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Monarchs Mix Up Money

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Lamia Latten, a student at Methodist University, stands in line at Taco Bell. The total for her order pops up on the screen as Latten hands the cashier her identification card, hoping that her Kings cash will cover the bill. "It says you have insufficient funds," the cashier said as he hands her card back to her. Latten then reaches in to her wallet with a look of disappointment and hands the cashier her debit card.

"It didn't feel good, especially knowing that I didn't have much money in my banking account," Latten said in regards to having to use her own money to pay. "I guess it's all a part of growing up and being accountable for yourself no matter the circumstance."

The Methodist University dining services website states that Kings cash should be able to be used at food establishments such as Taco Bell, Subway, Pierro's Pizzeria and many other eateries around town. However, students who have never used their Kings cash before are ending up in situations similar to Latten's.

According to Peggy Dill, the General Manager of dining services at Methodist University, students have experienced this problem before at Subway.

"Anytime there are problems like that,



they [the students] need to let us know," Dill said.

However, along with this issue, students have been subject to significant gain or loss of their Monarch money.

"We download all of the meal plans at the beginning of the semester based on where they [the students] live," Dill said.

Sodexo downloads you into either a traditional dormitory group or the apartment living group which also includes the sororities, fraternities and village houses. This may be why many students have a considerable amount of Monarch money. In a scenario described by Dill, if a student were to live in Weaver Hall their first year, they will get 200 dollars in Monarch money. If they then decide to move to the apartments their second year, they will be given 200 dollars. Sometimes, a student may be

downloaded into both groups, giving them twice the amount of Monarch money at their disposal. However, the excess money on their account is not safe for them to use.

Dill has had to audit nearly 150 students because of this money mix-up. Because students think they have extra money to spend, they spend it. They are only allotted 200 dollars, so Sodexo has to even out the balances of Kings cash and Monarch money.

This means taking away some of the money that the students originally had to cover the expenditures over the original 200 dollars.

"I still had a lot of money left and then, when the glitch happened, I had barely none left," Sorority member Megan Hesson said.

According to Dill, many students have no idea what they are really getting when purchasing a meal plan. She feels that if the students knew that they were only given 200 Monarch dollars to spend, they would have realized the glitch and they would have known to let someone know before spending it.

If you are having trouble with your Monarch money, Kings Cash or believe that you may be a victim of this glitch, visit the cafeteria and get the problem fixed before you are audited for over spending.

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Powder Puffs Play at MU



Teams match up and get ready to start to the game. Photo by Tria Detz

By Erik Alegria
Editor-in-Chief

The event started after a severe tornado warning had passed and the rain subsided. There were five organizations that participated in flag football on coach sink field: CRIMP, the soccer team, the track team, Alpha Delta Pi, and Beta Sigma Phi. As teams lined up and started to play in the cold and windy night, the referees split up on each field, to take on the event sponsored by Greek Life.

There were a total of four games played during the event, Alpha against Beta, CRIMP against Track and Alpha against Crimp and Beta against Soccer. The winners of the matches were Alpha, CRIMP, CRIMP and Soccer respectively.

If there is one thing that could have been better planned for, it was how dark it was going to be. The dark environment made everything harder for the players and referees. By the time the game was underway the Sun was down and light was scarce. They had two portable stadium lights running after a few minutes, but they only had one per playing field. There wasn't enough light to cover the entire field, which led to some confusion for both spectators and players, but it didn't stop anyone from enjoying themselves.

"Next Year we plan on having two more lights" Said Doris Jackson, Director of Student Activities.

The referees that night were from CRIMP, and made many suspect calls during the event. During the Alpha Delta Pi vs. Beta Sigma Phi match, the referees made no calls against Alpha, but only called penalties against

the Betas. During the event, the referees were moved around due to favoring one team over another according to many spectators and participants.

"I think that the referees were fair and very professional, the event would not have been a success without them." said Doris.

Another bad call was made earlier in the night before the game even began. In an official email sent out by Student Government Executive Members, Each organization was told that "Teams must consist of 10 MU Female Students." But the rules were changed at the beginning of the event. All the teams showed up with 10 players but Alpha Delta Pi, who came with more than 14 players. Because the rules were changed instead of enforced, Alpha had an unfair advantage.

