



# STAMPEDE

## East-Tennessee white supremacist rally spurs students to react

Erin Donovan, Staff Reporter

Charlottesville gained national attention when the white supremacy rally took place on Aug. 12. After Charlottesville, the reporting has died down on these rallies. However, these rallies have continued and are continuing. On Sept. 30, a rally is coming close to Milligan, the location only being disclosed as “an hour outside of Knoxville.”

The rally is being planned by Stormfront, which is an online group of over 330,000 people. It is not being advertised as a private event, but members are screened before being admitted to a private post on the Stormfront website that has the actual location of the event. There are currently about 700 posts, and it is not clear if that means there are 700 members signed up to go or if that simply means there are 700 posts.

Race is a touchy subject, especially after such horrific incidents like Charlottesville. Milligan is a campus that works on being as diverse as possible through initiatives such as the Betty Goah Scholarship. The scholarship is

described on Milligan’s website as a program that “recognizes full-time undergraduate students who enhance the educational experience of all students by sharing their diverse cultural experiences.”

The Stampede wanted to know the views of some of these students, as well as other multi-cultural students, so we sat down and asked sophomores Caelyn Thompson, Rebeka Urges and Goah scholar Jenee Boston about their thoughts and views on these events and how their lives have been affected.

When asked what she thought about members of the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazi’s and white supremacists calling themselves Christians, Thompson, an African American, said, “It kinda confuses me, because I don’t understand how they can say that they’re Christian but they can act a certain way (that is, not like Christ).”

Urges, from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, replied, “It’s crazy because Ethiopians (formed) the first Christian nation, and you don’t see (hatred and violence) in our country.”



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On the topic of how the KKK or groups like Stormfront’s agendas fit into what God wants for the Kingdom, Thompson said, “I don’t think (their agenda) fits in, because they’re discriminating against pretty much anyone that’s not like them, and that’s not at all what

God outlined.”

Urges also explained that she believes white supremacists are full of anger, so it would be difficult for them to empathize with a young, black woman.

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## Tennessee congressmen support end of DACA after Christian colleges ask President Trump to keep it

Caleb Perhne, Contributor

Tennessee congressmen said they support President Donald Trump’s decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a six-month window before its full conclusion. The Tennessee congressional support came after the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (a council of which Milligan is a part) sent a letter to the president asking him not to end the program until after a replacement is in place.

“America is a nation of laws,” Rep. Phil Roe, R-Johnson City, said in a

statement to The Stampede. “President Trump is right that we shouldn’t leave it to each administration to decide which laws it wants to enforce.”

The DACA program was enacted through executive order by former President Barack Obama in 2012 to provide people brought to the U.S. illegally as children a way to apply for temporary protection from deportation. The order came after immigration reform failed in Congress.

The announcement to rescind DACA came a week after the CCCU sent a

letter to the White House asking for an extension. Milligan has notified its DACA students of the program’s imminent end.

“We urge you to extend the DACA program,” the CCCU letter said. “Preserving DACA status for more than 750,000 individuals while your administration and Congress work on a permanent solution is the most humane way to respond to the situation these young people find themselves in.”

Tennessee’s U.S. congressmen, all Republicans, agree that immigration reform should come from legislative action.

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## Rise Above Conference: Q&A with Dr. Drinnon

Mackenzie Guy, Contributor

Q: For those who don’t know you, how long have you worked here, and what’s your position at Milligan?

A: I’ve worked here since 1999, and I’m a professor of psychology and director of undergraduate research.

Q: What is the Rise Above Conference?

A: The Rise Above Conference is a conference for graduates and undergraduates who have been doing mentored research, and it’s an opportunity for them to showcase that research in an easy campus forum.

Q: How did you come up with the sustainability theme?

A: There really wasn’t a process. It really came out of discussions we had the previous year about wanting speakers related to sustainability as a topic for chapel and convo.

We had one in the spring of 2017, and we thought that was pretty interesting, and that prompted us to think about how it would’ve been really neat to have had a theme for last year’s conference -- it’s too late for that -- so we decided, well, we’ll just slip in? And make that the theme for next year.

