



Madonna Miles

The last Madonna Miles trip of the semester was this month. We took a trip to downtown Detroit to experience something very Michigan, and very, very Detroit: Coney dogs. And not just one

encouraging you to try the other and make your choice: which is exactly what we did. And where did our students stand? Many on the fence. Some preferred the chili at American



and the dog at Lafayette, while others enjoyed the expanded menu at American, and still others preferred the small family atmosphere of Lafayette. So while American and Lafayette have created incredibly loyal customers to each over the years (some people have never and will never set foot inside one or the other), they both seemed to be winners among our students.



most of the parade floats were scrapped to help the war effort), making it the second oldest Thanksgiving Day parade—sharing the title with the Macy's Day Parade. Luckily, the first and oldest float, Mother Goose, was not scrapped and still appears in the parade as a crowd favorite.

You can catch the parade Thanksgiving morning down Woodward Ave, between Kerby St. and Congress St. Or, if you're not feeling up to the cold, you can watch it live at 10:00 am on channel 4.

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Coney, but two. Our students taste-tested the famous Lafayette and American Coney dogs to determine which deserved the title of "Best in Detroit".

The story of these two Coney shops, right next door to each other, is one that highlights the rich foundation of this country and its diverse inhabitants. American Coney Island began with Gust Keros, who immigrated in 1903, like many immigrants at that time, through Ellis Island, and down to Detroit. Keros began selling hot dogs with chili on them from a cart, and eventually purchased the building on Lafayette Street and opened his restaurant in 1919: American Coney Island. With the success of his restaurant, Gust Keros brought his brother, William, over from Greece to run the business with him. Eventually William bought the space next door and opened his own Coney restaurant, using a different recipe for the dog and chili.

(Legend says an argument between the two brothers led to the split of the restaurant, but that claim is denied by the Keros family.) The friendly rivalry between the two restaurants continues today, with the workers at both



The Detroit trip concluded with a tour of the Detroit Parade Company, where a handful of employees and dozens of volunteers build, maintain, restore, and otherwise take care of the parade floats for the America's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

During the tour we learned that the Parade, now includes more than 75 pieces, including floats, wearable heads, and balloons. The parade has been put on every year since 1924, (except for 2 years during WWII, when

