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and the light become night around me,"
even the darkness cannot be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness cannot hide from you.



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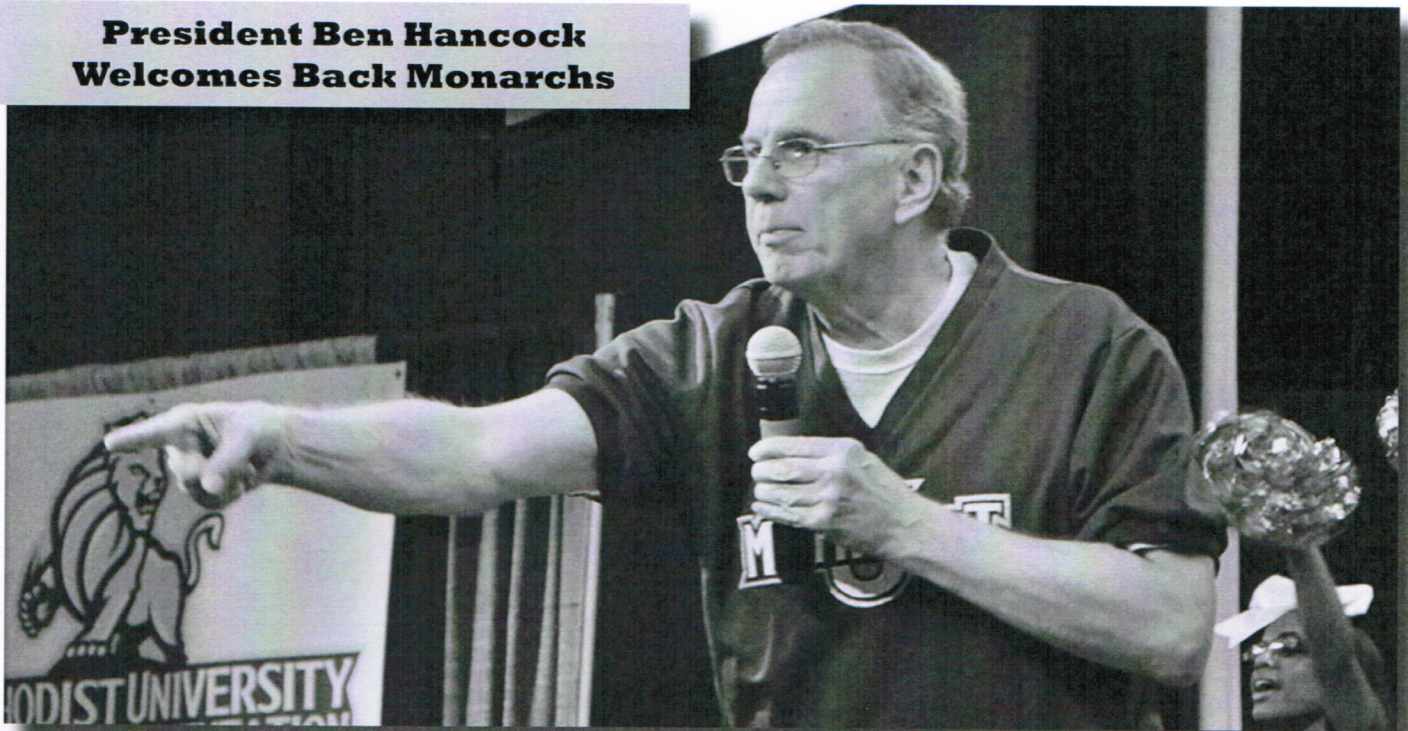
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President Ben Hancock Welcomes Back Monarchs



By: Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez

Students old and new were welcomed back to Methodist during the Fall Opening Convocation that was held on Aug. 22 at 11 a.m. in the Huff Concert hall.

This convocation was not only a way to welcome students, but also a celebration of the 55 academic years at Methodist University, and more importantly to announce a 2.5 million dollar donation

Dr. Hancock's announcement of a generous contribution made by two trustees, Sharon and Ron Matthews of 2.5 million dollars was the highlight of the event "With this gift I have announced today, it puts us above the \$30 million mark in our \$35 million campaign with two years to go," Hancock said.

Dr. Safley explained the World Ministry Center as, "a center where we learn about a Christian faith, and we learn about faiths around the world in a place in which we learn how to disseminate justice, peace, love and harmony around the world."

The concert hall where the event was held was filled to capacity as students gathered to hear what the various speakers had to say. The Invocation was led by the Reverend Dr. Michael W. Safley, the campus chaplain. After the Invocation, Dr. Delmas S. Crisp, the Executive Vice President and Academic Dean, formally welcomed the students, faculty and staff and introduced the speakers throughout the event.

Representing the students' voice, Student Government Association President Mr. Paul Brown also said a few words of greetings to fellow students in attendance. After the introductions and greetings took place, the main

event began. President Dr. Ben E. Hancock gave his State of the University address.

President Hancock hit several key points during his speech and made a few big announcements regarding changes on and off campus, but his main message for the students was one that would benefit the community as a whole.

"The best is yet to be, and we should always strive to make whatever we are doing this year, next year, or the year after the best year ever, and believe that the best is yet to be," Hancock said. "It is truly an amazing time to be a part of Methodist University and it is an amazing time because of all of you."

The first announcement Dr. Hancock made was that the open plot of land that is being cleared on campus near the soccer field is not a new parking lot, but the site for a new Health Science building. Another important topic that the president wanted to make note of was that, during the summer, he and the first lady traveled to universities in Wales and Italy to try and find locations for Methodist University study abroad centers.

Along with the State of the University address, new faculty and staff were introduced; the McLean Coach of the Year, Male and Female Scholar-Athletes of the Year and the Sykes Cup awards were presented by Athletic Director Bob McEvoy.

With awards, donations, and community involvement, the Fall Convocation at Methodist University was a huge success, ending the first week of class with many happy faces from those in attendance.



NSO Helps Acclimate Newcomers

On the weekend before classes began, new students were welcomed to the Methodist University community with a three-day event called New Student Orientation.

The planning for the event began in Feb. when committees of professional staff members were put together and a Student Leader was selected. Senior Taylor Murphy was selected as this semester's NSO leader.

Taylor had to be interviewed for the position. When selected, she was required to be a leader for the peer mentors and work on several other tiers of the NSO planning and execution.

"We decided to do a pocket schedule this year instead of a phone application to essentially enhance last year's orientation," Murphy said. "Last year went really well, so we wanted to find little things to change to make it that much better and that much smoother."

Another major player in the planning of the NSO was Todd Harris, the Associate Dean of Students. Since this was not the first ever orientation that has taken place on campus, they did not have much foundation-building to do, but just small changes that could help improve the system already in place.

"We probably put about 50 improvements in for the students and for the parents this year. Last year we added a lot of new things and this year we just fine tuned it," Harris said. "Everything that we tried to do was to enhance the student experience and make it easier to help students settle in and learn the information that they need, but not make it overwhelming and to help them feel like it's a friendly place and they can begin to make some friends and connections so that, when their parents leave, it's a smooth transition." Harris said.

Behind the scenes, it took a lot of meetings and a lot of hard work to put together such a big event. There were over 50 peer mentors who were trained and deployed in different places all over campus.

Financially over \$50,000 was spent to run the program, and the committee tried finding ways to spend less by buying items that could be used again for future orientations, and talking with Aramark to try and get good deals on food. Even though Methodist went bargain hunting on a lot of expenses, the overall quality of the event did not suffer.

