

Dean Heinz Retires After 35 Years at Blackburn

By CODY BUMGARDNER

Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Heidi Heinz will be retiring from Blackburn College this spring. As dean of students, she has coordinated student activities, residence life, counseling services, campus security and discipline, among many other duties.

Heinz has worked at the college off and on since 1978. “It’s a sordid story,” she joked. “I started in July of 1978. I left a few times and came back, leaving a few months for graduate work, a couple years working in community mental health and a couple years owning my own restaurant.”

Throughout Heinz’s time here, she has worked in admissions, housing, student activities, career placement, alumni development and now serves in her current position. “I’ve kind of made the rounds,” she said. Over time, her job has changed in many ways. Instead of going to schools and talking to students about the college, she works more closely with the staff.

Heinz’s favorite aspect of her job is the cyclical nature of it with the flow of students. She is always anxious to see students return in the fall but is also happy for students to leave for the summer. “I believe in the place,” said Heinz. “The mission is extremely valuable. Dr. Comerford has said that no time more than today, we need a place like Blackburn. People are not pushed enough. If young people are going to be successful after college, they need to be pushed in college.” Heinz



PHOTO BY LUIZA MYSLINSKA

Dean of Students Heidi Heinz dons her flotilla parade hat and matching lei

encourages today’s students to be more willing to take on challenges. “A lot of students head down the rabbit hole instead of trying to meet the challenge. No matter what path you take in life, you’re going to be challenged. You’ve gotta figure out how to overcome it. This is more like the real world than any other institution. The moment you step onto campus, you better be ready to juggle.”

According to Student Life Office Manager Debbie O’Brien, Heinz stays pretty busy at Blackburn. “She typically has a lot of meetings. Her schedule is always so full.” O’Brien noted that Heinz has a good sense of humor, which is important when working in student life. “We laugh when we can and help each other.” O’Brien has enjoyed her time working with Heinz. “Heidi is a really good boss and most

folks in student life will tell you that.”

When Heinz is not working, she enjoys playing golf, gardening and tending to her coy pond. She also enjoys going on walks and playing ball with her black lab and spending time with her husband who keeps her hopping. She is very excited to retire and to have more time for all of the things she enjoys.

Heidi noted that her job takes commitment. “Student life doesn’t stop. It’s time for the next generation of professionals to come and make their contribution to the student affairs at Blackburn.”

“It’s been a very rich and rewarding career,” said Heinz. “A wild ride at times, but it’s been fun to watch students grow and develop.”

Graduation Schedule

COMPILED BY GARY LOWDER

You seniors sure do have a lot going on and it can be really easy to forget about dates and times. With this in mind, The ‘Burnian presents you with a comprehensive schedule of the events leading up to graduation.

For anyone who is interested in attending the public events, the baccalaureate will be at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 12, in Bothwell Auditorium. Commencement will be on Saturday, May 13, on the Hudson quad if weather allows. If it does not, commencement will be held in Dawes Gymnasium.

The following scheduled events are not available to the public and are for graduating students and their parents only.

May 12, 10 a.m. - Rehearsal for baccalaureate and commencement. This event will be held in the gym.

May 12, 5:30 p.m. - Senior banquet. This event will be held in Woodson (and can only be attended if students have RSVP’d).

May 12, 7:30 p.m. - At this time students will assemble in their robes in Bothwell’s classroom hallway to line up for the Baccalaureate ceremony.

May 12, 8 p.m. - Baccalaureate. This will be held in Bothwell Auditorium and is open to the public.

May 13, 8 a.m. - Breakfast for graduates and families. This event will be held at the McKinley House.

May 13, 9:30 a.m. - Seniors gather on second floor Hudson to put on graduation robes and line up for commencement (alternatively seniors should gather in the gym in case of rain or inclement weather).

May 13, 10:30 a.m. - Commencement. This will be held on the Hudson Quad and will be open to the public (or the gym in case of rain or inclement weather).

Honorary Degree for Conor Vesper



PHOTO COURTESY OF PR

Candle from Conor Vesper’s celebration of life

By GARY LOWDER

Last month the Blackburn faculty and board of trustees approved granting an honorary bachelor’s degree to Conor Vesper. Conor was a biology major who died tragically in 2015. Biology professor Dr. Ed Zalisko was Conor’s

adviser. Zalisko was a vocal supporter of Vesper receiving an honorary degree and even sent the letter to the faculty and staff to help organize it. “It was a tragedy... Conor was a gentleman, who had a lot to offer us,” said Zalisko.

“When I went to his memorial at the Staunton football field it was very clear from the number of people who came that so many people cared about Conor... I’m delighted that it was approved, and I’m sure the family is likewise quite honored.”

Vesper’s family sent a handwritten letter addressed to President Comerford and the rest of the Blackburn community. In this letter they said, “Conor would be quite humbled by this honor. Conor thoroughly embraced being a student at Blackburn. Conor looked forward to his classes and interaction with his professors and all of the staff. Of course, Conor also enjoyed the social aspect and making many friends at Blackburn... We cannot begin to tell you how the outpouring of love and support from Blackburn has helped our family. To know what an impact Conor made on everyone at this

See **Vesper**, page 2

INSIDE

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Senior Symposium | Page 2 |
| Things to do During Summer | Page 6 |
| Blackburn’s Variety Show | Page 9 |
| Post-Graduation Plateau | Page 10 |
| Where to Run? | Page 12 |
| theburnian.com | |

Seniors Showcase Work at Symposium

By CODY BUMGARDNER

As the semester draws to a close, a sigh of relief from Blackburn seniors can be heard across the campus. For many of them, their senior seminar projects are finished, and have been presented. But for some of them, there was one more trial - the senior symposium, an event that showcased the college's best projects.

The symposium is made up of student work representing the three divisions: Natural science, social science and humanities. Each major falls somewhere within these broad categories, therefore there were a wide variety of projects to be displayed. From computer science to communications, students and their projects are nominated by faculty and department chairs to participate in the symposium. Though the event is open for all to visit, three judges (division chairs) visited each display to determine the winners.

One of the Blackburn seniors presenting their projects at the symposium was creative writing major Sara Lewis, with a display she made to show scenes from her horror novel "Monarch Biological Preserve." This nearly 300 page novel is a great example of how complex these projects can be. "It's sorta like the "Hunger Games" for senior seminar," said Lewis, referring to the competition of students and their projects.

Another student with an interesting and creative project was graphic arts major Brandon Secrist, with a display of alternate Blackburn College promotions, including signs



PHOTO BY DEJA BELL

Organizational leadership major Anneliese Darow chats with Dr. Gary Long

and buttons, much like one would see on a college preview day. However, these signs and buttons feature the college mascot not as a beaver, but a bison. "I chose the bison as a mascot, and just built a whole scheme around it," Secrist said. "If they really wanted

to, we could roll [the promotions] out tomorrow."

The event was followed by appetizers and an awards ceremony. The winners of the senior symposium will be announced at graduation.

Vesper

Continued from page 1

campus touches our hearts. We thank you for the Celebration of Life service in August 2015, for the students who are preparing and placing a bench and tree in Conor's honor and memory, and for this great honor of his Bachelor's Degree..."

Vesper's former co-worker and current Student Senate President Ajay Minton said, "Conor Vesper and I were co-workers on the Mahan Forestry Project during the summer of 2015. Prior to this, I did not know Conor personally, but as we worked together, we developed a great friendship. We had many fun memories while working together and the adventures we had up until his death. I became very hurt when I got a phone call from our work supervisor, Dr. Bray, regarding his death. I remember how surreal it felt because I had just been with Conor the entire day prior... He will always have a place in my heart. Following this tragedy, I was so moved how the Blackburn community came together for emotional support for everyone, but also his family... As Student Senate President, I was happy to oversee the final installment of Conor's honorary bench that was placed in front of Mahan that was funded by Student Senate this semester. Conor will always be a part of our community and this was an effort to promote this... I am happy that we have continued to show our care and support for Conor as the years have gone by. I would do anything to spend one last day with Conor. I miss working with him, his laugh and most importantly his presence on campus."

Gone But Not Forgotten



PHOTO COURTESY OF PR

Blackburn mourned the loss of emeritus biology professor Dr. William Werner

By MICHAEL TROUTT

The Blackburn community mourned the recent loss of emeritus biology professor Dr. William Werner. In a special email announcement,

Blackburn community members were notified of Werner's passing.

