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Opinions

Gab's Gab: Taking Crisis is Stride

Gabrielle Isaac
Editor-in-Chief

On Nov. 6, Barak Obama was re-elected as President of the United States. And now, almost immediately after the announcement, Obama and members of Congress must face the urgent task of fixing the economic crisis.

I promise that I won't try to sway you toward either side. I am sure that everyone is sick of hearing about politics. My main point is, we must face one crisis after another in stride.

Have you ever had a really bad day? I mean, a day so bad that you just wanted to get in a car and drive so far that no one could catch up to you or find you? I think everyone has had those days. Let's face it, most people have had to deal with stress like that for years. Personally speaking, my family has gone through a lot in the past few months. My Nana (grandmother) was on her deathbed, but, by the grace of God, she is on her way to recovery. Knowing that my Nana could have died has put things into different perspective for me. She is the only woman other than my Mom that I feel comfortable talking to about all of the things going on in my life. My Grandy (grandfather) and my Nana are the most amazing people, and I love them more than anything. Their dedication to family and God has taught me so much.

I remember when I got the phone call. I tried to hold it together. If you have ever received a phone call like this, there's no way you can forget it. Thankfully, I have amazing and loving sorority sisters and friends that comforted me. I gained my composure, but it felt like my guilt for not seeing my grandmother and the hurt from knowing that she was in pain had doubled.

On top of learning about my Nana's hospitalization, I had to perform with the marching band, go on a tour with the One Voice International Gospel Choir, maintain good grades, and a keep positive attitude. All the while, my single mother of two was missing countless days at work so that she could make sure that my Nana was taken care of.

Everything after that just seemed to get worse for my mom. I love her to death. She is my partner in crime and it hurt that I couldn't be there for her. One day,

I called and she told me that she missed work for four days. Next time I called, and found out that her car broke down. I felt awful for not checking in more, and I wished every day that I could be there. But my mom is strong. She is the best earthly role model that I could ever have. I had wished that I could take away

all of her hurt, but I knew it wasn't possible.

All I felt was sadness. I wanted to take her place, but I couldn't. But, She remained strong in a time of crisis, where problems seemed to keep building up. She could have snapped, but she stood strong in faith and spirit. My Nana is now doing a lot better, and she is in a recovery home. She will hopefully be home for the holidays. Either way, I am just happy and blessed to know that she is still alive.

Whether you like who the president is or not, you should pray for him to be strong during these hard times; he has to deal with the economy.

You can still have your opinions. There are certain issues that I didn't agree with when it came to both political candidates. All I know is that the majority has spoken, and it is up to us to fight for what we believe in. Among those battles, we will win some and we will lose some. But most of all, it is important to remember that we need to take crisis in stride.



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MU Monsters Come Out For Zombie Prom

Gabrielle Isaac
Editor-in-Chief

On Halloween Night, when darkness blanketed the sky and the moon glowed bright white, the monsters of Methodist University crawled out of their residence halls and into Berns Student Center for a prom like no other.

The Methodist University Student Government Association and Resident Hall Association sponsored a Zombie Prom on Oct. 31. The dance gave students the opportunity to spend their Halloween socializing with friends and dancing the night away. The party was complete with punch or “donated blood” and sugary snacks that were provided by Steve’s Sweet Treats.

During the prom, the Methodist University Step Team, under the direction of sophomore Shatora Curry, performed a themed routine for the students that attended the prom.

“This was their first performance of the year and, for three of them, it was their first performance period. As their coach, I could see that they used the energy from the crowd and channeled it to making an amazing show,” Curry said.

As the dance team prepared to perform, the student spectators gathered around closely to watch the step routine. The theme was “Saw,” and the step team members were Jigsaw’s victims. They had to complete different tasks to stay alive. The crowd, as a whole, was pleased with the step team and their performance.

“The Saw theme was actually a last minute decision because we wanted to bring something a little different to Zombie Prom and everyone said they understood what we were trying to do and that was a relief,” Curry said.

Amanda Vosloh, Residential Coordinator of Weaver, West and Pearce Halls, was a prominent figure in the making of Zombie Prom. According to Vosloh, the prom had about 250 attendees and proved to be a fun and exciting program for students to participate in.

