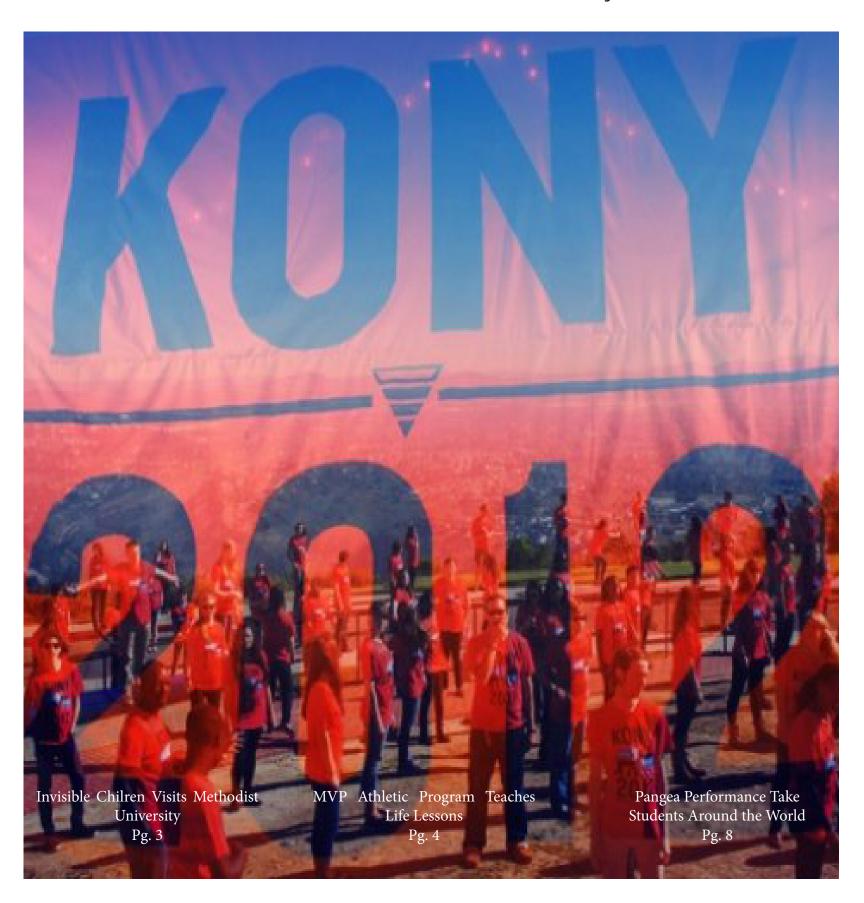
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Gab's Gab: Watch What You Do

Gabrielle Isaac Editor-in-Chief

We all remember the Aurora shooting that happened at a summer midnight premier of the new Batman movie. A man dressed in black and wearing a gas mask stormed into a movie theatre and released a shower of bullets into an audience filled with innocent people; In his wake, he left 12 dead and 58 injured. I personally remember being angry at that man. Soon, however, I felt nothing but sorrow for the families who had lost their loved ones.

Not long after the tragic event, a man named Blaec Lammers was planning to copy the shooting during a midnight premier of Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part 2 in Missouri. Lammers has admitted to authorities that he had bought fire arms in order to follow through with the plan. He also admitted that he had changed his target to a local Wal-Mart so that he could use the ammunition in the gun section for when he ran out of his own ammo.

After the shooting in Colorado, many people have found it difficult to take their families to the movies. People watch other people and copy them, and that including both good and bad things. I guess my point is, people are watching what you do, so you should try your hardest to do the right thing and be an example for others.

Being in college, a lot of younger kids look up to us for advice and inspiration. Kids normally learn by the "monkey see, monkey do" theory. This simply means that kids do what they see. That is why hypocrisy is important to avoid when dealing with children. But it applies to many other kinds of people, too.

