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Self-Control Could Save Future

Gabrielle Isaac
Editor-in-Chief

Bradley and Christy Turner of NC were heading home with their toddler, who was in the backseat of their black SUV. All of the sudden, a truck approached and the couple felt as though the driver was trying to run them off of the road. In response, Bradley followed the truck. He saw that there were two young men in the front of the vehicle, and one was in the bed of the truck.

When they stopped, Mr. Turner approached them and proceeded to punch the driver in the face. The two young men in the front reacted by jumping out and beating Mr. Turner while the boy in the bed of the truck began recording the incident. Frantically, Mrs. Turner ran to her husband while wielding a handgun. She pointed it at the boys, so they backed off and started walking toward their vehicle. Once they had halted their advances, Mr. Turner took the gun from his wife and fired a few rounds into the truck. Luckily, no one was seriously injured, but the Turner couple is facing charges for assault with a deadly weapon.

Defense is a natural reaction to provocation. If you are punched, you have every right to fight back in order to defend yourself. However, the Turner's reaction to the young men was unlawful. Because Mr. Turner was the one to provoke the fight, he had no right to point a gun at anyone. In the eyes of the law, he was the one that was in the wrong.

If you find yourself in a bad situation, you should use non-lethal action. Personally, I believe that there is absolutely no reason to point a gun at anyone unless a life is already in danger. People who react in the heat of the moment can make a situation a lot worse than

it would have.

America is up in arms about gun violence. The media tends to blame the high crime rate on graphic video games and television s h o w s .

Without a doubt, I am sure that these worsen the problem. However, no one is willing to connect violence to home life. I know that my mother would never let me touch a gun again if she heard that I pointed it at another living person or animal without probable cause.

I feel sorry for the toddler that was seated in the car while the event took place. The child saw their parents wielding a gun and heard the gunshots. Can you imagine the subconscious emotional damage? Children are impressionable because they have yet to develop a definite sense of right and wrong. The theory of "monkey see, monkey do," causes a child to mimic the actions of their parents. It worries me that the child was present in this situation.

Could people's lack of self-control be affecting the youth of today? I think so. I think that many children and grown adults are reflections of their parents. I'm not saying that the Turner's child will turn out to be a horrible person from this one ordeal, but I do know that other criminals have similar or worse back story.



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Campus Ministries Travel To Nicaragua

Casey Ausborn
Staff Writer

Most MU students spent their spring break vacationing or at home with their families. Campus Ministries, on the other hand, decided to take a group of MU students to another country. Rather than using this opportunity for vacation time, the students helped contribute to the towns of Amine de Agua, El Chonco and Chinandega, Nicaragua.

The members of the group were given the chance to bond with each other and connect with the people in Nicaragua while working on projects that would help the communities in this poverty-stricken country. The group's main project during the trip was to repair a damaged waterline, which involved working alongside the locals and other volunteers to dig trenches under

the hot sun.

However, the students' trip was not restricted to working all day in the sun. Students were able to enjoy exploring the towns and visit the beach while also getting to experience a culture and lifestyle completely separate from their own. Most places didn't have clean water and what water they did have had to be pulled up from wells using buckets.

The missionary organization based in Chinandega, Amigos for Christ, provided lodging for the students during their week-long stay and provided them with service projects, such as helping a town get clean water that would help the Nicaraguan communities with maintaining a habitable environment.

MU Students Raise Money For Cancer Research

John Donnelly
Contributing Writer

The Berns Student Center was filled with laughter and glee as the second annual "Sticky Fly" event was being held this week.

The event, which is put on by Beta Sigma Phi, is an effort to raise money for "Relay for Life," a foundation the sorority has been partnered with since 2008. Last Monday through

Thursday, students had the opportunity to purchase a large piece of tape and stick various volunteers to the wall. The price range for the tape ranged from 50 cents to a dollar.

As you can imagine, finding people to purchase the tape was much easier than finding the volunteers to be stuck to a wall for a short period of time. "I reached out to Dr. Hancock through email and he didn't respond right away," said Beta Sigma Phi's Community Service Officer and event organizer Faith Pletcher. She went on to say that

he finally agreed to participate in the event.