“I think it was a really great success and a start to a new tradition at Methodist University,” Vosloh said.



Photos by Chance Meachum

The zombie prom was held in the Berns Student Center on Halloween Night. The prom featured the Methodist University Step team as the special guest performers.

CINC to Perform for Anti-Bullying Campaign

Erin Arauz

Contributing Writer

The Velveteen Rabbit is a timeless children's story about being loved and becoming "real." At the heart of this beautiful story lies a much deeper meaning, one that transcends time. It speaks to the soul with lessons of courage and unconditional love.

The rabbit is teased and bullied by the other toys and the real rabbits, but through it all he believes. He believes in the boy's unconditional love and knows he is real even though he is only stuffed with sawdust. In spite of the torment and sadness he encounters he becomes real, "because once you are real you can't be ugly, except to those who don't understand."

Some may say this is only a child's story, but the truth is we encounter bullies throughout our lives. Recently, when speaking to a group of people in the community about our anti-bullying campaign, we were surprised when a middle aged woman and her elderly mother spoke to us. The daughter quickly disregarded bullying as being a child's problem, and after a few short minutes of talking about bullying, the mother began to sob. The truth was she was being bullied by others in her retirement community. The mother was shocked and looked at her mother in disbelief. Bullying happens at any age and in any social circle.

Rising Phoenix Dance Company and the students at the Choreographic Institute of North Carolina (CINC), under the direction of Artistic Director Diana Turner-Forte, has taken this classic story and choreographed a strong and expressive ballet about the power of love. It's through truly believing in ourselves, being loved unconditionally and loving those around us that we become "real."

This is our love story to the community. Bringing knowledge that anyone can rise through adversity, no matter the circumstance, with unconditional love and self-worth, to become anything they desire. CINC is working with the schools to present this significant message to the students of Moore County on Friday, Nov. 16. They are seeking sponsors for this powerful, up-

lifting story.

"The Velveteen Rabbit... A Ballet" will be performed for the public on Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. in the Aberdeen Elementary School Auditorium. Tickets are now on sale, starting at \$10.00 and can be purchased at www.cinc-dance.com. For more information or sponsorship please contact CINC at (910)725-0595.



Rising Phoenix dancers and students at CINC will perform The Velveteen Rabbit on Nov. 17

Photo from Contributing Sources

Gospel Choir Tours New Jersey And Maryland

Casey Ausborn

Staff Writer

Methodist University's One Voice gospel choir began their very first tour on Friday, Oct. 5. The group traveled to New Jersey and Maryland over Fall Break in order to spread the word through music.

The first stop on their trip was in Spring Lake Heights, N.J., where the choir sang at Wall United Methodist Church. While traveling, the choir members stayed with host families for a night before leaving for their next destination.

"They were... very hospitable. I mentioned tea and a scarf to a friend, and when I stayed with my host family they had tea and a scarf set out for me," Raneisa Bonds, a sophomore in the gospel choir, said.

Glen Burnie High School in Maryland was the gospel choir's second audience. It was the same school One Voice's director, Michael Safley, graduated from.

"It was a real treat for Rev. Safley to visit again," Ravon Sheppard, a Junior member of One Voice, said. Part of the reason for the gospel choir's tour was to recruit new students for Methodist University, and it would seem that to an extent they were successful in their goal.

"[The students] were asking us questions about the school and really showing interest in the school and the choir," Bonds said.



Photo from Contributing Sources

The One Voice International Gospel Choir toured throughout NJ and MD

New MyMU Portal Opens For Student and Faculty

Danielle Miranda

Contributing Writer

If you've been to Methodist University's website lately, you may have noticed a new "myMU" button that has been placed there as a user-friendly tool for students, staff, faculty, administrative officers and potential MU students.

Do you currently find yourself logging in multiple times to different Methodist University database locations? Have you ever wondered why you can't just log in once? The myMU portal is here to help make that one login dream a reality.

I recently spoke to Jane Weeks Gardiner, the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Donald Lassiter, Vice President for Planning and Evaluation, about the new myMU portal. Gardiner stated that the new portal was created so that "Students [would be] empowered to make decisions," such as registering for classes, seeing unofficial transcripts and graduation audits and much more.