If you are a leader in any organization, no matter its prevalence, you should lead by example.Onecannotexpectamemberofaclubor organization to give their all if their leader does not. This is a simple c on cept that many organizations and leaders do not think about.

It is also important to remember ber that members of the community,



future bosses, coworkers and families play a big role at Methodist University. All eyes are on the students. Most hope they make the right choices and display themselves as representatives of their families and the University.

Other important relationships that you develop are your romantic/friendly relationship. Whether you want to believe it or not, your decisions impact more people than yourself. Don't make a decision that will hurt someone you love. That person could be a boyfriend/girlfriend, or just a close friend. The way that you treat people can be seen by everyone around you. Don't think that your life is private when you post issues with your friends and romantic interests on Facebook.

In short, think twice before making a decision. Remember that the effects of any decision are on display to students, faculty and friends.

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News

Invisible Children Organization Visits MU Campus

Gabrielle Isaac Editor-in-Chief

On Nov. 8, the Invisible Children organization visited the campus of Methodist University. Invisible Children is an organization that longs to stop Joseph Kony and his army in Africa.

When a boy named Jacob feared for his life because of Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a few young men decided that they wanted to fight against Kony and the LRA. The goal was to end the killing and abduction of children through protest and campaigning. The LRA and their leader have been responsible for killing, displacing and abducting children and civilians in East and Central Africa.

At one point, Kony claimed to be a distant cousin of Alice Lakwena, the former leader of the Holy Spirit Movement. This organization was originally used to topple the National Resistance Movement. Kony renamed the group and called it the "Lord's Resistance Army." When he found that he could not retain numbers in his army, he began to abduct children to fill his ranks. He has forced children to kill their families and he has abducted young girls to use as sex slaves for his army.

This has been going on for about 26 years. Invisible

Dhata ha Chama Masakan

Photo by Chance Meachum

Valerie Mirelez is an Invisible Children volunteer. She spoke to the attendees before playing the Kony 2012 movie "Move."

Children has been raising awareness around the world since 2004, hoping to end the violence Kony has established.

Valerie Mirelez, an Invisible Children volunteer, took time off from college so that she could help with the campaign against Kony. She and Gabriel, a Northern Ugandan native, spoke at MU's showing of the Invisible Children movie. Methodist University student leader and resident advisor Lacey Truelove shares a similar passion for the cause. Truelove teamed up with SAC to host Invisible Children at MU.

"Invisible Children is a cause that is important to me because I have always chased after projects and initiatives that are bigger than myself," Truelove said. "When I first heard of Invisible Children, I felt a tug at my heart to become involved with this organization. I put myself in the shoes of the children being affected by the LRA. I closed my eyes and imagined myself being abducted whilst having a gun thrown into my hands. This thought continued to me aiming this gun at my own parents, while being forced to end their life with the simple pull of a trigger. My heart sank ..."

Invisible Children made a movie that focuses on the personal, behind-the-scenes struggles of the founders, producers and social media directors. It also talked about Jolly (Joh-lee) and Jacob who were first-hand witnesses to the destruction that Kony and the LRA have caused. The movie was called "Move." It showed the journey of the entire staff of Invisible Children, including their high and low points.

"It's basically like when Lady Gaga wore her meat dress," Mirelez said, comparing the movie's bold theme with Gaga's bold wardrobe. "This is our meat dress."

After the movie, Gabriel talked about Uganda and answered a few questions from the audience. Next, Truelove arranged discussion groups that focused on the many issues that Kony and the LRA pose. The topics included politics, economy, social justice, terrorism and Invisible Children.

"I believe the presentation went very well. Those who were able to attend gained a lot of insight and new knowledge regarding the issue of the violence of the LRA under the rebellious leader, Joseph Kony. People were very interested, asking many questions. I was so excited to see students challenge themselves," Truelove said.

The movie began and concluded with a call to action.

"Either we lead, or we follow, but eventually, everyone will have to move."

