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Reaping What You Sow

Gabrielle Isaac *Editor-in-Chief*

"You will reap what you sow." I've heard this expression for the majority of my life. Most of the time that this expression it is used in a bad way. For example, if all you do is act harshly towards someone, you will soon experience what you "dished out." This expression is what I like to call the "Christian karma."

However, this phrase can have good and bad connotations. Personally, I have come to connect this expression to academics and extracurricular activities. Just as it is important to give your all to academics in order to further your education, it is also important to become involved with clubs and organizations. Being involved in clubs and organizations will help you to advance in your career, build lifelong friendships and allow for networking.

There are many amazing organizations at Methodist University that I am proud to be a part of. I am an active member or Greek Life, the MU Bands, smallTalk newspaper and the One Voice International Gospel Choir. I have been able to connect with people from all over the world by being in these organizations. Many of the clubs at Methodist University give their members the opportunity to network through conferences, tours, community service projects and special performances. Last year, the smallTalk staff was able to travel to New York, New York to a country-wide college journalism conference. Many of the speakers were members of newspaper staffs of large and infamous newspapers. The staff, including myself, had the chance to talk to these writers and photographers, giving us the chance to build professional relationships.

You reap what you sow. The more time that you put into your academics, social life and clubs, the more benefits you will get from your dedication. However, you should make sure that the club that you join is one that you are willing to stick with.

You should join a club or organization that suits your personality and interests. Methodist University tries to assist the student bod in finding a great organization through the Clubs and Organizations Fair. This normally happens twice a semester. If you can't find a club that you feel suits you, you could always talk to the Student Life department and ask about forming a new club. The dedicated staff members of Methodist University try their hardest to make groups that students will be interested in. Clubs at MU range from Sports to Writing and from Music to Entrepreneur clubs. So do not get discouraged, MU has a club for practically every one.

You will get what you give. Do not expect to sit in your room for four years and be as successful as someone who is deeply involved in all aspects of student life. You have the chance to change campus. Use your voice and make a difference on at Methodist University. Who knows, maybe you will go down in history. The smallTalk staff encourages you to come by and learn more about our organization.





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smallTalk Sits Down with Andrea Moore

Casey Ausborn

Staff Writer

Q: "What is your job like?"

A: "I like it, really. I get along with everybody; the students love me. I've met a lot of nice people and faculty members. It's a job, I mean I look forward to coming to work every day."

Q: "What did you do before you started working at Methodist?"

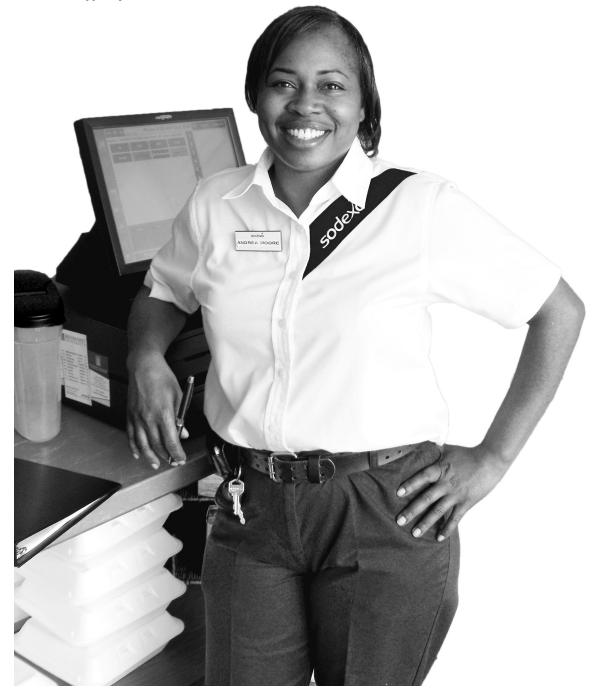
A: "I worked at wiener works on Yadkin road. I worked there for about two and a half years, then I saw this job in the paper so I came and applied for this one."

Q: "What do you enjoy most about working at Methodist?"

A: "The students. They're nice to me, I love them. When they're not around it's boring. I hate when school lets out, because then I don't get to see them. When the school year starts back, some of them come back and some of them don't, so I break my neck trying to figure out who's back and why that haven't seen me if they're still here."