Lassiter noted that the first part of the portal that students will get a chance to use is the registration and advising module. Previously, students would have to schedule an appointment with their advisor to register for a class. The registration window would close after Reading Day and would not open again until the first week of the semester.

However, the new student portal will be available 24 hours a day and registration will stay open until the add and drop periods end for class registration. The system is also entirely web based, which allows access from any computer, unlike before where it could only be accessed through the Methodist University computer system.

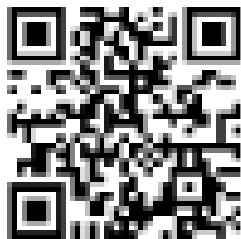
For now the portal can only be used for registration, but new tools are being designed that will assist not only students, but staff, faculty and administrative officers as well. These additional tools - which include applications for student life, admissions, the business office and budgeting - are scheduled to be running by the beginning of the 2013 Spring semester, provided all testing proves the tools work properly.

Lots of time, effort and money have gone into this project. This transition process to the new myMU portal has taken a few years to develop, but now that it has begun to take effect, each user will see its benefits. For example, when you make a change to one part of the portal it will affect all areas of the database, making updating your information even easier.

Several measures have been put in place to ensure the portal is user friendly, such as the myMU support link which can be found on the portal. A portion has been included in the first year seminar (FYS), and three faculty workshops have been held. It hopes to reach every user in the Methodist University community.



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MU Alumni Inducted Into Athletic Hall Of Fame

Jose Green

Contributing Writer

Six alumni were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Nov. 2, 2012 for the 15th Annual Induction Banquet during Methodist University's Homecoming Weekend. The inductees were volleyball player, Jennifer Ellis '06; baseball player, Brian Ford '98; women's golf coach, Kim Kincer; lacrosse player, Lindsey (West) Lutz '06; football player, Chris Ronchetti '06; and men's soccer player, Paul Smith '99. The induction was held at the Berns Student Center over a meal, soon after a melodic rendition of Gungor's "We Will Run" was played on the piano.

There are now a total of sixty-seven athletes that have been inducted into the Hall of Fame since it's inception in 1997. "You are looking at greatness," Dr. Ben E. Hancock Jr., Methodist University president, said of the six during his opening remarks. "The goals that I scored were not just for myself, but also for this college," Paul Smith said during his speech. "This school will always be with me. We don't know where we're going to be tomorrow, but I want to make sure that my plaque represents the future of soccer coming into this college. I want to see them do better than me, and eventually see someone else on that board."

Smith came from England in 1995 to play for Methodist University because the head coach at the time, Alan Dawson, saw potential in him and told him that he would help him secure a position as a soccer coach after his college career was over if he came and played for Methodist University. Needless to say, Smith accepted the offer. Since then, Smith has earned Conference Player of the Year honors, Second Team All-American honors, and still ranks among the top ten for season and points along with career goals, assists and points.

Smith now lives in Atlanta where he coaches soccer for children and young adults between the ages of six and nineteen. He says that he loves it here and would never leave the states to go back to England because of how hard life is there.

"Life after Methodist is amazing," Jennifer Ellis said. "I've learned a great deal of self respect and respect for others." She credits this to the life lessons and disciplines taught to her and her teammates by Eddie Matthews, her coach between 2001 and 2005. He also introduced her at the banquet. Under Matthews's coaching, Ellis has set a record for career kills (1,671), which she still holds (541 in a single season), is ranked second for career aces (279) and digs (1,374). Although she is listed fifth for digs and aces in a season, she became the first Methodist University player in history to rack up 1,000

kills and 1,000 digs.

"Success is not a matter of wanting to win. It's a matter of preparing to win," Kim Kincer said during her speech - a lesson that could be used not just on the golf course, but also in every day life. "Show me a team that doesn't love and doesn't care for one another, and I'll show you a team that won't do very well." Kincer is a firm believer in teamwork, and even though golf is an individual sport, she has coached twelve women to First-Team All American status and has set many team scoring records. She was presented by Jessie Hunter Stewart and Michelle Meadows Kempe—two of her former players.

