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President-elect Donald Trump causes students to feel anxious about the future, others hopeful for change

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Students and first-time voters say this election has not been the most ideal, but it's certainly been historical. Donald Trump, the billionaire, reality TV star and businessman who has never held political office, will be the

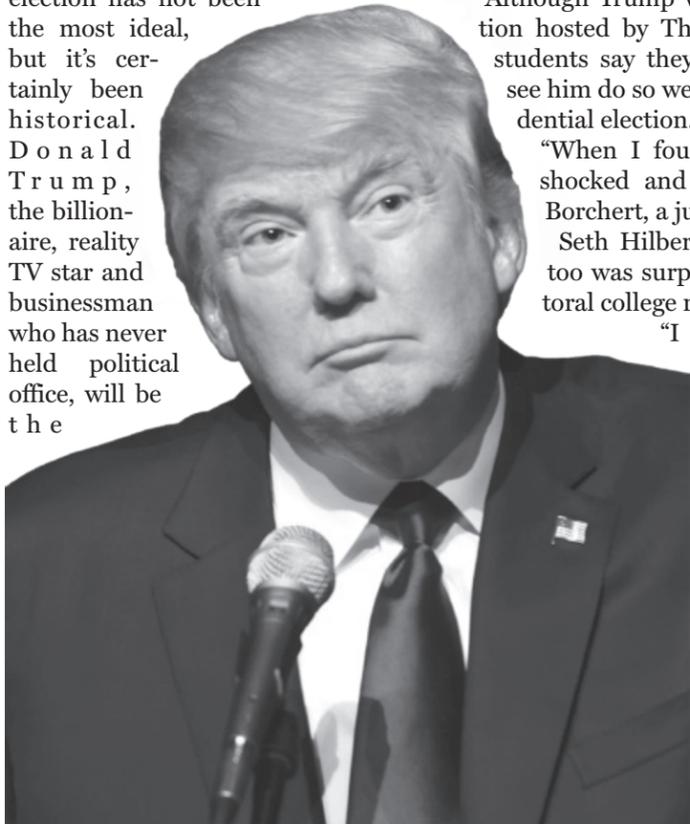


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45th President of the United States. Although Trump won the mock election hosted by The Stampede, many students say they were surprised to see him do so well in the 2016 presidential election.

"When I found out, I was just shocked and concerned," Elissa Borchert, a junior, said.

Seth Hilbert, a senior, said he too was surprised with the electoral college results.

"I definitely thought that Hillary was going to win," he said. "She was not expecting to lose, and a lot of others didn't think she would either."

And Ryan Kitchen, a senior who serves as president of the Milligan College Democrats, agrees with Hil-

bert.

"Even if you were hoping Trump would win, I think we were all surprised," Kitchen said

Hilbert said what shocked him most was how many swing states Trump won over in the election.

"I was amazed that he was winning in narrow margins states that do not typically go to Republicans," Hilbert said.

Donald Trump won victories in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania; causing the "blue wall" to go red in this election.

"I really hoped my home state, Pennsylvania, would have come through," Kitchen said. "Unfortunately they did not, and they have gone red for the first time in a long time."

Trump has reshaped the political map, and Hilbert is hoping Trump can also reshape the economy.

"I think it's important to remember that one of our

biggest issues right now is the economy and that is his strongest attribute," he said.

Borchert said that while Trump may be a good businessman, he may not be good for the economy.

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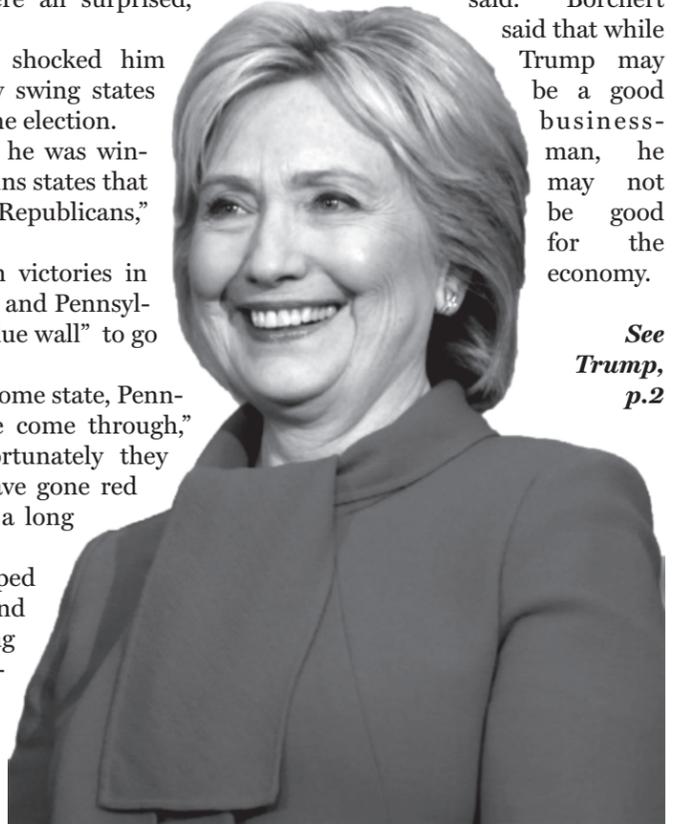


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Milligan ladies want bins in bathroom stalls

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What do women really want? Trash cans. Yes, tiny trash cans or bins in bathroom stalls.

"In all public restrooms - anywhere - there are little trash cans you can use when you're on your menstrual cycle," Grace Gemar, a senior studying biology, says. "Even at the janky gas stations."

The lack of trash cans in bathroom stalls on Milligan's campus leaves ladies either flushing their used feminine products down the toilet - which has a negative impact on the environment and causes damage to the sewage system - or carrying them in stealth-like fashion to a trash can outside the stall.

"It's kind of awkward and unhygienic," Mitchell Marquez, a junior studying Humanities, says. "A lot of girls end up using their dorm bathrooms, because it's much more convenient."

Women account for 63 percent of the student body at Milligan while men account for only 37 percent, according to U.S. News & World Report. For these ladies, the uncomfortable voyage from stall to restroom hall has become the "walk of shame." And Gemar is surprised this is even an issue on campus.

"It's like not having soap in bathrooms or something," Gemar says.

Bethany Witherspoon, a freshman studying Bible, also finds the situation "irritating," because, out of the 18 public restrooms The Stampede visited on Milligan's campus, only one had a bin for women who are menstruating. The bin - which sits in between two stalls - can be found in the Paxson Communications Center.

