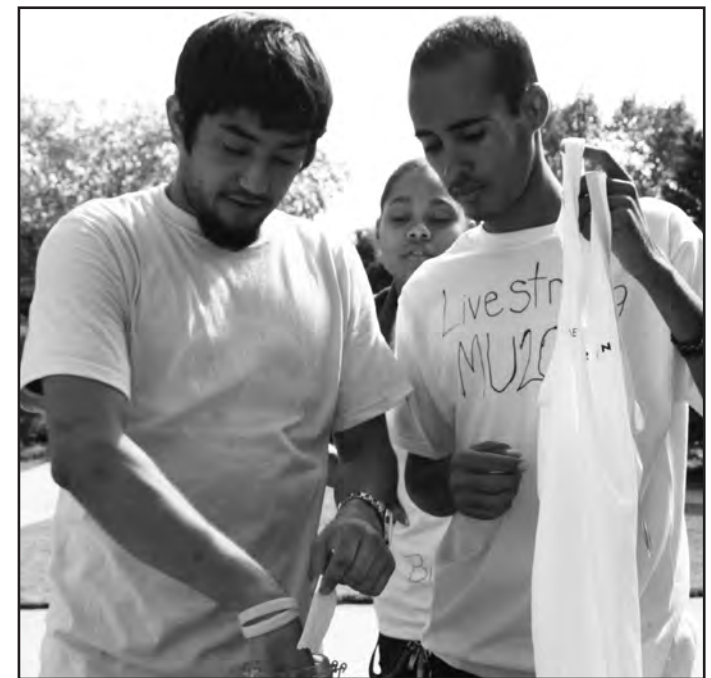
Throughout the week of Sept. 27, members of Economics Anonymous collected donations and sold Livestrong merchandise, including bracelets and t-shirts.

Salam Saadi, a sophomore and the president of Economics Anonymous was optimistic about the funds raised for Livestrong.

"It's not just about Livestrong," said Saadi. "It's about helping others who are in need."

The group united, dressed in their Livestrong yellow, to take a group photo in front of the banner. After the photograph, everyone went to the main table to participate in a raffle. People who donated money to the cause were entered into a raffle for free Livestrong hats, shirts, and bags. Students socialized around the fundraiser, but all were united in the goal of raising money for cancer research and awareness.

Due to the continuation of the fundraiser, an exact total of how much money was raised during the event is unavailable at this time.



Top: The 2010 Livestrong group photo.

Above: Students wait for the raffle to find out if they were the winners of any of the Livestrong merchandise.

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Author and Forensic Psychologist discuss Vidocq Society and *The Murder Room*

Emily Kennedy
Staff Writer

“The most dangerous people are those who are loners and really don’t have any attachment to anything.”

Forensic Psychologist and expert criminal profiler Richard Walter opened with this statement during a student lecture at Methodist University on Friday, Oct. 1. Walter traveled to Methodist University with author Michael Capuzzo to promote Capuzzo’s new book *The Murder Room*. Walter and Capuzzo discussed criminal profiling, forensic psychology and Capuzzo’s new book over an hour and a half long lecture session in Clark Auditorium.

Walter started off his lecture by naming the seven principles with which most people identify: long term goals, career choice, friendship patterns, sexual orientation and behavior, religious identification, moral values and group loyalties. He also stated that criminals and psychopaths tend to not be able to identify with any of the seven groups.

Walter made sure that the audience was aware of the difference between a crime scene investigator



Author Michael Capuzzo (left) and Forensic Psychologist Richard Walter (right) signed books for audience members after their lecture. Photo by Emily Kennedy.

and a criminal profiler. A crime scene investigator looks at what is and is not relevant to the scene of the crime and ties all his hypotheses to evidence found at the crime scene. A criminal profiler can tell what kind of person did the crime by using psychology, and is speculative in nature.

