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Opinions

Gab's Gab: Glorifying Tragic Events

Gabrielle Isaac
Editor-in-Chief

Recently, there have been many terrible events that have occurred in our nation. There was the Virginia Tech shooting where 32 people were killed, the 9/11 tragedy and the Batman Premier shooting in CO. The list goes on and on. Despite this overwhelming negativity within our society, there have been many positive events that have not graced the eyes of the public.

What about the police officer, Larry DePrimo, who bought a 100 dollar pair of shoes for a barefoot homeless man? And no one seems to think about Carson Jones, a high school quarter back who protected a special needs student when he was being bullied. NFL player Andre Johnson took 12 abused children to Toys R Us and let them fill a cart with toys. He spent about 20,000 dollars on toys that day. There was also Tom Mabe, a sergeant who called in a request to feed homeless men. He claimed they were undercover officers so they would be fed.

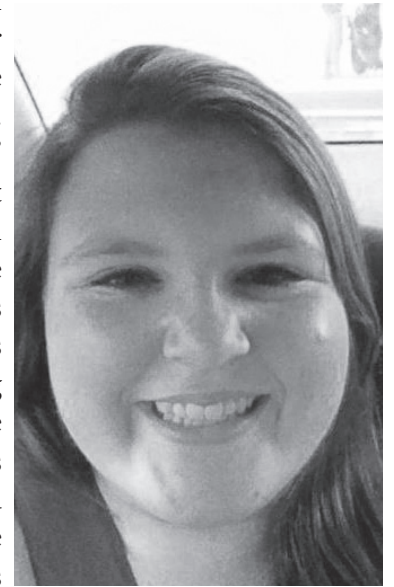
My point is, the media tends to glorify those who do bad. For months, there were articles in magazines and newspapers talking about why so and so did what they did. However, we will rarely see acts of kindness on the front page of a newspaper unless a big name movie star or singer is the one doing it. As humans, we need disorganization, fear and negativity. We thrive off of it. Without fear and negativity in our lives, imagine how good we would have it. We wouldn't flip off the guy who cut us off on our daily commute. We would do good deeds without expecting anything in return.

The idea of selflessness is not a common one in today's society. What happened to holding open doors for someone walking into a building or giving up our seat for a pregnant woman? We are too worried about our lives and what

we want to even fathom another person's life and its value. It is the "me" complex that get people on the front page of newspapers and magazines for taking their own life and the lives of others. You can attribute someone's decisions to

whatever you want, but ultimately, it was their own decision made under their own convictions. If society as a whole would decide together that we should focus on other people and their needs, the world would be a better place. I know we've heard that a thousand times, but it's true.

There are a few simple ways that we can help others. We can volunteer at a soup kitchen, start a canned food or clothing drive and help those who are less fortunate. We can help Greek Organizations on campus by volunteering with them. If you see someone struggling with a load of books, help them carry them. There are tons of opportunities to help people. When you help one person, that person might help someone else and so on. Our world is ours and it is up to us to make something of it. Too often do good deeds go by unnoticed. It is up to us to make it a goal of ours to better our world and reach out to those who need help. Ask yourself, "What can I do to better this world?" Only then will the good outweigh the bad.



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News

Sodexo Raises The Bar On Campus

Emory Jacobs
Staff Writer

Starting this year, several improvements have taken place in the Cafeteria. Options have been added and students have a larger variety of choices, which is much different than what was seen the year before.

During 2011, students wanting fries would have to wait in line behind people hungry for burgers that were just getting started on the grill. This means that there was a 15 or more minute wait with an occasionally intimidating looking line. Now, however, students can simply walk up and get fries for themselves, which is easier on the staff as well as the students.

Furthermore, new machines have been added. Those who are lactose intolerant were provided a soy milk dispenser. The new icecream machine works much more often than last year's machine, which was plagued with several errors and stayed off most of the time.

"Last year, we ended up having to call the company [that provided the machine] once a week. Eventually, we determined that the equipment was too high tech for what we were trying to do," Duke Davis, General Manager of Sodexo said about the machine.

