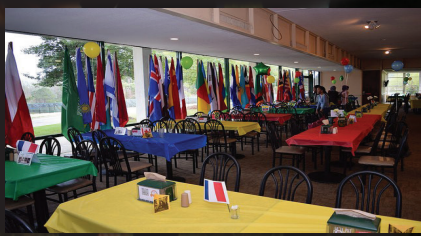


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THE SIXTH ANNUAL MU INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

BY: NOMCEBO VILANE

The sixth annual Methodist University (MU) International Food Festival took place on Wednesday, May 25th, 2015 at the Green&Gold Cafeteria. The Festival allows students to showcase food and culture from their home countries.

The event was open to the public and doors opened at 5pm and the event lasted until 8pm.

The Festival was organized by the MU International Club, in conjunction with the International Programs Office (IPO) and the Green&Gold cafeteria (operated by Aramark) staff and management.

According to IPO Assistant Director, Michael McCabe, the IPO was responsible for partial funding of the event.

McCabe praised Aramark's General Manager at the MU Green&Gold cafeteria, Billy Gonzales and Catering Manager, Jill Small, for their efforts. McCabe said, "In previous years, before the Green&Gold cafeteria was operated by Aramark, organizing the Festival was chaotic. However, with Aramark, there was a cooperative, well-organized environment."

Sophomore international student, Chioma Azih, who worked with cafeteria staff this year agreed, saying, "The whole process was easy and everything was well-organized."

the categories "Best Dish", "Best Presentation" and "Most Popular Dish".

The competition is a relatively new addition to the Festival. The idea for the food competition was proposed by international student, Esra'a Al-Shawafi, last year.



MU students and Green&Gold cafeteria staff prepare and serve food. Photo credit: Doo Lee

In addition to the showcasing of different foods, there was a competition where dishes were judged according to the categories "Best Dish", "Best Presentation" and "Most Popular Dish".

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Iraqi hummus won the "Best Dish" title. The "Best Presentation" title went to Ecuadorian ceviche and Korean bulgogi took home the "Most Popular Dish" title.

There were mixed reviews about the Festival. Most people claimed to like and enjoy it; however some people were not as impressed.

Associate Professor of Economics, Matthew Dobra said, "I thought the food was fantastic! I think more people should participate in the programs international students have to offer."

MU freshman, Kevin Paul said, "It was cool, the decorations were cool. But to be honest, I didn't like the food too much. It was edible. But my expectations were high and they were not fulfilled."



The Green&Gold Cafeteria during the MU International Food Festival. Photo credit: Doo Lee

Dominican Republic Mission Trip

By: Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez

Campus ministry went on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic over Spring Break to help make a difference in any way they could. They went to Barahona, D.R. which is located 45 minutes away from the Haitian border to do a lot of work with the elderly and children. Campus ministry worked in partnership with Praying Pelicans to complete their mission.

On the trip there were 12 students and two staff members and they went to different communities to pray with kids and family members. After praying they invited the children to come back and attend bible schools. On one day they even went to a village where the women who lived there could only support their families through prostitution. Prior to visiting that village the students had no idea what they would encounter and stated that the whole experience was humbling.

The students on the trip also got to do a couple house visits and helped with refurbishments. In one house they gave a man concrete floors where he originally had dirt floors, and in another they repainted the walls.

“It was a different kind of service this time around compared to other trips I have been on,” said Gavin Daniels, “but what we were doing was important nonetheless.”

The trip cost each student roughly around \$1600, and this included the plane tickets, lodging, food, and project expenses. In order to fundraise they sponsored different events including the Dodge Ball tournament that was held in Nimmocks the week before break, and the Annoying Song marathon in the Berns student center where they played terrible music until they got the money they needed. These events were helpful but the biggest source of funds for the students who went on the trip was sending out letters to families and friends asking for donations, or crowd funding websites such as Go Fund Me.

Nicole Spink, another student who attended the trip, said that, “In the beginning they had a zoomed out picture and were able to zoom in and focus and impact individuals,” and “Everyone should go on a mission trip at some point in their lives, you don’t have to be the most religious person, but you can see how happy people are when you help them.”

This was Nicole’s first mission trip and she said that she had never been happier, but she also wanted to remind everyone that “You don’t have to go out of the country to be of service to others, there are people in our own community that need our help.”

Mission trips are a great way to give back to the world in a constructive fashion and the Campus Ministry will have more trips in the future. Methodist University usually has three mission trips a year, and the next trip will most likely be to Haiti this winter.



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Student Opinions

Q: How do you feel about the recent increase in parking tickets?