By the third day of the event, Beta Sigma Phi had raised approximately \$200. About 20 students were present and all were anxious to stick it to someone when I attended. "It's a really good cause and we want to continue to do this. After all, it's not often you get to duct tape people to a wall!" replied Beta Sigma Phi sorority member Devon Wilson in jest.

Beta Sigma Phi members enjoy putting on the event and hope that they can continue to do so for years to come. They all believe that it's a welcome change from the normal fund raising events such as bake sales, but will continue to have those as well.

SGA, another supporter of Relay for Life, will be hosting a Relay for Life concert on April 4. Relay for Life of Cumberland County will take place at Jack Britt High School on April 12 and 13.



Contributing Photos
Ryan Bowyer and Dr. Clay Britton

Temporary City Leaves Lasting Impressions

Emory Jacobs
Staff Writer

Cardboard Castles and Igloos stood in the midst of a student-made cardboard city on March 20. A bonfire, some blankets, and provided hot chocolate were the only things the attending crowd could use to warm themselves up with, excluding the jackets they brought with them.

It wasn't just for kicks, however. Entire organizations, including sororities, fraternities, SAC and SoJu were there to raise awareness for the homeless...one cardboard slab at a time. Those attending were told about Fayetteville's plan to cripple the issue of homelessness. Afterward, they were shown the movie "The Pursuit of Happiness."

Each person in the crowd had a different reason to visit or help create the temporary housing. Matthew Dyson, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, said "I definitely think it is helping. It has provided insight into the lives of the homeless and it is truly touching. One truly must experience this to understand what those people go through."

Shericka Wilson, a senior, talked about her own experience that evening. "I'm cold, and I feel really bad. There are people out there right now without a blanket or a hoodie or anything..." Some had to leave the odd city and others stayed the night. However, by the next day, the cardboard castles, houses, igloos and other structures had been razed. The city was no more.



Photo by Ryan Bowyer

The Social Justice Club asked for directors of a homeless shelter and a homeless person to come and speak on homelessness in America.

However, the night's events were more permanent than its physical manifestation, etching empathy and perspective into the minds of many.

"I went and served operation Inasmuch this morning, and it really gives a greater sense of appreciation. It reinforces what I saw this morning, makes you really see what the homeless go through and how little they get by. You really need to see a homeless person as an individual, don't just stare at them. Try to help them out or at least treat them normally," said Scotty Berthold, a Music Education Major.

MU Students Attend Holi Celebration

Casey Ausborn
Staff Writer

Methodist University's new Inter-Faith Council, along with Campus Ministries and the Philosophy and Religion Department, started off their organization Wednesday, March 28 with the celebration of Holi.

Holi, also known as the festival of colors, is a Hindu celebration that is symbolic of the emergence of Spring, the victory of good over evil and the connection of all beings. During the celebration, students throw water, chalk dust and varying colors of paint at each other while cultural Indian music plays in the background. Traditionally, once everyone is covered in a wide array of colors, they are said to be equal. All forms of discrimination -whether it be based on income, social status or class standing- are completely forgotten for the remainder of the festival.

The symbolic unity behind the celebration reflects the University's purpose for creating the Inter-Faith Council.

"The Inter-Faith Council is a group of students, faculty and staff with representatives from Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Agnosticism," Dr. Jeremy Hustwit, the Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, said. "These groups will all be coming together to hopefully hold monthly events that will foster inter-religious understanding and unite the campus as a whole. [They will] also do service projects to show people from other religions how we can work together."



Photo by Casey Ausborn

Jeremy Hustwit, Chair of the Philosophy and Religion Department, is a representative of the Inner-Faith Council.

Wright Receives Award For Cultural Study

Jose Green

Contributing Writer

The 18th Annual B.F. Stone Lyceum was held in the Medical Lecture Hall of the Physician Assistant complex on February 28th, 2013. This year's recipient of the Lyceum honor was Dr. Emily Wright. She has been at Methodist University since 2002 and teaches Composition, American literature, Women's Literature, and Southern Literature courses.