This year's NSO was successful with no significant hiccups helping new students feel at home away from home. Harris is looking for a new student leader for next year's orientation to replicate or even enhance orientation.

Student Women's Association Establishes Presence on Campus

Free to Fly, Ready to Soar!, the motto of Methodist University's Student Women's Association, represents the purpose of the organization. The mission of this student-run organization is to empower women and promote awareness about societal issues concerning women.

President Jamie Mulkern considers the organization to have two main goals for the current school year.

"Our first and foremost goal is to create a safe, supportive, and comfortable place for women on campus," Mulkern said. "Despite immense interest during the last three years, the organization has never really taken off; so this year, we are focusing our efforts on establishing a presence on campus and generating interest in our cause."

The SWA plans to accomplish its goals through various events throughout the semester. This month, the organization is going downtown to visit an art exhibit that portrays gender roles. In October, they plan to create a team to walk in the Sandhills Heart walk because, along with women's issues, the organization wants to focus on women's health. In November, the SWA is going to

host a discussion panel to start conversations about concerns and ideas regarding women's issues.

All students, faculty, and staff—both men and women—are encouraged to join the SWA. In fact, Mulkern wants men to feel just as welcome as women.

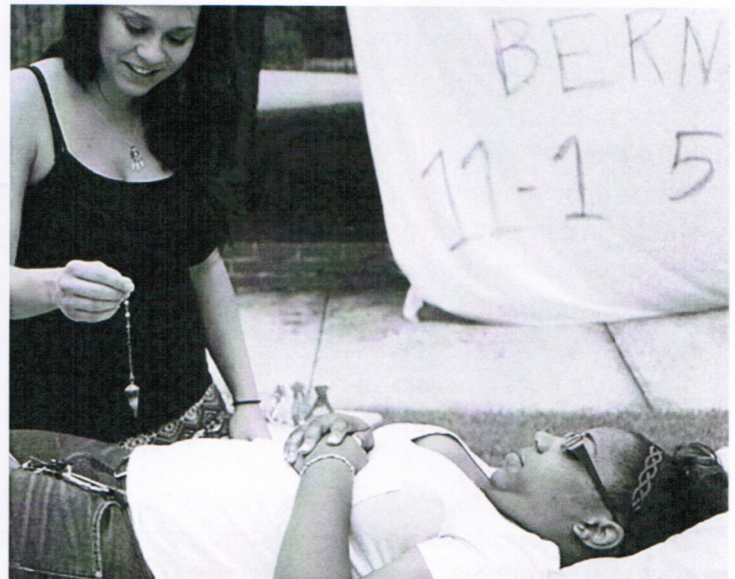
"It is very important to me that people understand this organization is not only for women; it is for anyone who believes in our goals and mission statement and wants to offer support for women's issues on campus," Mulkern said.

Mulkern describes the SWA as an "open" organization, meaning it is a welcoming place where people do not need to feel obligated to make any financial contribution.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of MU's Student Women's Association is encouraged to like the Facebook page, Student Women's Association of Methodist University, or send an email to swaofmu@gmail.com.

Meetings are held biweekly on Mondays from 4:30 – 5:30 pm. Information regarding meetings and events can be found on the SWA Facebook page.

Recovery Festival



Over 100 students participated in the recent recovery festival held in the Quad. Students received t-shirts, listened to music and vendors from various student services offices held booths.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS



Amber Robinson, Staff Writer

While many in the Monarch community were off campus this summer, Methodist faculty and staff participated in three Show You Care days to make a few sites on campus look more welcoming.

Some of the outside areas that had a makeover were Stout Hall, the Horner Administration building, the south side of Reeves Auditorium, the Nimocks Fitness Center and the basketball court.

These makeovers consisted of laying sod in bare spots, planting flowers and placing benches and chairs throughout campus for community use. Gene Clayton, Vice President of Business Affairs, says that fixing up these areas makes them, "nice places to sit and have lunch."

Over 40 faculty and staff members participated in the first Show You Care day, and over 50 showed up to help by the third day.

"Years ago, someone planted the trees that we use for shade on campus today. I want to plant the trees that future students will one day use for shade too," Clayton said. With the amount of people that participated in these projects, Clayton believes that the faculty and staff made a difference over the summer.

In addition to the outside makeovers, there were improvements made inside some buildings. The university added new pool tables and black countertops in the Berns Student Center, renovated the restrooms in the cafeteria area and added new washers and dryers in the dorms and apartments.

Methodist is certainly growing with many new improvements and make-overs. President Ben Hancock was right when he gave the motto for this year: "The best is yet to be."





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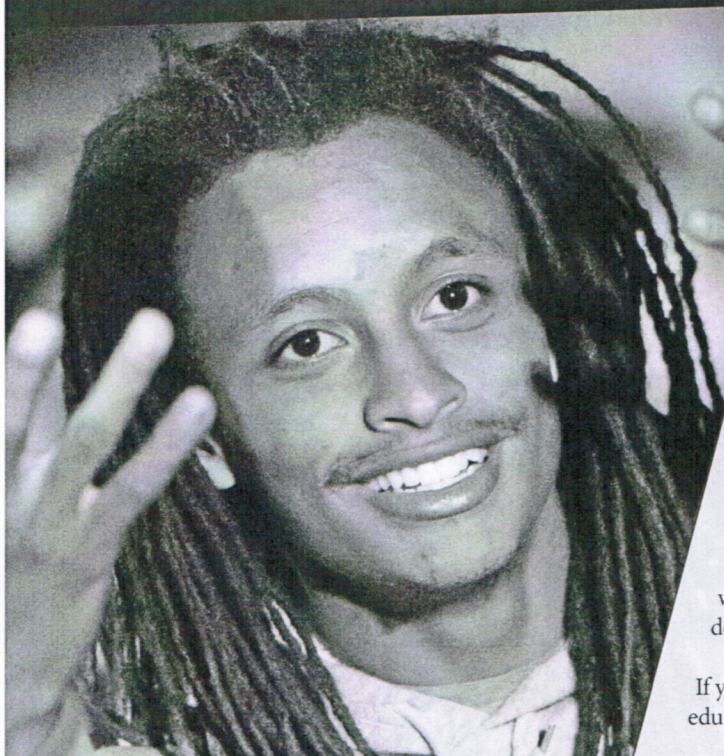
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STUDENT

Q: What did you think of the New Student Orientation?



Jillian Haddad

Freshman, Special Education Major

New Student Orientation was phenomenal. I met so many new people and learned my way around campus before school even started. New Student Orientation made me feel confident about starting college. I love my college family!

David Parker Jr.

Freshman, Biology Major

New Student Orientation was great. I felt very involved and accepted in the college community right from the beginning. They made us feel very welcome by cheering for us on the way in and I felt like they enjoyed having us. Everyone was extremely helpful as well. My favorite part was the fancy dinner. It was so classy and the food was great.



Stefan Bilynsky

Freshman, Undecided

The New Student Orientation to me was very informative. I believe it helped me realize what there actually is to do on campus and [it] made me want to become more involved.



Katherine Flournoy

Freshman, Nursing

I thought it was helpful because it gave us multiple opportunities to meet people and get acclimated to the school. However, some events I found very boring, like everything in the Huff Concert hall.



Devin Case Freshman

Undecided

The orientation was extremely long and boring. I had already read up on the rules and it wasn't new for me, but the one thing that was great was meeting the Greek organizations and walking around the clubs fair.



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THE STUDENT VOICE

OPINIONS

Q: Is there anything you wished you knew about college before you arrived here?

David Korneliusson,

Sport Management Major

I wish I knew more about Fayetteville as a city before I arrived.