Capuzzo’s book, *The Murder Room*, is written about Walter and the Vidocq Society, which Walter cofounded with Bill Fleisher and Frank Bender. The Vidocq Society’s purpose, Capuzzo explained, is to aid local law enforcement agencies in cold cases.

“I didn’t believe the Vidocq Society was a real thing when I first heard about it,” said Capuzzo. “I had to go see for myself.”

During the Q&A session, Walter pointed out that people are often times too stuck on the science aspect of crimes, and that not everything can be discovered through DNA or physical evidence.

“Only 27 percent of homicide cases involve physical evidence,” said Walter.

Capuzzo agreed. “If you’re watching CSI, put down the remote and go read Shakespeare, because it’s still humans you’re dealing with,” said Capuzzo as the lecture drew to a close. “The best detective is the one who is the writer.”

Dedication ceremony officially opens Alpha Delta Pi house

Erika Parris
Staff Writer

Despite the grey, cool weather on Sunday, October 3, a crowd gathered to witness the official dedication of the new Alpha Delta Pi house. After months of anticipation, the newest residential structure on campus was finally ready for dedication.

Members of the Alpha Delta Pi, as well as families, friends and representatives from the other Greek Life organizations came out to support the event.

“Being a member of the Alpha Delta Pi gave me great memories and lifelong friendships,” said Courtney Fernandez, president of the Alpha Delta Pi chapter Methodist. “The legacy will stand with Alpha Delta Pi.”

Clifton Bobbitt, director of Greek Life, introduced each speaker before they came to the microphone. Speakers included University President M. Elton Hendricks, Dean of Students George Blanc, and Courtney Fernandez.

The Greek Life has been a quest for the last seven years at MU. According to Blanc, Greek Life died out at Methodist during the 1980’s, and later fizzled in the early 2000’s.

“The key to success is that the students have to want it,” said Blanc.

Anne Young, district team leader of the Alpha Delta Pi Theta Epsilon chapter at Methodist University, expressed how proud she was to see the greek house completed.

“The best leaders are in our chapter,” said Young.

After the speeches were made, Scrub Oaks provided attendees with food and drinks. Some attendees went on a tour of the house after the ceremony. The Alpha Delta Pi rooms are similar to the dormitory halls, but the rooms are bigger and there



Above: Members of Alpha Delta Pi listen to a speaker during the dedication ceremony. Photo by Keisha Story.

are two sisters to each room. Each room in the greek house has their own bathroom, which makes getting ready in the morning a lot easier.

“I feel that the greek house makes you feel like you are at home, and you will never be lonely because you have your Alpha Delta Pi sisters there with you all the time,” said one member of the sorority, who asked to remain anonymous.

The administration is planning to build at least two more greek houses by next school year. They are hoping the houses will be completed two weeks before school started, instead of two weeks after like the Alpha Delta Pi house.

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Toxic effluent reaches Danube in western Hungary

Costs of damages currently rising as toxic waste spreads

Robert Hodgson and Gregor Mayer
MCT

BUDAPEST, Hungary - Hungarian officials said Thursday toxic effluent from an aluminum plant in the country's center was flowing into the Danube River, Europe's second longest waterway and a source of water for several countries. Emergency workers have battled since Monday to contain the spill and neutralize the caustic effluent as it flowed along local waterways.

Early Thursday, officials said the toxic waste was flowing into the Danube near Gyor, 75 miles west of the capital Budapest. "Scientists are continuing to reduce the alkalinity of the water at the confluence of the Marcal and Raba rivers," disaster management spokesman Tibor Dobson said. The Raba is a tributary of the Danube. The alkalinity of the effluent, which initially had a highly corrosive pH of 13, had been reduced to a pH of 9.3 by the time the waste began flowing into a branch of the Danube, Dobson said. A pH of 7 is neutral, and a pH above 7 is alkaline.

The waste, a toxic slurry containing heavy metals, spilled from a broken dam at the MAL Magyar plant, which processes bauxite to produce aluminum on Monday, killing four people and flooding the village of Kolontar.

