

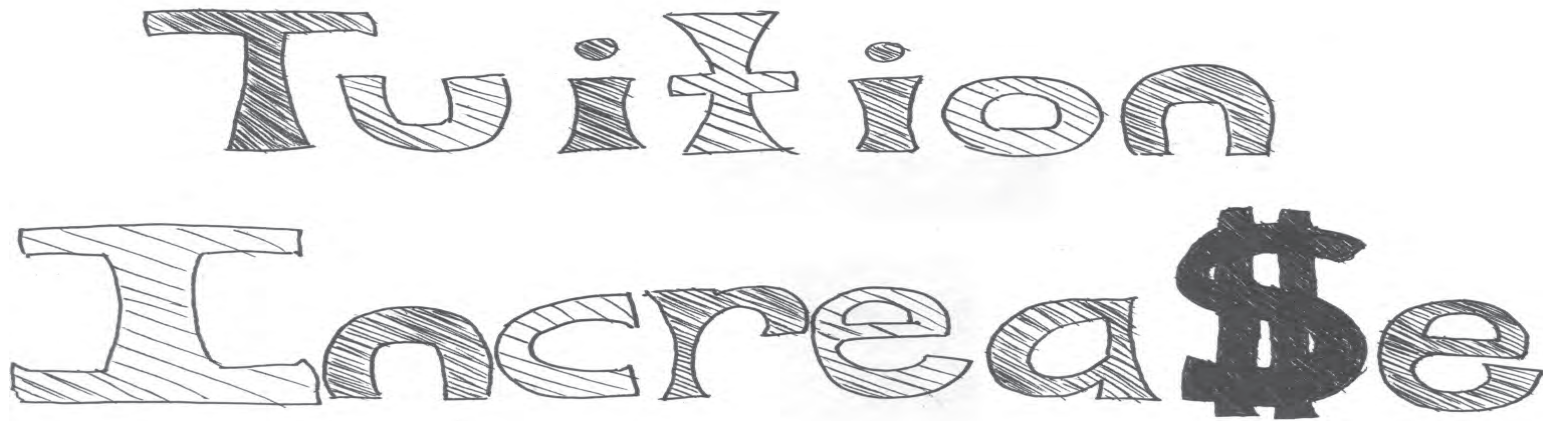
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## Putting Rumors to Rest

*Contributing Writer  
Rickelle Harrell*

Word spread fast throughout campus of the tuition increase for the 2012-13 academic year. Students' worries of the upcoming tuition increase were answered with a personal email from the desk of the University's President, Dr. Ben Hancock. On March 2, 2011 at 11: 29 a.m., a mass email was sent out to Methodist University students in reply to the concerns.

"As we attempt to keep the increase at minimal levels, we are nonetheless moving forward with improvements to the campus that will add even more value to your Methodist University experience, including new programs and new facilities as outlined in the recent Master Plan presentation to the campus community. We will fund these new programs and facilities through a combination of sources, including the annual operating budget, long-term financing, and increased fund raising from private sources," Hancock wrote.

The tuition increase was approved to rise 5.71 percent for the 2012-13 academic year by the Methodist University board of trustees. Hancock also noted in the email that this year's increase is lower than last year's and below the 20-year average of annual increases.

Margot Runion, Loan Coordinator at Methodist University, suggests that students should be at ease and that the tuition increase has not affected the overall process of financial aid. She credits rumors on social sites as the culprit for magnifying the dismay in the student body.

"We normally have increases in tuition every year; this is not the 1st time," Runion said. "I heard students talking about tuition raising \$10,000 this year, and that's not true."

Runion says she thinks most schools are considering tuition increases due to the raising costs of gas and rooming.

"I don't know [e]specially about other schools, but on a good year, tuition is going to increase. Even at state schools, costs are going to increase. It has to come out somewhere in a budget," Runion said.

However, Runion thinks students need to prepare for the upcoming year by remembering academics.

"What you get from financial aid academically when you come in to Methodist is probably what you are going to keep, so the better your academics are when you come in, the more scholarships you can apply for institutionally because at Methodist the only thing you get is based on your academics so that's a big part in it," Runion said. To find the scholarships, students have to work hard to find scholarship money to help with getting through school.

"It's worth it for the school." Rachel Evans, a senior here at Methodist said. "Even though I'm a senior and the increase does not really affect me, it would not derail me from coming back if I was returning because of the trouble I would have to go through with credits not transferring...and in the end its worth it for this school."

Austin Khatib, a junior, feels like the increase will stop a lot of students from enrolling and returning.

"I think it's going to turn away a lot of students and cause a lot of transfers out. I have been here for three years and all I have seen due to tuition increasing is the sororities' houses and just recently the nursing program, so I really do not see where the money is going. My father went back to Iraq just to pay off my bill here so yes this will affect the enrollment here," Khatib said.

For more information, packets are available in the financial aid office.

