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THIS IS OUR FINAL ISSUE, so we don't care anymore WE ARE CANCELLED SORRY

By Bailee McCarthy
Staff Writer

THE 'BURNIAN HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE 1881, MAKING IT THE OLDEST ILLINOIS COLLEGE NEWSPAPER STILL RUNNING. WELL, UP UNTIL THIS ISSUE. IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE 'BURNIAN STAFF THAT NO ONE READS PAPERS ANYMORE. TIMELY NEWS STORIES WORTHY OF PRINT ARE BECOMING HARDER TO FIND BECAUSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA APPS. BUT WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN FOR THE STAFF OF THE 'BURNIAN?

AFTER 137 YEARS, THE CLOSING OF THE OLDEST ILLINOIS COLLEGIATE NEWSPAPER IS HERE. IT HAS BEEN A LONG, FUN AND EXCITING RUN FOR STUDENTS, STAFF AND FACULTY. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO DISINTEREST AND THE LACK OF NEWS STORIES, THE RACE HAS COME TO AN END. THE STAFF IS DEEPLY SADDENED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS ISSUE WILL BE THE LAST.

"NO ONE IS READING THE PAPER ANYMORE," SAID AN ANONYMOUS TIP. "EVERYTHING IS OLD NEWS IN THE PAPER," THEY ADDED. ACCORDING TO MANY OUTSIDE RE-SOURCES, SCHOOL NEWSPAPERS ARE DECLINING IN POPULARITY. ONE STUDENT AT BLACKBURN SAID, "I GET ALL MY NEWS FROM MY PHONE. I COULDN'T TELL YOU THE LAST TIME I PICKED UP A HARD COPY OF THE PAPER." ANOTHER STUDENT EVEN ASKED OTHERS WHAT A NEWSPAPER WAS.

EVERY STUDENT, STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBER IS SHOCKED TO HEAR THE 'BURNIAN WILL BE SHUTTING DOWN. "IT'S A TRAGEDY, REALLY," ONE FACULTY MEMBER SAID. 'BURNIAN STAFF MEMBER JORDAN WOOD SAID, "IT'S CRAZY. WE PUT IN A LOT OF EFFORT TO KEEP THE PAPER GOING, AS IT IS THE OLDEST. BUT THE CANDLE HAD TO BURN OUT SOMETIME; WE JUST DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE THIS SOON." ANOTHER STUDENT ON CAMPUS SAID, "MAYBE THIS ISN'T THE END. EVEN THE BEST MARATHON RUNNERS NEED TO TAKE A BREAK EVERY NOW AND THEN, AND I FEEL IT IS THE SAME FOR THE 'BURNIAN. THEY WILL COME BACK, READY TO GO, AFTER THIS BREAK." HOWEVER, MANY OTHER STUDENTS AGREED THAT ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END, IMPLYING THAT THE 'BURNAIN WAS ONCE A REALLY GOOD SOURCE FOR NEWS, BUT NOT ANYMORE WITH THE EVOLUTION OF THE SMARTPHONE.

WITH THIS ISSUE BEING THE LAST OF MANY ISSUES OF THE BLACKBURN NEWSPAPER, THE STAFF IS DEEPLY SADDENED. "IT'S REALLY SAD," THEY ALL AGREED. "WE WERE THE LONGEST RUNNING SCHOOL NEWSPAPER, AND NOW WE AREN'T." ALL THE STAFF WILL BE RETURNING TO THEIR PREVIOUS WORK DEPARTMENTS TO FINISH OUT THE SEMES-TER. IN THE FALL, THEY WILL APPLY TO DEPARTMENTS OF THEIR CHOICE. IT'S NOT CERTAIN IF THE PAPER WILL BE COMING BACK TO CAMPUS LATER ON, OR IF IT IS GONE FOR GOOD. ONLY TIME WILL TELL.

ROYALTY TO JOIN CARLINVILLE COMMUNITY

By Kennedy Henson
Staff Writer

Prince Harry of Wales and Meghan Markle recently announced their engagement, and the public is extremely excited. The couple has decided to get hitched on May 19, a Saturday, which goes against the tradition of royal weddings being held during the week.

The media and public all believe that the wedding is to be held at Saint George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, but this is all fake news. In reality, the wedding will be held in Clegg Chapel on Blackburn's campus. The royal couple wants their wedding day to be sacred and unpublicized, so they searched for a small town in rural Illinois to hold the ceremony. They wanted to be married on a college campus to symbolize their eternal youth while helping the campus's publicity by making it well-known for their wedding. After several months of searching, Harry and Meghan decided Blackburn College would be the perfect small-town campus to host their wedding. The wedding will only consist of the couple's most beloved friends and family, making Clegg the perfect size for everyone to enjoy the momentous occasion.

Markle's dress will be designed by Blackburn's own graphic design class. The design will then be sent to the dress maker of the bride's choice since the college does not have the resources to actually create the intricate gown desired by Markle.

To keep the publicity of this secret to a minimum, Blackburn president John Comerford will be officiating the wedding. His children, along with Prince George and

Princess Charlotte, will be the page boys and flower girls. The oldest Comerford child will be an usher, and Rachel Comerford is planning the wedding, making sure the secret is well-kept.

Per the couple's request, no students or faculty members can attend the ceremony, as it is invitation only. The reception party being held after the ceremony in Jaenke Alumni Hall is open to everyone still on campus who wishes to attend. The couple wants to meet the students of Blackburn and better understand campus life.

Student workers in Ding are responsible for making the cake. The workers are being trained to bake and decorate the cake, at the cost of the couple. The cake will be an eight-tier fruit cake covered in flowers made of icing. The cake, professionally made, would cost the two around \$80,000, but is being made by Blackburn at the cost of roughly \$5,000, along with the cost of training the workers.