Women use 20 or so tampons while on their cycle and 300-420 tampons or pads a year, according to The Diva Cup website. So, the women on campus say bins aren't only convenient - they're necessary.

Milligan's Student Government Association brought the issue to the attention of the service manager of housekeeping last spring through a formal proposal, but there hasn't been much talk about the proposal since.

Because the proposal was submitted so late into the semester, SGA member Somang Lee, who is a political science and business sophomore, says many have just forgotten about it.

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Segrave cruises to a first place in the 5K at the AAC championships. Photo by Tanner Morris

On Nov. 5, the Cross Country Buffs traveled to Black Mountain, North Carolina, where they competed in the Appalachian Athletic Conference championship at Montreat College.

The top result from the meet was Hannah Segrave, who not only won her race by a whopping 19 seconds in front of her SCAD Atlanta competitor with a time of 17:53.3, but also won for the second year in a row AAC Runner of the year.

Senior Taylor Tafelsky was right be-

Cross Country team sweeps up awards at AAC Championships

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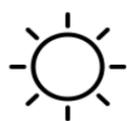
hind Segrave in titles as he finished his close race with second overall and a time of 26:18.1, helping the men to win the AAC championship meet.

The AAC Championships were not just a showcase of our senior buffs talents, but also a showcase of the new talent that came to Milligan College this year. Freshman Mitch Bronstetter finished in fourth place, only 18 seconds behind Tafelsky. Sam Wehner followed in 13th place, helping out the men's team to win the championships with another top 15 finish.

Katlyn Haas secured a top 15 position as she placed 11th in the women's race.

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Editor's note

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Time check: 8:48 p.m. I went for a drive on Route 67 E. with some of my closest college friends. It was a Friday night, and we were on the hunt for a book, an inspirational book. Nevermind the fact that the bookstore was set to close in 12 minutes, we were very determined to get the book and to make it to the store that night. We pulled into the parking lot with a few minutes to spare, waltzed into the dimly lit bookstore and confidently approached the two employees. They were taken aback by our abrupt, Ghostbuster-esque entrance. After the shock wore off, one proceeded to ask us if he could help us find anything.

"What Keeps You Up At Night?" my friend said.

With eyes wide open, the two employees suddenly became very quiet, looking as if they were deep in thought. I quickly jumped in, telling them the complex question was actually the name of the book we were looking for. The atmosphere transformed; smiles all around. I later thought about my friend's question, however. And even though it was not meant to be a sort of philosophical or psychological experiment, it was.

We may sleep, but do we rest? We toss and turn – unable to wake up from the nightmare known as reality – as paralyzing thoughts abduct our sense of inner peace.

Our thoughts on the aftermath of an unconventional election, the friend request that's still pending or the conversation that took place throughout the day all transform our warm beds into cold coffins. Or maybe we're consumed with thoughts related to our swinging GPAs, our nearing graduation dates, our grad school plans, our current and future jobs, our imperfect relationships or our desire to impress and please those around us. It's these and other thoughts that keep us lying in bed ... to ourselves.

Because the truth is, we should not fear the unknown. And we cannot – and should not – hide from reality by pulling the covers up, turning the lights off and hitting the snooze button.

We must give our minds the chance to rest, turning the volume of our internal voices down to a soft hum as we prepare to dream of solutions and sweet successes.

In our last print of the semester, you'll read stories that are light-hearted and fun as well as stories that are meaty and meaningful. My hope, as you chew on these issues, is that you become aware of the beautiful and complex world, allowing these pieces to act as a midnight snack of sorts. As you stare blankly at the ceiling, reflecting upon your day, rest knowing that there is indeed much to be thankful for. Rest knowing that the sun will rise again tomorrow.

ICYMI: A news recap

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Nobel Prize

On Oct. 3, Yoshinori Ohsumi from Japan won the Nobel Prize. He was given this award for his accomplishments in medicine and research into autophagy. Ohsumi is a cell biologist and professor at Tokyo Institute of Technology's Institute of Innovative Research.

New Line of Google Phones

Google announced its new line of products on Oct. 4. The Google Pixel phone was the most popular piece of technology to come out of this group. The Pixel claims to have the highest rated smart phone camera, a battery that lasts all day and unlimited storage

for photos and videos.

Clowns

All through October, stories of clowns luring people into the woods and standing on the sides of roads swept through America. People took caution in order to avoid the creepy clowns and stay safe through the Halloween weekend.

"Ferguson October"

This protesting event brought hundreds of people to the streets of St. Louis on Oct. 11. People from all over the world came together to march in support of the 18-year-old boy killed by a police officer in the nearby suburb of

Ferguson. This march also touched on the broader issue of police brutality.

"Ouija: Origin of Evil"

The new Ouija movie hit theaters on Oct. 21. This movie takes place in 1967 Los Angeles with a psychic who obtains Ouija board that allows her to talk to the dead. Although this is great for her psychic business, it also allows a ghost to possess her 9-year-old daughter. Ouija is rated PG-13 and lasts about 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Samsung Galaxy Note 7

The Samsung Galaxy Note 7 is lit, but not in the good way. The new Galaxy phone quickly made the news with various stories of its battery cell igniting.

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And according to Jason Onks, the director of campus activities, finding a solution also involves the college coming up with the finances to pay for the extra cans.

"Housekeeping supported having more (trash cans) in the bathrooms but did not have the money," Onks explained in an email last Wednesday.