Dr. Wright has directed the Southern Women's Writers conference at Berry College in Rome, Georgia, as well as the Southern Writers Symposium at Methodist University. As is tradition, she, along with Dr. Peter Murray and Dr. Margaret Bauer - who were the respondents to this year's presentation- were introduced by Dr. George Hendricks, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Dr. Wright's presentation, "Between Cavalier and Cracker, Tara and Tobacco Road: The Marginalized Middle in American Discourse about the South," was selected from among eight other submissions and focused on a group of pre-Civil War Southerners who usually don't get much attention: The white middle class that didn't own any slaves.

In 1990, Dr. Wright was completing her dissertation for her Ph.D. program and was working as an editor at a small publishing company called Peach Tree Publishers in Atlanta, Georgia. During that time, she had a fortunate encounter with a few specific Southern texts that led her to discover some important and interesting information. For instance, she was able to compare the *Gone With The Wind* movie with the original novel.

The movie version presents the pre-Civil War South as a land of cavaliers and cotton; a place where people were highly cultured planters that lived in wide columned mansions and drank the best wines, wore the best skirts and donned the finest white linen suits. However, Margaret Mitchell, the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book version, took great pains to make a specific point. She wanted to show that while there were genuine aristocrats in stately mansions before the Civil War, most of the South's white inhabitants were not slave holding farmers. Furthermore, most of the planters were not aristocrats.

Another book that provided Dr. Wright information contains detailed descriptions of the material realities of the South Georgia frontier. *Lamb in His Bosom*, which was written by an author named Caroline Miller and published in 1933 won the Pulitzer Prize in 1934. Dr. Wright set about trying to discover what the similarities between the two Pulitzer Prize winning novels were and found a very important one: both Mitchell and Miller emphasized the yeoman origins of Southern literature. The authors emphasized the frontier quality of pre-war Southern life and that most white Southerners were pioneers that didn't own slaves. After further research, she learned from credible historians -such as Elizabeth Fox-Genovese- that Miller's description of the daily lives of non-slave holding white pioneers was remarkably accurate.

This raises a question: Why do some works perpetuate the image of Southern culture as "poor white trash," while other works perpetuate the image of the Southern planter as aristocratic?

"For Philips, the yeoman were not irrelevant, but certainly not the engine of economic and critical life like the planters who owned twenty or more slaves," said Dr. Murray, MU History professor, while speaking of the historian Ulrich Bonnell Phillips. Dr. Murray researched Bonnel in response to Dr. Wright's paper.

"Readers and film viewers too often seek over-simplified, happily ever after ending escapist entertainment," said Dr. Bauer, ECU English professor and second respondent of Dr. Wright's work.

Some works by Southern historians that attempt to dispel the myth of a two-class white South are *An American Epoch: Southern Portraiture in the National Picture*, by Howard Odum (1930) and *The Mind of the South*, by W.J. Cash (1941).

"In a chapter of an American epoch entitled *The North Judges the South*, Howard Odum points out that the North has always viewed Southerners as either criminals and traders; vulgar and low on one hand. [They also see them as] proud, aristocratic, romantic and passionate on the other," said Dr. Wright during her presentation. When speaking of Mitchell and Miller, the authors of the Pulitzer-Prize winning novels, she said that both were motivated by a rage to explain that the majority of pre-war white Southerners were neither rich nor poor. Instead, the population constituted of what historians call middle, meddling, or plain white.

When speaking of the B.F. Stone Lyceum, Dr. Ben E. Hancock, MU president, said, "I can't think of any event that quite measures up to a culture of excellence that ties signature people, signature programs, signature facilities, and signature partnerships." The B.F. Stone Lyceum is relevant in that it fosters scholarly interaction among faculty, students and the larger community. Unless people seek the truth and read certain texts of literature for themselves, the media will always forward the romanticized psyche that America has as a whole. Such a psyche tends to bring a sense of falseness to the stories we read, such as the movie *Gone With the Wind*.



Contributing Photo
Dr. Emily Wright

MU Presents Tuition Assistance Program

Danielle Miranda

Contributing Writer

Methodist University isn't waiting for the federal government to reinstate its Tuition Assistance program.

Nearly 200 Methodist University students using military incentives here might have been affected by the federal government's suspension of the popular program in early March due to the mandated sequestration.