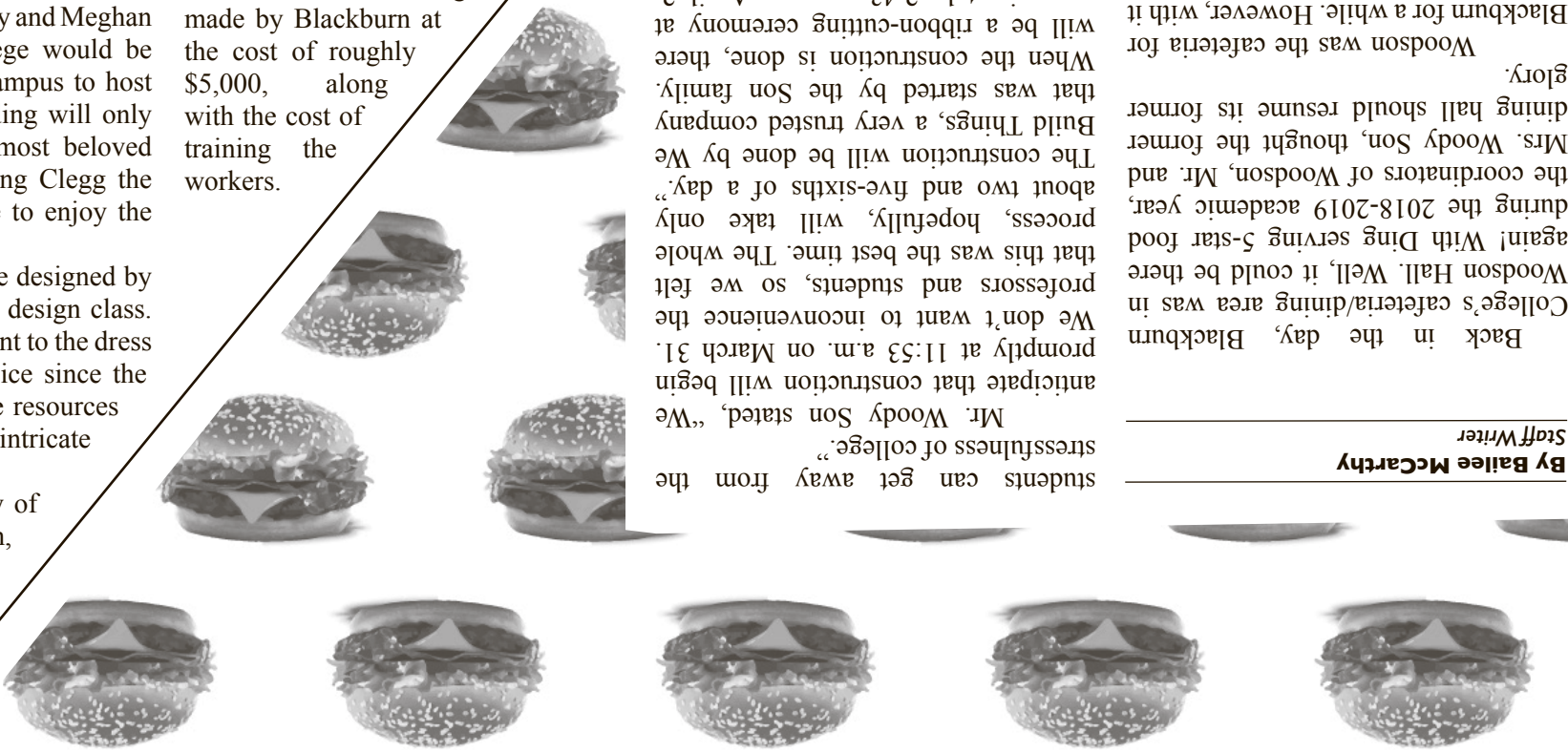
President Comerford is ecstatic that the couple chose Blackburn as the location of their wedding and hopes this will help bring international attention to the school so that royal family-obsessed high school students will boost enrollment.

Along with five-star food, student hangout place. marking the opening for the newest approximately 2:43 a.m. on April 2, will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Blackburn. This is also in hopes that the student body will increase, as this academic year had the lowest student attendance in a few years. With Son's ambition, Woodson will become the hottest place on campus.

Back in the day, Blackburn College's cafeteria/dining area was in Woodson Hall. Well, it could be there again! With Ding serving 5-star food during the 2018-2019 academic year, the coordinators of Woodson, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Son, thought the former dining hall should resume its former glory.

Woodson was the cafeteria for Blackburn for a while. However, with it now being the location of classrooms, catering kitchen and the dance floor, Woodson wants to add another location to the list – restaurant area. Mr. and Mrs. Woody Son stated that they are going to be putting in a basement area, accessible by ladder, to host the possible new location for the new Ding menu. "We think it would be wonderful to bring back history and authenticity to a wonderful college," they stated. "Since everything is changing, why not add to the chaos?" They are very excited about the new renovations happening very soon.

"It's going to be a place to hang out with friends, get all fancy-ed up and eat delicious food," Mrs. Woody Son commented. If it turns out that Ding's new five-star menu can't be served in Woodson, the building coordinators stated, "We are probably going to make it a food court like location for other chain restaurants like Chick-fil-A, Panera and Ben and Jerry's. The space won't be empty ever." We the couple agreed. "We want to provide an area for the students that is strictly there for them. It's going to, hopefully, act as a student lounge s o



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CALLING ALL STUDENTS!!!!

By Kaitlyn Mitchum
Staff Writer

Introducing BC Premium Pricing—Blackburn College is introducing new pricing for all Blackburn students and getting rid of financial aid. The new pricing list is as follows:

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Students, especially freshmen, are excited to get to experience the new packages.

Freshman rocket science major Reed Burnell is excited for the new pricing packages. "King George is my sister's cousin's best friend's Uncle; therefore, I should be treated like a king and I will find it necessary to get that package," he said.

