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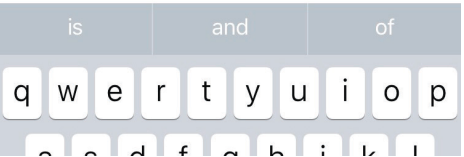
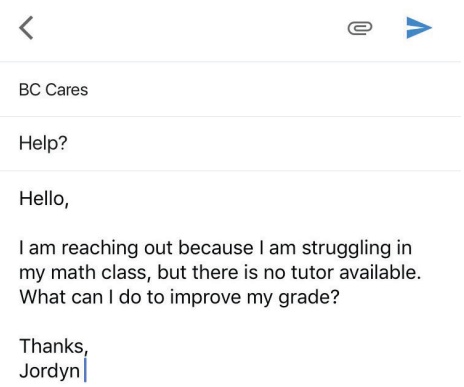
# BC Cares - An Anonymous Resource

By Jordyn Smith  
Co-Editor

You are stressed to the max about that 8 a.m. math class that just isn’t making sense. Or maybe you are tired of being asked by your work program supervisor to go above and beyond your duty, despite showing unfair preference to other workers who are slacking off.

If either of these scenarios describe you, or if you have any other concerns regarding your experience at Blackburn, then there is a new resource on campus that you might want to check out.

The BC Cares Program is a new two-part initiative designed for student success and satisfaction. The BC Cares team—which consists of Blackburn staff members—designed short surveys that are distributed to students every two weeks for the duration of the semester. Surveys, which ask questions regarding students’ levels of satisfaction in academics, the work program and their social lives, are issued to first-year students through the FYT (First Year Transition) Cohort program, which is coordinated by Director of Orientation and Student Success Chelsea Dey, as well as various Orientation Leaders on



campus. Surveys for returning students are issued through the work program. The surveys are then reviewed by the BC Cares team.

The second part of the program is the BC Cares email account. Any student, faculty or staff member can send concerns, suggestions, kudos or anything else in an email to [becares@blackburn.edu](mailto:becares@blackburn.edu). One of the BC Cares team members will follow-up with

the email. “We won't be changing any policies,” wrote one staff member through the BC Cares email account, “but if a student has a concern about, for example, an unfair grade, we would direct them to and provide guidance on how to make use of the grade appeal policy.”

One unique aspect about the program is its anonymity. Although a BC Cares staff member will see who is sending the initial emails and/or answering the surveys, the information provided will not be disclosed to anyone else on campus without permission. “We want to open a reliable line of communication that students can use in a setting that doesn’t contribute to stress levels, busy schedules or discomfort in approaching contentious issues,” the BC Cares team member wrote. “We want students to make use of the resources on campus, but sometimes it can be daunting to see those out publicly.”

The initiative isn’t just for those who need help. “The first time I used it was by emailing the team about someone who I believe needed some extra praise,” said junior environmental

biology major Sam Scheid. If any students, faculty or staff wish to send kudos to any other members on campus, the BC Cares Team sends “shoutout cards” in the mail. Shoutout cards can be anonymous or signed, depending upon the sender’s request. “I have enjoyed the interaction with the program,” added Scheid. “It made me feel like I wasn’t just talking to a wall.”

If there is a concern or a complaint, the BC Cares Team also sends those out as well. “We send it and seek follow-up with the appropriate departmental contact,” the BC Cares team said. “Sometimes that’s a work department, sometimes it’s an academic department, sometimes it’s an office. We try to honor requests for anonymity in complaints and concerns as we can.”

“It’s great for telling someone who cares about what’s happening without the pressure of a formal meeting or sit down talk,” said Scheid. “I can sit in the comfort of my own room and express any concerns about the campus and community and know that the information I send will be handled with care.”

# Finally a Solution to Jewell’s BIGGEST PROBLEM

By Christopher Stahl  
Staff Writer

Jewell Hall is the newest residence hall on campus and was, for a time, an all freshman dorm. Some sophomores, including accounting major Elijah Meyer thought it was catered to freshmen because it was in the best condition in reference to the other dormitories. However, Jewell had or has one major problem: within many rooms there was mildew and mold growing.

Jewell residents have dealt with this problem for, at the very least, the past year when it was at its worst. Some students believe that it is still here after the college hired a professional cleaning crew, Peerless Cleaning and Restoration, to take care of it. Residents are affected in a variety of ways, such as allergy-related issues, which can negatively affect students academically, forcing all students to temporarily move out for the break between fall and spring semester, and cause furniture damage. All of the mattresses of Jewell had to be



The current Jewell air conditioning units are a source of the problem

thrown out last winter break according to Jewell resident assistant Andrea Weeks, who helped with their disposal. Peerless Cleaning and Restoration was supposed to completely get rid of the mildew problem, not temporarily fix it. According to Vice President for Administration and Finance Steve Morris, it cost the college \$146,000 to

hire them.

“What our investigation has led us to is that the A/C units are too large and cool the rooms too rapidly,” said Morris. The current plan is to retrofit the units to fix the mildew issue over the 2018 summer break. Morris said that he is still unsure on the actual cost. While some of returning students have fears of

mildew within the building, the resident director Alondra Olvera, recieved no complaints. Morris encourages students who have mildew issues to talk to their resident assistant or resident director to get a work order in the system so the problem is temporarily taken care of.

# Blackburn Reacts to Vegas Tragedy

By Karissa Coonrod  
Staff Writer

Although Carlinville is a long way from Las Vegas, the Blackburn College community, like many communities across the nation, was rocked by the recent tragedy in which a gunman shot more than 50 people and injured hundreds more at the Route 91 Harvest festival.

The Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Student Success hosted an event to help the campus community address the tragedy. In the special announcement emailed to the campus, students, faculty and staff were encouraged to voice “... concerns, ask questions, or just be present with your Blackburn College family as we come together amidst this tragedy.”

Director of Counseling Services Tim Morenz attended the event. “I think that when I sit with someone who's dealing with trauma there's only



Students gathered to share their thoughts and questions

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one piece of advice that I can give, and that is to listen. When we can listen and we can build an attitude of healing. I don't know that in this situation there are right things to say, but I can tell you

there are a lot of wrong things to say, like telling a person to ‘get over it’ or to ‘snap out of it.’ That's doing nothing. It's basically telling the person that they're not right to be feeling the things

# New Black Student Union Formed

By Christopher Stahl  
Staff Writer

Race has been a contentious issue on the Blackburn College campus for many years. So much so that the college hosted “Let’s Talk About Race,” a three-part event, to bring attention to the topic of race on campus and in the surrounding community. This semester, a new student organization has been formed which will likely deal with some of these same issues: the Black Student Union (BSU).

According to BSU president Brandon Lewis, “Our values are fellowship, scholarship and leadership. Fellowship: we believe in inclusion, love, respect and being kind to your neighbor as you would yourself. Scholarship: we are students first and foremost. We strive for academic accomplishment. Leadership: I think



The second meeting of the Black Student Union meeting

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER STAHL

leadership, as a college student, now, is overlooked. We have a lot of students that go to class and then go to their dorm and that’s their life. I believe that as college students, we’re surrounded by opportunities.” The advice he repeated was, “Be a leader of something.”

Lewis spent most of his life in

Joliet, Illinois, but moved to Springfield, Illinois for a short period of time. He was the president of the Black Student Union at Lincoln Land Community College before transferring to Blackburn at the beginning of this fall. At first, he was surprised that Blackburn did not already have an organization like this. The closest thing to a student union Blackburn has on campus would be Men of Blackburn, and while Men of Blackburn and the BSU have similar goals, BSU is about “creat[ing] a more inclusive community on campus,” Lewis said. The Men of Blackburn focus on building strong relationships with one another on the campus and in the community as well. The BSU is more politically and racially conscious, as Lewis explained, “What pushed me to make a BSU instead of join one of the other clubs or organizations was the

political consciousness. I believe that in order to have a rich community at a college, the students need to have more than book smarts.” Lewis believes that in order for a campus community to thrive it should be rich in diversity and different experiences. This is a philosophy the BSU strives to embrace.

Freshman business management and computer science major Travon Herron said, “I hope [the BSU] makes this campus more diverse because as I learnt the history of this school and there has been a lot of racial problems within the colored community.” Herron went on to say, “I feel like BSU can actually help those students ... come together.” Herron has advertised the BSU to many students that he knows, inviting them to meetings and promoting their ideas. He’s excited to see where the organization goes.

**Correction:** In Vol. 17, No. 1, "A New Face in the English and Communications Department," Lindsey Malott was incorrectly identified as she rather than he. The 'Burnian regrets this error.



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### How do you feel about celebrating and decorating for the holidays early?



“I like it early because it adds extra spirit to kind of dull moments. My birthday gets a month or more celebration, so other holidays should get a month or more too!”

**Kaitlyn Scott**  
junior communications major

“If it’s within a month, month and a half, before that holiday then you’re fine. But if it’s July and you’re putting out pumpkins for Halloween, then there’s more of a problem.”

**Ryan Kachuba**  
junior graphic design major



“I’m actually for whatever people feel. If someone’s really happy that a holiday is coming up they shouldn’t be forced to repress their feelings or anything like that. I think I’m for whatever that individual wants to do and what will make them happy.”

**Brandon Pease**  
sophomore secondary math education and musical theatre major

“You have to wait until the previous holiday season is over. The problem with celebrating a holiday like Christmas in October or November is that you miss the beauty of the Thanksgiving season and the Halloween season. There are specific seasons for specific reasons!”

**John Aden**  
senior accounting and religion/economics major



## THE POWER OF MUSIC

**By Cody Bumgardner**  
Staff Writer

The Latin American country of Venezuela has been going through some tough times lately. The government, run by President Nicolas Maduro, a dictator who silences all who oppose his regime, and a failing economy have led to much unrest. So many citizens are unhappy, and while efforts from other nations, including the U.S., are being made to help out in this situation, the people of Venezuela have taken their own steps to show their dissatisfaction with the government. Among the many forms of protest taking place in Venezuela, one of the most effective is music.

Though Maduro’s term will be over in a year, the people in Venezuela are worried that he will change the laws before then and extend his term, as he has already disbanded and replaced Congress. Additionally, the Venezuelan economy, which heavily relies on oil exports, has been hurting since global oil prices have been going down. Venezuela alone is down 31.9 thousand barrels per day since July, and leadership did not take measures to prepare for this.

Spanish professor Tim Wilson has taken an interest in the crisis in Venezuela. Aside from the Spanish language and teaching about South American culture, music is also a big part of Dr. Wilson’s life, in and out of class. “For me it all comes back to the classroom,” said Wilson. “Last year I taught a class on rock and dictatorship, and the students and I had the greatest conversations about what young people can do through the power of music. In Argentina, they used it to topple the government.”