Some 120 people required hospital treatment after coming into contact with the toxic slurry. Aquatic life in the Marcal River, which flows through the site of the spill, has been wiped out by the toxic effluent. Scientists and rescue workers are pouring acids into the river to neutralize the alkalinity, and thousands of tons of calcium sulfate are being dumped in a bid to bind the toxic red silt.

Also on Thursday, Prime Minister Viktor Orban said that Kolontar residents would probably have to be resettled and that he saw little point in rebuilding their

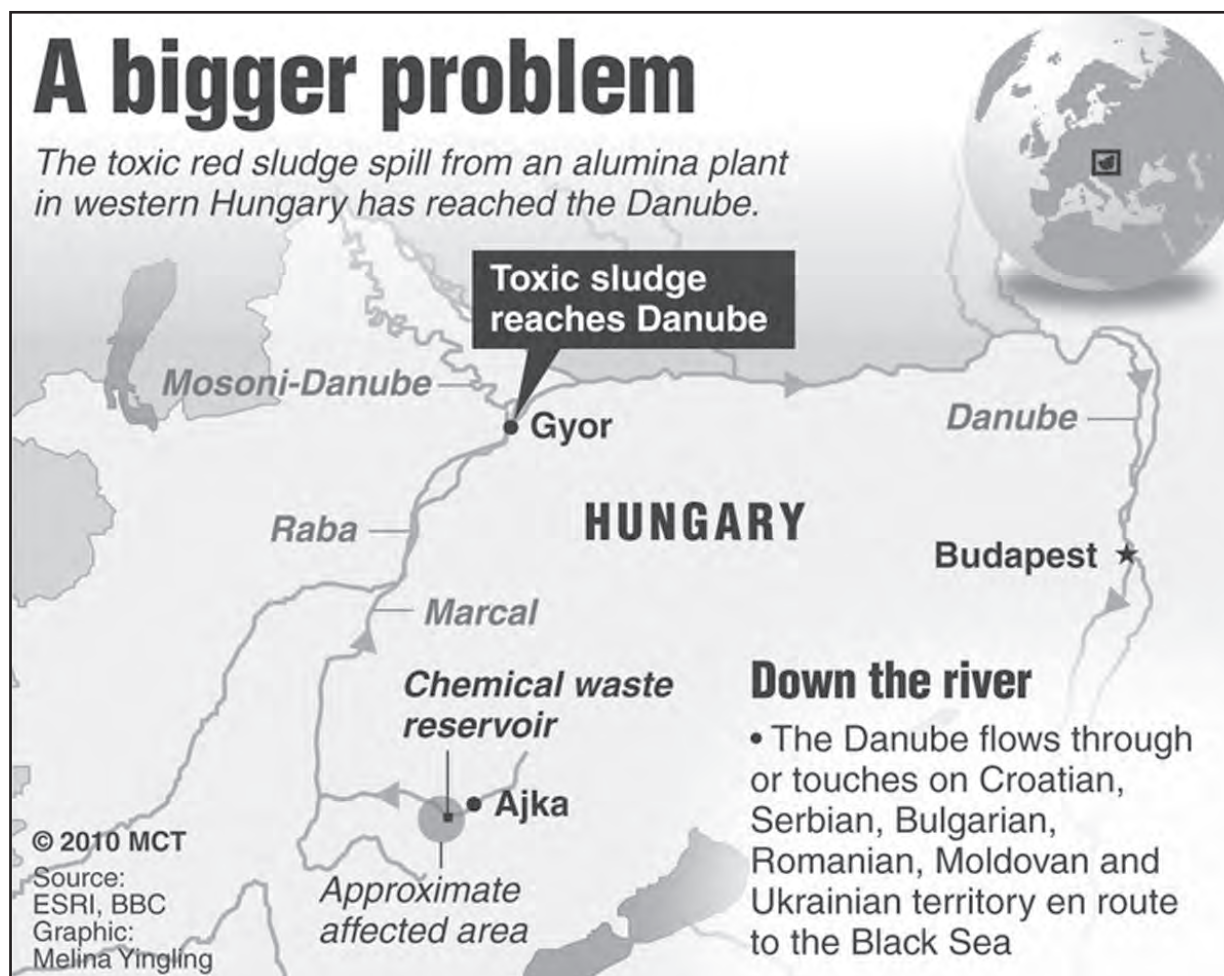
houses.