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# Changes Coming to Methodist

Leigh Ann Philbee  
Business Manager

In twenty years, the campus of Methodist University will look completely different than the way we see it now. There are two important changes that will be happening at Methodist. One of the major changes that will be taking place over the course of the next several years is the Master Plan. The idea of the Master Plan has been in the works since Sept. 2011 and was finalized in Jan. 2012. There was a comprehensive study completed to find out what people wanted the campus to look like for years to come. Currently, Methodist University owns approximately 600 acres of land from Ramsey Street to the Cape Fear River. Some of this land will be used for new offices and dorms, but other parts will stay the same.

Some of the ideas that are presented in the Master Plan are: to transform the campus core, improve the campus image, enhance student life, become better environmental stewards and create room for academic, athletic and administrative expansion. The campus core will be improved mainly by making the quad more open and accessible. This will put the Berns Student Center at the heart of student life. There will also be changes made to Reeves Auditorium, Davis Memorial Library and the Trustees Academic Building.

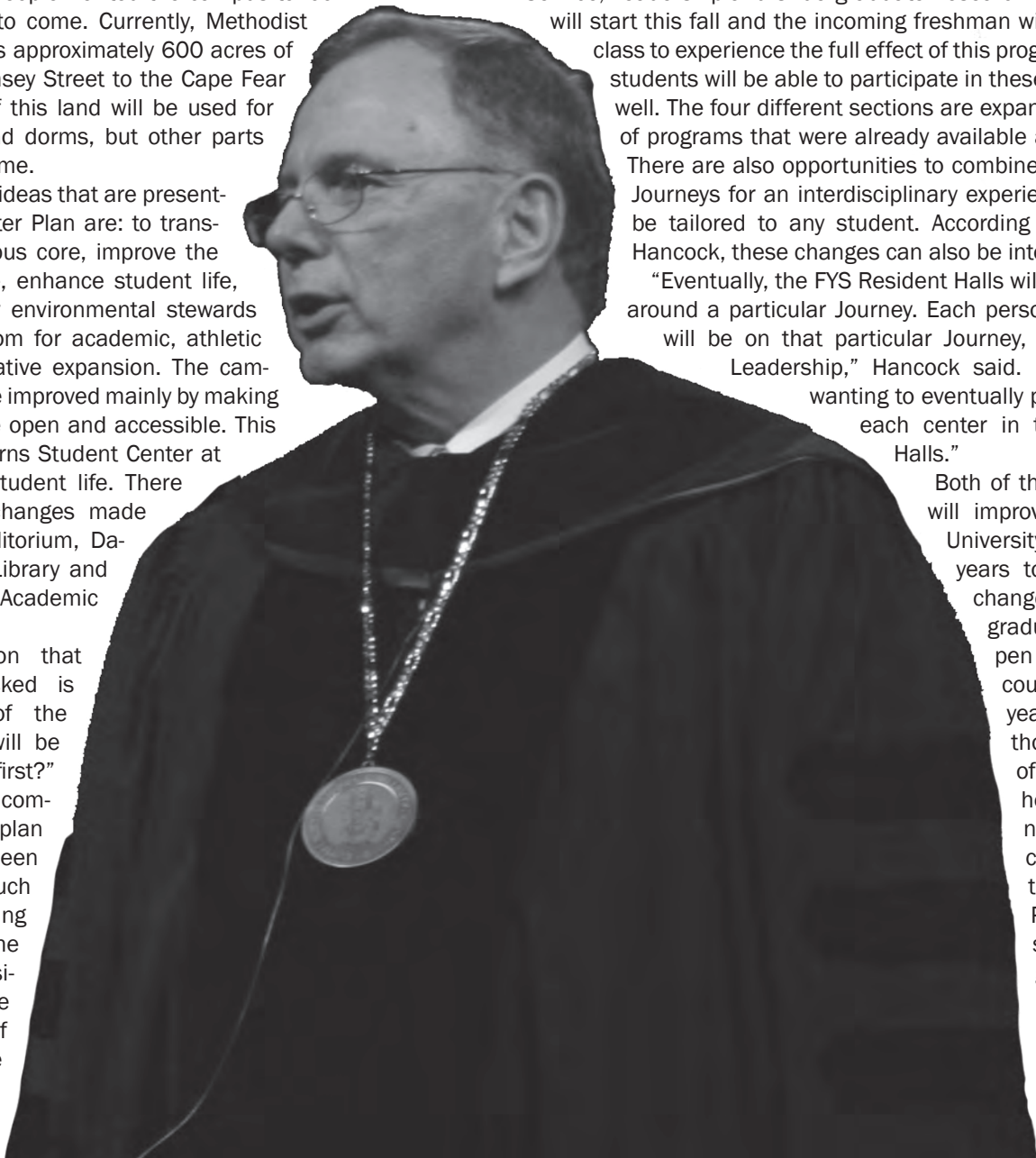
One question that has been asked is "what part of the Master Plan will be completed first?" Some of the components of the plan have already been started, such as the nursing building and the sophomore resident hall. The next phase of the plan will be to add more sidewalks to the campus

and improve the roads and overall appearance of Methodist. This will happen in the next year. In the next two to ten years, there will be a new updated student center and auditorium, Cumberland and Sanford will be demolished and grass will be in the place of many of the parking lots around campus. The last phase will be an expansion of Nimocks fitness center and housing on campus.

