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MARVEL-OUS NEWS FOR MOVIE LOVERS

By Jordyn Smith

After sitting empty since Feb. 2014, the Marvel Theatre in Carlinville will finally be back in business thanks to a deal made with Eisentraut Theatres. The deal, which has been ongoing for the last two months, was agreed to by the sellers on Monday, Oct. 26, and should be completed on Monday, Nov. 16.

According to Chief Operating Officer Cary Eisentraut, if all goes as planned, the Marvel will open in time to show the premiere of “The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2” on Thursday, Nov. 19.

The Eisentrauts, who also own the Orpheum in Hillsboro, the Roseland in Pana, the Canina in Gillespie, and the

Plaza in Keokuk, Iowa, have been in the movie business for years. Owner Jeff Eisentraut started working in theatres in Des Moines, Iowa, at just 11 years old and has continued his involvement in the industry for the last 44 years.

Many factors contributed to the Eisentrauts’ decision to purchase the Marvel, including the proximity of Blackburn College. The Eisentrauts are willing to work with the college to come up with some sort of Blackburn-specific deal or special show time. “We want to work with Blackburn and see what they’d want us to do,” said Jeff. “We want to respond to what they’d like to see or what the students have for ideas. [They can] contact



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SUSTAINABILITY CLUB MAKING BLACKBURN LAST



PHOTO BY JESS WILLARD

Sustainability club shows support for the environment and sustainability by wearing green shirts

By Jess Willard

Since 2012, sustainability club has been taking steps to make Blackburn campus a more beautiful place. It also provides opportunities to those who are studying environmental biology to practice what they learn. There are five general leaders of the club: Desiree McCollum, Kayla Liebman, Veronica Milligan, Laurel Petri and Benjamin Fletcher. The club is working on a few projects this semester to help the campus go greener.

Senior biology major Kayla Liebman is very dedicated to the trash pick-up events. During these events, the club goes around

campus and picks up as much garbage as possible. They occur once a month and are done on days with cooperative weather. The events run for

30 minutes to keep people engaged and to attempt to prevent time conflicts. Only five to six students have been participating so the club can cover about one quarter of the campus. Liebman said, “If people volunteered, they would see how much of an issue this is on campus and around the world.” Students, faculty and staff are welcome to help out. Email one of the general leaders if you would like to volunteer; they will let you know when the next event is. Senior biology major Maura Kluthe participates in the trash pick-up. “It’s dirty work, but it’s worth it!” she said. “It

gives you a sense of pride and love for the community.” She believes that helping the campus will help ourselves. The club gives away prizes to those who can pick up the most pieces of trash. Liebman did acknowledge that the most picked up piece of trash is cigarette butts. “It makes our campus look nasty. Butts need to go in receptacles!” she said.

Junior biochemistry major Veronica Milligan worked the plant sale during parents’ weekend on campus. The club is still selling some of the leftover plants and encourages students, faculty and staff to contact one of the general

leaders if they are interested. “Plants improve air quality and they have a nice aesthetic,” she said. The plants that the club are selling include cacti and mother-in-law’s tongues. Mother-in-law’s tongues have sharp, dense green leaves. Both make good house plants because they are difficult to kill. Cacti need to be watered once a month and mother-in-law’s tongues need to be watered once a week. They are being sold in pots with soil. Mother-in-law’s tongues are 50 cents each or three for \$1. Cacti cost \$2. Milligan said, “We hope to start selling succulents soon!” Succulents have thick, fleshy

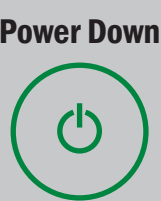
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7 Ways to GO GREEN on Blackburn’s Campus



Recycle

Every building has recycling bins and there are several cardboard huts on campus. Take advantage of them.



Power Down

When you’re not in your room, unplug your chargers and anything else you won’t be using while you are away.



Save Water

Turn off the water when you brush your teeth, wash your face, or shave. Cutting down shower time also helps.



Transportation

Carlinville is a small town, use your bike, skateboard, or feet to get around.



Reuse

Don’t buy plastic water bottles when you can use a personal one and refill it. You can also bring your own shopping bags instead of using plastic ones.



Leave it to Beaver

Take advantage of Blackburn’s Leave it to Beaver. Drop off unused items of any sort and check there first to see if they have something you are looking for.



Sustainability

Participate in environmentally friendly activities such as tree planting and trash pick-up days on campus. This is up to all of the students.

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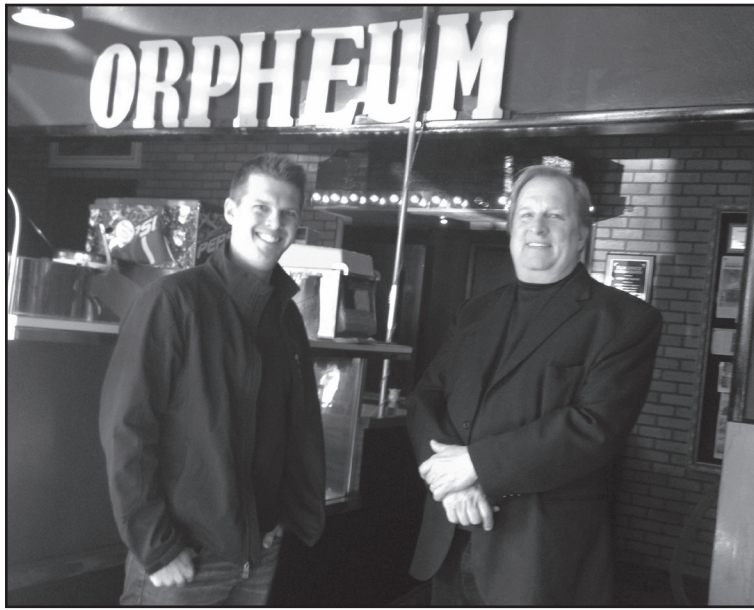


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Jeff and Cary Eisentraut look to continue on with late owner of the Marvel Theatre Norman Paul's legacy

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us with anything they'd like to see."

Other elements came into play for the quick re-open as well. With the amount of money and work that was put into renovations and digital equipment, the theatre is "turn-key ready," according to Cary. "It's ready to open and ready to go—with the right operators," he said.

Operating a theatre might not be as easy as it sounds. According to Cary, "You have to have relationships with the film companies; you have to have credit and reputation with

them, and the idea of how to operate, how to schedule, how to do things like that." The Eisentrauts also have history with the Marvel. According to Cary, the Eisentrauts previously leased the Marvel from the late owner and operator Norman Paul, so they are familiar with it. "Now it's undergone major renovations since then so that just gets us excited to go in...with a brand new theatre, start from scratch and rebuild the customer base there."

The theatre itself has quite a history. According to

Cary, Paul's family built the Marvel in the 1920s. After burning down, the structure that is still standing today was rebuilt in 1927. Paul's parents helped him run the theatre. In fact, according to Cary, Paul's mother "provided the soundtrack to a lot of movies back then, playing the piano in the orchestra pit there" to supplement silent films.

The continuation of the Marvel is also an extension of Paul's legacy. "We knew Norman Paul well," said Cary. According to the Eisentrauts, Paul put everything he had into ensuring that the theatre would be operating successfully for years to come. "His heart and

soul was the Marvel Theatre," Jeff added.

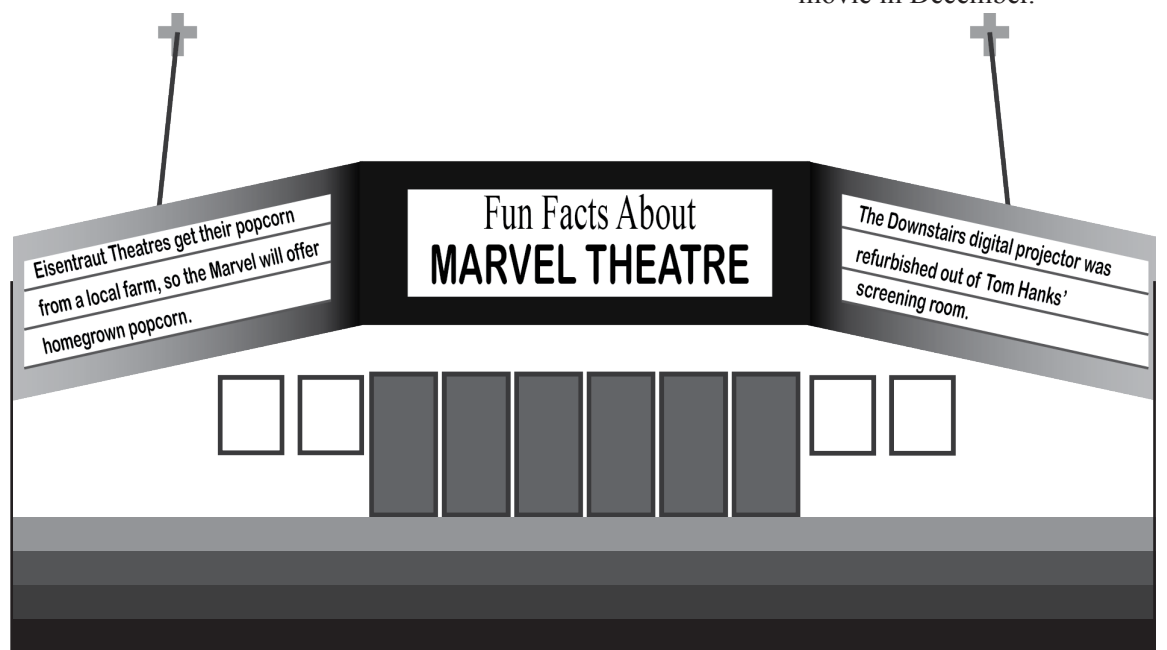
The Marvel will offer a full schedule, including matinees on Saturdays and Sundays, late shows on Fridays and Saturdays as well as shows Monday through Thursday. Show times will vary. The Marvel Theatre will be accepting credit cards for payment, something that is new for the theatre. Advanced ticket sales will also be offered.