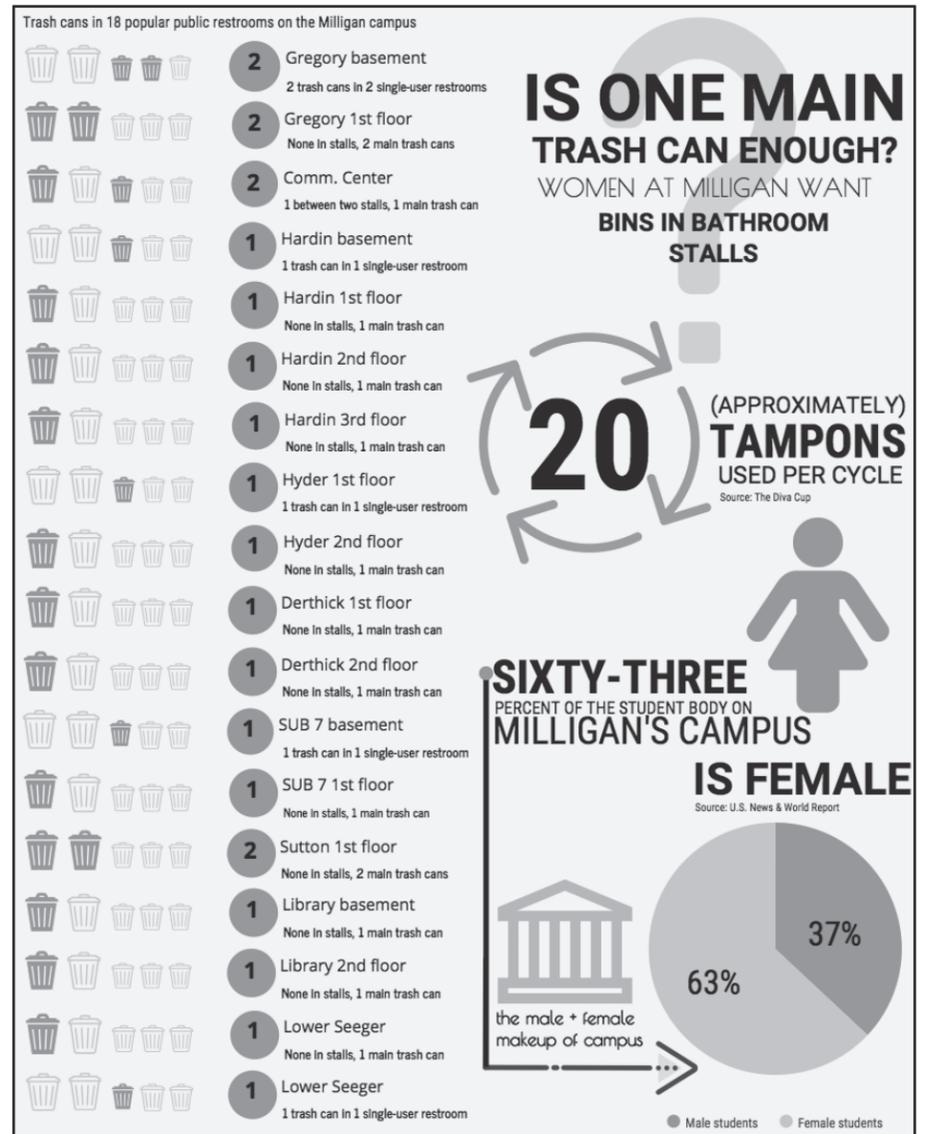
SGA leaders decided a cost-effective plan might mean purchasing trash cans

over time in order to "soften the budget impact."

While the proposal hasn't really been on SGA leaders' radar this semester, Onks says the student affairs committee now plans on reviewing the proposal and will prioritize which bathrooms "get the first installment of the additional cans."

Though the ladies hope to see changes made soon, they realize this is very much a "first-world feminist issue."

"I understand other women go through much worse," Gemar says.



by Amanda Florian, The Stamped

Trump, from front page

"I think it's interesting that people equate a good businessman with someone who helps the economy. There is a huge difference between running a business and running an economy," she said.

The businessman is not a traditional politician, and – for Kitchen – the president-elect's lack of political experience

is concerning.

"He doesn't have the same kind of credentials that almost every other president has had," Kitchen said. "Others have been to prestigious schools, served in the military or held public office before, but Trump is a complete outsider."

But Hilbert believes Trump is the "anti-establishment" leader that the country needs.

"I don't think he's the greatest candidate," he said. "He may not be the ideal candidate, but he is someone I feel like

we need right now."

On the contrary, Borchert said she's worried for the well being of the country under Trump.

"I am concerned for the future of the United States, for the economy and for international relations," she said.

Kitchen said that though his candidate of choice did not win, he is hopeful for the best.

"I think that at this point he is going to lead our country, so it's important that he is advised well," Kitchen said.

"Whether or not we agree with him is something different, but we should hope for the best."

Kitchen said we should pray for our country's success with the new president, but also make efforts towards success by being involved politically.

"I think if you really are as bothered as you say are, you should hold on to that and put it towards effecting change locally and working towards the state and federal level."

OPINION: The moment service became all about us

Michaela Dove, Contributor

“Need Service Hours? SFP Provided!!”

These are the headlines I use whenever I send an email from the L.I.N.C. office. We are L.I.N.C., Linking Individuals to the Needs of the Community, an organization on campus that seeks to inspire students to become servant-leaders in their neighborhood.

Sadly, we’ve moved far from that dream.

The truth is, I use headlines with “service hours” and “SFP” in the title, because I know they will work. We have to provide students with incentives to serve or they won’t come. But when did service become all about what we can get out of it? Shouldn’t it be about what we can give to the community?

Let me explain what I mean. This se-

mester has been quite discouraging for L.I.N.C. We’ve had students drop out of the fall festival because they didn’t need service hours anymore. We’ve had students fail to show up at Trunk or Treat after they’d told us they would come. We’ve even had students attend our SFP events at local nursing homes but play on their phones instead of interacting with the residents.

All of this makes me wonder ... how did we get here?

I wish I had a solution to transform our campus mindset, but I don’t. I just want us to start thinking: At what point did service become all about us? Service should be a lifestyle, because we care for the needs of our brothers and sisters. I long for the day when it excites us simply for this reason.

Why college students should pay attention to their mental health

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Her life looked ideal. She was a star track and soccer athlete, brilliant, loved by so many, and surrounded by a supportive family of seven. But on Jan. 17, 2014, University of Pennsylvania freshmen found herself too overwhelmed to deal with the pressures and demands

of college, and she ended her life. Her parents found themselves in mounds of guilt as they felt they should have noticed the warning signs.

What many wish she would have known is that she was not alone. Mental illness among college students is much more common than we realize. It is very real and should be treated so.

In a society where students live under pressure with high expectations to do their best, mental health is often pushed to the side. This is especially true during finals season when grades become a priority.

Mental illness such as depression, anxiety and grief has a tendency to be viewed as taboo or a stigma. Everyone knows it exists, but no one really talks about it. Very few are aware how much of a reality it is.

Senior Mattie Milliken shared her thoughts about mental health and said mental illnesses are often shrugged off with a simple response like, “I’ll be praying for you.”

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Samsung announced shortly after that they were stopping sales of the galaxy note and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) warned consumers to power off the phone and not use it.

MacBook Pro

The new MacBook Pro, which is faster and more powerful than before, was announced on Oct. 27. The new MacBook is thinner and lighter, has the brightest, most colorful Mac notebook display ever, and has a new touch bar. Apple used the touch bar as their biggest selling point. The multi-touch enabled strip of glass built into the keyboard allows for instant access to certain tools, such as emojis.