When Congress failed to produce a budget earlier this year that would avoid mandated sequestration cuts, branches of the Armed Services announced that they were forced to suspend Tuition Assistance, which provides up to \$4,500 per year per service member for education.

The suspension would have affected 40 out of the 85 Methodist University students already registered for the Term II and Summer Evening Term IV. Additionally, 100 students could not have registered for classes under this suspension.

However, the university quickly said it would continue to offer active-duty military up to four free courses from now until July 15 at the Fort Bragg campus. In a statement made shortly after sequestration cuts were announced, Dr. Ben Hancock, President of Methodist University, cited the university's commitment to service members and their families.

As reinstatement of Tuition Assistance appeared imminent at late press time, Hancock said later that the university would stand by its commitment to offer tuition-free courses on Fort Bragg this summer.

"The decision was made in an effort to provide service members with a benefit they deserve at a time when it is otherwise unavailable," Hancock said. "If and when Tuition Assistance is restored, we will transition to our MU match scholarship. The MU match scholarship covers the cost of up to three courses within our evening program for service members who have used all of their tuition assistance funding with us and would like to continue to take courses without having to

wait for the new fiscal year to receive funding."

Until the program's reinstatement, the tuition assistance program at the Fort Bragg campus is limited to active-duty military. The first two courses offered in Term II, which began March 18, were Introduction to Psychology (PSY 1010) and World History II (HIS 1040). Additional courses could be offered during the Summer Evening Term IV beginning in May 20. Skills Development in English (ENG 1000), English Composition I (ENG 1010), College Algebra (MAT 1050), Speech Communication (OCL 151) and World History I (HIS 1030) are all potential classes.

During this transition period, other non-active duty students have been encouraged to seek other financial assistance. Service members including the Army, National Guard and the Army Reserves have been asked to apply for grants, scholarships and state tuition assistance programs. They can also use their Veteran Affairs Department benefits if they are eligible. Those VA benefits include the Montgomery GI Bill, Montgomery Bill-Selected Reserve, Reserves Educational Assistance Program, and the Post 9/11 Bill.

The 2012 fiscal year military Tuition Assistance cost the Army \$373 million in Tuition Assistance payments. The military Tuition Assistance program provided \$250 per credit hour with an annual cap of \$4,500.

"Methodist University is committed to the success of all its students, especially active duty soldiers who are attempting to earn a degree while serving our country," added Hancock. "We take seriously our commitment to being a 'military friendly' university and have benefited in so many ways through active duty soldiers and veterans being a part of our campus community. It is only appropriate that we respond quickly and effectively when they are in need."

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Wilson Meets and Helps Villagers In Kenya

Gabrielle Isaac
Editor-in-Chief

In the hot summer blaze, Donna Wilson, Director of Campus Ministries, made her way down the streets of Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. As she wandered down the inner-city streets, she noticed the children playing in sewage to stay cool and women carrying small children. She stopped for a moment and pondered on her life. She realized how blessed she is to have the life that she has. She knew then that she was ready to get to work and help these people.

In the summer of 2012, Wilson, along with 20 other women, took a trip to Africa to help educate women and children on Lifewater, or cleanliness and sanitation, as well as to share the word of God and experience the culture of Kenya.

Each year, the students and staff of Methodist University participate in Stop Hunger Now. This program sends sustenance to people all over the world who are starving. After the event had ended, Stop Hunger Now sent a link to participants. The link gave information on where the food had gone and how many people it fed. As Wilson looked at the information, she noticed a link to an application for a mission trip to Africa.

"I applied and was selected. I joined a group of 20 women who were a part of a four year plan in Nairobi and Kajiado, Kenya," Wilson said.

The first year, the organization got to meet with the villagers that they would be working with. The second year, an assessment



Contributing Photo

Children in Kenya played in the sewage just to stay cool during the day. team was sent to Kenya to see what was needed in the area. The third year, contractors were sent out to build a community center church and a green house. Lastly, on the fourth year, Wilson's group was sent to teach the villagers about sanitation, bond with the people and serve the people of Kenya.

"With the help of interpreters, I taught classes on Global water sanitation and hygiene," Wilson said. "I also got to work in the slums of Kenya. It was probably the most eye-opening experience of my life."

