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Piosa As Mise, a Collection by Miranda Jacobs



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One of the many drawings displayed in the library created by Miranda Jacobs

By Max Vitori

“Piosa As Mise,” a collection by senior graphic arts major Miranda Jacobs, is currently on display in the Reading Room at Lumpkin Learning Commons. The series of twenty drawings explores how basic shapes and, at times, the absence of them come together to create something that’s still recognizable to the human eye.

Jacobs began working on the collection during this summer’s session of Basic Drawing with part time art professor Chris Day. Students were to create a self-portrait; Jacobs recalls being the only student to use an actual image of herself. She took a photo of herself with a camera, loaded it into Adobe Illustrator, converted it to grayscale and performed a process called a Live Trace. A Live Trace vectorizes an image; in other words, it turns the image into shapes with definite lines rather than a series of pixels. She adjusted the settings until the shapes and lines were to her liking, then printed it and used a light table to trace portions and create her first piece. She finished eight of these pieces using the same photo, adjusting the Live Trace settings and tracing different portions of the result to make something different each time. Then she took around twenty more photos and used those to create the rest.

The shapes she selected to make up each of the images vary greatly from piece to piece. Some of the shadows farthest from the light source in the original images became small, finite shapes in the end result, creating a sea of tiny details. In other works, the white space dominates,

allowing the viewer to imagine the rest of the image. In nearly every piece it’s obvious that the shapes are forming a human face. Less obvious is that they are all the same one: Jacobs’ own.

The title of the collection, Piosa As Mise, is Irish for piece of me. On why she chose this, Jacobs said, “I am Irish. My heritage is a piece of me, and this is too.” The collection, initially begun as a single self-portrait, has expanded into something broader but just as personal for the artist.

While the process involved a camera and a computer program, the end results were created with items the average art student will usually have on hand: regular drawing paper and either 4H drawing pencils or the same #2 pencils popular for everyday use. “You have this complex thing, which is a photograph,” said Jacobs, “and it’s made up of all these pixels, but then you break it down into basic shapes... It’s basic shapes and basic materials, which I’m drawn to for some reason.”

While most of the pieces certainly resemble faces, the simplicity of the shapes allows viewers to read them as something else, something less concrete. “Absence of information gives the viewer what they need to interpret the pieces for themselves,” said Jacobs. “I used to be very ‘this is what I’m drawing and this is what people should see,’ but then I completely changed. Everyone’s going to have their own interpretation, and I think that’s what art is.”

Piosa As Mise will be on display in the Reading Room at Lumpkin Learning Commons until October 24, 2014. Stop by and see it while you can!

Fall Preview Day

By Courtney Egner

Throughout the year admissions hosts many open houses for prospective students. Past open house events have included student panels, faculty and staff meet and greets and campus tours, but admissions is ramping it up this year. The main mission of the fall preview day is to get more students to Blackburn, but admissions also hopes to push their own boundaries and strengths. “About 80 percent of the students that come to an open house come back for a visit and we would really like to raise that rate. Even if it is just to 85 or 90 percent,” said campus event coordinator Haley Haynes. October 17th is the first preview day of the semester and admissions has planned new additions

including a community fair.

Much like the community fair at the beginning of the school year, clubs and organizations will have information tables to give future students a better look at what Blackburn has to offer. Haynes said that admissions wanted to give prospective students a better understanding of what happens at Blackburn. “The clubs and organizations fair is something that is really important,” said Haynes. “I stressed the fact that if we would have had that at the open house I came to that it would have been nice to have because a lot of freshmen are overwhelmed at the community fair when they first get here because you have all these clubs and you have no

idea which club to join.”

While fall preview day is primarily aimed at prospective students, all current students are welcome to attend the planned events. The DCC patio will be filled with activities starting at 10 a.m. such as a photo booth with props--photos will be uploaded instantly to the admissions Facebook page. Human foosball and an inflatable wrecking ball are sure to attract attention as will the make your own caramel apple bar. With the help of Sodexo, there will be a backyard barbeque on the patio open to all students starting at 11 a.m. The events open to all students will be running from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. so be sure to check it out!

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HOME COMING

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By Katrina Jahn

Homecoming is here again and there will be new attractions along with the annual events. The annual 5k Beaverthon Paint Run is happening again and alumni, current students and people from the community are all welcome to join. The run will be on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 8:30 a.m. starting in front of Ludlum and has a registration fee of \$25. Participants can register at www.blackburn.edu/alumni and will get a t-shirt when they pay. Another fun event to go to will be the talent show in the Bothwell auditorium on Friday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Blackburn is welcoming back some alumni for the homecoming weekend. Director of Annual Giving Jodi Rowe said, “We will have events all weekend to re engage alumni.” Alumni Ron Trimmer of the class of 1962 will be here to host a class on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. in

the Olin lecture hall.

There will also be a Blackburn Cash Cab all day on Saturday, Oct. 4 derived from the TV show “Cash Cab” where people can get picked up by a taxi and play a trivia game while getting to their destination. The Blackburn version will be using the Blackburn buses.

One of the biggest attractions this year will be the carnival. Like other carnivals, there will be rides, games, prizes and most importantly there will be food! The carnival will be between Ludlum, the Hudson quad and Butler on Friday, Oct. 3, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Students can go to the Blackburn bookstore to purchase a bracelet for \$10 that will allow them to go on the carnival rides an unlimited amount of times. The games at the carnival will be run by Blackburn student

organizations and there will also be face painting.

The usual homecoming dance will be in the Woodson Center on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. and will go along with the carnival theme this year. Director of Student Activities and New Student Orientation Emily Bahr said, “It’s going to be really exciting so everyone should go.” On Sunday, Oct. 5, there will also be a Sunday worship service in the chapel with College Chaplain and Pastoral Counselor Erica Brown.

Students, alumni, and people in the community should also be sure to stop by and watch the Blackburn Beavers soccer games on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Rowe said, “We hope everyone will come out and show their support.”