The other major change that will take place is the introduction of the Methodist University Journeys. There are four different Journeys that students can take: Globalization, Community Service, Leadership and Undergraduate Research. The Journeys will start this fall and the incoming freshman will be the first class to experience the full effect of this progress. Current students will be able to participate in these Journeys as well. The four different sections are expanded versions of programs that were already available at Methodist. There are also opportunities to combine some of the Journeys for an interdisciplinary experience that can be tailored to any student. According to President Hancock, these changes can also be intertwined.

"Eventually, the FYS Resident Halls will be centered around a particular Journey. Each person in the hall will be on that particular Journey, for instance, Leadership," Hancock said. "And we are wanting to eventually put offices for each center in the Resident Halls."

Both of these changes will improve Methodist University for many years to come. The changes will be gradual and happen over the course of 20 years. Even though many of the students here today will not see the completion of the Master Plan, they will see the beginning steps of a new Methodist University.



# International President Explains Resignation

Sydney Machokoto, interviewed by  
Dhondup Tashi Rekjong  
International Editor



**Q.** What does the International Club normally do?

**A.** The International Club focuses on two main areas:

- It provides a platform for international students to express themselves in cultural events and informative discussions, bringing an exotic touch to our campus.
- Contrary to the widely held perception, the club is open to every Methodist University community member (even Americans) who would like to participate in global discussions and other educative events on culture, religion, and the environment.



**Q.** Did you have a good experience with the International Club?

**A.** Good is not enough of a word to describe my experience. I was both challenged and developed as a person. No matter how close-minded you are, once you expose yourself to a diverse community you change, somehow. I love my club and I think it is a very crucial part of Methodist University.



**Q.** Why did you step down from the position of Club President?

**A.** It was a tough decision for me to make. To be a president of this club requires a great input of time, dedication and organization. You need to always be motivating people and keeping up with your promises and plans. I found myself incapable of giving the maximum input of the above mentioned qualities due to the ever increasing demands of my academic life. It was paramount in the best interests of the club and the university that I resign.

**Q.** Do you have any sort of advice for the current Club members on how to make the Club better?

**A.** I think club members need to support the active executive board in the planning of events. We lacked a lot on publicity with some of our events. The key to success is initiative; that conviction that, without my efforts as an individual, the good of the group is affected. The board greatly appreciates hands of help all the time, because without a doubt there is a lot of work to be done in this club. But most of all, I think the best ingredient in making the club better is staying united as a club as we always have been. Just a little bit more commitment to meetings and events will take the club higher.



# Ceremony Bestows Awards

By Jose Green  
Contributing Writer

Mention of a new Excellence in Faculty Research Award was made by Dr. Delmas S. Crisp at the 2012 Awards Ceremony in the Reeves Auditorium on April 2. Signature people were recognized for their signature accomplishments and for setting the bar high in academic excellence.

Dr. Crisp, the Executive Vice President and Academic Dean of the university, said that the award will recognize outstanding research at the university and that it will be something to look forward to by this time next year.

This year, 48 awards were handed out in total. The awards ranged from the Anthony J. DeLapa Art Achievement Award, to the Lura S. Tally Award for Leadership Excellence, to the Senior Athletes of the Year Awards, just to name a few; these awards are some of the higher paying awards that require the recipients to set a high standard of academic excellence and set records in record breaking numbers.

The Anthony J. DeLapa Art Achievement Award, which consists of a \$300 honorarium, a certificate and a memorial plaque that will be located in the Fine Arts Division inscribed with the recipient's name. This award went to Jocelyn Abreau for her academic excellence and contribution to the arts.

Jenny Wayland, from the Reeves School of Business, has a mediation business with her husband, and has recently been published in the journal *Accountability, Ethics & Business*, won the Lura S. Tally Award for Leadership Excellence, for which she received a medallion from the Tally Leadership Center, her name inscribed in a plaque and a \$500 honorarium—Dr. Bill Watt joked he would give her some of the money—since she was not in attendance to receive the award or even know what the amount of the honorarium was.

One of the most decorated and accomplished student athletes in the history of Methodist University, Ashlynn Chavis, won the 2011-2012 Senior Female Athlete of the Year Award. A Methodist career record holder, Chavis is ranked in the top ten of all time NCAA Track Division III Track & Field performances. She has been an NCAA 2011 Regional Field Athlete of the Year, a five time NCAA Indoor All-American and a five time NCAA Outdoor Track & Field All-American.

The 2011-2012 Senior Male Athlete of the Year Award went to Trey Such for his accomplishments on the baseball team. A 2012 pre-

season All-American pick and captain of the team, Such was a 2010 baseball All-American and recently set a career record for homeruns at Methodist University against Guilford College at Greensboro a week prior to this year's award ceremony.

