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An inside story: Student shares about his family in Hurricane Harvey

Kennedy Webber, Editor in Chief

As the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey settles, Milligan students spoke up about their families' experiences in Texas, a state to have borne the brunt of the category 4 hurricane.

Hurricane Harvey made its way to Texas the week of Aug. 25, devastating eastern parts of the state and into Louisiana. Over 50 inches of rain caused crippling flooding, especially in the Houston area. At least 39 people have died including a police officer, a family of six and a mother of a three-year-old daughter. Thousands of people were forced from their homes to find shelter from their flooding houses.

One displaced family belongs to Milligan basketball player, Gregory Jones-Rollins. Rollins, a junior electrical engineering major, says that his hometown, Galveston, got the "backlash" of the hurricane, but his family wasn't there when it hit.

"My mom, sister and my two nephews left for our other apartment in Dickinson to get away from Galveston, be-

cause that area is known for getting hit hard by hurricanes."

Dickinson was thought to be a safer area, especially further away from the coastal town of Galveston. However, Dickinson is considerably closer to Houston.

"The hurricane brought tons of rain and flooding to Houston, and it just swept down to Dickinson," Rollins said. "From the videos my mom sent me, there had to have been eight to 10 feet of water where the apartment was."

When Rollins had first heard about Harvey he was notified that his mom, one of his sisters and her kids were OK, but it took another day to find out whether

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The view from Gregory Rollins' raised apartment in Dickinson shows how high the flood levels are. Photo via Gregory Jones-Rollins

Milligan introduces new faculty members

Brianna Snyder and Kristen Williams

This year, Milligan has opened its doors to 14 new faculty members. The Stampede got to sit with two new professors, Namyoun Choi, assistant professor of computer science, and Kristen Entwistle, assistant professor of chemistry.

Dr. Namyoun Choi

Namyoun Choi says that she continues her "God-given task" by teaching at Milligan College.

Choi has an extensive background in her field, which includes educational and industrial sectors.

Born in South Korea, she received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Ewha Women's University. According to a Milligan College press release, she continued her education, obtaining her master's degree in computer science and her Ph.D. in information science and technology, both from Drexel University.

She described discovering her call to "point out Christ Jesus to her students" when one of her students in South Korea emailed her, thanking her for being a Christian role model. She prayed about her decision to pursue her Ph.D. and teach, laughing as she said, "I had to check with God first."

"They love God and they honor God," Choi said of the faculty, staff and students at Milligan. She discussed her motivation to work at a Christian school that allowed her to share Christ with her students, something she was unable to do when she previously taught at a university in Pennsylvania.

"I like it [at Milligan] so much," Choi said. "The faculty and staff are very nice, extremely kind." She describes her new job as an answered prayer, saying, "I am so blessed."

Choi discussed some of the differences in education between South Korea and the United States, stating that there was more room for creativity and professor/student interaction here. She mentioned the sameness and unity experienced in Asian countries in contrast with the diversity in the United States. She expressed her surprise that in South Korea, both public and private schools have more freedom to discuss Christ openly than public schools in the United States.

Choi says that although our cultures are entirely different, Christianity binds us together.

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Webb overcrowding results in students in married housing

Josh Mangano, Staff Reporter

By the time Aug. 1 rolled around, it was clear that Webb Hall was not going to be big enough to house all the male underclassmen that were expecting to move in on Aug. 12. A total of 174 students can live in Webb Hall; the number of students that were set to move into Webb was approximately 179.

The administration was faced with a decision: Where were they going to house the extra students? They turned to a solution that had been effective in past years -- some undergraduate,

unmarried students were allowed to live in the married student apartments (MSA) under certain circumstances.

When the MSA solution was first pursued, Tony Jones, dean of students, discovered that only one married student apartment was unoccupied. Two apartments were necessary for all the undergraduate students to have a place to live.

The administration then had to approach some MSA residents about the possibility of moving in to Emmanuel

Village apartments, thus freeing up one more MSA apartment. After several rejections, they found a taker. Now they had two apartments to work with, each big enough to house four students.

Many concerns still lingered, but administration needed to decide who they were going to ask to move from Webb to MSA. Tony Jones said they wanted to find "older guys who would be a good fit" for living in a space where there were no RA's checking up on them regularly.

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Webb Hall, one of Milligan's oldest dorms, was overbooked for the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. Photo via Kennedy Weber

Editor's Note

Kennedy Weber, Editor in Chief

Every year, I decide on a word that I want to use as a theme or goal. While I was a senior in high school, it was "grow." My freshman year at Milligan, it was "authentic." Last year, it was "invest."

As I was driving down south from my home state of Indiana, I was thinking and praying that God would give me another word to meditate on and strive for. He didn't. Instead, people came up to me and told me stories. I had conversations with friends and felt heartbroken as I heard of world events that caused people to ache.

I decided to keep the word "invest" as my theme.

As you read this issue of The Stampedede, I hope you recognize the people who are investing in things. New and old professors want to invest in us as students and people. Hopwood Christian Church is investing in renovations to make their building better. SGA president Gabe Logan is investing in creating a truth-seeking, loving, student body.

But beyond them, the call is also passed onto you.