Trouble at North Mac: The Silent Killer



The North Mac middle school building in Girard, IL

PHOTO BY DAN NICHOLS

By Ben Nichols

Earlier last month the town of Girard, just north of Carlinville, experienced a terrifying situation when the building at North Mac Middle School developed a carbon monoxide leak in its heating and air conditioning system.

Hundreds of students were rushed to the hospital and a few individuals were in serious condition. While the school had followed proper protocol by evacuating the school when the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning started

to show, many angry parents asked one question: why were there no carbon monoxide alarms in the school that could have warned of the leak early?

Quite simply put, it's because the law doesn't require them. According to Illinois

Public Act 094-0741 Section 10, "Every dwelling unit shall be equipped with at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in an operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purpose."

And according to Section 5, "Dwelling unit" means a room or suite of rooms used for human habitation, and includes a single family residence as well as each living unit of a multiple family residence and each living unit in a mixed use building." Because of how Section 5 is worded, schools are not required by the law to be equipped with the sensors.

So how does this law impact Blackburn? According to the Utilities Department for the campus, only Mahan, one room in Bothwell and the kitchen in DCC have carbon monoxide alarms. Utilities Supervisor Josh Mahkovtz said, "Carbon Monoxide alarms would only have to be installed in boiler rooms. We use hot water heat instead of a

forced air system."

But here's another issue that needs to be brought up. What about the RD apartments and the kitchens in Stoddard and Jewell and their stoves? As stated in Section 20 part 2 of exemptions from the Illinois Public Act, "(2) A residential unit that is not sufficiently close to any source of carbon monoxide so as to be at risk of receiving carbon monoxide from that source, as determined by the local building commissioner." President Comerford discussed Section 20. "I've checked and all residence hall stoves (RD apartments and public kitchens) are now electric." This does work in compliance of state regulations and should be comforting for many students.

As for a possible installation of carbon monoxide early alarm systems, Mahkovtz explained, "It would be expensive, but people's lives are priceless."

24 Hour Comics

By Deja Bell

Blackburn will be hosting 24 Hour Comics Day in the Lumpkin Learning Commons Friday, Oct. 3 through Saturday, Oct. 4 from 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. The objective of the event is to make a 24 page comic in 24 continuous hours. According to scottmccloud.com, "The 24 hour comic started off as a bet in 1990 when Scott dared his friend Steve Bissette to draw a complete comic in a single day, and to make it an official



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A stack of comics that will be a part of the 24 Hour Comics Day

competition Scott McCloud did one himself."

Two decades later thousands of cartoonists have taken the same challenge. There can be no direct preparation before the 24 hour event besides the gathering of materials and music in case you need it to concentrate. Once the clock starts ticking, everything must get done in that 24 hour period. Lettering, coloring and even proofreading must all be finished before time is up.

"Even if you don't want to make a comic, come and work on something, hang out for a while. The spirit of this thing is output, it's work, it's like delving into a creative side and pushing that stuff," said art professor Craig Newsom, co-organizer of the event. The 24 Hour Comics Day event is not just limited to Blackburn students; it is a community forum and anyone who wants to push themselves to make a 24 hour comic can come. "Making comics can be a lonely process, it's something you do on your own in the middle of the night, so why not hang out with other people while doing it and kind of feed off them too?" said Newsom. All completed comics from the event will be archived into the 24 Hour Comics day website 24HourComicsDay.com for the world to see.

Don't Call It a War

By Patrick Noel

ISIS is a terrorist state with money, weapons and tech savvy that threatens everyone. They have taken over vast amounts of land, cities and resources in Iraq and Syria in a brutal manner marauding across those countries with no regard for human life. So what do we do and how do we stop them? The 'Burnian spoke with Representative Rodney Davis (R-Ill), who represents the 13th District which includes Carlinville, and asked him several questions to help us understand what our leaders are doing to stop this impending threat.

The first question asked was why it took the brutal murders of two US citizens before the President even acknowledged the fact that this group known as ISIS needs to be dealt with. He said, "I asked that same question too. The President waited too long to react to the evil of ISIS. We need to protect our allies and that includes the Kurds, the Sunnis, the Iraqi people and anyone in the surrounding areas."

Then I asked what exactly the United States' plan is? "This is not a combat mission. Our troops will support the Iraq military with air support as they fight for their country against these terrorists," Rep. Davis replied. He then added, "They are not just killing Christians or Jews, they are



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Rodney Davis, 13th district representative in the US house of Representatives

killing women and children and mostly Muslims and they need help from the US."

"[ISIS] need[s] to know that we will find them and assure them that wherever they go, we can get to them," Rep Davis stated. He said that the United States will not fight this alone. A coalition will be put together; this is not just an American conflict and it is not a war, this is a terrorist undertaking and "there will be no American ground troops." Although, he did say that as this continues congress will continue to revisit the situation and the appropriate action will be taken.

When asked how this affects the 13th district directly he again stated, "This is

protecting the American people. We do not want them to have the ability to attack us or to create another 9/11 and by not putting troops on the ground we will continue to protect our citizens."

Politicians speaking about this matter on television are for the most part all in agreement that this is not a war, but that the US is interested in protecting its citizens as well as helping people from other countries. Only time will tell how expensive this will be and how long it will last since there really is no end plan. If you have any questions for Representative Davis he can be reached at (202) 225-2371, Monday through Friday.

It's Fall Y'all

By Rebecca Sprinkel

With fall season here and Halloween just around the corner, Broom Orchard is hosting their annual Pumpkin Festival the weekend of Oct. 11 and 12. The festival is open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. Broom Orchard is located just 2 miles south of Carlinville on Shipman Blacktop. The Pumpkin Festival was started in 1990 and this is the twenty fourth year in a row for this festival.

Broom Orchard is known for their delicious apples including Mutsu, Fuji, Granny Smith, Bracburn and Golden Delicious. During their Pumpkin Festival, customers have the opportunity to pick these apples in the orchard. Janagold, Winesap and Scarlet Beauty apples will already be in the market. Asian Pears will also be available this weekend.