MVP Program Teaches Life Lessons

Lorenzo McKenzie

Contributing Writer

In wake of the negative thoughts associated with athletics on campus, there is a group whose purpose is to create a culture of excellence in Methodist University athletics.

This group, which started in the Fall of 2012, is called the Monarch Value Program (MVP). Quincy Malloy, the programs director, said that the organization seeks to have a positive impact on the community.

This program, which mentors 85 student athletes, Malloy, along with six Life Coaches who are selected from the University's faculty and staff, lead the program.

These members work in collaboration with the Head Football Coach Dave Evanson.

Life lessons and academic support are the cornerstones of MVP. The students are taught the lessons through small

workshops and large seminars where topics such as character building, positive habits and strong attitudes are fostered.

Currently the program is offered to freshmen football players. But, Malloy aims to expand the program to all athletic teams, making it a part of their freshman transition period.

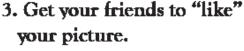
Image is important. Malloy stresses that, through the MVP program, students would be empowered to display a professional culture of excellence by having a responsible attitude as student athletes.

Malloy stated that the most important life lesson is for young students to understand is that they are an important influences within the Methodist University community. Success should not only be won on the playing field but in the classroom and the community.

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News

Gospel Choir Tours New Jersey And Maryland

Casey AusbornStaff 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, Ralph Chew, graduated from.

"It was a real treat for the choir to see Ralph visit his old school again," Ravon Sheppard, president 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.

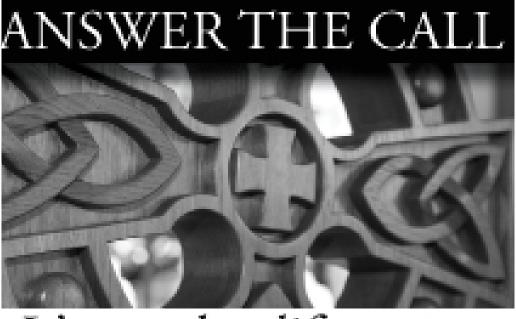
"[The students] were asking us questions about the school and really showing interest in the school and the choir," Bonds said.



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The One Voice International Gospel Choir toured throughout NJ and MD.

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International Students Attend Conference

Nkonzwenhle Kunene Contributing Writer



The international students attended an International Leadership Conference in Lexington.

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A team of committed MU international students went down to Lexington to attend the annual two day International Leadership Conference which was held at Davidson Community College. The theme of the conference was, "A Generation to Generate."

The aim of the conference was not only to share leadership ideas but to share our everyday lives in our designated colleges and challenges that many students face. Many different sessions were held which conveyed the different aspects of leadership. In addition, many Global issues were addressed such as political views, poverty, economic statuses, ongoing world conflicts and education, just to name a few.

Firstly, present at the conference were representatives from Elon University, UNC Chapel Hill, Davidson Community College, North Carolina State University, High Point University and Methodist University. All these universities are from North Carolina. Each university headed a session on different topics. Some of the topics were "Internationalization: It's a two way street," "Nurturing Leadership skills," "Roles in an International setting" and "A day in life in South Africa/Costa Rica/Ghana/Kenya". All these students steered life into the auditorium as they all discussed college life in the US, how racism and discrimination are not bad to a certain degree and how they do not exist anymore.

The importance of having values in life was discussed, as well as how these values play good roles in the new international setting. The role of cultural diversity is important because it improves an individual's knowledge of the world's different features and aspects. Presentations were done by some students, showcasing their countries and cultures. This was a new learning experience for a person who did not know much about other places of the world.

Methodist University had its own representative, Clement Nyoma, who presented "Rebuilding the ruins in South Sudan." Through these sessions, global issues were discussed and adhered to. However, global issues cannot be solved over night. The world faces too many challenges such as poverty. For example, in South Sudan a large proportion of the population lives under the GDP threshold which is \$1.25 for each person per day. Poverty prevails in many parts of the world, including first world countries. Civil Wars have separated nations such as Korea which used to be one country but has now been divided into poverty-stricken North Korea and a well developed South Korea. Change can only happen once each and every one of us changes, therefore people should have positive thoughts, positive actions and a creative mind set.