The first of the two games, Alpha vs. Beta, promoted a friendly competition between sororities. Both teams played hard and did their best. Alpha won the match, but the Betas made them work hard for their win. The competition brought out a good sized crowd of Greeks, athletes and interested students.

"The game was the best powder puff game by far that Methodist has ever seen." Said Doris.

Even with the faults in the event, it went well and was an enjoyable experience for all who participated.

"I enjoyed the night of flag football and hope it becomes an annual event open to all women of Methodist. It was great to learn a new game. I enjoyed the friendly competition and how the sportsmanship was held to a new standard." Said Brittany Verner, President of Beta Sigma Phi.

Upcoming Events Around Campus

10/24-MBA Open House

The Masters of Business Administration (MBA) open house will take place at 6 p.m. in the Clark Yarborough auditorium. All that are interested should attend. For more information, contact (910).630.7493

10/26-38th Annual Economic Outlook Symposium.

The Symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux at 6 p.m. For more information, call (910).630.7462

10/28-Guitar Recital Featuring Stanley Yates*

The guitar recital will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. The featured performer is guitarist Stanley Yates.

10/29-5K Run/Walk

The MU Physicians Assistant program will be hosting a 5K run/walk. The 5K will be held on Methodist University's own campus. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. and the run/walk will begin at 8 a.m. The cost for pre-registration is \$25 but will increase to \$30 on race day. There is also a \$5 discount if you are a student or military personnel. There will be prizes for both the top male and top female runners. T-shirts are given to all participants.

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

EVENTS ON THE TOWN

Oct. 28-4th Friday

Historic Downtown Fayetteville*

Are you interested in the arts? Well this is the celebration for you. Go Downtown Fayetteville at 7 p.m. to enjoy galleries, bookstores and more. There have been street performers that sometimes make their way to the celebration to showcase their passions.

Oct. 29-Trick Or Treat at the Poe House
The Poe House*

Take a moment and walk through the spooky house of legendary poet Edgar Allen Poe. You can even participate in a scavenger hunt. For more information call (910).486.1330.

Nov. 4-Heroes Homecoming: JFK Special Warfare Exhibits

JFK Special Warfare Museum in Fort Bragg
Come and check out the exhibit that displays the Special Forces involvement during conflicts. The exhibit will be open during regular business hours.

Nov. 5-Cape Fear Botanical Gardens Nature Tales:
All that Slithers

Cape Fear Botanical Gardens

For all of the parents out there, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the Botanical Gardens are putting on a program called "All that Slithers" for children the ages of two to six. There will be a story time as well as a craft time. For more information and to reserve your child's spot for the session, call (910).486.0221 extension number 27.

*Denotes a free event

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.

NBA 2K12: Not a slam dunk, More like a free-throw

By Aaron Bressler
Opinions Editor

Graphics: 6/10

One of the few things sports games have going for them is graphics. The mechanics are the same, there is no story or character, and the content is usually limited to roster updates. Games like the Madden football series boast life-like HD graphics that are the best in the industry. The main reason for this is that there is little else to spend the time and money on. Once you've added the new players and new product placements, you're pretty much done. Given this, there is absolutely no reason for the graphics of NBA 2K12 to be as poor as they are. The bodies are made of easily seen lines and angles rather than smooth curves, and the textures were like the games released ten years ago.

Despite this however, the players move very well. The motions of the players and ball are accurate and smooth, easily flowing from one to the next. The players react to each other when guarding, passing, shooting and dribbling. The only issue I found regularly was some abrupt animation changes when you passed to a sprinting player. The crowds are done in very low detail, especially when compared to the players, but are animated individually and have an interesting variety of reactions to the game's events.