"Here, beyond the bridge, I see no point in repairs," said Orban during a visit to the village, the closest community to the source of the toxic red mud. "We will probably have to set up a new settlement here in the village, a new area must be opened up," the prime minister said, as quoted by the state news agency MTI. "This will probably have to be fenced off as a reminder for posterity," Orban said of the ruined homes.

The Hungarian leader said Budapest would seek help from the European Union to cope with the disaster. "The EU has funds for such cases and we have a claim to these," he said.

In the worst-hit part of Kolontar, the red stains of the toxic industrial waste reach over two meters up the walls, a testament to the environmental disaster. Kolontar, lying less than a mile from the open storage facility, was the worst-hit community. However, hundreds of homes were also flooded in nearby Devecser and the mud reached several other settlements, as up to a million cubic meters of the by-products of aluminum extraction flooded over an area of at least 20 square miles. Orban repeated that somebody would have to take the blame for the catastrophe. "The fact of negligence is more than likely," he said.

Meanwhile officials and insurance firms began trying to assess the damages. The Aegon insurance company estimated that 600 of its customers in the disaster area suffered \$5.2 million in damage. But other experts believed that the damages would be several times higher when the recultivation costs are factored in. Environmentalists warned of the long-term effects of the toxic wastes, but said the damage could not yet be estimated because the heavy metal content of the slurry was not yet known. Greenpeace planned to issue its first laboratory test results on Friday.



Family Weekend helps relatives catch the Monarch Spirit

*Erika Parris
Staff Writer*



It's that time again, when families comes together for family weekend at Methodist University. Career Services help the families register and sponsor the annual activities that bring families and their students together.

According to a report from Career Services, 68 families registered to attend Family Weekend, bring in approximately 178 Monarch relatives to the Methodist Campus.

"Family Weekend is a great idea, but I would like to see more families participate," said Sharon Dewar, mother of freshmen nursing major Sydney Dewar.

The Marriott Towne Suite and Residence Inn served as the host hotel for the weekend, housing the families at discounted rates for the weekend. The hotel welcomed Monarch families with a giant banner reading, "Welcome Monarch Parents, Family Weekend Headquarters." The hotel staff also wore MU paraphernalia and decorated the lobbies in green and gold.

Family Weekend kicked off with the Monarch Pep Rally, featuring the Monarch cheerleaders, Lionette dancers, and the Marching Monarch marching band. Career Services set up the registration table in the Berns Student Center on Friday Oct. 1, and invited families to stay and enjoy the spirit-filled festivities of the pep rally. Following the pep rally, some families attended the Livestrong fundraiser outside of the student center, while others toured the campus.

On Saturday Oct. 2, families and students enjoyed the home football game against Maryville College. Before the football game started, family, parents, and student came to watch and participate in the Monarch Zone. Families also supported the University clubs and organizations. When the stands started to fill with families and student

in green and gold attire, the cheerleaders tossed out "Growl Towels" to the audience.

Maryville was in the lead at halftime, but the Monarchs made a comeback to win the game 17-14.

Many parents were happy to see how their child was adapting to college life. Students were excited to share the weekend with their families and show them what it means to be a Monarch.

"I think Methodist University is a great," said Kim Cricco, mother of freshman PGM major CJ Cricco. "As long as my son is happy, I'm happy."

Although the weekend was full of fun activities, the parents also had business to attend to. During the Parents' Association meeting, Monarch parents were able to address their concerns about the school. Some of the concerns included the lack of art on display in the Bethune Arts Building, and the unjust hours of operation of the Green and Gold Café on weekends, as many parents were concerned about other students' inability to enter the café earlier in the morning when they allow only football players to enter.