Eric Cardona, Business

Administration Major

I wish I knew how much work you have to do on your own.

Jaylen Robinson,

Forensic Science Major

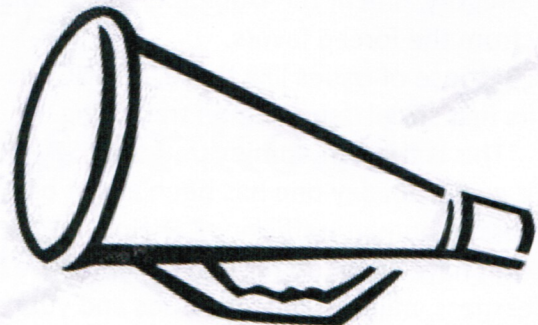
I wish I knew the catalog (mandatory classes) we had to take, then maybe I would have taken some AP courses in high school.



Shawna Tyner

Nursing Major

I wish I knew better study skills and about the financial aid process (i.e. loans).



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SOANC works to end human trafficking

Gabrielle Isaac, Assistant Editor-in-Chief

SOANC (Students Organized for the Advancement of NC) is an organization at MU where students, alumnus and staff meet to raise awareness on social issues, like human trafficking, in the Fayetteville area and in North Carolina.

"Human trafficking is a \$32 billion criminal enterprise that places 200,000 American children in vulnerability each year. Of those numbers, 80 percent are women and 50 percent are under the age of 18," Brian Weir, president of SOANC and social work major, said.

Fayetteville experienced its own case of human trafficking this summer when two women were kidnapped, held at gun point and entered into a prostitution ring, according to the Fayetteville Observer.

Police said that the women were held for three to five days where they were forced to engage in sexual activity and partake in the use of impairing drugs. Dakim Gregory, one of the kidnappers, also collected money from the forced favors.

Because of issues like these, SOANC has made its first social issue human trafficking.

"This is the first administration of SOANC, and our goal from day one has been about bringing awareness to human trafficking," Weir said. "Other issues that have come up for future goals have been homelessness, military-related issues and youth violence to name a few."

The organization plans to work on these

other social issues after they have met their goals of raising the community's awareness on human trafficking.

SOANC has taken steps toward its goal of raising awareness and enacting change on the issue of human trafficking. So far, the club has helped the City of Fayetteville recognize and adopt a resolution to eliminate human trafficking in the community by teaming up with their local partners. In order to carry out their goals, SOANC has a core of six officers and each officer has their own team of personnel assigned to them to carry out tasks that are relevant to the goals of the organization. The groups then use and by using the three-pronged

strategy of prevention, protection and prosecution to reach their goals.

According to Weir, the club still hopes to establish some transitional programs for survivors and provide them with resources to escape their oppressive lifestyle.

"SOANC is a vehicle and it is a vehicle for someone who wants to bring a positive impact

to their community and state," Weir said. "It has been designed to provide all of the tools that a leader needs to leave the community better than when they found it."

Not only is SOANC an organization that pushes for the betterment of the community, some members also say that it brings people of like-mindedness together.

"I have built life-long friendships out of these relationships from what we have in common: Making our university, community and state a better place for everyone," Senior marketing major Fitore Rama said.





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6 Important things you need to know about the transatlantic cruise - study abroad program-

Opinion By: Marcos Munoz-Rivera

“Wherever you go becomes a part of you somehow.” — Anita Desai

Sometimes I am really terrible to myself, and sometimes I forget to take the time to hear what my inner self has to say. We are all good and lovable people, and I am sure that our families and friends remind us of that truth every day. The transatlantic cruise program in May 2014 was indeed an eye opener program for all of the attendees.

Cultures, religions, races and different mindsets are a reality of a society. Unconsciously, we sometimes create decisions based on a very superficial reason; what is he or she wearing? Why does he or she has a different color skin? Why are they single at a certain age? As well as more questions that could truly go further.

The real essence of a study abroad programs are the answers of all of these questions captured from a very unique perspective. A more inner view of a culture, ethnicity or tribe is achieved when you travel.

The transatlantic cruise opened my eyes to see a higher definition of what my mission in the world is, and I have decided to summarize the experience with six facts. While my life is on-going, here are a few worthy things to add to your monarch journey:

1. HUMANS ARE HUMANS IN THE US OR IN SURINAME.

Look at other people through a lens of compassion and understanding. Forget about judgments, you are a capable being, and you can see people for what they are - human beings. Humanity is something unique and special. We are all humans and we are living the same life.



You must be open to see and share a different lifestyle. People from the place you are traveling are the best guides you can find.

2. TRY TO PUT YOURSELF IN THE SHOES OF OTHER PEOPLE.

Sometimes, people might see a very general view of the place that they live, but since it is you, you truly get to see what a country is like. You will see how people treat you in a detailed way, in a warmer environment.

3. SHOW YOU ARE TRAVELING IN THE NAME OF PEACE. WE DON'T WANT MORE WARS OR INEQUALITIES.

A powerful reminder by Lao Tzu is, “The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” Be the one who wants to see the change and share it with people. You can be honest, but you must always remain focused to the good fact of life: LOVE.

4. BUY A TICKET AND TAKE THE RIDE.

The study abroad office has amazing plans for you. You should take advantage of the Pandora's Box on campus. Chile, India, Costa Rica, Canada, Spain and many more countries want you to enrich their cultures. Decide you can do it, and you will do it.

5. A GIFT INSIDE THE BOX.

You begin learning from every picture and every moment of your trip. When you take a look at the past, you remember everything good and it gives you life. Enjoy the gift.

6. FOCUS ON PROGRESS AND PEACE.

As I mentioned before, we are capable and intelligent beings. We don't have to stay stuck in the past or in the present; work for the future.

FOREIGN FILM

FOREIGN CINEMA

The Department of Modern Language kicked off its 11th annual foreign film festival on Friday Sept. 12 with the academy award winning Bosnian film "No Man's Land."

This film, directed by Danis Tanovic, won an Oscar for Best Foreign language film in 2001.

The Foreign Film Festival is a free event that is held each semester for students to enjoy the cinematography of other nations and cultures. The event always generates discussion about the themes of the film between all who are present.

Before the film is allowed to roll, there is a brief introduction by Dr. Cristina Francescon and a student. In this case the student was Bosnian native Seada Slobada, a junior who is majoring in Biology and Spanish.

As for the film, it was a satire of a war that took place between Bosnians and Serbians in the early 90's.

It examined all three sides of the conflict, the Serbians, Bosnians, and the United Nations, and how they reacted towards one another.

The plot followed two soldiers from opposing sides of the conflict who became stranded in no man's land, which is illustrated as the land between the two front lines. The politics surrounding how the U.N. should intervene are more complicated as the story continues creating an intriguing story with a lot of political satire.

Many people attended the movie and seemed to enjoy it. They took delight in the dark humor that can be shown through a film such as when, Slobada, when asked about why this movie is important to watch said, "You can't just blame one side, you have to understand all perspectives."

"Most Bosnian movies are about one perspective and this one examines all three sides," she said, "People do not have power and go in blindly without knowing what the cause of the war actually is."

A lot of discussion takes place after the film to discuss big concepts such as the one that Slobada spoke about. The next film, is a Saudi Arabian movie titled "Wajda", will be shown on Oct. 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Hendricks room 122 and the Modern Language department would like to invite you all to attend.