"We want an atmosphere the family can go to," said Cary. "Our philosophy has always been to make it affordable for the entire family." The Marvel Theatre will offer the "Best Movie Deal," which will

include admission, popcorn and soda for \$7 per person.

Looking for a job? Blackburn students are encouraged to apply. You can download an application at bestmoviedeal.com and email it to maddie.orpheum@hotmail.com. You can visit the Eisentraut Theatres Facebook page or bestmoviedeal.com for information on ticket sales or to ask any other questions.

"We know what a town goes through without its theatre," said Jeff. "That theatre is perfect. We're excited for Carlinville." The Marvel is also scheduled to screen the new "Star Wars" movie in December.



Safe Zone for Students Across the Spectrum



PHOTO BY JESS WILLARD

Members of Spectrum gather in Stoddard's basement to discuss "coming out" as their sexual orientations and gender identities

By Jess Willard

The Safe Zone Program was started last year by Director of Diversity and Inclusion Jarrod Gray. Safe zones encourage the acceptance of LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) students as well as raise awareness about sexual orientations and gender identities. There are many different forms of training for campuses wanting to offer safe zones, such as sessions or online courses. The training Gray is offering this year

("LGBTQ On-Campus") is available on more than 750 campuses across the U.S. When he returned to work at the college in 2013, he understood that the program was long overdue. "I was here working back in 2002 to 2004 when a few courageous students decided to start Common Ground, now known as Spectrum," he said. "This was only a handful of students and very little faculty or staff involvement. The times were

different then and people didn't feel safe on campus with coming out." While the campus may be a lot more welcoming to LGBT students, the Safe Zone Program's goal is to help them feel safe expressing themselves.

Gray mentioned that the program hasn't changed much since last year. There is a free online training module available at www.kognito.com/illinois/ that he plans to continue using. Students, faculty and staff are welcome to take the module to become a Safe Zone member. They will have to register online and take the "LGBTQ On-Campus" training option. He said, "The main intentions of the program are to educate and celebrate the importance of the [LGBT] community. This means everyone, including allies, to better understand how to be inclusive with terms." The program allows the campus to comprehend the meaning of each letter in the LGBT acronym and preferred gender pronouns. After a student, faculty or

staff member completes the module, they can print out the certificate to give to Gray. They will receive a sticker to place on either their dorm or office door. It is a one-time certification so students only need to complete the course once. "Blackburn will improve by this program because it provides the awareness, knowledge and skills needed to be a leader of diversity in the [LGBT] community. So far, we've had 22 people complete the training," he said.

College Chaplain Erica Brown is supportive of the Safe Zone Program, but she acknowledged that the program isn't for everyone. She said, "It's important for someone with that Safe Zone sticker to have heart in it." If a student feels that they don't want to take the module, then they shouldn't force themselves to try it. It isn't meant to be something cool to try; the program was created to help people. Brown also recognized that it would be okay if no one decided to talk to you about struggles

with their sexual orientation or gender identity. "Seeing the sticker can be empowering by itself. It lets students know that someone has their back," she added.

Sophomore biology major and vice president of Spectrum Emily Nelson participated in the module. "Certain points were covered that were encouraging to the user," she said. She thought it was beneficial to educate those who believe they have knowledge so they can add to it. It also gives students the opportunity to be a part of someone's support system. Nelson said, "Just having the spaces exist is important."

[Note]: The most inclusive acronym for the LGBT community is LGBTQIA+. It stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual/ally and other sexual orientations and gender identities. Safe Zone training does not include intersex or asexuality, but it mentions the queer/questioning aspect of

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parts and tend to retain water; an example would be aloe.

Sophomore biology majors Benjamin Fletcher and Laurel Petri are two of the heads of sustainability club's bike project known as Re-Cycle. The project encourages students to rent a bike for a semester to lower gas emissions and have an efficient way to travel. Fletcher said, "[Re-Cycle] will allow for students without a car to have a way to travel around town." Currently, they take donated bikes and get them into ride-able condition again. "This involves putting the tires and rims and tubes back

on and see if they hold air, oil chains and tighten everything down," Fletcher added. Any bikes will be accepted as long as they are in a fixable state. They are hoping to get more volunteers to finish by the spring semester. However, Fletcher said nothing is set in stone. "It depends on a number of factors from helping hands to get them in order to the amount of parts that will need replacing," he said. When the project gets started, the bikes will cost \$20 initially to rent but students will receive a \$10 reimbursement if the bikes are still in good condition when they are returned. Fines will

Happy Happy Birthday!

By Bryan Bethel

Did you ever wonder why servers at restaurants have to sing those ridiculous alternative birthday songs instead of just singing the good old-fashioned, "Happy Birthday to You?" They couldn't sing this song because for the past 100 years its copyright had been supposedly held by Warner/Chappell Music—the global music publishing company—after being bought from the original copyright owner, Richard F. Summy Co. As it turns out, the original copyright for the song

only covered certain aspects of the song, not the song itself, according to snopes.com, a website covering internet rumors. Because of this ruling, Warner/Chappell will be losing out on over 2 million dollars in reported revenue, and may have to return money it has collected over the years for licensing the song. With "Happy Birthday to You" in the public domain, anyone is free to sing it out loud to their heart's content. Sing it to somebody you know on their birthday!



IMAGE BY BRYAN BETHEL

Close your eyes, make a wish and blow out the candles!

New Position Open in Dining and Hospitality

By Mary Kline

The Dining and Hospitality Department has accepted the resignation letter of former Manager Danielle Ruhrop. The department is now looking for a responsible and hardworking student to fill the position. "I think the crew heads and general workers will be able to step up to the occasion and we're getting applications for the position already," said general manager of the Work Program Allie Matt.

So what does being a Dining and Hospitality Manager entail? One word: Responsibility. A Dining and Hospitality Manager not only performs a lot of the duties of a general Dining and Hospitality worker, but also has to evaluate other workers, crew heads and assistant managers. When a worker isn't meeting acceptable standards, a manager has to meet with them to talk about their progress and decide on

what disciplinary actions need to be taken. The manager's job is to ensure that things are running smoothly at all times so that the people being served by Dining and Hospitality can have a positive experience. Managers also have the duty of hiring new workers. "We're happy to get someone new on the work committee even though we're going to miss Danielle," said Matt. "She was a great worker, I mean, she hired over 40 students for this year. It's a really big task and she did a really good job." As one can imagine, the position can be a little time consuming, which is why double major Ruhrop decided to pass the torch. As both a criminal justice and psychology major, Ruhrop was having a little trouble keeping up with the position. However, she is going to continue working with Dining and Hospitality as a general worker. "She'll

be in a better place that will help her with the load of work that she's been doing, and it's really good that she got the experience that she did. It seems like everyone's on a good page, so we'll be able to keep moving on," added Matt.

According to the Blackburn Announcements, the SODEXO qualifications that have to be met for a person to become a Dining and Hospitality manager include "Being able to understand the big picture view, being personally engaged in operations, developing leaders to be actively connected to daily duties, assessing situations and responding quickly, connecting directly with workers and representing Blackburn College as a whole with school, work and everyday life." Interviews for the position will be conducted in the first week of November by general managers Allie

Blackburn Spreads Breast Cancer Awareness

By Heidi Tyson

October was Breast Cancer Awareness month, and Blackburn students came together on campus to spread awareness and raise funds for this cause.

Career Services Professional Development Coordinator Abbey Jones and I planned a Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser in honor of Suzanne Krupica, who was diagnosed with breast cancer this summer. Krupica is the Director of Career Services and Experiential Learning. She had her mastectomy in early October and is now completely cancer-free. She will not be going through chemotherapy or radiation and is expected to be back on campus in mid-November.

The fundraiser included a Spin-The-Wheel game where participants were guaranteed to win a prize each time. These prizes included Breast Cancer Awareness bracelets, tattoos, pens and Blackburn College window stickers. Raffle tickets were sold and had three baskets as prizes. Our biggest basket had an assortment of Breast Cancer Awareness gear. There was also a bake sale

with brownies, cookies, Rice Krispies and caramel corn. Students, faculty and staff

This is a nonprofit organization that uses donations to provide mammograms, breast health services, education and support for those in need as well as research on breast cancer.