This semester, new faces will pass you by. People will ask you to help them, or they will need help but not ask. Stories and ideas will need to be understood and validated.

Invest in people that take you out of your comfort zone. Make friends with someone who doesn't have the same ideas. Simply by investing time in someone's story, you can understand them better. After all, we hear a lot about this "community" at Milligan. If we want to reap the rewards of community, we have to contribute to it. Let this be your call.

Milligan now offering Master of Arts and Humanities degree

Josh Mangano, Staff Reporter

Starting in the fall of 2018, Milligan College will be offering a Master of Arts degree (M.A.) in humanities.

This 30-hour program will be directed by Heather Hoover, professor of humanities and English. Along with being the director, Hoover will also be teaching an environmental studies class come next fall.

The program will have three main tracks, or concentrations, that students can choose from. One such track is cultural studies in which students will come to understand various cultures and see how cultures are created and interact with other cultures in other parts of the world.

Michael Blouin, assistant professor of English and humanities, and Todd Edmondson, assistant professor of composition and humanities, will also be teaching classes for the M.A. in humanities. Blouin will teach a cultural studies class and Edmondson will teach a methodologies course on interdisciplinary studies.

Another track students can choose is faith, arts and community. Hoover said this track will be a "way of looking at all of the things that we typically study--literature, art, history, philosophy--and particularly how those things are engaged by the church and faith communities."

The last track will be a global studies concentration where students will examine how different parts of the world interact and shape us.

Hoover is already hearing interest from people, and her hope is that the program grows to where more professors will be called on to teach classes. She also encourages students to come talk to her if they want to know more about it so that they can find the best fit.



Pictured above: Heather Hoover. Photo via Milligan.edu

Student and professor build super computer

Cara Clark, Staff Reporter

Derthick lab 304 is currently housing a computer built by Nathaniel Wentzel, assistant professor of physics, and senior Tilly Erwin, a double major in computer science and math with a minor in physics.

Though funded by the physics department, the computer was built in Derthick because of the computer science department's access to tools and space needed for the job.

"It's been a lot of fun. [It's] been a challenge," Erwin said about working on the computer.

Wentzel and Erwin built the computer over the course of a few weeks this past summer. The computer will allow Wentzel and Erwin to run simulations that would normally be run on supercomputers on the National Science Foundation's (NSF) network.

The computer will still take about the same amount of time to process simulations as those on the NSF's network, but having it on campus will allow for closer engagement. The computer will also be connected to a larger network of supercomputers but do most of its work with the supercomputer Comet in the Supercomputing Center in San Diego.

The computer is similar to a gaming computer but has been modified for supercomputing and runs on Linux soft-



The computer built by Dr. Wentzel and Tilly Erwin sits in Derthick lab 304. Photo via Cara Clark

ware. It was also built to be expandable and serve multiple purposes.

Wentzel and Erwin will be using the computer for research in large scale molecules and running simulations on them more efficiently. Erwin has helped build the computer and will run simulations on it as part of her 499 undergraduate research project.

The computer has not been active since the school year began, but Went-

zel hopes to have it back up soon. He is currently working on files and simulations to be loaded onto the computer, but first he will have to request time from the NSF to run on their network of supercomputers. The NSF will then decide if the project is worth pursuing.

Wentzel explains, "If it's rejected, they'll tell us what needs to be fixed, and we can resubmit."

Erwin is writing code to help the com-

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puter read files and make a trajectory through points in three dimensions. This will allow the computer to map out how molecules move and give a trajectory through them.

In the future Wentzel hopes to move the computer into the physics lab in the science building. The computer will be used for advanced physics and math classes as well as research projects.

The Stampede sits with SGA leaders

Erin Donovan, Staff Reporter

The Stampede got to sit down and talk with Student Government Association (SGA) president Gabe Logan and sponsor Dr. Amy Edmonds to hear their plans for this upcoming year.

What could be considered both Logan's and Edmonds' best quality is their passion. They both are beyond excited for this upcoming year and the plans they have for it. The three words guiding them this year are: truth, love and communication. Logan's mentality for the year is to simplify his life as much as possible.

"If I can be as truthful as possible and love as much as possible, then it makes my decisions much easier to make, and it allows me to say no to things," Logan said. "When it comes to a crossroad, all my decisions will be made [with] truth and love, and I'll be okay."

Edmonds' word for the year is communication. She is in the process of teaching the executive team about Robert's Rules of Order, which is a set of rules for running a meeting effectively, based on procedures from the British parliament. and is very excited, because this will change the way SGA communicates with so many people.

"Just making sure that they're sort of keeping lines of communication open," Edmonds said, "so if students have concerns about something happening in academics, Gabe can go to Garland Young and get that information, and vice versa. If Garland felt that students need to know this side of it, Gabe can present that at SGA."

She continued, "The other thing that might be even more important is that the executive team has talked about how they want to be better at communicating with Milligan students about what it is they do and also how Milligan students can communicate with SGA. To bring up areas of concern or just questions they have."

When asked about some concrete plans for this year, Logan mentioned an engraved path they are planning to build connecting the library to Blowers Boulevard.

In his words, "If Milligan college is the world, the place where we're going to put the pathway is Manhattan. Everyone walks there; everyone goes there. It'll be something they'll be proud of, it'll be like, 'look at the cool thing that we did'."