Taking all into consideration, freshman psychology major Rommel Royster was most excited to start paying for his choice of package. "SWEET! With the silver cloud package, I can focus on all ten of my girlfriends everyday! It's a win-win in my book!" he said.

5-STAR DING DINING

By Bailee McCarthy
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The new manager for the 2018-2019 academic year, Alexis Aguilera, is bringing change to Blackburn College's cafeteria (commonly referred to as "Ding"). "It is time for a change," she stated. Beginning next school year, Ding will be serving food fit for a king. But don't worry, it'll just cost one meal swipe!

Just imagine: five-star dining for just a meal swipe. Sounds wonderful, right? Aguilera was able to give some insight about the upcoming meal change. Some of the available everyday options are braised leeks and mozzarella with egg; scallop sashimi with meyer lemon confit; fugu with rice; and pappardelle with sea urchin and cauliflower. Some of the other options are pork rilette hand pies; malted custard french toast; and pasta

with lamb ragu. Again, all for just one meal swipe!

Generally, everyone on campus will agree with one thing: Ding's food is not very good. One student, jaded with Ding's sub-par food said, "I don't think they will pull it off, honestly," referring to the five star meals that Aguilera is promising. "It is just another cafeteria," the student added. Another student mentioned, "I think it's great! I know the new manager personally, and with her in charge, Ding will be fantastic!" This student also mentioned that she is looking forward to trying new meals, broadening her palate beyond pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs, and fries.

Overall, Aguilera is very excited for the upcoming school year. "It's just really exciting, and hopefully it brings more people, both part of Blackburn and outside of Blackburn," she commented. "All the cooks are excited, and many of the students are



excited to try new things," she added.

But who is going to cook all this delicious food? Professional chefs, of course! Aguilera was able to give an inside scoop about who is all preparing this. "The cooks we have now will be more prepping and supervising, and we

are bringing in professional chefs from all around the world to actually prepare the meals," she said. "It's going to be a lot of training and getting used to people of other cultures, but we will be able to work together, no problem!"



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WHAT DR. DILLON REALLY DID ON HER SABBATICAL



By Rachel Burke
Staff Writer

Some people may be aware that English professor Dr. Karen Dillon was working on a book during her sabbatical. But while she may have been dabbling in that, she was actually using her sabbatical to audition for the circus.

Although she loves her job on campus, Dillon revealed, “Deep down, I’ve always known that the circus is

where I belong.” She didn’t have an actual act, but she knew that’s where she wanted to be. She spent the first two months of her sabbatical trying all kinds of acts for her audition. She took up knife juggling, walking on the tightrope, sword swallowing, lion taming and she even tried to grow a beard.

The knife juggling came to a quick halt as Dillon never even learned how to juggle basic things, so the knives

just all fell. One of the knives grazed her foot; she had to take a week out of training just to relearn how to walk. She was almost successful at the tightrope and would have been if it weren’t for the piece of her foot missing from the knife juggling. She tried to swallow swords, but then she realized it’s not just an illusion trick and you actually have to put a sharp sword down your esophagus. “I figured there was a better way to join the circus,” she said, “without dying for it.”

The lion taming was one of the easier things for her to train for, as the lions were already tame. She was just going to be the figurehead taking credit for a lion that was already docile. She spent weeks with her lion, practicing the simple tricks that the real lion tamer taught them. There were only weeks left before the actual audition when Dillon just didn’t feel right about the act. “I didn’t want to take credit for someone else’s work,” she said. “It made me think back to all of the plagiarism rules we have back on campus, and something in me just had to stop.”

Her last-ditch effort to join the

circus was to grow a beard. She was trying all sorts of techniques. She tried shaving her face, hoping the myth that hair will grow back darker and thicker was true. That didn’t work, so she talked to her doctor about the proper amounts of testosterone she could take without harming herself. Nothing seemed to work.

She ended up going to the audition using some sick yo-yo tricks that she had learned in her free time. Dillon pulled out the big guns with her walking the dog yo-yo trick. By the end of the audition, she was sweating from the pressure and the physical toll it took to perform. She remembered, “The judges were just staring at me when I was done. I thought they were so blown away by my performance. Then, after about 30 seconds of silence, one of the judges said, ‘Was that all?’ I knew it was over.”

Even though she didn’t make it into the circus, the important thing is that she had a dream, and she went for it. It’s always important to try anything that makes you happy and have the courage to fail.

start this summer and be complete by the time students arrive back at school. Seeing that the town has nothing for the students to do, the college has decided to provide a safe and fun entertainment space for resident students.

The building will also be renamed, as Learning Commons will not longer be necessary. Students can make suggestions and send them in to the building committee made up of random students and alumni who refuse to leave campus. A winner will be selected by the end of May and will have no other recognition other than knowing they came up with the new name.

The college would like to thank everyone who has worked at Lumpkin over the years and will be holding a ceremony to say goodbye to the library that was never used.

New work positions will be becoming available for the following semester. If interested, look for the announcement in the endless Blackburn Announcements that fill up your inbox and leave the annoying unread symbol on your app.

informed the college’s decision to close the library. The college will be taking measures to teach students how to read because they feel it is an important skill to have for living in the real world. Starting next semester, students must complete a class in learning to read in order to graduate from the college.

The Lumpkin Learning Commons will be transformed over the summer into a student center, complete with a second snack bar, an arcade, a movie theater and a club. Construction will

the library, the college does not see a point in keeping up its maintenance. Students working for the library will be placed in other work departments on campus. The Writer’s Block will still be available but will move to another building. The college apologizes to the few students who will be affected by the library’s closing.

The college has also become aware of some recent studies that show more and more college students actually don’t know how to read. These studies



Due to college students’ lack of interest in reading and homework, Lumpkin Learning Commons will be closing, effective immediately.

