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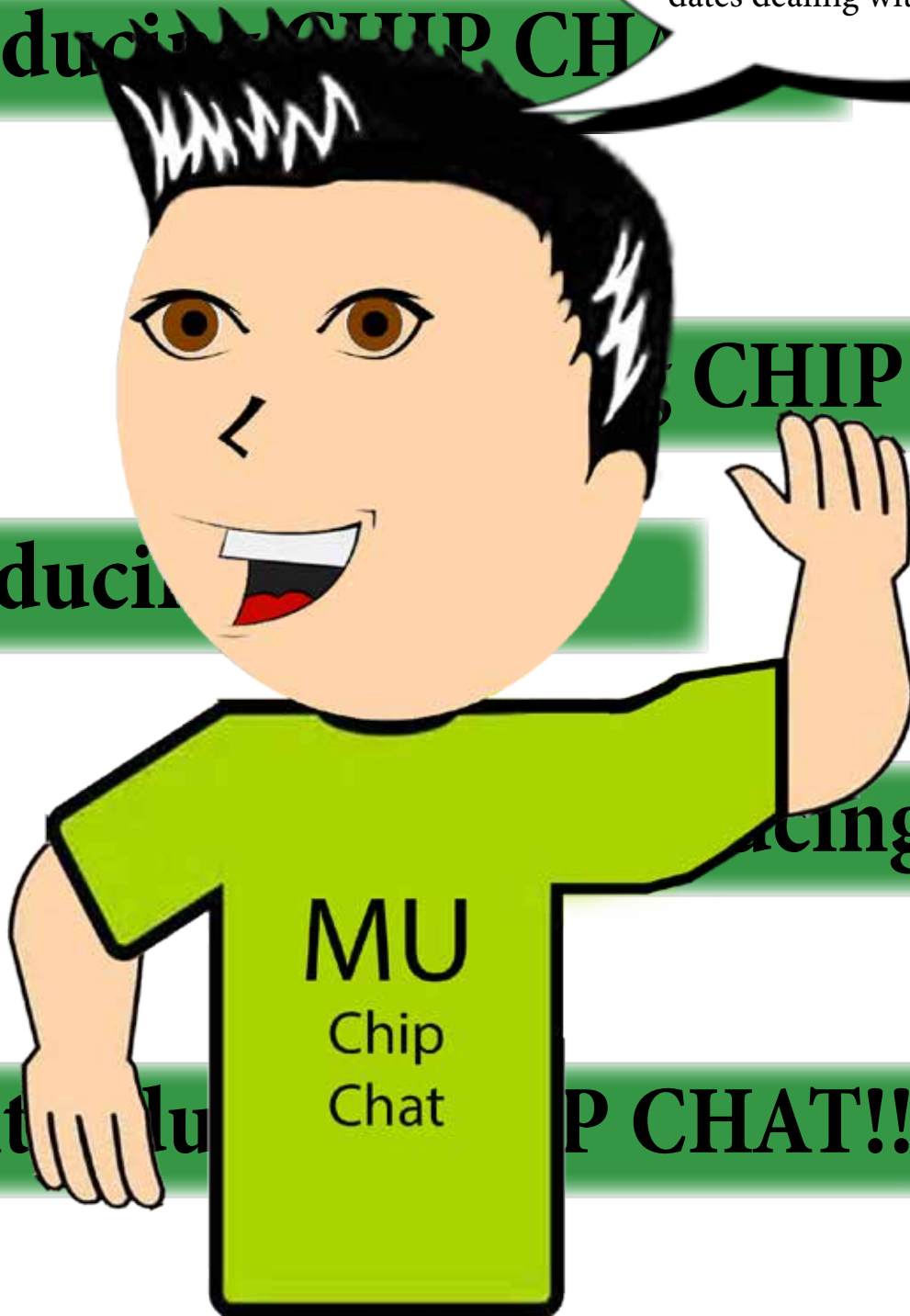
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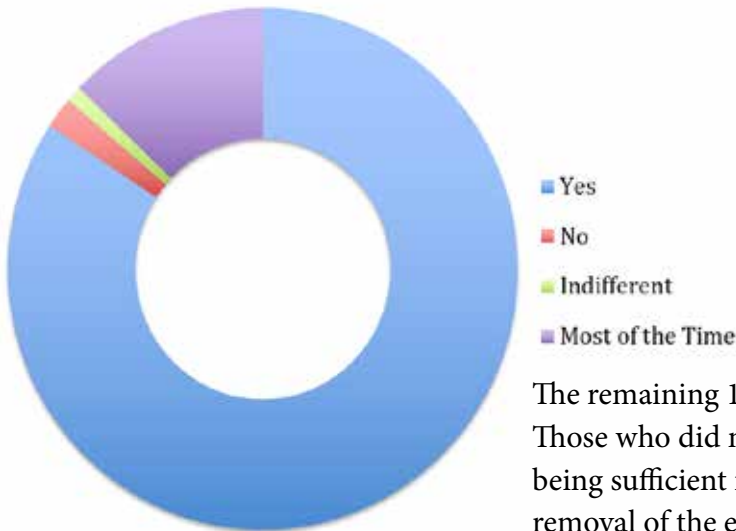
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Do You Feel Safe on Campus?