The food stations have seen slight changes themselves, with the pizza parlor including varieties of pasta more often than last year and the burger station serving corn dogs or grilled turkey on occasion. When asked, student opinions ranged from extremely negative to extremely positive. One student, Matthew Griffiths, said "The food is wonderful! But since I'm not a full time student, the prices are a little high." Most, however, agreed on one point.

"The food is pretty decent, but they could have a wider variety," sophomore Bria Wilson said.

Another Methodist student, Emina Efendic, a Junior at felt that the cafeteria should have more international foods.

While there is always room for improvement, Sodexo is looking to upgrade to student expectations.

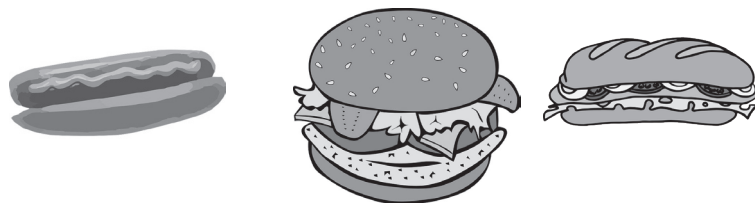


Bethany L. Little
Cafeteria worker serves a student in the Green and Gold Cafe.

"We're still striving to make improvements," Davis said. "We want to make renovations to the entire Cafeteria. We want to keep up with the trends in food services and add things students see at other universities."

The Cafeteria and its workers always like to hear from students.

"We are constantly looking for feedback. We see it as an opportunity for us; my door is always open," Davis said.



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Bowyer Applauds smallTalk Staff

Ryan Bowyer
 Adviser

Last semester, we started with a core group of approximately five freshmen and sophomores in leadership positions for the SmallTALK. Gabbie Isaac, our Editor-in-Chief, was entering only her third semester here at Methodist University.

Man, did we come far. I applaud the amazing effort that our students put forth. I cannot begin to tell you how fantastic the past semester's paper was, especially because we only had one communication major on staff. I only see potential for growth this semester. Our leaders are stepping up and truly understanding what it takes to create an amazing paper. If you want to be a part of it, feel free to come by Chris' House. We are always looking for talented young men and women to help with our paper.

As I stated last semester, understand that this effort is completely student run. Our students write the articles, edit the articles, lay out the paper and distribute the paper.

As such, there will be mistakes. Think of it like your algebra homework. Your algebra homework is not always perfect. In a similar fashion, the paper will not be perfect. There will always be mistakes, no matter how grand or minimal they might be.

The calls I received criticizing the paper last semester were haunting. There were only a handful of times someone offered to come in to a meeting and work with our students and offer their expertise in a particular area. I am of the opinion that if you want to criticize the paper, understand that we are not experienced in every academic, social or political area, and that your expertise helps in the overall education of our students.

I challenge you, as a reader, to understand this. Rather than reacting and immediately criticizing our students, use their mistakes as teaching moments in the same way you would teach in a classroom or teach your children.



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Baker Has Adventures In The Out Back

Laura Baker

Contributing Writer

I am studying abroad in Australia! My time here as been absolutely amazing. I have made lots of friends and been on so many adventures. Australia is such a great place. The people here are all very friendly and laid back. But they don't ride kangaroos to school nor do they say "put anotha shrimp on the barbie." They don't even say shrimp they call them pram! When I first got here I went to Cairns, Queensland. The weather was so nice, even though it was winter. I wore shorts and T-shirts every day. I got to see kangaroos, hold a Koala (which is only legal to hold in certain parts of Australia) and went scuba diving and bungee jumping. Then I went down to Newcastle, New South Wales. This is where I would be spending the majority of my time. After settling in and meeting new people, I started to learn things about Aussies and developed an understanding of their culture, which is similar and yet very different from ours. Thus far I have been all over the east coast of Australia, visiting Cairns, Byron Bay, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Tamworth, Forster, Wollongong and Sydney! With each city I went to, I loved Australia more and more. Everywhere you go the people are generally wonderful and very helpful. I also don't wear shoes EVER!! I've learned lots of words here that we don't use, and I've tried so many different foods including kangaroo and crocodile meat! Overall, my experience here has been absolutely wonderful and I will definitely be making a trip back!



