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Orientation Weekend Brings Life Changes

Emily Nystrom
Photography Editor

Orientation brought some major changes to my life faster than a tear can escape from my mother's eye. The comforts of a familiar bed and recognizable faces are now gone, and so we must learn to adapt. I find it so strange that no one is here to nag me about cleaning my room, or to wake me up for class if I accidentally sleep in. I am now an adult and orientation was the beginning of a new chapter in my life.

Friday went exactly how I thought it would. Emotions were running high in the Riddle Center as parents finally realized that their "babies" were leaving the nest. The dorms were incredibly hectic as about 725 freshman stormed the residents halls, armed to the teeth with everything from TVs to tennis rackets. Luckily, the Greek community and the Resident Assistants were available to help everyone get settled quickly and efficiently. In the midst of all this inevitable "organized

chaos", I truly enjoyed the opportunity to meet my fellow classmates, my roommate and to explore the Methodist campus that is going to be my home for the next four years.

One of the things I liked the most about orientation was the plentiful entertainment! Friday night brought magician and mentalist Nate Staniforth to campus, Saturday night was full of excitement with America's Got Talent finalist Recycled Percussion, which was followed by Late Night Madness. Sunday was incredibly entertaining as Minute to Win It held their game show in the Berns Student Center. I really felt like these events served as a pleasant way for students like me to de-stress before classes started. It also provided an opportunity for new students to meet others on campus.



Emily meets with the musicians in Recycled Percussion.

Orientation weekend was also chock-full of ways to get involved on campus. During the orientation fair, I was able to peruse tons of tables that offered information on everything from Bible studies to Student Media to Student Activities Committee. Another opportunity for students to get involved in is through Greek life. All of the sororities and fraternities host numerous social events, participate in community service outreaches and support various charities and organizations through fund-raising. They also provide networks for the brotherhood (or, in my case, sisterhood) that many of us new students desire!

I'm so excited to experience what this school year will bring! I know that many of us, whether new or returning, will inevitably experience numerous instances of immense stress and fatigue, procrastinate on an important paper, and perhaps make a decision or two that will ultimately mold us into who we are meant to be. But you should not be scared!



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Dear Methodist University,

It's that time of year again! The time where students move into halls, athletic teams begin practicing and faculty begin to teach. So far, the start of the 2012-2013 academic year has been great with under-classmen as well as upper-classmen providing life to the Methodist University campus. So, what's in store for this upcoming school year?

To answer that, I want to start by saying Methodist University is a very unique institution. As many others would say, Methodist University is a community which continues to grow. Because Methodist has such a small population, we have the opportunity to come together and become united. Each and every student has the opportunity to experience something special here at Methodist University.

As I start my journey as SGA President, I want to see Methodist University become unified in academics, athletics, community engagement and many more areas. This year will be filled with excitement, hard work, laughter and perseverance. The only way to do this is with your help! I'd like to say thank you to each and every member of the Methodist University community. Thank you for your dedication, compassion and your time in making Methodist University the best it can be. Go Monarchs!

Will Patton, SGA President



Dear Students:

Taking part in extracurricular activities can enhance your overall college experience. The Methodist University Greek Life wants you to become a part of our organizations. At this time, the University recognizes 6 organizations for you to join. There are four fraternities that include Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi. The two sororities include Alpha Delta Pi and Beta Sigma Phi. I'd like to take this opportunity to provide you with some specific information about the Greek community at Methodist University.

For some people, Greek Life on a college campus conjures up images like those seen in the movies or on Television. However, the reality is that the majority of MU fraternity and sorority members have the highest GPAs on campus, engage in meaningful community service activities, enjoy a supportive peer network and develop strong leadership skills.

Methodist University has policies and procedures in place that specifically pertain to eligibility for membership in a Greek organization. These include:

- Freshmen are allowed to join most fraternities or sororities.
- Must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average.
- Full-time student at Methodist University
- Kappa Alpha Psi requires prospective members to be at least a sophomore before joining their organization.

Contact the Greek Life advisor, Doris Munoz, at dmunoz@methodist.edu for more information.

Derrick Nabors, Methodist University Greek Council President



North Hall Opens with Satisfaction

Jill Rogers
Contributing Writer



North hall was completed in late August. There are still a few more improvements to be made to the building including the addition of a small cafe. Contributing photographer.