According to the report by the Parent's Association, the families enjoyed Family Weekend and look forward to upcoming events at Methodist.

"We had a great time and are looking forward to bigger and better things in the spirit of perfection! We caught the Monarch Spirit!"

Left: Charlotte Truelove, mother of freshman Lacey Truelove poses with her daughter's friend, junior Joey Vegerano, during Family Weekend. Top right: Members of Career Services hand out Family Weekend registration packets in the Berns Student Center. Bottom right: Three horn players raise their instruments to the stands during the Marching Monarch's half time show. Photos by Kika Frisone.





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International Folk Festival provides fun and entertainment to all age groups

Austin Bordeaux
Opinion Editor

The Fayetteville Arts Council hosted the 32nd annual International Folk Festival on September 25 and 26. The festival was held in a section of downtown Fayetteville and brought in a crowd of several thousand as it has over the past few years.

The International Folk Festival is a popular activity held in Fayetteville every year that allows people from all different countries to set up booths, host shows and spread their culture to those interested. Over 50 countries were represented this year, ranging from the Ukraine to Zimbabwe to a

variety of Native American tribes. One of the audience members, Winston Cliette, was taking his 4 year old son to as many booths as possible.

“I think this is a great experience for him to expand his worldview and become more interested in other cultures. I know he can only learn and remember so much at his age, but I hope this makes him want to get out and visit other places when he grows up,” said Cliette.

There were four different stages for groups to perform on and a constant

flow of shows occurred during the festival. Musical groups, puppet acts, dance groups and even storytelling were presented among other things.

“I love the break dancing acts that I saw. The performers this year are really great and I want them to come back next year,” said Amanda White,

a teenage audience member and representative of Native Americans.

The other main part of the festival was the booths set up by the different countries representatives. Almost all of them were selling things to make funds for their respective organizations. Food was on sale at many booths, allowing people to try Japanese dishes then walk a few feet and try some authentic Italian food and then walk a few more feet to sample an Algerian dish. The festival was certainly accommodative to anyone with a few



The logo for the Fayetteville Art's Council's 32nd annual International Folk Festival. Art courtesy of: <http://www.theartscouncil.com/international-folk-festival.php>

dollars and an empty stomach.

In addition to performances and food samples, there were plenty of art and culture specific items on sale. Native American dream catchers and Asian umbrellas were seen repeatedly among the crowd.

The festival had a large turnout and plenty of entertainment and commerce going on.

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Final Fantasy XIV Online: Too soon to tell

Austin Bordeaux
Opinions Editor

The Final Fantasy series by Square Enix has been the most popular RPG series in America for about 13 years; every release tends to have an amazing sales rate. Final Fantasy XIV is Square Enix's second massively multiplayer online, or MMO, game released based on the series. Though it is exclusively for PC, they are releasing Final Fantasy XIV for the PS3 in March 2011.

Graphics: 10/10

This is the most gorgeous video game I have ever played. The graphics are crisp, vibrant and match the mood of the environment it is meant to portray. I could only sit in silence and have my mind blown while watching the intro video to the game. The character models are detailed and unique, making most characters noticeable at a glance. The game zones are gigantic and beautiful, though they can be a bit bland at times.

Gameplay: 4/10

Square Enix made a huge mistake and released this game way before it needed to hit the shelves. The game plays like it is still in the middle of beta testing. The crafting system has a bug that will make characters fail at a task no matter what. The bazaar for selling items has an intense lag, and will sometimes take upwards of 45 seconds to register the selling of a single item. Also, there is very little content released for characters past level 20. The user interface is cluttered and there is a labyrinth of menus to claw through to get to what you want.

Despite the flaws in the game, there is a decent amount of good stuff going on with the gameplay as well. The fighting is fun, and when the crafting system is working, it is engaging and challenging. The large amount of classes and the ability to essentially craft a "custom" class by combining abilities of different classes together is an innovative concept -- one that I really enjoy. This game has the potential to be one of the best MMORPGs ever, given time and updates.