Mechanics/Gameplay: 8/10

Even if the graphics leave something to be desired, the core of the game is very solid, with only a few issues. The game encourages strategy and quick thinking. It also rewards knowing not only the game, but the strengths and weaknesses of the teams and the individual players. The action is fast-paced and energetic; it effectively follows the flow and tempo of the real games. The stats of the players have an obvious impact on the game except for the defensive stats. With some practice you can effectively defend against just about any player. The announcers are surprisingly adaptive. They will talk about previous seasons, stop to comment on an interesting



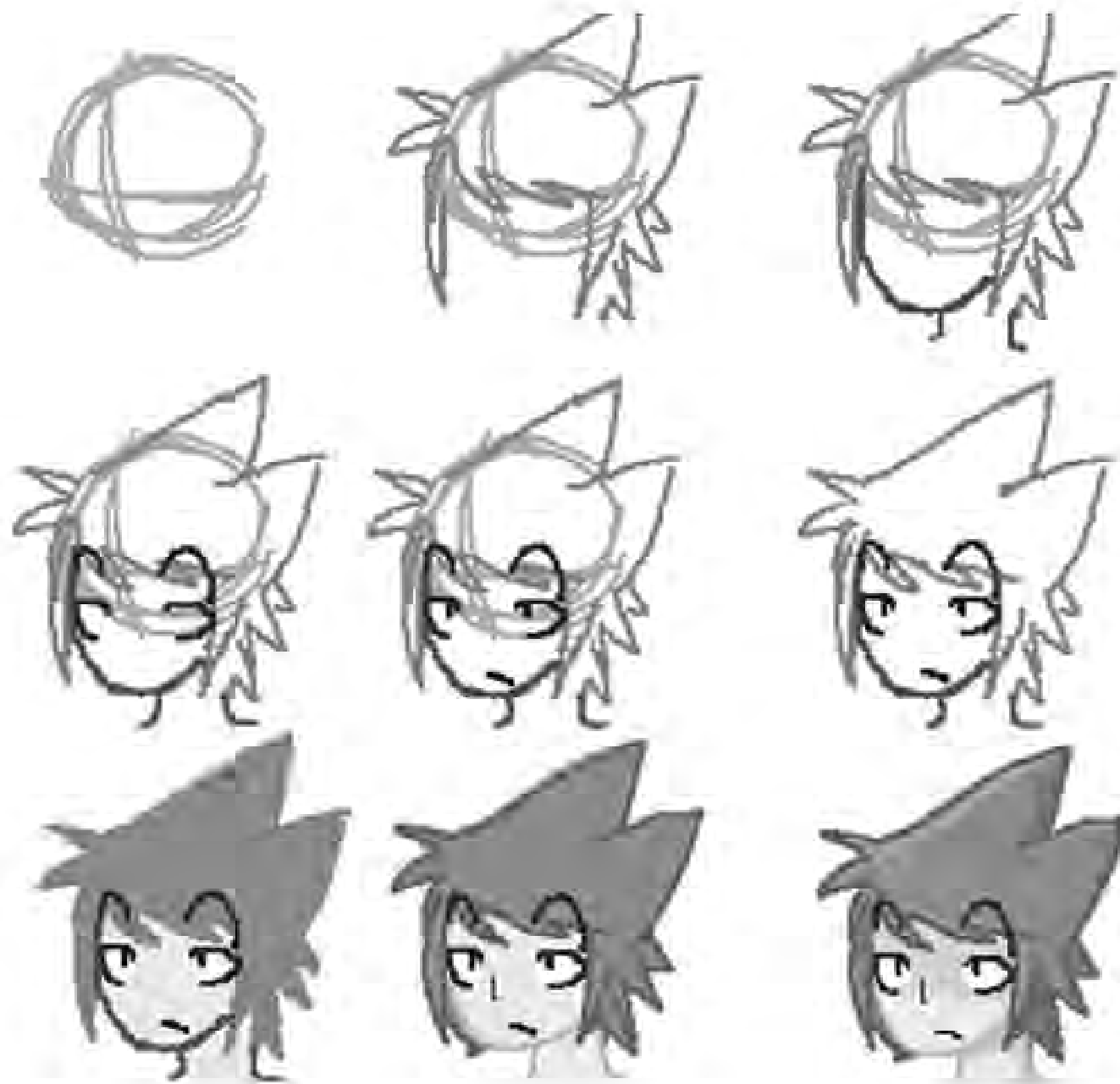
play, then return to their previous topic. Unfortunately, they didn't record very many of these comments. This means you will hear them over and over again while playing, which passes annoying, goes past infuriating and winds up somewhere in the vicinity of mind-numbing. Also as annoying is the constant advertising. The highlight reels are acceptable, but the game is constantly stuffing awkward product placements and advertisements for imaginary games. In a sense NBA 2K12 is accurately recreating the TV sports experience, but not in a good way.