FOREIGN FILM CLUB

SHARON & RON MATTHEWS DONATES \$2.5M FOR WORLD MINISTRY CENTER

Gabrielle Isaac, Assistant Editor-in-Chief

The Sharon and Ron Matthews World Ministry Center is a new worship center coming to Methodist in 2015 for students of all faiths.

The \$2.5 million gift announced at Fall Convocation could not have come at a better time for a student group that believes the University's increasing diversity; the Interfaith Council. The Interfaith Council is a group of students and faculty seeking to learn more about different cultures and religions through participation in monthly activities. The Interfaith Council plans to use the new facility to further educate the campus on other religions.

The council began three years ago under the leadership of Donna Wilson, Dr. J.R. Hustwit (Chairman of Religion and Philosophy) and senior Emily Guidry because it was apparent that there are many students at MU who do not practice the Methodist faith.

"I believe that there are a lot of students on our campus who suppress their faiths because they feel like they are in the minority and that they will not be accepted if they express their beliefs," Wilson Director of Campus Ministry Programs and Community Outreach, said.

The Interfaith Council was established to show these students that there are others around campus who practice their faiths, and some who just want to learn about other beliefs and cultures.

"The greatest benefit of inter-religious education is that it allows us to see our common humanity before we see the religious differences," Hustwit said.





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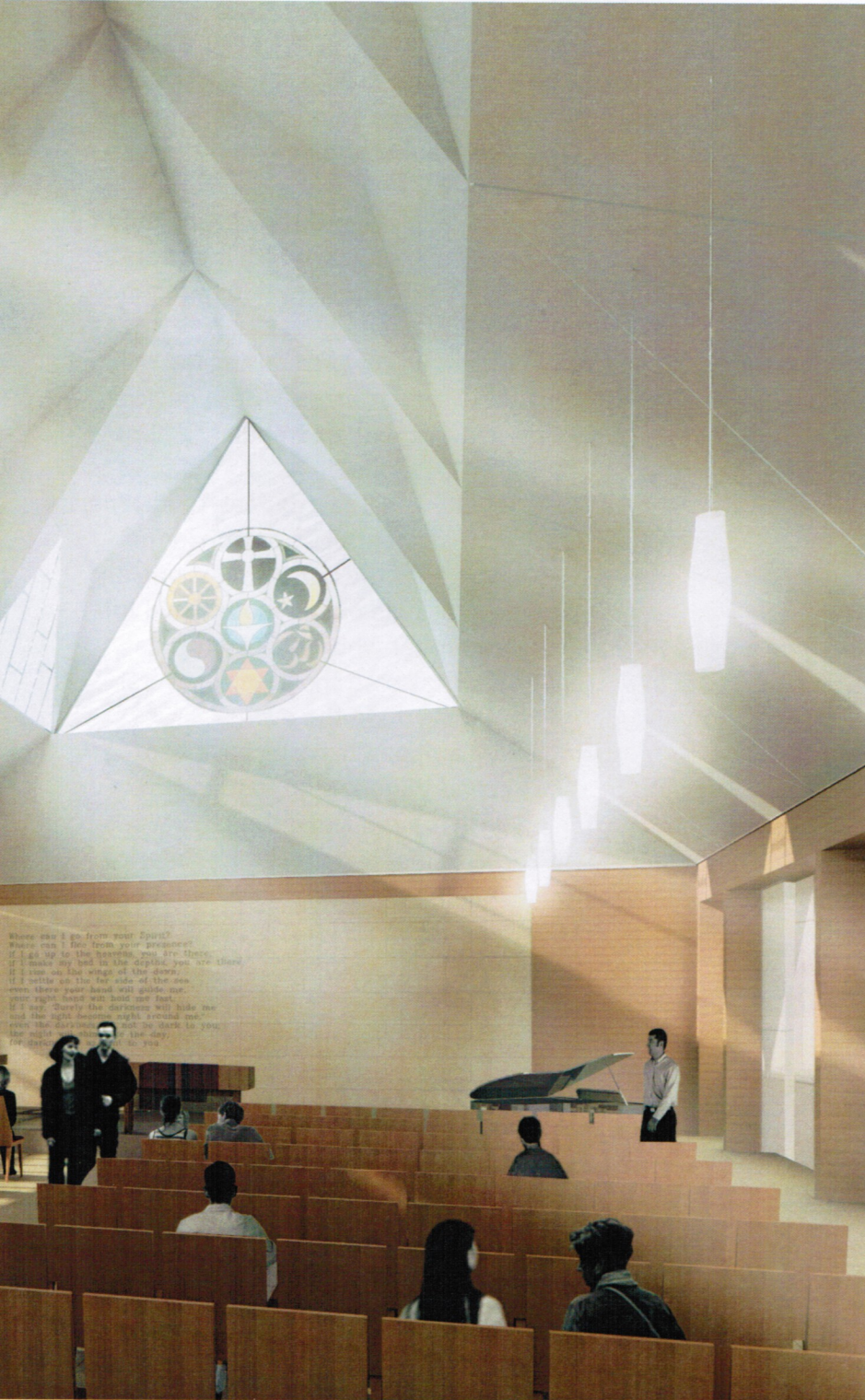
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"This is what will allow us to wage peace across religious lines."

The council has worked toward world-religion education by hosting events like the Tibetan Water Festival and Holi, the Festival of Colors. "I think it is vitally important that MU students cultivate a deep appreciation of their neighbors, whether Christian, Jew, Muslim, Hindu or Buddhist," Hustwit said.

The Matthews are excited to give the university a place where cultures and faiths can coexist. Ron Matthews recognizes that it is important to connect with religion.

"Never in our world has the need for peace been more apparent," Ron Matthews said. "The need is great for the creature to recognize and connect with the Creator."

The members of the council are not the only ones excited about the new World Ministry Center. Rev. Dr. Michael Safley, Chaplain and Vice President of Campus Ministry and Community Engagement, is happy to be moving to a more accommodating space.

"I'm excited about having a place where people can come and worship and celebrate that will accommodate our students, faculty and staff," Safley said. "We have outgrown Hensdale chapel. It only seats 80 people." It is apparent that the Matthews, along with the Interfaith Council, are happy to contribute to the personal and spiritual growth of everyone in the Methodist community. "The World Ministry Center at Methodist University will be a place of worship, peace and reconciliation," Ron Matthews said. "It will enhance all students' experience on campus and in the world. It is important for a well-balanced experience and rich spiritual life."

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A sign for Methodist University Journey Community Engagement. The sign features the Methodist University logo (a cross with four squares) and the text "Methodist University JOURNEY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT".

By: Kenneth Nevarez Hernandez

Community engagement is a pillar that Methodist University upholds through its many organizations on campus.

The idea is that students join different clubs and organizations to not only to make connections with each other, but to also grow as individuals through the events and activities that different clubs have to offer.

Organizations such as the Student Activities Committee (SAC) and Students Organized for the Advancement of North Carolina (SOANC) go a step further and do their best to raise awareness of major issues such as homelessness or human trafficking.

All of the Greek organizations on campus also strive to do their best on and off campus with their respective philanthropies.

Whatever a student may be interested in, there is a club here at Methodist for them. One of the most accessible organizations on campus is the Student Activities Committee.

SAC has always brought wonderful activities to campus for students to enjoy. Recently SAC brought critically acclaimed magician Daniel Martin, who may be featured on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon soon.

One of the biggest awareness events that SAC hosts is Cardboard City, an event held in conjunction with the Social Justice club that is geared towards raising the awareness of homelessness.

Students sign up to sleep outside in homes made of cardboard. In addition to building a small community for the night, Cardboard City usually has a panel of guest speakers who have had direct contact with homelessness.