Wilson loved having the opportunity to bond with the people she was helping.

"Learning about the culture, people and poverty is good. But putting that knowledge into action is amazing," Wilson said.

Vosloh Meets Children In African School System

Gabrielle Isaac
Editor-in-Chief

As a twelve-year-old, Amanda Vosloh walked down the streets of South Africa with her Uncle, a military veteran who settled in the area after falling in love. Her eyes widened at the trinkets that the natives were selling. Although she was happy to pay the full amount for an item, her Uncle haggled down the price of each. As she left with her trinkets, she noticed a woman sitting on the sidewalk. The woman was holding a small child who was wrapped in an old blanket that was her only possession.

"I wish more than anything that I'd given them some money," Vosloh recalled.

After Vosloh, who is now a resident coordinator at MU, finished graduate school, she decided to go back to Africa to meet some of the people and interact with some of the students.

"We went, and we actually visited the school system," Vosloh said.

A teacher from the school let Vosloh talk to some of the children. Vosloh took the opportunity to ask the children what their favorite subject was.

"The students were so gracious. Not a single student ever said that they didn't like a class," Vosloh said.

While touring, Vosloh noticed that the library in the school was small and that most of the donated books were now outdated. She noticed that, although the children did not have up-to-date resources, they were still happy to have the chance to learn and grow.

She also learned some interesting facts about grade school. Instead of jumping into English and Math, the students normally learn how to use their body. In Africa, it is a tradition for mothers to carry their babies on their backs for up to one year. The child does not use their legs or arms. Therefore, the students must learn how to stand up, sit down and hold objects.

"It was life changing because I got to build relationships that I still keep," Vosloh said.

Vosloh had the chance to bond with every student, but one student stuck out to her. His name is Ntsikelelo, and Vosloh, as well as her husband, have been communicating and working with him. They are actually trying to bring him to the US and be his sponsor.

"If everything goes the way that we hope, we will pay for most of his expenses," Vosloh said.

Senior Brianna Robinson Breaks Stereotypes

Ryan Bowyer
Advisor

Senior Brianna Robinson is no stranger to success. She also is not a stranger to being in the limelight, succeeding in odds that are likely stacked against her, and challenging societal norms. In fact, Robinson's story at Methodist is one of constantly challenging people to be themselves.

Growing up outside of Newport News, Virginia and in Smithfield, Virginia, Robinson was lettered and became the most valuable player in both basketball and track during her high school career. She was active in ROTC, and nearly accepted a scholarship through ROTC to another University. Thankfully for Methodist University, Robinson decided to attend Methodist University after receiving a recruiting letter from Coach DeeDee Jarmin. After attending campus, she was awestruck by the family-oriented basketball community Coach Jarmin had created.

Many on campus know her as "Bre" (a name she likes to be called by) and as a star basketball player. Others on campus may know her as the 2012 Methodist University Homecoming Queen. She was a leader during this year's women's basketball team. She was second on the team by scoring 11.0 points per game and she played an average of 29.8 minutes per game. However, few know that she is a Spoken Word Poet and is intensely passionate about sharing her gift with others.

Other poems that Robinson has written include one she is especially proud of called "As Tomorrow Starts Without Me." She wrote the poem after the death of her Grandmother and, in essence, was filling the shoes of her beloved family member. She thought of what her grandmother would have told her.

Another poem, "Emergency," was written in high school while one of her friend's mothers was having intense hospital visits. During one particular visit, while the family was waiting on the doctor to return with medical news, they began to pray. While praying, the mother fell asleep and had a dream that the news was going to be good. The doctor returned and the news was, indeed, positive.

However, what makes Robinson the most proud is how she challenges social stereotypes and norms. When you talk with her, you can hear it in her voice and see it in her eyes. She is passionate about encouraging people to be themselves. She states,

"Oftentimes, people stereotype others and place labels on people. Our society under-qualifies themselves for so much. Jobs, opportunities. Have confidence in who you are and be proud of that! I believe I showcase this because I'm not the average girl. I don't wear my hair curled and I don't think I even have a skirt. I'd rather be in sneakers than sandals. I was a tom boy. I wanted to run for Homecoming Queen here at Methodist to show girls on campus that you know, people see me as a basketball player, but it doesn't matter what you look like. Any girl can be successful regardless of how [they] look, what they wear, or who they hang out with."

