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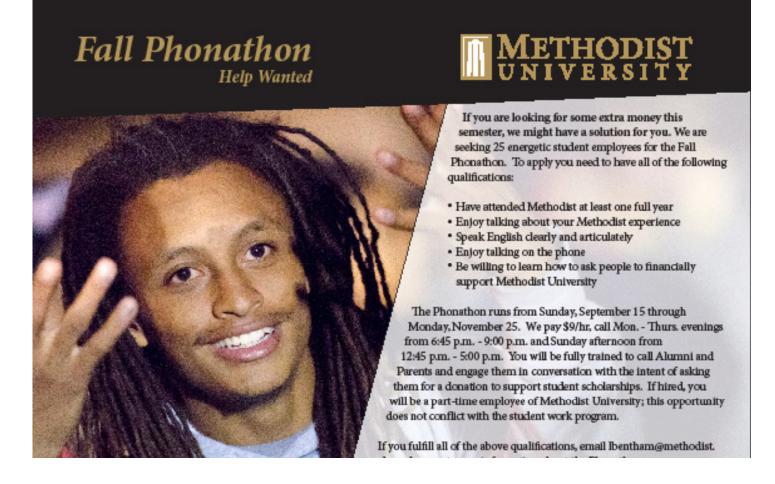
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MUVETERANS

MU opens Veterans Services Extension Office in North Hall

By: Bethany L. Huff

FAYETTEVILLE, North Carolina-- Methodist University has expanded their Veteran services and opened the Veterans Extension Office officially, Sept. 19.

The office is not only for veterans, but it is also available to Methodist students, faculty and staff.

"Veterans transitioning form the military often feel out of place in an academic setting." said Randy Smith, Director of Veteran Services.

The new office is located in North Hall Cafe and is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Veterans have the opportunity to participate in different services such as peer-to-peer counseling, assistance with their Veteran Affairs claims, checking the status of their VA benefits, hosting workshops and seminars, as well as a place to hang out.

"Right now, what I'm getting out of it is I just kind of feel like I belong here a little bit better because personally I came here just to go to class and basically do my work study and go home," said Jackie Bradford, a junior studying History. "It just

makes me feel little bit more that I have a place here, I have a purpose here now."

Currently the extension office is a trial run. If the trial is successful, then the center may be moved in the upcoming months. Smith said the center is important for multiple reasons.

"In the military [veterans] were in apposition of authority, responsible for millions of dollars in equipment and the health wellbeing of subordinates. They were making life or death decisions every day. Suddenly they feel expected to pick up exactly where they left off in school. They may feel behind their traditional classmates academically. They have marriage and childcare issues as well as lingering memories of their combat experiences. Most of all they feel they are isolated. The veterans center is important because it gives vet a place to go to communicate with others who get it, fellow vets who have walked in their combat boots," said Smith.





Photos by: Bethany L. Huff

SOCIAL MEDIA DO's & DON'TS

By: Kenneth Nevarez

Believe it or not, social media has heavy implications on Methodist University staff and students. When online, a person's actions reflect directly on everyone and everything they are associated with, and may even provide grounds for expulsion or termination of employment if severe enough.

Social media is meant to be something fun that brings us all together, but it is important to remember some important rules when online, whether you are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tumblr, etc.

The Methodist University student Handbook provides several "Best Practices" for social media that have been summarized here to help keep everyone happy and friendly.

- 1. Think twice before posting- Once something is on the internet, it will be there forever and cannot be retrieved no matter how many times it has been deleted. If you have to wonder if the post will be offensive, even for a second, it probably is not a good idea to post it.
- 2. Strive for accuracy- Don't post assumptions, post only if you know what you are saying is true. People lie on the internet all of the time, get the facts straight before posting.
- 3. Be Respectful
- 4. Remember your audience- Nothing on the internet is private! It doesn't matter how high the privacy settings have been put for your account. If it is on the internet, it can be accessed by anyone.
- 5. Identify your views as your own- Make sure that when you post something you are speaking with your own voice and not saying that this is what the university also believes.
- 6. Photography- Anyone can steal your pictures and claim them as their own. Consider using a watermark, or tweak the photo's settings to 72 dpi and approximately 800x600 resolution.



7. Be vigilant- Don't fall victim to cyber criminals. Remember, if you do not know the person, do not add them.

Now that you know what good social media practices are, here is a very basic list of some things that should never be done on social media sites.