At the Pumpkin Festival, the approximately six acre pumpkin patch is open for picking and wagon rides. The sizes of pumpkins vary. There is a measuring bench to determine the price of the pumpkin depending on the size. The price ranges are between \$2.00- \$15.00. The largest pumpkin in the patch or as Lisa Broom, an owner of Broom Orchard, stated, "The

prize winner pumpkins in the Orchard," cost \$15.00. A good carving pumpkin costs around \$5.00. The Carlinville Future Farmers of America will be selling pork chop sandwiches. Their concession stand will also have homemade caramel apples, popcorn, apple cider slush, kettle corn and a new addition this year, funnel cakes. There will be pony rides and bounce houses for small children.



PHOTO BY REBECCA SPRINKEL
The signs leading to the Broom Orchard just south of Carlinville

Blackburn StereoTypes: Where Do You Fall?

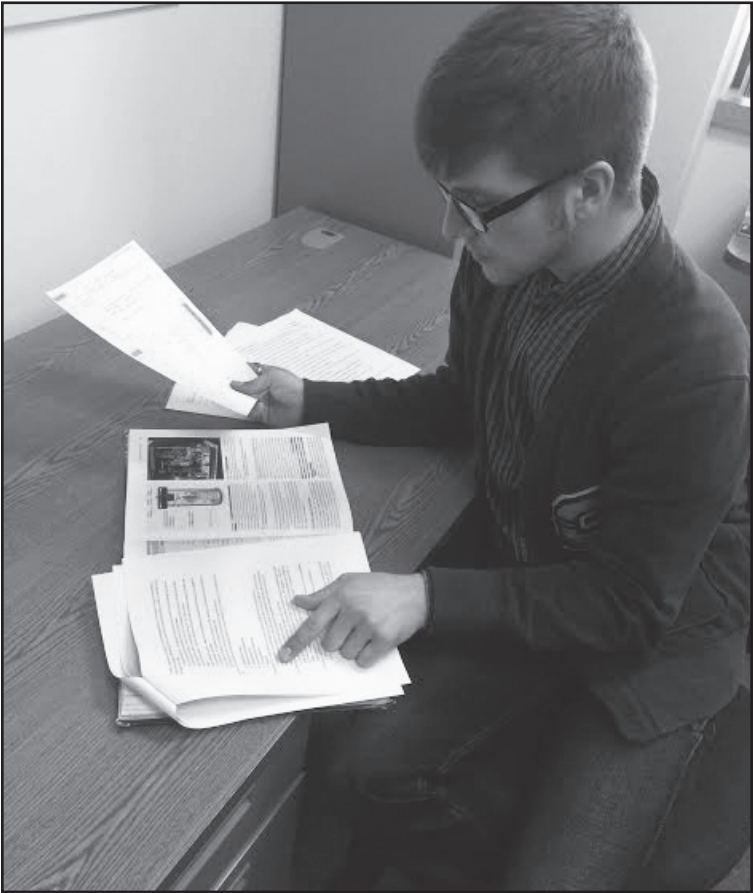


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Tanner Allen '16 hitting the books and studying hard

By Courtney Egner

In the immortal words of The Breakfast Club; "You see us as you want to see us-in the simplest terms, in the most convenient definitions." No matter what school you go to there are common stereotypes

and misconceptions about the students that inhabit the campus. At Blackburn it does not take much to quickly figure what the common stereotypes are around campus. Whether it is an academic major group that you identify with or even what dorm you live in, there is going to be a stereotype that becomes a part of your identity.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary definition of a stereotype is "an unfair belief that all people or things with a particular characteristic are all the same." This is a fairly simple definition and straight to the point. When applied to people or groups of people stereotypes most often deal with race, gender or class. At Blackburn stereotypes are different than just all of those things. Here we are classified by our majors, campus jobs and the dorms we live in. The most common stereotype on campus is that all the jocks and partiers live in North and that all the North boys are rude and obnoxious. Sophomore

Biochemistry Veronica Milligan agrees, "The North Boys have a bad reputation. I don't know any of them personally so I can't comment on that, but I hear things and I'm sure everybody else does." Most know at least one person on the baseball team and know that not all of them conform to this image. This is the first stereotype that most people on campus will mention when asked about what stereotypes are prominent on campus, but what are some others?

A majority of students interviewed for this article agreed that a major factor in stereotyping at Blackburn deals with your academic major. Junior Biology major Tanner Ritzel agrees, "I definitely see a lot of major stereotypes. Like with biology it's usually the smart group of kids who study a lot." Other common academic stereotypes are that history majors get easy degrees and all the computer science majors live in Graham and never leave their rooms.

Speaking of dorms it is not hard to realize that every dorm here has a personality. Milligan said, "I really believe that there are more dorm stereotypes than there are people stereotypes. North is the party group, everyone knows that. Jones I hear that every girl is mean and everyone is fighting. Stoddard as a whole I see as full of introverts. Butler has gender neutral housing so they are getting new publicity for that. And when other people think of Graham they think it is the quiet dorm with nerdy people." These are very prominent conceptions of the dorms and what the people who live there are like.

No matter where you are at Blackburn, you are going to be stereotyped. It helps us place certain people into groups. While it may be an easy way to organize who is who on campus those stereotypes are not always accurate.

Talk Nerdy to Me: Magic, I'd Tap That

By Katrina Jahn

Most people probably know what Pokémon and Yu-Gi-Oh! are, but there is also another strategy card game called Magic: The Gathering. This game started back in 1993 and gained a huge following with millions of players. Here at Blackburn, over ten people on the second floor in Graham Hall play the game along with other students around campus. It only takes two people to play, but more are always welcome.

When asked about the game, Junior math and accounting major James Zeitler said, "[I like] the community. It keeps friendships tight. You know you're bros when you

can yell at each other one night and talk about Magic the next day."