“I believe that protest music is a very effective way to protest because the music makes a statement,” said Senior Spanish major David Ramirez, who took Dr. Wilson’s rock music class. “We can see examples in Argentina and Chile where bands rise against the government by singing protest music.”

In Argentina during the 1970s and 1980s, the main form of protest music was rock ‘n’ roll. Today in Venezuela, other genres have emerged. “Obviously it’s a different era. There’s a lot more rap, hip hop and reggaeton,” said Wilson. Popular musicians like singer Nella (Marianela Rojas) and even



PHOTO BY CODY BUMGARDNER  
The classical guitar, a popular instrument in Latin American music

composers like Gustavo Dudamel have used their music to protest Maduro. “These musicians are the voice of the people, so the people look up to these musicians to speak for them,” said Ramirez.

Many musicians who have protested Maduro, including Nella, have been exiled to other countries like Mexico, where they can speak freely at their concerts, without the fear of being arrested. “We go to a concert just for fun. It doesn’t mean anything,” said Wilson. “These concerts can take on a totally new meaning. You’re getting together, you’re desperate and you just need to talk to somebody about it. It can be a really amazing thing.”

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## OLIN’S “UGLY” GARDEN

**By Gary Lowder**  
Senior Writer

Flowers tend to be what people associate with a garden, but the garden outside of Olin doesn’t have many right now. This is because the Olin garden is not a traditional one. It is much more contemporary. But some don’t seem to understand this. I’ve heard people call the garden “ugly” several times.

As senior biology major Benjamin Nichols explained, “Well, there’s more beauty to [the garden] than just the visual aesthetics. And in the spring, the flowers these will produce will bedazzle.” The Olin garden is composed of prairie grasses and both native and non-native flowering plants. The plants that are non-native are bred from local genetic lines. As Nichols puts it, “They have been bred to live right here as happy as a plant can be.”

Professor of biology and ecology Dr. Jonathan Micancin is the project’s supervisor and addressed the issues some had with the garden. “That sentiment is one that we expected, and

frankly, it demonstrates inexperience on the part of the viewer. The approach to this garden is one that is following some of the most influential landscape designers of the 21st century.”

Micancin is referring to the gardening and landscaping revolution called “The New Perennial” movement. The gardening website, modernlandscapedesigners.com, describes this movement as, “Herbaceous perennials and grasses planted to invoke a naturalistic expression. Forms and organic structures coupled with beauty embracing ecology become intertwined with the concept of ‘Being One’ and with the common sense principle of planting the right plant in the right place.”

“Other gardens like this are major tourist destinations,” explained Micancin. “Establishing any garden from scratch, especially a garden like this with high ornamental value and high value for wildlife, takes time. We are doing really well. Things are going faster than we could have hoped.”



Olin’s garden actually has a purpose beyond looking good

Micancin noted that another perk to having a garden like this is that it really helps Blackburn’s bees and other resident pollinators. “Everybody seems excited by the bees that we keep on campus, and the honey that they are producing. Well, in order to have bees and in order to have honey, we need flowers and that is what our garden provides.”

Students might not be happy with the way Olin’s garden looks right

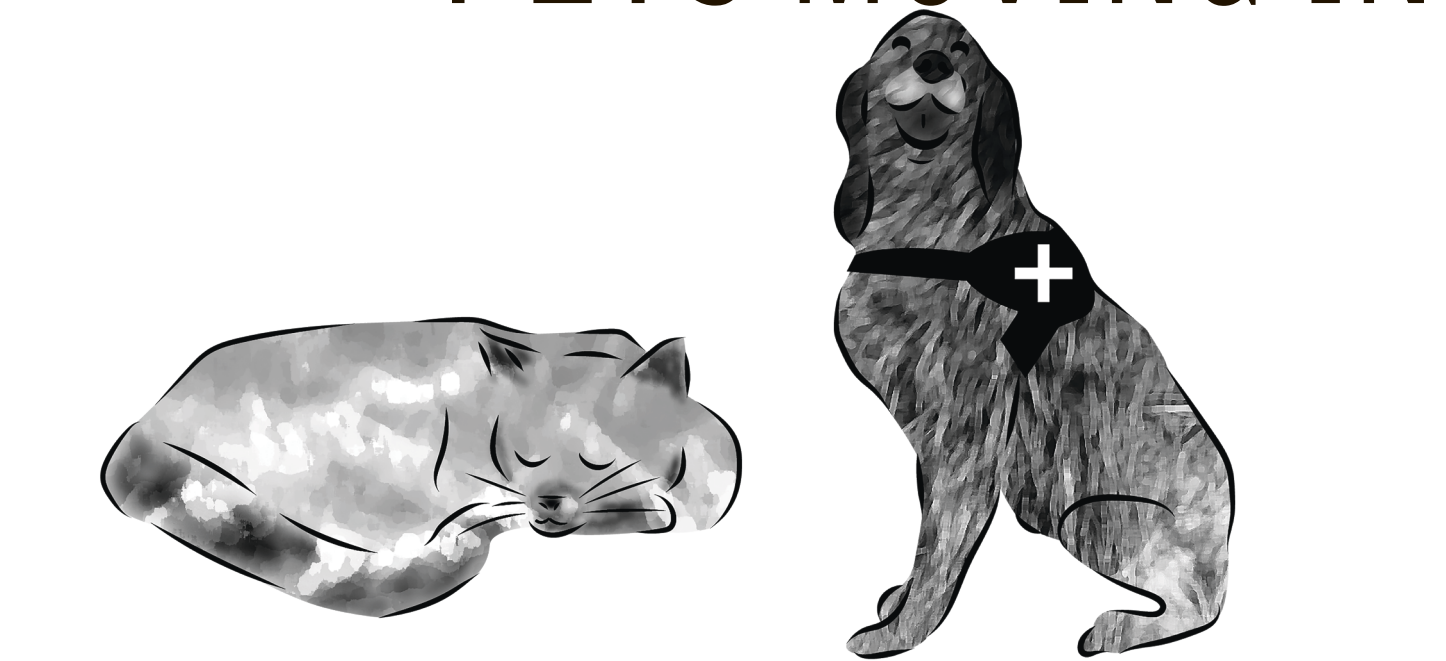
now, but they should certainly be able to appreciate all the good that it does. Nichols said, “I look forward to seeing it grow and prosper as I come back for homecomings or events after graduation. I hope that the bees and the garden provide future students amazing opportunities in the fields of apiculture, entomology, botany, ecology, behavior (plant, fungal and animal) and much more!”