Students were not the only ones receiving awards. There were also awards being given to faculty members that were either nominated by students or other faculty members for things such as the academic advising of students, being an exemplary teacher or even being the distinguished professor of the year.

"It has been my pleasure over the last three years to present the Annual Award for Excellence in Academic Advising," said Mr. John Herring, the chair of the academic advising committee, before presenting Dr. Pamela Strickland with the award.

Before recognizing several other faculty members who won awards for their accomplishments, Dr. Ben E. Hancock, the president of Methodist University, asked Alfred E. Cleveland, trustees, to stand and be recognized for heading the McLean Foundation, which has provided the endowment for two professorships—one in English and one in History.

"These professorships are invaluable as they allow us to recognize and reward outstanding professors in these areas. The inaugural recipients are Dr. Emily Wright and Dr. Peter Murray. Our new acclaimed professor in English is Dr. Robin Greene," said Dr. Hancock, as he began to recognize the faculty members starting with the McLean Endowed Professors. "Our new acclaimed Professor in History is Dr. Rebecca Wendelken."

Dr. Dave Turner received the "Exemplary Teacher Award" from the General Board of Higher Educational Ministry of the United Methodist Church. Turner has been at Methodist University since 2001, has taught in both the United States and abroad, has hosted campus ministry leadership teams for luncheons every semester and supports campus ministry groups through generous donations of time and resources.

Dr. Eric See received the "Distinguished Professor of the Year Award." See is completing his fifth year at Methodist University and he serves as department chair and encourages students to learn through classroom teaching as well as academic professional conferences.

Mrs. Pat Jones received the "Alfred E. Cleveland Award for Excellence in Teaching." Jones has been at Methodist University since 1982 and is described by multiple nominators as always coming to class with a smile, being extremely active on and off campus, has served on committees too numerous to mention and is retiring after 30 years of service to Methodist University.

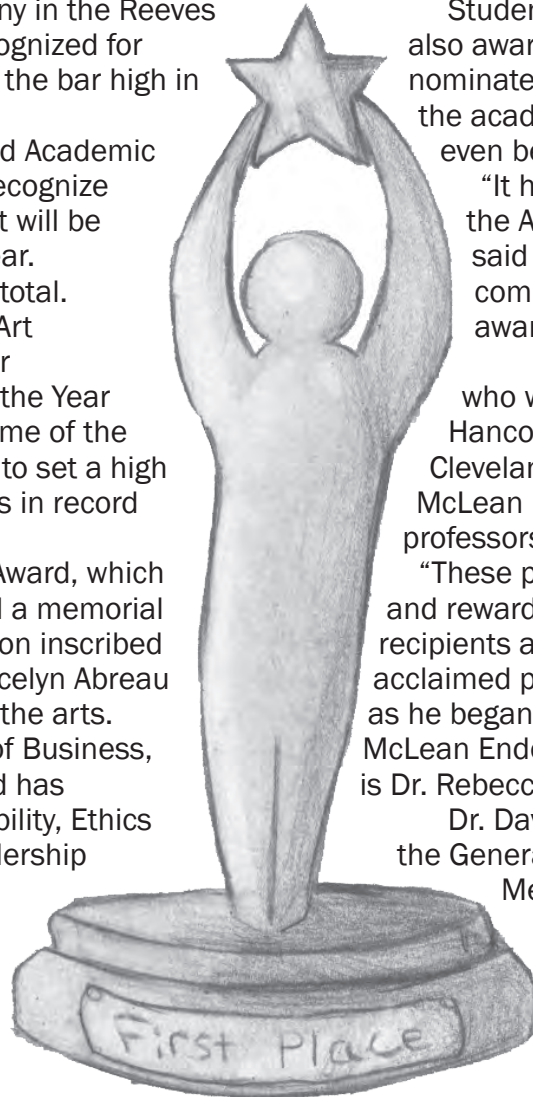


Illustration by Emory Jacobs

# Fight Gone Right Begins with MU Challenge

Contributing Writer  
Joyce Johnson

The MU Challenge is not just a fund raiser, but a practical application that allows students to use skills that will be needed in a real world situation for the students in the Sports Management program. MU Challenge also gets these students involved in community engagement which has become one of the focuses of the university. This year, the MU Challenge will be supporting the Wounded Warrior project. Dr. Greg Combs, the instructor for the Sports Management program, said that the reason the Wounded Warrior project was chosen was to raise more awareness for the charity. "It's not about the money. Our goal is to get participation up to 250 people," Combs said.

Combs and his students are providing a way to get people, and especially veterans, involved in something that gets them out of the house, away from the Xbox and something that they will enjoy and that is good for them and the environment. Finisher medals that resemble dog tags will be given out to the participants at the end of the event. Jake McSwain is the student responsible for the design that has MU Challenge on the front and reads "MU Challenge, Run, Ride, Fight Gone Right, Finisher" on the back.

When trying to decide what to call it one of the veteran students, McSwain said he had already had a fight gone wrong and he would like a fight to go right. Out of that, they named the cross fit component "Fight Gone Right." There were many reasons for choosing the location.