SGA really wants to make this a project that students can come back and show their kids.

Logan also wants to make a plan for the next five years in order to get bigger projects done and gain momentum for those who pick up where he will leave off.

"The goal this year in speaking with President Greer is not to just think of this year but the next five years, and get 20% there, and the person that comes in behind me gets the next 20%," he said. "I want to think of the next five years, getting people involved, making SGA a cool thing, and letting people know that we are doing stuff, and that student government is actually on campus and see the difference and impact we are making."

SGA also wants to make sure that their plan is what the students want.

"I am willing to work with them in any way shape or form," Logan said. "From the highest level of work to the lowest level of work, I'll help them clean up something, I'll help them talk to President Greer, as long as they show initiative and ask."

Showing his excitement for the year, Logan put it best: "I believe this year is a very special year. I don't think things just happen or [are] coincidences. I believe everything is divinely ordered in how we got here."

Meet your Student Government Association President

Erin Donovan, Staff Reporter



Gabe Logan, SGA President. Photo via Erin Donovan

It is very apparent to anyone who comes in contact with senior and SGA president Gabriel Logan that he is the perfect fit for the Student Government Association (SGA). He has a passion for Milligan College and the community.

Logan is a former basketball player with some serious titles under his belt. While in high school, he won two state championships and was All-State and Player of the Year in 2014. His first two years of high school he went to a top 10 basketball school, and he didn't get in the game to play unless they were winning by at least 30 points. Then, his junior year, he went to a new high school.

After his transfer, he played four games then tore his ACL and couldn't play. He worked hard to recover. However, his ACL got infected and formed bad blood clots, and he obtained a fever. The doctors said that if he had not gotten to the hospital when he did, he could have died.

After recovering, he played two years of basketball at Milligan before deciding to switch over to SGA. He made the most amazing campaign video to run for office and the rest is history. (Make sure to ask him about it.)

Some things that might not surprise you are that his favorite flavor of ice cream is vanilla, and his favorite movie is the Godfather.



President Gabe Logan swears in junior representative Bunkry Leng. Photo via Milligan SGA

This year's SGA members

Executive Team:

President: Gabriel Logan
 Vice President: Somang Lee
 Secretary: Rebecca Guthrie
 Treasurer: Praise Gichuru
 Parliamentarian: Jenne Boston
 Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Amy Edmonds

Junior Class:

Class President: Eric Meadows
 Beth Witherspoon
 Kenzie Trujilo
 Joe Lyttle
 Bunkry Leng

Senior Class:

Matthew Albritton

Senate:

Sophomore Class:

Class President: Hannah Bell
 Izzy Siegel
 Kayla Baker
 Gibson Mills
 Michael Anakwe

Sponsor:

Dr. Amy Edmonds

Freshman SGA elections will be held Sept. 14.

SGA has five committees: Advertizing, Service/Spiritual Life, Academic, Student Events and Student Affairs.

Hopwood renovations move forward as classes resume

Brianna Snyder, Staff Reporter

The process of expanding Hopwood Christian Church began May 9, and it is expected to be completed by early December.

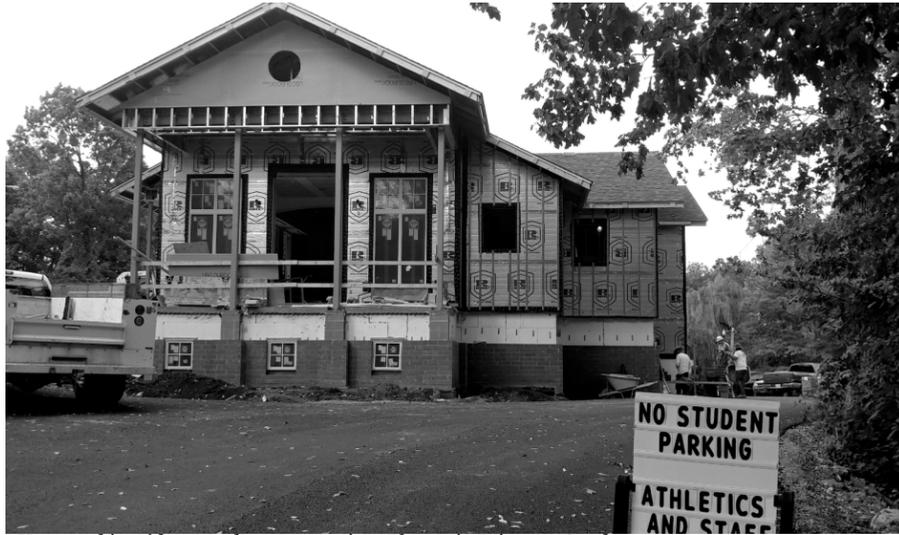
Hopwood, to the right of the bridge when entering Milligan's campus, seeks to continue their age-old legacy of sacrifice for future generations as construction progresses. The church still stands today thanks to a group of women called The King's Daughters who renovated the church on their own back during the Great Depression.

Milligan has had a cooperative relationship with Hopwood for generations, sharing buildings and parking to meet each other's needs. Until renovations are complete, the congregation of Hopwood is continuing worship services at Emmanuel Christian Seminary Chapel.