## NEW POLICY ON CAMPUS: PETS MOVING IN

**By Christopher Stahl**  
Staff Writer

This is the first year Blackburn College has allowed emotional support animals to live in the residence halls. Although there is no doubt that these animals will help some students, there have been mixed reactions to their presence. Some students, such as cat-enthusiast Ally Fowler, like having them because they are a reminder of her pets back home, but others aren’t as open to having them here, such as Kelcie Woodring who is allergic to cats.

According to the 2017-2018 Blackburn College Student Handbook, there are regulations and guidelines that all students must adhere to before they have an actual service or support animal on campus. These guidelines permit service animals for students who have physical or emotional disabilities. The student handbook also explains that having “[a]n emotional support/therapy/assistance animal may provide physical assistance, emotional support, calming, stability, and other kinds of support that gives a college resident



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with a mental or psychiatric disability an equal opportunity.”

According to Interim Vice President and Dean of Students Abbey Hardin, Blackburn has always allowed service animals in residence halls, but emotional support animals are new due to “state, federal and local laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act,

and the Fair Housing Act.”

However, students such as Woodring and freshman Isabelle Powell, who both live on a floor with an emotional support animal, have difficulties with these animals because they’re allergic to them. In response to these students’ issues, Hardin said, “Our policy is that if we have either a service animal or support animal on a floor in

a residence hall, our campus counselor, Tim Morenz, sends out a notification to all of the students living on that floor.” She added, “The handbook goes on to outline that if you have anything like allergies or a fear of dogs or anything like that then you need to notify Student Life to receive allocations for those needs.”



# ILLINOIS GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER ON CAMPUS, SIGNS CONOR'S LAW



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Alice Vesper gave emotional remarks at the signing

By Gary Lowder  
Senior Writer

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, State Representative Avery Bourne (R) and Senator Andy Manar (D) were all on campus for the official signing of Conor's Law. This new law requires police to hold any underage DUI suspect until the individual is sober or until an adult (over 21) can pick them up. This

policy will also require the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board to make new policies for police officers regarding people charged with a DUI and their eventual release from custody.

Conor's law is named after Conor Vesper, a former Blackburn biology major who died tragically in May 2015. That month Vesper was arrested for driving under the influence. He was held briefly before posting bond, and was released while still intoxicated. He then led police on a high-speed chase

and later died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

In his somber speech at the event on Tuesday, Rauner remarked, "No one should ever lose a child, and we owe it to ourselves to try and prevent this loss." He added, "This law will help keep our young people safer by helping our local law enforcement develop the proper procedures and best practices to deal with intoxicated minors ... No parent should have to bury their own child. We are in public service and we

should come together and do all we can to help our young people. I want to thank Conor's parents for their strength ... This is important to me as a parent and all of us as a community."

Since his death, Conor's parents, Jack and Alice Vesper, have worked with Illinois politicians, both Democrats and Republicans, to make sure other parents would never have to endure the tragedy that they did. The bill was introduced to the Illinois Senate and House by Manar and Bourne. The bill

had bipartisan support and passed with unanimity in both the Illinois House of Representatives and Illinois Senate. Manar and Bourne commented on the rarity of a bipartisan bill like this one. "There was a good 10 months of work prior to the Senate taking a vote. You don't typically see that in terms of the process, but that's what we referenced. The Vespers were in Springfield countless times, and that work really paved the way for a bipartisan vote," said Manar. "This law had an amazing

story. I hope the family realizes that Conor's legacy will live on, and it really shows what we can do when we work together," said Bourne.

Vesper was well-liked, by both Blackburn faculty and students. Last year the Blackburn faculty and board of trustees approved granting an honorary bachelor's degree to Vesper. See "Honorary Degree for Conor Vesper" on The 'Burnian website.



# MONSTER PROBLEM

By Rachel Burke  
Staff Writer

No matter where you look on campus, you can see students with either coffee or energy drinks in hand as they juggle work, class schedules and a social life that may or may not be out of control. The bags under their eyes scream exhaustion, so the frequency of these highly caffeinated drinks is understandable. But what if there was another way?

Junior art major Dallas Berry is a serial caffeine drinker. “I can’t get through the day without it,” he admitted. When he doesn’t drink it, Berry revealed, “I get raging headaches, I’m always tired and I can’t focus on anything.”

There are better ways to stay awake without withdrawal effects.