For those who knew Werner, he is remembered for having lived a life

rich in experience that allowed him to inspire others. He was born June 30, 1925, in Mt. Marion, New York, and graduated Saugerties High School in 1942. From 1943 to 1946, Werner served his country in World War II as a private first class soldier in the Army. He fought in numerous battles, most notably the historic Battle of the Bulge. After his military service, Werner married the love of his life, Grace Gray, on Sept. 6, 1947. Werner went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University of New York-Albany, and his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1954. Shortly thereafter, Werner accepted his position at Blackburn College and served its community for 35 years before retiring in 1989.

Blackburn chemistry professor Dr. Mark Armstrong is one of few remaining individuals to have worked at Blackburn during Werner's years of service. Armstrong remembered that he first met Werner at Blackburn in the early 1980s. He commented, "He was very well respected. He was a great teacher [and] a wonderful man, very kind." He noted that Werner and his wife Grace were also his next door

neighbors for a number of years and said, "You can't really talk about Bill without talking about Grace ... she was just a real sweetheart, too." The couple celebrated 65 years of marriage until she passed in 2012.

Armstrong also reminisced about Werner's legacy as an outstanding educator. He remembered that Werner had a saying posted in his office: "It said that 'A student is a light to be lit, not a vessel to be filled.'" He added that Werner "excited his students. He lit the fire within them." In fact, one of his former students, Dr. Herman Brockman, a recent inductee into the Science Wall of Honor, donated money to create the Werner Lecture Series four years ago. Named after both Werner and his wife Grace, the lecture series brings speakers to Blackburn to talk about current scientific topics.

Dr. William Werner passed on April 16 at the age of 91 and will forever remain a celebrated pillar of the Blackburn community. With the Werner Lecture Series to carry on in his memory, along with the vast number of individuals whose lives he touched, Werner may be gone but he will never be forgotten.

Schweikle and Zimmerman retire after years of service

By Patrick Benedict

Two of Blackburn College’s professors are retiring this semester: Chair of the Business and Economics Department and accounting professor Robert Schweikle, who has been with the college for 18 years, and Chair of the History Department Dr. Jan Zimmerman, who has been teaching for 31 years.

After completing his undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and his MBA at Northwestern University, Schweikle didn’t initially see himself as a college professor. “If anybody had told me



PHOTO COURTESY OF PR
History professor Dr. Jan Zimmerman

that when I retired, I’d be retiring from being a college professor teaching accounting, I would have told them they were crazy,” said Schweikle. He spent 20 years prior to teaching working in corporate accounting.

Over his time at the college, Schweikle has seen many changes at Blackburn. “I think the students have a lot more distractions today with technology and social media and I think there becomes, sometimes, a distraction from academic focus,” said Schweikle. He also believes students are missing something that they used to have when he first started teaching. “When I came in I felt that the students had a stronger work ethic in the classroom because of their participation in the work program. I think today that students might not appreciate the work program as much and therefore they might not feel as strongly in the classroom,” said Schweikle. However, he does think “the business department has grown into one of the top programs on campus.” After retiring, he looks forward to getting away from the daily grind and dealing with “bureaucratic minutiae” that makes up his job. What he will miss is the one-on-one time with his students.

Schweikle will be leaving the college with a long legacy of students that are grateful for all that he has taught them. Business and accounting 2015 graduate Jonathan Griffel believes that Schweikle taught him a very important

lesson. “Bob taught me to look at a situation and try and maximize it in your favor,” said Griffel. He added, “Bob was a terrific part of my Blackburn experience, and his wisdom and ability will be sorely missed.”

Zimmerman has been with Blackburn since the fall of 1985, making last fall her 31st year at the college. Zimmerman earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and her doctorate at Northwestern University. Most of her teaching career has been at Blackburn with her first two years in the profession at Texas Tech University. During her time at Blackburn, Zimmerman discovered that she had a similar complaint to Schweikle’s. “The thing I remember most vividly is how much real power the students had because of the work program,” said Zimmerman. She believes that they have lost much of that power. One example she cited of this was the college’s decision to “call in corporations to do basic services like the food.” She added, “The biggest change is in the students’ ownership of this place.” Zimmerman is not without fond memories, however. She recalls one time when a student from North (Challacombe) Hall had been sneaking spoons from the dining hall. The student was an artist that melted all the spoons together to make a statue of a ballerina. Zimmerman will miss interacting with her students, but plans to get back to gardening and all the other activities

she’s put off for years.

For the past 10 years Zimmerman has worked closely with the other full-time member of the history department, Dr. Gary Long. Long recalls that his transition to Blackburn was made easier by Zimmerman. “For the entire time that I’ve been here, she’s always been the mentor,” said Long. He also believes that the historian is a life-long learner. Long learned much from Zimmerman over the past 10 years including the valuable lesson that “one is capable of teaching oneself a great deal of many things.” She taught him how to learn to teach a subject despite it not being a main area of focus. When Long arrived on campus Zimmerman had been teaching constitutional law even though it wasn’t something she had studied in college. “She simply sat down and taught herself, became an expert to some extent,” said Long. Long knows that he will miss her very much and isn’t sure that the department will be quite the same without her.

Zimmerman had a marked impact on many of her students, including 2016 alumna Chelsey Jeffers. Some of her favorite moments with Zimmerman “were the one-on-one discussions we had during her office hours,” said Jeffers. She added, “Not only was she an excellent professor, but she was remarkably kind and her wisdom about life in general resulted in advice that I continue to use to this day.”

Phi Gamma No More

By Rachael Chong

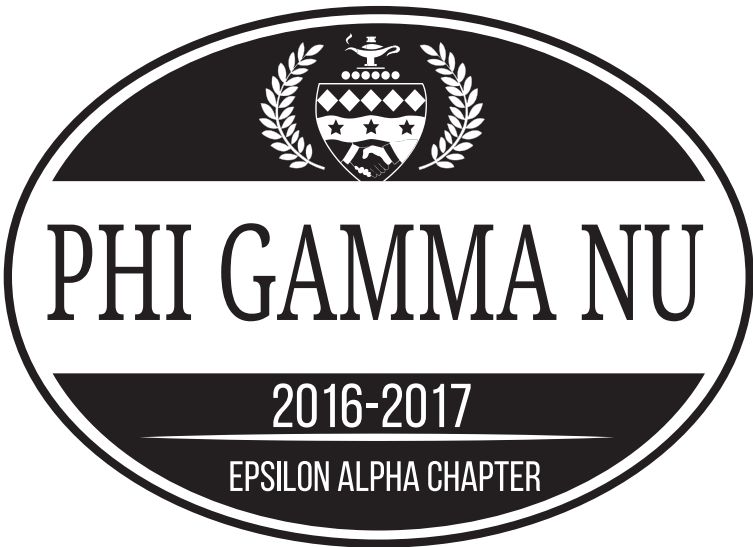
Blackburn’s chapter of Phi Gamma Nu has disbanded. Phi Gamma Nu is a national business fraternity although started as a business sorority in 1924 at Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. Phi Gamma Nu’s three pillars are professional, social and philanthropy. On their official website, the organization says, “We excel at encouraging entrepreneurship, by empowering people to harness their passions and our strength comes from our commitment to diversity, which is not just a feel-good notion, but critical to success in the world of business.”

At Blackburn, Phi Gamma Nu started when professor of marketing and business management Dr. Christina McCurley approached accounting and interdisciplinary studies (religion and economics) major John Aden and his coworker Kyle Kessinger, and “told us

she thought it would be a really good idea to start a professional fraternity on campus,” said Aden, who later became president of the organization.

Aden said he and Kessinger “asked around and...got a makeshift board together to approach the national council and officially get our chapter started.” After spending a semester communicating with the national council on how to begin, the group spent three semesters as an active and official chapter.

When Phi Gamma Nu officially began at Blackburn Jan. 31 2016, twenty-one members joined, but in its last semester, that number dropped to just 12. Aden said that while he does not know exactly why membership dropped so drastically, “we had a lot of members who...had to quit because of other commitments.”



While active, the co-ed business fraternity focused mainly on the pillar of professionalism by hosting events like “professional skills workshops [and] guest speakers either from

professors or from businesses around here.” However, they also hosted social events and philanthropic events including Volley for the Cure.



Carlinville Dairy Queen
724 West Main St
Carlinville, IL 62626
217-854-8218
Hours 10 AM – 10 PM

Ba dum, tss

By Jordyn Smith

His personality is quiet and reserved, but don't be fooled. Twenty-one-year-old Cody Bumgardner likes to jam. If you listen carefully, you can hear him rocking out on the weekends in his Stoddard Hall dorm room.