Contributing Photo

Laura Baker, sits in front of the Sydney Opera House, while visiting Australia.

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Study Abroad Office

Contributing Writer

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Monarchs Help Keep Blood Drive Alive

Bethany L. Little
Staff Writer

The Monarchs of Methodist University donated their time and a helping arm to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the Cape Fear Valley Blood Donation Center on Jan. 16.



Bethany L. Little

A phlebotomist checks the blood from a donor during a blood drive held at the Berns Student Center, Jan. 16. The Cape Fear Valley Blood Donation Center holds four blood drives a year with Methodist University.

determine their eligibility,” explains Fisher. After the student is deemed eligible, they are all set to sit down, relax and start donating.

Even though the blood drive is held four times annually at the school, this blood drive marks a first experience for some students.

“I’ve always wanted to donate, but I’m so scared of needles,” Marissa Smith, a middle grade education senior, said. “Today, I just decided to go ahead and do it.”

Smith grimaced and looked away as the phlebotomist, or the technician trained to take her blood, stuck her with the needle. When asked what her advice to other first time donors would be, she said it was simple.

“Just don’t look at them... or the needle,” she said, laughing, while she continued to look anywhere except at her arm.

For more information about donating blood with the Cape Valley Fear Donation Center, please give them a call at 615-LIFE, or visit their website at http://www.capefearvalley.com/services/blood_donor_guidelines.html.

Fifty of Methodist University’s finest came out to support the blood drive held in the Berns Student Center on campus.

“Nationwide, there are [only] 38 percent [of] people eligible to donate blood and, out of that, only 8 percent of them will donate,” Mary Fisher, the mobile coordinator for Cape Fear Valley Blood Donation Center, said.

For this particular blood drive, the center wanted 50 students and staff to donate blood to symbolize each year the center has worked with the university.

Methodist University held the first blood drive for the center and, due to growing support, the center continues to come back. For some students at Methodist, it’s as easy as cake to decide to stick an arm out and help.

“I’ve always given blood in high school,” James Hawley, a freshman Religion major, said. “I guess it’s knowing I’m helping out someone who needs my blood more than I do.”

The process of donating blood is simple and not as scary as some think.

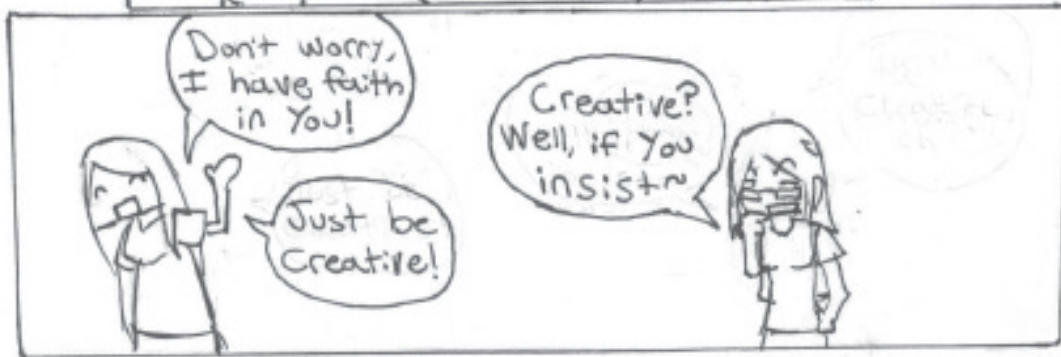
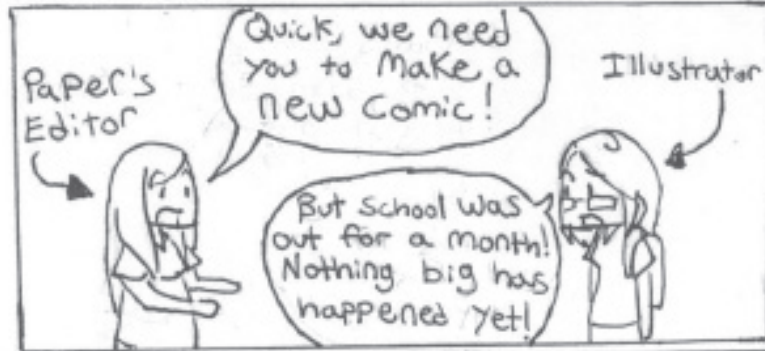
“To donate blood, students have to register. Then, they receive a physical and review health history to