If you've been by Sink field this year, then you've probably noticed a little building named North Hall. North Hall is the newest residence hall on campus and is by far the most impressive in terms of amenities for its residents.

At three stories high, North Hall houses 102 sophomore residents in double occupancy rooms with private bathrooms. The first floor boasts a reception desk, an academic classroom with a high-tech projection system and a laundry room. The first floor will also be home to the new North Hall Café, which is slotted to open in September. North Hall Café will have a Starbucks, drinks and grab-and-go sandwiches and snacks. The café will be accessible to all students, faculty and staff through the Sink field entrance.

The second floor of North Hall has a breakfast bistro area

with microwave and other small appliances for quick meals on the go. On the third floor, is the impressive 80-inch flat screen television with surround sound and outdoor balcony with the best view on campus.

Each floor has its own lobby with small lounge areas on each end of the hallway for small gatherings or study sessions. The hall is also home to two new smart boards that allow residents to simultaneously watch television and see hall news and events.

However, the most exciting thing about North Hall is the residents and the community that they have already started to build and the pride they take in their new home. They realize what a wonderful place North Hall is and how lucky they are to be the very first to live there!

A Message From smallTalk

Ryan Bowyer
Contributing Writer

My name is Ryan Bowyer and I am the new Assistant Director of Campus Life. Doris Munoz, the Director of Campus Life, and I have spent the summer learning the ins and outs of student media.

I wanted to take this opportunity to address the MU community. First, welcome to the 2012-2013 smallTALK! We are truly excited that you have picked up this issue. This year, the smallTALK is undergoing quite a lot of change. It is going to be a fantastic year.

The staff of the smallTALK would, however, like for readers to understand a few things. First, this is a student project. The students give their valuable time and effort in order to make a product that you all read. Second, this is quite similar to a history student's history paper or a math student's math homework. Those products are never perfect. The math major who is getting his or Ph.D. in aerospace

engineering probably did not score a perfect score on his or her math GRE. Do not expect the students to be perfect. When you do find a mistake, instead of criticizing it, work with the students and let them know how they can make it better. Show them you read their article, saw their picture or comic and tell them what they did well before you criticize their work. The students put their work into the public every two weeks. Math students do not have to do that. History students do not have to do that. These students take quite a risk by putting their work into the public domain. Show them some love, and don't expect perfection. Education is about making mistakes and learning from those mistakes. And, as always, should you have any questions regarding the paper (or want to join/contribute!), please feel free to contact me at jbowyer@methodist.edu. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Davis Memorial Library Receiving A Face-Lift

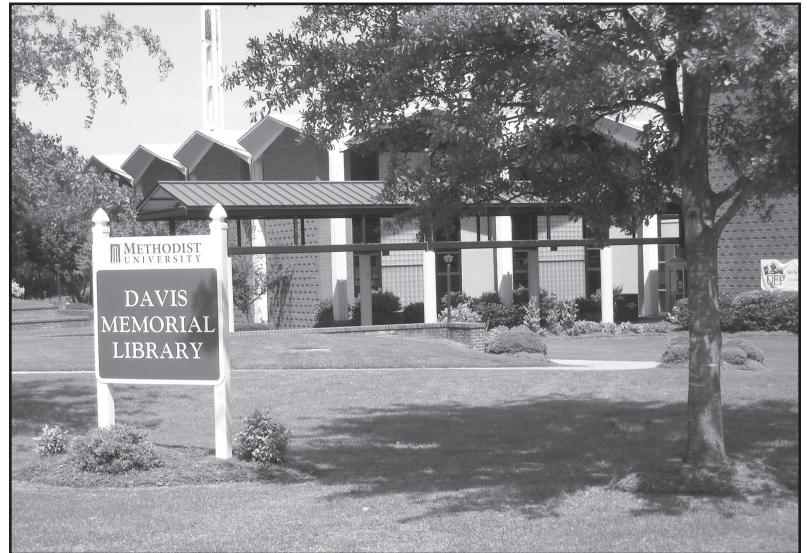
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Contributing Writer

In the upcoming fall semester, the Davis Memorial Library will be undergoing renovations that will greatly improve its capability to assist the Methodist University community. The DML faculty and staff understand that students and faculty depend greatly on the resources and services offered by the library, and in order to avoid any confusions or mishaps during the renovations, the faculty and staff of DML would like to inform the MU community of important details concerning this development.