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is why we urge you to extend the DACA program. Preserving DACA status for more than 750,000 individuals while your administration and Congress work on a permanent solution is the most humane way to respond to the situation these young people find themselves in. Doing so will ensure they can continue contributing to our country by enabling them to use their knowledge, skills, and energy to contribute to the flourishing of their communities.

CCCU institutions care deeply about their students, who come from diverse social, economic, and ethnic backgrounds. These campuses integrate faith in Jesus Christ with a robust commitment to academic excellence and personal development, thus sending out graduates who have, as *New York Times* columnist and author David Brooks has said, “a devoted heart, a courageous mind, and a purposeful soul.” This deep commitment extends to those undocumented students living on their campuses who want to contribute to their communities and look to a brighter future.

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## Editor's note

Kennedy Weber, Editor in Chief

I always say that September is the one month of the year where trees are awkwardly beginning to change colors. They can't decide if it's chilly enough to turn their bright oranges and yellows.

I love fall at Milligan. I love the crisp air and local pumpkin farms. I love walking around in sweaters and boots and getting ready for homecoming. Even though the high temperature won't get below 75 this week, I'm still going to wear jeans and drink apple cider.

Milligan has been in session for over a month now, which means that you've only had these classes for seven weeks. For some freshmen, you've only lived in Tennessee for little over a month. And your friends -- the ones you have gone on hikes, countless runs to Cookout and studied for Humanities with -- you've only known them for a month or so as well.

Isn't it crazy how doing life together creates such a close community? How some of your friends you've only known for three years seem like they've known you your entire life?

I wish I could say that this edition reflects the warm fuzzy feelings fall brings, but it doesn't. There will be things that some people don't relate to, or even care about. There will be pieces on things that should make us all severely uncomfortable and others that will spark good conversations. But there are also pieces about new opportunities for students and how we can better manage resources.

All of these pieces can build our community. They can create a path for us all to understand one another, even if the conversations are hard or awkward -- or even if we're apathetic.

## Well-known theologian professor speaks at Milligan

Erin Donovan, Staff Reporter

Dr. Norman Wirzba, research professor of theology, ecology and rural life at Duke Divinity School, spoke at chapel on Sept. 26 on the topic of rest and the Sabbath, and he spoke again later that evening on sustainability.

"The Sabbath is not simply about finding balance in a crazy world," Wirzba said. "Sabbath is about learning to experience life in its fullness and joy."

While he could talk about Sabbath all day, Wirzba's real passion is the combination of theology and food. He did not think he would end up where he is today.

He grew up thinking that he was going to be a farmer, but during the "get big or get out" of the '80s, where farmers were told to grow as much produce as possible or basically stop farming, he was pushed in another direction. However, he kept his love of farming, ecology and food and combined it with his love of theology.

His main focus is not on food and hunger, though, or whether Christians should be vegetarians or not. Rather, he sees food as much more important than that, because "food is basically a gift from God, and food is for the purpose of fellowship."

Wirzba continued, "I want to explore with students how the way that they eat can become a way to think about their relationship with God, or how they're eating can even be a witness to the kingdom of God."

When asked how he thought sustainability and faith collide, Wirzba immediately went into how God's love also has to be included in that question.

"If you read scripture, I think you'll find a God that is constantly desiring to be with creatures and is a reflection of God's love for all creatures," he said. "We have gotten used to the idea that God loves people, and maybe only



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people -- or worse, only certain kinds of people. What I think this does is really short circuits the expansiveness of God's love."

He then added, "The first thing that you want to pay attention to, for Christians, is that in the New Testament, early Christians made it very clear that the scope of God's saving work applies to the whole world."

Wirzba has some practical advice if you feel a conviction to help make a change.

"If students were to say, 'We want to have a food service system in our school that sources locally grown food that has organic or whole food,' the college would make a major statement in the community about what its values are and the college decides we want to have a food service that reflects our values and honor creation."

Q: How can students incorporate the theme?