OPINION: Our godless government

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If you’re like me and have paid attention to the news and to any social media, you should be disgusted; disgusted with America; angry with how people have reacted and how people are reacting to reactions.

First off, I will *proudly* say that I love this school. While Milligan may have things I don’t agree with, this community is loving, supportive and

open-minded about the results of this election (from what I have seen). The source of my anger does not come from this school and these people.

Rather, the source of my anger comes from many Christians who say that by electing Trump, America is saved from its godless ways.

My friends, Trump will not save this country. Clinton will not save this country. The Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, Constitutional and Green parties will not save this country. Not a single person on this earth has the power to save a country. No law damns a country to Hell, just as no law sends it to heaven. Countries and political parties do not go to heaven — souls do.

Instead of generalizing an entire group of people (something everyone should refrain from), why not focus on individuals? One by one, we share the gospel.

One by one, lives are turned to Christ. No president can do that with presidential power. No senator can do that with legislation. It’s not the government’s job to save people or to even introduce people to Christ. It’s Christians’ job.

Wasn’t it under the oppressive, polytheistic Roman government that Christianity grew? That wasn’t because Cesar said Christianity was great and enforced laws that everyone had to be Christian – or else. Actually, what happened was way more effective than forcing people into converting to Christianity. Individuals had their lives transformed by Jesus through other individuals. They couldn’t hold it back – they had to share. And pure, authentic Christianity was the result.

It’s not our government’s job to promote Christ. It’s ours.

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Life-hacks every college student should know

Emma Ellis, Staff Reporter

Sometimes the answers to life's most frustrating annoyances can be found right in front of us. Yet often we don't see that the solutions to our problems can be solved with things right underneath our noses. Living in a small space like a dorm room can often be cramped at best, so here are five "life-hacks" every college student should know. Hopefully, these tips make your busy life a little bit easier.

1. Use a shoe organizer for storage

This tried and true life-hack uses something as simple as a shoe organizer and makes it an easy way to de-clutter a cramped space. Hang it on the back of your shower door to store beauty and cleaning supplies or over your door to store snacks. This is a cheap and easy way to take some of those miscellaneous items laying around your room and organize them in one place.

2. Use your coffee maker to its full potential

Feeling sick of cafeteria food? If you

don't have access to a kitchen or are not in the mood for cooking in one, there are some easy recipes which can be made in a dorm room a matter of minutes. The microwave can be an incredible tool in making fast food such as mug cakes or scrambled eggs. Even your coffee maker can be used to heat hot water and cook things like pasta, hot dogs or cheese dip.

3. Need to hang it? Stick to command hooks

Nearly every self-respecting college student has discovered the amazing invention of the command hook. These little hooks come in tons of different sizes and can be hung almost anywhere without damaging your walls. Use them to hang your towel on the back of your bathroom door, mount a painting on your wall, or virtually anything else you may need them for. Although it seems simple, picking up a box of command hooks the next time you are out may be one of the best purchases you make for a while.

4. Fold clothes vertically in drawers

Anyone else find themselves searching aimlessly through their drawer for a shirt they know for a fact is hidden in there somewhere? One easy life-hack that's often overlooked is folding your shirts vertically rather than the typical horizontal fold. By organizing your shirts in a line it makes it easier to find and fit in a drawer.

5. Freshen up your dorm with car air fresheners

Let's be honest--college dorms are not always the most glamorous. The smell of old food sitting in your trashcan which hasn't been taken out for a week or the bathroom which hasn't been cleaned since move-in day, may start to take over your space. For those of you who don't always have time for a deep clean, one easy life-hack is putting car air fresheners which usually go over the car air-conditioning vents over the air vents in your room.



5 autumn recipes we're falling for this season

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There's something about the chill of autumn that creates a great desire to indulge in something sweet. Maybe it's the crisp autumn air or the way the leaves fall that make an average walk feel as if you are walking through a curtain of red and orange bliss. Or maybe it's the comforting food that seems to warm our hearts, fills our homes with the aroma of cinnamon and our tummies with something sweet.

Here are five fall recipes you can impress your friends with:

Apple of my Eye (Apple Crisp)

Ingredients:

Filling

4 large apples (peeled, cored and sliced into thin wedges)
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1/3 cup maple syrup
1/3 cup granulated sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Topping

1/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup flour

1/2 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
1/3 cup unsalted butter (melted)
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon salt
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Filling: Combine all filling ingredients in a large bowl and spoon into a 9-inch pie dish.

Topping: Whisk the sugar, flour and oats together; add butter, cinnamon, salt and walnuts and whisk to form crumble.

Sprinkle topping over filling and bake for 30-35 minutes. Allow to cool 10-15 minutes.

(For a gluten-free version, substitute flour with Bob's Red Mill Gluten Free 1 to 1 baking flour and rolled oats for gluten-free certified oats.)

Chai Love You a Latte

Ingredients:

1 Chai tea bag
2/3 cup of boiling water
1/3 cup almond milk
1 tablespoon white sugar
1 pinch of cardamom

Place the tea bag in a large mug. Pour boiling water on top and let steep for two to three minutes. Stir in the milk and sugar. Sprinkle a pinch of Cardamom on top.

Sweet Potato Casserole

Ingredients:

Filling

5 cups mashed sweet potatoes
8 tablespoons unsalted butter (melted)
1/2 cup milk
1 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 large eggs

Topping

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup brown sugar, packed
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1 1/4 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Bake sweet potatoes until tender. Cool, peel and mash. Stir in butter, milk, sugar, vanilla, salt and eggs. Pour into 9 x 13 dish.

Topping: Mix together flour, sugar, butter, and pecans and spread over the sweet potato mixture. Cook for approximately 25-30 minutes.

Gluten-Free Pumpkin Pancakes

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cup gluten free flour
1/2 cup canned pumpkin
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup water
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 tablespoons sugar
1 large egg
2 tablespoon melted coconut oil
1/2 cup butter

In a medium bowl, mix together flour and cinnamon. In a small bowl, whisk together the pumpkin, milk, water, egg, sugar and coconut oil. Combine wet and dry ingredients. Heat a small amount of oil on a nonstick pan and using a 1/4 measuring cup, scoop the batter onto the pan. Cook until the top

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"While that is foundational and important, it needs more intentional attention," Milliken said.

So, why is mental illness so common among college students anyway?