Sound:

9/10

The music is at the high level that everyone has come to expect from a Final Fantasy game. Each town has music that fits well with its theme, from the relaxing forest covered Gridania to the nautical port town of Limsa Limosa. The battle theme music is intense and pulse pounding. Sound effects for attacks and special moves are clear and distinctive. Also, as an MMO you are able to hear the sounds of other people battling to know there are monsters nearby. The one thing that got a point deduction is the lack of music changing during

different events, specifically when you die because there is no auditory signal of what is going on.

Story: 6/10

As a MMORPG, FFXIV is not as story heavy, in keeping with most MMOs. There tends to be a constant story involving the quests available to the players, but most tend to ignore it and just play and hang out with friends on the game. Even among the genre of game, FFXIV does not have too much of a story so far. There is also a large chunk of group quests that literally have no story at all.

They are simply there for friends to team up and go kill some monsters. It is a good social gamplay aspect, but hurts the little story that the game has.

Overall:

7/10

There is no way around the fact that Square Enix rushed a game onto the market that was nowhere near prepared for launch. The gameplay is fun when it actually works, but at the moment, it seems more like actual work than playing a game. The story is lacking, and I don't think there will be much change to that in time. The graphics and sound are amazing and pretty much the best that I have ever witnessed in a video game. Given time and updates to the game, I think it can easily become a 10/10 and be an MMO to even give World of Warcraft a run for its money, but I would wait a few months before buying it.



Questionable queries of a Campus Ninja

The Ninja answers your questions about weather and study skills

Dear Campus Ninja,

I am a resident student and came from another state to get here. Since I am new to the area, I am not used to the weather acting schizophrenic; being sunny one day, snowing the next day, raining the day after that and having to be constantly prepared for the apocalypse. I really don't mind Fayetteville, but I am water soluble and thus the constant precipitation is fatal to me. How do I avoid the rain Mr. Advice Ninja Sir?

From,
Water Woes

Dear Water,

I'm sorry to hear about your tough condition and wonder exactly how you survive seeing as how the body is made up of 65% water on average. The best way to avoid the rain though is to simply obtain an umbrella and then make use of said umbrella. They are as cheap as five dollars if you simply hit up the Wal-Mart. A raincoat could also be useful, as well as some tall water resistant boots. Personally I enjoy a light rain in the summer time and other times I simply call up my psychic force field to repel the fluid mass.

Dear Campus Ninja,

I am constantly distracted by the awesomeness that is TV and Internet, and can hardly keep my mind on my studies at all. Along with that, my friends constantly want to hang out and my girlfriend expects me

to spend some time with her every day. Class work is boring and pointless when it comes to what I want to do right now. The whole purpose of college is just to sink money into an institution so I can party for four years and put off having to face the real world for as long as possible, right? I thought so at first, but my mind has changed and I want to actually learn and do well in classes. However, I am still as easily distracted as a caffeinated squirrel.

How do I focus on my work and avoid the distractions?

From,
Distracted Drama Major

Dear Distracted,

I'll try to answer your question, though I am a little bit immersed in a video game right now as I am supposed to be working. The best thing that I can think to tell you is to just turn off the technological distractions. Unplug that TV and don't turn on that computer; just sit there at the desk and do that work. If the work requires the use of the computer a more extreme tool is to disable the internet until the work is done. Friends and significant others are a bigger issue. Let them know that you need to do your work. If they understand they will leave you be to go on with your task. Turn your phone off if they won't stop bothering you and apologize later if they take offense to.....

Actually, let me finish later this level is pretty hard...



Ashley Asks... *What do you think about the new nursing building that is going to be built on campus and how do you feel about Health Services at Methodist?*



"I think the health services on campus are pretty good. The few times I got sick in the past I went over there and they're friendly; they helped me pretty quickly."
—Horace Hemley, a senior and a computer information technology major.