In order to bring all the positive thoughts and positive actions together, a good leader must be present. This leader should be motivated and motivate others. Through motivating others, that leader will be empowering people to reach their main goals in life. However, nowadays the world is full of leaders who have self interest. They seek too much power over others, and this is what is happening in most, if not all, African countries.

Connecting back to the theme of the conference, "A Generation to Generate," participants of the conference derived that today's generation is the answer to today's world issues. The world will have to unleash new young leaders and these leaders have to be determined and committed to their responsibilities and bring assurance to people.

However, as an observer and a participant at the conference, there is still the question of education that loomed around the auditorium. Is education really what is needed to overcome these problems? If everyone received and appreciated education perhaps every single person would be open-minded and analytical before taking drastic physical actions such as wars and government protests. Governments take advantage of the under educated because they have limited knowledge in society. Therefore perhaps the real root of the world's issues is the lack of education.

International

Dessauer Spends Study Abroad In Germany

I thoroughly enjoyed my study abroad experience.

The class included 60 students from 23 different nations. Most students either lived on campus or with guest families. I lived with my own family. My parents happen to live in the town I studied in. Fulda University of Applied Sciences organized trips every weekend. Destinations included Berlin and Cologne. I now plan to pursue my MA in Intercultural Communication and European Studies at Fulda.

If I were to repeat the same experience, I would try to spend more time with the international students. I grew up in Fulda and my family and friends live there. I feel like I spent too much time with my friends and not enough time with the students which were visiting Fulda. My mother's 50th birthday and my own 30th birthday meant that I had responsibilities and appointments with my family which prevented me from some activities in the afternoons.

I am extremely happy with my month and a half spent overseas.

Daniel S. Dessauer Kappa Sigma Fraternity Pi Mu Chapter

Diligence should be your watchword. Whatever you do, do well, and may success attend your efforts.
-Bononia Docet

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Photo from Contributing Source

Daniel Dessauer studied at Hichschule Fulda University and traveled to Berlin and Cologne.

Student Reflects On Semester In France

Natalie Mathews *Contributing Writer*



Photo from Contributing Source

Natlie Mathews studdied in France and had plenty of opportunity to meet new people.

My semester in France is going amazingly. I have met so many new people from many different places as well as immersed myself into the French culture which can be surprising at times. The school is like none I've ever been to, mostly because the students are given the freedom to express themselves in any way they see acceptable. Something is always going on whether it is eight in the morning or nine at night. The town is beautiful and there are always people busying themselves at the local bars and restaurants. Contrary to the belief that French people can be cold, the people in Rennes are very open, willing to help and always interested to hear from someone from a different country. I've been to many places within and outside of France since it is so easy to get around here and mainly because the school organizes trips at lower prices for you to take advantage of.

What is very exciting is to see the exchange students who were at Methodist in previous semesters walking around their school corridor and making you feel welcome as you did them. It is surely a unique experience and one that cannot be duplicated by any school. Of course there was culture shock but now that the semester is winding down I'm getting a little upset that I have to leave! The experience has been well worth it and I would encourage everybody to take advantage of study abroad because even if you think you know a lot about a country, to live in it is a totally different experience. This is becoming one of the best experiences of my life and I can't thank Methodist enough for the amazing opportunity they present to their students!

International

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Pangea Brings Students From Different Countries Together

Soyoung Kim Staff Writer

On the evening on Nov. 15, Reeves Auditorium was filled with cheerful songs and exciting dances from various countries. MU's international club hosted Pangea, the international culture evening.

The Pangea festival started with people carrying flags, which represented the countries where MU international students came from. After the name of each country was called, the president of MU' international club announced the opening of Pangea.