"Milligan has been wonderful to us," Ross said. "It has made the transition very easy for us."

The renovations should make the church more accessible to elderly attendees and those with disabilities as well as provide more space for a growing congregation. A bathroom is also being added to the sanctuary level.

Some of Hopwood's improvements will also serve Milligan students and



Hopwood is midway under construction. Photo via Brianna Snyder

staff. A path will be constructed from the church parking area to Derthick Hall, and some handicap parking spaces will be added.

Students are still currently barred from parking at the athletic fields below the church. For Ross, it is about balance between accessibility for student athletes and safety concerns, specifically for the children of the congregation. There are plans in place to add more signs and speed bumps to slow cars down as they drive to the athletic fields.

Years of water and termite damage have caused some of the internal structure to break down. Construction

workers have replaced wooden beams with steel beams to prevent this problem in the future. This was a large, unexpected cost in the budget, but Ross was not surprised, as the timber was estimated to be about 150 years old.

A custom chapel steeple is being created off-site and will be raised during a ceremony on Sept. 12. Everyone is invited to the steeple-raising ceremony. Prayers will be offered at 8:30 a.m. and the steeple raising will follow. There will be a luncheon at noon for the workers and anyone else who wants to attend.

Webb, from front page

Derek Jeffers, a junior, was one such student who was asked and now lives in MSA. Jeffers and his roommate were asked on the same day, and they were allowed to go tour the apartment.

Jeffers said that living in MSA is a "lot different than living in Webb" and "comes with a lot more responsibilities as we are not on the full meal plan." Along with needing to cook more, there is just more space that requires more cleaning.

Jeffers quickly went on to note that living in MSA has been a positive change of pace for him.

"I feel as though I am being treated as an adult a lot more by being given this opportunity... I feel more independent now, and it has positively affected my motivation in classes as well as participation in campus activities."

After students moved in and things settled down, it was clear that not everyone who signed up to live in Webb Hall actually moved in. Webb Hall houses 147 students currently. While there would have been enough room in Webb Hall, the administration had to play it safe, and as far as Jeffers is concerned, he likes how it turned out.

Professors, from front page

Dr. Kristen Entwistle

Kristen Entwistle is the new assistant professor of chemistry. She teaches organic chemistry, biochemistry and general chemistry.

Entwistle is from Ohio. She graduated from Gordon University with a degree in chemistry and completed her doctorate work in biochemistry and molecular biology from Michigan State University. She taught for a year

at Goshen College in Indiana before she took the job at Milligan, which she heard about from her father who is a professor.

"Chemistry is everywhere, not just in textbooks," Entwistle said.

She has a passion for teaching chemistry.

"I teach chemistry because I feel like we need to study the minute details of God's creation. And it is a privilege to be able to do that," Entwistle said.

Other than teaching, Entwistle likes to go on hikes, be outside and bake.

"I like being able to do things. I like helping people, even if it is just bak-

ing them cookies," Entwistle said. "I like being outside and doing things like hiking."

She wants to help students see that chemistry is not just something they have to get through for a requirement but that it is something that can be appreciated.

Entwistle is engaged and is going to get married in December. She has two siblings who are both still in college.



New Milligan Professor Dr. Kristen Entwistle. Photo via Joshua Mangano

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We look forward to hearing from you!

Complete list of new faculty and staff

Professors

Dr. Namyoun Choi

Assistant Professor of Computer Application System

Dr. Kristen Entwistle

Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Dr. David Gibbons

Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies

Dr. Jeff Giesey

Professor of Electrical Engineering

Jacob Goodin

Instructor of Biology

Dr. David Hampton

Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Dr. David Kieger

Theological Librarian and Assistant Director of Library Services

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Staff

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Heather Mullins

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Rebeca Profit

Receptionist for the Office Building

Phil Roberts

Assistant to the President for Seminary Development

Oscar Sarmiento

Admissions Counselor

Sports statistics **Solar eclipse party and drum circle**

Cara Clark, Staff Reporter

8/19 Women's cycling swept the podium.

8/19 Men's Soccer vs. University of the Cumberlands (Ky.). After double overtime, the game resulted in a tie (1-1) with Milligan's lone goal coming from freshman Rhys Borrer.

8/21 Men's Soccer at SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design) in Savannah, Ga. Loss 3-4.

8/25 Men's Soccer vs. Life University. Loss 3-1. Milligan's goal scored by Robell Habte.

8/25 Women's Volleyball vs. Point Park University. Loss 3-1.

8/25 Women's Volleyball vs. Emory and Henry College. Win 3-0.

8/26 Women's Volleyball vs. Lindenwood University from Belleville, Ill. Loss 2-3.

8/26 Women's Volleyball vs. Middle Georgia State University from Macon, Ga. Win 3-0.

Cycling competed on Aug. 25-27.