Students definitely need to be more informed on where they are allowed to park, but parking at MU is hard to find I don't think its fair to get a ticket for parking in the wrong lot if you paid for a parking sticker thinking you could park anywhere on campus.

-McKenzie Pennington

Opinions



Its not justified because there aren't enough parking spaces. The parking tickets are also way too expensive, because we pay too much for the pass already and the price does not justify the quality of the spaces. Parking lots need a face-lift.

-John Locke



They are giving out more parking tickets because there are too many people with cars. If freshmen didn't have parking privilege then maybe there would be more spaces available.

-Sharon Moran



I feel that the students need to be more informed about certain parking spots like the rules, where to park as a resident, and where commuters can park. There should also be more parking areas especially by North and the Greek village because if we can't find a spot we park by the math building and people get tickets. -Maddi Antor



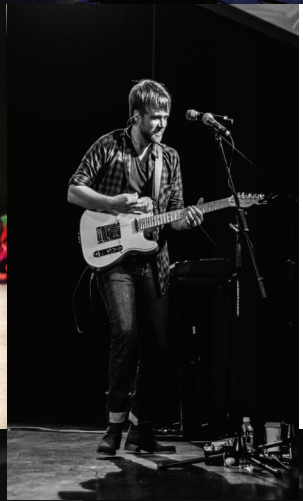
They need to inform people that there are more parking lots more than just a sign. The students need to be informed on what the rules are. There are not enough spaces. -Stephanie Perez



Its kind of unnecessary since there aren't enough parking spaces, I live in north so I have no place to so I shouldn't be fined because there is really no where for me to park.

-Anna Creep

Easter Jam 2015



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Monday, April 13th

11:00 a.m. – Noon Faculty Presentations

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 2nd Annual Graduate Symposium (PA Auditorium)

Tuesday, April 14th

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Creative Writing: Poetry Students (PA Auditorium)

Wednesday, April 15th

8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. 4th Annual Undergraduate Symposium (Locations Vary)

Thursday, April 16th

TBD Presidential Signature Speaker (Locations Vary)

Friday, April 17th

11:00 a.m. – Noon Faculty Presentations (Locations Vary)



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Campus Ministry



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Foreign Film Festival Ends on a High Note

By: Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez

This semester's foreign festival sponsored by Methodist University's Department of Modern Language and Literature ended on April 10, 2015 with a screening of the Italian film, *L'ultimo bacio* (The Last Kiss). The film was directed and written by Gabriele Muccino. As opposed to most other films that were meant to provoke deep thoughts in regards to cultural issues, this film featured issues that could happen anywhere with an Italian twist.

Dr. Francescon and Methodist University's only Italian student, Isabella Tuveri, introduced the film. During the introduction they passed around a basket of chocolates and authentic Italian cheese for those attending to enjoy. They mentioned that the themes that would be present for the film were going to be the dynamics behind relationships, coming of age, making decisions and love.

The plot of the film primarily followed a group of friends in their late twenties realizing that they aren't young any more and that they were unhappy with the monotonous lives that they had begun to live. The main characters Carlo and Giulia

found themselves in a three year relationship in which Carlo had begun to grow bored and eventually has an affair with an 18 year old girl he had met at a friend's wedding. This decision has many consequences, but in the end they get back together for the sake of their daughter.

In order to offset the theme of these young men trying to figure out what to do with their lives, an old couple is also introduced to sort of foreshadow what lies ahead of them. One thing that the film did marvelously was that it continually set up parallels in the different scenes, for example in one shot a character was mourning the death of his father and immediately after that it went to another character shopping for strollers in order to prepare for her newborn.

The film was phenomenal, and although it wasn't meant to provoke many thoughts in the audience it certainly created a topic for discussion after the film was finished. Since the film's ending was rather ambiguous the audience had a chance to wonder at what actually laid in store next for the characters.

Although this semester's batch of excellent foreign films is over the Department of Modern Languages and Literature would like to invite you out next semester for their next couple of films. Dr. Francescon would also like to remind students that if they are interested in learning Italian there will be a 101 class offered next spring.



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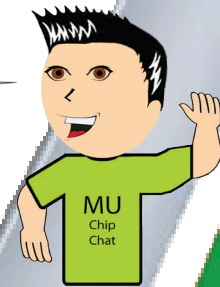
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Methodist soccer goes to England

By: Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez

Methodist University vs. Liverpool FC is an opportunity that most of the soccer players could only dream of. This dream of playing with a premier league club came true over spring break. Over the break Methodist University had 22 student athletes and two coaches go over to England and live any American soccer player's fantasy.

The players themselves funded the trip through fundraising and personal money. They spent eight days in England and went to several places including London, Manchester, and St. George's Park. St. George's Park is actually the training grounds where the England national teams gather to train.