Q: "Have you ever had something else you dreamed of doing?"

A: "I'm going to school now for business administration. I'll see where that takes me. It's something I've always wanted to do, and I never fulfilled that goal. I'm older now, my sons are graduated, my daughter's about to graduate and they're encouraging me to go for it. The students here have been supporting me, too. They even offered to help me with my homework." **Q: "Is there anything you want to say to the students or the staff?"** *A: "Thanks for welcoming me with open arms!"*



Lion's Den Prices Explained

Emory Jacobs

Staff Writer

Some students may have noticed that, upon purchasing items from the Lion's Den, the prices have risen. Yet to others, the prices were completely different than what was expected.

Students have been reporting that some of the Grab-And-Go sandwiches are not being properly charged to their account. While purchasing an item, they were charged for something similarly priced instead of the correct value, causing their total to be either higher or lower than the items are labeled.

To determine if this was indeed true, Lion's Den Cashier Shanita (who wished to keep her last name anonymous) was asked about the situation. She both confirmed the process and added an explanation.

"Oh, yeah. We have to pick something close because it's not in the register," she said.

When asked if this was an ongoing practice, Shanita said that it had been occurring for some time now, but improvements were being made.

"...They're working on [adding

item prices] to help make lines shorter and stop complaints," she said.

Duke Davis, General Manager of Sodexo, did not know about the practice.

"I am confused as to why the items are not in there. Everything should be registered," Davis said. "...I can program this in from my computer." He pointed toward a cash register sitting in his office. "As you can see, I'm updating this register so that it can be used."

Lion's Den prices this year are higher than last year's.

"I don't think it's something students understand. Most prices go up due to natural mark-up and inflation," he said. "We also compare to real vendors. Like Sub Connection, we compare with Subway." "All of our prices have to be approved by Methodist beforehand. We compare and make pricing decisions."

This statement was crosschecked by comparing the prices of randomly selected items from the Lion's Den to the prices at the nearby Walmart. The results were that, while most items in the Den

Product List	
Lion's Den	AD 00
Odwalla Drink:	\$3.29
Red Bull, 12oz:	\$3.59
Starbucks bottled Frappe:	\$3.59
Individual Aquafina, 20fl oz:	\$1.49
Ben and Jerry's Icecream:	\$6.69 (or \$7.00 if paid in cash)
***** Total	\$18.65 ****
Walmart	
Odwalla Drink:	\$1.39
Red Bull, 12oz:	\$2.68
Starbucks bottled Frappe:	\$2.98
Individual Aquafina, 20fl oz:	\$1.58
Ben and Jerry's Icecream:	\$3.48
***** Total	\$12.11 ****
*** Total Savings	-6.44 * **



Odwalla products are over a dollar more expensive in the Lion's Den than it they are at Walmart. A gallon of Simply Orange is \$3.19 with a Food Lion Card and \$3.29 for 16 ounces in the Lion's Den

Photo by Chance Meachum

were 60¢-70¢ more expensive, one item was actually cheaper when bought on-campus. However, some items were up to \$2-\$3 more expensive.

Granted, these price differences are comparable to other College Cafés. For instance, Smith College in Northampton, MA, lists its campus' café prices online. They are fairly similar to the Lion's Den's costs, with their Caesar salad costing \$5.45 and the Den's costing nearly the same. In other colleges, specialty drinks such as Odwalla are \$4-\$5. Overall, higher prices within campus food services are not new, and these cost variations occur throughout the nation. On the other hand, Walmart is a multibillion dollar corporation, which allows it to make deals with other companies and sell items cheaper. Lion's Den, however, has a much smaller customer pool, and must maintain their equipment as well as pay their employees from the profit made with the smaller food selection available.

Nonetheless, Duke Davis has ideas on how to help improve the Lion's Den. His main aim is to raise the bar of service and quality.

"...We're looking at space and structural improvements to make the area more welcoming," Davis said.

As for the pricing issues, his very first response when he heard about the problem was:

"We'll get it rectified immediately."

Two weeks after the interview, improvements have been made. Big and easily visible price tags were added to the Lion's Den, and all register items have since been accurately recorded into the registers. No other students should have issues with accurate pricing.