Magic is essentially a dueling card game that also has an underlying story of battling wizards who use different spells, artifacts and creatures that are on the individual cards to defeat their opponent. In the game, a player needs to be able to indicate that a card has been used, so they would simply "tap" it by turning the card ninety degrees. There is such a huge variety of different decks of Magic cards and play styles that almost everything in them has a weakness. There is strategy involved that makes the player

think harder about what move they make next. It takes some learning and commitment, but when understood, it is worth every minute of the constant playing. Zeitler stated, "It's not about the magic, it's about the gathering."

Hero's Hideout in Granite City is one place where players can get more cards and play in tournaments. Some Blackburn students participate in these tournaments on weekends. Junior literature major Patrick Hunt commented, "It's pretty sweet because it's a lot more competitive than here on campus."

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On page 2 of Vol. 11, No. 1 in the article “Tuition Raise Raises Eyebrows,” the tuition amount was incorrectly reported as \$26,310. This amount refers to the complete cost of attending including room, board, fees and work credit; the actual tuition cost for the 2014-15 academic school year is \$19,150. The editorial staff of The ‘Burnian apologizes for the error.

Kevin Karl



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Kevin Karl, Blackburn’s newest psychology professor

By Deja Bell

Psychology professor Kevin Karl has lived in a lot of places. He was born in Ohio, moved soon after that to Michigan, then to Colorado and California. From 2nd grade until he graduated from college he lived in Memphis, Tennessee. He started getting interested in psychology in high school. “I was the impromptu therapist for all of my friends. A lot of people probably answer that way when they’re talking about getting into psychology, but for me because I was in the theatre department it was exponentially greater the number of people that really wanted to talk about stuff. A lot of the time I would talk to friends late into the night, rather than doing homework to tell the truth, talking about their issues,” said Karl. Talking to his friends about their problems translated well into getting his undergraduate degree from the University of Memphis.

He started getting into psychology and the labs which was when he realized he really did want to practice psychology on some level. “Things started to kind of switch around a little bit. I got through grad school and I started to realize that teaching is probably a much better

profession to get into as far as psychology was concerned with some practice on the side rather than the other way around.” He sent out resumes after he finished his internships in Chicago at Cornerstone Counseling Center of Chicago and Lawndale Christian Health Center, and he found Blackburn “A lot of other colleges out there have great psychology programs, they have wonderful facilities, they have all these other things but the thing they don’t have are students that are really interested in learning the clinical aspects of psychology.” For Karl, Blackburn provided a unique population of students who are motivated to actually make something of their degree and that is something he wanted to be a part of.

He would like to be at Blackburn for a long time, but while he is here he and Dr. Danker, who is the chair of the psychology department, would like to make the psychology department more than what it is right now. He would like to increase the number of students who major in psychology, and he wants to provide students with the support and experience they need.

The Vortex Is Spinning Again

By Chris Cole

There is a vortex coming to Blackburn, but before everybody hides under the desk, this tornado has nothing to do with the weather. Vortex is a literary magazine published by students for the Blackburn community.

Vortex is published every two years, with the most recent issue of Vortex being published in the 2012-13 school year. The budget is paid for by Blackburn, but the magazine is designed by students. To be a part of this magazine, students should enroll in the course WR 252 Exploring Genres; the next time this class will be offered is in 2016. From this class the editors and the editorial board

are chosen. The students in this class choose what stories get published and the style of the magazine. Students are entirely responsible for creating the magazine. However, any student, faculty or staff member can submit their original works of poetry, short fiction or non-fiction. Being a writing major is not required.

What is surprising is how long Vortex has been running. The earliest known issue of Vortex goes back to 1963. However, there were forerunners before Vortex. Sketch is one of the early incarnations with issues going back at least to 1958. English Professor Ren Draya, who

has been part of Vortex’s publication for 25 years, explained, “In any given copy of Vortex there are no rules about what kind of stories are published or how many pages it has to be.” Whether somebody prefers poems or stories it doesn’t matter, Vortex has something for everyone.

All pieces must be submitted by Oct. 15th. To submit a story, email a copy of your story to Ren Draya at ren.draya@blackburn.edu. The current issue of Vortex will be released in spring of 2015. However, if you can’t wait that long the Commons has past issues that can be viewed in the archives.

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Breast Cancer Awareness at BC

By Jordyn Smith

When most people think of October, they usually think about bonfires, hayrides, Halloween and all things fall. But October is also known as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and every year it is celebrated by major breast cancer charities in order to raise awareness and fundraise. The event was first established in 1985 in a partnership between the American Cancer Society and a division of Imperial Chemical Industries that is now a part of AstraZeneca, a company that specializes in anti-breast cancer drugs. The first pink ribbons were handed out at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, but weren’t officially recognized as the symbol for breast cancer until 1993 by the Senior Corporate Vice President of the Estée Lauder Companies who founded The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Breast Cancer is a disease

most commonly found in women in which malignant (cancer) cells form in breast tissue. It is the second leading cause of death for women. Although many are aware of what it is, they don’t take the steps to prevent it. If it is detected early enough, the survival rate is said to be 98 percent, according to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Early detection can be determined by self-breast exams, scheduled breast exams and regular mammograms.

Male breast cancer is rare and therefore often overlooked. Although men have a one percent likelihood of developing breast cancer, it can be just as serious for them. Thus, the third week in October is now established as “Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week.”

Although not in October, Blackburn does raise awareness for breast cancer, according to head basketball coach Jason

Baribeau. “Each February,” says Baribeau, “the National Association of Basketball Coaches recognizes Cancer Awareness.” Both our men’s and women’s basketball teams here at Blackburn participate by wearing pink warm-ups that read ‘BC Hoops for Hope.’

Today, several organizations around the world raise awareness by hosting races, concerts and other events in honor of those who have and have not survived breast cancer. Such events are also put on in effort to raise the necessary funds to promote cancer research, provide treatment for patients and supply hope for those who are afflicted.

Students, faculty and staff are all encouraged to wear pink during the month of October to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Remember—early detection is key so get checked!

Advice from Alumni

By Keragan White

Since 1913, many students have walked onto Blackburn’s campus with the dream of getting a college education. Over the years, Blackburn students have shaped, built—literally brick by brick and contributed to Blackburn. Ever wonder what Blackburn alumni have to offer besides a much appreciated donation?