The Milligan community came together at the Village Lawn on August 21 to view the historic solar eclipse as it passed over the college. The 98.6% Eclipse of the Sun Viewing party was hosted and sponsored

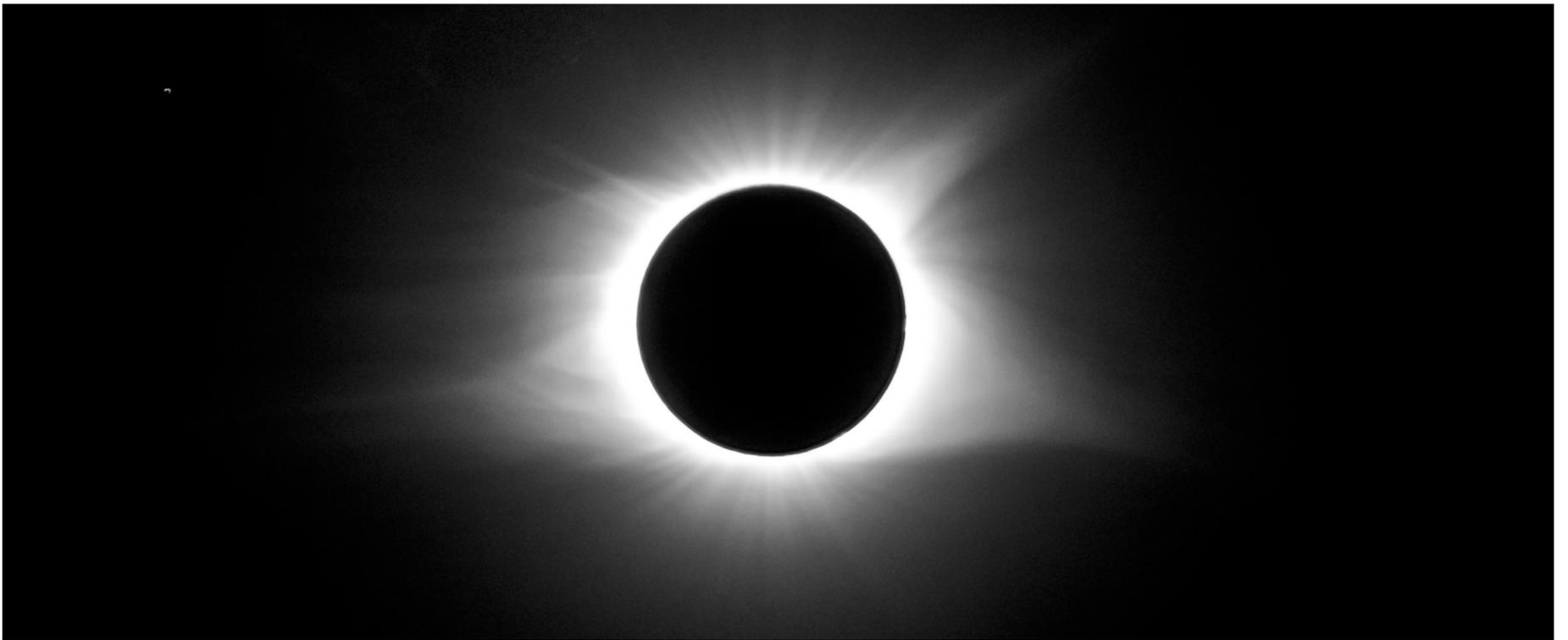
by the Campus Activities Board (CAB), the Society of Scientific Christian Scholars and the newly reinstated Buffalo Ramblers. The party featured themed refreshments and a drum circle. Other

students skipped class to chase totality.

Here are some photos from the day. For a full article check out milliganstampede.com



Katie Starr-Harrell, represents the Milligan science club.



Though Milligan had only a 96.8% Eclipse, Stampede's Caleb Perhne and Mitchell Hancock travelled to Andrews, North Carolina to view the eclipse in the totality zone. Photo via Mitchell Hancock



The "drum circle" plays in the eclipse.



Women's Basketball team watches the eclipse.

Harvey, from front page

his other sister was all right.

“My mom kept telling me, ‘It’s flooded,’ but normally when it floods, it’s never that bad,” Rollins said. He couldn’t even recognize a picture of their apartment when it was sent to him.

In fleeing the hurricane, Rollins’ family only got closer to the destruction, and they were stuck in the Dickinson apartment for a few days before being rescued by an army unit in a boat and taken to a shelter back in Galveston.

“That was the worst couple of days for me,” Rollins said. “When my mom left that area, I wasn’t able to contact her

for two days. It was so hard. It was a lot to think about.”

Rollins’ family lost all their cars due to flooding. In one picture that was sent to him, only the roof of a car is visible. Their home, however, is raised about 10-12 feet off the ground and did not flood.

When asked if he wanted to go back, he said he wanted to go this Thursday just to be with his family, but his mother said not to.

“It’s still pretty bad there. In Houston, dams and reservoirs were opened. Even in Dickinson, it’s still flooded.”

Milligan’s Student Government Association raised over \$1,200 in support for victims of Hurricane Harvey.

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Texas St. Rd 517 is completely submerged in water. Photo via Gregory Jones-Rollins

Not committing to lunch

Taylor Martin, Contributor

The bass is thumping. The electric guitar rocks. The room is filled with the overall auditory beauty that comes when various instruments come together. But the spotlight falls on one person alone: the keyboardist leading the congregation in song.