SmallTALK polled a total of 203 students, faculty and staff in this issue's smallTALK snapshot with the question, Do you feel safe on campus? In the poll, 75 of the responses were from men and the remaining 128 were women. The general consensus was that of the students polled 84% (131) believed that yes they are safe on campus. Then there were 1% (2) indifferent and 2% (4) who said no they do not feel safe.

The remaining 13% (26) belonged to those who felt safe most of the time. Those who did not feel safe gave a couple reasons such as the lighting not being sufficient in some places on campus at night, dissatisfaction with the removal of the escort program, and the fact that anyone can basically come on campus.



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Distinguished leadership
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Methodist University is proud to recognize Andrea Davids with the Distinguished Leadership Fellow award. Other Leadership Fellow award winners were: Lindsay Tippett, Mariama Jabati, Leigh Ann Philbee, Lorenzo McKenzie, and Stephanie Perez.



Leigh Ann Philbee
Leadership Fellow



Lorenzo McKenzie
Leadership Fellow



Stephanie Perez
Leadership Fellow

Spring Fling Floats on Anyway

By: Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez

On April 22, SAC sponsored their yearly event called Spring Fling and the event was heavily attended, but there was one setback, no hot air balloon. The day was so nice and windy that the company that was providing the hot air balloon deemed it to be too windy to send the balloon up. Regardless of that issue SAC did a good job at engaging students and showing them a good time.

The event took place on Sink Field and had several attractions for students to enjoy. There was a Ferris wheel, a Super Sizzler spinning roller coaster, a dunk tank, and several inflatable attractions that emulated challenges from the hit T.V. show Wipeout. Attractions aside there was also a food truck that was serving nachos, snow cones, and funnel cakes to the students for free.

A campus sorority, Alpha Delta Pi, held their annual Pie a Pi event during the event as well. In the event students could pay to throw a pie into the faces of sorority members. The proceeds of this event went towards the Ronald McDonald House charity. Near the Pie a Pi event there was also some corn hole games set up to provide further entertainment.

Students were also given the opportunity to sign a poster created by Methodist University's Students for Social Change to help raise awareness for Sexual Assault. Once the students signed the poster they were given a teal ribbon, which represents sexual assault awareness.

Spring Fling was also the stage for the Presidential Pep Rally, which allowed the university President to honor and congratulate all of the sports teams for their performances this year. All of the teams lined up and walked in a mini-parade while the band played. After the President spoke and gave his thanks he also honored all of the seniors who played sports for Methodist and thanked them for their years of service. After the Pep rally all of the teams gathered for a huge group shot of all the athletes.

This event was a great way to relax ahead of finals week and a good way to end the semester on a high note. SAC always manages to make Spring Fling a great event each year and they certainly raised the bar this year, although weather prevented them from shattering it.



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Announcement

smallTALK is now Recruiting!!!

SmallTALK is looking for students to join our organization. Become a voice for the school and experience what smallTALK has to offer.

SmallTALK is looking for:
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Copyeditors
Ad salesmen
Reporters
Journalists
Page Layout
Designers

Come be apart of our smallTALK family!



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The Truth about Parking

Opinion

By: Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez

As a commuter the issue of parking has always been something that I have been concerned about. At my orientation here at Methodist I was made aware that there are designated lots for everyone, specifically parking lots for those who commute and residents; at least that is what I was lead to believe. Yes, there are lots for each type of parking sticker category but that does little to guarantee spots for commuters.

The truth is that residents like to park in the commuter lots because it is more convenient than walking from their dorms, but for each space that a resident takes a commuter is potentially left without one. I have experienced this a couple times and have had to park on another side of the campus. I understand that some students would rather not walk to class, especially on rainy days, but for commuters this is especially inconsiderate.

The way that parking works here at Methodist is that students can buy a semester pass which costs \$100, or a year long pass that costs \$180 dollars. The ticket prices are way cheaper than at other larger campuses, which could cost upwards of \$200, and the price hasn't gone up in the recent years. The color of the parking sticker depends on whether you are a commuter, blue/silver, or if you are a resident, green/gold. These stickers then give you access to your particular lots, which are denoted by signs.

If you park in the wrong lot and are caught by a Public Safety officer they can issue a ticket for \$25. These tickets do not affect your driver's license, but if you are a senior you will not be allowed to graduate until it is paid off and if you are a regular student you will not be allowed to register for classes until it is paid off.

Recently there has been an increase in the amount of parking ticket's issued because the Public Safety office has changed their regulations for who can issue tickets in an effort to begin cracking down on those who park in incorrect lots.

There have been some new lots created on campus in which both commuters and residents can park that most of the students may not be aware of. These lots are located near North Hall, across from Nimocks Fitness



MU ROTC

ROTC Day at Methodist University was celebrated in honor of the MU ROTC alumni. Since the program started the Black Daggers have been jumping on the MU football field. The family friendly event had water ballon fights, food, games, and bounce houses making it a fun day for the whole family.



