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RA Drive-in

By: Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez



Methodist University hosted an RA drive-in, an event where RA's (residential advisors) from all across N.C. come together and enjoy themselves while enhancing and developing their skills.

The one-day conference took place on Saturday, Oct. 25

and brought RAs from 23 different institutions from across the state to our campus. This was the first time in 14 years that a smaller college has taken on the event, catering to about 320 RAs. In the past, RA's from Methodist University have traveled to this event when it was held at different universities.

The drive-in conference was split into four different sessions with nine different seminars in each session. This allowed professionals to come and give presentations to the students in order to build and develop skills that they would hopefully use in their residence halls.

Jananne Fiebig, Assistant Director for Housing and Residence Life, explained that the overall goal of the event was, "to bring RAs together, have them network and get together, provide them with tools to go back to their campuses to help improve their jobs and deal with whatever campus issues they have." The Housing and Residence Life department found out that they were going to host the event officially in Jan. and instantly got to work planning the event, which went smoothly. Each year, schools who wish to host the event submit bids and are then selected by a committee. What seems to have given Methodist an edge in getting to host the event was that President

Hancock, who has a background in student affairs planning, appeared as the keynote speaker.

Shannon Alford, Residential Coordinator, detailed how the planning began.

"It started whenever we found out we were hosting the conference, and we formed a committee of RAs and staff members," Alford said. "And [we] initially met every other week, but started meeting every week as the date got closer. We had a to-do list and got things done."

This conference also allowed students from across the state to network and talk about different methods of doing their job as an RA. As an added incentive, the students also brought clothes pins decorated with the colors and name of their school that they would potentially trade and keep as mementos. Along with the pins, students brought memorabilia and other items to the conference to trade during a Swap-Shop. Essentially, the RAs went around and traded t-shirts, or anything else emblazoned with their university logo with that of another school.

"It's a method of building spirit and helping RAs connect with each other, and the idea is that you will meet someone from another school and exchange names and hopefully contact information," said Fiebig "Coming in as an RA, you have an immediate bond with the others there. They are all RAs, so you all have the same struggles and, other than your name and where you are from, you know why you are there and what the other person does, so it's an easy conversation that gets started."



The event was a huge hit with smiles all around as the RAs shared their experiences and bonded, regardless of being from a big or small school. The Housing and Residence life department looks forward to hosting the event again at some point, as well as seeing what another school can do next year.



By: Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez

The final two films of the Foreign Film Festival presented by the Department of Modern Languages and Literature presented two different cultures in different tones. The second to last film was from Italy and highlighted the life of an old author who is part of the high class in Rome. The final film was from France and was a comedy, a contrast to the tone that the other films in this festival presented.

The Italian Film, *The Great Beauty*, was a movie that left the audience in a somber mood as it presented themes of death, inadequacy and frailty of human relationships. It showed the extravagant lifestyle that the upper class citizens in Rome enjoy with their parties in search of this idea of a great beauty.

As was usual the film was presented by a student. The student whom presented this film was Methodist University's only foreign Italian student, Isabella Tuveri.

"Sometimes this great beauty is found in simple things, in simple instances that sometimes we ignore because we push so hard to make things beautiful. When you push so hard to make things beautiful they are not beautiful anymore, just let things be beautiful without trying to make it so." said Tuveri regarding what this great beauty is.

The final film was presented by Dr. Franceson on Nov. 21, 2014. It was a movie titled *King of Hearts*, *Le Roi de Coeur*, that took place in the later parts of WW1. The film followed a soldier who was commanded to go into a town and dismantle

a bomb that was set to detonate. It took several comedic turns in a Monty Python-esque style as most of the inhabitants had fled aside from the patients of an insane asylum.

These patients were let out by the movie's protagonist who was dubbed the King of Hearts. Once free they pranced around and went into their imaginary lives as dukes, generals and courtesans. This film was Francesco's way of ending the festival on a high note because all of the other films which were presented had profound themes that would make everyone who is watching them reevaluate their life a bit. The theme of this final film was basically to live in the moment, and that anyone can be whatever they want if they believe themselves to be it hard enough.

This was the end of this semester's foreign film festival, but next semester there will be more films for the members of Methodist University to come and enjoy. The Department of Modern Languages and Literature would like to invite you to come out and experience a different culture together soon.



By: Erin Haley

sel•fie

'selfē/

noun informal

noun: selfie; plural noun: selfies; noun: selfy

1 A photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam and shared via social media.

2 “occasional selfies are acceptable, but posting a new picture of yourself everyday isn’t necessary”

That’s right; selfie is a real word that is actually in the English Dictionary. According to StyleCaster, over 1 million selfies are taken every day, and that is just the number being shared via social media.