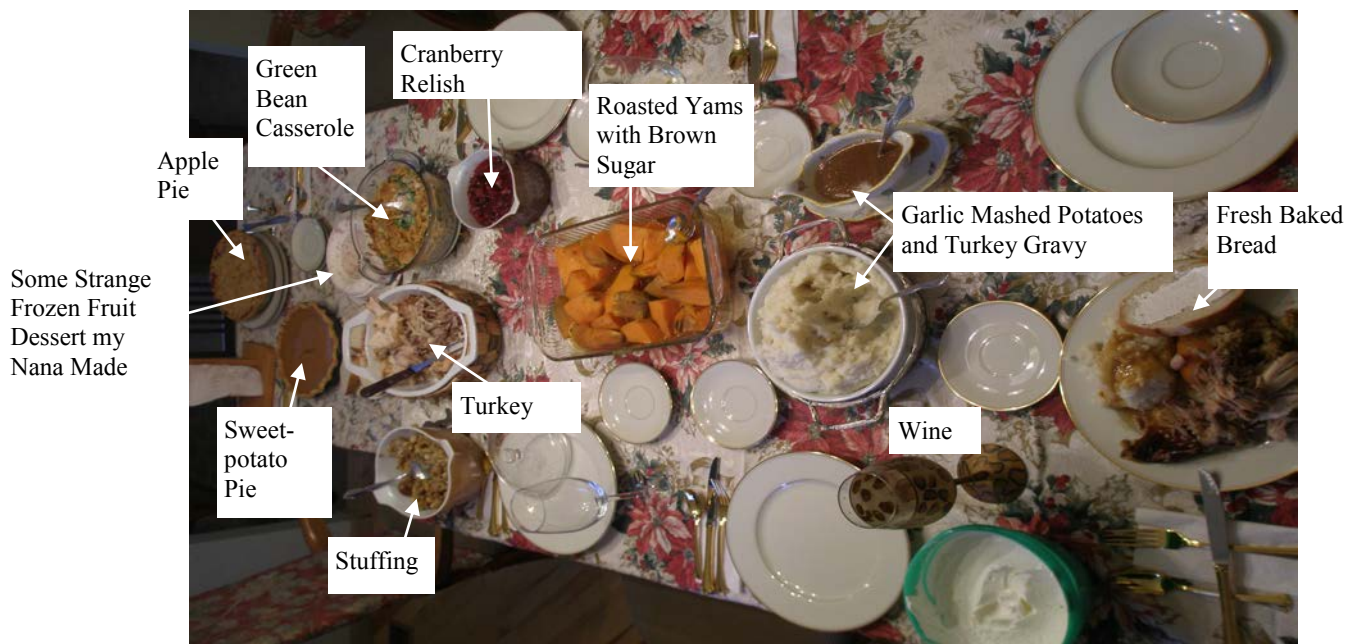


(We all got to be clowns for a day!)

Thank you for the efforts of the ESL and Student Life offices for making this semester's trips possible!

Thanksgiving is next week!

Thanksgiving is one of the most beloved holidays among Americans, and who could blame them? The holiday is devoted to spending time with friends, family, and loved ones and devoting almost an entire day to eating. Eating what? What are traditional Thanksgiving Day foods? The picture below showcases some of the more traditional Thanksgiving Day dishes (at least those served at the Dickerson household), though each family has its own unique traditions.



The celebration of Thanksgiving comes from the early European settlers (Pilgrims) in America. Though it was not celebrated as a holiday until many years later, on this day we commemorate those who fled Europe to escape religious persecution and build a new life in the Americas. This holiday remembers the first harvest feast they had in America, and the dinner they shared with a local Native American tribe (Wampanoag), who taught the Pilgrims how to grow corn and catch eel, as well as donated food to them during their first, harsh Winter. Although many people seem to focus on football, shopping and eating at this time, this is a holiday for giving thanks for what you have and who you have, and sharing it with your family and loved ones. *Happy Thanksgiving everyone!*

Other November Notables !

In addition to Thanksgiving, November saw two other important holidays this year!

Muharram

Muharram is the first month of the Islamic (lunar) calendar, beginning this year on November 4. This month is considered the second most important month, after *Ramadan*. The tenth day of *Muharram* is known as *Ashura* and commemorates the day that the prophet *Musa* (Moses) and his followers were led out of slavery and saved from the Pharaoh by the parting of the Red Sea. It is thought that the name "*Ashura*" comes from the



Hebrew "*Ashur*" (10), and it was the Jewish people who first observed this day by fasting. Fasting on *Ashura* and during the month of *Muharram* is not obligatory (unlike *Ramadan*), but many Muslims partake in some sort of fast. For Shi'a Muslims (and many Sunni, as well), *Ashura* is not a day for celebration, but mourning, as it also commemorates the martyrdom of *Husayn ibn Ali*, the grandson of Muhammad the third Shia Imam, year 680 AD.

Diwali/Deepawali

The Hindu Festival of lights took place on November 3rd this year.

Diwali celebrates good overcoming evil, and light over coming dark, and also celebrates *Lakshmi*, the Hindu goddess of wealth. It is

the biggest festival in India (lasting 5 days), but is celebrated in many other countries as well, including Nepal, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, and more. The festival is celebrated with friends and family with fireworks, beautiful lighted displays, and exchanging gifts of sweets. The celebrations also include *Puja* (or offerings) to different deities.



Meet our students!