In recent years, the number of students utilizing the space has dwindled down to just a few a week. It seems that most students would prefer to study in their rooms or in the parlors around campus. With so few students visiting

By Ashley Thompson
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LIBRARY CLOSING

BUILDINGS OF BLACKBURN



DCC, home to our mail

PHOTO BY ASHLEY THOMPSON

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The Demuzio Campus Center (DCC) is the main hub for students attending Blackburn College. This is mainly due to the fact that this is where the food is, and college students will always gather where there is food. Most of the time, students are too broke to go anywhere else, so Ding and Snack Bar are as good as it gets for them. This is also where students like to window shop in the bookstore because they are broke to afford the exorbitant prices there.

Hudson Hall is the building that takes your breath away, especially if you have class on the third floor. This is where students hate to go, but unfortunately must because a lot of classes are held here. There is also a chapel on the second floor, but it doesn't get used much, so the dust just collects on the pews until someone gets around to cleaning them. There are multiple offices for the professors here, too, but students tend to avoid these because they know everything and don't need any extra help. It is also a minor inconvenience for some, so they just cut through the building instead of walking around to shave off a few seconds.

Olin, the building people go to use the lecture halls, yay! So you have the normal uses of the halls for large classes, and then they sometimes use the halls for five-minute department meetings that just waste everyone's time. Some folks even reserve the halls for guest lectures, hopeful they will fill them up with excited students, but in reality, they will be lucky to fill the first couple of rows. Some classes are there too, but no one really talks about having to go there.

Bothwell, home of the theater, music and art students. They feel at home here on the stage and in the art labs. Okay so the Visual Arts Center is attached to the building which makes it more convenient for the art students to not have to walk around Bothwell, but most call it one building. It's the brick building at the far end of campus, and it is a trek to get there if you live in Jones, Stoddard or Butler. There is this weird mural covering the entrance to the auditorium, nobody actually knows what it is and just accepts that it is there for a purpose. The story goes that there was this old guy who just came in one day and created this mural and left before anyone knew what it was for; students make up

their own stories about why it is there now.

Jaenke Alumni Center is the place where people work, but no one actually knows what they do there. Sometimes there are parties and no one goes—it's a blast! I guess students could go there and study if they want a quiet place because it is never busy.

The Lumpkin Learning Commons (the pretentiously named library) is the place you go for that last-minute report you forgot about. You hope they have something, anything, you can use, but you end up using Wikipedia instead. There are classrooms here too, and the Writer's Block that supposedly helps with papers, but nobody really wants to walk up the hill to go there.

Woodson is just another building with empty classrooms and offices that students don't bother to go to.

Ludlum is the place nobody wants to visit because if you do you will probably be paying the college something. Financial Aid is here too, but students normally avoid this place unless they have a parent with them to understand all of the financial talk for them. If you need your records changed, this would be the place to go. Really, this building is the catch-all

with anything about your student account.

Dawes, the fitness building. Really that is all it is.

Butler, the dorm that has offices in the basement next to the laundry. One of the oldest dorms that has no air conditioning.

Stoddard, one of the dorms that actually has a kitchen, but no air conditioning. You get the good with the bad here.

North, the all-guys dorm that has air conditioning and is conveniently located across from Dawes.

Jewell, the newly non-freshman-only dorm that is air-conditioned and has a kitchen too. Now the mold problem has finally been fixed; it is safe to live there or continue living there for some.

Graham, the quiet dorm, but it is air conditioned, so it ain't all bad. Students who live here are supposed to be the serious, studious types, or so they say.

Jones, the all-girl dorm that is air-conditioned with a parlor that no one uses. The parking for this dorm is the worst, never any empty spaces, so most have to park over behind Butler, really it is just an annoyance if anything.



Hudson... Nobody reads captions anyways

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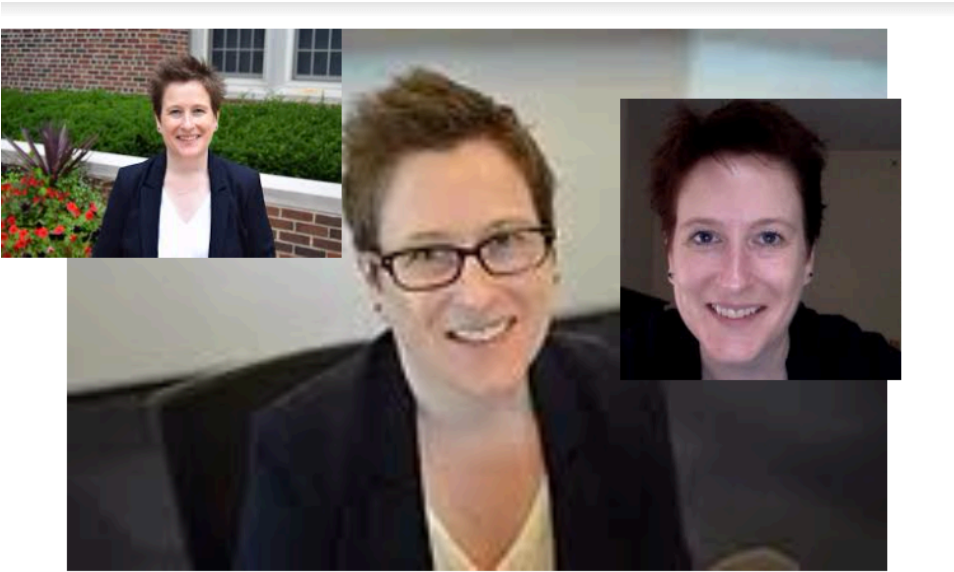