"NC has some astounding statistics as far as homelessness is concerned. No one expects to be homeless when they grow up, but college students when they graduate are actually becoming part of these statistics," Kayleen-marie Smithling, a member of SAC's Board of Directors said.

Likewise, Greeks are making an effort to aid their philanthropies. PIKE has some big plans for the future concerning awareness and community engagement.

PIKE has planned a philanthropy event known as Softball Saves Lives for Feb. 28, which is a charity softball tournament to raise funds to purchase automated external defibrillators.

The event is geared towards raising the awareness for sudden cardiac arrest. These devices can save lives in the event that an ambulance does not arrive to the scene on time.

"Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone. It could happen to the most athletic person in the world or it could happen to the unhealthiest person in the world. It doesn't single out anybody," said Jordan Rieling, a PIKE member who has seen this happen in person. PIKE will also be sponsoring several other fundraisers leading up to the event.

Additionally, Lambda Chi Alpha has been organizing their second Watermelon Bash at MU. The Watermelon Bash is a fun and interactive way for participants to raise money for Feeding America, a charity that helps gather and distribute food to the hungry.

After an amazing turn out last spring, the fraternity is eager to arrange another one in hopes of reaching more participants and make a difference in the surrounding community.

The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. near the volleyball pits behind Riddle Center on Oct. 2.

No matter what a student's passion may be, there is a club or event here to facilitate that desire to be involved. Engagement is important, and Methodist University makes it easy.

Instead of staying in your room wondering why you have nothing to do, take a moment to think about how much more you could be doing, and for a good cause.

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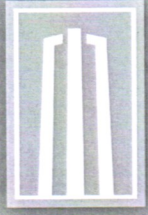
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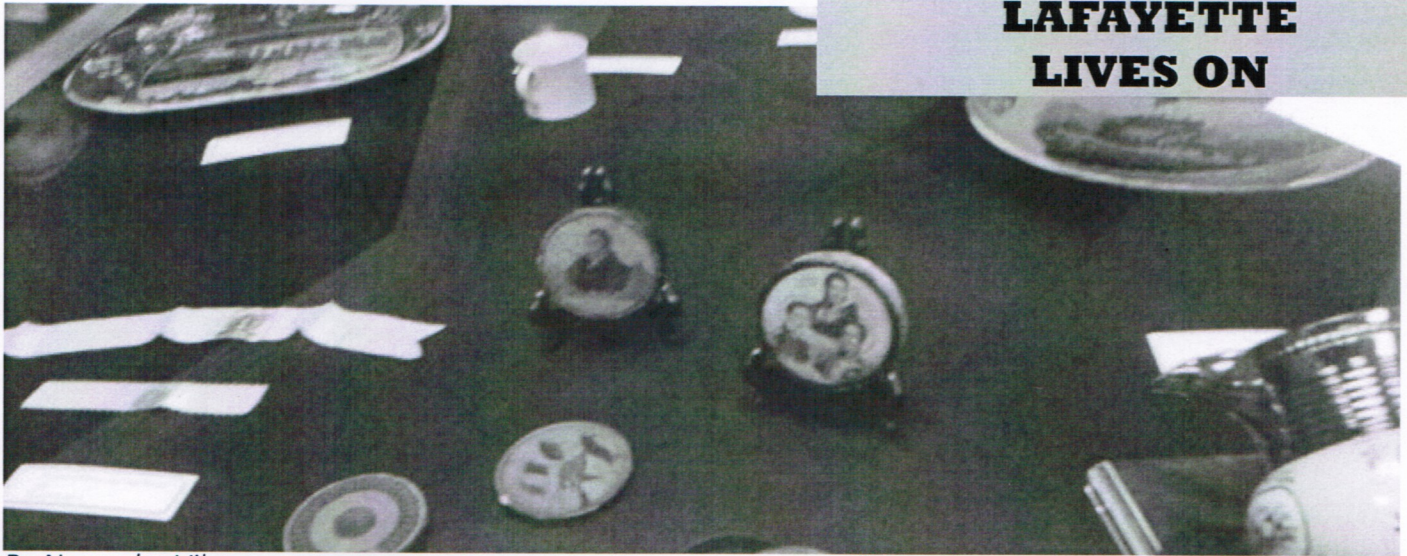


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LAFAYETTE LIVES ON



By Nomcebo Vilane

At 19 years old, Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier de Lafayette believed in the inalienable rights of man and traveled to a foreign "asylum of liberty" to fight for them.

More than 200 years later, Methodist University celebrated the much-admired Marquis de Lafayette's first visit to America--and his last, nearly 50 years later. Selling Lafayette, Celebrating America, at the Davis Memorial Library, September 5th featured Lafayette artifacts collected by Methodist University alumnus and political collectables dealer Gene Dillman. The event was an official part of Fayetteville's annual Lafayette Birthday Celebration, sponsored by the City of Fayetteville and the Lafayette Society.

Dillman compilation included ribbons, snuff boxes, and pottery. "The collection revitalizes the collection of Lafayette memorabilia the school has had for 45 years," said Methodist University's Archives librarian, Ms. Arleen Fields.

Dillman said he started collecting Lafayette memorabilia because of his fascination by the idea of "holding something in your hand and reaching 200 years back." He said that he donated his collection, which he had developed in the past four years to Methodist University to fill a gap in the university's own collection.

"Lafayette was the idealist general," Dr. Robert Crout, adjunct professor of History at the College of Charleston said. "He looked for practical ways to promote the economy, the abolition of slavery as well as advocate women's rights and feminism."

Lafayette Society President Dr. Hank Parfitt noted that North Carolina's Fayetteville is the only town in America named for General Lafayette that the marquis actually visited in his lifetime. Lafayette came here for the 50th anniversary of the American Revolution in 1825.

"There is some evidence of French culture in Fayetteville," Dr. Parfitt noted. Parfitt also noted the significant French population in Fayetteville, as well as the city's 20-year relationship with its sister-city, St. Avold in France.

Ms. Fields also highlighted the birth of the International Folk Festival in Fayetteville as another ode to French influence locally. Frenchwoman Martha Duell, founder of the Lafayette Society and creator of the Cape Fear Botanical Gardens, saw to the establishment of the Festival which has been around more than 35 years. Also attending was Methodist University President Dr. Ben Hancock, who joked, "I thought this was a fundraiser."