Samsung puts it into perspective for us: 30% of photos taken by people between the ages of 18 and 24 are selfies. I think it’s safe to consider our world a little “Selfie Obsessed,” but what does that really say about our society? Are we truly becoming narcissistic, or are we just more comfortable with flaunting what we’ve got?

Some people roll their eyes at teenagers and young adults for constantly having their phones glued to their hands.

“Back in my day, we actually had to talk to people face to face.”

Wow, like we’ve never heard that one before, and we probably rolled our eyes right back at them. The Millennial Generation has developed this absurd sense that we have to document every detail of our daily lives, and with the current selfie craze, our smiling faces are included with every update. Here are some examples:

“I got a new car!” [Uploads a selfie with new car in the background].

“Spending tonight in the library to study!” [Stops studying to upload a selfie].

Insert a generic, yet somewhat inspirational quote here [Uploads a selfie completely unrelated to its caption].

As much as some people like to complain about the world’s selfie addiction, they still continue to browse social media sites, and they are probably posting comments (such as “Congrats!” or “You look great!”) on their friends’ photos.

To say selfies are leading to narcissism may not be completely untrue, but let’s be honest; it is a bit of a stretch. Selfies, as ridiculous as they may be, are simply becoming a new way to communicate and keep in touch with each other.

Call me an optimist, and maybe a little selfie obsessed myself, but I think our addicted society is going to be just fine. And since I am no different than the rest of the Millennials, I present to you my very first #SmallTalkSelfie! ;)



STUDENT OPINIONS

Q: Have you ever been personally victimized by the MU Wi-Fi?

- 1) This past Tuesday some friends and I went to the library because we were pumped about doing homework. We took out our computers and began to do work, but almost five minutes in, the Wi-Fi started acting up. It got so bad that we went and got on the library computers, and they didn't work either.

Shamar Johnson, Psychology major

- 2) When we are trying to enjoy Netflix, we can't. It always freezes at the good parts. It even made registration a hassle. We were unable to load the website in order to get the classes we wanted and needed.

Nicole Pulcini, Biology major

Chrissy Simmons, Entrepreneurship major

- 3) Registering for classes took like 20 minutes just to load up the page for MU portal!

Ziere Diggs, Forensic Science major

- 4) Yes! It seems when you are in the direst of situations that our Wi-Fi becomes the most unreliable.

Cody Webb, Entrepreneurship major

- 5) Yes. Through the years of being at Methodist University, I have encountered multiple situations where accessing the Wi-Fi has been difficult. These situations include registering for classes, checking bank accounts and doing homework.

Kylie Arauz, Computer Information Tech. and Graphic Design Major.

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Announcement

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COME BACK HOME

Kayla Beavers, Applied Exercise Science

“While I was in Korea there was a very popular song called “Come Back Home” by 2NE1. This song played in every restaurant, grocery store, and even just the streets of Seoul. I always joked with my friends about how I would listen to this song when I got on the Airplane back to America. Nevertheless, while traveling back using Korean Air, I put on my headphones, and turned on the airplane radio, and that was the first song to play. While, I was in Korea, I had always thought of that song as me coming back to Methodist, but at that moment, I realized how much Hankuk University of Foreign Studies had become my home. Home is not always where you’re from, but rather a place of comfort, and where friends become not just your support system, but your family. You would think being all the way on the other side of the world, would make you feel lonely or homesick, but in actuality, home is where you make it. If you just conjure up a little boldness, to step out unto the unknown, you will come to know that there is no such thing as a strange place, just another place to explore. Studying Abroad will really encourage you to step out of your comfort zone, and make you realize that there is a whole entire world out there, waiting for you to learn about and experience in only a way that you can.”



“Come Back Home” is the first single from the album Crush released by South Korean girl group 2NE1.



METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Campus Ministry

UPCOMING CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Person Street Initiative – November 1, 2014 and November 15, 2014 – 9:30-1:00

MU to You Table – Community Service Event – November 10, 2014 – 4:00-8:00

One Voice Concert with Campbell University – November 10, 2014 – 7:00

Chris's House Connection – Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag Night – November 12, 2014 – 7:00

Fall Retreat (White Lake) – November 14-16, 2014 – Tentative Departure 3:00pm

One Voice Concert at MU– November 14, 2014 – 7:00

Commencement Carnival for Graduating Seniors – November 18, 2014 – 10:00-6:00
November 19, 2014 – 10:00-3:00