Christy Dickison, the worship leader at the West Market location of North Ridge Community Church, raises a hand in the air, pointing toward the main focus of the worship set, her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

“If I was a fantastic keyboardist, a fantastic singer, fantastic guitar player, the whole worship would be all about me, and that’s not the endgame here,” Dickison says.

However, if you had asked Dickison if she would be up on stage leading worship in a place where she was respected as a female, the answer would have clearly been no.

The Penis Present

Before graduating from Milligan in 2003 with a degree in Music Education and as an ordained minister, Dickison began her life in ministry at the mere age of 13, when there was no one else musically talented in the congregation, so Dickison was asked to lead worship. It was not until a few years later that Dickison experiences what she calls the “Penis Present.”

“I experienced firsthand separation in the church between men and women about what they were allowed to do and what they were compensated for,” Dickison said.

During a Christmas service, the male ministers at the church Dickison was working for were recognized in front of the congregation and given a Christmas bonus. It was not until a few days later that Dickison, a female ministry staff member, was given her own Christmas bonus.

“I truly believe that, had I been standing on that stage with a penis, I’d have been considered a part of the community,” Dickison said.

It was at this point that Dickison and her family felt like they were walking away from the church for good due to hurt and God leading the family in a different direction. Dickison claims she felt like she was “done with the church” as both an organization and an institution. Little did she know what was in store for her.

Stumbling into North Ridge

When two churches are side-by-side on the same side of the road, it is often difficult to remember which church you’ve been to and which you haven’t, so perhaps one Sunday you stumble into the wrong church, right? Well, that happened to be the case for the Dickison family.

“Honestly, the only thought running through my head was, ‘What do we have to lose?’” Dickison said.

Dickison expressed reminiscent feelings of anger toward the church as a whole, toward God and toward people who called themselves Christians.

“We got to the church relatively early that morning,” Dickison said. “The lead pastor made a beeline straight for us, introduced himself and asked what our plans were for lunch. I quickly lied and said we had something in the crockpot. I was not about to commit to lunch with this dude.”

At the time, North Ridge had a stance on women in ministry that Dickison did not agree with. However, the church was meant for the people, which is what drew the Dickison family into this church plant.

“You don’t have to put on your church clothes, your church face, your church voice,” Dickison said, fondly. “You just show up with all your mess and your mess is welcome. There is no pressure

to fix the mess; [the people of North Ridge] will just sit with you in the mess.”

In other words, the people of North Ridge allowed the Dickisons to just be.

Starting a Musical Revolution

Jon Oakley, the lead worship leader for the four North Ridge campuses, believes that neither he nor the other worship coordinators deserve the title of ‘Minister.’ Dickison finds this to be compelling, regardless of the fact that she is the first female staff member hired at any North Ridge campus.

“I’m pastoring the people who are on stage with us,” Dickison said.

In September 2016, Dickison approached Oakley with the hope of being able to help coordinate worship sessions at the West Market campus of North Ridge. What she didn’t know was that she would be offered a voluntary position with North Ridge West Market as the worship leader.

At first, the role proved to be a daunting task for Dickison’s family. Leaving the house around 7 on a Sunday morning, before many other eyes were opened for the day, and not returning until 1:30 in the afternoon, Dickison felt as though she was putting a strain on her husband, Larry, as well as her children.

“If I didn’t have Larry, I could not be a successful mom. We are partners in all things,” Dickison said.

One of the most important things in

Dickison’s life are her two girls, whom she tries to be a major influence on. Dickison emphasizes just how important it is for her daughters to know that she is more than just a mom and a wife because “that’s not what God just created [women] to be.”

Dickison also uses her role as worship leader to minister to her fellow band members. She mentioned a musician with anxiety whom she comforts and prays over each Sunday as they go on stage for the worship service, constantly reminding the musicians that this is their time to be brave.

“When you don’t have the words to express how everyone feels, music comes in and evokes an emotion that nothing else can,” Dickison said.

Most important to Dickison is the love and support of her family – both church and intimate – when it comes to her role at North Ridge West Market. Dickison’s husband told her that she is more at home on that stage worshipping than he has ever seen her before. This hit home for Dickison, as it was not permission to do something but permission for her to be who she truly is.

“In this season, I am to be on stage, leading worship at North Ridge West Market,” Dickison said.

Dickison has no plans on stepping down from her position any time soon and has big plans when it comes to the forward progression of the North Ridge community.



Dickison, along with other North Ridge worship leaders, join together on Daytime Tri-Cities to debut their new original music. Screenshot via Taylor Martin

House for the health-conscious comes to Johnson City

Lily Knott, Contributor

Java Juice House is a new café in the Johnson City area specifically designed with personal health in mind.

They specialize in serving fresh, natural and organic, and they don't add any extra fats, oils or dairy to their products. Their granola and almond butter (which I've tried and can confirm that it is delicious) are made in-house, and all cold-pressed juices are pressed and bottled on site as well. The café will soon offer a variety of menu items including customizable acai bowls and parfaits, raw smoothies, cold-pressed juices, crepes and coffee.

The young owner -- who wishes to remain anonymous -- states that there

was a "vacuum in Johnson City" where plant-based diets and lifestyles, such as veganism and vegetarianism, weren't being catered to. His motto comes from Hippocrates: "Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food."