While in England the soccer team went sight seeing and toured soccer stadiums, but also got the opportunity to train with some of England's Football Association coaches, including some training with Chelsea FC, and Fulham FC, and games with Liverpool FC and Aldershot Town. Some of the soccer players even got to attend an official premier league match between Burnley FC and Manchester City. City lost that game 1-0.

"The trip was priceless for building team bonding and improving our level of play. We took a major step forward with a very young squad." said Jusin Terranova, the head soccer coach here at Methodist.

The players also really understood and appreciated the value of the trip, "It was great" said Walter Barnett, sophomore on the team, "It brought the team closer together and ended up making us a better team because of it. We learned so much from the coaches and teams we trained with."

The experiences and bonds formed on this trip will prove to be priceless and remembered forever. This trip could be a great morale boost as the soccer team begins to look forward to another good season ahead.



Men's Baseball Dominates in March

By: Nick Boykin

Methodist University baseball will enter April, by ending March with a record of 13-2 and a 15 game winning streak to start the last month of the regular season.

The Monarchs winning success started after an average 3-2 start, which saw MU drop two games to USA South Conference opponent Huntingdon College, but the Monarch have beaten every team since.

Over this winning streak the Monarchs have outscored their opponents 131-45 which started after beating the Wasp of Emory and Henry College on March 11th.

Before the Monarchs entered March, Coach Tom Austin and his team were hovering above .500 at (6-5) overall and (4-4) USA South.

Since then they have climbed to a record of 21-7 and have the best winning percentage in the conference. In Methodist Monarchs swept Piedmont, the only other team with 20 wins in the USA South.

MU will have 12 games in April to finish out the last month of the season, and after beating Piedmont will face Averret, Lagrange and N.C. Wesleyan to end the season.

Methodist will also have to finish strong, if they want to represent the USA South Conference in the NCAA Tournament in May.

Since the end of the 2013 season, the USA South has no longer had a USA South Baseball tournament, which means the winner of the regular season will represent the conference in the national tournament.

The Monarchs have a good chance to do just that, out of the last four teams the Monarchs will play; only Averret and Piedmont have a record above .500 on the season.

Also six out of the 12 games will be at Armstrong-Shelly Field on the MU campus.

Methodist will now will play Averret next with the chance to extend their streak.



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Methodist Splits Double Header with Ferrum

By: MU Sports Information Department

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. -- The Methodist softball team split an afternoon doubleheader with Ferrum on Monday. The Monarchs held off the Panthers, 9-7, in game one before falling, 2-1, in the nightcap. In the opener, MU led 9-3 entering the top of the seventh inning and weathered a Ferrum rally to pull out the two-run win.

The Monarchs (17-17, 12-10 USA South) broke open a tie game in the fourth inning to take a 5-1 lead. Ally Griffin doubled with one out and moved up to third on Allyson Aycock's single. Alanna Anderson gave the Green and Gold the lead for good with a run-scoring single to left for a 2-1 lead. Pinch hitter Emily Hester came up with two outs and singled up the middle to make it 3-1 and Heather Williams made it 5-1 with a double to the wall in left center.

The Panthers got a run back in the fifth inning on Amanda Roberts' RBI single, but MU scored twice more in the bottom of the frame, courtesy of RBI singles by Aycock and Anderson, for a 7-2 lead.

Danielle Persson made it 7-3 when she drove in Heather Mayberry with a single in the sixth, but MU kept Ferrum at arm's length as Lindsay Tippet drove in Krista Zentner with a double, and Kristen Bailly hit a sacrifice fly to right to score Williams and make it 9-3.

In the top of the seventh, the Panthers opened with a walk and a double to put two runners on with no one out as MU starter Nicole Heinrich gave way to Monica Revels in the circle. Sarah Bowman followed with an RBI single that made it 9-4, and Mayberry singled home a run to put the score at 9-5 with still no outs.

Revels got Mika Smith to fly out, and Aiyana Lew to ground out to third for the first two outs. Pinch hitter Emily Nelson pulled Ferrum within a pair at 9-7 with a two-run single. Following a single by Amanda Roberts that brought the go-ahead run to the plate, Revels retired Amber Coffin on a fly ball to deep center field to end the game.

Heinrich picked up the win and improved to 7-6 on the year. She allowed five runs on nine hits and seven walks with one strikeout in 6.0 innings. Revels worked the final inning, surrendering two runs on four hits.

Emily Taylor was tagged with the loss. She started and lasted 3.2 innings, giving up five runs on five hits and a walk with one strikeout. Roberts pitched the final 2.1 innings and yielded four runs on six hits and two walks.