- 1. Don't post inappropriate images
- 2. Don't post inappropriate statuses
- 3. Don't give out personal information
- 4. Don't cyberbully

In this day and age, it seems practically impossible to escape the use of social media in order to stay up to date with what is going on in the world.

More and more companies are using social media as a way to expand their reach, and employers no longer think twice about looking you up on Facebook before hiring you.

A person's online identity can make or break their progress in today's world.



Cardboard City

By: Wylonda Surles

After a few weeks of planning, SOJU and SAC turned the Bell Tower Quad into a cardboard city last Friday evening.

Aimee Boyd, first year advisor for both SOJU and SAC, has been a fan of this Methodist community project for a few years and brought Cardboard City to campus for another year.

Both committees have been working hard to produce a successful program by making some adjustments to the past programs.

Usually, this event occurs on the outside

basketball courts, but was moved to the quad.

Boyd stated that the quad is "more enclosed and safe, a little darker, but campus security was aware."

Also, this year there was not a panel present at the event. Unfortunately, the people they requested to speak were unable to commit. However, SAC hopes to have a panel at the next Cardboard City.

the best cardboard home and who could donate the most cleaning supplies and canned food.

The donations went to the Cumberland County Inter Faith Hospitality Network (CCIFN). CCIFN is a network dedicated to helping the less fortune.

Due to the generous donations in Cumberland County, they have reached their limit of food and clothing items. At this time, they are looking for short-term and long-term housing assistance.

Homeless has many different faces. National Homeless website defines a homeless as someone who "lacks a fixed, regular, adequate night-time residence."

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There are also many different aspects that go into being homeless such as: age, gender, families, ethnicity, victims of domestic violence, veterans, persons with mental illness, addictions to disorders and employment.

Despite the few changes, the amount of students participating did not change from previous years.

"Cardboard City is an amazing event to raise awareness for homeless people around our community," one of the SAC members, Kaitlynn Gray, said. Sophomore Ilisha Houch.

Houch enjoyed the event her freshman year with her friends and this year with her sorority sisters and felt that "Cardboard City is a great experience."

At the event, there was also a s'more station and competitions to see who could build





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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.



By: Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez

President Hancock was present as the Department of Modern Language and Literature continued its eleventh annual foreign film festival on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. in Hendricks 122 with a film titled "Wadjda". This movie, which was directed by Haifaa al-Mansour, was the first Saudi Arabian film to ever be nominated for an academy award.

The Foreign Film Festival is a free event that is held each semester so that students can catch a glimpse into the cinematography of other nations as a way to generate discussion about the themes of the film.

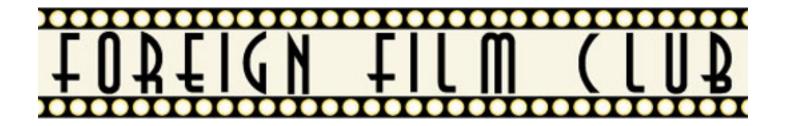
The films are also used as a form of exposure for students to see a different culture. Before the film began, there was a brief introduction from student Esra Al-shawafi.

"With all of the international students that we have on campus, Foreign Film Festivals are a very important opportunity to view a film from other eyes, and from the film maker's point of view," Hancock said. The film follows a young Saudi Arabian girl, Wadjda that has a dream of buying and riding a bike with her friend. Although it may seem simple and innocent, it goes against many social norms for the country she is living in, such as polygamy, that exist in Saudi Arabia which viewers may not have been aware of.

Al-shawafi clarified that the northern and southern portions of Saudi Arabia have different social norms with some areas being more conservative, just like the United States.

"Society rules are not government rules, which is the same concept as the U.S." said Al-shawafi. "It is important for the new generations to have hope to change something for the better to make a change and increase the quality of life."

There was a much bigger turn out for this film than the last, and those in attendance seem to enjoy it. The Modern Language department invites everyone to attend the next film, and many more throughout the year.





By Nomcebo Vilane

Methodist University International Club members lit candles on Sink Field Sept. 21 to participate in "Peace One Day", a worldwide effort to recognize, celebrate and promote peace around the world.

About 30 students from countries including Albania, Yemen, Congo, Cambodia and the United States, sat on yoga mats and formed a circle symbolizing unity.