Bethany L. Little

A student squeezes a stress ball to help with the drawing of blood.

Re: Inspiration



Result:

Comic about Zebra-Pterodactyls Playing Rugby



Ten Ways To Ace An Interview

Gabrielle Isaac
 Editor-in-Chief

Interviews will be a staple impression on a future employer. In light of this fact, Antoinette Bellamy, Director of Career Services, has ten tips on how to complete a successful interview.

1. Research the Organization. During your interview, the employer will have the opportunity to ask you questions about their organization. Because these questions will arise, it is important that you know how to handle them when they do. “The interviewee needs to know about the organization so that he or she can relate their skills to the job,” Bellamy said. A particular skill set that you have acquired can be important to the job. By knowing what an organization expects, you increase the likelihood of being hired.

2. Be Prepared. “You should think about the potential questions and your responses and practice them,” Bellamy said. One of the main things you will be asked is to talk about yourself. This is where the B.E.E.G model becomes important. B.E.E.G stands for background, education, experience and goals. “[Using this model] prevents an applicant from giving too much personal information.” Bellamy also urges students to be aware of situational questions. These are questions that put a candidate in a position that needs attention. An example of a situational question could be “What would you do if you saw a co-worker stealing?” or “Tell me about a time when you lost control and how you handled it.” Mock interviews are a great way to practice interview strategies. You can set up a mock interview with Career Services. The interview is tailored to your potential career.

3. Prepare relevant sample questions for the interviewers. “It is very important that you have something to say,” Bellamy said. Just as the employer has an opportunity to ask you questions, you have an opportunity to ask any relevant question pertaining to the job. An example of a question that you could ask an employer is “What type of training program do you offer?” It is important to leave out embarrassing information about the organization when asking questions. If a business that you are hoping to work for has dropped three percent in the stock market, you should not bring it up. You may ask why it is important to prepare questions for the interviewer. According to Bellamy, an employer may not be offended by your lack of questions, but you may not stand out to that employer if another candidate has good questions to ask.

4. Answer the question “Why should I hire you?” even if it is not directly asked. “An interview is your opportunity to discuss your skills, give examples of your work history and show an employer that hiring you will benefit the organization,” Bellamy



Contributing Photo

said. If the employer does not directly ask why they should hire you, you should bring up your transferable skills when talking about your past experience. It is good for an employer to see how the skills that you have learned from past jobs, such as customer service, can transfer to the available position.

5. Arrive a few minutes early. “You need to have time to relax and observe the environment. You have to appear confident. You need to walk in and know that this is your job,” Bellamy said. Arriving early to an interview gives you time to relax and prepare yourself. However, you should not take this time to smoke. “You don’t want to have an odor that may be offensive to an interviewer,” Bellamy said.

6. Take your resume and your professional portfolio with you to the interview. Employers use your portfolio and resume as a basis for many of their questions. These documents help you to have a reference for the questions that are being asked. “Your resume is your first impression. You don’t get calls unless you have a good resume,” Bellamy said.