Much like every millennial's dream, they will be offering avocado toast, along with other toasts and spreads as well. And their toasts are only \$6.95, so you can still save up for your dream home. Their menu is easy and fresh, allowing their customers to incorporate nutrients into their diet that they might not normally get.

Java Juice House is geared toward all health-conscious eaters, but it seems as though it would be a nice place to study. The café offers free Wi-Fi and

outlets and hopes to add later hours to accommodate those late-night study sessions. The doors opened for their soft opening on Aug. 25 and the Grand Opening began Sept. 3. They are open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day.

If interested, follow them on Insta-

gram @javajucehouse and Facebook.

Website: <http://www.javajucehouse.com>

Location: 1061 Hamilton Place Dr.
Johnson City, TN 37604

What is "Acai?"

Pronounced Ah-sigh-EE, this fruit is a native of Central and South America. It is a super food known for its health benefits including antioxidant properties as well as possible anti-aging and weight-loss benefits. Not only is it good for you, its sweet taste and versatility make it a great supplement for your breakfasts. You can buy it in a fruit juice form or drink it plain, add the powder to smoothies and yogurt, or blend the frozen puree to make a smooth, ice cream-like breakfast bowl, add your favorite toppings and enjoy!

Brand New releases seemingly dark 'Science Fiction'

Erin Donovan, Staff Reporter

Brand New has a new album, released on August 19, and it is as good as the pun of Brand New's brand new album. It's called "Science Fiction," which is more than a fitting title. It's quirky, it's kind of dark, and it's a jam. It should be listened to with both headphones in, because that will enhance the whole experience with unique sounds and music for each ear. The album is perfect to sit down to with a hot cup of coffee and a flannel blanket and just listen.

"Science Fiction" is the final album from the band, which they released as a surprise after an eight-year hiatus.

"Why are you even asking me that question?" senior Jess Smith said when asked if she thought the album was worth the wait. "Yes, of course, yes."

The album starts off with an eerie recording of an older woman describing a dream while in therapy, and then leads into the first song, "Lit Me Up," which sounds like a mix of Coldplay and Nirvana with a dash of Halloween. It's as cool and creepy as you would expect. The whole album has the traditional pop punk sound but with a mellow and



Brand New's newest album, Science Fiction was released on August 17, 2017. Photo via pitchfork.com.

vulnerable twist.

The exception is "Could Never Be Heaven." The fourth song is a much more acoustic indie rock in the best way possible.

My favorite song on the album is "451." It has the traditional pop punk with just a little Violent Femmes twist; aka the best of both worlds.

The album concludes with an almost nine-minute song, which sounds intimidating but is rather surprisingly brilliant, acting as a very demure grand finale. "Batter Up" is the perfect melancholy ending song, with the last almost three minutes an intricate guitar instrumental. It's like the emo version of Drake; you'll be in your feels by the end of this song.

Overall, Brand New's brand new album is a must listen, regardless of your taste in music. If you don't dig the lyrics, it provides great background music for studying. If you do dig the lyrics, you are in for a real treat. "Science Fiction" sounds like it should be the soundtrack to Ender's Game. It is weird, and it is wonderful.

Hungry for something new? Try these 5 hole-in-the-wall local restaurants

Daniel Peacock, Contributor

College students experience a rather unfortunate paradox: We love to go eat at restaurants, but we rarely have the funds to do so. Inexpensive options like Cook-Out and McDonald's are great, but some hungers call for something more unique. East Tennessee is full of wonderful, one-of-a-kind eateries that won't break the bank. Naturally, these places can be hard to find, so we've decided to compile a list of some of our favorite local restaurants, in order from cheapest to not-as-cheap.

1. China Garden (2111 N Roan St., Johnson City, TN, 37604)

Every college student loves some good Chinese takeout, and it's hard to beat the masters over at China Garden. The location itself may not be much to look at, but the food more than makes up for it. Classic takeout meals, like orange chicken and moo shu pork, are

crafted to perfection, and there are plenty more unique dishes waiting to be discovered.

2. Babylon Restaurant (2122 N. Roan St., Johnson City, TN, 37601)

Just up the road from the Mall at Johnson City sits the Babylon Restaurant, a family-owned restaurant that brings the best of the Mediterranean to East Tennessee. There isn't anything like it in the area, with strikingly flavored meals, like beef shawarma and lamb shank, dominating the menu. Each dish comes with perfectly cooked fresh vegetables too, so you don't feel too bad about cleaning the whole plate. The entrees mostly surpass the ten dollar mark, but the sandwich selection is just as amazing and is more than affordable for most college student budgets.

3. Hawg N' Dawg BBQ & Co-neys (202 Union St, Erwin, TN, 37650)

Just up the road from Milligan lies the small town of Erwin. While there are plenty of good places to eat in town, the undisputed best is the little barbecue place known as Hawg N' Dawg. Its main attraction is the titular dish, the Hawg N Dawg: an all beef hot dog piled high with their famous pulled pork barbecue and slathered in your choice of sauce. If that doesn't sound appealing to you, they have a host of other creative BBQ and coney dishes to try, like the excellent BBQ Nachos.