"We thought the idea of sitting on yoga mats and lighting candles would create the sort of ambience that would encourage people to speak freely and from a safe place," said the club's public relations officer, Wenzile Dludlu.

"It was important for the Methodist University International Club to recognize and celebrate this day with our community," said club president, Mariama Jabati, "so that we could spread awareness about the idea of peace one day around the world. We are also very happy that so many people came out to support the club."

Participants were encouraged to partake in a moment of silence to reflect on peace and, afterwards, took turns voicing their ideas of peace. Some participants expressed gratitude about experiencing peace in their native countries, whilst others prayed that violence and depressing events would cease to occur in their native countries.

Other participants were just grateful that, as international students, they were able to live and study in the US in peace.

Dr. Peter Murray, professor of History at Methodist University, was the keynote speaker at the event. In a similar fashion to the participants who shared their peace stories, Dr. Murray also emphasized the idea of peace and stability around the globe.

The event ended with participants writing messages of peace, who they would like to make peace with and what peace means to them on white poster paper that was later posted in the Bern's Student Center so that the majority of the Methodist University community would also be encouraged to think about peace and how it relates to them.

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Ms. Laura Schroff is a former advertising executive with several major media companies, including Time Inc., USA Today, and People Magazine. In her 2011 bestselling book, An Invisible Throad, she explores the role of destiny in our lives and the invisible threads that connect us all. Laura's book brings to life the inspiring true story of an 11-year-old panhandler, a busy sales executive, and their unlikely meeting with destiny in 1986.

Ms. Schroff is a nationally-renowned speaker whose message is that everyone has the power and leadership ability to reach "beyond you" and positively influence the life of another person. Her challenge is: What if a million small acts of kindness become a tidal wave of progress and hope? Imagine what a different place our world would be.

Admission to the lecture is free. Copies of Ms. Schroff's book, An Invisible Thread, will be available for purchase and signing in the concert hall following the lecture.

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I've done a significant amount of damage with yik yak.

Screenshots taken from YIK YAK App at Methodist.

By: Taylor Jones & L. Jameco McKenzie

Yik Yak, a social media app created less than a year ago by recent University of South Carolina graduates, has been the talk of Methodist and many other Universities, gathering mixed reviews from the student body.

In its description in the Apple App Store Yik Yak is described as a local billboard app. It is very similar to Twitterwithanuanceoftheauthor's identity being totally

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Additionally, the app is GPS specific, post made in a certain mile radius or campus area is only seen in that area.

anonymous.

The app also allows its users to see what people are

Methodist University where you have a better chance of meeting your significant other rather than finding a parking spot

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"yakking" about on other campuses across the nation. There is a safeguard that disallows users from posting phone numbers, and gives concerned users the ability to flag inappropriate or people specific posts and have them removed by the administrators.

Yik Yak loads nearly 100 messages hourly on campus, which range from puns, secrets telling and also rants about Methodist or universities across the nation. These "Yaks" can be voted up (approve/agree), down (dislike/disapprove) and the message can also be commented on.

While many of the "Yaks" are harmless puns about campus life, like this (INSERT PHOTO OF PARKING SPOT.) describing the conundrum that is parking at Methodist, some post cite nefarious behavior. These posts have targeted individuals, social/Greek organizations and athletic teams.

Todd Harris Associate Dean of Students responsible for student conduct commented that

"If we are aware of it we will address it." According to Dean Harris there have not been any official complaints about Yik

Yak to his office.

D e a n Harris suggests that if there is sufficient cause to believe that an individual is being targeted they should file a complaint with

the Office of Public Safety, and speak with a Residential Coordinator or other trusted University officials.

"We will support any student who feels targeted, alert staff and respond to the situation appropriately," said Harris.

In a recent interview with smallTalk, freshman Jocelyn Rosario stated that, "Yik Yak brightens up my day— I find it the amount of things people point out humorous."

Many students interviewed agree that Yik Yak has negative implications on the community.

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do I play a sport? yes, it's called howmanybeers. I have a big game tonight. wish me luck!

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Linsey Tippet senior commented, "I think Yik Yak is damaging. People use it to say hurtful things about others. This could cause many issues with students."

"I feel like it is a horrible thing that people are using and it is something that shouldn't be used at all," said sophomore Brianna Franklin

"It's really funny but can get derogatory at times," junior lan Harrison said.