Dr. Shauna Nefos Webb, a professor of counseling and psychology at Milligan, said that "traditional aged college students are in a transitional period of development, which brings some challenges, like trying to figure out one's identity and belief systems while also trying to figure out a career path."

It's no wonder college is such a hard time. Students are in a stage in development that is so critical and formative to who they become, and the pressures of that fact alone along with maintaining an acceptable GPA leaves them very vulnerable to mental illnesses.

Webb also added that "our mental health is just as important as our physical health."

It is important that students pay attention to themselves, emotionally, mentally and physically, especially during times of high stress. And self-care can vary person to person. A student, for example, might meet with a counselor, take a hike or do something creative.

Depression and anxiety are very much a reality and should not be ignored, but rather cared for and taken seriously.

As finals quickly approach, keep yourself as a priority. Your health is of more importance than your GPA. Take time to destress and surround yourself with people who will support you.

"If you need help, tell somebody. I know it can be scary, but there are many in this community who want to support you," says Webb.

of the pancake bubbles and flip to cook until golden brown.

Hot Chocolate Cookies

Ingredients:

1 stick of butter (1/2 cup)
3/4 cup bittersweet chocolate baking chips
1 1/4 cups brown sugar
3 eggs
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup dark chocolate cocoa powder
1 3/4 cups flour
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
8 ounces of dark chocolate
12 marshmallows

In a small bowl, melt butter and baking chips in microwave at 15-second intervals, stirring often until ingredients are combined. Allow chocolate to cool. In a large bowl cream together brown sugar, eggs and vanilla until smooth and add to chocolate mixture. In a separate bowl combine flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt. Combine dry ingredients with wet ingredients into mixture. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for two hours. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Roll the dough into 2-inch balls. Flatten slightly and bake for 10 minutes. Cut marshmallows in half and top each cookie with a chunk of chocolate and half a marshmallow. Cook for another 3 minutes until marshmallow has puffed. Allow cookies to cool on a baking sheet and enjoy!

5 ways to celebrate Thanksgiving even if you're stuck on campus

Maddie Barnett, Staff Reporter

Go to church

That's right--some churches in the area are welcoming those in the community to join them for a Thanksgiving meal. Beginning at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 24, Hopwood Memorial Church will host a free potluck-style Thanksgiving dinner right on campus. The church has often welcomed Milligan students to this event in past years.

Go to a professor's house

Milligan is known for its tight-knit community. Chances are, one or two of your professors will invite you and your friends over for some homestyle cooking.

Visit your favorite restaurant

With at least 24-hour notice, Cracker Barrel will offer both pre-cooked and take-and-bake Thanksgiving meals between Tuesday, Nov. 22 and Thursday, Nov. 24. The \$100 meal serves up to 10

people, and includes a roasted turkey breast, a variety of sides, and dessert. But if that's not in your college budget, try an entree or appetizer from their main menu or pay a visit to one of your favorite restaurants.

Crash your friend's party

There are tons of local students who would be happy to include you in their Thanksgiving celebration, so be sure to ask around!

Last resort: Have Thanksgiving shipped to you

The online service Send a Meal will deliver a frozen Thanksgiving dinner for 4 wherever you want for \$80. The meal usually arrives between 3-10 business days after ordering, but 3-day, 2-day, and next-day shipping options are available for an extra fee. The meal comes frozen in an insulated package filled with dry ice to ensure freshness and quality.



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REVIEW: 'Jack Reacher: Never Go Back' begins with promise, then dives headfirst into generic blockbuster territory

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Jack Reacher must uncover the truth behind a major government conspiracy in order to clear his name. On the run as a fugitive from the law, Reacher uncovers a potential secret from his past that could change his life forever.

Director: Edward Zwick

Starring: Tom Cruise, Cobie Smulders, Aldis Hodge

Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and action, some bloody images, language and thematic elements

The 2012 "Jack Reacher" release was decent. Not great, mind you, but decent. It was an above-average action flick that benefited tremendously from Tom Cruise's performance as the clever, tough-as-nails titular character. Adapted from the ninth book in Lee Child's Jack Reacher series, "One Shot," it allowed Cruise to showcase his talent in a new way. Having previously starred in the "Mission: Impossible" films, Tom Cruise is certainly no stranger to playing leads in action movies, but "Jack Reacher" feels different. The character came across as a mix between the emotionally distant Max from "Mad Max" and Bryan Mills from "Taken."