4. Mid City Grill (106 South Commerce St, Johnson City, TN, 37604)

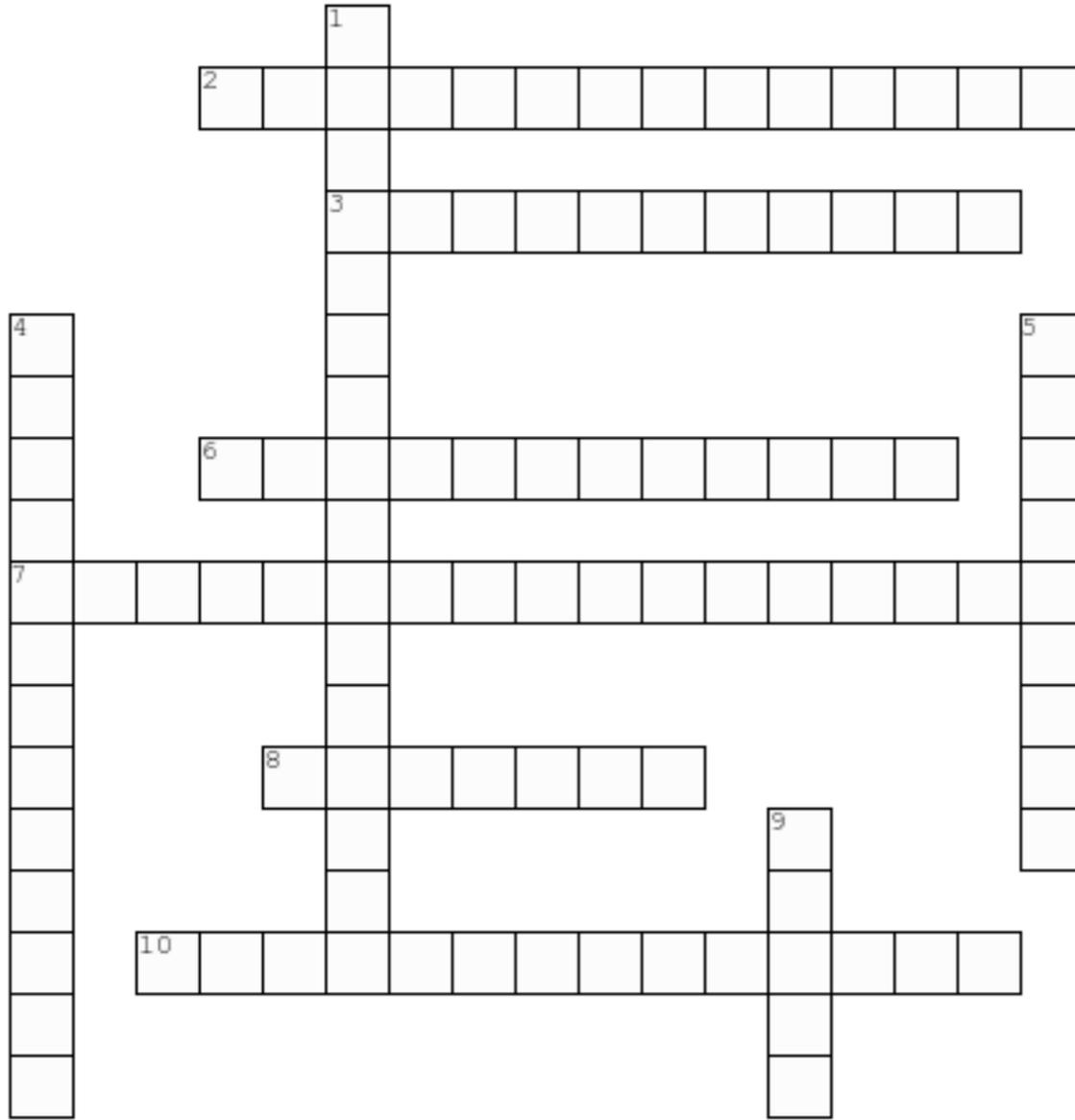
Late nights are just a part of college life, and hunger can set in quick once

the sun goes down. Luckily, Mid City Grill is at its best in the middle of the night, with a wide array of tasty burgers to fuel your late night study sessions. The location is, once again, a bit rough on the outside, but you'd be a fool to let that deter you from some of the best burgers and sweet potato fries in Johnson City.

5. Red Chili (435 E. Elk Ave, Elizabethton, TN, 37643)

For those looking for a different flavor of Asian food, Red Chili in downtown Elizabethton is a must. This quaint Korean restaurant may only be open for lunch, but it's well worth the trouble to try the incredible Be-Bim-Bob, their staple rice-and-meat dish. The rest of the menu is just as remarkable, even if lunch is a little pricier than the other restaurants on this list.

Complete crossword, spaces, no Dr.'s. Use articles to help!



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Across

- 2. Director of M.A. of Humanities
- 3. New SGA sponsor
- 6. Junior SGA President
- 7. Who would be likely to bake cookies for the Science Building?
- 8. Chapel getting renovated on Milligan's campus
- 10. Built by Tilly Erwin and Dr. Nathaniel Wentzel

Down

- 1. Offers affordable avocado toast
- 4. Student who moved into MSA because of overcrowded Webb
- 5. Ending song in Brand New's album
- 9. A guiding word for this year in SGA

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