As a guitarist and singer, Bumgardner is part of a three-man band called "Subtle Issues." The rock band, which started in November 2016, also consists of junior Rob Wingerter and senior Caleb Long. The three chose this name—on the way to schedule their first gig, mind you—by playing roulette with a philosophy book Bumgardner happened to have in his car. "It's a corny name and it's a corny story," chuckled Bumgardner. "We decided to pick a name, right there and then in my car."

Although Bumgardner has been a part of several music groups, he has also written and performed as a soloist. He has performed at a variety of venues, including bars, festivals and once at a Relay for Life event. He and his band have played at Blackburn's Open Mic Night as well as the Refuge Coffee House in Carlinville. He describes his musical taste as "some of everything," including alternative rock, classic rock and even some hard rock.

Originally from Ramsey, Illinois, Bumgardner credits his love of playing guitar to his grandfather, who enjoys country, gospel and bluegrass and can play a variety of instruments, including lead guitar and accordion. From the age of 12, Bumgardner and his grandfather played together at nursing homes in the area, and the two still play together.

Bumgardner gets his musical inspiration from the Goo Goo Dolls and Rush, his two favorite bands. His

favorite songs to play are "The Middle" by Jimmy Eat World and "Slide" by the Goo Goo Dolls.

Aside from music, he enjoys cruising around with friends and being outdoors. He loves a good television show, such as "Impractical Jokers" or "The Middle." He also likes to play with his two dogs, one a coon hound mix and the other a Jack Russell terrier. Bumgardner works as a Writer's Block assistant and is the advertising manager for The 'Burnian.

Bumgardner began working at the County Market in Vandalia his senior year of high school, and continued working there for two more years while also attending Lakeland College in Mattoon, Illinois. Although he originally pursued English education, he switched to a marketing major when he transferred to Blackburn in the fall of 2016 because he was more interested in a business-related field.



PHOTO BY JORDYN SMITH
Bumgardner kicks off his shoes and rehearses in Clegg Chapel

Although nothing is set in stone, Bumgardner said he can picture himself pursuing a business position for a radio station or agriculture company. He has some experience helping his grandfather and uncle with their farms, and also lives on a small cattle farm himself. He plans to stay in the area after graduation.

He credits Blackburn's smaller size as well as cross country coach Mark Hopping for persuading him to enroll at the school. Although he wasn't involved in sports in high school, he is now active on the cross country team. "Cody's a solid Blackburn student, [and] a great fit for this institution, partially because of his work ethic, his personality, [and] his willingness to get involved," said Hopping. "He was the kind of individual I wanted on our team and at this school."

Polite and conversational, Bumgardner keeps to himself. "I'm a pretty secretive guy," he joked. When asked how he describes his personality, he simply

said, "I don't." His easy-going, low-profile lifestyle is what makes him so approachable. "Cody is probably one of my best friends and bandmates," said computer science major and drummer Caleb Long. "He's a pretty reserved guy. But he's really personable and he could talk to anybody... [He's] super quiet, really well-mannered, always really cheerful, very polite. He's kinda like a good ole country boy without so much of being the country boy, you know what I mean?"

The musician's easygoing personality is also evidenced in his style. You can normally find him wearing cowboy boots, jeans, a band T-shirt and a flannel jacket. His classic fashion sense is complemented with his love for records. A collector of music of all formats, Bumgardner admitted that he has a large collection of CDs, records and yes, even cassette tapes.

Bumgardner also collects guitars. Although he has around a dozen, most of which were purchased at garage sales and auctions, he has a dream guitar in mind: a starburst Rickenbacker 360. Not only does he like the way this guitar sounds, but he also credits his inspiration to Tom Petty and John Fogerty, who both play the instrument.

Bumgardner also wrote and produced a self-titled album. The album took nearly two years to produce and has eight tracks, all of which were recorded by him. He played the guitar, bass and drums while also performing vocals, layering each recording to produce the final product.

If you wish to request a copy of Bumgardner's album, email him at cody.bumgardner@blackburn.edu.

State Police Officers Take Over Lumpkin

By Gary Lowder

Political science professor Dr. Laura Wiedlocher organized a speaker series in the Lumpkin Learning Commons this past semester. One event in the series revolved around state troopers and the challenges they face. Former state police officer and current Blackburn Director of Campus Safety Morrie Fraser and state police officer Keith Bryan both spoke to the Blackburn community at the final event in the series in April.

Fraser and Bryan shared experiences about a day in the life of Illinois law enforcement. "It varies greatly," said Bryan, "Some days are definitely more action packed than others." Both speakers shared several of their experiences working in law enforcement, some humorous and some serious.

The speakers also talked about the budget crisis that is currently facing Illinois and how it has affected state police and how it could affect them in the future. They shared stories of the dwindling number of trainees attending state trooper training and how it was difficult for those who had graduated to get hired into the ranks. "We have less state police officers now than we ever

have," said Fraser. "That means the ones who are left have a larger territory to cover by themselves," added Bryan.

Wiedlocher explained why she thought it was important for students to learn about those that protect them and said, "...As part of the series, Spencer [Brayton, Director of the Lumpkin Learning Commons] and I had hoped to bring in people from many different government areas to give students a broad sample of the kinds of work in and around government. I hope that their talk accomplished my goal of educating students about the process of becoming a state police officer and the variety of jobs out there."

Despite the current hardship they are going through, becoming a state police officer is quite a career opportunity with a beginning salary of over \$50,000. Wiedlocher also thought it was important for students to learn about the career opportunity and said in closing, "Public service takes on many forms and I think it's good for students to be aware of the nature of state police and how it differs from policing at the county and local level."



PHOTO BY DEJA BELL

State police officer Keith Bryan spoke to Blackburn students in the Lumpkin Learning Commons

Blind Date With a Book

By Michael Troutt

On April 21, in the Demuzio Campus Center, Lethologica presented its second ‘Blind Date With A Book’ fundraiser of the year. Lethologica is a student club for individuals who share a passion for creative writing and storytelling.

The premise of the fundraiser was to sell books to individuals without them knowing exactly what book they were purchasing. All of the books for sale were wrapped in paper and contained a short written description of the specific genre to which each book belonged. Individuals could then find a genre of interest and purchase a mystery book to reveal its cover. The books were priced at \$5 each, four for \$15 or six for \$20. For purchases of more than six, the buyer could receive an even greater bargain.

President of the Lethologica Club and senior creative writing and psychology major Katherine Payne, stated that the idea for the fundraiser “has become more popular in local bookstores ... And I just thought it would be a really great idea for a fundraiser, for our club”. Payne reported that this was the fourth time Lethologica has hosted a ‘Blind Date With A Book’ fundraiser in the last two years. With the great amount of success that prior fundraisers yielded,

the club has continued to utilize the idea. She also commented that, “All of our proceeds go to local writers [and] to the World Literacy Foundation”.

Secretary of Lethologica and junior creative writing major Kaja Carter reported that all of the books for the fundraisers were donated. She stated that, in the past, Lethologica has

received books from Catholic Charities as well as professors and that “a lot of the books this year came from members of Lethologica”. She also added that, “Because of the card reader we’ve definitely got a lot more [student] interest. We’ve made several sales”. Carter reported that the Blackburn Business Office loaned the card reader

to Lethologica to enable purchases with a debit or credit card.

Blackburn Alumna Elizabeth Quick, who graduated in 2016, was among many of the satisfied customers that purchased books from the fundraiser. Quick commented that, “I like it. I came back especially for it because I heard about it on Facebook”.