Autumn Buus, a 2004 Blackburn graduate, has some advice for the classes of 2015 and beyond. Buus explains that opportunities will rarely be presented as easily and plentiful as they are at Blackburn. Also, Buus advises students to join clubs, attend everything, meet new people and experience leadership positions; she goes on to state that “there will never be a time when you look back and wish you had slept more.” Buus has had many successes since her time at Blackburn, including working for an NBC affiliate producing the news, coordinating major events and raising money as an event planner, teaching Kindergarten, being a Fine Art Director for an after school and summer program and currently she is the manager of a government nonprofit working with grants and dealing with the labor market. Buus explains that “without a doubt none of these doors would have opened if not for my time at Blackburn. Once I learned how to sell my experience at Blackburn, and how to showcase it well on a resume, I’ve had so many opportunities presented to me.” Buus is a prime example that one should not settle for the first job one is placed in; many career opportunities are out there so do not be afraid to try one.

Jeanne Walsh, a 1977 Blackburn graduate, advises students to not go home every weekend; she states that “if you go home every weekend, you aren’t growing and learning new things; you’re going back to the same friends and same routine and letting mama and daddy take care of you.” William Newby, a 1962 graduate, thanks Blackburn for giving him the self assurance and realization that he, and everyone else, can make a difference. He advises that “you are our future leaders. Be ready to treat the world with understanding and kindness and always be yourself.”

Newby’s daughter, Kimberly Newby Jelinek, also went to Blackburn and graduated in 1991. Jelinek’s advice for current Blackburn students is to “make sure your money works as hard for you as you do for it...always invest and start as soon as possible. What you do when you are young

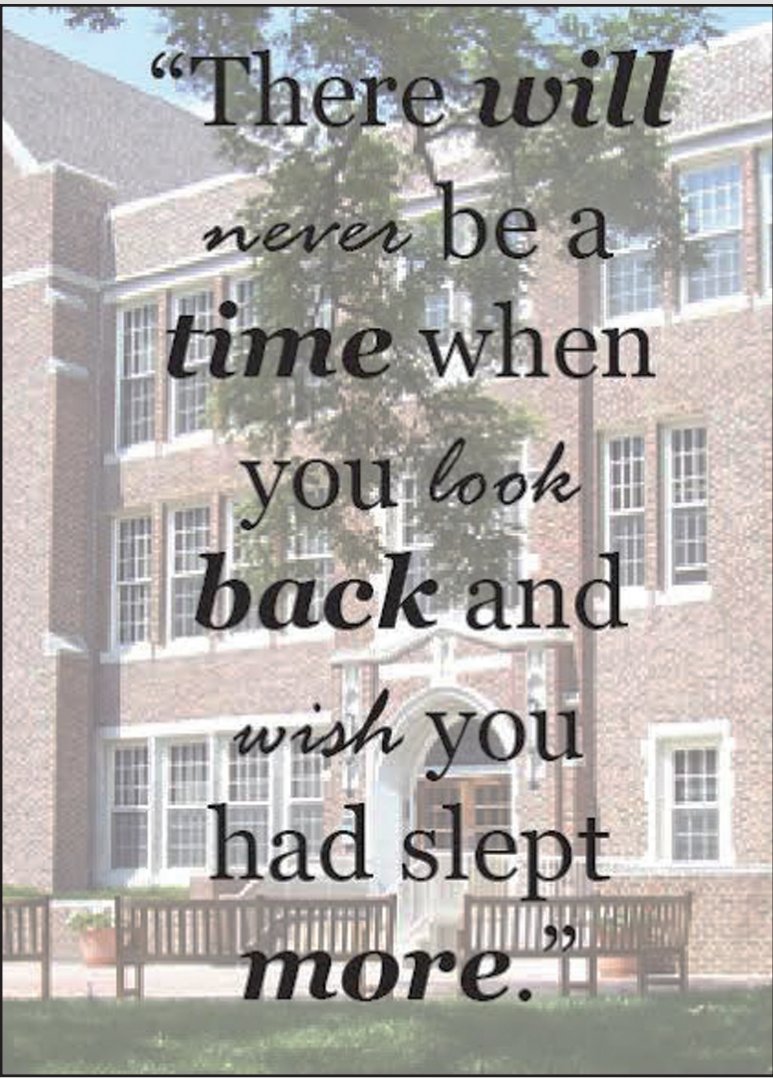


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will affect you so much later on.” Since Blackburn, Jelinek has started her own business as a real estate appraiser and has a managing broker’s license. Thanks to Blackburn, she has fixed two toilets at her daughter’s school and she would like to thank Campus Maintenance and Les Rhodes for that! Blackburn has provided her with an educational trip to clean out the sewers on campus, a few humbling short stays in the creepiest crawl spaces in Macoupin County and a crash course in dump truck driving. Thanks to those experiences, she has been in some rather unique places. Jelinek states that “none of these crazy things would have ever been possible if Blackburn did not make me jump in head first, suck it up and learn.”

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Talk to Tim

By Tim Morenz

Greetings and Salutations, Blackburn College!

I am sure that I am not alone when I am in awe of how fast this semester is going by! It seemed like just yesterday we were wistfully saying goodbye to summer, and as of the writing of this article, are rapidly approaching the middle of the semester. It is really easy to be paralyzed into inaction, but the time for doing nothing is past. In fact, it is a subject that we will breach with today’s question. So without further adieu, let’s deal with the issue for this issue:

Dear Tim,
“I am drowning in work. I have so much to do that all I do is stare at my notebook and get nothing done! It feels hopeless. HELP!!” -Anon.

Dear Anon.,
Congratulations on taking the first step to dealing with your problem- admitting that you have one. It takes a lot of courage to admit it, but it is an important first step. What is crucial is the next step. Here is what I recommend:

1. Make a formal request. Go to “The Commons” and talk to an ARA, or a Tutor, or one of the Staff there. Talk to a Peer Counselor, Graduate Intern, Me, Pastoral Counselor or your adviser. Develop a plan of action. It doesn’t have to be perfect, start anywhere. Take a deep breath, you can do this.