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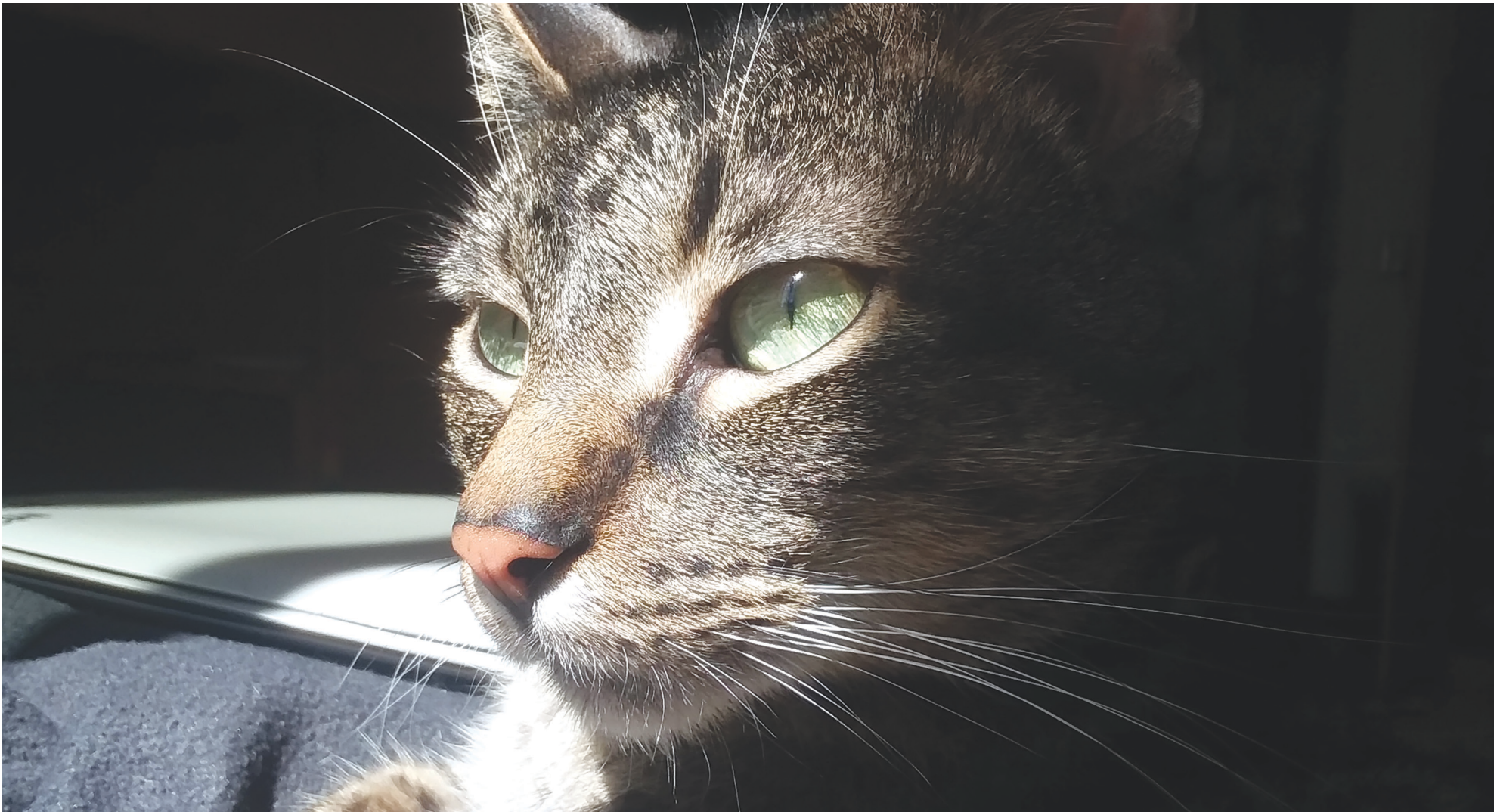
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What a handsome fellow

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Staff Writer

Spencer is one of the lesser-known members of campus (probably because he doesn't pay tuition or to class). He has no last name, kind of like Cher or yonce. Although he only weighs about 10 pounds and stands 12 inches tall, he has enough character to into a full-size human being.

A day in the life of Spencer is pretty routine, and t that different from the rest of us college-goers. He wakes up around eight and meows at his roommate til she feeds him his breakfast. His favorite flavor chicken, but he will settle for turkey. He makes all talk with his roommate while she gets ready for r classes. When she leaves, he meows loud enough her to hear him even when she's in the parlor. cording to people that live on the same floor as encencer, he really misses his roommate while she's ne. They know because he will meow at the top of lungs whenever she leaves.

While she's gone, he snacks on his food and res naps. Sometimes his roommate leaves the TV on him, so he's usually watching "Supernatural." He es to look out the window and stare at the leaves. s favorite hobby is climbing all over the furniture d knocking down everything that he possibly can: ns, nail polish, empty water bottles, you name it.

When his roommate comes back, he waits until she is sitting at her desk doing her homework on her laptop, and then he sits right on top of the keyboard. After inconveniencing her in any way possible, Spencer gets her to play with him and his second favorite toy. Finally, at the end of the night, Spencer goes to sleep right next to his roommate and best friend.

Spencer's pet peeves include when people do not give him the utmost amount of attention. He doesn't like to be put in his crate but is slowly learning to like long car rides. Some of his interests include chasing light reflections from phones or computers, smacking pens out of people's hands and ripping the corners off of the posters around his room. His favorite toy is the laser pointer that his grandma got him, but since he clawed it out of his roommate's desk and threw it around the floor when she was in class, it is lost.

He was adopted on Nov. 18, 2015, and was six months old at the time. He's almost three years old and has so much more living to do. He just got a new stroller that really makes his eyes pop, and he will start traveling the campus more. While his habits might be a little annoying, he does everything out of love. Everyone he meets falls in love with him, even people who are not traditionally cat lovers.