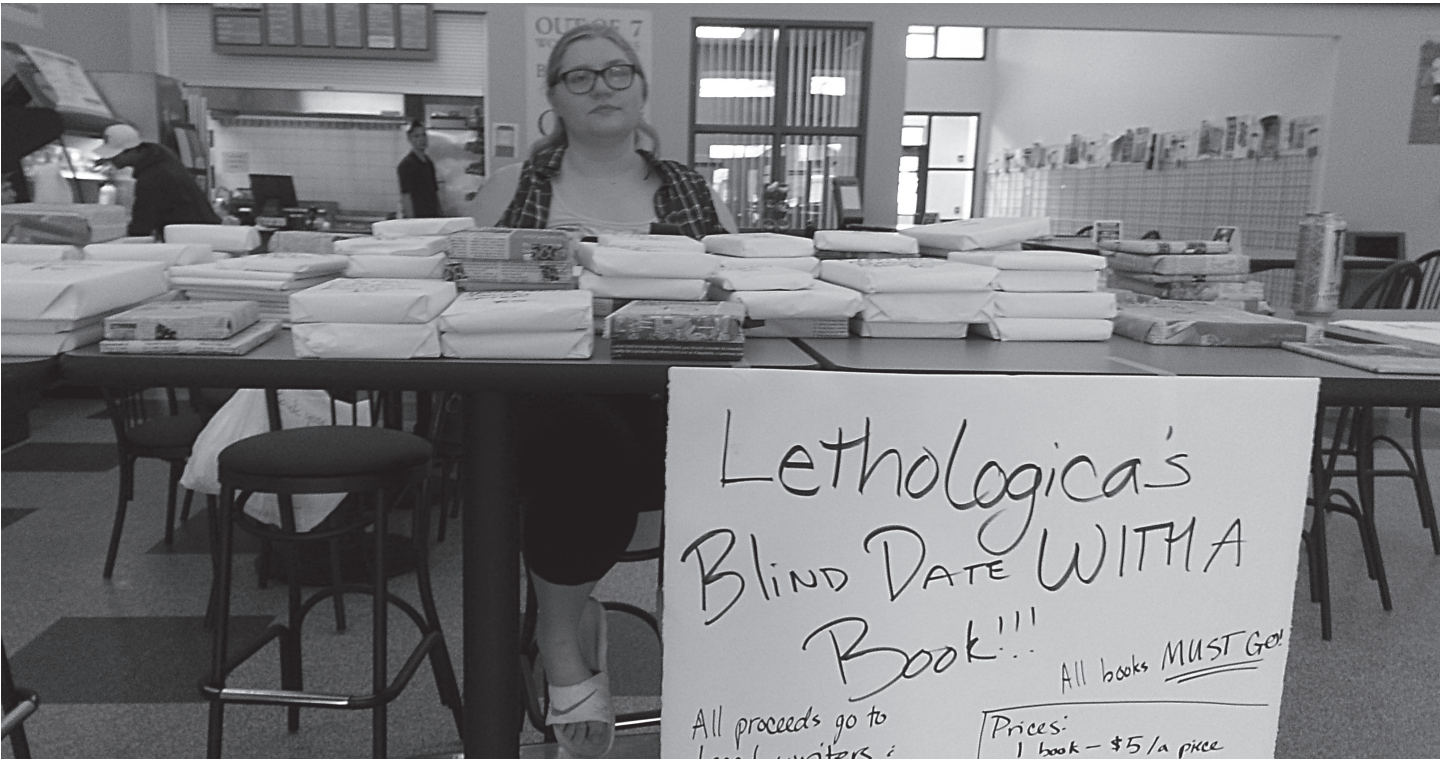


PHOTO BY MICHAEL TROUTT

Lethologica president Katherine Payne at the ‘Blind Date With a Book’ fundraiser in DCC

Mini Zen Garden

By Blade C. Williams

Last month at Blackburn College sophomore psychology major and first floor Butler Hall Resident Assistant (RA) Kimberly Hollinshead hosted her ‘Mini Zen Garden’ program. Those who attended took a small box filled with white sand and traced designs in the sand to de-stress, put black stones in their garden for decor and colored the outside of the box using markers which added their own creative touch to their personalized garden.

The program was a small-scale program and 11 people attended, but that does not mean that the event was unsuccessful at reaching its goals. The purpose of her program was to allow any student on campus a brief break from homework and studies to breathe and

let go of some college stress. For those who attended, that was exactly what they were able to do: relax and take a moment for themselves. Attendance is not the only important goal of the event as Hollinshead noted, “I think it [the program] was successful. People got to get away from their job and school work and enjoy themselves. They had time to just relax and hang out.”

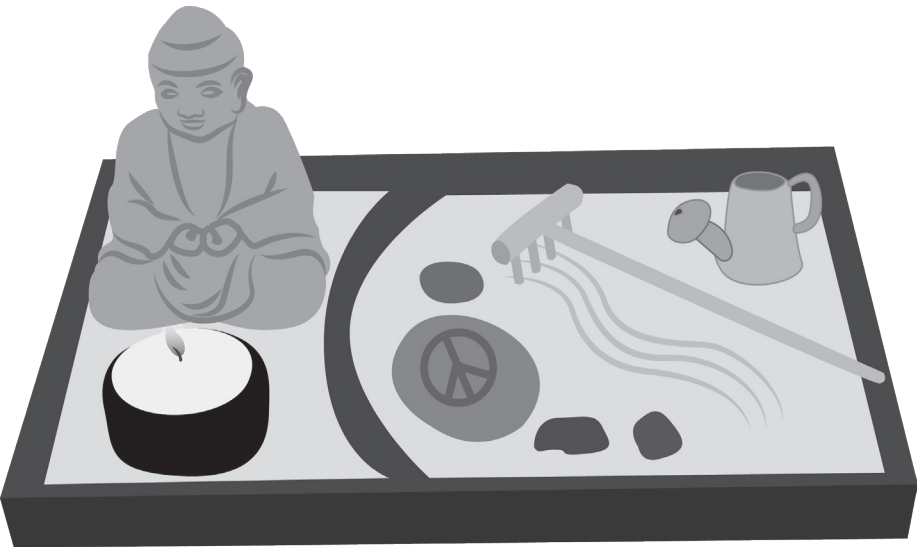
Sophomore justice administration major Bethany Kemp attended the program. Kemp often attends programs in her residence hall (Butler). As for the ‘Mini Zen Garden’ program, Kemp stated, “It calmed me down just being able to play with the sand.” She also adds, “Programs are surprisingly fun and entertaining. I absolutely think



people enjoy them because people from other dorms attend.”

Programs are a required part of the RA job description and create fun, socialization and creativity. Each semester every RA is required

to complete a total of six programs with a specific focus: two socials, one academic, one about diversity, one in collaboration with Counseling Services and the final one in partnership with the Campus Activities Board.



GRAPHIC BY LUIZA MYSLINSKA

Summer Bucket List

By Jacob Dunskis

With summer just around the corner, many students are excited to have time to calm down and relax with no worries of homework or tests. However, it only takes so much time of doing nothing until that nothing gets boring and it will feel like it's time to do something. Lucky for those students staying in the Carlinville area, their summer can be filled with a large assortment of activities to do from going to the pool to the Illinois State Fair.

The average temperature in Carlinville between the months of June, July and August is around 80 degrees fahrenheit. With temperatures consistently high, it can be uncomfortable and leave many people wishing to find a way to cool down. As of May 29, the Carlinville public pool will open in the Carlinville park district. The pool is open from noon until 5 p.m. daily, and there is an admission cost of \$4.

If going swimming doesn't exactly sound fun, then the Macoupin County Fair is the next thing on the summer

list of 'must dos.' The fair is the oldest county fair in Illinois dating back to 1852, according to their website. It is five days of animal contests, food and carnival rides. It begins Wednesday, July 5, and runs through the following Sunday. The fair opens each day at 8 a.m. and goes all day and ticket

prices vary. Wednesday tickets are \$2, Thursday through Saturday tickets are \$8 and Sunday tickets are \$5. Ticket prices include parking and unlimited rides.

Summer Repertory Theater at Blackburn College will be doing two shows this summer: "Seussical," the

Dr. Seuss musical and the comical play "Medium Rare." Seussical is a musical mashup of Dr. Seuss books and stories and is a fun wacky comedy for families and people of all ages. "Medium Rare" is a comedy about a young couple who move into their first home and find that the grandmother of the previous owners has simply refused to leave and now lives with the new homeowners. "Medium Rare" is also a show appropriate for all ages and will be performed August 3-6.

Lastly, one of the latest events to occur over the summer is the concert lineup at the Illinois State Fair. The series of concerts begins on Thursday, Aug. 10, with the band Foghat, and continues with one concert a night until Sunday, Aug. 20, with John Mellencamp. The state fair will have a variety of artists including Five Finger Death Punch, Jason Derulo, Alabama, Brad Paisley and more. This event will be the last of the summer before the fall semester at Blackburn starts.



Five Finger Death Punch will play at the Illinois State Fair on Saturday, Aug. 19

Jurassic Journalism

By Michael Troutt

This article was written in May of 1990 by Blackburn alumnus Timothy Hummer, who received his bachelor's degree in political science. It was the last article he wrote for a column in The 'Burnian titled "The Polis."

If you like it or not, this is my last

article here at Blackburn. I'm not going to say, "During my time here I learned a great many things..." Blackburn, like any college, only teaches you one thing, insight. It may seem insignificant but it isn't. When I arrived here on campus I was the same person I am

today. However, I was quite ignorant of my potential and others. Blackburn has helped me overcome quite a bit of that.