2. Eliminate distractions. Do your work away from the cell phone! It is amazing how much you can accomplish when distractions are minimized.

3. Write it down. Break down your tasks into small chunks and write them down. As you accomplish each task, cross it off the list. This will show you that what you are doing is working.

4. Get organized. Use the calendar and alarm settings



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Tim Morenz, College Counselor

on your phone for frequent reminders of tasks and work and stick to it. This isn’t a sprint, but it is a marathon. Pace yourself.

5. Recruit support. Study with your classmates or friends. You are not alone with this problem. With enough support from your team, you can make it.

6. Keep your chin up, and let me know how it goes.

Until next time, BEAVER NATION!

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The Hungry Student Visits Wood Duck



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The Wood Duck sign above the entrance

By Jordyn Smith

There’s nothing I love more than food. So naturally, when I got the opportunity to write a restaurant review, I was thrilled. Although this is my second year living in Carlinville, there are still a few places I have yet to try. With a few recommendations and a curiosity of my own, I decided to pay a visit to the Wood Duck Bar and Grill.

As I drove up, I realized that the public parking lot was empty, and I was clueless as to where to park. (Upon leaving, I realized there were a few weed-covered parking blocks that I had overlooked.) When I walked inside, the first thing I saw was the bar. I was greeted

with a halfhearted “hello” from the bartender and an unfriendly atmosphere. Again I had never eaten at the Wood Duck before, so I waited to be seated. Apparently, that’s not the routine there.

After a few moments of awkward silence, my guest and I took it upon ourselves to make our way to the back where we chose a high-top table. The bartender made her way back to us and asked for our drink orders. Then she told us to come up to the bar when we had decided on what to eat. I decided on a barbeque pork sandwich with a side of jalapeno bottle caps—yes, spicy food is my addiction.

My guest chose a barbeque pork sandwich as well but with a side of French fries. As we conversed and waited for our food we found that we had to go all the way up to the bar in the front again to get drink refills.

After an impressive five-minute wait, our food was brought to us and it looked delicious. My barbeque pork sandwich was dreamy, and the fried jalapenos, which I dipped in Ranch, were quite good as well. Both my guest and I very much enjoyed the food. A little distracting though were the flies coming through the open doors.

An added bonus—the menu was pretty affordable, even for college students. My sandwich was priced at \$4.75 and the shareable jalapeno bottle caps were \$4.00. Portions were generous, so I would recommend the food to people with a decent appetite.

Overall, the experience is what you make of it. We didn’t necessarily receive the best service, but that didn’t undermine the deliciousness of the food. It was an awkward experience for out-of-town newbies, but that shouldn’t stop you from trying it out. If you are into a restaurant with bar service and a relaxed atmosphere, Wood Duck is the place to go. I would recommend it for post-game get-togethers and other informal gatherings.

It’s Your DESTINY

By Ben Nichols

If you’re a fan of video games or have friends who play them, then chances are you have heard all the hype about the new game Destiny. The new game by the creators of the Halo and Call of Duty series is quickly becoming a favorite among gamers and has received praise by critics and players alike. The game, which is set in the future, revolves around a custom made character created by the player that goes on various quests outside of the security of humanity’s last bastion of life. Outside, the player will experience multiple races of hostile aliens to fight through and a variety of different places to explore. Throughout the game the player will level up, fight harder enemies and discover a multitude of different weapons and powers to use.

Since the release of the game in early September, many gamers have been

flocking to the store to obtain their own copy. Blackburn students have been playing the game and their opinions have been overwhelmingly positive. Senior William Cockrell said, “It is an absolutely amazing game. I love it!”

Reviews from various sites and gaming magazines have given the game generally high praise. According to Gaming Nexus “Destiny isn’t a perfect game, but it’s a perfect gaming experience. The girth of the planets, the endless exploration, a fun co-op element and a strong PvP (player versus player) structure has this series on the right track. I can’t wait to see what else the future expansions have in store for the overall body of work.” Another positive review by Game Informer describes it as “a colossal achievement in interactive design, integrating a number of differing genre elements into a smart and unified whole. Bungie’s latest

futuristic opus is one of the first true event games of this new generation, and while it still has room to grow, it’s worth your attention right out of the gate.”

However, the game has also received negative reviews. According to the Polygon “As just another game, Destiny is a confusing combination of often at-odds elements — it presents itself as ambitious, almost boastful, while seeming strangely safe and reserved. It wants to eat its cake as a shooter, and have the longevity of an MMO (massively multiplayer online)—but it lacks the combat sophistication of the former, and the deep well of content native to the latter.”

While Destiny has received some negative critiques, it has still managed to catch the heart of the gaming world. Only time will tell if Destiny will become Bungie’s next big hit or its next big flop.

Geocaching? Gasundheit

By Rebecca Sprinkel

Did you know that you could play a treasure hunt right here in Carlinville, IL with six million other people across the world? A new sensation across the world called geocaching, which is a treasure hunt where you search and find certain hidden items, can be found right here not three blocks away from Blackburn.

All that is needed to participate is a smartphone. There is a free geocaching app to download on the iPhone or Android. This app acts as a GPS while hunting for the geocaches and it knows the coordinates of every geocache, which is the hidden treasure, in the world. Worldwide there are almost 2.5 million geocaches. In the radius of 20 miles from Blackburn College, there are 144 geocaches. In the town of Carlinville, there are approximately 15 within city limits.

A senior at Blackburn College studying Sports Management, Alexis Richie enjoys geochaching. She started geocaching about 4 years ago with her family and friends. “The first geocache that I found was located right here in town, at the courthouse.

Since then, I have found hundreds of caches located all over Macoupin, Madison and Montgomery counties,” said Richie.

When geocaching, there are a few simple rules of etiquette. If you take something for the geocache, be sure to replenish it with something of equal or greater value. Some geocaches will not have prizes to find, but all the geocaches have a log where you put the name and date. Some of the geocaches are hidden in trees, on bridges, in the landscaping and just about anywhere.