The performances of Pangea were divided into regions such as Asia, Africa, America, the Middle East, Latin America and Europe. In each region, students showed the dances or songs representing the unique culture. Regardless of their nationality, MU students could participate in the performances if they wanted.

Colorful traditional costumes shined under the stage lightning, and the audience applauded the passionate dances. From traditional Arab music to a cappella about world peace, Reeves Auditorium at MU resonated with beautiful sounds.

"It was great," Esra'a Al-Shawafi, a member of MU's

international club from Yemen, said. "It was first time to sing alone. Actually I sang with a friend last year, but this year I sang a song alone. At first, I was scared, but it was great time. And I am really happy to participate in Pangea"

Overall, Pangea was featured like a play, where an arrogant king and devotional queen appeared instead of the usual host. The play was based on the story that the king was so arrogant that the queen tried to make him better by showing him the world's diversity of cultures. Thus the performances went along with the story of the king and queen. With the prominent acting of king and queen, the audience could be immersed in the show.

Pangea is a multi-cultural show, which introduces various cultures from different countries. As Methodist University contains many international students from various countries, people can share their culture and get to know each other through Pangea.

This year, the slogan of Pangea was "We live in a big bad world, but we make things work." It means that even if the world's situation is not good we should not give up, but rather try to make the world better.

Spring 2013 Academic Calendar

January

1/6: New resident students arrive/Orientation

1/7: Day classes and Drop/Add Period begin

1/11: Advisor Meeting for New Students at 11:00 a.m.

1/15 :Last day to ADD a class

Last day to DROP a class without record 1/21:Martin Luther King Day holiday (no classes)

February

2/4: Spring Convocation

March

3/8: Midterm grades due 3/11-15: Spring Break 3/29: Good Friday Holiday



International

De Paula Explains His Enthusiasm For Soccer

Soyoung Kim Staff Writer

Pele, Ronaldo and Ronaldinho are just a few of the legendary soccer players from Brazil. As Americans are enthusiastic about football, the most popular sport in Brazil is soccer which flows in the blood of the Brazilian people. This semester, Rodrigo C. De Paula, a Junior majoring in Business Administration, came from Brazil to Methodist University as an exchange student. He talked about the real love for soccer in Brazil.

Q: What is the love of soccer in Brazil?

A: The love of soccer is completely different from any other countries. Because I have not been out of South America except this semester, I don't know exactly about the love of soccer in other countries. However, I am sure that Brazilians are frantic about soccer. There are a lot of big soccer teams in Brazil, and almost all people have their own team which they support. They usually go to the stadium every month and watch the soccer plays there. In my case, I went to the stadium 4 times at least in a month. And on Sunday, almost 90% of Brazilians watch the soccer game on TV or go to the stadium.

Q: Are there problems because of frantic?

A: We are so frantic that there are sometimes fights among the fans. We have organized fans who wear same t-shirts, play drums and sing songs. If there is a game between different teams in same city, huge problems could take a place among the fans; thus, many policemen are surrounding around the stadium to suppress the fight. On the other hand, there are also allies among the

teams, so they protect each other from other rival allies.



Photo by Soyoung Kim

Rodrigo C. De Paula is an exchange student from Brazil. De Paula is a junior majoring in Business Administration

Q: Which team do you support?

A: I support for Coritiba team. Coritiba is the oldest team in my city and one of the oldest team in Brazil. My whole family is a fan of Coritiba. Back home, I went to the stadium more than 4 times in a month to see the game. At there, I screamed a lot and shouted out "Coritiba", which made me excited and crazy. But I am not that much frantic. Some people live their life with Coritiba games like that they work at the Coritiba team or go to the stadium every day.

Q: Are all of your friends the fan of Coritiba?

A: Not all friends. Some friends support the other teams. The funny story is that when there was a game between Coritiba and another team which my friends like, the atmosphere of rival was in the room. But after the game finished we came back to the close friend.

Q: What do you think about the 2014 World Cup in Brazil?