- The north wing (the old side of the library facing the bell tower) and the library basement will be closed off during the month of September as it undergoes renovations.
- The south wing (the new side of the library facing the new nursing building) will be available and operational for the MU community.
- The DML faculty and staff have put together a “Best-Of” collection—books comprised of selected Non-Fiction, Fiction and books from the Health Science Collection (including anatomy models) that are now located where the Reference collection used to be.
- The following collections are available in the back room behind the circulation desk: Reference, Teaching Material and Legal Reference. Students can gain access to these collections through the doorway on the far right of the circulation desk.
- Current periodicals and selected journals are also available on the ground floor along with comfortable reading nooks. Additional individual and group studying carousels/rooms are available both on the ground and second floor.
- Access to the computers and printing, which is still free of charge except in the case of color printing which is 25 cents a copy, is still available for use. Access to journal articles and over 135,000 e-books will still be available.
- DML policies and services such as—but not limited to—computer usage, electronic device usage and checking out laptops are still in effect during the renovations. As always, the DML faculty and staff will be glad to assist anyone finding materials for research, whether via print, online or interlibrary loan.

The DML faculty and staff have done and will do everything possible to ease the MU community through this transition and ask for your patience and understanding during this fall semester. Renovations are never easy, but the end result will greatly improve the DML as a place for work and study. For additional inquiries, visit the friendly faculty and staff of DML or visit the DML webpage at <http://www.methodist.edu/library>.



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SGA Needs You

SGA meets every Thursday at 7 PM (Berns)
Interested in becoming a Senator?

Becoming a Senator is a great way to get involved in SGA. Senators are elected students who serve as the voice of the student body at SGA meetings. Senators also play a huge role in helping organize events throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming a Senator, packets are available in the SGA office. Packets are due by Friday August 31st 2012 by 5 PM. Questions, comments, concerns? Contact Will Patton, SGA President, at wpatton@student.methodist.edu

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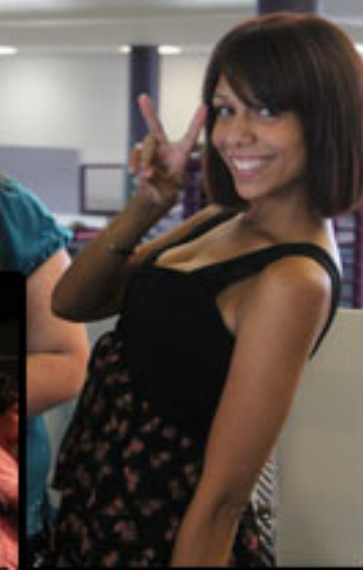
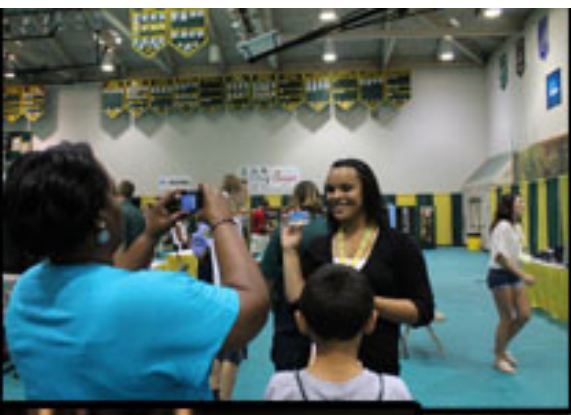
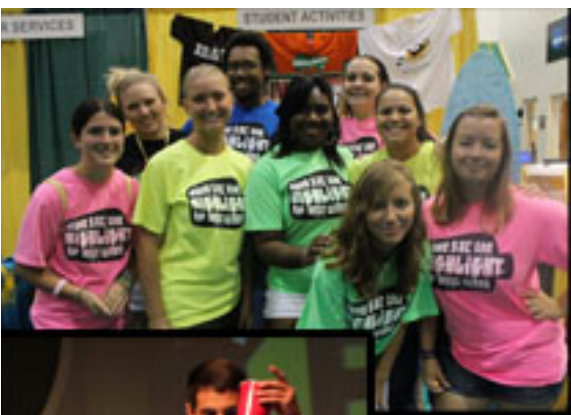
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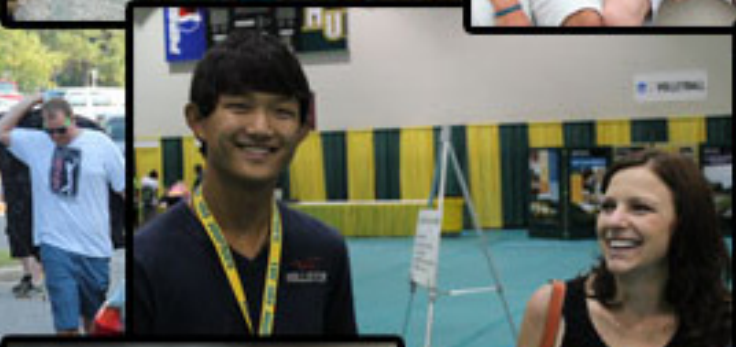
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SGA Assists Criminal Justice Students