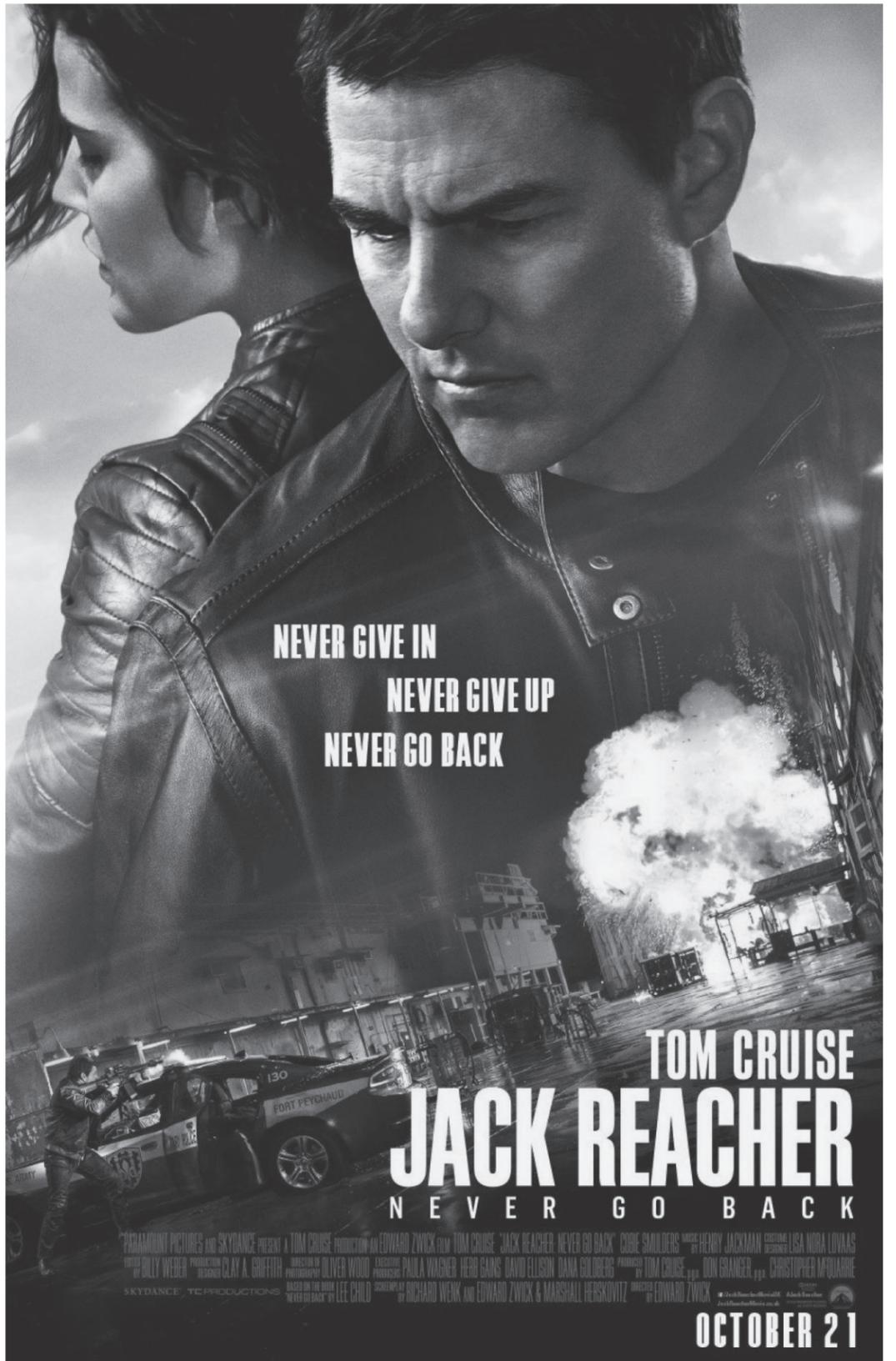
The hardest aspect of producing an action film these days is connecting to audiences on an emotional level. With filmmakers like Michael Bay, who seem to churn out headache-inducing, explosion-laden extravaganzas, those like Zack Snyder, who directed "Man of Steel," or Joe Carnahan, "The Grey," have attempted to present thought-provoking stories while also attaining enough visual spectacle to satisfy the average moviegoer. However, directors like Snyder and Carnahan seem to have more respect for the audience's intelligence, and refuse to resort to loud noises and flashing lights to keep viewers entertained. "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" director Edward Zwick attempts to find some middle ground here.

While it's difficult to walk the fine line between emotional resonance and visual splendor, it's quite clear that "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" is not only incapable of doing so, but it can't even walk on solid ground. The first half-hour of the film feels exactly like the original "Jack Reacher." Then, Reacher's personal life becomes too much of the film's focus, and instead of using this to push the story along, it becomes the story, and the film suddenly turns into an overly-sentimental mess. Adapted from the 18th book in Child's book series, titled "Never Go Back," it's very confusing as to why, out of every other Reacher novel written, this one was singled out. Perhaps it was chosen because it was the first released following the film? It's not entirely clear, but this Reacher story obviously reads better on paper, and perhaps that's where it belongs.

Zwick directed "Glory," "Blood Diamond," and "Pawn Sacrifice," all three of which received either generally positive reviews or substantial critical acclaim. All three films deserve their praise. "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back," unfortunately, fell in the hands of Zwick, and now this title will haunt his filmography forever. Perhaps it's not his fault alone.

Cruise reprises Reacher in spectacular fashion. The writing is a little rough here and there, but it's nothing unbearable. The story, on the other hand, is absurd at times, at least in this adaptation of Child's generally well-received novel. It doesn't come off as genuine on screen, and this could be due to the surprising lack of character development. The main secondary character of the film is introduced within the first five minutes of the film, and we are automatically thrust into her world and her problems without much to go on. Things are revealed throughout the next half-hour or so, but we are supposed to be rooting for Reacher, and it's hard to do so when we have no idea what to think about what's unfolding on the screen. Is it all a smoke-screen? Is Jack Reacher correct in his incredibly bold assumptions and on-the-spot decision-making?

"Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" isn't the worst film of the year, but it's certainly a significant step down from its predecessor. Gone is the lone ranger of action. Instead, the film forces us to like characters because it's what the story calls for, and since the film cannot justify their likability, things are up in the air for a large portion of the film, the character development nearly non-existent. The character of Jack Reacher, already established by the previous film as a man who works alone, even comes off as a little uneven at times, but this is largely because the secondary characters relate



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to Reacher just a tad too well. Unfortunately, "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" can't live up to the first film, and hopefully Reacher will stay retired for good.

Cross country, from front page

The men's team had great results as Tafelsky, Bronstetter and Brandon Ellis all made the All-Conference team, with freshmen Bronstetter and Wehner also qualifying for the All-Freshman team.

The women's team also had great results as our AAC champion Hannah Segrave took home Runner of the Year. Sarah Kate Gartman, JJ Robinson and Amber Grello made the All-Conference team, while Haas qualified for the All-Freshman team.

Head coach Chris Layne was recognized as the AAC Coach of the year for the second year in a row.

Both teams will finish their fall seasons at the NAIA National Championship meet at Principia College, St. Louis in two weeks time.



Men's XC Team huddles before taking off in the 8K at the AAC championship. Photo by Tanner Morris

OPINION: Will Nintendo be able to switch into high gear?

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Nintendo has officially announced the Nintendo Switch. Way back in March of 2015, Nintendo confirmed they were working on a project called the “NX.” Countless rumors have spread about this console over the previous year-and-a-half. This project began as an idea from the now deceased CEO Satoru Iwata and very well could have been the last project he had involvement with. In my opinion, this console will do one of two things. Either this console will be an immense success, bringing Nintendo back to the top, or this console’s sales could be even lower than that of the Wii U’s. If the company faces increasingly low sales, fans could

completely lose their remaining confidence in Nintendo and the company would be forced to sell their franchises. The Switch could quite possibly be the last hope for Nintendo to remain a frontrunner.

The console is being marketed as a gaming device that is both a portable and home console. The promotional release video features the device as being similar to a tablet with two controllers attached to the sides that resemble smaller versions of the Wii’s motion controllers. They are detachable and there is also a separate, more traditional gamepad controller available. To an extent, the device sounds like a dream

come true for many gamers. There are many factors that could be an issue. Will the device’s battery life be short in portable mode? Will the accessories featured in the video be included or sold separately? Will the device use the older Nvidia Tegra X1 processor or a soon-to-be-released updated version? Will third-party developers finally contribute their featured series? A new report also says that the device could support micro-SD cards for memory and USB Type-C for charging. In making these an option, it will make the device more universally compatible, leading to further expandability.