Pauline Longest Nature Trail

Andrew Rodriquez

Contributing Writer

The Pauline Longest Nature Trail, located behind the Methodist University baseball field, has been on campus for twenty-six years.

"In my opinion the trail is not used very often and not particularly marked well. You can tell by the pathways that no one really walks the trails and I don't know why," Gene Clayton, Vice President of Business Affairs, said.

The path was once, as stated in a 1986 Methodist College public service announcement, "designed to emphasize scenic highlights in a variety of interesting ecological features of the area between the campus and the Cape Fear River." Some of the paths have been weathered by natural causes that have hit North Carolina such as Hurricanes Fran in 1996 and Floyd in 1999.

"The trail is not inspected once a week but we make sure whenever we get a call about the condition of the trail we go down there and fix it," Clayton said. "We make sure that there are no dead tree limbs on the path and that it is not dangerous."

"At one time biology students and professors

used the trail for classes but, over time faculty members have either gone to other schools or retired," Clayton said. One of the old retired biology professors that used to help maintain the trail was Dr. Linda Sue Barnes.

"Dr. Barnes was always the person that looked after the trail, although she did so on her own time and it was not part of her job description," Dr. Lori Brookman, an Interim Dean of the School of Health Sciences and Microbiology professor, said. "Dr. Barnes retired several years ago and I think the care giver of the trails therefore also retired!" When asked how she thought the trail could be fixed, Dr. Brookman suggested a 'Show You Care' day.

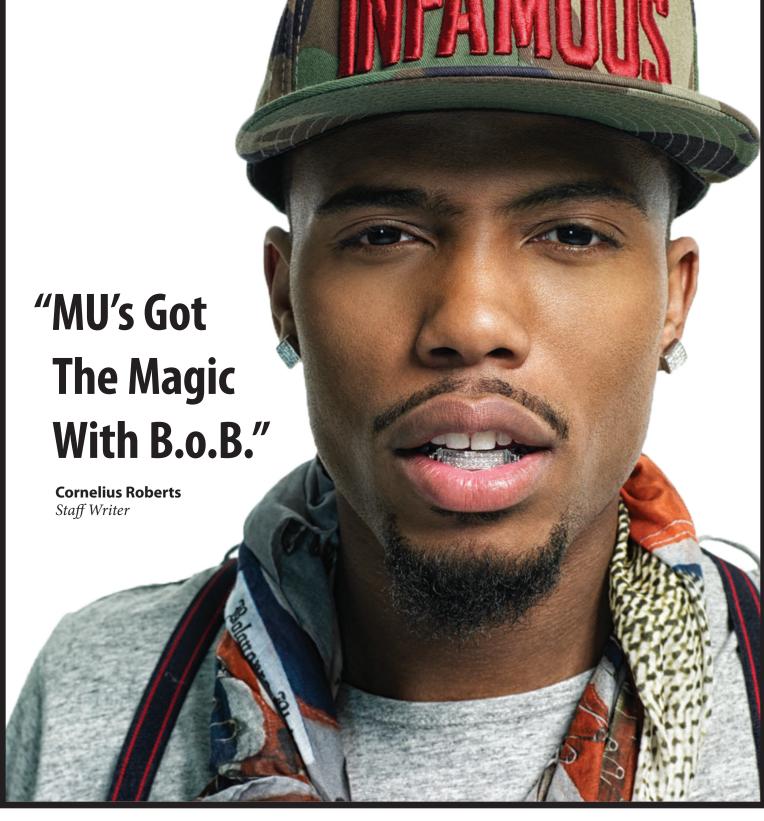
Clayton also had some good ideas about getting more people to visit the trail. "We have some people visiting the trail from outside the school so maybe if we publicized the trail more often we would have more people using it," Clayton said.

For right now however, The Reserve Officer Training Corps (also known as ROTC) is the only real presence in the area. ROTC has been training in the woods for the last decade using the woods to approximate the field conditions in which the cadets will be tested. There have also been occasional runners and people walking their pets spotted on the trail.