Hay Street Initiative – Every Tuesday Beginning November 18, 2014 – 2:30-5:00

Wesley Heritage Day – November 19, 2014 – 11:00 Service, 12:00 Luncheon

Community Thanksgiving Dinner – November 24, 2014

Adopt-a-Dorm Thanksgiving Dinner – November 26, 2014

DECEMBER

Chris's House Connection Open House – December 1-5, 2014 – 9:00-6:00

Person Street Initiative – December 6, 2014 and December 20, 2014 – 9:30-1:00

Winter Wonderland and Moravian Lovefeast – December 7, 2014 -

2:00pm-5:00 Festivities, 5:00-6:00 Dinner, 6:00-7:00 Moravian Lovefeast

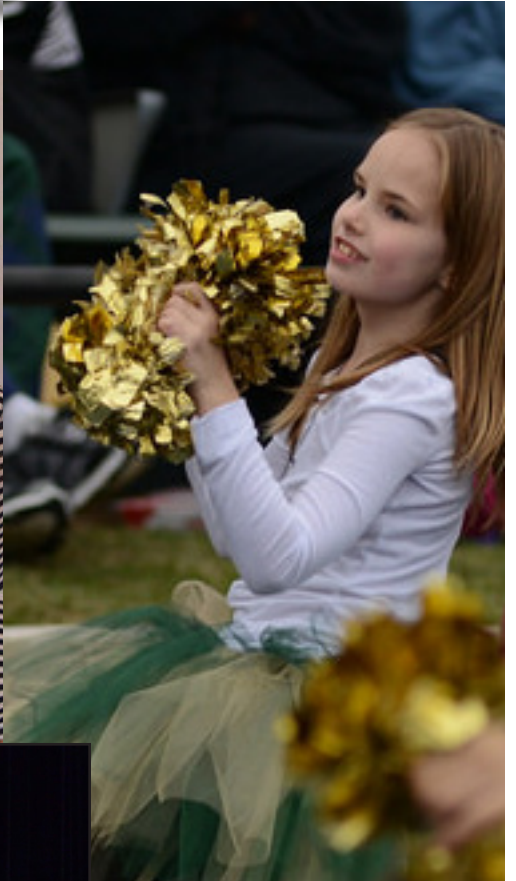
Baccalaureate/Graduation – December 13, 2014

For More Information, call the Office of Campus Ministry in the Campus Ministry Spiritual Life Center at Chris's House at 910-630-7157 or email dlwilson@methodist.edu

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CELEB CHEAT



Ebola Outbreak Email



Ebola Outbreak Email Gabrielle Isaac

After the recent outbreak of Ebola in Texas, Dean of Students William Walker sent out an email on Oct. 3 urging anyone who will or has traveled to Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria or Sierra Leone to identify themselves to assess their potential risk for contracting the virus.

Walker said in his email that anyone, student or staff, who has visited an infected area and are experiencing some symptoms of the Ebola Virus should contact their physician immediately for medical treatment.

Methodist University, according to Walker's email, is working with the International and Study Abroad programs to help students plan safe travels and to inform them on potential risks.

Assistant Director of International Programs, Michael McCabe, said that a few students from the areas that were listed in the email were a bit concerned about the information therein.

"Some students from that area found that email somewhat offensive and misleading," McCabe said.

McCabe spoke with some of the international students from the areas listed in the email. Not only did these students have to worry about midterms, they also had a ton of other things to worry about.

"In addition to dealing with midterms, they also have to think 'I hope my mom's okay,'" McCabe said.

McCabe also said that, along with the Ebola Virus, some of the areas listed in the email were enforcing curfews that took an economic toll on families of international students. Some students were even sending money to their families to help them get by.

The other concern was that the email might single out some international students and make them feel uncomfortable having attention brought to their nationality.

"My concern is that I don't want students to be afraid of this group or any group of students," McCabe

said.

Many people are just now beginning to educate themselves on Ebola. Until now, there was no real need to know about the disease. Now that it has been diagnosed on American soil, most of the nation is starting to read up on the history and statistics of the Ebola Virus.

The Ebola Virus was first discovered in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1976. Ever since, the rate of infection in West Africa has become something of an epidemic. Sufferers of this fatal ailment present symptoms such as a very high fever and severe internal bleeding.

According to Dr. Thomas Frieden with the Center of Disease Control (CDC), the virus "isn't spread by casual contact. It's not spread through the air. It's spread through body fluids." Dr. Frieden asserts that, in Africa, the disease is mainly spread through healthcare and funerals.

Aug. 2 was the first time that a human with Ebola arrived in America. Ever since, more and more cases have made their way into headlines from Texas to New York City.

Methodist University is advising students and staff to stay away from the high-level areas.

"Be advised that Methodist University recommends avoiding nonessential travel to countries for which a current U.S. State Department Travel Warning has been issued," Walker said.