Quite a few upperclassmen would stand on their pulpit and give a parting shot at the college. Personally, I cannot blame them, I understand but I do not totally agree with them. Their institution has its faults but we as students have to accept a certain measure of responsibility. The biggest problem on this campus is not the administration, work program, nor the social policies, it's apathy by the students.

It's a problem that has always puzzled me because of this school's small size. Most people looking in from the outside would assume that, because of all the activities that students do together, that they would be more active when something goes wrong. Unfortunately, that's not the case. We have the bitch sessions but where are all the student activists? Being a conservative at least I know I'm a poor excuse for one.

For those of you who are staying here I wish you all the luck, skill, and tenacity you need to become successful. For those of you who graduate or transfer I hope you find and achieve everything you are looking for. The largest fallacy when one graduates is to say, "I did it, it's over!" I really can't say that I have accomplished anything here all by myself. I would like to thank Shelly R. Holt, Steve Harders,

and Dr. Sam Meredith, just a few of those people who have helped me out during the past four years.

Enough about bitching or reminiscing about the past. It's now the time to deal with the present and future. Next year the seniors will be gone, new freshmen will be here, and "hopefully" everyone else will be bumped up a notch. How are you going to use your new insight that you have learned? It's been a Blackburn tradition for upperclassmen to downgrade the new students. The main thing I remember about being a freshman is that I didn't like being one. Try a little patience when dealing with these new people, some of them will reward you.

I'm not kidding myself. I'm sure that many of you will "line your birdcages with this paper." If one person, however, listens and takes a little bit of advice, I've won. Writing the Polis has been a pleasure and I hope someone picks it up next year and does a better job of it. It won't be difficult. It's worth it just to have that person come up to you and say, "Hey, good article, I really enjoyed it!"

Blackburn is a place to get involved, not to lay in the shadows. Everything from theatre to BOSA to Student Government to sports is available. Take advantage of the situation. It may be the last time you can for awhile. With that said, God bless and goodbye.



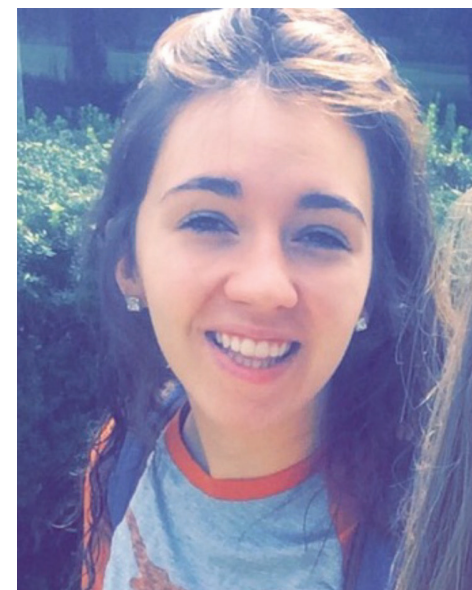
"I wish I would have studied less and hung out with friends more."

Nate Kinnison
Biology Major



"My biggest regret is not spending all four years at Blackburn!"

Anneliese Darow
Organizational Leadership Major



"My regret is not learning, semester after semester, that 'due today' does NOT mean 'do today.'"

Alexis Mayes
Communications Major



"I regret not partying hard enough."

Luiza Myslinska
Graphic Arts Major



See Story Page 8

C

A

M

D

E

N

S

FAT DRINK SHOP

Boutique Hours

Tue-Wed 10am-5pm

Thur-Sat 10am-Close

Restaurant Hours

Thur-Sat 4pm-Close

*open for lunch, 11am on Saturdays

during Carlinville Market Days

(first Saturday of every month, April-November)

15%

STUDENT DISCOUNT

*ON SELECT MERCHANDISE

Department of Modern Languages

Find us on Instagram

Did you know?

College graduates who speak Spanish are twice as likely to get hired, and earn 20% more?

You don't need a minor at Blackburn if you take 4 basic Spanish classes (fewer if you had Spanish in High school).

Spanish

Conversation Hour

Every Mon. 11:30-12:45 in Ding

Every Thurs. 7-8:15 pm in Lumpkin

We're in Rahme 113 or at

timothy.wilson@blackburn.edu

STARR'S

PRIMAL MEATS

& PACKAGE LIQUOR

CARLINVILLE, IL

116 S. PLUM, CARLINVILLE, IL 62626

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

PHONE: 217-854-7746

FAX: 217-854-STAR

starrsprimameats@gmail.com

the burnian

For info on purchasing ads, contact:

ads.burnian@blackburn.edu

Nostalgia - That's Why You're Here

By Christopher Best

It has been over 20 years since the 1996 film adaptation of Scottish author Irvine Welsh’s “Trainspotting” hit theaters to the praise of audiences and critics alike. The groundbreaking, darkly funny and surprisingly upbeat film about a group of twenty-something heroin addicts helped launch the careers of many members of its cast and crew including director Danny Boyle (“Slumdog Millionaire,” “127 Hours”) and lead actor Ewan McGregor (“Moulin Rouge!”, “Star Wars Episode III”) both of whom were relatively unheard of at the time. A sequel to the film has been discussed ever since Irvine Welsh (who also cameos as smack dealer Mikey Forrester in both the original film and its sequel) penned a sequel novel “Porno” in 2002. Script issues as well as a falling out between Boyle and McGregor stalled production until early last year when the heavens aligned for “Trainspotting” fans and principal photography for the long awaited sequel began.

The awkwardly titled “T2 Trainspotting” primarily focuses on the contemporary lives of the four former friends Mark “Rent Boy” Renton (McGregor), Simon “Sick Boy” Williamson (Jonny Lee Miller), Damien “Spud” Murphy (Ewen Bremner) and Francis “Franco” Begbie (Robert Carlyle), 20 years after the infamous drug deal that concluded the original film.



PHOTO COURTESY OF T2TRAINSPOTTINGMOVIE.COM

Boyle’s directing is on point in this scene, one of T2’s visual highlights

“Nostalgia – that’s why you’re here,” says Sick Boy at one point in the film. “You’re a tourist in your own youth.”

Though this accusation is aimed at Renton, it could just as easily be spoken directly to the audience. This sequel is clearly intended as a love letter to “Trainspotting” fans, eager to revisit the world of a film that may have defined their youth. “T2” is full of callbacks to the original which are sure to please this audience, including an updated “choose life” monologue and numerous other nods to its predecessor (at one point Renton pointedly avoids a disgusting public toilet, a reference to the original film’s “worst toilet in Scotland” scene).

Echoes to the past are shown through short sporadic flashbacks, some of which come in the form of clips from the original film, executed by Boyle (mostly) to great effect, while others feature newly shot footage, including a scene featuring Begbie’s father taken straight from the “Trainspotting” novel and from which the film takes its name. These new scenes work more often than not, though they tread a fine line to being overdone.

While there is a fair amount of looking to the past, “T2” remains fresh enough to make it worthwhile; it manages to avoid the trap that too many recent sequels have fallen into of retreading the original film’s plot with minor updates. “Choose life,” a theme

echoed throughout “Trainspotting,” takes on a new meaning in the sequel as the aging man-children grapple with their own mortalities and what it means to truly be alive.

“First there’s an opportunity; then there’s a betrayal.”

This becomes Spud’s mantra in the final act of “T2,” and it is hard not to apply it to the movie as a whole. Though the film begins with much promise, these final scenes drag and feel cumbersome at times. It is hard not to feel like everything wraps up a little too nicely at the end of this sequel to a film full of addiction, HIV and death.

That said, it is a real thrill to see all of the original actors back in character once again. Though 20 years has aged the cast noticeably, all four of the primary cast members have slipped back into their beloved characters as if no time passed at all. A cameo appearance by Kelly Macdonald as the now matured and successful Diane is easily a highlight of the film, leaving audiences to wonder why there was not a more significant role for her in this sequel.

Overall, “T2” is a worthwhile followup to its predecessor, though much like what has been said of heroin, it is impossible to beat the first hit. If nothing else, the sequel serves as a great excuse for fans to go back and re-watch the incredible, groundbreaking piece of cinema that is “Trainspotting.”

Variety Show is a Success

By Gary Lowder

The Blackburn Music and Theatre Department’s spring variety show was held Thursday, April 20, through Sunday, April 23. The spring musical was originally intended to be a rendition of “Once Upon a Mattress,” however after limited student interest it was replaced with a variety show designed to display the student actors’ individual and group talents. “Whenever I heard that [theater professor Carolyn Conover and theater adjunct Andrea Swift Hanlon] were going to lock themselves in their offices and write this show, I had complete confidence

in them,” said junior psychology major Rob Wingerter. “I have an image of both of them as ravenous street dogs who are going to get anything done that they want.”