While caffeine may give you an energy boost to get you through the day, the National Institutes of Health outlines the consequences to an excessive amount of caffeine including insomnia, dehydration, headaches, dizziness and



There's a hefty selection of Monster at Snack Bar

even dependency. Due to the excessive caffeine in energy drinks, people with anxiety, migraines, heart problems or those on certain medications should avoid energy drinks. Even teenagers

should stay away because they are more susceptible to the side effects of caffeine.

According to the Mayo Clinic, an excessive amount of caffeine for adults is anything over 400 milligrams, which is about four cups of coffee or 10 cans of soda. This is a lot harder to measure when consuming energy drinks, as the Mayo Clinic also reveals, they are not as accurate with their labels in terms of how much caffeine is in them.

Freshman biology major Jenna Dudra does not drink caffeine. She said, “I haven’t drank soda in years.” She stays awake throughout the whole day simply being “high on life.” Everyone could be on that metaphorical high on life if they didn’t rely on energy drinks to get them through the day. Here are some other tactics students can consider when trying to stay awake without drinking five cups of coffee before their 8 a.m. class.

**Get a full eight hours of sleep.** Drinking five cups of coffee cannot cure sleep deprivation, it only increases

chances of insomnia. The Mayo Clinic advises eight hours of sleep a night for older teenagers and adults.

**Exercise.** While exercise might be the last thing you want to do when you’re fatigued, it actually increases energy-promoting chemicals in the body, according to the Mayo Clinic.

**Drink water.** According to the National Institutes of Health, even mild dehydration can cause someone to lose their focus. Just staying hydrated can keep students alert, so put down the energy drink and pick up a bottle of water.

Water, exercise and sleep cost a lot less than the energy drinks or coffee that keep you awake all day. Besides giving you the right energy boost you need for your day, these three simple activities can provide you with a surplus of health benefits. Caffeine in moderation is not bad for you, but sometimes it’s hard to keep track when all you’re thinking about is sheer exhaustion. Avoid the problem altogether, and just get some sleep, exercise and hydration.

# ENOUGH GRITTY DRAMA, I WANT TO HAVE FUN!

By Gary Lowder  
Senior Writer

The Daniel Craig “Bond” movies could certainly take some lessons from the “Kingsman” franchise on how to make a spy thriller for the modern audience. There are enough gritty dramatic espionage movies. I don’t want that, I want my spy movies to remind me of the ridiculousness and campiness of the old Bond movies (like “Goldeneye”). People go to the movies to have fun, and this is something that “Kingsman: The Golden Circle” has figured out.

If you’re seeing the new Kingsman movie it’s probably because you liked the first one, and how could you not? The original, “Kingsman: The Secret Service,” is hilarious, has a great soundtrack (featuring Lynyrd Skynyrd and Dire Straits to name a few) and (in my humble opinion) one of the best choreographed and well-filmed fight scenes in the history of modern cinema. It’s one steady shot, with no cutaways. Seriously, if you’re a fan of action movies, Google “Kingsman church scene” if you haven’t seen it already.

If you enjoyed the first film, you’ll definitely enjoy this one. It doubles down on what was good about the first iteration.

That’s not to say that it didn’t have any problems. If you want to go into this movie knowing nothing about it, then as far as you’re concerned the review stops here. I will be discussing plot points and some minor spoilers.

“Kingsman: The Golden Circle” takes place after the majority of the kingsmen have died in a fiery explosion implemented by the movie’s villain, Poppy (Julianne Moore: “The Big Lebowski,” “Jurassic Park”). The surviving kingsmen, Eggsy (Taron Egerton: “Kingsman: The Secret Service”) and Merlin (Mark Strong: “Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy,” “The Brothers Grimsby”) have to ask for help from their American cousins, called “statesman.”

This sequel also sees the return of Colin Firth’s character, agent Harry Hart. I already mentioned that the film stars Julianne Moore and Mark Strong, but this movie really has the star power. Several of the statesmen



"Kingsman: The Golden Circle" features a surprise cameo from Elton John

agents are played by Channing Tatum, Halle Berry, Jeff Bridges, Colin Firth and even a surprise cameo from Elton John. Unfortunately, I don’t feel like these characters are explored as much as they could be, especially in the case of Channing Tatum who was present in much of the promotional material but is barely in the movie. The performances are a mixed bag. Colin Firth is on point (as always) and Taron Egerton’s

character seems to have really developed since the last film.

I had several other minor issues with the movie, it seems to have a flip-floppy stance on drug use and some scenes designed to draw a laugh instead illicit a cringe. But if you don’t mind these small problems and are looking to see a movie that’s as fun as it is smooth, you shouldn’t miss “Kingsman: The Golden Circle.”



# DOING THE BARE MINIMUM

By Rachel Burke  
Staff Writer

In order to live on campus, students are expected to balance 10 hours of work and their class schedule every week. Some students argue that this is asking too much of them.

Blackburn College only requires a minumum of 12 credit hours for students to be considered full-time, and 10 hours of work to actually live on campus. That’s 22 hours a week dedicated to mandatory responsibilities and not a lot to ask. This is less than in previous years when students were expected to work 15 hours a week, according to alumni and Senior Director of Development Nate Rush. Most new high school graduates are held to the ultimatum of “Go to school, or get a job!” Well, most jobs have a 40 hour per week schedule, so these 22 hours a week are not a lot to ask of students.

The process of catching up on hours when behind might be a little tricky, but life is a little tricky. Get over it. Blackburn has already paid this money towards the tuition, it is only fair to work the miniscule amount of hours that you already agreed to.