Of course, the intent of the email was to both inform the students about the risk of Ebola being transmitted. It was also to ensure the safety of each and every student on campus, an ideal that both McCabe and Walker spend much of their day doing.

"These students come here from all around the world, so we make sure that our students are taken care of as much as possible," McCabe said. "My first concern is that the students are in an environment where they can succeed. And their safety and the overall safety of the campus is part of that."

BATTLE OF THE NERDS

Trentin Diaz

On Friday, Oct. 24, Erin Fegley, head of the Biology Club, and Katherine Snider, head of the Chemistry Club, faced off with their teams for the first time ever. In a head-to-head faceoff, Scott Robertson, Biology professor, commentated the event.

“It was an amazing time, over 50 people showed up for the event,” Robertson said.

In a jeopardy-style competition, competitors had one minute to figure out the answer. The Chemistry Club ended up beating the Biology Club with an estimated 540-350 score. President Hancock, along with other Biology and Chemistry professors like Dr. Hooper, Dr. Fulson and Dr. Singh, attended to see the young minds battle head-to-head.

Fegley and Snider plan to make the Battle of the Nerds an annual event. Anyone is welcome to join the Biology or Chemistry Clubs. With the Chemistry Club winning against the Biology club, one can only wonder how Biology will answer the call to battle next year. The next scheduled event for either team is a Biology hike in early November.

Chris Hondros Photography Exhibit

Erin Haley, Staff Writer

Testament, a collection of photographs and writings by the late Chris Hondros, is on display in the David McCune International Art Gallery in Bethune Center for Visual Arts. The exhibition opened on Sept. 11 and runs through Nov. 15.

Hondros grew up in Fayetteville and worked with the Fayetteville Observer, but he moved and traveled frequently. Hondros left the Observer in the late 90s to focus his career on international photojournalism.

After the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, Hondros began reporting in conflict zones of countries around the world. His collection includes photographs from Kosovo, Haiti, Afghanistan, Libya, Iraq and Liberia. His exhibit, Testament, features powerful images taken in the midst of wars and chaos.

The exhibit also shows a 20 minute video of an interview with Hondros. He goes into detail about his experience as a world photographer and the meaning behind his work.

His time spent in the war zones of other countries was dangerous, but, as a result, his photographs are vividly real and leave an emotional impact.

Hondros returned to Iraq and Afghanistan so frequently his trips became “routine.” Even after the countries began to fade out of the news, Hondros still returned to do his work.

“Testament documents Hondros’ quest to provoke thought and discover ‘a sense of human nature, a sense of shared humanity above the cultural layers we place on ourselves,’” according to promotional material.

Hondros died on April 20, 2011 from a fatal wound from a mortar attack while reporting in Libya. Testament is in memoriam of Hondros and the work he accomplished throughout his lifetime.

The Gregg Museum of Art and Design of NC State, the Chris Hondros Fund, Elite, Getty Images, the Fayetteville Observer and Methodist University sponsored the exhibit.

FROM MU 2 YOU

Trentin Diaz

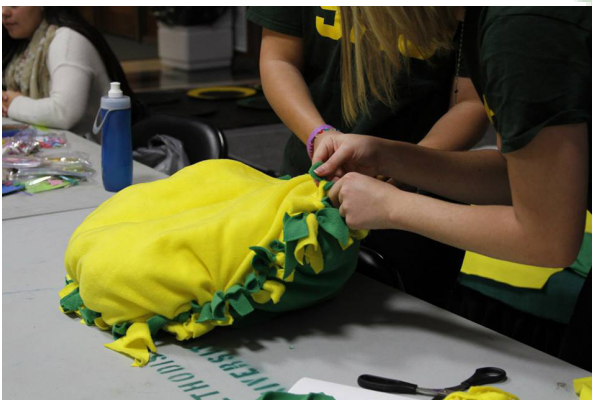
On November 10, 2014 Methodist University held the event “From MU to You”. The event took place in the Berns Student center and featured many community service organizations. Organizations on campus such as Social Justice Committee, Campus Ministry and MU’s Student Nurses Association were present to invite students to help make arts and craft supplies for local charities.

Such charities included Meals on Wheels, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), The Domestic Violence Shelter and S June Smith Center. The crafts made that day were sent out to their supported charities.

“This organization is about bringing together clubs and organizations on campus and promoting a sense of service giving to local charities and organizations,” said Kayleen-Marie Smithling.

Smithling, who was one of the head supporters behind the creation of MU to You hopes this organization will grow and help student do something bigger than them. “MU to You was created due to the want for something bigger than just another student committee’s event. It was an event where the students could give something bigger than themselves to the community” continued Smithling.

The crafts made included mini chalkboards, handmade bookmarks, candy bags, place mats, pet beds and dog toys.