A: Any discipline, any topic that relates to any aspect of sustainability, would be welcome. We'll be doing a special call for papers in that conference, and we'll have prizes for the top three projects, graduate or undergraduate, that fit that theme in any kind of broad sense. Dr. Heather Hoover, associate professor of English and composition and director of writing, is on our committee and was aware of the theme and talked about using that in Comp 211, so those students will have papers that already fit the theme. Some faculty are using it in their classes. For example, I'm using it in my research business class. They all have to have research experiments that relate in some way to environmental psychology or sustainability. And I believe that Jim Dahlman, professor of communications and faculty advisor to The Stampede, is also doing something with it through The Stampede. We just encourage faculty to think about whether any of their classes would fit with this theme and how they might want to encourage students to work on projects that would make them eligible for this special call.

Q: Why do you think sustainability is important to research?

A: Well (laughs), it's pretty much in the news, you think about it from a purely environmental standpoint, and we hear about it all the time. But I think it goes beyond that. I think when there's any kind of economic downturn, everybody that has any kind of program or service is thinking how they can sustain their program, their people, their activities, with less money, fewer resources. It's really about sustaining in any area or any realm, not just about recycling or global warming; it goes beyond that. I just think that it's a relevant topic to any organization that is trying to figure out how to stay relevant and how to continue to serve its mission with the resources that they have.

Q: Anything else?

A: I don't know when your next article is coming out, but Norman Wirzba is coming next Tuesday. He's the speaker we invited in light of this theme. He's going to be talking about food and faith on his Tuesday night lecture. He's specifically very interested in this topic or idea of sustainability. We're trying to tie together other events on campus that are relevant to this.

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## Drinnon, from front page

It was a sort of starting ground for this idea. It's our first year having a theme for the conference. And we just went with the first theme that kind of inspired us in the first place.



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## Get to know your campus clubs: ENACTUS and Contra Club

Cara Clark, Staff Reporter

Looking for a chance to meet new people or try something new? Whether you want a way to cut loose, help build the community or build your résumé, Milligan campus clubs offer solutions. Here are two new clubs that are offered this semester.

ENACTUS, Entrepreneurial Action Us, began to emerge last semester but will get in full swing this fall. The idea came after Kristal Dove, instructor of business administration, heard about the organization that spans 36 countries and has over 1,700 university programs

ENACTUS plans to meet every other Tuesday beginning Sept. 12 in SUB 7 or SGA Conference Room at 7 p.m., but this is subject to change. For more information about ENACTUS you can contact Kristal Dove at KDove@milligan.edu.

The goal is to work within the local community to come up with a project that addresses a need and then put that project into action," Dove said.

The club will do this by creating and building relationships with local leaders. All projects that ENACTUS pursues will be economically, socially and environmentally sustainable as well as

empower the community and positively affect all who are involved.

"Milligan is grounded in the foundation of scholarship, community and faith. For me ENACTUS is a beautiful manifestation of that foundation," Dove said. "It provides students with the opportunity to take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it within the context of community for the betterment of community, all the while living out what it means to practice their faith in a loving God who has called us to servant leadership."

The Contra Club is also new this year and will have many students ready to "cut a rug." Contra dance is folk dancing, where a caller instructs participants when and how to move to a live band. Contra Club founder Mikaela Way explains how the idea for the club came after students began participating in nearby dance events and thought of how great it would be if they could contra dance on campus.

Beginner classes will be offered to acquaint newcomers to the steps and lingo the caller uses, and dances will regularly be hosted on campus. The club will also carpool to the Jonesborough Visitors Center where the Jones-



Jessica Smith sits at the ENACTUS booth to inform passersby on Rush Day. Photo by Cara Clark

borough Historic Dance Society hosts dances.

There is not a dress code, but, "I recommend always wearing light, airy clothes that won't hold in heat," Way explained. Participants should also wear shoes that can slide but also have traction.

The Contra Club plans to meet every

first and third Saturday of the month. Way wants interested students to "recognize they won't be professional dancers the first time around, and everyone is okay with that!"

This year also welcomes the start of the Social Work Club, International Club and reboot of Buffalo Ramblers.