"Open, safe, flat and a weekly ride the local cycling club has in Wade," Combs said. The Wade community has been very supportive of the event in the past with the Fire Department and a local land owner. They have allowed access to their property for parking and setting up tables.

Several events will be taking place during the day including 1k, 5k and 10k races, cycling 18, 36 and 54 miles, and a biathlon that is a combination 54 miles of cycling and 10k run. You can preregister at [MUSportsManagement.net](http://MUSportsManagement.net) or [www.active.com/cycling/wade-nc/run-ride-fight-gone-right-2012](http://www.active.com/cycling/wade-nc/run-ride-fight-gone-right-2012).

Sports Management students are also encouraging students to come out by offering a group discount. For five dollars, you can bring your group out to participate in any of the events being held that day. Any individual student that would like to participate will be asked to pay five dollars on the day of the event.

Combs passion for the cycling portion of the event, and as owner and operator of Velo Smart in Southern Pines, NC, lead him to become one of the many sponsors of the event. Other sponsors include Cross Creek Cycling, Affordable Portables, Scrub Oaks, Road ID, PWC, Wounded Warrior Project, Chick-Fil-A and the Methodist Athletic Training program.

As a former service member himself, Combs has experience with triathlons that he participated in through the military. Combs said wants to expose students to a new outlook on sports and physical well being.

For those wanting to go out and support the MU Challenge on April 21, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Wade Community Fire Department, the address is 3926 Church Street Wade, NC. Bring your five dollars and a car load of friends.

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## Easter Jam Rocks Reeves

Staff Writer  
Rica McDonald

Sam Morrison, Methodist University's Relations Event coordinator, was able to host Christian Rock sensation Josh Wilson in Reeves Auditorium on March 30. The 12th annual Easter Jam concert was held to support the Second Harvest Food Bank located in Southeast North Carolina. Concert admission each year is free with the donation of one or more non-perishable food items.

Approximately 700 students, as well as University president Dr. Ben Hancock, were in house for the concert which began with opening songs performed by Common Ground, a Christian rock band that performs for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes club on campus. Roughly 60 student volunteers were there with tables selling T-shirts and giving away cheers and applause as each person entered the auditorium with cans of food and other non-perishable items. Second Harvest Representative Patra Roberts was well pleased with the turnout and huge success of the event. She offered table treats and additional information at a table set

up for the charity.

Mr. Morrison stated that the concert was fantastic.

"There aren't many opportunities that come about to listen to one of the best Christian artists in the country and it only costs a can of food," Morrison said.

He was also happy that the students surpassed their goal of 500 pounds of food by actually receiving more than 700 pounds of collected food valued

at over \$1200.00. He attributes some of the success to Josh Wilson himself who tweeted "Dear NC, we are caffeinated and heading your way for EJ12. There will be music and high fives." Causing EJ12 to be trending on Twitter.

"That proves that Twitter can be a useful marketing tool," Morrison said.

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- Sam Morrison,  
MU Relations Event  
Coordinator

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# Student Club Breaks Seal on Closet Door

**Rica McDonald**  
Staff Writer

As advisor to Methodist University's student club "Unseal It," Dr. Kelly Walter-Carney is delighted with the club's first year's success. The club, started in January by student Francisca "Kika" Frisone, works as a supportive group to the LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer, Allies) population at Methodist. Walter-Carney states that the nature of the club is to be a social and supportive place for students and allies alike. Currently having a membership of 20 to 30 students, the group also focuses on religious understanding, political activism and socializing while providing a positive environment. The group has sponsored events to educate as well, including a recent panel discussion featuring Reverend Nancy Petty of Pulley Baptist Church in Ra-

leigh, Reverend Mike Safley of Methodist University and Reverend Rey Brown of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Fayetteville. The panel discussion sought to address the question "What Is a Christian Stance on Marriage Equality?" The discussion's purpose was to answer questions from a biblical perspective.

Kika Frisone recalls the origination of the club as a long but encouraging process.

"My family was very supportive when I came out, so I didn't feel the need of support from other areas. I decided to get involved after a friend approached me saying it would have been easier if he had support when he came out. I was no expert on the topic so I visited other campuses, saw activities and realized the impact of their importance to the community. I understood that people needed that here on our campus, so I worked for over a year talking to students, developing relationships with faculty,

researching other schools, studying others and trying to see what was needed in the Methodist University community. I got together with a friend and we wrote our constitution, gathered 10 members which is the requirement to start a club on campus and an advisor and one year later here we are," Frisone said.

Kika says that the goal is to provide an open, safe and compassionate place for students. She stated that she has encountered no negativity thus far and that the students and faculty have given nothing but encouragement. Posters are placed around campus to promote events and the turnout has been good. The club is welcoming to anyone who is interested, and those that would like to know more information about the club should contact the group via email -Unsealit@gmail.com.