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Announcement

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Ad salesmen
Reporters
Journalists

If you are interested please contact Nick Boykin at nboykin@student.methodist.edu or at (803) 931-6716. Visit smallTALK's social media websites for more upcoming information.



Methodist Welcomes Home Former Monarchs

MU Sports Information Department

On Friday evening, in conjunction with its Homecoming festivities, the Department of Athletics inducted the 17th class into its Hall of Fame. Inductees for 2014 include men's golfer Mike Adamson '97, women's soccer player Chrystal (Bradley) Crisanti '07 and women's golfer Charlotte Williams '07. Additionally, the Teams of Distinction are the 1995 men's soccer team, the 1995 women's soccer team and the 1991-92 women's basketball team.

Adamson, who was unable to make the ceremony and was presented in absentia, is another in a long line of men's golf standouts to play for the Monarchs. He helped lead the team to four National Championships and four conference championships. Along the way, he was a two-time All-American and the 1996 NCAA Individual National Champion. He nearly repeated as the Individual National Champion, finishing as the national runner-up in 1997. Additionally, Adamson was a two-time first team all-conference and one-time second team all-conference honoree.

Bradley led the women's soccer team to a pair of USA South Regular Season Championships in 2006 and 2007, a conference tournament title in 2007 and she helped the Monarchs to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances following both the 2006 and 2007 seasons. She was a four-time First Team All-USA South selection and garnered both the 2004 USA South Rookie of the Year award and the 2006 USA South Player of the Year honor.

One of the most decorated players in MU history, she is still the program's all-time leader in goals (82), and holds single-season records for points (88) and goals (37), while also ranking second in career points (194), and fourth in career assists (30).

Rounding out the 17th induction class was Williams, a four-time First Team All-American for the women's golf team. She helped lead the team to four NCAA Championships and was a two-time NCAA Individual Champion (2005, 2006). In 2004, she was the NGCA Freshman of the Year, and in 2006 took home NGCA Player of the Year honors. To date, she is still the MU single-season leader in scoring average to par (+3.54 in 2006-07) and is tied for second in single-season wins (3 in 2005-06). She is also Methodist's all-time leader in scoring average to par (+4.87) and career rounds played (100), second all-time in tournament wins (6) and second all-time in par or better rounds (8).

The "Teams of Distinction" designation was created in the summer of 2013 to honor the many teams at Methodist that have distinguished themselves as special, with great performances at the conference, regional and national levels. The inaugural Teams of Distinction were the men's basketball teams from 192-1975, the 1977 baseball team, the women's golf teams from 1987-89 and the men's golf team from 1990.

Headlining the second class for the Teams of Distinction were the 1995 men's and women's soccer teams, which both finished the season as the NCAA Division III National Runners-up.

The men's team, under the direction of Alan Dawson, finished the season with an overall record of 21-1 and featured a pair of All-Americans (Kenneth Hoey, Kari Reynisson), the Conference Player of the Year (Hoey), Rookie of the Year (Reynisson) and Coach of the Year (Dawson). In all, the squad had five first team all-conference players (Hoey, Reynisson, Kemal Kansu, Michael Scobee and Justin Terranova), and three second team all-conference players (Daniel Barros, Bjorgvin Fridriksson, Erik Lawton). Currently, the team still holds programs records for goals (74), assists (65), and games won (21).

On the women's side, the Monarchs, coached by Phil Stephenson, finished the season at 18-4 overall. Ruth Keegan and Jennifer Mauer were both second team All-Americans and Keegan was the Conference Player of the Year while Stephenson earned Conference Coach of the Year accolades. Keegan, Maurer, Michelle Brown, Casey Nuckols, and Michelle Spees were all named first team all-conference, and Candace Croal, Laura Farrell, Stacie Gause and Alvy Styles were all named to the second team. The 1995 squad still holds the record of most wins in a single season (18, tied with 1990 team).

Finally, the 1991-92 women's basketball team, coached by current USA South Athletic Conference Commissioner Rita Wiggs, posted a record of 22-6 and captured the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship. The 22-win season still stands as the most successful in Methodist women's basketball history. Two individuals from that team were honored team as Daphne Akridge was a first team all-conference selection and Roxanne Cannaday was tabbed to the second team.

And the Winner is...

Wylonda Surles

Homecoming week went great, with events from special guest to the schools traditional bonfire Friday night leading up to the big game, and was capped off Saturday night when Nicole Hardin and Jon Papillon took the crown for 2014's homecoming for Methodist University.

Hardin and Papillon, both seniors at Methodist University were announced the winners of the event at the homecoming dance, in which last year's King and Queen, presented them with their crowns. The crowning was then followed by the king and queens, in which the temporary couple for the occasion embraced their win.