Some of the Resident Assistants (RAs) also played a part in spreading awareness. RA of second floor Butler Robert Fagg created a Breast Cancer Awareness bulletin board. Resident Director Emily Bahr and Resident Assistants Blade Williams, Robert Fagg, Andrew Fox

and Samantha Brown were responsible for painting the rock outside of Butler black with pink ribbons.

Other Breast Cancer awareness events included "Build a Bra." RA of third floor Jones Shelby Holybee organized this program. It involved bringing your own bra and decorating it with ribbons, lace, rhinestones and fabric markers. "This program was for people to have fun but also to spread awareness of breast cancer," said Holybee. She also handed out information sheets with facts about breast cancer.



PHOTO BY HEIDI TYSON

Allie Matt and Nathan Wagner volunteered to help at the Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser

wrote notes to Krupica on a heart cutout which formed the backdrop for a photo booth. There were also Breast Cancer Awareness themed manicures.

"I was beyond excited about the opportunity to support breast cancer research. My aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer and I try to help in any way possible. It is wonderful to see students getting involved in worldwide problems and trying to make a difference," said junior Keragan White. With the help of many generous people, a total of \$6,436.63 was collected and donated to The National Breast Cancer Foundation Inc.



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Don't Fall Behind!

By Mary Kline

Every year there comes a time when students must put themselves on guard. The time when Blackburn students must face a foe even more formidable than the struggle of getting out of bed in the morning—the fall slump. The slump whispers to unsuspecting students and tells them to coast through the rest of the semester, luring them with false phrases of security such as “you can finish it later” and “who needs a study guide?” You worked hard to achieve your grades for the beginning of the semester, so don't give in now! How about a few tips to help prepare you for the academic battle that second semester can become for some students?

First and most importantly, get lots of sleep. It's harder for the slump to take over if you're awake and paying attention during your classes. The urge to coast is much stronger if

you don't know or understand what's going on during class, which will definitely happen if you're sleeping through your professor's explanations.

Second, if you don't understand what's going on, get help! Ask your professors questions during class or stop by during their office hours. The slump hates that more than anything else because it requires effort and shows your professors that you care.

The next tip is going to be hard, but studying is important so keep doing it! A failed homework assignment turns into a failed quiz, which turns into a failed test. With the repeat of that pattern, you can end up failing a course. So don't let yourself start to believe that it's time to start slacking when it comes to hitting the books. If you have trouble studying by yourself, you can join a study group,

or even make your own group with your friends.

Stay organized if you want to survive. The slump will do everything in its power to ensure that you can't find that one packet on the exact day that it's due. In fact, the slump is sneaky enough to make you forget about that packet entirely! So keep an agenda or a calendar. Do whatever you need to do in order to make sure that you're not forgetting your assignments. They may not seem like much at the time, but if you miss multiple assignments it can hurt your grade just as much as failing a test can.

Lastly, keep a positive attitude. You're going to school to find things that you're interested in, and to learn more about the things that you already like. “Students should not just pick one semester to do well in and if they do badly

The Struggle is So Real...



PHOTO BY MARY KLINE

Garet Looper takes a nap after being hit hard by the slump

in one semester they should learn from their mistakes and put in more effort to do well the next semester,” said math professor Dr. Edward Boamah. “Working hard is important. To keep from coasting, you should

continue to do well in what you have a passion for. You are only here for four years, so use that time to learn.”

Blackburn Radio Schedule

Courtesy of Blackburn Radio

The Burn

The Burn is Blackburn's hard rock/metal station featuring bands like “Pearl Jam”, “Sick Puppies”, “Shinedown”, “Metallica”, “Rise Against” and many others. Programming is every Monday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m. On Monday is Artist of the Day, where listeners get the backstory and interesting facts about that day's band and hear 4 songs by the artist. Thursday is Throwback Thursday where we play 30 minutes of hard classic rock and end with Mandatory Metallica.

Echo's Collection

Echo's Collection is a show essentially designed to get your blood pumping or sooth your soul after a tough day. With a variety of music genres and selections, it will introduce some older, newer and simply unheard-of song titles. The collection will include a menagerie of different genres ranging from electronic dance music to today's hits and sometimes it will take you all the way back to the Jazz Age almost randomly. It will feature many talk segments with a range of different topics. For instance, coming soon will be some interviews about diversity, religion and counseling in the

segment called “The Advice Lounge.” Tune in, sit back and relax to the fantastical sounds of music at its finest with your very own DJ ECHO airing on Sundays at 2 p.m.

HardWired

HardWired is a show about video games, electronics, tabletop games, movies, comic books and anything and everything nerdy. Tune in on Fridays at 1 p.m. to listen to DJ Smoochy dish out his opinions on old games, new games, movies, superheroes, table top games and all the nerdy goodness in the world. And in between all of it you can hear his handpicked tunes for questing and adventuring. Some are even from video games themselves!

Everything but Country

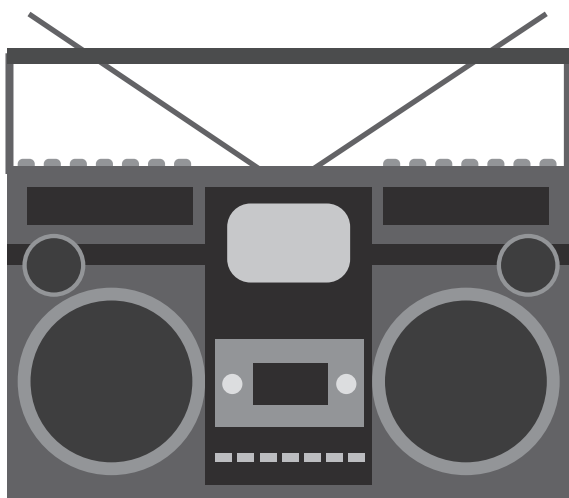
Everything but Country On Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m you will find DJ Chaos on the show that is literally just everything but country music. It's the show you never knew you needed but always knew you wanted!

Evenings With Larry

Evenings with Larry is on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 12 p.m. DJ Lil Larry gives a show to lighten the mood after your classes with some R&B, Hip-Hop and soul. Segments on Evenings with Larry include Sports Hour, where the discussion is on topics about sports, Box Office Numbers, which tells the top ten box office movies and movie reviews, Unofficial Track of the Day, where Larry plays a song that he's never heard, and Larry's Favorite Track, which is like Larry's favorite song.

Dixieland Delight

Dixieland Delight is an all country music show. The show includes classic and modern country music, country music news, a feel good news story and story behind the song. Dixieland Delight airs on Sundays at 10 a.m.



Once It's Out There, It's Out There

By Jazilyn Colon

Social media is a worldwide phenomenon in today's society. For some, going on social media is as automatic as brushing their teeth in the morning. However, what some fail to realize is what they put out there on social media can have a huge impact on their future as well as their safety. Getting a job at a major corporation, becoming a school teacher or even your relationships can be impacted by your posts.

According to Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Heidi Heinz, “When it comes to recruiting and filling openings...people can put their resume out there and it looks great...so then it seems they have all the right qualifications for the job, but what kind of a person are they?” That is where social media can hinder whether you receive the job or not.

According to Associate Dean of Work Robert Weis, “People can spout things off thinking that they are only going to go this far...but once it's out there, others now have control over where that information goes and that initial sender is responsible even if they didn't want that information to be passed on elsewhere.”

In Blackburn's work program, or in any job or

field, there is a certain level of professionalism a person is expected to possess. According to Weis, “We've had incidents where students have posted disparaging things about another student either in their participation in an event, or they started by saying, ‘So-and-so is a horrible person’ which divulged into, ‘Wow, they have a horrible face,’ and that very quickly became a harassment charge.” Weis continued by saying, “Students should be held accountable for what they post online.”

According to General Manager of the Work Program Allison Matt, “Know what you put out there.” Not only can your reputation and job be on the line, but your safety as well. With all the new ways of finding and connecting with people from all over the world, you never really know who's out there. According to Heinz, “You post pictures, you innocently share information and...there are predators out there who are shopping for little boys and little girls.” Think beforehand about who might see the things you post.

In the words of Matt, “Think before you write.”

What the What? Give it a Try, It is Free

By Kyle Kutak

Ding has had a comment box for a couple of years now. Have you ever put a comment in there? According to Assistant Manager of Ding Seth Olson, "Yes, the comments do help. We mainly use the comments for adjustments to the meals and condiments. They are used for new ideas, what students want food wise, what they want changed and adjustments to certain items." Crew head Ethan Childers said, "The comment box does help us. It really lets us know what the students are feeling towards our service and food."

According to Olson, there have already been some minor adjustments because of these comments. Some of these adjustments include the breadsticks on the pizza bar and strawberry jelly on the sandwich bar. The comment cards are read on a biweekly basis and are taken into consideration, meaning that they decide if the comments are things that can be changed or fixed. Childers stated, "Comments or suggestions are sometimes posted on a bulletin board in the back of the kitchen for workers to read."

With all comments and reviews, there are good and bad. Olson said, "Once I read a comment about myself, stating



PHOTO BY KYLE KUTAK

Emerald Martin grabbing a card to fill out and put into Ding's comment box

that I do not smile enough." He said that this didn't really bother him because he knows that he doesn't smile that much. There were other offensive comments that were unable to be shared with the workers. Childers shared a nice comment that read, "Everyone is really nice."