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Students involved in the Criminal Justice Forensic Science Association (CJFSA) have been traveling around the United States for world-renowned conferences pertaining to Justice Studies and Forensic Sciences. With the help of CJFSA funding, students have been privileged to attend the American Academy of Forensic Science, the Vidocq Society, FBI and DEA labs, the North Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, the North Carolina International Association for Identification, Sirchie Labs and more.

Thus far, the club has hosted Forensic Psychologist and Vidocq Society co-founder Richard Walter, author Michael Capuzzo, Criminal Profiler and Homicide Investigator Dayle Hinman from the TV show "Body of Evidence" and retired FBI Criminal Profiler Mark Safarik from the TV show "Killer Instinct" at MU for seminars and cold case briefings. CJFSA leadership is currently planning to have author Katherine Ramsland and Blood Stain Pattern Analyst Ross Gardner speak at the university during the Fall 2012 semester.

The members of CJFSA have also participated in volunteer opportunities such as Skibo Roadside Clean-up, The Jesse Smith Woodcutting Project, the Warrior Angels 5K run, Show You Care Day, Crime Stoppers BBQ and many more. Additional events CJFSA likes to hold are club socials where members of CJFSA have the opportunity to meet outside of the university to talk, eat, relax and have fun.




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MU Athletics Fall Into A New Season

James Malachi Stiff

Contributing Writer

When fall athletes return early, they bring with them the excitement of a new school year, new possibilities and new chances to win a conference championship. The athletes are ready to work hard to provide the entertainment that the Methodist University community has come to enjoy.

This fall, the football team, led by Coach Eavenson, will be taking the field for their first home game on September 1. Although the Monarch football team was picked sixth in the USA South preseason football poll, the student athletes believe that they have the potential to win the conference championship this year.

The Cross Country program, led by first year coach Roland Whiting, is a program that has historically had great success. Whiting comes to Methodist after a four year stint as head coach of the cross country program at Neumann University. He was a twelve-time All-American as a college student. With a strong core of runners returning and a new coach at the helm of the program, the Monarch cross country team looks to improve upon their previous years and make the 2012-2013 season a fantastic one.

The women's volleyball team, led by coach Eddie Matthews, begins their campaign against Emory & Henry College at the Cougar Classic in Danville Virginia on September 1 as they try for their fifth consecutive winning season. Last season's team finished 21-8. Student athletes Kayci Miller and Stephanie Wood were selected to the Second Team All-USA South Athletic Conference, Jalesty Washington to the Third Team All-USA South Athletic Conference Team, and Lauren Bramble was selected to the Honorable Mention All-USA South Athletic Team.

Last season, Stephanie Wood tied her own individual match record for the most blocks in a game with 8 against Peace College. Wood also had the third highest season hitting percentage, with a minimum of 50 kills, in program history.

In the same season, Jalesty Washington finished second in program history with 1,360 career kills, sixth in program history with 145 career serve aces, and fifth in program history with 136 career blocks, and Kayci Miller finished second in program history in career assists with 3.159. The volleyball team hopes to continue this success in the coming year.



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- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine no-stick cooking spray
- 5 cooking apples peeled, cored and sliced
- ½ cups light cream or vanilla ice cream (optional)

Directions:

1. Stir flour, oats, brown sugar and salt in a small bowl until well mixed.
2. Blend in butter and peanut butter with a fork until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
3. With no-stick spray, spray a 9 x 1 ½ round microwave-safe baking dish. Place apples in prepared dish. Top it with oat mixture.
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Upcoming Monarch Athletic Events

Saturday, September 1:
Football vs. Washington and Jefferson College. 1 PM

Wednesday September 5
Men's Soccer vs. Randolph College. 5:00 PM

Saturday, September 8:
Men's Soccer vs. Sewanee University. 12:00 PM
Women's Soccer vs. St. Mary's College of Maryland. 12:00 PM

Sunday September 9
Men's Soccer vs. Birmingham-Southern College 12:00 PM
Football vs. Orangeburg Calhoun Prep. 2:00 PM

Wednesday September 12:
Women's Soccer vs. University of Mary Washington 4:30 PM

Good Luck to all Monarchs!