The most noteworthy part of the game is the 'My Player' game mode. In what almost seems to be a sport oriented rpg, you create a character and play a practice match. Based on the practice match and an interview you are then drafted into the NBA. No matter how well you play though, you won't be playing with LeBron James. If you get drafted by a bad team, you get stuck with that team until you can arrange a trade. The skill meter tracks your actions and rates them, giving you points for good passes or shot selections and taking them away for bad plays. This does a good overall job at tracking your value as a teammate, but will occasionally penalize you for a 'bad pass' to an open player that scored or something similar. It may also assign you to defend a player just as they score, costing you points you couldn't prevent. Overall this mode is an interesting and promising step in the right direction. With some refinement, this could be a great innovation for an otherwise stale game.

Replay: 8/10

NBA 2K12 is obviously designed for replaying. It features dozens of teams and several modes, including an online multiplayer. The games are fast enough to keep interest, but they last long enough to turn a losing game around. But since the options are limited every game will pretty much play like every other game. If you don't have a basketball game yet, NBA 2K12 is a good place to start. Otherwise, you're probably better off keeping last year's game. It will be pretty much the same thing.

DRAWING PROCESS BY EMORY JACOBS



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Please help us keep the Art Center alive. We accept both color and black and white.

Family Lost

By: Tria Detz

The moment the world STOPS turning
 The one moment that changes your life forever.
 The only feeling of grief and nothing but grief
 When everyone stops, and thinks of the past
 You see the person(s) face every where you look
 You were just standing there makin us laugh
 Suddenly the next second you were gone!

Everyone wishes they could tell them
 Every thing the kept inside like I LOVE YOU
 Telling yourself "I'll see them again" to survive.

First you say no it is not true it can not be
 The tears begin to flow and numbness kicks in.

You take the time to look at photos you have
 The videos just to hear their voice again.

You say you are strong just for them you go on.
 You think peace will never come but it eventually does.

The pain can never really go away in your heart.

A friend that is family till the end of your days
 Eventually you will see them again and hear their voice.

Then you can tell them everything you forgot
 when they were alive and with us.



BY JORGE LUIS RIVERA



International Ghost Stories: La Llorona “The Weeping Woman” of Mexico

By Jorge Luis Rivera
Contributing Writer

Ghouls, ghosts, vampires and werewolves are back on the prowl as the scariest holiday of the year comes to town. It is the ultimate time for students of Methodist University to watch scary movie marathons, and parade in their “Creatures of the Night” costumes down campus streets or dormitory hallways. Scary costumes, Halloween parties, trick-or-treating, Haunted Houses, and scary movies have always been part of Halloween traditions, it also a wonderful time to celebrate another Halloween tradition, telling scary stories. Since Methodist University is a culturally diverse university, Methodist students from different backgrounds and cultures have many ghost stories that can give us all the spooks. Perhaps nothing is more frightening than the legendary tale that is told in Mexico called La Llorona “The Weeping Woman.”

A long time ago in a small village in Mexico, lived a young woman named Maria. Although Maria lived as a low class citizen, she was the most beautiful woman in her village, and all of Mexico. Maria’s beauty caught the attention of all rich and poor bachelors in the country. Some young men say she was the most beautiful girl in the world. As Maria grew older, her beauty increased and she would often be overwhelmed by suitors asking permission to court her.

One day, a young man rode into the village. He was a dashing young ranchero, the son of a wealthy rancher from the southern part of Mexico. When the ranchero first saw Maria, he instantly fell in love with her. To Maria, the ranchero was handsome and very talented because he could play the guitar and sing beautifully when he was courting her.