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## An Addition Vision, A Legacy Still

**Rica McDonald**  
Staff Writer

To drive on the Methodist University Campus is to experience nature's beauty. The greenery is manicured right down to the playing fields. A field sitting between the campus housing is of particular fondness for many students. It is a field dedicated to the memory of Coach Mike Sinkovitz, past director of Campus Recreation and Intramurals. Known affectionately as "Coach Sink," students remember his deep devotion to improving Methodist University and the hard work he put into clearing and shaping that particular plot into the beautiful field still there—but a bit different. Minor changes have been made, reducing the size of Coach Sink Field, but without the controversy that attached to earlier plans that might have eliminated the field. For 19 years, Coach Sink, a skilled carpenter, put his heart and hands into many much needed and much appreciated developments at Methodist.

His final project was the design and completion of the field named in his honor. Coach Sink cleared the field, spread seed turf and set up irrigation for the field. Students held a vigil on the field after his death. The legacy of Coach Sink encountered con-

troversy about a year after his death when it was decided that additional sophomore housing would be built on Sink field. Students were in an uproar. Coach Sink had been a favorite of students. Sink had taken them on trips, hosted international students and invited Methodist students to dinners at his home. The field was an important part of his legacy and students voiced this fact to the University. A sit-in on the field and local media coverage put the controversy center stage. As former university President Dr. M. Elton Hendricks was retiring, he felt that the decision would be best left to his replacement. That turned out to be Dr. Ben Hancock, who was aware of the controversy and the field's history. Hancock realized that there was a great deal of importance in making the decision.

"I had read about the concerns of the students and how the members of the University felt. I respected those feelings, the history of the field and took those things into consideration," Hancock said. That history encouraged Hancock to build the housing in a way that infringes minimally, and "preserves the integrity of the field."

Some students feel that the additional housing is necessary and the decision was handled well.

"I like it", freshman Jameco Mackenzie, 19, resident advisor of Sanford Hall said. "It's a good idea and extends sophomores a new avenue for co-curriculum learning. It offers placement for 100 more students and affects the Sanford, Cumberland and Pierce dorms. They will be able to relocate from freshman dorms to a sophomore living environment."

Others are not as interested in a new building but see a need for other improvements at the University. Rebecca Tate, 23, is a junior and anchor of Methodist's Monarch Moments cable show.

"They should be putting more money into parking. It is important to build up the Greek community because it enhances connections in the community, networking capabilities and fundraising options, but, before we do that, staple issues such as the lack of parking should be addressed," Tate said.

The new building, which has yet to be named, also boasts a classroom for a Sophomore Experience class. Whatever the future holds for incoming freshmen, that piece of legacy will be forever protected and shown respect in memory of the Coach who left his mark on the hearts of students and the grounds of Methodist University.



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part 7  
By: Emory Jacobs  
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Crossing Over is a student Art Gallery that the art students had to submit and only seventeen students were chosen.





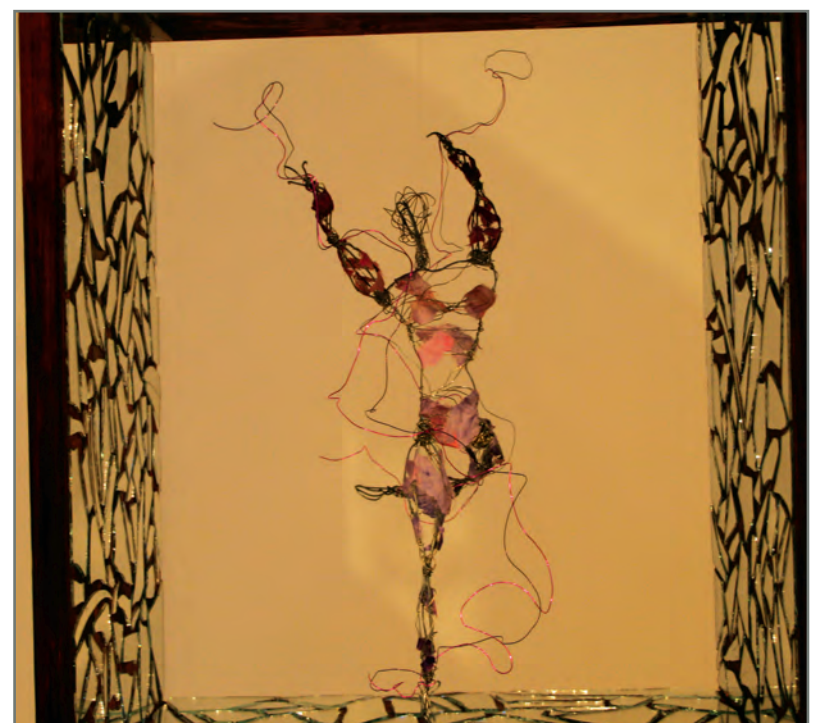
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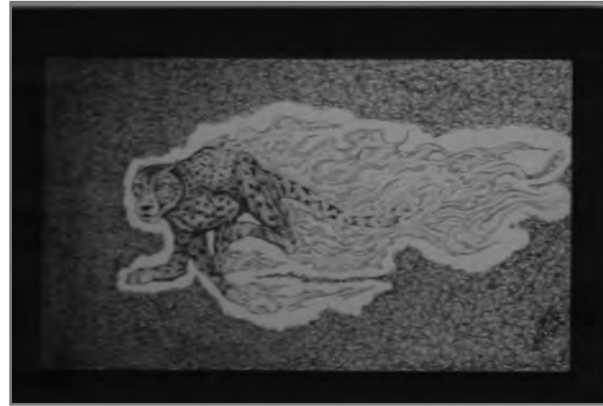