When I was a senior in high school, I was living on my own, working 40 hours a week and taking five Advanced Placement classes. I still managed to go out with friends and get enough credits



Snack Bar students working hard for their tuition hours

in my college classes to already be a semester ahead. Currently, I am only working 10 hours a week at a relatively demanding job with The ‘Burnian and balancing 19 credit hours, and this does not feel very overwhelming for me.

According to the American Association of University Professors, 80 percent of undergraduate students also work part-time with an average

work program, but she does anyway. Moorman is a crew head for campus services and gets two extra paid hours. She also has a job off campus at the Wood Duck where she works around 13 hours a week. Her course load includes 16 hours a week of classes. “Organization is key,” she explained, “but it’s definitely possible to balance everything.”

Freshman medical laboratory science major Kaitlyn Mitchum has an on-campus job in catering, works off-campus at Reno’s and has a 16 hour a week course load. “It’s hard with my crazy work schedules and finding time to study,” Mitchum admitted, “but it’s also nice because I’m always busy.” To students who think the work program’s demands are unfair, Mitchum said, “It only gets harder from here, and to be honest the jobs on campus aren’t really hard.”

With that being said, I understand some students did not get a similar experience in high school in terms of having a job and demanding classes. However, you get out what you put into it. The benefits from the work program extend from beyond the extra money towards your tuition, especially for students who have not worked before. This is a very mild introduction to the real demands that will be placed on you in the workforce outside of Blackburn.

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# WE WON’T ENDORSE A NAMELESS SOURCE

Every once in awhile, The ‘Burnian writers pitch stories that use anonymous or confidential interviews and sources. Occasionally, we even have students, faculty or staff approach us about writing an anonymous article. However, it has always been our policy not to accept anonymous or confidential articles or sources, because we know that this type of practice can compromise our credibility and integrity.

The Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics advises: “Consider sources’ motives before promising anonymity. Reserve anonymity for sources who may face danger, retribution or other harm, and have information that cannot be obtained elsewhere. Explain why anonymity was granted.” The New York Times also bans anonymity, except in extreme cases, in which one of three top editors must grant permission.

There have been extremely rare occasions in which exceptions to our policy are made. This issue, for example,

includes a news piece entitled “BC Cares: An Anonymous Resource” in which a confidential source is quoted several times.

This particular article was accepted with a confidential source because BC Cares is an anonymous system, and because we believe it is beneficial to the Blackburn community. Students, faculty and staff are able to contact the BC Cares team via email if they have any concerns with their academics, their work program positions or their social lives. This article was written by one of the editors, and was approved by the editorial staff, which consists of the co-editors and the faculty adviser.

In the past six years, we have only run one article written by a confidential source, and this was a story of rape. In this case, an unnamed Blackburn student approached the editorial staff, asking if he could write the story to raise awareness about rape on campus. We only run anonymous or confidential articles if the editorial staff sincerely believes it is in the best interests



of the Blackburn community.

We feel that it is necessary to justify our reasoning to our writers, as well as to our readers. Our policy is to not accept anonymous articles or sources, except on very rare occasions.

If you have any questions, concerns, or news tips, feel free to contact us at burnian@blackburn.edu.

## Crossword

### Across

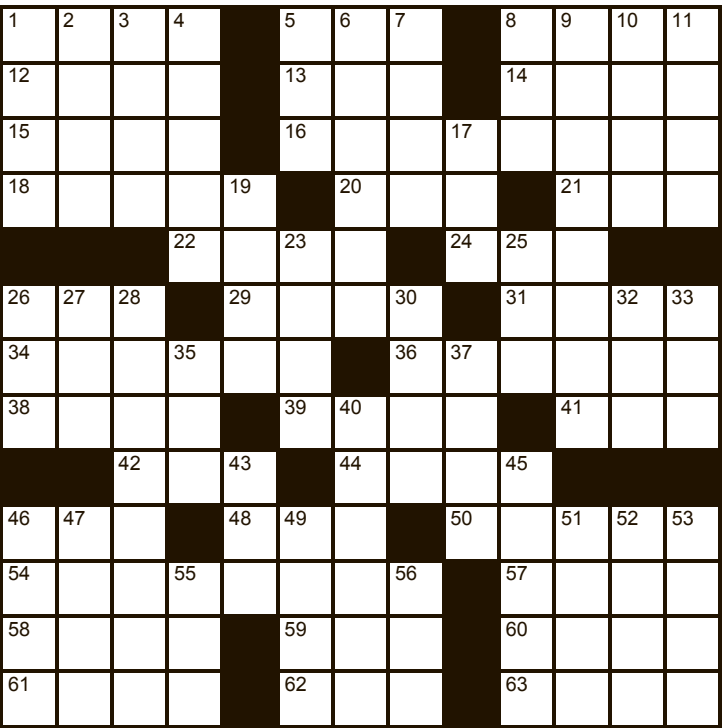
- 1 Smeltery input  
5 Choose  
8 Proficient  
12 Cavort  
13 “Ulalume” poet  
14 Major-leaguers  
15 Soprano Gluck  
16 Police surveillance  
18 Tether  
20 “\_\_\_ you kidding?”  
21 Colorado native  
22 Vertical spar  
24 Greatest degree  
26 Mauna \_\_\_ volcano  
29 Golf club  
31 Alleviate  
34 Dawn goddess  
36 Fourscore  
38 Wren or hen  
39 Lancelot and Mix-a-Lot, for two  
41 Reply to a captain