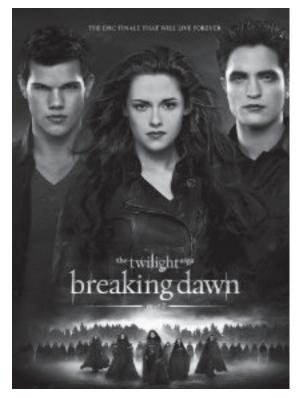
A: When I heard that Brazil was chosen the country hosting the 2014 World cup, I was really scared. Because the politics of Brazil have a lot of problems and corruptions, I worried that the corrupt government and politicians would steal the money from support fund of World Cup. However, there are also economic benefits. Not only 2014 World Cup but also 2016 Olympic are we preparing. Thus, hotels are getting bigger, and the number of job is increasing. Many people are learning different languages and taking technical course for the future.

Highlight

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Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part II Shows in Theaters

Editor-in-Chief



Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part Two came onto the movie screen on Nov. 16, 2012 and had tons of views during its first few nights.

As is no surprise to fang followers, Bella, played by Kristen Stewart, has become a vampire. The other members of the Cullen Clan marvel at her strength and her special ability. Bella's relationship with her daughter, Renesmee, is similar to that of a normal relationship. However, the Cullens discover that the child grows every day.

Renesmee and Jacob's relationship becomes more interesting as Renesmee grows older. Jacob has imprinted on Renesmee, which means they are meant for each other. The movie gives more insight into Bella and Jacob's relationship as soon as the movie begins.

Also, just when Twilight fans thought that the Volturi were done harassing the Cullens, they make yet another appearance. A friend of the Cullens spots Bella –who has been reported as a vampire- in the woods with Renesmee. The Volturi guess that the Cullens have bitten and turned a child into a vampire. They fear she would run rampant, kill many humans and expose vampires to the world.

This exciting conclusion is the best Twilight Movie yet. The special effects exceed those that were used in the past. For example, Jacob and his werewolf gang look very life-like. However, this movie has some intimate content, so a child who is 13 years or younger should come with a parent.

Red Dawn Remake Is Action-Packed

Gabrielle Isaac Editor-in-Chief

Red Dawn, a remake of the original 1984 movie, focuses on the invasion of Spokane, WA. Jed, played by Chris Hemsworth, reunites with his father and brother after many years of military service. A day after their reunion, however, Jed's brother Matt (Josh Peck) awakes to loud booms and crashes. He dresses quickly and runs outside with Jed to find a sky filled with parachutes carrying North Korean soldiers. Planes travel through the sky and people run through the streets. When the soldiers reach the ground, they hold several people at gunpoint and kill some who refuse to cooperate. Jed and Matt then run into their father, a local policeman, who tells them to get to their private cabin in the woods. He is sure that, if they can make it, the boys won't be found there.

Several of Matt's friends jump into a vehicle to escape with the brothers. However, Matt's girlfriend doesn't make it and is taken to a camp to be interrogated for more information.

The leader of the attack, Captain Cho, kidnaps some of the escapees' family members and finds the cabin hideout while the escapees are foraging for food. Jed, Matt and the other teens hide when they see Captain Cho approaching with the brother's dad held at gun point. Cho coerces him to tell the hiding boys to surrender. After a few heart-breaking moments, the boys decide to band together with the other escapees and form the "Wolverines." Jed trains the group as he was trained in the army, and they begin to attack their suppressers.

This movie is action-packed and full of plot twists that movie-goers won't see coming. The remake makes some changes from the 1984 original, however. For CHRIS HEMSWORTH

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HEROES ARE MADE IN AMERICA

RED DAWN

example, in the older version, the Soviets are the invaders. Generally, the changes are for the better, and any action fan would be pleased with this film. It is best for those who have more maturity on the subjects of death and war.

Comic



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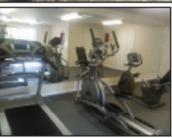
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