Conover, who was part of the duo that wrote and directed the variety show, said, “It was very exciting. The best part is sitting in the audience and watching them catch on. Whenever they hear an intro or hear the beginning of a song it’s really cool to see them say, “Oooh I get it,” and see that ripple through the crowd.” The audience did catch on.

The variety show had a minimal crowd on Thursday night but the remaining performances saw almost all of the seats filled. On the second night of the performance Conover said, “ We are definitely improving and I think crowd size has to do with this. The first night was pretty sparse, but tonight we had a lot of seats filled with people of different age ranges.”

Even though the show went well, it wasn’t without challenges. There were over 400 costume pieces. Costumers were stationed backstage to help with dressing and undressing and to get

actors back out on stage as soon as possible.

Senior theater major Lisa Knight discussed the quick changes after the show. “Some of them are chaotic; the one between Dirty Dancing and Breakfast Club is really hard because we are all changing on the same side of the stage. We have four costumers and five of us on stage. Everyone is trying to change on stage at exactly the same time and it’s just crazy,” said Knight. “A lot of layers,” added Wingerter.



The cast of “That Takes Me Back” performing in Bothwell Auditorium

PHOTO BY DEJA BELL

Nick’s Vegan Pizza



GRAPHIC BY LUIZA MYSLINSKA

By **LUIZA MYSLINSKA**

Nick’s Pizza owner Don Beard recently introduced a dairy-free pizza to the menu. As someone who has been vegan for the majority of my stay at Blackburn, I was excited and grateful for this menu addition. Beard included this option with instructions from his doctor to improve his autistic son’s health. In a study by George W. Christison, published in the April

2006 issue of “Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics,” dairy and gluten have opium-like compounds (casomorphin and gluten exorphin) that affect the brain, and therefore, make symptoms associated with autism less manageable. It was speculated that those with autism reportedly had better social skills and verbal engagement after changing their diet. This study is

not well publicized as it’s considered alternative medicine, but anecdotal experiences, such as Beard and his son, prove that diet can make a difference.

The pizza is made with Daiya cheese, an alternative produced from thickened oils and spices, but is free from major allergens. The Daiya cheese is far less profitable for the business due to its high cost but Beard understands the importance of those with special diets and is very inclusive of those with different dietary preferences. He even mentioned that someone once brought in their own ingredients and he made the pie. “Everyone has to eat,” he stated. This pizza costs a few dollars extra, depending on the size you choose, but keep in mind that Beard doesn’t even get his costs covered for providing it. It has not been selling well but this may be because it is not widely advertised. The information got to me through word of mouth.

Pizza is in no way a health food but a vegan pizza is significantly healthier due to it containing better fats and no cholesterol. Cheese is naturally high in calories and laden with hormones,

excessive salt, saturated fat and cholesterol. Some physicians including Dr. Neal Barnard, Dr. John McDougall and many others, agree cheese in one’s diet should be completely avoided. The impact of cheese on one’s health is a taboo subject; people love their cheese. Barnard explains that cheese contains the previously mentioned chemical casomorphin, which gives it that addictive quality.

Although this dairy-free pizza is healthier than its counterpart, it’s still relatively unhealthy due to it being high in oil and should be considered a treat. Beard stated that this option won’t be going anywhere, which is good news for anyone who is looking for vegan pizza in Carlinville. For those interested in trying it, a tip is to add extra sauce as the cheese tastes better on a thick base and to get it with plenty of vegetables. I want to commend Beard for providing this option for Carlinville as it’s a godsend for anyone that is vegan, health conscious or has allergies.

Work, Study, Play!

By **DAVE HORN (CLASS OF 1965)**

1963 was a banner year for The ‘Burnian. For the first time, it was published weekly! Editor Herm Haase coordinated all creative work, while news editor Bert Gehring covered the latest campus events. Jim Mattern was sports editor and Pat Dupuis was copy editor when I joined the fourth estate as feature editor, which (believe it or not) included original poetry. Much of our work was literal scissor editing. We’d print articles and then cut them (yes, with scissors) to fit available space on a page, and then paste them with glue which really smelled good. (Nobody ever sniffs a laptop.) Our faculty adviser was Max Schroeck, who seldom advised us since his M.A. from Johns Hopkins was in German and The ‘Burnian was in English.

The college brand in 1963 wasn’t “Learn, Work, Earn.” It was “Work, Study, Play,” and we all worked 15 hours a week. Many coeds were uniformed waitresses at supper in Allison dining hall. (Breakfast and lunch were served cafeteria style.) Lots of guys worked in construction since the basement and the first floor of Ludlum Hall were almost finished. I’m not sure how work managers are titled today, but in 1963 we had a Janitress Head, a Janitor Head, a Firing Head who kept the coal-fired heating plant running all winter, a Kitchen Head, a Dining Hall Head, a Laundry Head and a Desk Head to assign plum office jobs. The campus was so small that the new Olin science building was on the far edge. There was nothing beyond Stoddard except Taggert’s Woods (don’t ask). Graham was for upperclassMEN and

still smelled new. But I digress. Since our college motto included “Study,” many hours were spent combing through card catalogs in the library under Clegg Chapel. Instead of iPhones, iPads and iMacs, we had high-tech devices called IBM Selectric, Smith-Corona, Remington and Olivetti (typewriters). Assignments were accepted in cursive handwriting, but typing made them easier to read and was preferred. Our devices all had QWERTY keyboards, plus a carriage return bell.

The best “study” I remember at Blackburn came from Dr. John Forbes, a political science teacher with a doctorate in American civilization from the University of Pennsylvania. Everyone knew the final in his class was pass-fail. There were no other tests, so if you failed the final, you failed the course. His requirement was very simple. Memorize the Bill of Rights--including punctuation--and write it on your test paper. If you miss a comma, you fail. I took the course in the spring semester, and can still remember walking many miles down country roads between cornfields repeating the Bill of Rights over and over and over in the afternoon sun. It felt Lincolnesque. I passed, but cannot recall a word of it today.

Our college brand also featured “Play,” and for a good time, we could always walk a pillowcase of dirty clothes downtown to the Carlinville Laundromat which had 32 washers and eight dryers. While our polished cotton slacks spun dry, we’d toss back a Green River at Graham Pharmacy

“

“Blackburn, Blackburn, strength and spirit, unify these years of youth. Fix on us thy three-fold blessing, friendship, work and will to truth.”

The Blackburn Hymn

on the square. It sold Kodak film and had a tube tester just inside the door. It was also the Greyhound bus stop. The Marvel Theater was not as crowded then as it is today. Quite often, when we’d call to ask the time of a show, a voice would say, “What time can you come?”

We had our share of pranks in 1963. I recall an assembly in Clegg where students snuck in the night before and put a dozen alarm clocks under the pews, each set to go off at a different time during the hour-long event. Or the time two guys (I never knew how they did this) snuck into Stoddard in the wee hours of the morning and quickly painted all the toilet seats pink. My

personal favorite happened in Allison Dining Hall, which was sunken so the floor was slightly below ground level. One night, students skilled in construction work quietly removed the picture window, placed planks on the frame and rolled a VW Beetle onto the floor. They replaced the window. And some of these guys went on to earn Ph.D.s!

Much has changed since 1963, but the soul of the school remains intact. If I recall correctly it’s captured in the college hymn. “Blackburn, Blackburn, strength and spirit, unify these years of youth. Fix on us thy three-fold blessing, friendship, work and will to truth.”

The Post-Graduation Plateau

By LINDSEY BECKER (CLASS OF 2015)

Graduation can be a very exciting time--it’s the beginning of the rest of your life and in the words of Dr. Seuss, “Oh, the places you’ll go.”

What happens a few months after graduation when you feel like you’re not going anywhere? Those feelings can be hard to deal with, especially after you feel like you’ve accomplished so much by finishing school.

I finished my graduate program around this time last year, and I was rightly proud of myself for making it that far. I didn’t feel so proud when I ended up unemployed and living back in my parents’ basement. I felt like I’d hit a major plateau and none of the doors that are supposedly unlocked

by earning degrees were opening up for me. For 23 years of my life, I’d done nothing but school. Now that I was finished for a while, what was I supposed to do?