Irene Bartoll

My name is Irene. I am twenty years old and I come from Spain. During my free time, I love listening to music and going out with my friends. All my family lives in Spain. I have a little nephew and I miss him a lot since I am here! A few months ago, my university back home offered me the opportunity of studying four months in the States. I felt really excited about this idea and here I am! I really like Madonna since I am having a great time here. The teachers are great and we are making good friends. Before coming to the States, I was a bit sad of leaving my family and friends for so long. I have never been more than one week out of my country. However, now I am getting used to Michigan and although I miss Spain I would like to spend more time at Madonna. It is going to be just

one semester and two months are already over. Time is rushing! I just hope I could come back one day and visit old friends and teachers.



Ana (left) and Irene (right) enjoying some sightseeing.

Ana Marmaneu Gil

My name is Ana Marmaneu Gil and I am from Spain. I live in a city called Vila-real. This city is located at 42m above sea level, 7 km to the south of the province's capital (Castellón de la Plana), which is separated from by the Mijares River.

I am studying Tourism at University Jaume I (Castellon) and I came to Madonna University two months ago, thanks to a scholarship that I received from my University.

My hobbies are listening to music, beach/sun tanning, cooking, reading books and having fun with friends. But what I really enjoy is travelling, and I hope to take advantage of this opportunity and travel around here to visit some of the wonderful places located in the

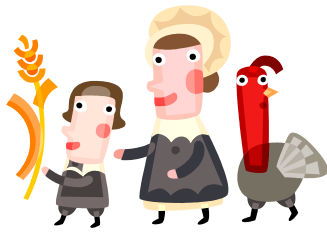
United States. At the moment, I am very happy to be here and I wish I could spend more time at Madonna because I am enjoying a lot this experience. I think I am going to miss pretty much all the people I have known because for me, they are more than friends, they are like a little family.

Irene and Ana, we will miss you both so much!

Announcements:

Thanksgiving break:

The cafeteria will be closed during Thanksgiving Break. Dinner will be served on Wednesday, November 27th from 5:00—6:00pm, then the Dining Hall will close until Monday morning (December 2nd). If you are staying in the Residence Hall over the break, please make sure you have food for the weekend. Our weekly grocery shopping trip that week will take place on Wednesday, November 27th instead of Friday.



Winter break:



Reminder, the Residence Hall will close over winter break (December 15—January 4). The dormitory will reopen for move in on January 5th. If you are going home or traveling during the break and returning to the Residence Hall, please make your travel arrangements accordingly.

Shopping trips:

Wednesday, November 27

Grocery shopping

3:00—5:00

Last shopping trip before the Thanksgiving break



Friday, November 29

Twelve Oaks Mall

3:00—8:00

Ready for some Black Friday shopping?! Brave the crowds and score some awesome deals at 12 Oaks mall in Novi! (Last mall trip of the semester.) (Maximum 6 people)

Friday, December 6 and 13

3:00—5:00

Meijer/Grocery shopping trips will continue until the end of the year in preparation for dorm move out and the Winter Break!



Alternative Spring Break 2014

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Tornado Disaster Relief

OKLAHOMA!

Great Opportunity



March 1st – 8th

- Trip includes: Airfare, Breakfast & Lunch, and On-Campus Apartment Housing
- Serve in the Chickasha area with University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma students!
- Volunteer with tornado disaster relief efforts and participate in "Drover Difference Day!"

Contact the Office of Student Life in 1411 for more information
Online Application: www.madonna.edu/ASB2014



It may only be November, but now is the time to start thinking about plans for Spring Break!

How about getting a chance to travel, experience a different part of the U.S., and make a real difference in another community? This year, from **March 1st** — **March 8th** the Alternative Spring Break program is traveling to Oklahoma to help with victims of Tornadoes. The alternative Spring Break program is very affordable (\$600) and includes airfare, breakfast, lunch, and on-campus apartment housing for the week.

This is a great chance to travel, and meet other Madonna students, as well as students from University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma!

For more information contact the Student Life Office in room 1411, or see Ms. Olga Martinez in room 1205.

If you'd like to participate, please fill out the online application: www.madonna.edu/ASB2014