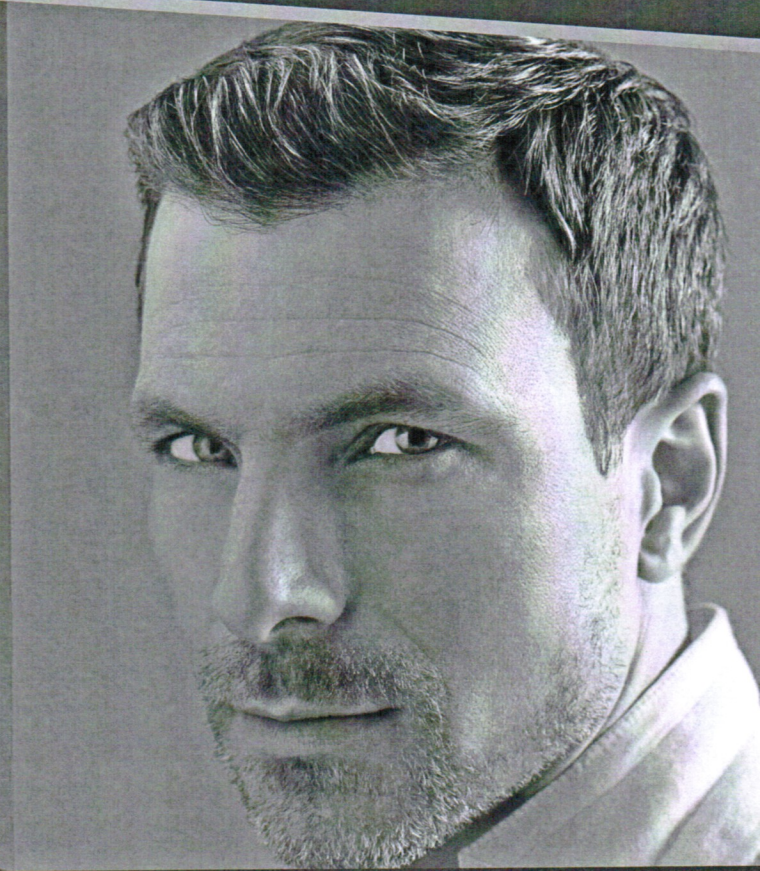
In addition to the presentation, there was also a concert of French music presented by Dr. Gail Morfesis and friends in the Hensdale Chapel on campus. According to sophomore student from Russia, Iuliia Melnikova, the concert was "beautiful and moving."



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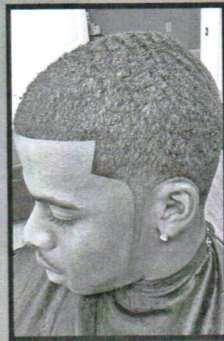
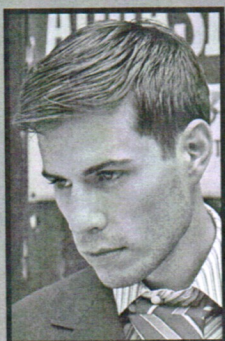
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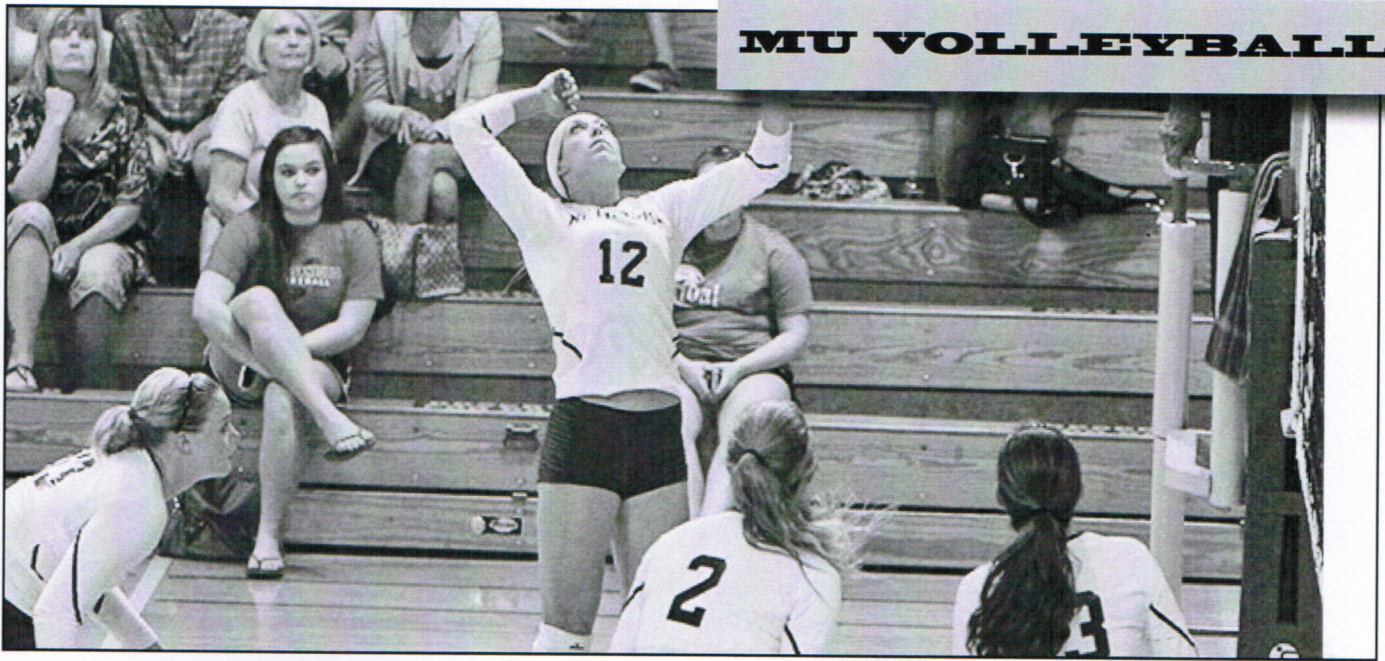
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Monarchs go 2-2 at Cougar Classic

Anthony Radke

The Methodist volleyball team took to multiple collegiate programs at Averret University in Danville Va. for the Cougar Classic.

The Monarchs played Guilford, Randolph College, Hollins University, and Roanoke College going 2-2 in their respective matches over the weekend long tournament.

On Saturday in their first match of the season the Monarchs defeated Randolph 3-2. After losing the first two games 25-14 and 25-14. Methodist managed to grind out three straight wins to ultimately win the match.

The comeback began with a 25-17 in the third game, 25-22 in the fourth game, and a 25-12 in the fifth and final match.

With 16 kills and 12 digs, Taylor Stafford led the Monarchs in both categories. Teammates Cheyenne Pump contributed 15 digs with 10 kills and 3 blocks and Karly Klimas added 14 digs. Maggie Harris was in a giving mood as she records 38 assists along with a couple of serve aces.

In their second match against Hollins, Methodist started out with a 2-0 match lead before dropping the third set and winning the fourth giving the Monarchs a 3-1 victory.

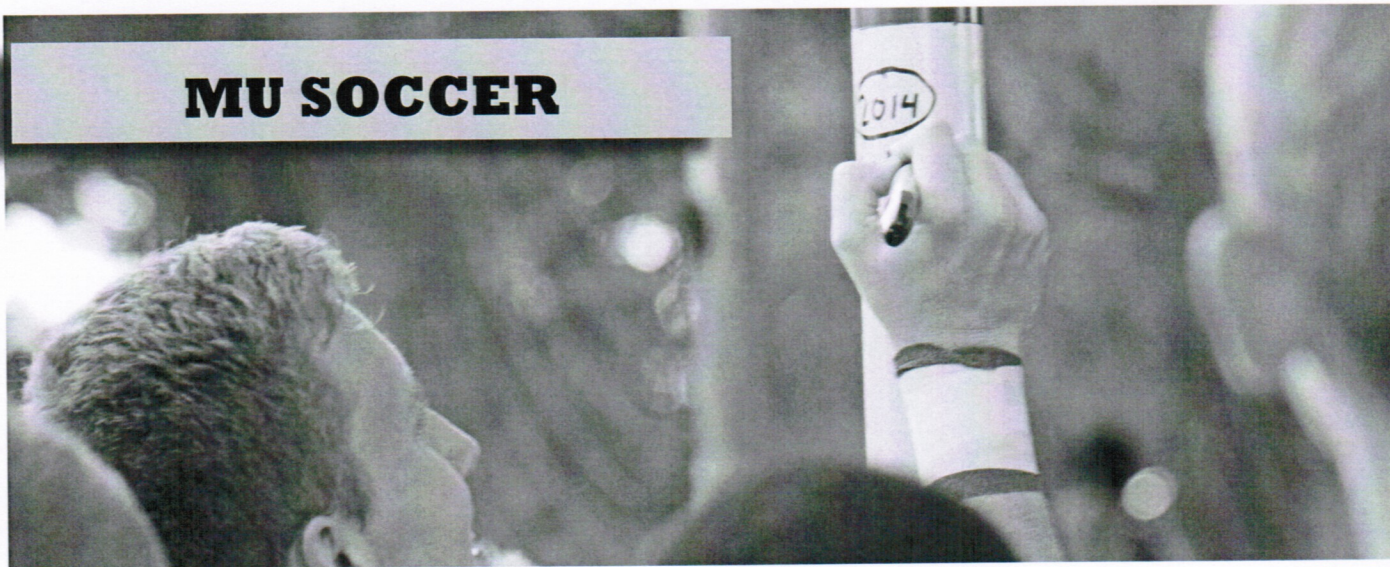
Leading the Monarchs to this victory was Cassidy Hayes, who had 15 kills and 5 blocks. Taylor Stafford added 13 kills and 11 digs. Erica Bloodsworth posted 11 kills and Renee Hoser had 21 assists.