There is a box as you are

exiting the dining hall where you can make these comments and suggestions.

These comments are simply used to help the staff know what they should improve on or what they are doing well.

By Angela Andrews

Here is your chance to get easy access to reliable websites and databases. Try It is a statewide database trial sponsored by Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and the Illinois State Library. Thanks to the partnership between the Illinois State Library and participating electronic resource vendors like Ebsco, this trial is free of charge. In order to qualify for this trial you must be an Illinois resident or attend school in the state. 2015 will be the sixteenth year this trial has been done in Illinois. It is available from October 1 through November 30.

According to the Illinois State Library, Try It is "unique to Illinois." There are many other states that have something similar, but Try It specifically is only done in Illinois. Wisconsin offers a similar database called Badgerlink for their residents.

On the website their front page states, "Try-It! Illinois offers the staffs and library users of the more than 5,000 ILLINET member libraries the opportunity to survey and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources. ILLINET is the Illinois Library and Information Network of

multi-type libraries in Illinois and is coordinated by the Illinois State Library." There are plenty of websites and information available with this trial. Director of Lumpkin Learning Commons Spencer Brayton said, "I recommend students take full advantage of it while we have it. It provides immediate access to tons of information." Ebsco Vendor is a known abstract database that offers a collection of specifically designed, comprehensive databases for many types of library settings. You can access Try-It by visiting FindItIllinois.org/TryIt/.

Once you get to the website the very front page shows you the databases available and a little bit about the trial. If you are looking to access the trial there are easy steps that you can take. All you have to do is click on the box below the login and from there you will register with your name and information. The login is "go2info" and the password is "ILLINET". Just with these easy steps you are that much closer to so much more information that can be useful to you.

Is Music Your Forte?

These Students will Take You to Funky Town

By Jazilyn Colon

BC provides student with a range of musical opportunities, such as band and choir. Students in band and choir learn and perform a variety of different musical pieces and perform them at school productions and concerts.

The Blackburn Choir is run by the Chair of Performing Arts and Choir Director Dr. Elizabeth Zobel. On campus there are two types of choir groups: the Blackburn College choir, which is open to the community as well as faculty, staff, and students, and the Blackburn Voices Chamber Choir, which is just for students. According to sophomore Jessica Cramer, who is a member of both groups, "the Blackburn College Choir only does concerts. We (choir) also do some of the events on campus, but the Blackburn Voices, which is the smaller ensemble, we perform

during the Madrigal dinners, and we tour around once a semester and go to different high schools or grade schools and sing for them and answer questions and we have some churches that we go and sing at."

The choir this year has been working on new material with different composers such as Chinese folk songs, music from the composer Handel and many others. The choir put on a concert entitled "Finding Joy," where they sang songs about finding joy in music, love, God and the world around us.

The Blackburn Band, which consists of 20-30 members, is run by adjunct Performing Arts professor and Band Director Thomas Philbrick. Band is scheduled to perform at a number of events on campus this year, such as the winter and spring concert where only the band

performs. They also perform for the Spring Fling which is when the band joins in and plays with choir. According to freshman band member Caleb Huffines, "We mainly play just for school events, but we also have smaller groups—mainly a few brass players...who help other performing arts groups such as choir..then the same players sometimes play in the square for certain occasions like Christmas."

Interested in joining the band or choir? First you would need to contact the records office. They can put it on your transcript so you will be able to receive a credit for it. For band contact Thomas Philbrick or Dr. Zobel's music assistant Patterson Friese. Band meets for practice every Monday from 7-9 p.m. If someone wanted to join choir they take in new members at the beginning of every semester. Contact Zobel



PHOTO BY JAZILYN COLON

Rebecca O'Connell practicing her piano skills

for an audition or email the Performing Arts Department at performingarts@blackburn.edu

and they can set up an audition.

Administration's Stance on the New Station

By Jess Willard

Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Heidi Heinz offered her input on the proposed changes to the Amtrak station.

Q: "Why would the changes to the Amtrak station be such a big deal to students, and to your knowledge, what changes are being implemented?"

A: "As I understand the changes being discussed, improvements would include providing heat and air conditioning in the station and adding restrooms. Other things I've heard about include an area

to promote Carlinville tourist information and a vending area. These simple amenities would be a big deal to students who wait for long periods or are waiting when the weather is very hot or very cold."

Q: "How can students get involved to help make a change?"

A: "I understand there is a survey link on the Carlinville website that students can go to and provide their opinion. Certainly, students who are interested could contact Carlinville city hall to see if there

will be future public hearings on the topic and then plan to attend. In addition, students could ask to see Mayor Deanna Demuzio – who also happens to be a Blackburn Board member – and provide the mayor with student opinion."

Q: "What is your opinion on this whole ordeal? Will this benefit people or be a waste of money?"

A: "I think it would be a great improvement for our community and our campus to have a local train station that offers simple, basic amenities as are being discussed. I have not educated myself on the costs associated with the improvements nor about who will bear the burden of paying for the improvements. I leave those decisions up to local government representatives. As long as we're not being excessive or extravagant with improvements nor saddling the community with long term debt, I think this would be a benefit."



PHOTO COURTESY OF LOCO STEVE

The Carlinville Amtrak depot is one of 29 Amtrak stations in Illinois, many of which don't have restrooms, kiosks or other amenities

CARLINVILLE FOR A NEW

By Jess Willard

Carlinville's local government is prompting its citizens to respond to an eight question survey regarding what they think of the new plans for the Amtrak depot. This survey can be found at www.cityofcarlinville.com. While the survey is a step to bring change to the depot, it doesn't ask the right questions. It focuses on architecture and design, but students don't care about what color brick the building will have. Students care more about practical changes such as being able to purchase tickets at the depot rather than aesthetics. Blackburn students travel on the train every college break to Chicago to visit family.

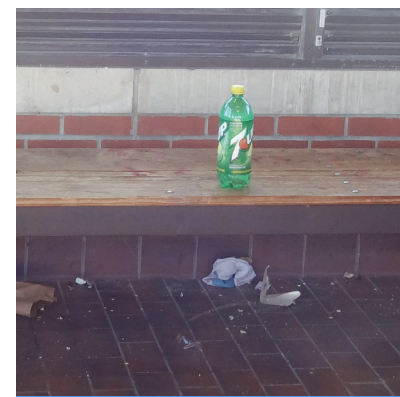
Sophomore political science major Malaysia Ash takes the train to Chicago when she is on break from Blackburn. If there is one thing she could change about the depot, it would be having adequate staffing to sell tickets. "Having a person there would be the most important thing," she said. "I would be more likely to take the train in that case." It is inconvenient that we have to order our tickets online instead of being able to purchase them at the depot. There was a time I needed my tickets mailed and had to worry about receiving them on time. Having a ticket agent at the depot would also give the students an opportunity to pay using cash. Students who don't have a debit or credit card can't order tickets online.

S o p h o m o r e



Carlinville's Amtrak depot is small fit 20 people elbow to elbow

communications major Deja Bell takes the train to Chicago to visit friends and family. She emphasized that the depot needs comfortable seating. "It's awful trying to fit 10 to 15 people in a tiny uncomfortable box," she said. I discovered the seating arrangements are painful to sit on for prolonged periods of time



The floor and bench of Carlinville's A

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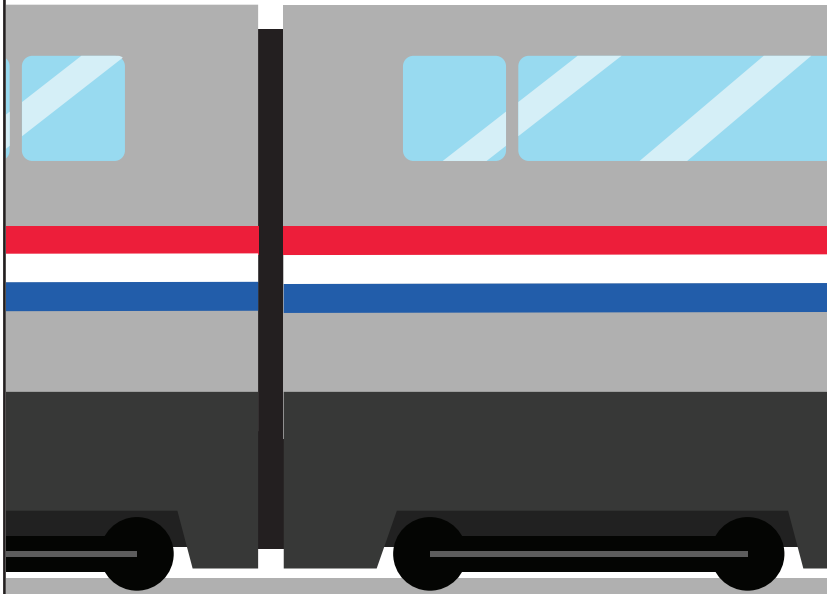
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ON TRACK STATION

Survey Collecting Opinions on Amtrak Station

Courtesy of Macoupin County Enquirer-Democrat

The city of Carlinville is soliciting community members' opinions on the proposed Amtrak station.

The eight-question, multiple choice survey takes less than a minute to complete and is available through the city's website, *cityofcarlinville.com*, or can be accessed directly at *surveymonkey.com/r/YT5LSDH*.