"The thing that made Brian so special was the fact that he was a left handed pitcher," Tom Austin said of Brian Ford, his coach from 1992-95. "Left handed pitchers have an edge that you can't even explain." But it does explain why he has gone on to help the Monarchs win two NCAA South Region Championships while earning NCAA Division III runner-up status in 1995. After college, he was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies, where he played three full seasons, a spring training season, and played another seven years on outside independent teams.

"When I saw Brian's name among the people that were getting inducted, I couldn't believe that our names were on there together. I remember walking around the school and seeing his name everywhere. He was a pretty big deal," Chris Ronchetti, who is now an officer in the United States Navy, said. Ronchetti was a pretty big deal as well—earning the nickname "Rocket" because of his strong arm. He led the team to its only conference championship in 2005. He is known to be Methodist University's greatest quarterback ever and went on to play for the Fayetteville Guard for two years alongside Quincy Malloy—a longtime friend and teammate at Methodist University. Ronchetti is the fourth football player to get inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Lindsey (West) Lutz, who was a four-year starter from 2002 to 2005 and one of the pioneers of the women's lacrosse team, graduated as the program's leading scorer. An all-around player, she is still ranked in the top ten in every statistical category other than goal keeping on a career and seasonal level. She currently coaches at a Division III level at Shenandoah University, was named the 2010 USA South Coach of the Year in her second season at the helm, is pursuing a Doctorate, and is a new mother.

Congratulations to all the inductees of the "2012 Induction Class!"



Photos from Contributing Sources

(Left to right): Paul Smith, Brian Ford, Jennifer Ellis, Kim Kincer, Lindsey West-Lutz and Chris Ronchetti were inducted into the MU athletic hall of fame.

2012 Powder Puff Teams Take The Field

Emory Jacobs
Staff Writer

Four all-girl football teams competed against each other in games of powderpuff. Instead of tackling, as is usual in football, the girls would grab fabric from an opposing team member. If a competitor was grabbed, the girl would have to stop running and the ball would be given to the other team.

They played in a bid to see which organization was the toughest, which is an event that occurs each year during homecoming. Most of the organizations practiced at least 2 hours a week over the course of a month or more, and a few teams even elected a coach to teach them strategies.

This year's round saw the Blitz, Beta Sigma Phi, Alpha Delta Pi, and Free-Strangers teams face off on Sink Field. The first round match-ups were Beta Sigma Phi vs. Alpha Delta Pi and Blitz vs. Free-Strangers.

The games occurred simultaneously. On the side of the field closer to the road, Beta Sigma Phi lost to Alpha Delta Pi. Meanwhile, on the side closest to North Hall, team Blitz lost to the Free-Strangers. After this, there was some delay (up to 20 minutes) before the games started again.

In the second round, Alpha Delta Pi was matched up against the Free-Strangers and a consolation match was held between Beta Sigma Phi and Team Blitz.

The crowd cheered as both teams went neck and neck against each other. Eventually, however, the winners and runner-ups were placed. The Blitz won 3rd place after winning against Beta Sigma Phi, and the Free-Strangers took 1st place after a victory against Alpha Delta Pi.

Overall, there was a crowd of about 50 students who came to cheer on their friends. Also, despite some rough losses and some big wins, there will be another powderpuff game next year that could cement a team's place in victory or turn the tables.



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Saturday, Dec. 8

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CRIMP Shows International Students The American Experience

Soyoung Kim
Staff Writer

The N.C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services hosted the annual State Fair to encourage the state's agriculture industry, crafts and culture. Methodist students were given the opportunity to visit the State Fair, North Carolina's largest festival, through the Campus Recreation and Intramurals Program (CRIMP).

On Oct.18, Food Lion's Hunger Relief Day at the fair, fair-goers were provided free admission when they donated four cans of food, which would be distributed to hungry families in North Carolina. CRIMP provided cans so that Methodist University students could go to the fair for free.

At the entrance, vendors shouted out their wares - big turkey legs, glossy clothes, necklaces, sunglasses, bracelets and other souvenirs. Besides typical American festival foods, such as candied apples, caramel candies and turkey legs, gyros, kebabs and other international foods were sold.

On one side of the fair was the Ferris wheel where many children and parents were waiting for their turn. Many carnival games and rides such as a flying ride, bungee drop were offered in the fair as well.