Fraternities and sororities have been subject to the negative side of Yik Yak. This has prompted the Greek life administration to take offense to posts about Greek organizations on campus.

"We have had open discussions about Yik Yak and we have encouraged all of our students to delete the app and not pay any mind to it," Aly McKenna, coordinator of Fraternity & Sorority Life at Methodist.

Even though certainly not every student at Methodist or any other campus is going to delete Yik Yak fully, McKenna does say there are

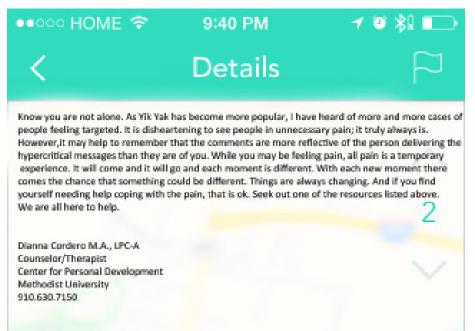
many things to be proud of in Greek Life that should be promoted.

"Positive things like promoting events that organizations host or philanthropies that are going on. Promote the organizations community service so everyone can see the good they are doing."

Michael Jones, a junior and SGA Chief Justice suggested that the app not be taken so seriously,

"Some criticism can be seen as useful but for the most part Yik Yak is only good for student chatter around campus, in no way should it be considered as criticism that should be taken seriously by the school."

Jay Carrol a senior suggests that Yik Yak can be used for positive reactions. "Instead of saying things



negatively they can post about events or programs that are going on."

"If it is positive or negative, the MU community is expressing themselves, throughout social media be it Tnboykinwitter, Snapchat or now Yik Yak. Only thing for sure above all else— it is important to be responsible when posting," Alec Ferguson sophomore and RHA President.



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Weekly Worship: Wednesdays at 11:00am Catholic Mass - Sundays at 9:00pm

Mondays In His Grid Chris's House 8:00pm
Tuesdays - FCA - Berns Student Center - 8:00pm
Wednesdays Chris's House Connection Chris's House 6:00pm
Thursdays Men's Bible Study - Chris's House 8:00pm
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Campus Ministry Foll Retroot Weekend — November 17-16.

Wesley Heritage Day — Weenesdoy, November 19.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Service - Monday, November 24.

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Thanks for Taking a Chance on Me

Posted on September 25, 2014 by President Hancock

Every student has a story.

Earlier this week the First Lady and I hosted a group of students in our home for a picnic supper on our front lawn. As is customary after a student dinner, I like to ask students what is on their minds – what they like about MU, what concerns they have, or just general observations about campus life.

At this particular dinner, the comments started with concerns about expanding Wi-Fi on campus, increasing the hours at Starbucks in the Berns Center, improved lighting in dark spots behind buildings, and more trash cans. They then went on to express their appreciation for more food options in the dining hall, landscape improvements, increased collaboration among University organizations, and excitement about all that is happening on campus.

Then one particular student raised her hand and quietly expressed her appreciation for the University "taking a chance on me." She went on to say that there are students at Methodist who may have not necessarily performed as well as they should have in high school or achieved the best test scores, but nonetheless have promise. In essence, on behalf of all the students at Methodist who might have been considered "at risk" when they were accepted, she was expressing her thanks.

This was perhaps the most gratifying comment a student could have shared with this particular president, as I responded by saying that I, too, had enrolled at my university with the same sense of gratitude for that institution taking a chance on me, and for my family and friends believing in me. I also noted that Methodist University's mission is to provide such opportunities to prospective students, and the history of this place is one of "taking chances" on students who come with difficulties but show promise. Once enrolled, MU is committed to working with them to ensure their success in overcoming their unique hurdles.

Every student and, indeed, every person has a story. I feel very blessed to be president of a University that takes the time to listen to these stories and embraces students where they are and helps them succeed on their MU journey and life's journey.

That's the Methodist way. That's the only way.