Mayor Deanna Demuzio said the survey will remain available while the city works with Amtrak and Union Pacific on their contracts regarding the station, and probably at least until the city takes a final vote

on the matter. As of Oct. 13, approximately 250 people had taken the survey, and the results so far were about 73 percent positive, Demuzio said. The survey is being promoted on social media and was promoted at the Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner on Oct. 15.

"We'd like to have a general idea of what people think about it," said Demuzio, noting that the plans for the station are available at city hall, and anyone can come take a look at them. "We have had quite a few individuals come in and look. So far, everyone seems to like the idea."

Demuzio said the survey is being done because they want to make sure everyone has a chance to voice their opinions on the project. "Everyone's opinions are valuable," she said.

She noted the city will be working with Amtrak and Union Station over the next few weeks to negotiate the final agreements. "They have done a lot of research on Carlinville and know there's some controversy," said Demuzio, adding that Amtrak "certainly wants to be able to continue service here."



PHOTO BY JESS WILLARD
The depot is a nice size and seems to only be able to

cleanliness than adding any physical changes. Sophomore professional writing major Shelby Rainford uses the train once or twice a month to travel to Springfield. She said, "It doesn't feel like it's kept up at all." I've noticed the floor is covered in dirt and dust. It appears the trash can is never emptied and isn't large enough to hold all of the waste from travelers. During the winter, the sidewalk is often covered in snow. When I travel home for winter break, I have to trudge through it to get in the depot. There needs to be someone who takes care of these problems on a daily basis. Rainford insisted that the survey include a section about meeting health expectations. "It should be clean so students don't dread going and waiting," she said.

If the local government wants to make changes to the Amtrak depot, they need to consider Blackburn students' opinions. According to U.S. News education rankings, 585 students attend the college and 20 percent of them do not have a vehicle on campus. The train would give them the opportunity to travel. Students do have the option of taking the survey, but I urge you to take it a step further. Go to www.greatamericanstations.com/Stations/CRV. Under the contact tab, there is information for the regional contact—tell him what changes you really want to see.

and only a couple people can sit down. Bell also requested that vending machines should be put in. For those who are waiting on a train, there is no food offered. I've had to take trains around 5 a.m. without getting the chance to eat breakfast.

Some students are more concerned with the depot's



PHOTO BY JESS WILLARD
The Amtrak depot are littered with garbage



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This image taken at Union Station in Chicago shows how beautiful the winter months can be, but the Carlinville depot does not have any staff to shovel snow or put salt on icy sidewalks, making the station difficult to access when the weather gets cold

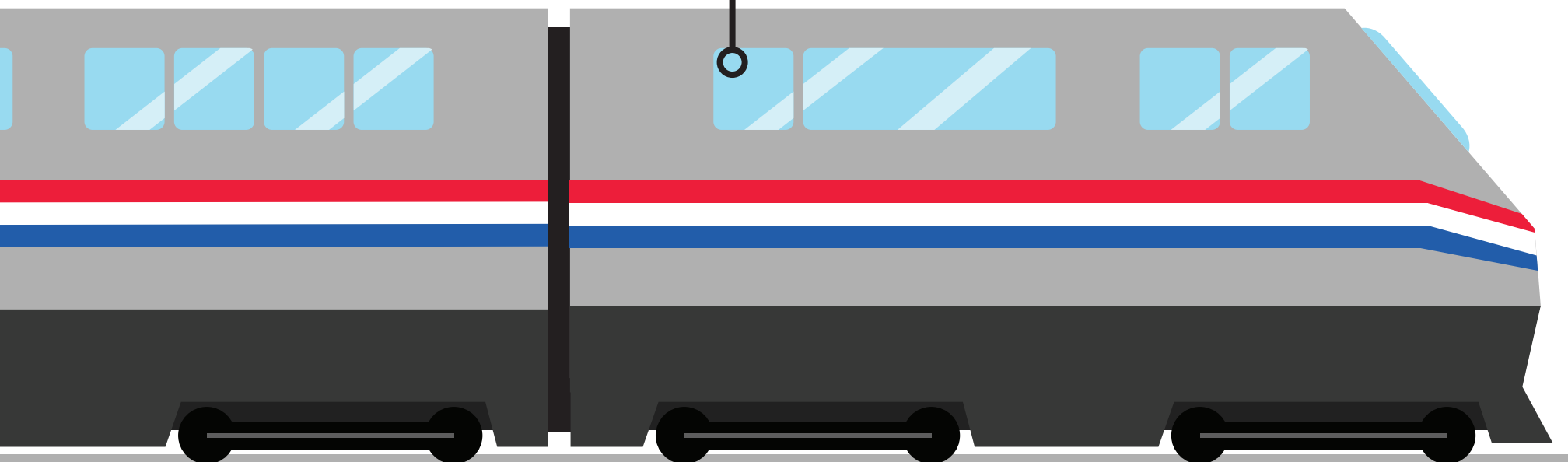


PHOTO BY DEJA BELL

Donovan Williams pictured en route to Chicago for a conference with the Blackburn radio station.

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Mayor Deanna Demuzio can be reached at 217-854-5053



Back From the Future?



PHOTO BY MARY KLINE

Protective suits hang from the gallery wall, creating an eerie atmosphere in the 'User Experience' exhibit

By Mary Kline

Blackburn doesn't need a DeLorean to give students a glimpse into what the future could look like. Presented by Coalfather Industries, an exhibit in the VAC Gallery called "User Experience" offers a look at how future species such as aliens or robots

might perceive humans after we've become extinct.

"User Experience" was created by Pegram Department Chair in Fine Arts, Craig Newsom and Kara Jansson who is based in New York, who together make up Coalfather Industries. They

started working together in 2011. Inspired by the exhibits at Cahokia Mounds historical site in Collinsville, Illinois, the two artists wondered how a future society would piece together the things that would be left over from our own. "We don't even know what the people that built Cahokia called themselves. Which got us thinking—what would a future society call us?" Newsom asked. Since technology is such a large part of everyday life now, Newsom and Jansson decided that it was likely for a future society to call us something that had to do with our use of technology. Based on a future society's study of what would be then ancient internet and social media, they would likely call us "users," which is what social media sites and websites call the people that access them.

The exhibit as a whole is intended to look like a museum

exhibit that was created by a future society about us, much like the exhibits that modern man has made of the ancient people that built Cahokia Mounds. One aspect of the exhibit, a video projected on the wall, was filmed while Newsom and Jansson were in Finland. They went into the woods and shot themselves moving about the forest and doing repetitive tasks in hazardous material suits. "It started out as a commentary on work and everyday jobs. After that, though, we decided to keep using the hazmat suits and coming up with ideas," Newsom said.

Without an explanation, "User Experience" can be a little confusing to some at first. "I could see that they put a lot of effort into it and it was really interesting, just very hard to understand," said art major Krystal Oliver. The largest part of the "User Experience" exhibit is an area

sectioned off by a giant, clear but slightly fogged curtain. The main idea behind this is that the future is something that's hard to picture; it's foggy, like the curtain. Behind the curtain are two hunched over figures in hazmat suits with plastic bottles neatly lined up on shelves behind them. "What is technology doing to us really? People are hunched over, looking at their hands and not even looking at each other," Newsom said. The two hunched over people represent how "users" interact with each other. The plastic bottles are supposed to be like the pots and jars left by the people at Cahokia. They're aspects of our daily life, which we find completely ordinary, but that a future society might find interesting. The exhibit will be in the VAC Gallery until October 28, after which Coalfather Industries hopes to possibly show their work in other galleries.

To Infinity... And Beyond!

By Kyle Kutak

Did you know that some of your favorite childhood movies have sequels coming out soon? Disney and Pixar have finally begun making these favorite movies and will become available soon. Some of the movies that will be released over the next several years include "Finding Dory" (2016), "Incredibles 2" (2019), "Toy Story 4" (2018), "Moana" (2016), "Coco", which is inspired by the Mexican holiday *Dia de los Muertos* (2017), "Cars 3" (2017) and "The Good Dinosaur" (2015). Some of these movies are sequels, such as Finding Dory, Incredibles 2, Toy Story 4, and Cars 3. There is also a new Disney Princess, Moana, which is being introduced in the film "Moana". She is the first Polynesian princess to be introduced by Walt Disney.

In a recent interview with senior marketing major Haley Haynes, she stated, "I am really excited for *Finding Dory*, and I am glad these movies are sequels. I watch Disney movies whenever I have free time. When I take study breaks I would just turn on one on Netflix and listen to that

while I study. I love watching Disney movies, I think they are the best movies!"

Haynes added, "I am kind of skeptical to see how they keep the story line going for "Cars 3"." With so many movies and sequels happening out there, will the story line get killed off or could it drift into another movie? Along with this sequel, there are sequels, such as "Toy Story", were many could wonder this same question.

Disney is a billion dollar company and will continue to make money with the release of new and continuing movies. According to the website *Outside the Beltway*, just after Disney's release of the new Star Wars movie, their net worth increased 2 billion. What could be next with these upcoming sequels and new releases?