## Vespers' theme of the year is the gospel of Matthew

Mackenzie Guy, Contributor

Vespers is a student led worship service that meets on Sunday nights at 8:30 in Lower Seeger. It's open for anyone to come and enjoy time with God. Generally, it starts off with song and then has a speaker, typically Milligan seniors or professors. Each sermon series has a theme, and this year's is on the gospel of Matthew.

Michaela Williams, the senior who heads the group, explained that Matthew was picked because it focuses on how Christ fulfilled the old law. For example, in the very first chapter of

Matthew, the genealogy of Jesus is recorded to prove that Jesus is descended from the house of David, fulfilling God's promise to David that the Messiah would come through his line.

Matthew also describes how Christ fills us internally, not through physical satisfaction. It provides a great guide for what the Christian lifestyle should look like in a way that is pertinent for both new and old Christians alike.

On Sept. 16, Vespers went up to Beauty Spot instead of Lower Seeger for the third year of Mountaintop Worship.

There's a reason why Jesus when out on a mountain to pray, because it's a

great way to break away from routine, slow down and gain new perspective. The Beatitudes were read between powerful worship songs as the sun set and the stars came out, and, as Michaela put it, "There is something beautiful in praising our Creator in his creation."

The next Mountaintop service is scheduled for the 2018 spring semester, because it will be too cold and too wet for the instruments as fall and winter come and go.

For those interested in helping with Vespers, on Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. in Lower Seeger there will be a worship gathering where students can share their

gifts and talents. All students are welcome to come. Vespers is student led, not just by one person in particular, so input and involvement are always appreciated.

As a heads up, on Oct. 1 senior Mitchell Hancock will be teaching on Matthew 11, focusing on rest for the weary: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." The following Sunday, Dr. Heather Hoover, associate professor of English and composition, will be speaking about the woman at the well.



Vespers team leads worship on Beauty Spot for their biannual Mountaintop Worship. Photo by Mackenzie Guy

## The roof, the roof, the roof is not on fire

Cara Clark, Staff Reporter

Whether it is during the day or in the middle of the night, an impromptu fire drill is never fun. It is important to learn why the alarms go off and what it means for students and the school when it does.

While many fire alarms have gone off this year, none have been because of an actual fire. Director of Property and Risk Management Brent Nipper calls these “nuisance” alarms, meaning that, while the alarm went off due to detecting smoke or something else in the air, there was not an actual fire present. Since nuisance alarms are not threatening, there is not an official log kept for them.

The Elizabethton Fire Department responds to Milligan’s campus and is only a few minutes away. They respond to Milligan instead of West Carter Fire Department, because Milligan is located within Elizabethton city limits.

Rumors have always circulated campus about students or the school paying fines for nuisance alarms, but this is simply a rumor.

Nipper explains that Milligan and the Elizabethton Fire Department have always had a good relationship, and, while they could charge the school, they have yet to do so.

“Alarms have gone off more than usual this semester, but it tends to run in cycles,” Nipper explains. “Be patient and understand safety is the most important thing.”

Nipper also notes that there were very few fire alarms during the 2017 spring semester.

To avoid unwanted alarms, Nipper advises students to be aware of their actions and surroundings. Do not spray near, cook near or hang anything on the smoke detectors, as these are reasons they have sounded in the past.

This semester, the Village has had the most nuisance alarms. Nipper finds this understandable, because the Village has full kitchens. He advises keeping cooking areas clean, especially the eyes of the stove, and not leaving food unattended.

The Village alarms have also sounded this year due to the fire system needing to be checked.



Photo via Milligan Today

For the tenth year in a row, Milligan hosted the Buffalo Tales with the Guild on Sept. 15 in the Gregory Center, an event where students come to hear professional storytellers.

Hosted by Professor of Communications at Milligan and member of the Buffalo Creek Storytellers Guild Dr. Bruce Montgomery’s storytelling class, Buffalo Tales with the Guild is used to show the students how professional storytellers tell their stories.

Montgomery opened up the night by welcoming the students and members from the community who came to the event.

The first storyteller was former police officer Jeff Stratton. He opened up the night with a lesson in learning. His story involved going overseas with his wife and getting in trouble in a Dutch airport, where he said something that got taken the wrong way as he was trying to come back to the United States. He learned the hard way to keep his mouth shut at the airport.