The Pauline Longest Nature Trail was opened to the public on April 20, 1986. According to the Methodist University archives, the trail was named after Pauline Longest. P. Longest worked for Methodist University from 1969 to 1979 as a professor, emeritus in biology and chairman of the department of science. The system has numbers of trails like the Upper trail which has two secondary trails called The Mountain Laurel trail and The Running Cedar trail. There is also a Lower trail that is home to a fifteen foot waterfall as well as different plant species.



One of the bridges along the Pauline Longest Nature Trail is left in disrepair after a heavy storm.



Teen Choice Award winner Bobby Ray Simmons Jr., more commonly known as B.o.B, is expected to make his first appearance at Methodist University on Nov. 3, 2012 for Homecoming.

B.o.B rose to fame with his #1 hits "Nothin On You" and "Airplanes" released in April 2010. Students are excited to have a famous celebrity performing on campus. "About time something exciting happens around this dry campus," said Trey Crooks, a sophomore at Methodist.

B.o.B, who comes from Winston-Salem, NC, was born November 15, 1988. He started making music in the sixth grade as a therapeutic and creative outlet. His parents supported him in every aspect by buying him his first keyboard so he could start learning how to make beats.

In 2006 B.o.B signed with Atlantic records where he released his first single "Haterz Everywhere" which reached the top five in the Bubbling Under R&B/Hip Hop Singles Chart. B.o.B started collaborating with famous names such as Hayley Williams, T.I., Bruno Mars, and Ricco Barino, allowing himself to make an impact on the Music Industry and become a household name.

Pangea To Unify Methodist University

Gabrielle Isaac

Editor-n-Chief

Q. What is your name?

A. Phila Sifundza

Q. Are you an international student? If so, where are you from?

A. Yes. I am from Simunye Swaziland in *Africa*.

Q. What do you do around campus?

A. I'm involved in ENACTUS/SIFE. I recently joined AMA, American marketing association and I am the president of International Club.

Q. What are you studying and what year are you?

A. I am a double major in Business Administration and Financial Economics and I am a senior.

Q. What is the International Club?

A. The international club is one of the organizations on campus that provides a platform for people to learn about and experience different cultures. We do this by organizing events such as the International food festival, the International folk festival, community service and Pangea.

Q. Can you explain Pangea?

A. Pangea was based off of the concept of when the world was one huge continent. What we felt was that, in our own community here at Methodist, we represented some form of Pangea with our close-knit, diverse community. So, from that, we came up with the idea of having a multi-cultural show which would celebrate our diversity on campus which we call Pangea.

Q. When is Pangea?

A. November 15th.

Q. Who would a student contact to be involved in Pangea?

A. There are numerous avenues. You can contact our program coordinators Andrew Hammond and Esra Al Shawafi or any of the board members including myself (psifundza@student.methodist.edu). We [also] have a facebook page (MU International Club) where we provide posts as to when we have meetings and events. We also post pictures, videos and anything that anyone would like to share.

Q. Who can be involved in Pangea and what can they do?

A. Any student on campus who would like to share their own cultural performance, whether they are from a foreign country or within the states. Generally, the performances range from singing, dancing, and musical performances to skits, poetry and any cultural performance that can be showcased on stage.

Q. What do you want to see at Pangea this year?

A. This year I would like to see more involvement within the student body, not strictly international students, but with the American students as well.

Q. What should the student body expect to get from Pangea this year?

A. Expect to see refreshing and cool advertising that will provide [more] insight about the show.

Q. How will this year's Pangea compare to previous years?

A. We're looking at increasing advertisement for Pangea this year. This will [allow for] a good representation of the different cultures that we have on campus.

Q. How do you want this Pangea to impress the spectators?

A. Not only would I like to see the people enjoying the show, I would like the viewers and the organizers to be impressed by what we have to offer as a community. And hopefully this will leave a lasting impression with those directly and indirectly involved in the show.









Pangea gives students the opportunity to display their cultures. Last year, Pangea had many participants as well as many spectators. Fernando Tevez.

Fayetteville Hosts International Folk Festival

Soyoung Kim

Staff Writer

Sept. 28-30 in downtown Fayetteville, the Art council hosted the 34th International Folk Festival.