"I love the nursing program because I want to be in it! I think it's also a great opportunity for Methodist to grow."
—Megan Wilson, a freshman and nursing major.



"I think its giving people new reasons to come to Methodist University. It's given us a more diverse student base and helped Methodist University to grow."
—Tony Wells, a sophomore and secondary education major.



"I don't know anything about it, but would like to know more. I wish they'd advertise more about it."
—Cynthia Jones, a sophomore and athletic training major.

Monarchs rally to win conference opener

*Matt Snowberger
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The Methodist Monarchs rallied to win the conference opener over Maryville College after overcoming a 14-0 deficit in the first half. The Methodist Monarchs defeated conference rivals, the Maryville Scotts 17-14. Led by quarter back, sophomore Travis Murphy, who scored both of the Monarchs touchdowns, the Monarchs defeated Maryville in the last quarter of the game.

“You would hope that by Maryville we would have that game plan figured out” said Coach Jim Sypult before the season began.

For the first three quarters it appeared as if Methodist still had a lot to figure out, especially offensively.

It was not until the first play of the fourth quarter, on a seemingly broken play, that Murphy was able to break through for a one yard touchdown run. From that point on it was all Monarchs.

On the next drive, the Scotts were forced to go three and one by a hyped Monarch defense, leading to a two yard touchdown reception by Adam Thomas, which tied the game.

On the following defensive possession, sophomore defensive back Quinton Tate pulled down his second interception of the day. This set up junior kicker Tyler Mosko for a 40 yard field goal, making the score 17-14 with three minutes left in the game.

The spread-style offense the Monarchs have implemented this season is new to Methodist, and has not yet fully matured. Until the fourth quarter, the offense seemed unable to move the ball, without turning it over. The Monarchs are still very young at some key positions, and the productivity of the offense will greatly depend on the development the freshman Murphy, as well as sophomore running back John Flanagan and freshman wide receiver Matt Phifer.

Four of five offensive linemen slated to start for Methodist were injured prior to Maryville game, and it showed. Murphy was sacked four times, and threw two interceptions while under pressure. On the ground, Methodist was only able to manage 2.5 yards per rush.

Defensively, Methodist has remained stingy with an aggressive, penetrating line, and ball-hawking backfield. The four interceptions proved critical in keeping the Monarchs in the game against Maryville.



Above: Senior Corey McGuire keeps control of the ball during the Oct. 2 game against Maryville. Photo by Sung Kim.



Left: Corey McGuire and Brenden Tyler raise their helmets as band plays the Alma Mater at the end of the game. Photo by Kika Frisone.

MONARCH SCOREBOARD

GAME RESULTS

Football		
Date	Opponent	Result
9/25	Emory & Henry College	L 6-49
10/2	Maryville College	W 17-14
Men's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Result
9/25	Covenant College	L 0-2
9/26	Piedmont College	W 4-2
10/2	Shenandoah University	W 4-3
10/7	Barton College	W 5-1
Women's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Result
9/25	Shenandoah University	T 1-1
10/1	Averett University	L 0-2
10/3	Ferrum College	W 1-0
Women's Volleyball		
Date	Opponent	Result
9/22	Meridith College	L 0-3
9/25	Mary Baldwin College	W 3-0
9/25	Peace College	L 2-3
9/28	North Carolina Wesleyan College	L 1-3
10/1	Ferrum College	W 3-0
10/1	Christopher Newport University	L 0-3
10/5	Salem College	W 3-1

HOME GAMES

Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
10/23	Averett University	1 p.m.
Men's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Time
10/16	Christopher Newport University	3:30 p.m.
10/20	North Carolina Wesleyan College	3:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Time
10/13	Chowan University	3 p.m.
10/17	Lynchburg College	2 p.m.
Women's Volleyball		
Date	Opponent	Time
10/19	Meridith College	7 p.m.
10/24	Shenandoah University	1 p.m.
10/24	Averett University	5 p.m.



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