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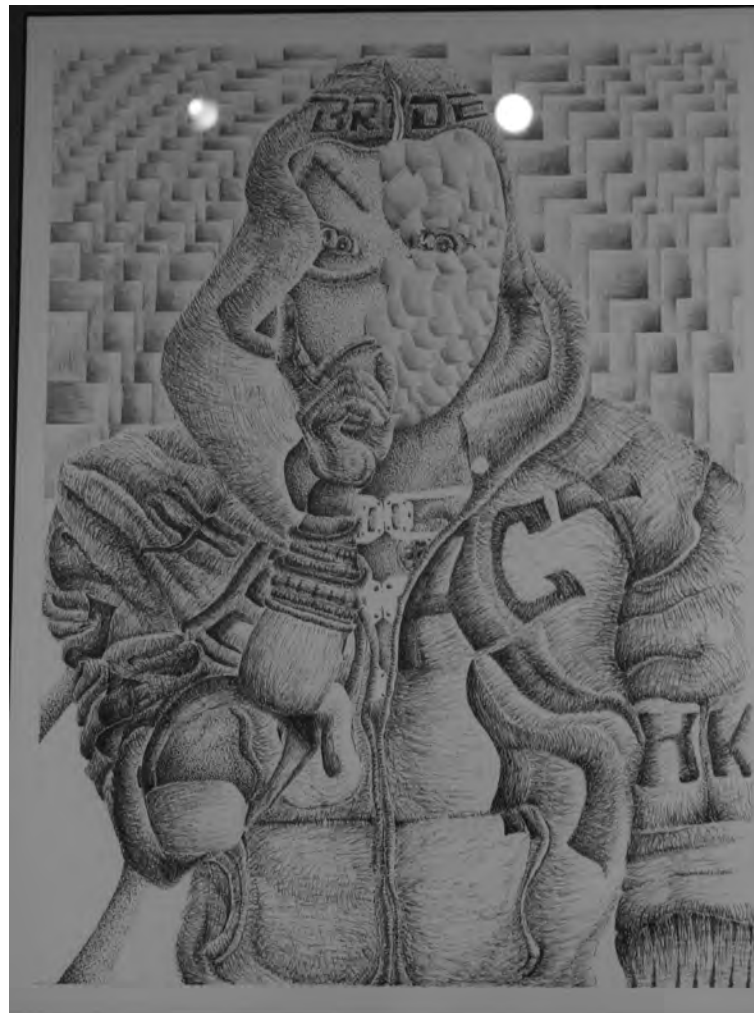


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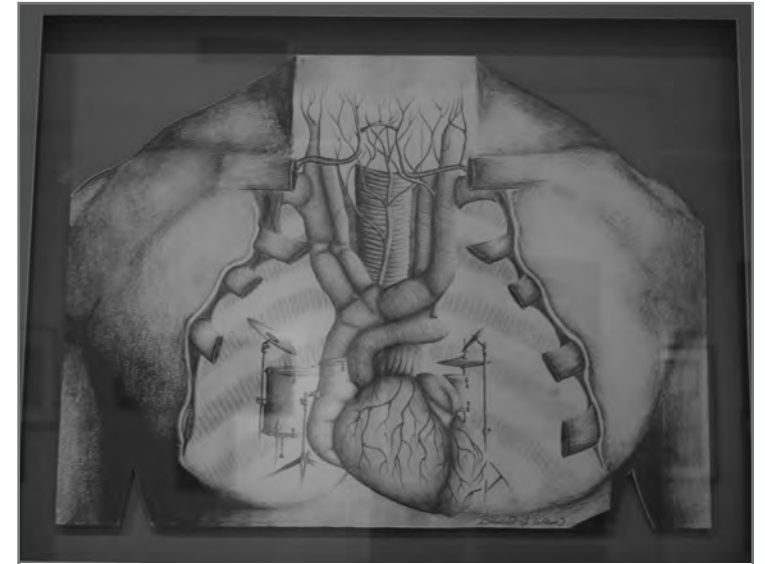


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# MonarchScoreboard

## GAME RESULTS

### Women's Softball

Date	Opponent	Result
3/14	Peace College(DH)	W 6-0, W 6-5
3/18	Shenandoah University(DH)	W 8-1, W 5-4
3/20	North Carolina Wesleyan College(DH)	W 5-0, W 3-2
3/25	Salem College	W 7-5
4/1	Guilford College(DH)	W 7-6, L3-6