The second storyteller was Marci

## Milligan hosts Buffalo Tales with the Guild for the tenth year in a row

Kristen Williams, Contributor

Nimick, a demo singer from Nashville, Tenn. Her story was about a man, Lance Rigsby, that she wanted to demo one of her songs. She spoke about Rigsby’s fear of people, especially women, from eastern Kentucky because they sing a lot of songs about killing people. Nimick is from eastern Kentucky, so she sang a few songs she had written that, of course, were about murder. She sang the songs while the audience laughed.

After Nimick, Jerry Muelver took the stage. He is a part of the Crumbly House, which brings storytellers to hospitals to spin stories for patients with brain injuries. His story was one about Dancing Loon, a story from his Native American background about a young man learning how to create a whistle to speak to his wife and son who had passed away.

Tony Marr, a Milligan graduate from Las Vegas, Nev., was the last storyteller before intermission. His story was about the time he and his roommates bought a snake and kept it in their room. It was a four-foot-long ball python, which they called The Snake. They also bought a mouse, which they called The Dinner, for the snake to eat. However, The Dinner was never eaten by The Snake. Instead, The Snake became popular and people would come to see The Snake and The Dinner. Everything was fine until, one day, The Snake got out of its terrarium.

“There was mass hysteria. The school basically shut down. Classes were can-

celled and everyone was looking for The Snake,” Marr said.

Marr and his roommates had to do 300 hours of community service, and they faced a threat of expulsion. Marr ended his story with saying that The Snake had never left their room but had gotten behind its terrarium, and that he and his roommates released The Snake outside of Webb Hall.

During the intermission there were giveaways of T-shirts, mugs and for the grand prize two tickets to the International Storytelling Festival.

The last two storytellers were Marjorie Shaefer and Bob “Mountain Man” Phillips.

Shaefer is nicknamed “Mother Goose,” and she is a mentor for the new storytellers. She has been coming to the Storytelling Festival for 30 years. Her story was about going to her great grandmother’s farm and receiving a quilt from her. The moral of her story was that, no matter where she is in the world, she is home because the quilt is pieces of fabric from her family.

Phillips was the final speaker of the night. This was the first time in a long time that he had been able to speak at this event, because he has been ill. His story was about how not even garden snakes are good. He ended the night with a poem about an outhouse.

Later in the semester there will be another Buffalo Tales where the storytelling class will perform their stories.

## BIG CHANGES FOR MINISTRY PROGRAMS

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## Who are the freshman SGA members?

**Kristen Williams**

Five freshmen were inducted into the Student Government Association after their election on Sept. 14.

**President:**  
Mikaela Miller



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**Female Representatives:**

Kaylee Mulkins  
Taylor Begley



Photo via Kaylee Mulkins



Photo via Taylor Begley

**Male Representatives:**

Logan Mink  
Corbin Cross

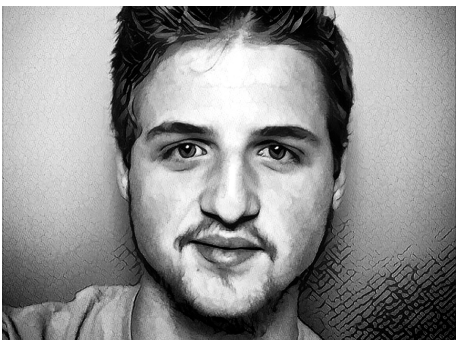


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This group of representatives is looking forward to helping the student body and looking to make a difference on campus.

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**We look forward to hearing from you!**

## A freshman chimes in: Things I wish I would have known before coming to Milligan

**Kayla Sisco, Contributor**

Transitioning from high school to college has not been easy, but every word I read and every tear I cry makes me realize that I am that much closer to my dreams. There are many things I wish I would have known before coming to Milligan, but I narrowed it down to these six:

1. Spending time with your family is important. I know this may not be the coolest thing to do as a growing adult, but a part of me wishes I would have savored the times I got to cook with my mom, drive around with my brother and watch the Nationals game with my grandma.