How refreshing it is to hear such a confident young person with so much going for them! Yet, perhaps Robinson's ultimate message was a subtle one. One that is needed. She stated, "Life is about being a good person. If you are a good person, good things will come back to you." Brianna Robinson is, indeed, one of Methodist University's signature students.



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Brianna Robinson was crowned Homecoming Queen in 2012.

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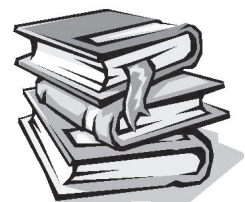
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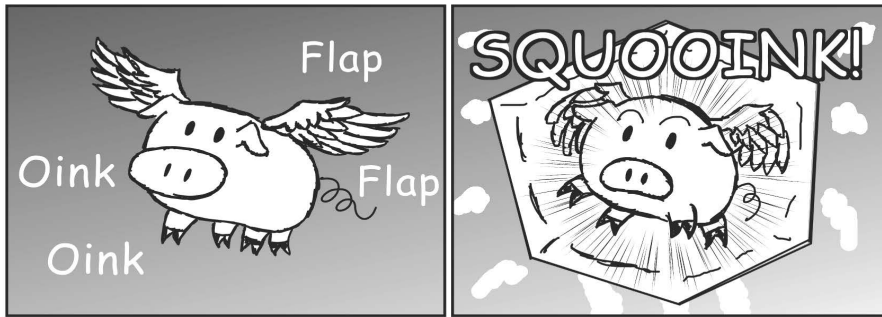
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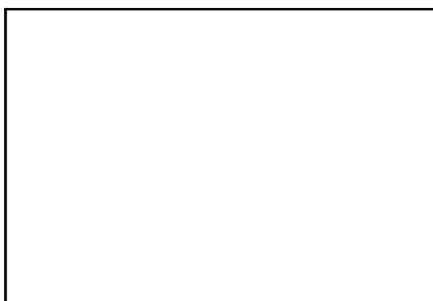
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What Did You Do During Spring Break?

Bethany Little
Staff Writer

Name: Evan Thorne
Year: Freshman
Major: Nursing

Name: Navahri Holden
Year: Junior
Major: Exercise Science

Name: Shanel York
Year: Freshman
Major: Biology

Name: Derrick Howell
Year: Junior
Major: Social Work

Name: Hannah Dugger
Year: Freshman
Major: Nursing

"I cleaned out my room at home and painted it purple. Then I spent the rest of the time with my family."

"I enjoyed having a break from class and spent my time lifting weights and enjoying the time off."

"I went to Panama City for the first half of spring break. There I hung out at the beach and saw Luke Bryan in concert."

"I went to my aunt's house in Hope Mills and spent time with her and played basketball."

"I went hiking with my boyfriend. We also went to Pinehurst to watch him play music and caught up on sleep."



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Indoor Track & Field

Latest Results:
Mar. 23 at N.C. Central

Baseball (12-15, 8-10)

Latest Results:
Mar. 20 vs. Tufts; W, 8-7
Mar. 22 vs. Maryville; W, 2-1
Mar. 22 vs. Maryville; W, 11-4
Mar. 23 vs. Maryville; W, 3-2 (11 inn.)
This Week:
Mar. 28-30 at Averett

Softball (13-13, 4-4)

Latest Results:
Mar. 20 vs. Greensboro; L, 3-5/W, 6-2
Mar. 23 at Meredith; L, 4-7/L, 1-5
Mar. 24 at Peace (DH); Postponed
This Week:
Mar. 26 vs. Averett (DH) 4:00/6:00 pm
Mar. 27 at Mary Baldwin (DH) 2:00/4:00 pm
Mar. 29 vs. Piedmont (DH) 12:00 pm/2:00 pm
Mar. 30 vs. LaGrange (DH) 12:00 pm/2:00 pm

Women's Tennis (10-2, 6-0)