On Sunday the Monarchs returned to court and faced off against Guilford College. Guilford won the match 3-1. In the match Cassidy Hayes led the Monarchs with 16 kills and Ryann Appleby provided 8 kills alongside Hayes. Leading Methodist on defense was Karly Kilmas who posted 21 digs to help with the win.

In their last match of the tournament the Monarchs lost 3-0 to Roanoke. Hayes continued to be an offensive leader with her 10 kills. The Monarchs would struggle as a team though hitting only .141 for the match.

The Monarchs look to bounce back at home Saturday September 6th against Emory & Henry at 11 am.

MU SOCCER



Seth Harrison, Stefan Cyvin and Alex Rabone sign the goalpost for their first victory of the 2014 Men's Soccer season.

By: Trentin Diaz

MU vs BridgeW

Methodist University Men's Soccer Posts home shutout over Bridgewater 3-0

The Monarchs men's soccer teams scorching home shutout against the Bridgewater Eagles kicks off the 2014 season at the Monarch SoccerPlex Aug. 30th.

With a 3-0 victory over Bridgewater, a team that beat Virginia Wesleyan the number one team in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) in 2013, The Monarchs showed what could be the beginning of a promising season.

Two goals from Harrison, one by Stefan Cyvin, and the first collegiate shutout for freshman goalie Alex Rabone left the Monarchs looking strong.

Harrison headed one into the goal three minutes and fifty-five seconds into the first half of the game for an early 1-0 lead, firing up the Methodist sideline.

12 minutes into the second half, Cyvin found his goal that gave the Monarchs a 2-0 lead. It wasn't until the last three minutes of the second half that Harrison scored his second goal, which made the score a final 3-0. "The team helps out, with the through balls," said Harrison, "allowing me to be confident with myself to be able to do what I need to do to try and make our team better."

Monarchs Head Coach Justin Terranova was pleased with the performance his team put on, Saturday. "We're still getting stronger, I don't believe we have achieved 100 percent fitness yet," said Coach Terranova after the game.

Joining the Monarchs on the field were the kids of Army Strong, a program that helps children of those who are serving overseas. Kids apart of the program walked out hand in hand with the Monarchs and Eagles just before kickoff. The kids were able to meet the players and walk out with them onto the field for the opening anthem and announcement of the starting lineup.

From the freshman like Rabone to record-setting seniors like Nahom Hargwain, the Monarchs seem to have a strong bond with one another. "The team really took me in and it does feel like family already," said Rabone.

With the amount of teamwork and trust the Monarchs Men's Soccer team have in each other, one cannot wait to see this family play again.



This is the time to 'Free Your Mind' MU

Do you want to know the truth about
whats going on?

Is something bothering you or you need
advice?

Ask "Green and Gold"





By L. Jameco McKenzie
Staff Writer

If you live on campus you may have noticed that the Department of Housing and Residence life at Methodist recently added two new members of its team. In an effort to get you more acquainted with the new staff SmallTalk sat down with the new RCs Aimee Boyd and Kyle Beaman and here is what they had to say:

Where are you from?

AB: I'm from Griswold, Connecticut.

KB: I am from Kennesaw, Georgia

What did you do before Methodist?

AB: I worked as a Resident Director at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York

KB: I previously worked at The University of Virginia's College at Wise. Where I was the Community Coordinator for Upperclassman housing.

What is your official Job Title at MU?

AB: Coordinator of University Apartments and Student Activities

KB: Residential Coordinator for Weaver Hall at MU.

What you do in your role at Methodist?

AB: I am responsible for overseeing the McLean Residential Complex and Cape Fear Commons Apartments. I supervise 2 amazing Head RAs, 8 wonderful Resident Assistants and am the landlord to the community. In addition to my Housing and Residence Life duties, I also am the advisor to the Student Activities Committee (SAC) and help in the planning and facilitation of late night

events. I'm basically in charge of the fun stuff! :)

KB: I am responsible for the residential students of Weaver Hall, in all aspects of their college life outside of the Academic, Greek, or Athletics aspects. (Honestly, I don't know of a short answer, because this role takes on all aspects of the University.) My office hours are scheduled 8am to 5pm, but reality is this is a live in position where I am always "working."

Tell us something random about you.

AB: The first concert I ever went to was Weird Al Yankovic

KB: I am a musician and baseball player.

What you will bring to the campus in your new role

AB: I'm bringing lots of energy and fresh ideas to Student Affairs at MU. I strive to plan new and innovative programs and I'm happy to collaborate with other offices and departments to make everyone get involved and have fun working with our students.

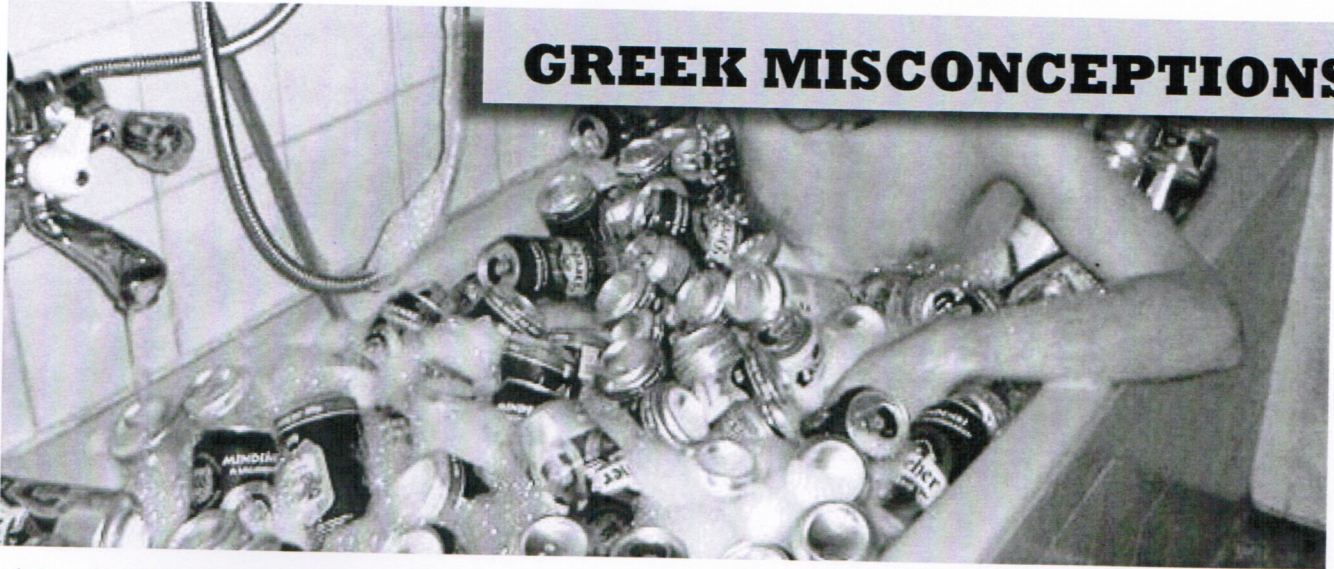
KB: The ability to relate to students as they begin or continue their college careers, either as international students or US born students.