According to the art council, the International Folk Festival was created to celebrate diverse cultures and people in the community. With the artistic performances, traditional foods, and the parade, people tried to appreciate their diversity and preserve this distinct feature of city. In fact, Fayetteville is statistically the fourth most diverse city in the country. At the folk festival, people present the arts of their culture, making residents join together in a cultural group.

On Saturday, the parade of nations started at 10:30 a.m. Many people crowded on Hay Street where they took pictures and applauded for those in the parade. The military band opened the parade, followed by the groups of international peoples, wearing their traditional costumes, and dancing and playing their traditional instruments.

"It is a great opportunity for the community of Fayetteville to come together. Fayetteville is a diverse community which consists of lots of people from different parts of the world because of military and other reasons. Through this festival, we get to know about our neighbors and it makes life better," said a Fayetteville resident who saw the parade.

Methodist University international students also participated in the festival. Phila Sifundza, who is majoring in Economics and Business Administration, wanted to



participate as a volunteer and had an idea for the festival, so he contacted the Fayetteville event coordinator for the festival. Then he gathered the students who want to volunteer for the festival. Students assisted the parade of nations by arranging spectators and banning people from walking across the street.

The parade of nations ended with a group for the United States. Methodist University international student represented the United States. They marched down Hay Street and shouted "USA! USA!" The street was filled with a shouting, and the folk festival fun rose to a climax.

"It was amazing," said Sifundza. "I didn't know that Fayetteville had so many international people. I was really surprised to see the people from different countries, and it was great."

In addition to marching in the parade, MU students had a booth where people's names were translated into different language. Students provided the colorful papers on which flags representing languages were posted. People came to the booth and wrote their names on the papers. Then students translated their name into Arabic, Hindi, Korean and Serbian. Many people laughed when they saw their name in a different language.

"It was great because it was a good chance to help people learn about Korea," said Yunjeong Ko, a volunteer at the booth. "Some people said that their name translated into Korean looked like a drawing. It was a meaningful experience to see the curiosity in people's eyes and it cheered me up." Ko went on to say that she will never forget this "honorable memory."

Besides the parade and Methodist's translating booth, there was food served from different countries. In Fayetteville, there were communities of international countries that prepared traditional foods and sold them. It was a chance to share traditional foods with each other.

The International Folk Festival ended successfully. Through this festival, people got to meet neighbors and experience the culture of others. The festival made Fayetteville residents unite as one.

"Exotic Encounters" Premiers at Methodist University

Marcos Munoz-Rivera

Staff Writer

The David McCune International Gallery at Methodist University opened its doors to the public on Sept. 19. It looks as if Methodist University is starting to have a splash of diversity that will benefit the background of our community. This time the gallery welcomed Paula Fitzgerald's exhibit "Exotic Encounters." Original oils and giclee print (high quality digital inkjet prints) from the safaris of Africa make this art show something precious and unique.

On Sept. 19 the gallery turned into a "cocktail party" that welcomed more than 100 people to our university. "Fitzpatrick's safari exhibit is a great introductory show to bring students to experience the gallery," said Silvana Foti, the executive director of the McCune Gallery. It is important to recognize the work in this gallery and the privileges we have in being able to appreciate these beautiful paintings that bring to our campus new understanding. Paula Fitzpatrick successfully shares her safari experiences in Kenya and Tanzania. Wildlife is the most prominent feature that you can see in Fitzpatrick's paintings. It is interesting to see Paula's experiences in her paintings, as if one could enter her artwork and experience their own safari firsthand. "As I paint I can still recall the air, smells and the excitement of being just feet away from a phenomenal creature," Fitzgerald said.

The main goal of the gallery is to involve the community in the appreciation of art, and to share different cultures, this time from Africa. Come and enjoy the detailed face of a lion, a zebra and an elephant that will make you feel as though you are on an African safari.

The David McCune Gallery is open from Monday to Saturday from 11:00 am until 5:00pm up until Oct. 24. We invite you to be part of this attractive show that will surely give you a different perspective on these wild animals.

Enjoy yourself.

A Letter From an Study Abroad Student

Dear MU,

It's been a month since I left the northern hemisphere for the first time in my life, going from the 109 degrees of summery North Carolina to coats and scarves in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I remember reading travel guides, blogs and newspapers about this amazing city – so popularly called "The Paris of South America" – and yet I felt so puzzled about what I was going to find here.