The promotional release video also features mostly young adults which, to me, is interesting. This is because throughout much of Nintendo’s history they have focused on advertising to families and children. This focus on young adults could represent that Nintendo plans to pursue a demographic that takes gaming more seriously. To

add support to this theory, the video also features major games such as NBA 2K17 and The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim Special Edition. These are series from developers that have primarily only featured their games on consoles that can handle higher frame rates in high definition.

More information is expected to be announced on Jan 12, 2017, and the official launch is set for March of 2017. In an interview with Bloomberg, an analyst projected that the console would sell most effectively at \$250. However, GameStop’s UK website accidentally posted a preorder page for the console at £399, which is approximately \$500. If the anticipation is killing you to get a new console before this Christmas, Nintendo just released the NES Classic Edition for \$59.99 on Nov. 11, which includes 30 NES classics such as The Legend of Zelda, Metroid, Final Fantasy, Galaga, Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, and Super Mario Bros.

REVIEW: ‘Hacksaw Ridge’ is powerful and thought-provoking, Mel Gibson’s finest directorial work since ‘Braveheart’

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World War II American Army medic Desmond T. Doss, who served during the Battle of Okinawa, refuses to kill people and becomes the first conscientious objector in American history to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Director: Mel Gibson

Starring: Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington, Luke Bracey

Rated R for intense prolonged realistically graphic sequences of war violence including grisly bloody images

It’s been a full decade since Mel Gibson directed his last film, “Apocalypto,” which portrayed the declining state of the Mayan kingdom and one man’s attempt to survive after being captured for one of their sacrifices. Gibson has starred in a plethora of notable films, including “Mad Max,” “Lethal Weapon,” “The Patriot,” “We Were Soldiers” and “Signs.” But in 1993, Gibson decided to direct his own film, and he launched his directorial career with “The Man Without a Face.” He continued to direct and – in 1995 – Gibson’s “Braveheart” won the Academy Award for Best Motion Picture of the Year. In 2004, Gibson directed one of the most controversial films of all time, “The Passion of the Christ,” which detailed the final hours of the life of Jesus Christ. Following “Apocalypto,” Gibson stepped into the dark, and practically disappeared from public view. He then made a comeback of sorts by starring in the 2010 film “Edge of Darkness” after his four-year absence, following that up with several roles over the years. Gibson has played it relatively safe these past few years, but he’s entering the directing scene again with “Hacksaw Ridge,” arguably his finest directorial work.

As a young boy, Desmond T. Doss grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, alongside his brother. Both were subject to abuse from their alcoholic father, a man scarred by his experiences from World War I. Desmond’s mother is also subject to his drunken outbursts, and this deeply upsets him. After his brother enlists in the military during World War II, Desmond feels

obliged to follow in his footsteps and serve his country. Much to his father’s dismay and – amid a romance he has formed with a nurse from the nearby hospital – he leaves for basic training. Desmond, who is deeply religious, refuses to even touch a weapon during his training, which infuriates his superiors, wishing only to serve as a medic on the battlefield. This sets into motion proceedings for a court-martial that will shake his faith to its very core.

“Hacksaw Ridge” feels very conventional at times. The film doesn’t pull any punches, and the story is very straight-

faces the charges against him with courage and conviction. Garfield’s performance is full of emotion, and it could have easily been overplayed by anyone else. But Garfield knows what he’s doing and this is evident. We feel what he feels, and there’s almost nothing to dislike about Dobson as a person. Garfield plays Dobson in such a way that it’s incredibly easy to root for him. However sympathetic the audience may feel towards Dobson and his personal trials, “Hacksaw Ridge” is still a complex film that tackles some difficult subject matter. After all, the film is largely a story of faith and, at times, that of personal conflict.

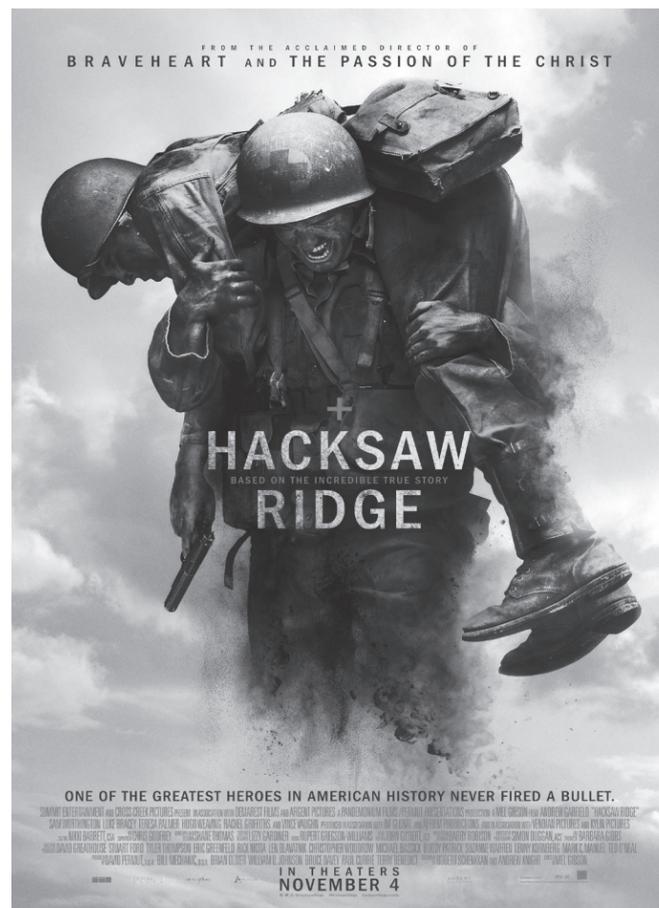
“Hacksaw Ridge” takes its time. Character development is key here. The film’s message is powerful, and this is accomplished by allowing the audience to see the characters interact with one another in confrontational situations, and how they treat Desmond as a conscientious objector is the most important aspect of this. The motivations of each character are quite clear, so “Hacksaw Ridge” isn’t very engaging when it comes to what the characters necessarily think of Desmond, but rather how they respond to their own initial judgment of him, and whether their opinion changes throughout the rest of the film.