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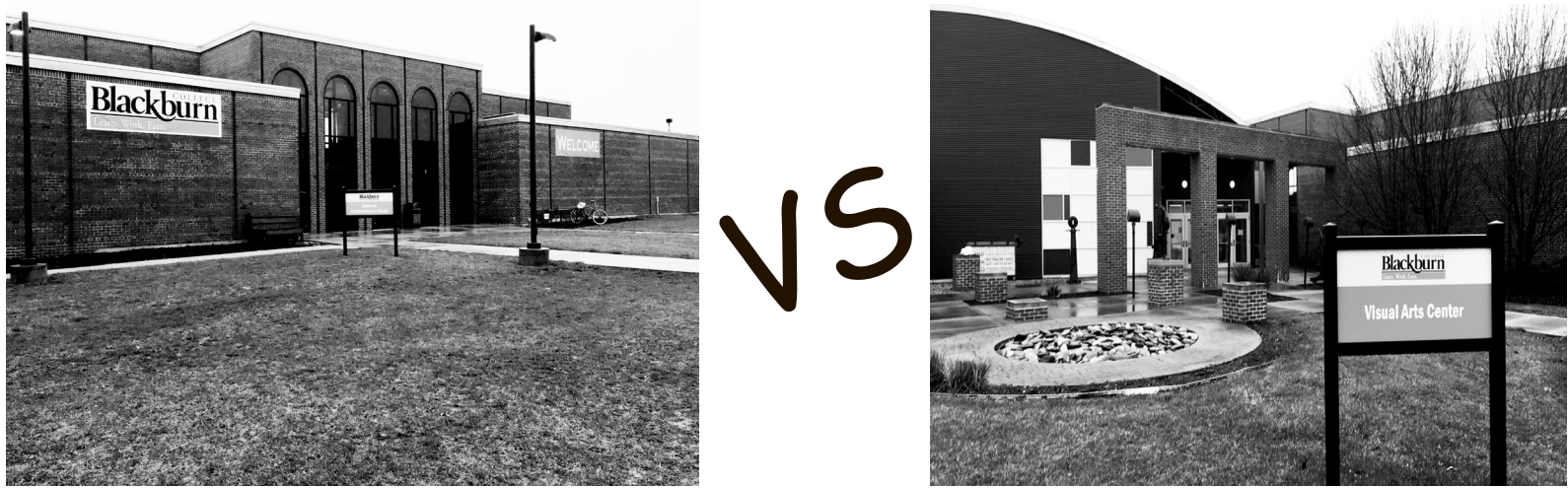
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BATTLE OF THE ARTS: PERFORMING VS VISUAL



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Blackburn is under siege of a civil war between the performing and visual arts. Bothwell and the Visual Arts Center are the two connected buildings that host all of the art and

theater and music events, but this may not work much longer. The students and professors of these two arts are no longer civil with each other and are ready for a segregated building. The visual art students and professors believe their type of art should have a separate building from the performing

arts. The school does not want a full on battle between the two groups, so they are allowing the visual art building to be relocated in order to avoid future problems. The school has come up with two options as to where the building can be located: the soccer field and on the

side of President Comerford's yard behind Jones-Allison Hall. These two locations are the only places big enough to host such a large building with all the amenities and necessities required for the building to run properly.

FOOTLOOSE

By Rachel Burke
Staff Writer

Attention, all students. Blackburn is now banning dancing and inappropriate music on campus. Inappropriate music is not just a matter of profanity or sexual innuendo, it also includes anything with a danceable beat, any references to having fun or any real lyrics all together. This was a decision made by President Dr. John Comerford. "I was watching Footloose the other day," he said, "and something about it really spoke to me." He made sure to emphasize that it was in fact the original "Footloose" with Kevin Bacon, not the newer one. There is one exception to the rule of not having music with lyrics. Comerford said, "We are a work college and we need to motivate students, so we are having a speaker system installed on campus that will play "High Ho, High Ho, It's Off to Work We Go" on a continuous loop. I think it should be

really good for student morale. Plus, you really can't dance to it. I've tried." Dancing distracts students from their studies and from their work. If

students are having fun, then they are not learning or working. That said, all of the music classes will be moved to an off-campus location. There will be no

more musicals or concerts in Bothwell. The music classes are still allowed to proceed, but there will now be stricter limitations in place on socializing with students who have music majors so they don't corrupt any of the other students. Comerford did not make this decision all by himself; he was trying to channel into what Reverend Gideon Blackburn would have to say about it. He concluded, "I'm not sure that Rev. Gideon Blackburn would have approved of dancing, so we're going to ban it just in case." Even though there have been decades of dancing in between now and the founding of the campus, Comerford is trying to right some possible wrongs. It's never too late to do the right thing. While there are many reasons to ban dancing and inappropriate music, Comerford thought he was off the record when admitting, "I've seen our students dance, and frankly it's not impressive. We're not banning it for any moral reasons, it's just embarrassing."

"WE'RE GOING
TO BAN [DANCE]..."
-PRESIDENT DR. JOHN COMERFORD



Blackburn will incorporate the "Footloose Laws"

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By Sara Hyneman
Cartoonist

There's only one food provider on campus and they're well-loved for continually upping the standards of awful food being provided. Blackburn is always striving to provide students with experiences they couldn't get at any other college and, thanks to Sodexo, Blackburn is able to provide the enviable experience of slightly gross and often unavailable food. Sodexo, the food provider here at Blackburn, has faithfully provided students with usually subpar food for years. Almost mostly edible, Sodexo is known for their dependably boring food. From rock hard brownies to vomit-inducing stir fry, Sodexo is recognizable across campus for its impressively awful everything.