While graduation is a huge accomplishment and an entry into a new phase of your life, no one talks about how easy it is to feel lost and floundering once you’ve passed that point. Let me offer a few words of advice that I wish someone had told me pre-graduation.

You might have a job goal in mind, but it might not (and probably won’t) happen overnight. It’s going take a lot of job applications and working your way up to make it to where you want to

be. Don’t give up, even when it seems hopeless. Allow yourself the space it will take to achieve your goals. After all, you’ve got the rest of your life!

If we’re being honest, the job market for our generation isn’t great, even with a degree. Don’t get discouraged if you keep getting turned down for jobs--most positions are pretty competitive. In the same vein, don’t get down on yourself if you have to work a job you feel is below your skill set for a while to pay the bills.

Without school, especially if you’re unemployed or working part-time, your schedule can become pretty open. It’s easy to get lost in an eternal Netflix binge if you don’t set goals for yourself.

Even if you can’t find employment, see if there are any volunteer opportunities in your field. Those connections can open major doors for you if you let them.

While it’s important to stay focused, it’s totally okay to indulge in that Netflix binge once in awhile. A college degree is a lot of work, so don’t be afraid to take some time for yourself to relax--you’ve earned it.

Above all, believe in yourself and don’t get discouraged. You weren’t just given that degree, you had the skills to earn it, and you’ll have the skills to achieve your goals outside of school as well.

The ‘Burnian regrets this error ...but only if we know about it!

Despite popular opinion, not all news is fake news, and we at The ‘Burnian have a simple mission: to develop our skill set and to make a difference in the Blackburn community by informing our readers about relevant topics.

We strive to bring you 100 percent accurate, unbiased and timely news. But sometimes we get it wrong. And this is where you as the reader come into play. We want to correct our mistakes, but we can only fix them if we know about them.

Sometimes we hear about our errors through the Blackburn rumor mill, which is not always a reliable source. Other times we overhear them in conversations not meant for us. On occasion, even President Comerford shares the news with us.

This past semester we ran a misleading headline, a few wrong facts and numerous stories that members of the Blackburn community (not to

mention the Carlinville community) didn’t like or appreciate. We understand your frustrations and we want you to understand ours: We cannot improve and address our errors if we don’t know about them.

It’s worth mentioning that we are not the first or only publication to make mistakes. Everyday, The New York Times prints a list of their errors. They wouldn’t know about the mistakes if readers didn’t complain about them.

And that’s exactly what we are asking, inviting, begging you to do. Complain to us.

You can send us an email. Send us a message via our website. Call us. Talk to one of our editors. We want to hear from you.

Fun fact: Did you know that Blackburn College does not have a journalism program? That’s right. We maintain a staff of 12 tuition workers, including writers, a photographer, a website manager, designers, a social

“

“If I waited for perfection, I would never write a word.”

Margaret Atwood

media manager and an advertising manager as well as several paid and volunteer writers. That’s quite the feat considering there is no journalism program offered at our institution. We are learning on the job and it isn’t always pretty. Unlike other jobs on campus, when we do something wrong, it can be publicly criticized in a way most other students never have to deal

with.

Let’s remember that we are at college - a place of learning. Part of learning is failing and getting it wrong. Part of the campus community’s responsibility is to help us all improve. Blackburn College is an institution where students should feel safe learning about the world and developing their skills.

the burnian

EDITORIAL STAFF

EDITOR: Noah Daum

EDITOR: Jordyn Smith

ASSISTANT DESIGN & LAYOUT: John Hummer

ASSISTANT DESIGN & LAYOUT: Luiza Myslinska

WEB CONTENT MANAGER: Caleb Long

FACULTY ADVISER: Dr. Natasha Casey

COPY EDITOR: Shelby Rainford

ADVERTISING: Cody Bumgardner

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER AND SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER: Deja Bell

PUBLISHER: Edwardsville Intelligencer

STAFF WRITERS

Rachael Chong

Jacob Dunskis

Gary Lowder

Michael Troutt

Jordan Wood

FEATURED WRITERS

Lindsey Becker

Patrick Benedict

Christopher Best

Mark Hopping

Dave Horn

John Hummer

Blade C. Williams

MISSION STATEMENT

The ‘Burnian is a student-run newspaper at Blackburn College. Our mission is to deliver accurate, interesting and timely news to the Blackburn campus as well as the Carlinville community in an ethical and professional manner.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters under 500 words may be sent to burnian@blackburn.edu, or mailed to The ‘Burnian, 700 College Ave., Carlinville, IL 62626.

GUEST COMMENTARIES

Editorials featured on the opinion/commentary page of The ‘Burnian contain staff members’ opinions. We welcome guest editorials between 400-500 words. The ‘Burnian does not endorse featured opinions. All submissions to The ‘Burnian may be edited for length and grammatical clarity at the discretion of the editors; however, authors will be contacted if content revisions are necessary.



COACH’S CORNER

By Cross Country Coach Mark Hopping

I have been associated with Blackburn College since 2010. I was a volunteer cross country coach that year and then became the head coach in 2011. I have seen a lot of changes in those years, and I think the athletic department is on a positive path to building a good quality program that will not only enhance the student-athlete experience while in school, but it will also create lasting memories.

This is due in part to many factors, starting with the department’s personnel, lead by Athletic Director John Malin, and continuing down to the positive, energetic coaching staff. There has been some department turnover the past few years and the new hires have come in with great desire and passion for building their programs and creating a good experience for their student-athletes. Another factor that is helping the athletic department, as well as the entire campus, is the new fitness center. This has been long overdue and is a welcome addition to help further all athletic programs.

Lastly, the athletic department continues to be blessed with some of the finest student-athletes anywhere. They are asked to juggle school and work here at Blackburn and then perform as NCAA Division III athletes, and they do it beautifully. It is no secret that the support for athletics is minimal, yet our athletes give their all every day because of their dedication to their sport, coaches and teammates. Yes, GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING at Blackburn College Athletics!

When Nobody Was Watching

“

It’s the people who work the hardest and are committed to do the most with the talents they are given who are going to get places.”

Carli Lloyd

By Jordan Wood

Carli Lloyd’s record-breaking hat trick for the U.S. Women’s National Team (USWNT) that all but sealed the deal in an eventual 5-2 victory over Japan in the 2015 World Cup final was downright incredible on its own. But once you hear her story, that performance will go from the story of an athlete shining on her sport’s biggest stage, into a motivating tale to never give up on your dreams no matter how many people tell you no or how many times you get knocked down.

With the help of Wayne Coffey, Lloyd’s recently published “When Nobody Was Watching: My Hard-Fought Journey to the Top of the Soccer World” reflects on her rollercoaster journey and transformation from a small town Jersey girl into a national icon through tremendous perseverance, determination and a sole focus on proving all of her doubters wrong.

Often times in sports, the “heroes” are seen as this almost god-like figure who can do no wrong. Others wish to be like them, with the idea that they live a perfect life in a perfect house with a perfect family. But in reality, many of the most inspiring athletes experienced quite the opposite. Carli Lloyd’s story is no different.

Falling in love with the game at a young age, Lloyd developed her skills and hoped to make the local Olympic development team, but as one of the youngest to tryout, she experienced her first heartbreak, failing to make the cut. That heartbreak would turn out to be the first of many.

She went on to play soccer for Rutgers University and upon graduating, she realized she wanted more and after meeting with her current trainer James Galanis, she set her eyes on the U-21s - the development and feeder team for the national team. As she cycled through many coaches, she found herself bouncing around and at one point off of the roster for “lack of effort.” In a time when others may have walked away, Lloyd came back hungry, eventually finding her way onto the USWNT. However, the heartbreak did not stop there as she struggled to find her footing with several coaches in her early years. Even after she scored the gold medal-winning goal in the 2008 Olympics, she was forced back to ground zero as she found herself without a contract.

Though it is a memoir of an athlete, “When Nobody Was Watching” goes much deeper than your typical sports story and many readers will relate to Lloyd on a different level - through her struggles and estrangement from her family. Lloyd would be the first to admit her love for her always supportive parents. They introduced her to the game and sacrificed their time and money to allow her to play the game she loved, but as her career developed, the support she once felt became suffocating. Lloyd began to feel as if her parents didn’t trust her decision making or understand her complete focus towards her ultimate goal: the national team.

Over time, tension grew and the strain became too much and just before the 2008 Olympics, Lloyd was kicked out of her house. Upon attempts at reconciliation, her parents attended a game in 2013 and Lloyd became hopeful of a relationship going forward. When the game was finished, she discovered her parents had already left. She hasn’t seen them since.