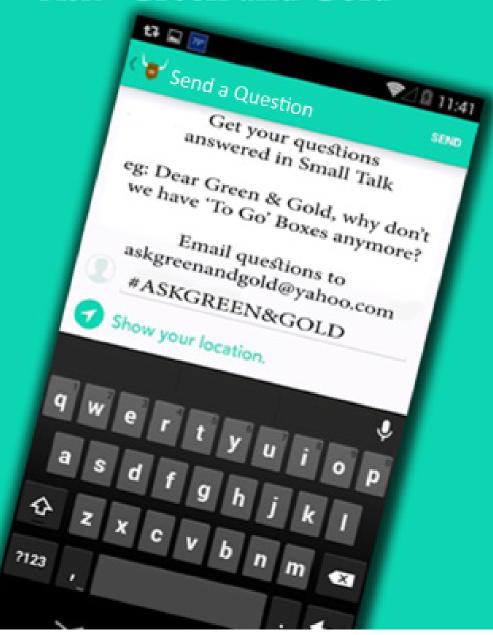
Ben Hancock President

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Public Safety



Methodist University Benefits from New Campus Services Building Erin Haley

There have been some new additions to campus this fall. The Public Safety and Computer Services buildings on Soccer Drive have been torn down and combined with Monarch Press into a new Campus Services building located more centrally on campus.

MU already had plans to eventually move Public Safety, Institutional Computing and Monarch Press into a new unit, but the need to construct a new Health Sciences building and more parking space accelerated the move. These changes offer many benefits to the MU campus.

The new Campus Services site sits in a more centralized location on campus, which has improved access for customer, employee and delivery vehicles, and also fits more efficiently into the layout of the university.

Along with a better location, the building itself has greatly improved features that the staff appreciates. James Phillips, Chief of Police, finds the new facility to be a great improvement from the older buildings they were originally stationed in.

"In our former locations, we had to adapt services and functions to a layout originally built as apartment-style housing. The three department directors and our staff had meaningful input into the layout of our new work spaces and the improvements are amazing," says the Chief.

The layout of the building is more efficient, the construction is better, the lighting, electrical and plumbing systems are greatly improved and the shared parking lot complies better with the needs of the staff.

Not only will the staff of the new facility benefit from these improvements, the students of MU will as well. The Campus Services location is more convenient for the campus community, and the building is much easier to navigate. Chief Phillips hopes this provides students with positive experiences in their dealings with the facility.

The Department of Public Safety provides police and security services to MU 24/7, 365 days of the year. They issue campus ID cards and vehicle registration, and are responsible for fire safety, life safety and emergency preparedness functions. The department also offers crime prevention and safety programs to faculty, staff and students on request.

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

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

Monarch 2-2 Going into By-Week

By: Nick Boykin

The Monarch football team carried a 2-2 record going into its off week in early October, after losing at Christopher Newport University Sept. 27, 51-48 in double over-time.

Methodist, which shared the USA South Conference Championship with Maryville College for the 2013-2014 seasons, was picked during the preseason media conference to place third this season.

So far, the team is 1-1 in conference play, having landed on the better side of an overtime win against Huntingdon College 41-34 before playing CNU.

The team had started off with a home win against Southern Virginia University 36-21, but followed up the win with a loss in a non-conference game to in-state rival Guilford College out of the ODAC (Old Dominion Athletic Conference) 52-20.

The Monarchs played their second game of the conference schedule in Newport News Va., during family night at CNU

Methodist has looked good on offense all season. Playing before more than 10,000 fans at CNU, quarterback Max Reber set school records in attempts, completions, yards and touchdowns when he threw for 480 yards and six touchdowns.

Other standout performers include wide receivers Patrick Jacobs and Anthony Radke, who tied the school's record for receiving touchdowns, with three each. Jacobs also tied the single-game receiving record with 219 yards.

The MU defense was unable to stop the Captains of CNU, under the offensive leadership of quarterback Marcus Morrast's. Morrast's 25 yard touchdown run won the game for the home team.

"We learned allot and did some great things", said Coach Goss. "I take nothing away from Christopher Newport, when the game was on the line they were on the winning side



Photo By: Hayden Barzditis. DJ Payne cornerback for Methodist University, returns a punt in the first half of the game against Greensboro College.

of it, such as we were the week before".

Going in to the bye-week Methodist looks to bounce back after a conference loss to pre-season number one raked CNU.

Luckily for the Monarchs, it has played its hardest two opponents in the USA South Conference against CNU and Huntingdon.

With it still only half way through the conference schedule, and every team now fully with in conference play for the remainder of the season, Methodist still is in the hunt for a conference title.