Day one flew between the taxi, the city lights and the new flat with a view of the northern borough of Buenos Aires. Palermo, my neighborhood, is full of parks, quaint cafes and restaurants that cater a very eclectic crowd. It is common to hear French, German, Italian or even Arabic when walking down the streets or taking the "Subte" (The Argentine subway). By day 2 I managed to find a small, family owned café that serves media lunas (Argentine croissants) and headed to Quilmes to see my campus. Orientation started around noon and I got to meet all other 48 students on my exchange program with whom I will be spending the next semester in this new stage of my life. Days turned into weeks, I got my final courses scheduled and excitement continued to make it hard to go to bed at night.

I can't believe it's already a month since I arrived and since classes started. Time flies by in a city where there is always a new Tango show to attend or an art exhibition imported from London. Although I have previously lived abroad, it's so refreshing to be reminded that there are so many different things out there. I've spend my weekends visiting local handcraft markets, uber-expensive antique stores (just for the thrill of it) and independent designer boutiques with a million artifacts that make you wonder how different humans can be. It has definitely been a learning experience and I hope I continue to unravel more of the Argentine culture as time goes by.

I got used to the daily ride down from the 10th floor in my retro

elevator and the rush of hundreds of taxis down Avenida Santa Fe, one of the most transited roads in town. In a city where everyone runs it's nice to take the time to notice small details. I really like Buenos Aires and the cosmopolitan feeling of the city; However, I must admit I miss Methodist and my friends, but I'm sure things will only get better once I get back.

I'll keep y'all updated, Fernando Tevez

P.S. The meat here is indeed AMAZING. I stopped being a vegetarian after week 2...



Fernando poses for a picture while in Buenos Aries. Contributing photograph.



"Madden 13 is Best Madden Game to Date"

Billy Zeoli

Contributing Writer

Every year the "Madden Franchise" is anticipated for its release and every year it exceeds expectations. This year is no different, from presentation and gameplay to the audio and special features, Madden 13 could be a potential Game of the Year candidate, that's if the highly anticipated new Call of Duty doesn't exceed its big expectations. When playing or watching this game it's hard to tell sometimes if I'm watching a video game or if it's the real Sunday thing. If you live for NFL football and the Madden game franchise then this is a must buy.

This year's Madden brings you closer and closer to what the actual game feels like in real life starting with the Broadcasters. CBS Football broadcasters Jim Nantz and Phil Simms call the game like it was an actual NFL game on television and analyze every single play with different comments for every team and every game. The uniforms and gear are up-to-date with the real life gear that actual NFL players wear and even some of the Quarterbacks voices can be heard throughout the gameplay which are identical to some of the players' actual voices in real life. However, the coolest thing about this year's Madden is the "Infinity Engine" feature, which improves tackling and collisions. The physics are better than ever before, and you rarely see the same outcome happen twice. You never know what the end result of a play will be, just like the actual NFL.

The other new feature in Madden 13 is the "Connected Careers" gameplay. In this option of the game instead of choosing the classic game modes of "Season" or "Franchise" with a single team, or play with a specific "Superstar", you could do all of those in one with Connected Careers. The new edition they added with the Career mode is that you can do it online with other people as they help you throughout the season or you can do it yourself offline. You can choose the option to be the "Coach" which controls all aspects of the Franchise from Trades and cuts to player salary. You are also able to control your entire team. If you choose the "Player" option you only control one player and you could create a player, insert your face with a connected camera and have your image as a face on your created player, choose a current star in the NFL or even play as a Legend wither its Steve Young or Jerry Rice. Also while your living glory moments on the field, Real life NFL experts keep you engaged in the social media era we have today by analyzing after every game with Twitter updates.

Madden 13 is as close you are going to get to the real life NFL experience and it will have you wanting to play every day as rosters stay up to date with injuries and trades if you are connected online. If any future Madden can top this year, it would be a remarkable achievement because this is the best Madden game to date. (Rate 5 out of 5 stars)





Cover of EA sports' Madden NFL 13, released on Aug. 24, 2012.



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