"It was so exciting," Yunjeong Ko, a Methodist University international student from Korea, said. "Riding many rides at the fair got rid of my stress, which came from school assignments and personal things. I rode a bungee drop, and it was amazing. First time, I was so scared that I just screamed at the top of the ride. But I felt excited as I came down."

A street musician, holding a guitar, drum and harmonica, played music to which little girls danced.

Many exhibitions drew people's attention. The Ford Motor Car Company exhibited new car models, and lots of people tried riding the cars in the exhibit. Activities such as quizzes and puzzles were offered to gather spectators.

Many animals and crops were shown at this agricultural fair. People lined up to ride the horses and camels and took pictures with them. The biggest

pumpkin of the year was displayed among other crops.

At night, an exciting motor show was held in the stadium. The men riding bicycles and motorcycles did acrobatic performances in the air, which roused the audience. Whenever the acrobats rode bicycles and motorcycles, people shouted out for them.

"It was American culture," Neil Crag, a Methodist international student from Northern Ireland, said. "The state fair was an event soaked in American culture with what seemed to me all traditional American food and typical fair amusement rides. Also there was not just food, dangerous amusement rides and shows but also lots of vegetable growing competitions and livestock on display. It was such a good experience. As night came, the state fair transformed into an array of lights and noises which was beautiful as all the litter from earlier that day was then hid away in the dark."

On Oct.28, Methodist University students visited Scarowinds in Charlotte, NC where a zombie parade and Halloween show was performed. Through CRIMP, twelve students enjoyed riding the rides and watching people dressed up as zombies.

Before Halloween, the amusement park was decorated like an evil village. Green light and white smoke filled the street, and zombies, psychotic clowns and other twisted monsters haunted people in the park. Orange pumpkins looked like ghosts and various lamps lit the park. Whenever people walked the street, zombies brandished their toy swords, surprising and shouting at them. Some visitors escaped from them while others who weren't scared confronted them squarely.

"It was a new experience," Sujin Lee, a Methodist International student from Korea, said. "We did nothing for Halloween traditionally. Even if there was something related to Halloween in the amusement park in Korea, it wasn't as huge as here. In Scarowinds, I wasn't scared, but seeing people made up as zombies and being haunted by them was so funny that I will never forget it."

Many of the rides were shining under the dark sky, and people lined up for their turn. Despite the cold weather brought by Hurricane Sandy, people waited, wearing thick coats, rubbing their hands and stamping their feet repeatedly.

According to Sujin Lee, people in the amusement parks in Korea had to wait for the rides for a long time because the number of seats in the rides was limited, but because there were so many seats for people at Scarowinds, she could take the rides easily and quickly. "It was so impressive and different from Korea," she said.

In the middle of the park, the musicians and dancers who were dressed up like zombies gave a performance, and the audience was enthusiastic about them. The stage's colorful lighting created an atmosphere for the evil village and lit up the park.

"I finally overcame my fears from zombies and scary people, so I am not scared any more. I was so happy that I got to make good friends, and I learned that we can get to know each other better through this activity," Esra'a Al-Shawafi, a Methodist International student from Yemen, said.

Even though it took more than three hours to get there, all of the students agreed that the experience was worth the long drive.



Photos from Contributing Sources

Soyoung Kim enjoys an evening with friends at Scarowinds.

Study Abroad Student Sends Love From London

Sarah Philips

Contributing Writer

Hello Methodist University!

I have been studying abroad in London for about seven weeks now, yet it doesn't seem that long at all! I have been given many opportunities and have tried my best to take them all. I have learned how to travel on the Tube (subway), seen several plays and musicals, met Matthew Lewis (aka, Neville Longbottom) and Arthur Darville (aka, Rory Pond), and have gotten accustomed to British slang. The school system is set up a little differently and has allowed me to have a four day weekend which I've been using to travel. I've already been to York, Fountain's Abbey, Hardwick Hall, as well as Venice and Verona in Italy. In the next few weeks I have trips scheduled for Amsterdam and Northern Ireland, but I still have much touring to do around London!

I have one recommendation: if you ever get a chance to come to London, even if it's just for a few days, try to see a play in Shakespeare's Globe Theater. It is a fantastic experience and standing for the entire play is more than a fair trade for the opportunity. I went to see "The Taming of the Shrew" for class.