- 42 Harem quarters  
44 \_\_\_ the wiser  
46 Label  
48 Young fellow  
50 Chewy candy  
54 Green onion  
57 High spirits  
58 “Rule, Britannia” composer  
59 Forest female  
60 Vault  
61 Soaks flax  
62 Before (Poet.)  
63 Corn units

### Down

- 1 Kind of surgery  
2 Function  
3 Poet Lazarus  
4 Involuntary twitch  
5 Saturn’s wife  
6 Latke ingredient  
7 Lacerate  
8 Copy  
9 Loud disturbance

- 10 Clod  
11 Borgia in-law  
17 He’s a doll  
19 It grows on you  
23 Sp. women (Abbr.)  
25 Two-year-old sheep  
26 Dog breed, for short  
27 Arles assent  
28 Self-important  
30 Fictional sleuth Wolfe  
32 Pig palace  
33 Cataract site  
35 Peculiar  
37 “\_\_\_ It Romantic?”  
40 Not al fresco  
43 Totally  
45 Golf score  
46 Bygone autocrat  
47 Farm unit  
49 Adjutant  
51 Chigger  
52 Dread  
53 Slangy okays  
55 \_\_\_ Cayes, Haiti  
56 Maiden name



## Toy Story (1995)

- What is the name of Sid’s dog?  
(a) Prince (b) Rover (c) Scud
- Who is Ducky’s partner in the escape from Sid’s house?  
(a) Legs (b) Rollerbob (c) Mr Potato Head
- What was the name of the rocket Sid received?  
(a) Moon Traveller (b) Starship 1 (c) The Big One
- What was the first birthday present that Andy opened?  
(a) Battleships (b) Lunch box (c) Buzz Lightyear
- Where does Woody end up when Andy brings Buzz into his room for the first time?  
(a) In the toy box (b) Under the bed (c) In the cupboard
- What is the name of the toy Sid blows up in the backyard?  
(a) Combat Carl (b) Action Man (c) Bo Peep
- Who does Andy take with him to Pizza Planet?  
(a) Buzz (b) Slinky (c) Woody
- Where was Buzz heading before he landed in Andy’s room?  
(a) Sector 12 (b) Star Command (c) Gamma Tron
- Who is Buzz’s arch nemesis?  
(a) Hamm (b) Shark (c) Emperor Zurg
- Which of the following is NOT a toy in the movie?  
(a) Mr Spell (b) Turbo Man (c) Bullseye

## Sports Variety

- Where was the Mike Tyson-Buster Douglas boxing match held?  
(a) England (b) United States (c) Japan
- What horse won the 1999 Kentucky Derby?  
(a) Charismatic (b) Real Quiet (c) Silver Charm
- Who won the 1998 Masters in Golf?  
(a) Phil Mickelson (b) Mark O’Meara (c) Tiger Woods
- What team won its first ever Stanley Cup in 2004?  
(a) Lightning (b) Mighty Ducks (c) Hurricanes
- How many home runs did Barry Bonds hit in 2001?  
(a) 81 (b) 67 (c) 73
- Who won his 200th and final NASCAR race on July 4, 1984?  
(a) Terry Labonte (b) Richard Petty (c) Bill Elliott
- In 1988 what female tennis player won all four Grand Slams?  
(a) Chris Evert (b) Steffi Graf (c) Monica Seles
- How many times did the Lakers reach the finals in the 1980s?  
(a) 8 (b) 0 (c) 4
- Libby Riddles and Susan Butcher won back to back in 1985 and 1986 in what event?  
(a) Pool Player Classic (b) Harness racing (c) Iditarod Dog Sled race
- Who earned the first perfect score in Olympic gymnastics in 1976?  
(a) Mary Lou Retton (b) Nadia Comaneci (c) Sofia Muratova

## Quotes

*The best measure of a man’s honesty isn’t his income tax return. It’s the zero adjust on his bathroom scale.* ~ Arthur C. Clarke

*I honestly think it is better to be a failure at something you love than to be a success at something you hate.* ~ George Burns

*The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.* ~ Will Rogers

*True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked.* ~ Erich Segal

*When you go into court you are putting your fate into the hands of twelve people who weren’t smart enough to get out of jury duty.* ~ Norm Crosby

# Letter to the Editor: Response to "A Voice for Conservative Students"

To Whom It May Concern,

The Vol. 17 No. 2 issue of The 'Burnian featured an editorial piece by Cody Bumgardner entitled, “A Voice for Conservative College Students.” The piece condemns Blackburn College for “pushing liberal ideologies” and attacks efforts by various offices to promote diversity and create an inclusive community. The piece uses quotes by Rob Wingerter, senior psychology major and counseling services staff member, who expresses views in harmony with the inflammatory nature of the piece.

This letter is to clarify that Rob is

guaranteed his right to free speech by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. However, his expressed views are not the views of the Office of Counseling Services at Blackburn College and Rob is expressing his personal views, which are not endorsed by this office. The Office of Counseling Services remains stalwart in its support for every faculty, staff and student at Blackburn College, both the marginalized and the non-marginalized and is determined to aid the mission of creating an inclusive community. Counseling Services is dedicated to providing a listening ear to every student and to help every

student find their voice, including the Conservative student, who Mr. Bumgardner claims that the College does “little to help.” It is my hope that this brief letter clarifies any confusion that might have been created by the editorial.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Morenz MA LCPC  
Director of Counseling Services



# SENIOR STANDOUT The Flip Seen 'Round the World



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**By Jordan Wood**

*Sports Writer and Layout Assistant*

Senior baseball and soccer player Brandon Smith has been around sports nearly his entire life. His parents got him started with soccer at the age of five and his father was his first soccer coach. Although his career in sports started young, Smith has never lost his passion for the game.