The annual homecoming dance was the end of the homecoming week festivities on campus for the Monarch community.

This year's homecoming dance which the last five years was held at the Crown Coliseum was held at the Nimocks Fitness Center. According to SGA members who were in charge of forming the event, hoped the move would attract more attendance and help cut the financial cost of hosting the event off campus.

Even though the dance went off without a hitch, many students felt that the event could have been better planned around off campus social activities and Saturday night plans that the event interfered with.

Due to these reasons, the dance attendance was sparse. Students at the dance such as junior Maria Jones believed it was the timing and style of the event that lacked the improvement in which SGA was looking for.

"Dances are usually formed by a middle or high school administrators as an event. "It should be a party not a dance and if it is a dance it shouldn't be the same night everyone is going out," said Jones. Even though the dance had attendance issues, and drawbacks after a homecoming game loss, it did end the week in which the Monarchs showed makes Methodist so special, its community.



2014 Community Agencies Attended:

- Boys and Girls Club
- Cape Fear Botanical Garden
- Child Advocacy Center
- Designing Station
- Dream Center
- Fayetteville Area Protection Society
- Fayetteville Manor Nursing Home
- Fayetteville Urban Ministry
- Habit For Humanity Restore
- Haymount Nursing and Rehab
- Highland Presbyterian
- Interfaith Hospitality
- NC State Veterans Nursing Home
- Person St. UMC
- Salvation Army Retail Store
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Whispering Pines Nursing and Rehabilitation Center



I enjoyed everything about the day. The feeling of helping so many people was what made it worth it to me. To me, I really enjoyed the fact that I was lucky enough to be picked for physical work. I am more of a physical work person and I don't believe that I would have been as happy or as comfortable if I had been asked to interact with the people.

My favorite part was working with my classmates in order to accomplish what we needed to get done.



I was able to do crafts outdoors with children at the Botanical Gardens. Seeing the smiles on the kids' faces, being able to work with one of my class friends, and being able to work with extremely nice and helpful adult leaders made this day a wonderful experience and one that I would do again in a heartbeat.



My favorite part of the MU Day of Service was when the Dream Center gave us a presentation on Human Trafficking. I learned a lot from it, I never what it meant until they told us.

Men's Cross Country Takes 4th; Women 6th at USA South Conference Championships

Sports Information Department

GREENSBORO, N.C. -- The Methodist men's and women's cross country teams took part in the USA South Conference Championships on Saturday afternoon. The men's team finished in fourth place out of six teams, while the women's team took sixth place in the nine-team field.

Covenant won the men's championship with 25 total points, followed by Piedmont (41), Maryville (74), Methodist (105), Averett (131) and LaGrange (135). On the women's side, Meredith took home the championship with 39 points, followed by Covenant (42), Maryville (103), Mary Baldwin (114), Piedmont (128), Methodist (182), Averett (187), LaGrange (187), and N.C. Wesleyan (246).

Individual winners were Graham Massot of Covenant for the men (27:03.31) and Emily Guillaume of Maryville for the women (24:08.23).

For the Methodist men, Paul Brown earned second team all-conference honors with a 14th place finish. He covered the 8k course in 29:48.00. Luke Ryan was next over the line for MU, finishing in 21st place with a time of 31:41.79.

Daniel Castano took 24th with a time of 32:01.91 and Noah Miller (32:15.470 and David Pittard (32:16.13) took 26th and 27th place, respectively. Rounding out the MU competitors were Donte Smith (31st; 33:37.27), Sebastian Mendoza (34th; 34:00.00) and Trevor Thompson (38th; 35:18.48)

Kayla Beavers was the top Methodist female competitor, placing 27th with a time of 27:55.19. Katharine Flournoy placed 41st with a time of 29:29.07, and Bianca Smith-Paez was 46th in 30:16.34.

Kristin Fletcher recorded a time of 31:18.34 to place 53rd, and Katrin Halldorsdottir capped the Methodist contingent with a 70th-place finish in 34:43.75.

This ends the Cross Country season for the Monarchs, but with many team members competing on the track team, look forward to seeing these athletes compete in the Spring.

Monarchs Men's Soccer Rare Early Exit

By Billy Zeoli

For the first time in over a decade, the Methodist men's soccer team failed to make the conference semi-finals as the Monarchs were knocked out of the USA South Conference Tournament a little earlier than expected by most, losing to the Scots of Maryville College by a score of 2-1.

The Monarchs, who knew the conference schedule was going to be tough, lost the first two out of three conference games on the road to Greensboro and N.C. Wesleyan which dictated their official seed when it came to tournament time.