7. Dress and groom appropriately. Men should wear a dark-colored suit with a shirt and tie as well as nice, shined-shoes. Men should also be well-shaved with hair intact. Women should

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wear a dark-colored suit (skirt or pants) with a nice blouse and, at most, medium-sized heels. Also, if a woman plans on wearing panty hose, she should bring an extra pair in her bag in case of snagging. Women should wear light jewelry with no dangling pieces. Men and women alike should wear no fragrance or piercing excluding earlobe piercing.

8. Be relaxed and pleasant. “Greet the receptionist with a kind gesture (smile). Let the employer see that you fit in,” Bellamy said. If you get there early enough, try to practice breathing exercises to calm your nerves. Also, getting to your interview early allows you time to get comfortable with your environment. If the room is hot or cold, your body will have time to adjust.

9. Show confidence, not arrogance. “Arrogance is when you

boast about areas of your life that do not have anything to do with the job,” Bellamy said. Without being arrogant, be sure to summarize your skills, discuss any accomplishments and show how your attributes are relatable to the job. For example, if you are applying for a coaching position, it would help to mention that you played basketball during all four years of college.

10. Follow up with a hand-written thank you note. Send a letter to the employer thanking him for his time. It is important that you send a letter, not an e-mail, so that you are perceived as a more personable candidate. “If you have horrible handwriting, have a friend with good penmanship to write it for you and then sign it,” Bellamy said.

Career services will be holding a career fair in Nimocks on Mar. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair is an opportunity for students to network with future employers.

Students Voice Their Opinions On Construction

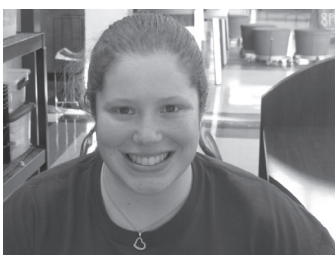
Casey Ausborn
Staff Writer

Anyone that has been on the Methodist University Campus since the beginning of 2012's fall semester has doubtlessly seen the massive amount of construction taking place. From smaller projects like the wall at the University's entrance to the 18-month renovations in the Davis Memorial Library, Methodist is on its way to having an entirely new campus. The question is, are these renovations a distraction to students or are they creating an educational environment? Here's what some of the Methodist University students think:



“I think the wall is completely pointless; it's not going to keep anybody out. I think it's good that they're adding onto the Trustee's Building, because it's crowded as is and that's where everybody meets up in the first place. All majors meet up there. But I think it's good, even if it's a bit ridiculous to have all this construction going on.” -Amanda Grimm

“I think it's exciting. I think it's a good thing. I know it's annoying, especially when you're trying to get to the Trustee's Building from the science building and you have to go all the way around, but I think it's worth it in the end.”
-Mandy James



“They should have waited until the summer, in my opinion, because it's confusing with the entrances. Especially if you're coming from 295. It's really obnoxious to have to drive all the way back past the light just to drive back that way. With Trustee's, apparently it's going to take them all through the summer to get it done, so I guess I'm glad they're working on it now.” -Ashley Buzynski

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Jan. 25: Forgein Film Series Presents:
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6 p.m.

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Hensdale Chapel*
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Men's Basketball (3-0, 2-2)

Latest Results:

Jan. 6 vs. Maryville; W, 65-61

Jan. 9 vs. Greensboro; W, 83-75

This Week:

Jan. 16 vs. N.C. Wesleyan 7:30 pm

Jan. 20 at LaGrange 4:00 pm

Women's Basketball (0-2, 2-0)

Latest Results:

Jan. 9 at Salem; W, 66-63

Jan. 12 at Ferrum; L, 66-82

Jan. 13 at Maryville; L, 45-70

This Week:

Jan. 16 vs. Greensboro 5:30 pm

Jan. 19 at Meredith 2:00 pm

Indoor Track & Field

Latest Results:

Dec. 8 at CNU Holiday Open

This Week:

Jan. 19 at Maryland Open

TOP STORIES

MU Men's Hoops Captures CSI Tournament of Heroes Over the Holiday Break

The Methodist men's basketball team rallied from a six-point halftime deficit to earn a 74-69 win over the College Station Island and claim the 11th annual CSI Tournament of Heroes on Saturday afternoon.