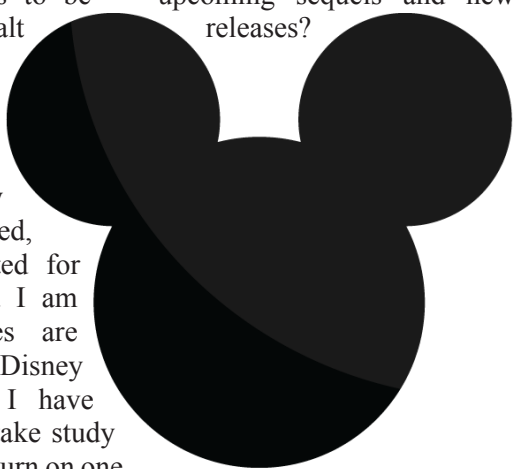


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Talk Nerdy To Me Star Wars: Battlefront

By Bryan Bethel

"Star Wars" is a pop culture juggernaut, with six movies released, several television show spinoffs and collectable movie memorabilia and action figures depicting characters from the films. The newest video game to be released from Lucasfilm (now owned by Disney), "Star Wars: Battlefront," allows gamers to be a part of memorable battle scenes from earlier movies, and allows fans to play as heroic Luke Skywalker or the villainous Darth Vader, among others. For any sci-fi nerds hyped for the release of the newest installment in the franchise, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," this game will help to keep fans occupied until "Episode VII: The Force Awakens" is released on Dec. 18.

Right now the game has only been released in its beta form, meaning that gamers can download and play it, but the final form of the game is yet to be released. At the time of writing, over nine million gamers have already downloaded the beta. More content—including new maps, playable characters and game modes—will become available when the final version is released on Nov. 17, along with separate downloadable content after release. Senior biology

major and self-proclaimed "Star Wars" nerd Ben Nichols is especially excited for the final game to be released. "I downloaded the beta on the first day it came out and fell in love almost instantly," said Nichols. Even though the beta has only been out for a few weeks, it is apparent that Nichols has had plenty of time to experience the game and all it has to offer. "The intensity and detail of the game are my two favorite parts. They've put so much into the landscapes of each map that sometimes I want to stop mid-battle and just look around," he added.

Currently, only two multiplayer game modes are available to play in the beta version: Walker Assault and Drop Zone. The game mode Walker Assault drops players in the middle of the Battle of Hoth from "The Empire Strikes Back," which pits up to 40 players against each other, surrounded by giant AT-AT Walkers. The other game mode, Drop Zone, has teams of eight fighting over supply drops in order to get weapons and other power-ups. Other game modes available in the final version will include expansive space pod battles as well as content to be released a week before "Episode VII" that will allude to events in

the new movie. Another major feature in Walker Assault is the ability to play as iconic "Star Wars" characters. Players are able to pick up power-ups that give them stat boosts and weapon upgrades, but also have a chance to play as Darth Vader or Luke Skywalker, depending on which team they are on. Other playable heroes and villains include Boba Fett, Ewoks, Stormtroopers and many more.

"Star Wars" geeks will also be happy to know that most everything in the game is true to the original canon, even small details like how the characters look and sound. "Everything in the game, from the weapon appearance to the Stormtrooper armor, has been scanned in from original props from the movies," said Nichols. "The game is so immersive and sometimes I get so into it that I really feel as if I'm part of one of the movies."

"Star Wars: Battlefront" is looking to be an iconic gaming experience that many "Star Wars" fans will enjoy. Even in its beta form, this game looks fantastically well made, giving die-hard "Star Wars" fans something to obsess over until the release of "Episode VII."

If you could trade places with any person on campus, who would it be and why?

PHOTOS BY JORDYN SMITH



"Emily Bahr because she gets to have all the fun planning all the activities and seeing students have fun at those activities."

Will Deters
Sophomore
Elementary Education Major



"I would switch places with Bob Huber from the art department because I may not know a whole lot about art, but art is really interesting and it can be seen anywhere. And just having his knowledge would be really nice—he's very knowledgeable; try speaking to him."

Daniel Ramirez
Sophomore
Spanish and Marketing Major



"Honestly, I would probably choose Dr. Zobel because I think that what she does is just super cool. She's in charge of Voices, the choir, and she just seems like she has so much fun."

Abigayle Groves
Sophomore
Musical Theater Major



"I'd want to be a manager in any of the departments—probably like Administration or Academics—because I think that they have the most control of our campus, but in a good way. They have more say in student life... I feel like they care the most about the campus."

Alexis Mayes
Junior
Communications Major

Crumbs of Comfort

By Dave Horn

Is the world going to hell in a hand basket? Maybe not in Carlinville, but everywhere else? Never mind ISIS. Over 200 people were killed in Chicago in the first half of this year. Nine million Syrians have fled their homes since 2011 as cities are bombed into dust. If Washington DC were Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, he'd be asking, "Can you spell G-R-I-D-L-O-C-K?" And in California, where endless drought triggers raging forest fires, Gov. Jerry Brown just signed the "End of Life Option Act" defining doctor-assisted suicide as medical treatment. Can you blame him?

Believe it or not, amid all the gloom and doom, good news happens every day—heartwarming stories of ordinary folks who are heroic and kind and generous beyond the call of duty. The reason they get no ink is because statistics prove tragedy grabs more TV eyeballs, and bad news sells more newspapers. Any reporter will tell you, "If it bleeds, it leads." But is too much of a bad thing ever, well, too much? Nobody wants to ignore misery, but maybe Mary Poppins was right.

Would a little bit of sugar help the medicine go down?

I decided to find out. After working 40 years in several newsrooms, I retired and launched a blog called "Crumbs of Comfort." It was inspired by beloved WWII radio newscaster Hans Von Kaltenborn. (He shortened it to H.V. Kaltenborn since, well, you know, we were fighting Germany.) Every evening during the darkest days of the war, he started his newscast with the same cheerful greeting. "This is H.V. Kaltenborn, and there's good news tonight!" Even if there wasn't, he gave us hope. That's what my blog does.

"Crumbs of Comfort" has no saccharine posts about firemen saving kittens in trees. It records industrial-strength goodness by folks who expect no credit, like the elderly veteran who remembered his basic training to save 16 preteens from a killer armed with a knife at a library. Or the Harvard students who just opened a shelter near campus for homeless teens. Or the high school kids with no engineering skills who used a 3D printer to make a working



Dave Horn attended Blackburn College from 1961 to 1963 and considers himself to be an "evolutionary meliorist"

hand for a 9-year-old whose folks could not afford a "real" one. Or the teenage mom who saved a man whose wheelchair got stuck on the tracks as a train approached at 81 miles per hour. Two motorists ignored his yell for help, and the train exploded his chair two seconds after she pulled him free. You had to be there.

Since it launched 14 months ago, "Crumbs" has accumulated 437 archived posts, attracting more than 14,000 page visits from readers in the US, Canada, Russia, Brazil, Portugal, France, the United Kingdom, Romania and Australia, and is featured on the websites of four United States newspapers. It has no ads. A subscription is free. If you could use a dose of good news each day, visit comfortcrumb.blogspot.com.

Hungry Student Presents: Cavies Junction

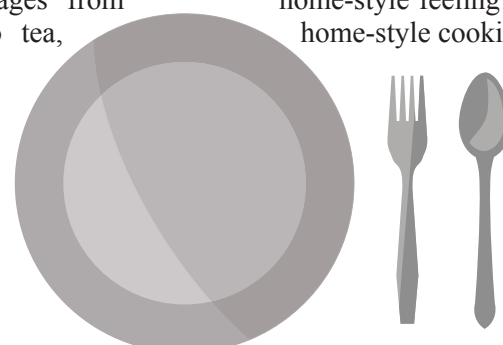
By Karlee Brimberry

Conveniently on the way to Wal-Mart from town, located on 123 Alton Road, is a nice home-style restaurant you may have never heard of. Cavies Junction may be new to Blackburn students; however, it has been open in Carlinville for over five months. With friendly staff and a delicious variety of entrées, the joint satisfies each customer's needs. Open from 6 -9 p.m. everyday, Cavies Junction is great for college students.

Upon arriving, my guest and I were immediately greeted by the crew of servers. As we were looking over the menu, I informed the server that this was our first time dining here and she was very helpful when we had questions about the menu. They offer a wide variety of choices, mainly serving breakfast food which is available any time. They also serve burgers, salads and pastas. They had a wide range of beverages from coffee to tea,

milk and Coke products. When ordering my meal, I decided to build my own breakfast sandwich with bacon, egg and cheese on wheat bread. Since I am a picky eater, I informed my server how I like my bacon, eggs and toast and the cook did a great job with my instructions. My guest ordered the French dip sandwich, which was fresh roast beef served on two large rolls and also a bowl of clam chowder soup. While enjoying our meals, we never had to ask for refills, as our server paid very close attention to our every need. My meal cost a little under \$6 and my guest's totaled a little over \$11. With generous portions, we both left full and satisfied.

Overall, Cavies Junction is not only affordable for college students, but their facility was well kept and very clean. When eating at Cavies Junction, customers get the home-style feeling along with home-style cooking.



Talk To Tim

How to deal with Depression

By Tim Morenz

Greetings and Salutations, Blackburn College!

The days are getting shorter. The leaves are turning color. As of the writing of this article, we just had fall break and we are proceeding to the second half of the semester! Time sure flies whether you are having fun or not!