MU will take on Greensboro College (1-3) coming off the bye-week, Saturday Oct. 11 at Monarch Stadium.

This will be the last home game until Homecoming on Halloween. The Monarchs will be going on a two-game road stint were the team will take on Lagrange College and N.C. Wesleyan University.

MU SOCCER



Photo By: Hayden Barzditis

Methodist Soccer Enjoys a Victorious Weekend

By: Billy Tenny

The Methodist University men's soccer team wins two crucial conference games this weekend thanks to a strong defensive showing.

Monarch goalie Alex Rabone collected a shutout Friday afternoon against the Covenant Scots (8-4-2) and again on Sunday afternoon against the Maryville Scots (7-4-1). These wins advance the Monarchs to (9-2-1).

Friday's game was highlighted by Stefan Cyvin's 59th minute goal. The goal was assisted by David Korneliusson.

Cyvin's goal was his eighth of the season, which is tied for the most on the team.

It was one of the Monarch's four shots on goal on Friday. The Covenant Scots were shut down offensively by the tough Monarch back line, only attempting three shots, two on goal. The win on Saturday didn't come easy for the Monarchs.

Maryville goalie Ben Munger was able to defend his goal 11 times before finally in the 87th minute Seth Harrison found the back of

the net. Harrison's goal was his sixth of the season.

The Monarch defense was dominant again, holding the Maryville Scots to only two shots on goal.

The statistic of the weekend was that the Monarch defense didn't see a single corner kick. Neither Maryville nor Covenant were able to attempt a corner kick in their matches verse MU.

The Monarchs will be in action again on Saturday October 18 against the Averett Cougars. The game will be held at the Monarch Soccer Complex at 2 pm.

MU Baseball Club

By: Bethany L. Huff

ELON, North Carolina-- Methodist University's Club Baseball team tied 3-3 followed by a disappointing loss of 3-7 to the Elon University's Phoenix's at the recreational field at Elon, in their first game of the season Sunday afternoon.

The double-header alluded to the Monarch's inability to comeback in the second game, with Elon running three bases within the first inning. By the second inning Elon hit the first homerun of the game.



The Monarchs came into the game with only ten players verses Elon's team with well over thirty players. MU's pitcher Chris Barger (12) threw the first five innings and Zach Hall pitched a total of nine innings between the two games. Hall threw an approximate 200 pitches throughout the game.

The remaining innings had the team closely following Elon with every strike and swing as they came to a tie by the seventh inning.



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During the forth inning, MU's Ronnie Hatfield (8) hit a double, stole third base, followed up by taking home off an error by the catcher.

Elon scored two runs on a ground ball over the third baseman tying the game up in the sixth inning by a groundball past Methodist third baseman Taylan Lewis (2). "This is the first time we've experienced any live pitching this year," said Chris Berger during the break between games.

Previously, the team had only used an "L screen", a protective screen that exposes the pitchers arm and protects his body. The teams' regular batting practice using the "L screen" is used to simulate seeing a ball coming at the player within the strike zone, but not at full live pitch speed.

With the tie leading into the second game, the Monarchs began to fall behind Elon with a 0-6 lead by the fifth inning.

MU improved their lackluster playing abilities in the top half to the sixth inning scoring three runs.

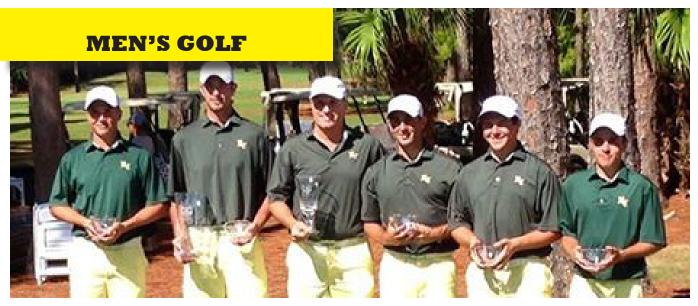
Methodist had the bases loaded when Chris Giacomini (6) was hit by a pitch, leading to a single by David Lutz (1) and an error by Elon's pitcher who grabbed the ball and made a bad throw to first base.

Barger then grounded out the inning, bringing the Monarchs up 3-8.

No one scored in the final inning of the game leaving Elon on top over the Monarchs with a final score of 8-3.