“Step Up: Revolution”

Gabrielle Isaac
Staff Writer

Two best friends, Sean and Eddy, played by Ryan Guzman and Misha Gabriel, grew up with one another in Miami, Florida. From the start, they struggled to make ends meet. The only thing that helped them escape the conflict of their daily lives was dancing. To combat the issues they faced at their terrible job at a corporate hotel, they formed “The Mob,” a group of talented dancers who perform illegal street art. They decided to compete in a contest on Youtube that could earn them thousands of dollars as well as thousands of fans.

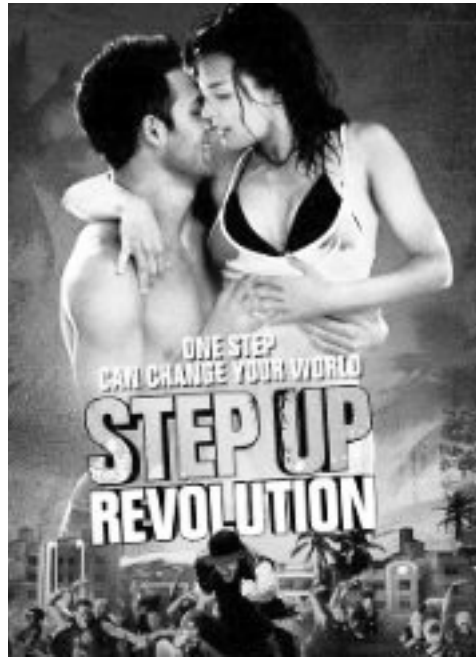
After a day on the job, Sean and Eddy decide to go to a beach location that is meant for the hotel guests. After arriving, Sean meets Emily Anderson, a fiery young woman with a passion for dance. In a Cinderella-like moment, Emily runs away after seeing the new hotel manager.

After arriving late to a company meeting, Eddy is fired from

his job. To make matters worse, the hotel corporation owner, Bill, makes plans to tear down the streets that Sean, Eddy and “The Mob” call home in order to build a new resort. The boys, Emily and the rest of “The Mob” become determined to fight against these building plans by protesting through dance. Their mission is to save their streets and give a voice to the people. However, a conflict arises that sends Sean and Eddy over the edge to the point where their friendship is torn apart and the only thing that can bring them back together is what they love most. Dance.

The choreography for “Step Up: Revolution” greatly surpasses that of the other movies in the series. The dance moves have progressively become more and more energetic and challenging. Four choreographers worked hand in hand to help the 65 “Step Up: Revolution” performers dance with energy, passion and meaning.

If you love dance, this is the movie to watch. The choreographers take a real life drama, add a few dancers and mix it with some passion to create a film that surpasses all that have come before it.



Did You Know? Movie Facts

- *The sound of ET walking was originally made by someone squishing their hands in Jell-o.
- *Brad Pitt's first job was dancing in a chicken suit to attract customers to an El Pollo Loco restaurant on Sunset Blvd in California.
- *In “Toy Story,” the carpet designs in Sid’s hallway are the same as the carpet designs in “The Shining.”
- *The lion costume in the film, “The Wizard of Oz,” was made from real lion skin.
- *Only a small amount of “Battle: Los Angeles” was actually filmed in Los Angeles. Most of the movie was shot in Louisiana.
- *Brad Pitt had his tooth chipped by a dentist for the movie “Fight Club.”
- *Jennifer Lawrence did not whistle in the movie “The Hunger Games” because the director, Gary Ross, felt she wasn’t very good at it. The whistle was in fact done by Michael Wandmacher who is a TV, Film, and Video Game composer.

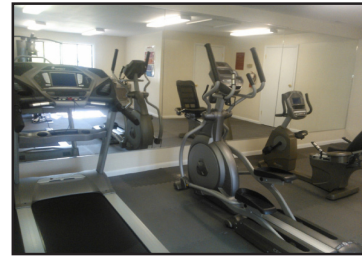
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