Before long, she and the ranchero became engaged and soon they were married. Now, Maria was living a wealthy

lifestyle. The ranchero lavished her with gifts, love, and attention. And later on in their happy marriage, the beautiful couple had two sons. Life was happy for Maria until her husband, the ranchero, began to change, returning to a life of courting women of his own class, often leaving her for months at a time. He seemingly no longer cared for the beautiful Maria. When he did return home, it was only to visit his children and the devastated Maria began to feel resentment toward her sons.

One evening, as Maria was strolling with her two children near a river, her husband came by in a carriage with an elegant lady beside him. He stopped and spoke to his children, but ignored Maria, and then drove the carriage down the road without looking back. When she saw that, a terrible rage filled Maria, and it all turned against her children. Maria seized her two children and threw them into the river. But as they disappeared down the stream, she realized what she had done! She ran down the bank of the river, reaching out her arms to them. But her only two sons were long gone. For days, Maria searched in vain, screaming for her children along the river. And then, overcome with grief, Maria committed suicide by throwing herself into the river that she had thrown her two sons in.

But on the first night that Maria disappeared into the waters, the villagers heard the sound of crying down by the river. It was not the wind, it was Maria crying. “Where are my children?” And they saw a woman walking up and down the bank of the river, dressed in a long white robe. On many a dark night, they saw her walk the river bank and cry for her children. And so they no longer spoke of her as Maria. They called her La Llorona, the weeping woman. And by that name she is known to this day. Children are warned not to go out in the dark, for La Llorona might snatch them and pull them into their watery grave.



*Jongu Z. Rivera
October 20, 2011*

Misson Trip Saves a Life

The following letter was sent to Methodist University by a man who's life was saved by Methodist students during a mission trip.

From Ron Rowland,

Yesterday was October tenth it was my anniversary (36 years of marriage) my wife and I had a great day in Jersey Island and we come here for about six weeks every year and stay on the campground in our own home. At about 3 pm I told my wife I was going to ride my bike to the fishing pier about a mile away. The beach I was on is called Driftwood due to the hundreds of large dead trees on the beach; it also has an 8 foot bank at high tide.

Once I got there I looked at the white sand on the beach and decided to ride the beach for a few miles; it was low tide so I had lots of beach to ride on. I had left my cell phone in the campground but wasn't dead or so I thought. I am 56 years old (graduate of The Citadel) and a disabled veteran from Viet-Nam and not in the best shape for a man my age due to medical issues (weight, etc.) I started off on my trip and had to cross a fast moving stream about 20 feet wide, again I did not think twice about that. About a mile down the beach I noticed the ocean was very rough and the beach kept getting smaller. Then it occurred to me that the tide was coming in very fast. My phone it was also and getting dark. In order to get down the beach I had to walk my bike in waist deep water with the waves crashing into me. I then stepped on a sharp rock and cut my foot and realized just how much trouble I was in.

I did not see another soul on the beach to ask for help. By that time I was very tired, all I could see was more dead trees ahead of me. I could not turn around because that small stream I crossed a few miles back would now be a raging river. Then I thought I may not get out of this situation alive. I was scared. I remember having that same feeling while I was in Viet-Nam many times. I did not know what to do so I just kept going slowly. Then I saw something moving about a half mile down the beach in the dead trees: lots of people, one had on a red shirt those people became my beacon. I headed straight for them; as I got closer it seemed they started to leave the beach.

I used every bit of energy I had left to move through the waves. By the time I got to the people, only one lady was still on the beach. She looked like an angel. I told her my story and asked for directions to get off that beach. The people turned out to be about two dozen students from Methodist University, the lady/student/angel gave me directions and sensed my distressed situation and told the other students to get out of the way and let me pass as they were blocking the trail. These students had no idea what they did for me yesterday; they were on the beach at the right time. When I got to the road I saw the Methodist bus waiting to load the students. As your president said "Be a witness, please thank these students for me. I am so glad they decided on visiting that beach."