Laura Wiedlocher, a political science professor and Sodexo lover, surveyed several students across campus and reported that Sodexo's approval rating had skyrocketed to 3%, up from -15% just two years ago. "I don't even know how they got into the negatives; that wasn't built into the survey. Their hate was just that strong," she said, carefully poking at what appeared to be stir fry in a green

STUDENTS LOVE SODEXO!

box. Other students report exciting surprises from their food, such as long-expired items and slimy chunks within would-be liquids. "It's just so much fun when you think you're getting soup or milk or something and instead you get a weird, probably deadly stew, especially

my high school pizza, which is a really big accomplishment and something that Sodexo should be proud of," added Stefanie Everett.

For students who mostly eat on campus, Sodexo is entirely unavoidable, and that's just the way they like it. Sodexo is nearly as beloved for their draconian policy regarding catering as they are for their food. Events on campus are required to be catered by Sodexo to ensure that students, faculty and staff don't get a taste of actual good food and subsequently stage an armed rebellion, and requests for exceptions are consistently refused. Students reportedly love this policy. "It makes me feel like they care about us, you know?" Scott said. "Like they really want to go above and beyond in making us eat their subpar food."

Sodexo isn't the only group which deserves recognition for the state of food on campus. Blackburn itself deserves some of the credit for partnering with them and agreeing to the contracts which bind students to the food they provide. Blackburn as an institution is to thank for partnering with Sodexo, and they deserve students' gratefulness and credit for allowing us a chance to experience life-threatening food.



Students flock to enjoy Sodexo's food

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Ding remains within Sodexo's iron grip

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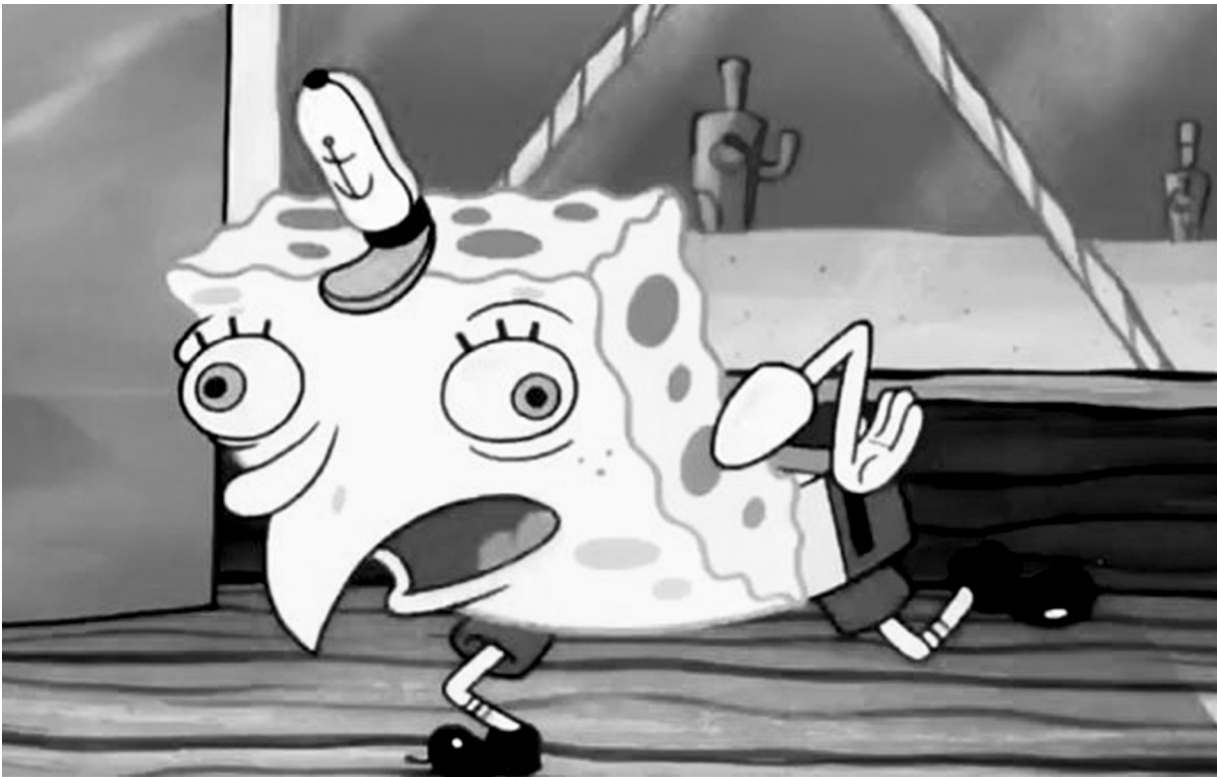
BC BLACKBURN CONFESSIONS

"I Can't Read!"

So the reason I am writting this piece is to let everyone reading know that it seems like everyone is under the empression at Blakburn college that the burian is a place that is really hard to work at. Well, I have been working for the burnian since I was a freshmen and I can totally say that is it an easy job? NO. But I can say that this job is a job that anyone can do if they work hard enough at it.

You don't need to be an english or writting major to work for the burnian or actually, you don't even have to now how to read. I have done just fine at this job and even worked up to editor without being able to. The work program is your oyster. Dig it.

- Noah Daum,
editor-n-cheif



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Beaver Break is sponsored by the Blackburn College Office of Student Engagement & CAB (thx btw)

EVENTS:

Donuts at Daybreak, Friday April 14, 6 a.m. at DCC
Christmas Walk Saturday April 15, 8 p.m. on Saturday,
begins outside Renner

Jewell Hall: Mess Fest, Friday April 20, 4-8p.m. in
North Quad
Butler hall: Carnival. Saturday, April 21, 1-5, Stoddard
Rave, Saturday April 21 8-11,
Graham and North: Cook out, Human Foosball and
Ice-Cream truck, Sunday, April 22, 1-5 North Quad
Mr./Ms/ Jones, Olin Lecture Hall, Sunday April 22
6:00p.m.