Shall we proceed to our question for today?

Dear Tim,

"I have struggled with depression in the past and I am really struggling now. What can I do?" – Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

First of all, you are not alone. According to recent surveys, 40 million adults suffer from anxiety disorders every year and nearly 60 million adults have been diagnosed with a depressive disorder in their lifetime. Having a period of occasional sadness in life is one thing, but dealing with depression is another. First and foremost,



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Tim Morenz, College Counselor

consult with a treatment professional. This article can provide some anecdotal advice, but it is no substitute for appropriate mental health treatment. However, based upon my clinical experience, there is some general advice that I can provide you:

1. To medicate or not medicate? Off the cuff I can tell you that individuals who use medication only to

resolve their psychological or emotional problem (including depression) typically get better 40-50 percent of the time. People who use talk therapy only for the same issue typically get better 40-50 percent of the time. People who utilize a balanced approach of medication and talk therapy for the issue typically get better 85-95% percent of the time. Resolution of symptoms is both the blessing and the curse of psychotropic medication. If a person uses medication without dealing with the issues that contributed to the problem, it could lead to dependence on the medication and diminished results. As always, these decisions need to be made in consultation with a professional. A balanced approach is almost always best.

2. Over the years, I have paid attention to the habits of people who have effectively dealt with depression. They

are as follows: A) They consult with medical and/or psychological professionals and have found the best approach for them. B) They keep a daily routine and that routine includes physical exercise (Direct light exposure for 24 minutes per day combined with 20 minutes of physical exercise per day can boost serotonin levels at the same rate as dosages of mild anti-depressants!) C) They do something for themselves daily that they find pleasurable. D) They do something for others daily as an act of service with no observable benefit to the self.

3. Know that depression and anxiety aren't inherently bad. There will be times in your life when it is completely appropriate to feel sad or anxious, i.e., the death of a family member, or the night before an exam that you haven't prepared for. It is when these issues get in the

way of other things that they can be problematic. That's when it is time to ask for help. If you want a free resource and need someone to talk to at any time of the day, the Suicide Prevention Resource Center operates a hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Well, I hope this helps. This is just the tip of the iceberg. If you want to talk more or need more information, we at Counseling Services are always here to help and serve.

Until next time, BEAVER NATION!

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A Letter to The Editor (From a Former Editor)

By David Horn

If you think today's 'Burnian is passé, you should have seen the ones we wrote when I was an editor in '63. Ludlum was barely a cellar hole then. Sunday chapel was mandatory. Students couldn't own cars, and each dorm parlor had one black & white TV with no remote.

Newspapers were important. Kids delivered them on bikes and dads read them every night after work, but the 'Burnian got no respect. We revealed how "persons unknown" removed the picture window from the front of Jones-Allison dining hall, rolled a VW Beetle into the middle of the room and then replaced the window, all at night. But everyone knew who did it. We broke a story about a panty raid in Stoddard where pranksters spray-painted all toilet seats blue, or set 20 alarm clocks to go off beneath pews during chapel, but despite our crack reporting, students used

the 'Burnian as bird cage liner, if they had a bird.

So why didn't we writers and editors quit? Because we had ink in our veins. Putting together a 'Burnian each month was like choir rehearsal. It taught us how the song of life is scored. Even for banal stories, we learned to check facts and produce tight copy. Sometimes we actually answered the five key questions—who, what, where, when and why, but not until we crafted a soft lead guaranteed to hook the reader. We wanted to uncover hidden facts and expose truth—goals which served us well after graduation.

Although media technology has changed since '63, one thing is the same. Reporters are still paid weekly, very weakly. But in the Fourth Estate they can make more than money. They can make a difference! This issue of the 'Burnian is written by people who want to make a difference

someday. Today's bylines may be tomorrow's Bob Woodward or Carl Bernstein (google Watergate). Or, if they miss the story of the century, they may be tomorrow's Dave Horn. After the 'Burnian, I went on to make some differences. Most were small, but over time they add up. For example:

While I was writing for a small daily paper in rural Indiana, a stranger called. "Are you the man who writes human interest stories?" she asked. "How human is it?" I wisecracked. "I can't talk about it without crying," she said, so I promised to be at her rented farmhouse in 30 minutes. Over coffee in the kitchen, she told me she was a single mom with six kids. Her baby had a heart condition and had to be monitored constantly. Welfare sent a nurse once a week so she could leave the house to shop for food. Now she was being evicted, and nobody in town would rent to a Mom with six

kids. Could I help?

I promised to try, and standing on a chair, I held my camera high and snapped a photo down on the bed-ridden baby. It ran the next day on the front page over the headline, "Jimmy Needs a Home." Without going into why the mom was being evicted or turning a spotlight on the "cruel landlord," I made her story short and simple. The paper hit the streets at 3 p.m. and next morning my phone rang again. This time it was our town's only millionaire. He offered me a deal. If I left his name out of it, he'd have his lawyers discover if this woman could own real estate without losing the public welfare she needed to survive. But if I mentioned his name, the deal was off. I agreed, and he discovered she could own real estate, so he told her to find a suitable house for sale. Then he (in secret) would donate a down payment big enough that

her mortgage payments would equal her current rent. She did, and he did. But there's more. The Sisters of Mercy at a nearby convent called to ask if they could help. I said the mother needed a fridge and stove, and they purchased both for her. A few months later, I interviewed her in her new kitchen. She admitted that one thing still surprised her. Every few days, when she'd open the front door, she'd find a bag of groceries on the step, and she had no idea where it came from. She said she felt blessed.

If the writers of today's 'Burnian become career reporters, they'll be paid peanuts to write endless obits and crime reports. They'll endure school board meetings that don't adjourn until midnight. And why? Because there's always a chance their phone might ring, and a voice will ask, "do you write human interest stories?" Trust me. It's worth the wait.

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A Weightlifter Tries Cross Country

By Heidi Tyson

Ever since freshman year of high school I have been a weightlifter. I started small by using the machines in my local gym and I took a conditioning class for a PE credit in high school. I was one of the only girls in that class and I fell in love with it the very first day. I have been weightlifting ever since.

I have never liked doing cardio and running was never on my to-do list. I would usually jump on an elliptical or the stairmaster for about 20 minutes at most. But this semester, I chose to join the cross country team so that I could work on my cardio and develop a healthier relationship with running.

I have never participated in cross country before so being a part of this team was an entirely new experience. I

have always worked out on my own. I've never been big on team sports because I thought teams create drama, something I learned from being on the cheerleading squad in high school. But this team is much different than any other one I have come into contact with. Everyone on the cross country team is so motivating and genuine and I definitely feel like we are all one big family.

Since I have been lifting for so many years, I came into this sport thinking that it wouldn't be so hard. I was wrong. Running is a tough sport that challenges your willpower to the max. During the first practice I quit in my head about 10 times. I told myself that there was no way I was cut out for this and that I was quitting the team and going right back to weightlifting. But

my teammates were struggling too, and there is something about struggling together that keeps us all going. It's painful at the time but the rewarding feeling you get after finishing a run is so worth it.

I was unable to run the first meet at Principia on September 4, but watching my fellow teammates run made me very eager to run the next meet. I was so ready to prove to myself that I could step out of my comfort zone and finish a race. When I ran my first meet at University of Illinois at Springfield on September 11, I felt so accomplished. During the race I noticed that everyone was cheering for everyone. When I would pass by another team's runner, they always told me "good job," and even after the race other teams would congratulate each



PHOTO BY MARK HOPPING

The cross country team and their unofficial mascot, Blaze

other. I have never seen other teams in other sports act so encouraging and respectful.

Cross country was an amazing experience for me. Yes, I did miss weightlifting, but I wouldn't trade my experience on this team for anything. I learned a lot of valuable lessons and made some pretty amazing friends along the way. If you are

looking to push your fitness to the next level and meet some cool people along the way, give cross country a try. Contact Coach Mark Hopping at mark.hopping@blackburn.edu for more information, and always remember that the greatest change comes when you step out of your comfort zone.

The Cubs Cards Rivalry Adds New Chapter

By Robert Fagg

The Cubs and Cardinals have completed their first postseason series in MLB history. After losing the first game in the series, the Cubs battled back to win the next three games and win the series three games to one.

In a closely contested series, the Cubs proved that postseason experience doesn't equal postseason success. According to the mlb.com box scores from the games, the Cardinals' hitters struck out 48 times in the series compared to the Cubs' 38 strikeouts. The Cardinals also only had 28

hits, whereas the Cubs had 30 hits.

Yes, injuries littered the Cardinals postseason, including the loss of catcher Yadier Molina who reinjured his thumb in game three. Carlos Martinez was unable to pitch in the entire National League Division Series (NLDS), while Matt Holiday battled a quad injury and Randal Grichuk strained his right elbow. The Cardinals still won 100 games in the regular season, the most in the MLB.

In a postseason where anything can happen, it

basically has happened. The three best teams in the MLB all came out of the NL Central—the Cubs, Pirates and Cardinals. The Cardinals led the division with their 100-win season, while the Pirates had 98 and the Cubs had 97. In the wild card game, the Cubs defeated the Pirates advancing them to play the Cardinals in the NLDS. In the NLDS, the Cubs halted the Cardinals' efforts to advance to their fifth straight National League Championship Series (NLCS). Instead, the Cubs will be heading to their fourth NLCS in their history.