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Nurse's Notes

By Sandy Combs
Contributing writer

It's the season for all respiratory illnesses. This time I would like to discuss sore throat symptoms. Sore throat is one of the most common symptoms that bother thousands of people across the world. Symptoms may range from a mild sensation of scratchiness to severe pain. It can occur in any part of the throat. Most commonly it is felt at the back of the throat when a person swallows. This condition may also be accompanied by ear pain because the throat and ear are connected by the Eustachian tubes. A sore throat can be the result of an infection, allergies and trauma to the neck or throat regions.

When you are experiencing throat pain it is important to determine if there are any other symptoms such as fever, ear pain, or difficulty when speaking or swallowing. Sometimes you may notice redness in the mouth or throat accompanied by swelling.

Most of the time a sore throat actually feels worse than it really is due to its location and the necessity of function, swallowing, eating, drinking, and breathing. Nearly all cases of sore throat are minor and will show a reduction of symptoms in just a few days, others can rarely be more serious. If symptoms

persist for more than 7-10 days you may need to be seen by your doctor.

Treatment for your sore throat starts out very simply with a warm salt water gargle several times a day (1/2 teaspoon of salt in 1 cup of water), lozenges, and warm tea with honey.

Most sore throats are caused by viruses. Antibiotics do not help and using them to treat viral infections helps strengthen bacteria and make them resistant to antibiotics. A rapid test or throat culture to rule out strep may be done. If the results are positive then antibiotics may be used.

The following tips may help your throat feel better:

- Drink warm liquids such as tea with lemon or honey
- Gargle several times a day
- Drink cold liquids or suck on popsicles
- Suck on hard candies or lozenges
- A cool mist vaporizer can soothe a dry throat
- Try over the counter pain medications

The Game You Must See

Methodist University (8-4-1)

Men's Soccer

Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m.

HOME

Greensboro College

Methodist University (1-5) (10/20/11)

Varsity Football

Saturday, Oct. 22 at 1 p.m.

AWAY

Averett University

Varsity Football

Women's Volleyball

Women's Volleyball

Methodist University (18-5)

Women's Volleyball

Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

HOME

North Carolina Wesleyan College

Methodist University (6-9-1) (10/20/11)

Women's Soccer

Friday, Oct. 28 at 3 p.m.

AWAY

Greensboro College

Eventhough, our Men's Soccer team has ended their streak that does not mean we will stop cheering them on. With that being said our Women's Volleyball team is the game you must get out of your dorms to go see. now on a five game winning streak and not only defeating their opponents, but demolishing them. After a huge win against Meredith College,(Breast Cancer Awareness), they look to face North Carolina Wesleyan College who is currently 14-8, but also on a streak of their own. So come out Wednesday, October 26 at 7 p.m. to support your Monarchs.



Hayley Williams, a junior middle blocker, returns the ball against the Greensboro pride

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Monarch Scoreboard

GAME RESULTS

Men's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Result
10/8	Roanoke College	L 1-2 (OT)
10/12	Averett University	W 5-1
10/15	Christopher Newport University	L 0-3
Women's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Result
10/9	Ferrum College	L 0-3
10/15	Christopher Newport University	L 1-3
10/16	North Carolina Wesleyan	W 9-2
Women's Volleyball		
Date	Opponent	Result
10/8	Hollins University	W 3-0
10/8	Randolph College	W 3-0
10/13	Greensboro College	W 3-0
10/19	Meredith College	W 3-1
Varsity Football		
Date	Opponent	Result
10/8	Maryville College	L 24-26
10/15	Ferrum College	L 17-37

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Time
10/26	Greensboro College	3 p.m.
10/29	Ferrum College	12 p.m.
Women's Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Time
10/28	Greensboro College	3 p.m.
10/29	Barton College	2:30 p.m.
Women's Volleyball		
Date	Opponent	Time
10/26	North Carolina Wesleyan College	7 p.m.
10/29	Mary Baldwin College	2 p.m.
10/29	Peace College	4 p.m.
Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
10/29	Averett University	1 p.m.
11/5	North Carolina Wesleyan College	1 p.m.
11/12	Greensboro College	1 p.m.



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September 28 ★ October 30 ★ November 9



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Chick-fil-A Ramsey Street

Event starts at 10:00 p.m.

September 30 ★ December 7

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