### Men's Baseball

Date	Opponent	Result
3/14	Virginia Wesleyan College	L 3-4
3/18	Averett University	L 2-3
3/20	Noth Central College	W 9-8
3/25	Shenandoah University(DH)	W 8-1, W 5-4
4/1	Ferrum College	W5-4

### Women's Tennis

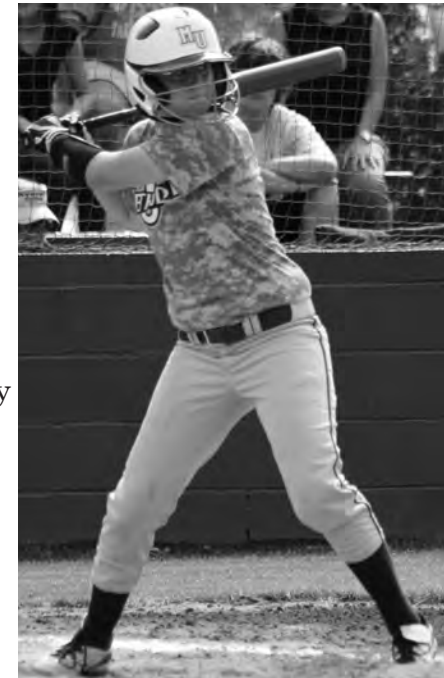
Date	Opponent	Result
3/17	Averett University	W 9-0
3/18	Mary Baldwin College	W 9-0
3/30	Southern Virginia University	W 7-2
4/1	Shenandoah University	W 9-0

### Men's Tennis

Date	Opponent	Result
3/15	Barton College	W 6-3
3/20	Conneticut College	W 6-3
3/22	Greensboro College	W 9-0
3/24	Hampten-Sydney College	W 8-1
4/1	Shenandoah University	W 9-0



#44 Erica Bradley  
With eyes on a fly  
ball.  
Picture by Cecilia  
Bode



# 12 Katie Byrd  
Preparing for a  
Grand-Slam.  
Picture Taking by  
Cecila Bode

## UPCOMING GAMES

### Men's Baseball

Date	Opponent	Time
<b>4/9</b>	<b><i>UNC Club</i></b>	<b><i>6pm</i></b>
4/12-4/15	USA South Tournament	TBD
4/17	Hampden-Sydney College	3:30pm
4/21-4/22	Emory University	1pm & 2pm

### Women's Softball

Date	Opponent	Time
4/12-4/15	USA South Tournament	TBD
4/18	Virginia Wesleyan College(DH)	4pm & 6pm

### Men's Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time
4/13-4/15	USA South Tournament	TBD

### Women's Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time
4/13-4/15	USA South Tournament	TBD

### Women's Lacrosse

Date	Opponent	Time
4/10	Hollins University	4pm
4/13-4/15	USA South Tournament	TBD
<b>4/21</b>	<b><i>Berry College</i></b>	<b><i>12pm</i></b>

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# Music Groups Land Big Opportunities



Gabbie Isaac  
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From hearing the melodic cadence of a basketball hitting the court at an official NCAA game on ESPN to playing for President Ben Hancock, the fourth president at Methodist University to singing in Holden Beach, NC, this year has held many special opportunities for the musical groups and organizations on campus.

I am a member of the Methodist University Marching Monarchs as well as the One Voice International Gospel Choir and the MU Jazz band. These organizations alone have been able to perform with and for some of the best.

To begin with, the Methodist University Marching Monarchs were able to perform at the Benanza student inauguration this year. Most people may not see this as a huge accomplishment. However, because getting a new president is such a rare occasion, to me it was an honor to participate in such a historic event. Many students and faculty may not be aware, but the Marching Monarchs were also able to play for the St. Bonaventure Bonnies while they played against Notre Dame during an NCAA basketball game. The event was televised on ESPN which was a huge opportunity of the Marching Monarchs.

Next, the One Voice International Gospel Choir has been able to do many things this year. The choir has grown to be a very diverse musical ministry. As a member of this group, I feel like we have grown to be

a family and we have made it our goal to tell people about God through our songs of worship. The choir got to go on a trip to Holden Beach, NC where we sang at a church while also introducing President Hancock to the congregation. The choir has been able to travel to churches, sing at schools, and sing at Gospel Night which was a SAC event earlier this year.

Lastly, the MU jazz band has become a group with a bright future. The Jazz band has been asked to play at Mardi Gras events, Jazz festivals and various other concerts. The biggest opportunity that the band has received is coming up over the summer. The Jazz band has arranged a tour where they will be performing at different military bases as well as some other locations in between.

It has been an honor to be a part of these organizations. There are many different musical groups around campus that are *noteworthy*. There are the Fayetteville Symphonic band, the MU Chorale, the Noblemen, Common Ground and the Treble Tones. Although I am not a member of these groups, I have witnessed firsthand their abilities and I appreciate their passion for music. The MU music department gets several opportunities. They do not miss a beat.



Above: The Marching Monarchs attended a NCAA Basketball game and played for the St. Bonaventure Bonnies.

Left: The One Voice International Gospel Choir were able to attend several concerts this year.

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