

News

UNESCO Resolution Sparks Controversy

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UNESCO, the United Nations body for culture and heritage, voted Oct. 13 to pass a resolution condemning Israeli aggressions toward holy sites in and around Jerusalem. The draft resolution passed by a vote of 24-6 with 26 countries abstaining. The United States was one of the six countries that voted against it and had been working with Israel in the weeks prior to the vote to convince more countries to vote against or abstain. On Tuesday, Oct. 18 the resolution was ratified.

Israeli officials and other Jewish groups spoke out against the resolution, pointing to language that seems to deny the importance of sites such as the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. All sites are referred to specifically by their traditional Islamic names throughout the text; in the rare case that the traditional Jewish names are used, they are

placed within quotation marks and/or preceded by the term "so-called," undermining the legitimacy of the Jewish names for sites.

The leader of the Israeli Labor Party, Isaac Herzog, said in reference to the resolution: "Whoever wants to rewrite history, to distort fact, and to completely invent the fantasy that the Western Wall and Temple Mount have no connection to the Jewish people, is telling a terrible lie that only serves to increase hatred." The Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has also criticized the resolution, calling UNESCO a "theater of the absurd" and saying that "the organization has made its most bizarre decision by saying the people of Israel have no connection to the Temple Mount and the Western Wall." The resolution has created conflict within other



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nations; Mexico's ambassador was reportedly fired over his refusal to vote in support of the resolution, and someone else voted for Mexico in his place. However, Mexico changed their stance to that of abstention on the 18th. Though it was speculated that this would be cause for a vote recast, this did not happen and the resolution was still ratified. Since then, Italy has spoken in disapproval

of the resolution and changed its status from abstention to opposition. Italy's prime minister, Matteo Renzi, stated: "...we cannot deny reality...to say that the Jewish people has no connection to Jerusalem is like saying that the sun creates darkness." Netanyahu has since thanked Renzi for his stance.

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Angeles Latinas Hosted Fifth Annual Heritage Fiesta

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At Meredith College where the Latina population is small but mighty, the Latina organization Angeles Latinas hosted an event that educated students about various Latino cultures. The club hosted its fifth annual Heritage Fiesta on Oct. 19 at 6 pm in Kresge Auditorium. The fiesta qualified as an Academic and Cultural Event.

Originating in 2012, the Heritage Fiesta was first put on by the creators of Angeles Latinas, which was founded in 2011. The fiesta was put on in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month which ranges from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 each year and focuses on the important

contributions that Hispanic and Latino Americans have brought to modern day America.

"At the festival, we [taught] others about Latino culture through authentic food, performance, presentation, and a showcase," co-president of Angeles Latinas Elizabeth Leon said. Additionally, there was a traditional dance from Jalisco, Mexico as well as other dances such as Bachata, Merengue, and Cumbia.

Angeles Latinas meets twice a month on Wednesdays at 10 am in Harris 202. The organization is open to anyone who is interested in Latino culture or who identifies as a Latina.

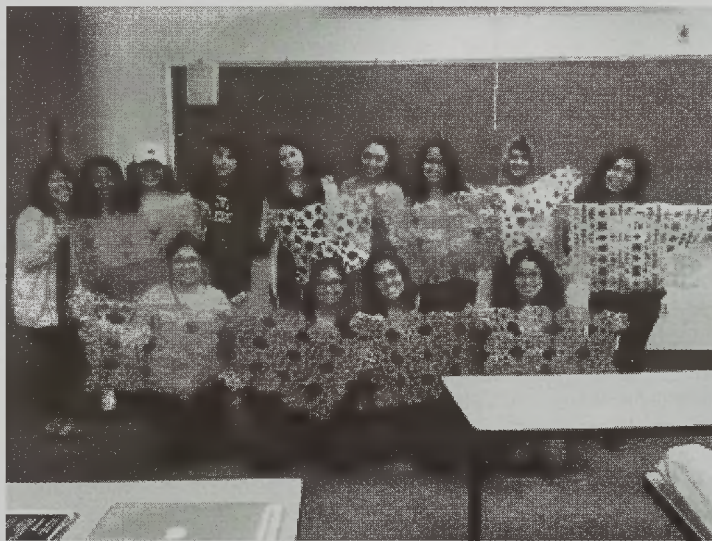


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Preview of Fall MC Events

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With the fall season in full swing, student organizations at Meredith have prepared a full plate of events that are perfect for making this time of year memorable.

First off, the Curamericas Club is having their Halloween Bake Sale on Oct. 27 and 28 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in front of the Science and Math Building.

Fifty percent of the

proceeds will go to Curamericas Global, Inc., a global health nonprofit organization.

On Oct. 28 at 3:00 pm, Meredith International Association (MIA) will present its annual Coffee House. The Coffee House will take place in Dogwood A & B and there will be presentations on Kenya and Morocco. It will qualify as an Academic and Cultural Event and refreshments will be

provided.

Next on the list of fall activities is the Boo Jam dance and Spook Trail hosted by Campus Activities Board (CAB). On Oct. 28 starting at 8:30 pm in Kresge Auditorium, students can travel with Spirit Guides to learn more about the Molly Ghost Story. CAB is still looking for volunteers to serve as Spook Trail Spirit Guides and Scarers. For more

information, contact Lindsey Kalish at lekalish@email.meredith.edu.

Following the Spook Trail, CAB will be hosting the Boo Jam dance starting at 9:00 pm in 2nd Cate. There will be a costume contest as well as a DJ, door prizes, food, and crafts.

Last but certainly not least, Cornhuskin' is just around the corner!