As an avid sports fan and book lover, I found “When Nobody Was Watching” a book that I couldn’t put down. Prior to reading it, I didn’t think I could be any more inspired by Lloyd’s ability to put her team on her shoulders like she did in the World Cup, but her story made her efforts even more jaw-dropping. Lloyd’s memoir tells the story of an underdog who has never backed down from a challenge and emphasizes the importance in the strength of one’s character and determination to outwork everyone else - even when nobody is watching. Especially when nobody is watching.

Boente Shell Service Station

543 West Main Street • Carlinville, IL 62626 • 217-854-3164

Transmission Exchange • Tires • Alignment • Propane Bottles Filled

www.jfboentesons.com



Facebook: JF Boente Sons

Boente’s Foodmart

830 East 1st South • Carlinville, IL 62626 • 217-854-4012

24 Hour • ATM • Ryko Car Wash • Beer • Deli • Hunting Licenses

Running the Town:

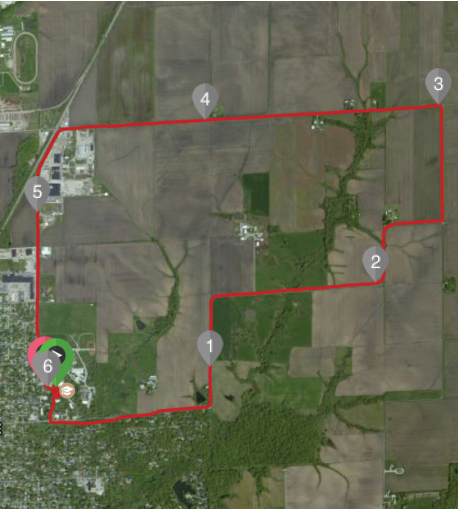
Top 5 places for Blackburn students to run

By NOAH DAUM

For me, running is a great way to stay in shape, relieve stress, feel better about myself and simply just get away from the daily grind of college. After being a runner for eight years and spending three of them in Carlinville, here are my top five sweetest spots to run.

1. Nicholas Road

This is my go-to place to run. It is also very easy to pick how far one would like to run because there are options to do either six or eight mile loops. Alternatively, you could run even less than these by simply running out and back.



2. Blackburn's Track

Close and convenient. The track hasn't been used for competition since 1991; however, the soft cinders are great for runners' knees and you can always calculate how far you have gone. Beware, however, that this track is not a traditional 400 meter track. According to my Garmin GPS running watch, the precise distance per lap is 0.27 miles, (close to 435 meters). I feel as though the best use for Blackburn's track is to do speedwork on it. The track enables shorter, quicker repetitions close to the dorm.



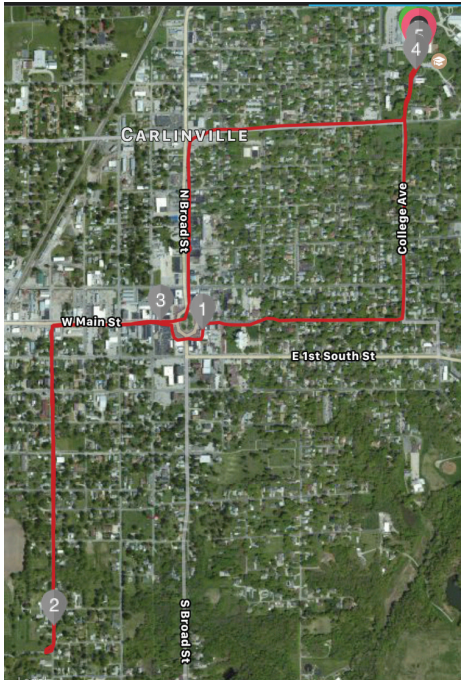
3. Beaver Dam

This sweet spot is used by folks all around the area to camp out, hike

and have fun. However, this is an underrated and underutilized place to go running. The beautiful scenery all around the dam makes the run a little more interesting and gives runners a chance to bond with nature. Sometimes you might even find the Carlinville High School track or cross country team running out there as well, as it is a personal favorite of Coach Charlie Helton. The only downside of this location is that it is pretty far out of the way, so one would need transportation there and back.

4. Loveless Park

Loveless Park has multiple soccer fields at it, however, you might find runners running around the fields. The park is used by Carlinville High School to host their home cross country meets as well as a lot of their practices. The location is right behind the Wal-Mart as well, so you could hit them up if you wanted to kill two birds with one stone out of this trip. It is easy to make up different loops around the park for repetition workouts, or distance. There are varied surfaces to run on, including concrete and grass.



5. Woodward Fitness Center

Personally, I cannot stand running on a treadmill, but when weather doesn't permit an outdoor workout, a treadmill might be the best option. Woodward Fitness Center just opened up to the college community and has multiple treadmills open and ready for student use. It is open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends.

Family Ties

By JORDAN WOOD

Born and raised in Vincennes, Indiana, Jensen Ballinger's experience with sports started the same as many young athletes--her parents wanted her to get involved and be active. But that initial introduction into sports soon proved to be just the beginning of a lifelong bond between a mother and daughter brought closer through a love of volleyball.

When Ballinger was just five years old, she fell in love with the game of volleyball "at first touch." Her interest in the sport began when her five-year-old self saw her mother, Jill, coaching the game. "Once I first touched the ball, I knew that this was something I would never want to stop doing," Ballinger said. From that moment on, she never looked back.

In high school, Ballinger was not only able to continue her dual love for volleyball and softball but also grow even closer with her mom who doubled as her daughter's high school volleyball coach. While sometimes family and sports don't mix well, the Ballingers knew their roles and were able to separate their mother-daughter and player-coach time. "We always told each other that whatever happens on the court will be between player and coach. Once we step outside the gym our mother and daughter relationship will pick back up," Ballinger said. The opportunity to play for her mom will forever be something close to her heart. Her Blackburn teammates often hear her refer to her mother as her best friend.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PR

Jensen Ballinger

Ballinger hoped to continue her volleyball career at college, and she patiently waited for the perfect opportunity. She found that in Blackburn. Coming from successful high school volleyball and softball programs, she knew that her experience here may be different, but wanted the opportunity to be a part of the change in the athletic culture as well as the turnaround for both programs.

As she wraps up her sophomore year, Ballinger continues to be grateful for the opportunity she has been given, never once forgetting what got her here. She gives all of the credit to her family for their constant support and God because "at the end of the day, win or lose, I am always going out and

Finding the Green

By JORDAN WOOD

The last time that Blackburn has been able to honor a team with a new banner in Dawes Gymnasium was after the 2010 men's golf team finished at the top of the SLIAC and earned a conference championship.

Prior to that, Dawes added banners quite regularly, but since those golf honors in 2010, Blackburn has experienced a drought.

Though it may not be nearly as long as the recently ended 108-year drought by the Chicago Cubs or as long as golf's own Tiger Woods' list of injuries that have kept him out of three of the last four Masters and numerous other major tournaments in recent years, for Blackburn, it's been too long.

The 2017 Blackburn golf team may change that. Although maybe not this year, next season could certainly be the big break as the team will bring back every member of their top five players including three juniors (Trenton Easley, Kyle Kesinger and Jordan McMillen), one sophomore (Anthony Harper) and one freshman (Keegan Easley).

Harper, who first picked up a golf club at the hands of his grandfather around the age of 10, made clear his passion for the game. He stated, "I give my opportunity to play golf to God and allowing me to play the game I love every day." Both he and the team have taken advantage of that opportunity and ran with it.

As the team entered the SLIAC conference tournament on Monday, April 18, the Beavers were optimistic as they hit their stride in their previous tournament, placing third



GRAPHIC BY JOHN HUMMER

in the McNaughton Invitational in Jacksonville, Illinois, on April 10, and shooting a season-best 304 as a team.

The hopes of another championship were not the only thing tying the Beavers to the 2010 season, however, as their team score at the McNaughton Invitational (304) was the best score relative to par shot by Blackburn since that banner hanging season in 2010.

As the season drew to a close, the Blackburn men gave it their all in the SLIAC conference championship, earning a score of 917 and a second place finish. While that was their lowest team score since the tournament changed to a three-round format in 2002, they fell just short as Webster University held onto first place with a score of 897. Individually, Blackburn finished with four golfers in the top 20: Trenton Easley (4th), Keegan Easley (T-6th), Jordan McMillen (T-12th) and Anthony Harper (T-17th). While the Beavers came up short in their ultimate goal, they finished with a glimpse into what may be to come and most certainly built momentum for next season.