The most extraordinary aspect of “Hacksaw Ridge” is that the film is a true story. There are several events in the film that will simply take your breath away. What Desmond can do as a human being, against all odds, is fascinating. His moral character is outstanding and he refuses to back down

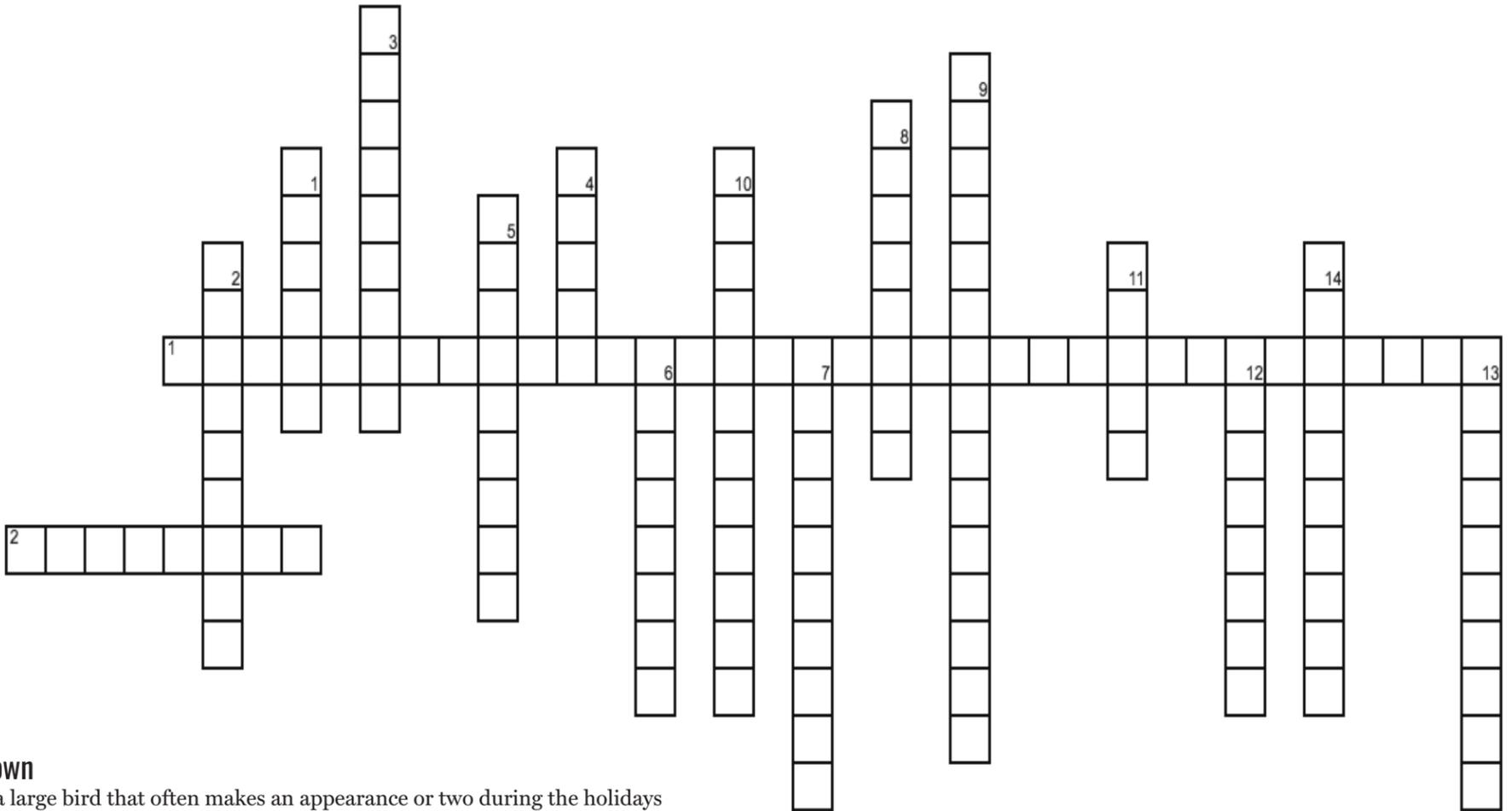
from what he believes in, even when the entire world seems to be pitted against him. Mel Gibson understands the importance of Dobson’s story, and never allows the film to come off as a black-and-white portrayal of right and wrong, but instead presents a simple, albeit conventional, story that focuses more on what Dobson believes in personally.

“Hacksaw Ridge” is not for the faint of heart. The films that Mel Gibson has directed are, for whatever reason, incredibly violent. Anyone who has seen “The Passion of the Christ” will tell you that it’s an excruciating experience, even for those not emotionally attached to the subject matter. It’s a brutal watch, as Jesus Christ is tortured, humiliated and crucified in graphic detail. “Apocalypto” is also extremely violent. Characters are decapitated, people are vividly beaten to death, and gore is a common visual. “Hacksaw Ridge” is no different. It’s a war film, and in apparently typical Mel Gibson fashion, there’s lots of gruesome imagery. But it’s important to note that this is necessary to accurately describe what the soldiers of World War II must have been going through mentally and what they did go through physically.

“Hacksaw Ridge” is exceptional. It’s easily Mel Gibson’s best directorial effort, and tops the Oscar-winning “Braveheart” by a mile, though it’s unlikely to win the award for Best Motion Picture of the Year from the Academy. Hopefully, it will be nominated in that category, and Gibson for Best Achievement in Directing. There’s little to dislike about this film. It’s a moving tribute to the real-life Dobson, and to those who risked their lives to defend our freedoms. Garfield’s performance is Oscar-worthy, though its presence in a year full of incredible performances is bad news for this film regarding awards season. “Hacksaw Ridge” is powerful, its message timeless. Gibson’s film delivers on so many levels, and anyone who wants to experience a heart-wrenching, thoroughly engaging and thought-provoking film should not miss out on this.



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Down

- 1. a large bird that often makes an appearance or two during the holidays (No, not that one.)
- 2. the one dessert no one wants to eat
- 3. family members gather 'round the _____. This is typically found in the living room
- 4. a popular warm holiday drink
- 5. the holiday that (pretty much) begins the day after Thanksgiving
- 6. a synonym for thankful
- 7. an orange-colored casserole
- 8. often placed inside the turkey
- 9. a nickname for the month in which men grow their beards. Razors are a rarity
- 10. a character who sports a zigzag on his yellow shirt. He's often featured in comic strips, holiday films and more
- 11. the perfect match for mashed potatoes, bread and everything else on your plate
- 12. a sound that notifies you of your guests' arrival
- 13. utensils that often shine
- 14. your grandparents almost always have questions about their electronic devices or other _____

Across

- 1. a popular saying from your favorite nanny played by Julie Andrews
- 2. outdoor activity involving family--bruising may occur!

IT'S NOT EVEN THANKSGIVING YET, BUT ...