In Smith's senior year of Mt. Zion

High School, his soccer skills earned him all-conference and all-area honors as well as defensive MVP. Despite his success on the soccer field, baseball was what got him noticed, but his desire to play the game he loved for as long as he could was the real reason why Smith found himself at Blackburn.

When Smith arrived on campus, he came to the realization that his love for both games was too great to be contained. Lucky for him, playing both was an option. "I got here and ended up emailing Rob (Steinkuhler, soccer coach) and was like, 'hey, you think I could tryout for soccer too?' and he let me try out," said Smith.

Most people are not cut out to be multi-sport athletes, but the exceptions are another breed entirely. Their abilities in one sport seem to transcend to the other, creating a beautiful grace and fluidity with their bodies that make something complicated appear effortless. It's almost as if, for them, two sports become one.

Smith is one of those exceptions. His play is a perfect combination of power and calm. "Brandon Smith is a teammate who will put his body on the line just to make the tough play. He always tries his hardest and will always be there to pump you up," said

former teammate Parker Ramaker. His play is even more impressive as he has had to adapt to a hearing impairment in his right ear. While Smith has had to get used to making minor adjustments to accommodate, he has been able to overcome and push past the obstacle. In fact, many may not even notice any difference between him and any other player on the field as he has "had it so long now, its just kind of normal for me."

For anyone who has seen Smith - especially on the soccer field -- he's entertaining and provides his team and fans with a spark.

For anyone who has not met Smith or does not know who he is, he's 'the flip guy,' the one backing all the way up to the bleachers before taking off towards the sideline, ball above head, and yes, flipping. But the craziest part is not just the flip itself, but the accuracy and power behind the throw as a result. Those watching in the stands can often be heard asking things like, "How?" or "What?" followed by a silence that could only be explained by a lack of words. It's a thing of beauty, but just like all great things, it's taken him years to perfect.

"It was just a random thing, I was just randomly flipping through the



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**Smith (far left) forms a wall with teammates**

channels, saw the [Illinois] game on and they had two girls that could do it so I was like 'well I can do that without the ball' so I figured let me give it a shot." While Smith admitted his first attempts were far from impressive, he kept working on it. "It just evolved and I've gotten better and better and this is the best I've thrown the ball," he said.

Perhaps the most impressive thing about 'the flip' isn't even the flip itself. Maybe it's a little deeper than that because in the short amount of time that it takes for both the trick and fans' jaws to drop, one thing is more clear in that moment than in any other throughout the game, and that's love. Passion. Pure enjoyment. Smith doesn't just play soccer. He doesn't just play baseball. He lives it and he loves the games. He always tried his hardest and is always there to pump you up.

## FRESH FACED AND NOT A MOMENT TO WASTE

**By Jordan Wood**

*Sports Writer and Layout Assistant*

Shy and explosive. Two words that generally aren't used in the same character description, yet when the self-proclaimed "shy" Kendall Knop takes to the volleyball court, her game is nothing short of explosive.

Knop's career began in the third grade when she first started to play competitively. Knop remembers staying after school to watch the team's volleyball practices. "I was one of those people where I was like, 'I want to be that good.' I would watch the older girls and I would want to be them," she stated as she reminisced on the moment she first began to fall in love with the game. Growing up in Strasburg, Illinois—a town of just over 400 people—Knop has become accustomed to that small-town feeling, so when she first came to Blackburn, she felt right at home. "I like small, I'm from a very small

town and a small high school. I like the small class sizes, that's probably a big factor," she said.

Another major factor in Knop's decision: distance. After her two years at Lincoln Land Community College, she had a few other options on the table, and all except one were within three hours from home, so naturally, she chose Blackburn. "My parents, I don't know if they've ever missed a sporting event... I don't want to go somewhere where they can't go to every game. They hate missing even the little things."

In addition to her family ties, opportunity was another force that drove her to Blackburn. "In a year and a half, I won't be able to play ever again and that's what keeps driving me. Last year I thought maybe I'll just go to school somewhere close to home and not play and get a job, but then I [thought] 'I literally have two years left, two years since third grade. That's

crazy to me, and I don't want to stop."

It's hard to fault Knop for choosing to stay close to home. After all, home is where the heart is. It's even harder to fault her parents for never wanting to miss an opportunity to watch her play. "Kendall is a hard-working, dedicated and reliable teammate," said senior volleyball player Alexis Dick. "She goes after every ball and makes every hit work, even when a pass or set isn't perfect. There is a natural unspoken bond between her and I, and there is no one else I trust more on the court than Kendall. I am lucky that I had the chance to play my last season with her," Dick stated. A versatile, hard working, all-around player, Knop has the ability to drop the jaws of the entire crowd with just one hit. It's incredible to watch her work and almost impossible to believe how in one simple, fluid motion one person could generate so much power. Throughout matches, it's hard to ignore the question commonly circling the



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**Knop stands alongside teammate Alexis Dick as they prepare for a serve**

stands, "How did a player like her, end up here?" One word: love. A love for the game and a love for her family.

Over time Knop—like many athletes—has learned a deeper lesson from sports. "You have to learn how to work with people and that's the biggest thing. I've learned how to be a leader too. Most of my life I've been super shy and I'm still super shy but once I'm on the court, it kind of disappears and I feel like a leader. I can be myself and branch out."