When it came to the rest of the season, Senior Nahom Hargwain saw those games as a lesson, "I believed we were able to learn from the two early losses we had and I think we did learn and we finished the regular season off strong."

The Monarchs went on to win their last seven games after losing at N.C Wesleyan as they were hot going into postseason play. The only difference was, their seed in the tournament was lower than past seasons. With Methodist and N.C Wesleyan both tying for third place at 8-2 in conference, Methodist slid down to the 4th seed from losing to N.C Wesleyan during the season. This meant a tough first round matchup with Maryville College who Methodist defeated 1-0 on a late goal during the season.

After an unlucky penalty kick called against Methodist late in the first half, Maryville took advantage and never looked back as they scored again early in the second half to hold off the Monarchs.

"Maryville played a lot better than the game we beat them in the regular season for sure. We created some good chances, but we were not lucky enough to score two. I was fortunate enough to score one, but it was not enough and I can say it was not our day," said Hargwain. The Monarchs were 9-0 this season when playing at home including that 1-0 win over Maryville which definitely made it a rare result all around. The entire season is nothing to look past if you're a Monarch Men's Soccer fan, with an 8-2 conference record and a 13-3-1 overall record, the Monarchs had a great season with just an unlucky early exit, and one senior definitely thinks that's the case.

With only losing five seniors the Monarchs will come back strong next season returning with All Conference players like; Eirik Nordseth, Ben Gold, Seth Harrison, David Korneliusson and Rookie of The Year goalkeeper, Alex Rabone.

Monarchs Look to Improve with Veteran Team

By: Marco Grimsley

Methodist University's men's basketball team looks to bounce back after posting a 10-16 (7-7 USA conference play) record last season.

The Monarchs are picked in pre-season polling to finish 8th in USA South Conference play. Head Coach David Smith said his team felt "disrespected" by the low ranking.

"It's only projections," said Smith. "Everybody is a contender in the conference."

The second unit will be led by starters such as junior Tabias Hilliard, senior Chris Vinson and senior Desmond Parker as well as upperclassmen T.J. Gill and Brandon Monk.

The graduation of senior Bryan Hockaday, last year's leading scorer and rebounder, has left a hole in the post for the Monarchs.

Coach Smith believes a healthy Monk, who missed several games last year, will help the team's chances.

"We get Brandon back from injury which will help us a lot," Smith said, "plus some of our freshman big-men we'll be just fine."

However, the Monarchs are looking to rely on guard play this year. Junior point guard Hillard appears primed to take control of this team, after starting all 26 games last season as a sophomore and averaging 13 points and four assists.

"Tabias is a returning all-conference guy," Smith said, "so you certainly lean on him a lot on and off the court."

Methodist opens up the season on the road for the first four games. The team was only 2-8 on the road last year, but Smith isn't worried.

"All of them [the games] were right there for us to take," Smith said. "But we learned from it and this year, those are the games we'll win. We'll get that turnover, or make that free throw to seal the deal."

The Monarchs' home opener is Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. against Virginia Wesleyan College in the Riddle Center.



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MU Volleyball Wraps Up 2014 Season

By: Anthony Radke

The Methodist University Volleyball team wrapped up their season on November 7 with a loss to Covenant College 0-3, in the USA South Tournament. The Monarchs finished the season with a 15-18 record overall, with a 10-9 record in conference play.

In the first month of action the ladies went 9-8 with wins against foes like Emory & Henry College, Hollins University, and Averett College. In this time the ladies pulled off a 5 game win streak, defeating Ferrum College, Averett, William & Peace University, Mary Baldwin College, and Greensboro College, before losing to NC Wesleyan.

In the second and final month of competition, the Monarchs would go 6-10 down the stretch. They would enjoy another streak of four games beating Huntingdon College, Ferrum, Piedmont College, and Meredith College. That streak would be snapped in the in an October 22 match against William & Peace. #11 Cassidy Hayes leads the Monarchs in Kills with 396. #13 Chyenne Pump and #2 Ryann Appleby were tied for the team lead with 125 spikes respectively. #3 Maggie Harris leads the team in assists with 1117. #5 Karly Kilmas lead the ladies with 577digs.

With a young team the Monarchs will not graduate any players. Now comes the offseason where the monarchs will work in the classroom and on the court to better themselves for next season.

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Maryville Trumps MU Women's Soccer, 2-1 (2OT), in USA South Tournament Finals

Sports Information Department

MARTINSVILLE, Va. – The Methodist women's soccer team dropped a 2-1 decision in double overtime to Maryville in the USA South Women's Soccer Championship game on Saturday evening at the Smith River Sports Complex.