Any member of the geocaching community can hide a geocache and list it on the geocaching website. Geocaches range in what they look like. They can be found in all different shapes, sizes and difficulties. The most popular geocaches are typically film canisters, fake rocks or pill containers. After finding the geocache, make sure to put it in the exact location that it was found so the next person can enjoy finding it. After the day of geocaching, log into Geocaching.com to record and log the finds and share the experience.



PHOTO BY REBECCA SPRINKEL

Geocaches are usually typical items like pill containers and fake rocks, but they come in all different shapes and sizes

Return of the Old Gods

By Ben Nichols

Have you recently felt a rush of energy in your blood and the need to charge into a glorious field of battle? Have you felt the energy of the trees and heard the voice of the animals when walking to class? Or have you thought about diving into the world of old world magic and incantations? Do not be alarmed, for you are not alone! Since the 1970's, the return of old Neopagan religions such as Wicca, Asatru (Odinism), Druidism and Witchcraft has been steadily rising across the world and especially in the United States. For those unaware of Neopaganism, it is a term that covers all types of ancient religions based in Europe, but is mostly focused on the mythology and practices of the Celts, Norse and various Germanic tribes from pre Christian Europe. Many of its followers do not necessarily worship the old gods like Odin (Wotan in Germanic), Thor and Tyr but use them as guides in their life in a way similar to guardian angels.

Ever since the revival of these religions, the number of practitioners has increased and may become a large religious movement in the near future. But are these practitioners the evil heathens that they were made out to be by old texts and some modern religious organizations? Absolutely not! Contrary, some groups like the Asatru Alliance have taken active roles in community

projects and various charity events. Family life also plays a very large role in the lives of Neopagans, and many ceremonies are defined by a central structure of a loving family.

Unfortunately for the old religions, recent attention focuses on the amount of white supremacists and neo Nazis who are being drawn to the religion due to the past association of Neopagan symbolism with Hitler's SS and the idea of Aryan looks associated with the region of origin. This has given a very negative and racist view to the religion, but a majority of followers insist that the religion is open to everyone regardless of the views of the racists among their clergy.

So what do local people think of the movement? Rev. Erica Brown said, "I think that everyone is entitled to follow the path they choose. I believe that if they are doing good deeds and are following a good set of morals, then they should be treated no different from anybody else."

So if you are feeling the rush of battle in your blood, do not be afraid to embrace your inner Viking. Many folks are out there like yourself and are willing to help you out. Be sure to visit some of the Asatru and Wicca websites like Thetoth.org for more information on how to be one with the old gods.

We Want Snackbar, Yes We Do. We Want Snackbar, How 'Bout You?



PHOTO BY DEJA BELL

Students in line waiting to have their orders taken at Snack Bar

By Deja Bell

Snack Bar is normally open Monday through Friday and closed on the weekend. While we have the option to eat in Ding on the weekends for brunch and dinner, a lot of times we miss it because of other stuff to do during that time. That usually isn't a problem during the week because Snack Bar is open from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., but on the weekend you might need to have a back-up plan just in case you want something to eat.

Having Snack Bar open at least one day of the weekend could help the student workers

if they need to make up some hours. "Coming from a department where weekend shifts are scarce, I feel it would help Snack Bar workers who are down on hours," said junior theater major Sawyer Burton. It is possible that people don't want to work on the weekends because that is the only time a lot of us get to rest and catch up on homework, but if the snack bar were open for a couple of hours it could give people time to get food and stock up on snacks for the rest of the weekend.

Sophomore biology major Jonathan Ezana said, "The

snack bar should be open on the weekend because there are only two meals during the day and as someone who works weekends it would be nice to have another option."

There is also the fact that you may not be hungry when Ding opens for dinner at 5p.m. A lot of people don't keep food in their rooms and still need to eat even after Ding closes at 6 p.m. for dinner. Snack Bar is also a convenient place to go if you have to grab something to eat quickly and go off to your next task. Sometimes you don't get the chance to sit down and eat before you have to be somewhere else. "Snack Bar should be open on weekends because it would be more beneficial to have more food choices that the students are comfortable with," said freshman pre-veterinarian major Tyshai Eickelschulte.

Sometimes I walk into Ding and look at the food options and nothing appeals to me, so I just sit there and talk to my friends while they eat. Some weekends I just really want a quesadilla, but I have to wait until Monday to get it. I know that having that extra option could be beneficial to the majority of campus, especially if students are having a particularly busy weekend and barely have time to eat or if they're just not in the mood for what's in Ding.

Apple: The Forbidden Fruit

By Katrina Jahn

There are iPads, iPhones, iPods, Apple Macbooks and there is even word of a new Apple watch. Of course, the company needs to do something to stay running and keep getting money, but there is a line between making something helpful for the customer and just making something new and shiny to attract the customer. Some people think Apple has crossed that line. Junior Biology major Alex Greff said, "A piece of crap in a nice package is still a piece of crap." Junior math and accounting major James Zeitler shared Greff's sentiment, "My general opinion of Apple is that regardless of the product they make, you can get something better for less.

With the recent iPhones 5, 5s, 5c, and 6, what is the difference? From hearing the descriptions of the new iPhone 6, it sounds like the difference is mostly in the physical

display of the phone. They changed the size again and the resolution. There are more new things with the camera and they added a fingerprint scanner so that the user does not have to type in passwords. As with most new phones, they advertise better battery life. Apple also says that if the phone is connected to Wi-Fi, the phone speed will be up to three times faster. That is, if the user has one of the newer phones. Anyone with an iPhone older than an iPhone 5 can kiss their hopes goodbye for the new operating system. The older phones are not made to handle the newer systems and will most likely crash. Though how different will the new operating system really be? Apple may have changed some shapes on the screen or how some apps look, but that should not be what determines whether or not someone buys the product.