This series had historical implications for the Cubs. The Cubs have been playing in Chicago for 100 years and this is the first ever series they have clinched at home. This is also only the second postseason series the Cubs have won since their World Series victory back in 1908, with the other being their 2003 NLDS victory



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The Cubs celebrate their series win over the Cardinals

over the Atlanta Braves. The Cubs hit 10 homeruns during this series, the most hit in a series that went four games. According to baseball-reference.com, in 2263 games against the Cardinals, the Cubs have won 1136 games, including this postseason series.

According to Director of Student Activities and New Student Orientation Emily Bahr (also a Cardinals' fan) watching the games was fun. "It was cool to see that many people hanging out in DCC, especially for that final game."

When watching the games, Bahr notes there were friendly rivalries developing among those who were watching. She noted the yelling and arguments developing during the games were all part of watching the games in an environment with such a heated rivalry.

We will have to wait and see how the postseason plays out and what happens in the near future. Until then, Cubs fans can rejoice with their series win over the Cardinals, and the Cardinals can take up the Cubs' slogan, "There's always next year."

Do you have a sports question you have always wanted to ask but didn't know where to go?

We'll look no further. Staff writer Robert Fagg is here to answer any questions you have about sports: rules you don't understand, history of a sport, specific terminology, just any question about sports at all. Email your questions to robert.fagg@blackburn.edu with the subject "Sports question for 'Burnian."



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Two Seniors, One Goooooooooooooooooal

By Karlee Brimberry

Senior soccer players Edia Mushundusi and Kristin Naples have developed a close friendship on and off the soccer field. Although the two seniors' final season is coming to a close, they both had one goal throughout—to make their final year as successful as possible.

The women's soccer team is substantially smaller than usual, with only 14 players compared to the usual 20 or so. Therefore, the two seniors have experienced optimal playing time this season.

"Edia and Kristin are always looking to improve themselves and they always give 100 percent every time they set foot on the field, whether it is for practice or a game," said junior team captain Jourdin McFarland.

Mushundusi graduated from West Aurora High School (in the Chicago area) in 2012 where she also played soccer. Although Mushundusi enjoyed playing both high school and collegiate soccer, she feels the two are very different, especially when it comes to time management issues. Mushundusi feels

that being a student athlete at Blackburn has taught her to improve her time management and communication skills.

She has moved from a quiet freshman to a senior who is now known as the outgoing jokester of the team. Mushundusi plays both the midfield and forward positions for the Lady Beavers. "Edia is very strong on the field when it comes to being aggressive and pushing up the field on offense. She is amazing at finding the ball at her feet and hiding it," said McFarland.

After recovering from an injury her sophomore year, Timothy Gould became the women's soccer coach for Mushundusi's second year on the team. "Edia has become a more aggressive and complete player as a senior. She has also been a good teammate on and off the field, accepting different roles to help the team," said Gould.

Soccer is a Mushundusi family tradition; her father, uncle and cousins all play. The Blackburn senior plans to help coach camps and other soccer-related activities after graduation.

Mushundusi's teammate Naples started her career as a Lady Beaver her junior year after transferring from nearby Lincoln Land Community College.

Despite this, she recognized a few familiar faces. Naples played soccer in high school with McFarland where Gould also coached. Although Naples had not played soccer since her senior year at Carlville High School, she immediately became a crucial part of the Beaver's line-up. "Kristin makes a huge contribution to the team with her defense-to-offense transition on our outsides," said McFarland. "She is also always positive on and off the field and has great sportsmanship."

During her two years of playing collegiate soccer, Naples believes the biggest lesson she has learned is commitment. "Commitment is a really big deal. Since our team is so small, we are constantly working through different injuries," explained Naples.

Coach Gould feels Naples improves tremendously every



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Seniors Edia Mushundusi and Kristin Naples after their win against Eureka

year playing for Blackburn, stating, "Kristin's strength and fitness improved while she's been at Blackburn and she became a consistent starter for us as a junior and senior. Kristin has been versatile, playing starting matches all over the field." Although Naples' season is also coming to a close, she plans to coach soccer after graduation.

Mushundusi and Naples

agree that the experience of playing soccer together has been great. "Being on such a small team, we learn to trust and depend on each other a lot more," said McFarland. "It is safe to say that these two girls will be greatly missed by the whole team and we are all thankful we had the chance to step on the field with Edia and Kristin and to play the game we all love."

Bump, Set, Spike it on You

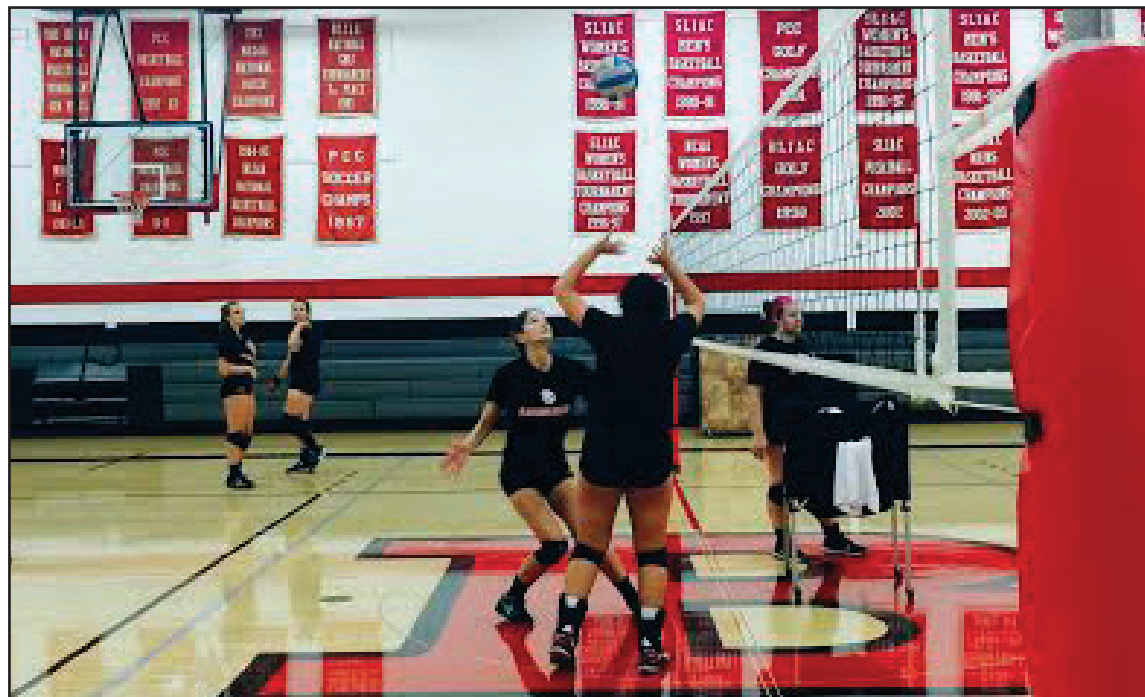


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Shelsie Timmermeier getting ready to spike a ball off of the assist

By Kyle Kutak

If you have been wondering how the Blackburn volleyball team has been doing this year, in regards to last year, then you are reading the right article. Attendance, the record of the team and other such factors play huge roles in many sport teams attributions for future years. The statistics show that many students and community members have. According to the Blackburn Athletics website, the average number in attendance at the

volleyball is close to 100. In the previous year, there was close to an average of 85 people in attendance. This year there are eleven players on the team and the team captains are junior Marlee Lindstrom and senior Patrece McLain. Their previous year's record was 3-29 and their record so far is 4-21. Coach Jordan Barton said, "I think our season is going great, even though our record doesn't show how much we have been improving

throughout the year."

Lindstrom stated, "Defense is a definite strong point, along with being a young team, mostly freshman. This is a weakness, however. We do not have the experience that some elder teams have."

As with every sport, there is also a rivalry, and Blackburn's rival, throughout all the sports, is said to be MacMurray College. On Oct. 10 of this year, Blackburn and MacMurray matched up.

Upcoming Sports Events

Blackburn College Womens Basketball

Nov. 13	Augustana (Ill.)	7:00 PM
Nov. 14	Central (Iowa)	5:00 PM
Nov. 21	at Concordia Chicago	2:00 PM
Nov. 24	at Knox	7:00 PM
Nov. 30	Millikin	7:00 PM

Blackburn College Men's Basketball

Nov. 14	at Washington (Mo.)	7:00 PM
Nov. 17	at McKendree	7:00 PM
Nov. 20	vs. Capital	5:00 PM
Nov. 21	at Sewanee	3:00 PM
Nov. 24	at Knox	5:00 PM

This was the first time this season were Blackburn took the win over MacMurray. Coach Jordan Barton said, "Traditionally MacMurry is our biggest rival, but we go into every game wanting to win, no matter who is on the other side."

Some expectations that Coach Barton would like to see happen this year, and in

coming years are winning more games than last season, getting better every day and keeping the group's attitudes spirited. Coach Barton also stated, "I'm really proud of the girls, and they have really exceeded my expectations, even though the record doesn't show that!"