The Monarchs fell behind just over seven minutes into the contest as Tournament MVP Sierra Siegel scored unassisted to put the Scots up 1-0 early in the match. Methodist recorded five shots in the opening half, but Mandy Marshall was up to the task for MC, making three saves, including a save in a one-on-one situation with MU's Deycasha Miller midway through the period.

In the second period, neither team had many solid scoring chances until a late hand ball on the Scots. A Methodist shot from roughly 25 yards out deflected off the hand of a MC player for an apparent penalty kick. However, after conferring with the linesman, the referee ruled that the ball was touched just outside the penalty box and granted the Monarchs a free kick from there with just under 10 minutes on the clock. Jessie Oder stepped up and ripped a shot to Marshall's left that tied the game at 1-1.

In the first overtime period, the Monarchs registered a pair of shots, but neither was on frame, and the two teams went into a second extra session.

Less than two minutes into the extra session, Siegel beat MU goalkeeper Taylor Ross to a ball on the edge of the 18 and slid a shot past Ross into a wide open net for the game-winning goal and give the Scots the conference tournament championship.

In all, Methodist outshot Maryville, 13-11, and Ross made two saves for the Monarchs. Marshall made five saves for Maryville and was named to the All-Tournament team. Victoria Martins, who scored MU's game-winning OT goal in the semifinals, Oder, and Miller were named to the All-Tournament team for the Monarchs.

Methodist, which had been seeking its first USA South Tournament Championship since 2007, wraps up the season with an overall record of 13-7-1.



Maryville Upends Methodist Football, 24-23

Sports Information Department

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. -- Maryville College defeated the Methodist football team, 24-23, in the season finale for both team on Saturday afternoon at Monarch Stadium.

The game featured three scores in the final 3:23 and MU had a chance to win the game after recovering on onside kick with less than five seconds remaining, but Max Reber's Hail Mary pass was batted away on the game's final play.

Trailing 17-14 in the fourth quarter, the Scots' Eddie Brock intercepted Reber at the Maryville 48 and returned it to the MU 36 yard line. Seven plays later, Trenton Shuler scored on an 11-yard run to push MC in front, 21-17, following Wesley Bloeme's PAT. On the Monarchs' ensuing drive, Reber was sacked by Jonathan Clark and fumbled, which was recovered by MC's Kent Minor at the Monarchs' 35 yard line.

The Scots advanced the ball to the MU 15 yard line where, on 4th-and-9, Bloeme converted a 32-yard field goal that gave the Scots a 24-17 lead with 1:19 to play.

With no timeouts, the Monarchs moved the ball to the Maryville 31 yard line, and on 3rd-and-10, Reber hooked up with Dedric Bowman for a touchdown that pulled Methodist within a point at 24-23. Following the play, MU was assess a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty which forced the PAT try to come from 15 yards further away. Ausherman's attempt to tie the game was pushed wide left and the Monarchs still trailed 24-23 with five seconds to play.

On the ensuing onside kick, the Scots touched the ball before it reached 10 yards and MU came up with the ball and were set up for one final play from their its own 35 yard line. Reber's Hail Mary pass was batted away inside the five yard line by MC's Calvin Short and the Scots hung on for the win.

The Monarchs had taken a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on Noah Shuler's three-yard scoring plunge with 4:29 on the clock. Maryville scored the only points of the second quarter, taking a 14-7 lead into the break. The Scots tied the game at 7-7 on Eddie Brock's two-yard run, and went in front when Evan Pittenger threw a five-yard touchdown pass to Jared Miller with 6:21 left in the quarter.

In the third period, MU surged ahead 17-14 as John Papillion scored on a four-yard run and Ausherman converted a 34-yard field goal with 5:38 left in the period. The field goal was the 30th of Ausherman's career and set a new career record for Methodist kickers.

For the game, Reber completed 22-of-46 passes for 172 yards with two interceptions and one touchdown. Anthony Radke led MU with six receptions for 51 yards. Papillion gained 56 yards on 11 carries, and Shuler carried the ball 13 times for 56 yards and each player scored once.

Bryan Bing led the Monarch defense with 10 tackles, including 1.5 for loss and a sack. D.J. Payne had seven tackles, and Ziere Diggs had a pair of tackles, two pass breakups and an interception.

Pittenger completed 16-of-33 passes for 111 yards with a touchdown and a pick. Bryan Horton had six receptions for 108 yards, and Trenton Shuler led MC's ground game with 55 yards on 16 carries.

Defensively, Gabe Johnson had nine tackles and Jonathan Clark had seven tackles, for loss, with a pair of sacks.

Maryville finishes the season with a 7-3 record and a 6-2 mark in conference play, while Methodist concludes 2014 at 6-4 overall and 5-3 in league play.

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