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Movie Trivia

- 1.b
- 2.a
- 3.c
- 4.b
- 5.b
- 6.a
- 7.c
- 8.a
- 9.b
- 10.c

Sports Trivia

- 1.c
- 2.a
- 3.b
- 4.c
- 5.b
- 6.a
- 7.c
- 8.a
- 9.b
- 10.c

To Tank or Not to Tank

By Dad
Sports Writer and Layout Assistant

With the National Football League (NFL) draft approaching and a new draft system put in place by the NCAA, a rather controversial strategy has occurred to many coaches, players and many others in the Blackburn community — tanking.

Tanking is a term used when a team begins to intentionally perform poorly in order to secure a higher pick in their respective drafts. Sometimes towards the end of a season, a team's fans may even begin to wish for their team — as



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Softball slugger Lauren Chamberlain holds the NCAA all-time homeruns record

long as they're out of playoff contention — to lose for similar reasons, and while it is frowned upon in professional sports, that doesn't mean that it has never happened. Mark Cuban was recently in hot water and subsequently fined after suggesting tanking to some of the Mavericks players.

Despite remaining illegal in professional sports, there is no rule against it under the NCAA's draft regulations, which will be implemented beginning in the 2018-19 academic year, leading to changes in some of Blackburn's athletic teams. The new rule allows for "the drafting of any person of at least 17 years of age based on the reverse order of the previous season's final standings by win-loss record."

While Blackburn's coaches have refused to comment on whether or not they will consider suggesting an idea like tanking to their team for obvious reasons, others have begun to speculate as to who Blackburn would have their eyes on in the upcoming NCAA Draft. Some of the players suggested include:

- Baseball:
- Anthony Rizzo
 - Bryce Harper
 - Clayton Kershaw

- Cross Country:
- Alan Webb
 - Deena Drossin
 - Nicholas Sparks
- Golf:
- Tiger Woods
 - Jordan Spieth
 - Dustin Johnson
- Men's Basketball:
- Michael Jordan (don't get greedy M's all you need.)
- Men's Soccer:
- Lionel Messi
 - Cristiano Ronaldo
 - David Beckham
- Softball:
- Lauren Chamberlain
 - Sierra Romero
 - Jennie Finch
- Tennis:
- Serena Williams
 - Venus Williams
 - Maria Sharapova
- Volleyball:
- Kerri Walsh Jennings
 - Misty May-Treanor
 - Tara Cross-Battle

- Women's Basketball:
- Lisa Leslie
 - Tamika Catchings
 - Sue Bird
- Women's Soccer:
- Carli Lloyd
 - Mia Hamm
 - Abby Wambach

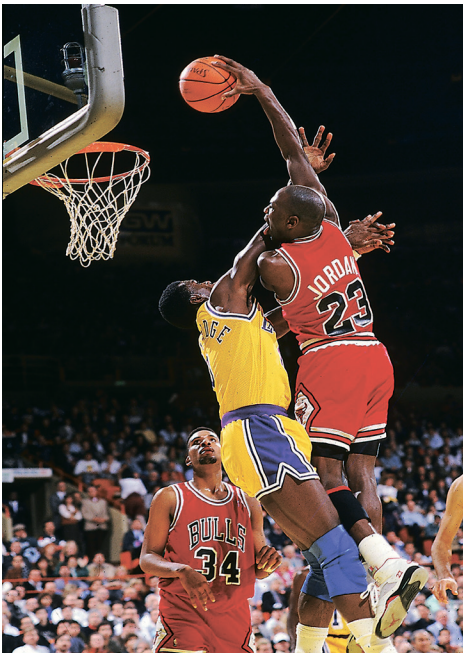


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The GOAT may soon find himself back in the red and black

REINVENTING BLACKBURN ATHLETICS

By Kennedy Henson
Staff Writer

Blackburn athletics is about to undergo a major change. Thanks to the decision of the athletic directors and student board, all sports currently being played at Blackburn will be cancelled and replaced with new, obscure sports teams and events.

The school hopes to see many improvements and progress by remodeling the entire program. Within the conference, the Beavers would be at the top in all athletics, considering all other schools would not yet have transitioned to these athletic teams. The hope is for other teams in the conference to follow suit and transition,

but this has yet to be decided by other schools in the SLIAC. If no other schools agree, Blackburn would have to become independent of conference play and attempt to find other schools with the same programs within the area.

Some of the sports in which the school is contemplating adding include archery, curling, cricket, fencing, handball, hockey, swimming, and table tennis. These are not the only sports in consideration, and the board has expressed an interest in considering the opinions and suggestions of students who are currently not participating on any of the athletic teams already existent on campus, as well as faculty, staff, and alumni.

After speaking to several current athletic participants, they do not agree or want these changes to take place. They all expressed anger in cancelling their athletic program, but were not against adding other sports to the available ones at Blackburn. The new sports would hopefully boost enrollment and make Blackburn a better place to attend college.

Members of the board, alums, and students who do not currently participate in a sport at Blackburn believe this a great idea and has the potential bring in more possible students and greater diversify campus life, as well as give students the opportunity to try these sports, since they are somewhat obscure and most students would most likely never had the opportunity to play these sports previously.

In regards to the coaching staff for these programs, the athletic department has been in contact with several retired gold-winning American Olympians,

hoping they will consider coaching as well as recruiting. The program hopes to obtain athletes that have the capability to one day participate in the Olympic games, and with previous Olympians coaching, this goal seems much easier to reach. Some possible coaches that have been contacted include Michael Phelps (swimming), Brady Ellison (archery), Matt and Becca Hamilton (curling), and Lily Zhang (table tennis). None of these possible coaches are definite and there are several other possible options for the coaching position.

Although there is no set year for these transitions to be made, the athletic department will have fully transitioned into all of the new programs and discarded the previous ones within the next three academic years. The department also is requiring current athletes to participate in at least of the new programs for the purpose of keeping the athletic program thriving here at Blackburn.