How do you want students to reach out to you?

AB: I'm the easiest to reach over email (aboyd@methodist.edu) my office hours are posted on my door in the Cape Fear Commons Community Building. You can also always catch me at SAC events such as Cardboard City coming up on September 19th. See you there!

KB: Email or office. I prefer student interaction and speaking with them, but sometimes that isn't possible so an email as a backup option. kbeaman@methodist.edu

GREEK MISCONCEPTIONS



Opinion By: Bianca Farmer

While fraternities and sororities wear their letters proudly in honor of their organizations, they are often subjugated to the judgments and assumptions that are made on behalf of Greek Life as a whole. As Methodist University continues to expand fraternity and sorority life on campus, the members of these organizations are forced to struggle against the stereotypes and labels that Greek members have gained over the years through social media and broadcasting.

After a picture of a car belonging to a Methodist University student was posted to Facebook at the scene of an off-campus party, Facebook users, such as Moira Holman, began to immediately attach the responsibility of the party to the car owner's Greek sticker, calling the off-campus event a "fraternity [party]."

The general public has reduced a system, which was once known to produce the leaders of American society to "drunken frat boys" and "total sorority girls." From the first fraternal organization in 1776 to the first sorority in 1851, Greek organizations were established to foster camaraderie among men and women who shared the same goals, beliefs and standards for personal conduct.

However, how can members of these organizations rise above the stereotypes set in place by American television programs and social media if they are immediately written off as vapid or irresponsible?

It is often perceived that Greek members are nothing more than their letters, but the letters of each organization are just a symbol.

One woman, Candice Tynes, decided to weigh in amidst the comments of the Facebook post to defend Greek Life and her place within it. She stated, "...please don't assume it's a Greek life thing. Just because there's a car with a sticker on the back doesn't mean that person represents Greek life [at Methodist] as a whole."

Greeks uphold standards and overcome this stigma by organizing philanthropy events and excelling academically by holding themselves to a chapter-established GPA that frequently exceeds the university's standard.

Members of Greek organizations are also well known for cultivating leadership skills through officer positions within their organizations that are overseen by alumni advisors from other chapters. All Greek organizations are responsible for maintaining community service hours, and members can regularly be found serving their surrounding community and holding leadership positions on and off the college campus.

Rather than punish all for a few, would it not be more effective to respect Greek organizations by challenging its members to uphold their standards and acknowledging the accomplishments of the organizations?

ATHLETICS

Do You Have Team Spirit?

The Methodist University Department of Athletics would like to invite all Methodist students to take in some of the numerous athletic events that the University hosts each year. Over the course of the first semester, opportunities are abound for students to show their school spirit and support their classmates as the Monarchs take the field against some of the best NCAA Division III competition in the region. Admission to home athletic events are free for all MU students, so why not take a moment and make your way to one of the many events that will be hosted on campus? Below is a listing of ALL of the Monarchs' home events for the first semester. Be sure to keep up to date with MU Athletics by checking us out on the web, www.mumonarchs.com. Also follow us on Twitter @mumonarchs

August

- Aug. 30 - Men's Soccer vs. Bridgewater 5:00 pm
- Aug. 31 - Men's Soccer vs. Cairn 2:00 pm

September

- Sept. 4 - Women's Soccer vs. Barton 5:00 pm
- Sept. 6 - Volleyball vs. Emory & Henry 11:00 am
- Sept. 6 - Football vs. Southern Virginia 1:00 pm
- Sept. 6 - Men's Soccer vs. Marietta 2:00 pm
- Sept. 6 - Volleyball vs. N.C. Wesleyan 3:00 pm
- Sept. 7 - Men's Soccer vs. Birmingham Southern 1:00 pm
- Sept. 7 - Women's Soccer vs. Washington and Lee 3:00 pm
- Sept. 20 - Volleyball vs. Ferrum 10:00 am
- Sept. 20 - Football vs. Huntingdon 1:00 pm
- Sept. 20 - Volleyball vs. Averett 4:00 pm
- Sept. 24 - Volleyball vs. William Peace 7:00 pm
- Sept. 26 - Women's Soccer vs. Averett 2:00 pm
- Sept. 27 - Men's Soccer vs. Piedmont 2:00 pm
- Sept. 27 - Women's Soccer vs. Piedmont 4:30 pm

October

- Oct. 4 - Men's Soccer vs. William Peace 2:00 pm
- Oct. 4 - Women's Soccer vs. William Peace 4:00 pm
- Oct. 7 - Volleyball vs. Averett 7:00 pm
- Oct. 9 - Volleyball vs. Roanoke 7:00 pm
- Oct. 10 - Men's Soccer vs. Covenant 2:00 pm
- Oct. 10 - Women's Soccer vs. Covenant 4:00 pm
- Oct. 11 - Football vs. Greensboro 1:00 pm
- Oct. 11 - Women's Soccer vs. Maryville 2:00 pm
- Oct. 12 - Men's Soccer vs. Maryville 1:00 pm
- Oct. 15 - Women's Soccer vs. Meredith 3:00 pm
- Oct. 18 - Volleyball vs. Piedmont 12:00 pm
- Oct. 18 - Men's Soccer vs. Averett 2:00 pm
- Oct. 18 - Volleyball vs. Meredith 4:00 pm
- Oct. 29 - Volleyball vs. N.C. Wesleyan 7:00 pm

November

- Nov. 1 - Football vs. Averett 1:00 pm
- Nov. 15 - Football vs. Maryville 1:00 pm
- Nov. 25 - Men's Basketball vs. Virginia Wesleyan 7:00 pm

December

- Dec. 3 - Men's Basketball vs. Guilford 7:00 pm



ATHLETICS

Monarchs Blanked By Pride in Championship Rematch



By: Billy Zeoli

It was a game every player of the Monarchs had circled on their schedule. Not only was it the first conference game of the year, but a rematch of last year's USA South Championship.

Coming off of a big result last Wednesday against nationally ranked (#11) Christopher Newport University, the Monarchs pride was through the roof after being



undefeated through their first six games.

Methodist has two players tied for third in scoring this season in junior Eirik Nordseth and freshman Stefan Cyvin. They were also among the top teams in goals allowed per game only conceding one in those six games, and second in the nation in goals per game

with a 5.4 average.

Greensboro, who had a magical run to the championship last year beating the Monarchs 2-1 in that game, came into this game with a 2-4 record, losing to conference foe Covenant 2-1 in double overtime last Friday night to start conference play.

The Pride of Greensboro College, were able to play with the high powered Methodist offense for the whole game, until finally putting one in the back of the net late in the game in the 81st minute. The pride outshot the Monarchs by seven shots to three on goal and 12 to 10 total for the game.

The Monarchs (5-1-1, 0-1) will try and get back on the winning track as they host the Lions of Piedmont College (5-2, 2-0) Saturday at 2pm.



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