Campus Ministry



Methodist University is committed to helping each student grow toward wholeness; physically, mentally, socially, spiritually, and academically. Because the college recognizes that spiritual well-being is essential to wholeness, a diverse religious life program is offered to help students along this journey.

Methodist University also encourages and supports students on their spiritual journey when they practice a faith other than Christianity. Methodist University encourages students of various faiths to organize themselves for the purpose of learning and growing in their faith. Methodist University also encourages interfaith dialogue.

Contact Ms. Donna Wilson at (910) 630-7157 to arrange pastoral counseling. Pastoral Counseling is provided on request 24 hours a day by calling 7157 for an appointment. Chapel is open for prayer and meditation from 7:00am to 11:00pm.

Athletic Awards Night

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. -- On Tuesday, the Methodist University Department of Athletics held its annual awards ceremony in Huff Concert Hall recognizing roughly 400 student-athletes and staff for another successful year.

The Department's Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) took ownership of the event for the first time and SAAC produced the evening's slideshows and set up and broke down Huff Concert Hall. The event was emceed by football player Jordan Rieling and women's basketball player Wylonda Surles.

Each team chose a representative to come to the stage and briefly recap their respective seasons and share their most important moments from 2014-15 with their peers. Additionally the Department handed out its annual awards and recognized those who helped make the past athletic year a most successful one. It was announced earlier in the day that Methodist had won the Overall and Men's Presidents Cups from the USA South.

The academic achievement of MU's student-athletes was recognized, as all students with a 3.0 GPA or better were acknowledged, and those seniors who have maintained at least a 3.4 cumulative GPA were brought on stage.

The evening began with the presentation of the Honorary Monarchs. Given to people who show a high level of dedication and support to particular teams, or the department as a whole, as fans, benefactors, aides, advisors, etc. . . ., the Honorary Monarchs are chosen by staff members as a way to say thank you. This year, men's soccer recognized Bill Rudisill for his generosity through the years, while the men's basketball team honored David Silvis for his unwavering support.

The Male and Female Outstanding Senior Athletes of the Year, football player Max Reber, and women's soccer and lacrosse player Cassie Walter, were recognized in front of their peers. The duo had previously been given their awards as MU's Spring Convocation.

Director of Athletics and Vice President Bob McEvoy also awarded service awards to the members of the athletics staff. Assistant baseball coach Spencer Martin, head women's soccer coach Bryan Madej and head men's tennis coach Mike Bonnell were each recognized for five years of service. Head women's tennis coach Francie Barragan and head football coach C.J. Goss were each recognized for 10 years of service, and Senior Associate Director of Athletics/SWA and head women's basketball coach DeeDee Jarman was recognized for her 20 years of service.


The Bobby Bell Good Works Award, given annually to the student or staff member who represents the work ethic and character of former staff member Bobby Bell, was given to Assistant Director of Athletics Dave Eavenson.

he final individual award given out was the Rita Wiggs award, given to the Monarch who demonstrates courageous actions in the face of adversity. The award, presented by former MU women's basketball coach and current USA South Commissioner Rita Wiggs, was given to men's soccer player Rodrigo Diaz.

SAAC also awarded a Community Outreach Award for the team that best exemplified the community service of a Methodist University student-athlete. The women's basketball team was honored for its civic works for the fifth consecutive year.



Senior Scholar Athletes, Frank Barone - Men's Soccer, Gina Battistone - Women's Golf, Gabriella Gunawan - Women's Golf, Morgan Mann - Women's Tennis, Stefanie Mansfield - Athletic Training, Akemy Piescik - Athletic Training, Jessie Oder- Women's Soccer, Kevin Quinn - Men's Golf, Emily Talley - Women's Tennis, Mark, Tarentino - Men's Tennis, Lindsay Tippett - Softball



Have a great summer folks! Hope to see many of you back here at Methodist University. On the next page are two just for you! Use them as a yearbook sheets and get your friends to sign or draw in them!

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Yearbook

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Submit your short stories and Comics to be printed here in the smallTALK magazine.

smallTALK Short Story/ Comic Strip Submission



smallTALK, the student voice of Methodist University, is looking for student written short story submissions and comic strips! The requirements for each form of submission are given below and we are very much looking forward to your input. This is your opportunity to showcase your stories for the whole university to see and enjoy. The staff here will review the submissions at smallTALK and we will choose the best one.

Short Story: The short story has to be in between 250-350 words. If you wish to write a longer story then we can divide it into different segments and run it as a serial. We also ask you to please edit your stories, we will double check but submitting a story with several errors will automatically disqualify you from consideration. There are two issues left in the year and we are hoping to run two stories each issue.

Comic Strip: The comic strip should be no bigger than $\frac{1}{2}$ of a page, but if they are smaller we can fit more into the issue. We have two issues left in this semester so that means that there are four slots available, but if you submit smaller comic strips then we will be able to publish more of them. When submitting these make sure to send them as an image file with good quality, otherwise it will not be considered.

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO READING ALL OF YOUR SUBMISSIONS`