Of course, Apple knew what they were doing when they made the iPods. Good quality MP3 players were always wanted and they created some really great ones. Now that people can have their music on their iPhones, the iPods are starting to slow down in production. The music is another nice feature of the Apple phones. People can have all of their music right there with the rest of their files and that makes it convenient. Junior Biology major Dylan Adkins said, "I like Apple. The features are nice and it's very common."

As for all of the different computers that are out there right now - Mac, Lenovo, HP, Dell, etc, - can't we all just agree that those cat videos on YouTube will be pretty much the same no matter what we're watching them on?



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The newly released iPhone by Apple Inc.

Rugby Club

By Chris Cole

Although rugby is one of the most popular sports in the world, this hybrid of soccer and football isn't as popular here in the United States. However, rugby is now played right here at Blackburn and the team is looking for new members.

The rules are simple. Each team has up to 15 players. The ball can be kicked anywhere or passed laterally. The object of the game is to make it to the other end and score, and whichever team has the most points at the end of the game wins.

So what does a person have to do to play rugby in the area? Blackburn does not have an official rugby team so there aren't tryouts. Although with enough support this could change. The rugby team is beginning the process of becoming an official U.S. team, but first they need to get the team approved by Blackburn. On top of that, they need an official Rugby referee, and each member has to be registered with USA rugby. All of this can be done at USArugby.org.

However, none of this



PHOTO BY DANIELLE ANDERSON
Dylan Adkins runs the ball up the field with Michael Bretscher and Ian Thomas trying to keep up their defense

has happened yet. That's why they need your support. Rugby team captain Cody Strocher explains, "Right now we are all about hard work, having fun and playing rugby, but our ultimate goal is to become an official team and play other colleges." New people are always welcome so if you don't want to be

part of the team but just want to play rugby that's fine too. If interested show up at the soccer field Thursday evenings at 5:15 p.m. Practices will be held on Sundays at 3 p.m. on the soccer field as well. Wear something comfortable and the right shoes; tennis shoes or soccer cleats are fine.

NFL Violence



PHOTO BY KEITH ALLISON

NFL star Ray Rice is at the center of NFL controversy

By Jordyn Smith

In February, Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice punched his then fiancée and now wife, Janay Palmer, unconscious in an elevator of an Atlantic City hotel. In July, Rice was suspended two games by the NFL. When the video went viral, the public was outraged at what they had witnessed. The two-game suspension handed out by commissioner Roger Goodell was deemed incredibly mild for such a violent attack. Then, on September 1, San Francisco 49ers defensive

end Ray McDonald was arrested on domestic violence charges. And most recently, on September 18, Carolina Panthers defensive end Greg Hardy was put on the exempt list, barring him from all team activities, after pleading guilty to assaulting his former girlfriend back in July.

Clearly there is a trend of domestic violence in the NFL, but unfortunately that is the tip of the violence iceberg. "Violence is a major part of playing in the NFL, but the players seem to be taking their

work home with them," says senior sports management major Vinnie Birk.

Despite the recent increase, these issues date back nearly 20 years. From the nationally infamous OJ Simpson murder trial, to former linebacker Shawne Merriman attacking reality star girlfriend Tila Tequila, to Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant punching his own mother, the NFL seems to be a breeding ground for athletes with questionable character. But what is causing this progression of violence? Why is the NFL the poster child for criminal athletes? Surely football is a violent game, but that shouldn't encourage violent behavior. Players such as Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson excel in this violence-driven sport while maintaining excellent behavior off the field.

Many fingers can be pointed: one at Roger Goodell for his incompetent leadership as commissioner; one at the owners and general managers who overlook the faults and character of the players who they draft; and of course, one at the players who fail to understand that as athletes and public figures they are expected to hold themselves to a higher standard.

Have a passion for sports? We want to hear about it! Submit your piece to burnian@blackburn.edu.



Fantasy Football Round 2

By Jon Griffel

Injuries are a major part of every sport. Most years the NFL seems to be the epitome of that statement. Almost 15% of all NFL players will suffer season ending injuries during the 2014 season. As a fantasy owner, how do you combat this problem? The best way that I have found is to be proactive. Here are a couple of strategies to try and stop your season from going downhill.

Try and Locate a Handcuff Player - In Fantasy Football, a handcuff is a player who is the backup to a starter. This is especially important for Running Backs, as they are statistically the most injured player in the NFL.

Scour the Waiver Wire - This action is very important because it will allow for you to find players that your opponents have yet to locate. The NFL season has many examples of players who get hot for a few weeks and then cool off. Utilize these hot streaks to propel your way up the standings.

Trade from your Strength Positions - This strategy is the riskiest, as you could be giving away good players for the sake of roster balance. However, a balanced, dependable roster will be very important come playoff time.

To help you reload your team after a devastating injury, I have found a few handcuffs that are worth having on your roster.

Carlos Hyde, Running Back San Francisco 49ers - Hyde was a very productive

and powerful running back during his time at Ohio State. He was considered by many to be the top running back in this year's NFL draft. He went to the 49ers very crowded backfield and emerged as the top backup option. Frank Gore, the starter, is aging and has had some injuries in the past. Look for Hyde to be a valuable late season pickup.

Mike Glennon, Quarterback Tampa Bay Buccaneers - Glennon started 13 games in 2013 for the Bucs, but he was dethroned by free agent Josh McCown. McCown came on late last year for the Chicago Bears after Jay Cutler went down with an injury. McCown is 35, whereas Glennon is 24, and McCown has also battled injuries over his journeyman career. McCown has yet to prove that he can hold down a starting quarterback position for a full year, which will create value for Glennon.

Nick Toon, Wide Receiver New Orleans Saints - Toon rapidly rose in the 2012 NFL draft after a great season at Wisconsin. He was drafted in the fourth round and brought along slowly by the offensive minded Saints. He has terrific size and beat out veteran Robert Meachem for the final wide receiver roster spot. Toon could see snaps early in the season due to the injury history that has plagued Saints wide receivers through the years. Keep Toon in mind, but not on your roster until an injury does occur.



PHOTO BY ED YOURDON

The Jets play the Eagles in real life while they rack up points in Fantasy Football