Although the final score was disappointing to the Monarchs, they were short four starters and they came into this double-header with high hopes but skeptical expectations.

"We are a little disappointed that we lost the last game, but given the circumstances with the number of people we had, we had a hell of series," said Giacomini. The MU Club Baseball will play again in October with Roanoke, and the date will be determined later.



METHODIST MEN'S GOLF TEAM WINS GOLFWEEK FALL PREVIEW

By: MU Sports Information Department

DESTIN, Fla. -- With a final-round 293, the Methodist men's golf team made up a one-stroke deficit and earned co-champion honors with UT-Tyler at the Golfweek Fall Preview at Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort's Raven course Tuesday afternoon.

The Monarchs finished with a three-day score of 869 (290-86-293) and tied with UT-Tyler (287-288-294--869). LaGrange took third place (286-298-290-874) followed by Oglethorpe (297-288-291--876) and Illinois Wesleyan (290-293-295--878) in the Top 5.

The Monarchs were led by Mason Stutler, whose final-round 71 (E) gave him a three-day total of 209 (70-68-71) and a share of individual medalist honors with Oglethorpe's Anthony Maccaglia (71-68-70--209). In Tuesday's final round, Stutler opened with a bogey on the par-4 first, before getting the stroke back with a birdie at number six. He then played the final 12 holes in even par to finish at 71.

Jeff Wells finished in a tie for 11th place with a total of 209 (73-70-76). He went out in two-over on Tuesday and was even on the back through six holes before playing the final three holes +3.

Also for MU, Jackson Collier shot a two-over 73 and tied for 25th at 222 (72-77-73). Collier played the first two holes in +3, but rebounded to finish with a pair of birdies and a bogey over the final 16 holes.

Chalres Maness finished in a tie for 31st after Tuesday's 76 (+5) gave him a total of 223 (75-72-76) and Andrew LePage rounded out MU's squad with a tie for 34th. He matched Collier's 73 (+2) on Tuesday and

finished with a total of 224 (75-76-73).

Methodist has one more event on its fall slate, the O'Briant-Jensen Memorial beginning on Oct. 27.



MU SOCCER



Photograph By: Nate Jervey. Coach Justin Terranova was named the 2014 Named McLean Foundation Coach of the Year.

Methodist's Terranova Speaks on Team, Season

By: Taylor Jones

Over the summer, the Methodist men's head soccer coach, Justin Terranova, earned the 2014 Thomas R. and Elizabeth E. McLean Foundation's annual Methodist University Coach of the Year Award.

The award recognizes Terranova as the best head coach in the athletic department as voted on by a committee of his peers. When asked about his milestone, he kept it short and sweet. "I was surprised."

He also added that winning the 2012 USA South tournament championship and 2013 regular season championship, the first one for Methodist since 1996, were two really important achievements that influenced the decision to name Terranova Methodist's Coach of the Year.

In the wake of this achievement and in acknowledgment of the men's soccer team's success last year and this year, smallTalk interviewed Coach Terranova to discover his feelings toward the team and this season.

Having played for Methodist in the 1990's, Terranova was asked how he felt coaching at his alma mater for the 13th year straight.

"It's special. I feel lucky to be in charge of the program. Sometimes people take for granted what they do, but not me. It's an honor to be in charge of the men's program because we have such great history of being successful. There's so many people involved in that success, you know; I can't get the credit, it's not just about me, not at all."

Coming off a season in which they finished 11-7-2, 7-1-1 in USA South play, the coach gave his insight as to what made last year so successful and what they can do to keep the momentum going this year.

"I think the success comes from the core of the team. In 2012, Shane Davis did a great job leading the team to their first conference championship, but last year we returned a great core of players, including Sean MacDonald and Frank Barone, who are the two captains currently. Then you have our vice captains who all returned; Eirik Nordseth, Chris Ryan, Nahom Hargwoin, and Kris Govasmark. Those guys provide so much leadership."

Coach Terranova says these team leaders keep the tradition of great soccer alive among the newer players, which is vital on a team of 35 that includes 16 freshmen.

"These guys are teaching the young guys what to do and how to act—how to be a Monarch."



Photograph by: Hayden Barzditis. Seth Harrison's late goal against Maryville College would lead to a victory for the Monarchs, and two USA South Conference wins on the weekend after also beating Covenant College.