Thanks!

Sarah Phillips



Photos from Sarah Phillips

Sarah Phillips in a doorway in Fountain's Abbey, a once self-sustaining monastery that was shut down by Queen Elizabeth.

Art Gallery Welcomes "A Play on Colors"

Marcos Munosrivera

Staff Writer

On Nov. 2, 2012 the Art Department opened a new exhibition to the public called "A Play on Colors" by Sharron Parker. Parker has been working with handmade felt for 30 years, using an ancient technique of felt making "not to capture what I've seen directly, but to create something new."

Last Friday night, the art building made the display refreshing by showing a directional movie on the process of working felt. Foods such as coconut chicken, grilled vegetables and different types of cheeses were also provided. The explanation of Parker's simple technique, combined with her artwork, made the Art Gallery a unique place to visit. This exhibit presents artwork she created 25 years ago.

The importance of the details the artist includes in a piece can be appreciated very easily. It is a way to show the different feelings and ideas

of the world.

"I've studied butterflies and rocks, and I travel to many places- The Amazon rain forest," said Parker. The mentality of Sharron Parker is full of spontaneous creativity; looking for the beauty of the most unexpected things in nature inspires her. "The shape of a piece might come from a bird's wing, the color from crystals under a microscope, and the texture from the bark of a birch tree," said Parker. Her unique way of thinking and her detailed observations of life are the foundations of her work.

A play on colors will be open to the public until December 12. The Art Department invites students, staff and faculty to learn from this amazing perspective. "I wish to celebrate nature, not to mirror it," Parker said.



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METHODIST UNIVERSITY'S QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN

Methodist Smiles Back at Officer Joseph

Rica McDonald
Staff Writer

Drive onto the Methodist University campus Monday through Friday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. and you will, without fail, be greeted with a wave and a smile. That smile comes from someone who enjoys his position at Methodist University.

Officer Lorenzo Joseph is the security officer behind the smile. Officer Joseph was born and raised in the Republic of Panama in 1948. After visiting his aunt in Brooklyn, N.Y. for three weeks in 1970, he made the decision to apply for citizenship, leaving his parents in Panama. In applying to become a citizen, Joseph was required to register for the draft and soon found himself enlisted as an infantry paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. He found that he loved military life and re-enlisted, making a short stint into a 20 year career. In 1990, upon retiring from the military, Officer Joseph worked for the mechanical contracting firm of Barnes and Ivey as a plumber's assistant then later became a pipefitter.

During his enlistment in the military, Joseph met Roberta Redd, a military widow, at a Fort Bragg social event. Redd's husband had been in the Special Forces but died in Vietnam, leaving her with a 7 year old son to care for. Their relationship lasted for 31 years with Joseph raising the child

as his own, even after Redd's death from a three and a half year battle with emphysema during which time Joseph stopped working in order to care for her. After her passing he came to MU, started his job as a security officer and eventually was assigned to the welcome center, greeting students, staff and visitors as they enter Methodist.

Officer Joseph has been with Methodist for nearly 11 years and students have come to look forward to his familiar wave, smile and his ever pleasant "Good Morning!" When Officer Joseph was "missing in action" for about two weeks, many on campus wondered where he was and showed concern about his health. Officer Joseph has diabetes and had to spend two weeks recovering from an infection in his leg.

When asked what he does for enjoyment Joseph said that he only listens to heavy metal and his favorite group is Mötley Crüe. In addition to traditional sports, Joseph is a fan of NASCAR and spends the weekends with his six grandchildren – all boys ranging in age from a 23-year-old military man to two 13-year-old twins. He says he can't play video games like they do but he enjoys criticizing and instigating while they play.



Officer Joseph working his shift at the front gate.

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By: Emory Jacobs

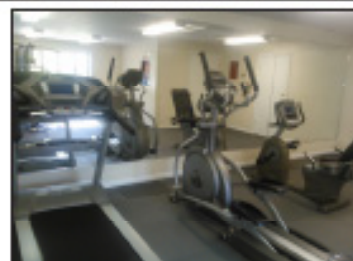
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