After entering the break trailing 39-33, the Monarchs outscored CSI, 41-50, over the final 20 minutes in holding the host school to just 35.7 percent shooting (10-28) in the second half. Methodist shot 51.9 percent (14-27) in the second stanza.

In the second half, CSI managed to open up a 10-point lead (45-35) at the 16:28 mark before the Monarchs put together a 14-2 scoring run to assume a 49-47 lead with 13:13 to play following four straight points from Diamond Parker. The lead would change hands six more times over the next several minutes until a 6-0 spurt by Methodist gave the Monarchs a 72-65 lead on a three pointer by Bryan Hodocaj with 2:28 left to an MU win consecutive games for the first time this season.

The Monarchs' second-half effort came after CSI shot 57.7 percent in the opening stanza (15-26), compared to a 41.9 percent mark (13-31) from the Monarchs.

Parker led the Monarchs with 18 points on 7-of-12 shooting from the field and a 4-of-5 mark from the line. Christian McFae added 17 points on 7-of-11 shooting and Hodocaj produced his second consecutive double-double with 18 points and 14 rebounds. Kyle Corbett added nine points and six rebounds and Tobias Hill had tallied six assists.

Blazky Mingle led CSI with 19 points and Dylan Bulger added a double-double of 14 points and 12 boards. Jonathan Chadwick Myers added 14 points and five assists.

MORE HEADLINES

Men's Basketball II

Methodist beats off Maryville, 88-81

Freshmen Tobias Hill and Austin Pack led the way with 12 points apiece

Monarchs knock off Greensboro, 88-70

Christian McFae scored a career-high 24 points and Diamond Parker added 17 in the victory

Women's Basketball

MU beats Salem rally, 66-63

All five starters scored in double figures, led by 15 points from Leah Hayes and 14 from Emily Hareycutt

Ferrum outpaces Methodist, 82-88

T.T. Taylor had 12 points and five rebounds in the loss

Maryville sinks Methodist, 70-48

Scotts hit on 10 3-pointers in the win; Leah Hayes and Chandler Christensen led the Monarchs with 14 and 13 points, respectively

Indoor Track & Field

Did not compete

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Monk's Buzzer Beater Earns Third Consecutive Win

Billy Zeoli
Staff Writer

No one would have expected a buzzer-beating three-pointer from Brandon Monk with only two seconds left in the game to bring the Monarch's winning streak even further. Well, let's just say, anything is possible!

The Methodist University Men's Basketball team is now on a three game winning streak after wins against Maryville, Greensboro and now a victory over heavy favorite North Carolina Wesleyan, raising their rank to 6-8 overall and 3-2 in the USA South Conference this season.

"I'll tell you it's a big boost for us as a team winning three in a row, especially after a night like tonight. The atmosphere was definitely a difference and hopefully this can carry over to more road victories," Head Coach David Smith said after the win over NC Wesleyan.

Freshmen have played a big role for this team as Christian McRae, Keemon Ingram and now Brandon Monk have stood out, averaging 35 points total in the past three games.

"They love to play the game, they're great defenders and defense turns into offense and that's what makes them special.

They take pride in their defense and with great defense comes great offense and that showed the past couple games," Coach Smith said.

McRae shined with 24 points against Greensboro, but on Wednesday night, it was Monk's turn to steal the spotlight. It was a career night for the freshman forward as he scored the game winning three-pointer, ending the game with 25 points and seven rebounds.

The fans didn't exit on game three of the streak, as the Monarchs were down as much as 21 points in the first half. They were rewarded with sticking around as they stormed the court to surround Monk and the rest of the team in celebration.

"We still need to improve on turnovers and rebounds. If we take care of the basketball and don't let up second chance points on the glass, who knows where this team can go," Coach Smith said.

Next up for the Monarchs is a three game road trip to LaGrange, a rematch with NC Wesleyan and Christopher Newport University.

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