Latest Results:
Mar. 20 vs. Greensboro; W, 9-0
Mar. 23 at Meredith; W, 8-1
Mar. 24 at Peace; Postponed
This Week:
Mar. 26 vs. Fayetteville St. 3:00 pm
Mar. 29 vs. Piedmont 3:30 pm
Mar. 30 vs. LaGrange 10:30 am

Men's Tennis (12-0, 3-0)

Latest Results:
Mar. 20 vs. Greensboro; W, 9-0
This Week:
Mar. 26 at Ferrum 3:30 pm
Mar. 29 vs. Piedmont 3:30 pm
Mar. 30 vs. LaGrange 10:30 am

Women's Lacrosse (1-7, 1-4)

Last Week:
Mar. 20 vs. N.C. Wesleyan; W, 13-5
Mar. 23 at Chris. Newport; L, 3-25
This Week:
Mar. 27 at Ferrum 4:00 pm
Mar. 29 at Greensboro 1:00 pm

Women's Golf

Latest Results:
Mar. 23-24; 2nd of 9 at Rand.-Macon
This Week:
April 1 at Piedmont Spring Invitational

Men's Golf

This Week:
Mar. 22-24; 2nd of 30 at Camp LeJeune
This Week:
April 1 at Emory Invitational

TOP STORIES

Mike Wesko Takes Home USA South Golfer of the Week Award

Methodist men's golfer Mike Wesko was recently named the USA South Golfer of the Week.

Wesko placed fourth out of 148 golfers at the Jekyll Island Collegiate Invitational last week by shooting a three-over par 219 in the three-day event.

He opened play with a two-under par 70, followed by a four-over par 76 and finished with a one-over par 73. His performance helped the Monarchs take second place in the 30-team field.

Laura Baker Earns USA South Women's Tennis Player of the Week Honors

Laura Baker helped the Monarchs to a 5-0 record over the past week as she was unbeaten in five matches at No. 2 doubles while teaming with Kat Meindl to post a 5-0 record at No. 1 doubles. The Monarchs ran their record to 8-2 on the year with wins over Marietta, St. Mary's (Md.) and Ohio Wesleyan down in Hilton Head, S.C. Methodist then defeated conference foes Ferrum and Maryville over the weekend.

In singles, she dropped just three games in winning all five of her matches in straight sets, including 6-0, 6-0 wins over Marietta and Ferrum. In doubles, she and Meindl dropped just four games in the last week winning three of their five matches by the score of 8-0.

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Baseball

Monarchs Hold off Tufts, 8-7

Chris Power led MU at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a walk, two steals and three runs scored

Methodist Edges Maryville, 2-1

Daniel Royer did not allow a run in 7.2 innings, gave up five hits and struck out four in the win

Monarchs Surge Past Scots, 11-4

MU scored six runs in the seventh to break open a close game; Brandon Thigpen was 2-for-4 with three RBIs.

Methodist Outlasts Maryville, 3-2 in 11 Inn.

Alex Rodriguez single home the game-winning run in the bottom of the 11th

Softball

Monarchs Split Twinbill with Greensboro

Katie Byrd homered and drove in two in the opener. In the nightcap, Heather Williams was 2-for-4 with a pair of runs scored.

Meredith Sweeps Monarchs in Raleigh

Ally Griffin was 3-for-3 with three RBIs in the first game, while Lindsay Tippet had an RBI single in game two

Women's Tennis

Methodist Cruises Past Greensboro, 9-0

Monarchs drop just one game the entire day in a near-perfect win over the Pride

MU Topples Meredith, 8-1

Laura Baker notched a 6-0, 6-1 win at No. 2 singles for Methodist

Men's Tennis

Monarchs Win 12th Straight, Top GC 9-0

Teal Howard won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4 singles

Men's Golf

MU takes 2nd of 32 Teams at Camp LeJeune

Mike Wesko shot a three-day score of 210 and defeated Jeff Quinn of Oglethorpe on the third playoff hole to earn individual medalist honors

Women's Golf

MU Wins Randolph-Macon Invitational

Kelsie Carralero (71-77--148 +4) and Jenny Sullivan (78-77--155 +11) finished 1-2 in the event

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