Aycock finished 3-for-4 with a pair of runs and one RBI. Griffin was 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI and a run scored, and Williams was 1-for-2 with two RBI, two runs and a stolen base. Anderson added two hits in three at bats with two RBI and a run.

Roberts finished 3-for-4 at the plate with an RBI and a run, and Mayberry was 2-for-3 with two runs and one driven in.

In game two, MU led 1-0 in the seventh inning, but Ferrum's Lindsey Slover hit a two-run home run to left center to provide the game-winning runs.

The late-inning homer spoiled a strong start by MU's Emily Hester, who took the loss (5-3) despite allowing just two runs on four hits and two walks with a strikeout in 7.0 innings. Courtney Rudd (8-2) had a strong game in the circle for the Panthers. She allowed one run on three hits and two walks with two strikeouts in 7.0 innings.

Methodist took a 1-0 lead on William's RBI single in the third that plated Kirsten Markow.

In the bottom of the seventh, Griffin drew a leadoff walk and moved up to second on a sacrifice bunt by Heinrich. Griffin gave MU the tying run at third as she advanced on a ground out by Anderson, but a pop foul off the bat of Markow ended the contest.

Williams, Tippet and Bailly all singled for the Monarchs.

For Ferrum, Coffin was 2-for-3, and Slover finished 1-for-2 with two RBI and a run.

MU Track Competes in UCS Invitational

By: Anthony Radke

The Methodist University track team have competed in the UCS Invitational at Wake Forest University on February, 21st and the Shamrock Invitational at Coastal Carolina University on March 19th, 20th, and 21st, respectively.

In the one day UCS Invitational, Nick Talley had the best throw on the day for the Monarchs, throwing 11.83m in the weight throw and a 13.04m in the shot put. Alexis Woodson was the sole Monarch in the women's field events, with a best toss of 8.94m in the shot put.

The men runners were in many events. Adonius McBride finished the 60m dash with a final time of 7.08s. Ziere Diggs recorded a 24.29 in the 200m. Donte Smith crossed the line in 50.59s in the 400m and Tony Taylor followed crossing the finish line at 54.79s. Distance runner Paul Brown represented MU in the 800m and mile run, finishing in 2:07.24 and 4:58.02, respectively.

The women runners were led by Amani Herman, who competed in the 200m, finishing in 32.02. Deja Weaver registered a final time of 1:03.76 in the open 400m.

On the first day of the Shamrock Invitational, In the men's hammer throw Nicholas Talley threw a 35.68m and Brad Smith threw a mark of 33.68m were the only Monarchs to compete in day one. The Next day, Paul Brown kicked off the Monarchs day in the mile run, finishing with a final time of 4:51.79. In the open 400m, Claude Farrington crossed the line in 55.66s. In the open 100m, Donte Smith posted a time of 11.30s and Simeon Bullock finished in 12.58s. Ziere Diggs was the only Monarch in the hurdles competition, finishing with a time of 15.95s in the men's 110m preliminaries.

On the final day of competition the women started off the Monarch's day with Deja Weaver and Kristin Fletcher competing in the open 200m race, finishing in 28.07s and 29.15, respectively. The Monarchs four men to run in the 4x400m relay were Adonius McBride, Donte Smith, Erick Cardona, and Roosevelt Colson, they posted a time of 44.03s. In the men's field events, Nicolas Talley had a best heave of 12.08m in the shot put and Brad Smith finished with an 11.87m. Francisco Garduno also competed in the shot put, with a best throw of 10.74m.

Monarch Men's Tennis Tops Bridgewater, 7-2

By: Sports Information Department

BRIDGEWATER, Va. — The Methodist men's tennis team bested Bridgewater College, 7-2, on Saturday afternoon. With the win, the Monarchs improve to 8-4 on the overall season.

The Monarchs picked up two wins in doubles play, including Taylor Buchholz and Dillon Sullivan's 8-3 win over Kyle Hartfield and Christian Lynn at No. 1. In the third doubles matchup, John Dangerfield and Jacob Groce blanked Aaron Snook and Cameron Rhorey, 8-0.

In the singles part of the match, R.J. Clement edged Brandon Larson, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 at No. 1 and at No. 2 Buchholz came from behind to win, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 over Hatfield. The fourth singles match saw Sullivan top Thomas Rishcoff, 7-6 (1), 6-2, 6-1, and at No. 5, Kyle Mersereau defeated Aaron Snook. On court six, Teal Howard blanked Rhorey, 8-0.

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Please send all of your submissions to both Trentin Diaz, tdiaz@student.methodist.edu, and Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez, knevarez-hernandez@student.methodist.edu.

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