2. Sutton Hill is going to be a blessing and a curse. I have found that walking down the hill isn't as bad as up, and having to come back up in the hot afternoon sun has to be the definition of tiresome. I want to burn off all those Caf calories and to do that I have to walk up and down the hill twice. But, at nine in the morning, I dread having to get out of bed and walk Sutton Hill.

3. Cafeteria food can make you or break you. I love the fact that we have a variety of choices like: the pasta bar, Greek bar, salad bar, pizza bar and specialty bar, but I wish there were healthier options to choose from. I slowly feel myself gaining the "freshman 15" because I choose to eat a bowl of ice cream with every meal since nothing else seems to satisfy my appetite. I understand that the food isn't going to be heavenly like momma's cookin', but the chicken noodle soup hits pretty close to home.

4. Friday nights feel naked without football. The constant battle of trying to figure out what to do on a Friday night seems to be one of the big-

gest problems I have faced in college. Friday nights in high school were under the lights cheering on the football team, but here I feel like Friday nights are spent driving around and spending money on Cookout milkshakes. There is always ETSU to drive to, to watch a football game, but is it really fun to cheer on a team that isn't made up of people you sit by in class?

5. Studying is a must. I took my first Humanities exam a couple of weeks ago, and I didn't do awful, but I know I could have done better. I have found that to do well on a test, studying is not an option. In high school, you could easily make it without reading a lick of a book, but in college you need to read word for word and take notes.

6. Cleaning weekly is no longer Mom's duty. Sharing a room with another person may not seem like a big deal, but it starts to become one when one has to clean the room. I notice that girls are just as messy as boys, if not messier. I find myself vacuuming globs of hair out of the carpet, scrubbing the sink hoping to get the rust out and taking out the trash at least twice a week. At home it was easy to let your room get messy because your mom would probably end up cleaning it or yelling at you to clean it. In college, you don't have your mother breathing down your neck telling you to clean, but you can have an angry roommate telling you that you are a slob.

I know it may seem like there are a lot of negative things about my experience so far with Milligan, but Milligan feeds me physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. I wish I would have known some of these things before I came, so I could have prepared myself for the realities one faces when being on your own.

## Dear Brutus: midterms

**Brutus, Columnist and Life Coach**

Dear Brutus,

Midterms week is coming up and I've got a lot to do. I have two tests and a huge paper, and I have to get ready for fall break. How am I supposed to deal with everything thrown at me this week?

Sincerely,  
Seriously Stressing

Dear Seriously Stressing,

I feel you. Midterms week can be hard and fall break is just around the corner, but push through it! You can do this! Take things one day at a time and, if you haven't already, make a to do list. Prioritize it by the things that need the most attention: aka the things that need to be done/studied for first. If you can, split your list up into small, easily achievable tasks. This way, you can cross more things off your list, and crossing things off lists always makes me feel accomplished, so I'm sure it will help you too!

Separate your study times into manageable blocks, such as "study Unit 1 for 30 minutes" then, "take a 5-10 minute break." After you study Unit 1, you can cross it off your list and feel like you're getting work done instead of just writing, "study for Humanities exam" and having to wait to cross it off until you feel like you've studied enough. Do the same thing for your paper. If you need to do research for it, make that its own individual task. Then make into a task each paragraph or point you need to make.

As soon as you finish each item, cross it off the list and take a short break -- unless you get into the flow of things, then keep writing. If you've been studying or smashing out that paper for what seems like forever, reward yourself by planning out your itinerary for break or starting to pack.

By separating your time between school and preparations for break, you're getting yourself excited for the upcoming vacation, which will hopefully motivate you to get your work done. This will also help you from feeling burned out.

And speaking of getting burned out, make sure to eat food that will fuel you, not just hold you over. Those pop tarts are easy and quick, but try to eat something a little more substantial with less sugar, even if it's quick oats or an apple and peanut butter. And, I know it can be difficult, but try to get enough sleep as well. I've had my fair share of all-nighters studying for a test and it's brutal. And if there's nothing else to motivate you to study, just remind yourself, in a few short days you'll be on break and the semester will be half over. Hang in there!

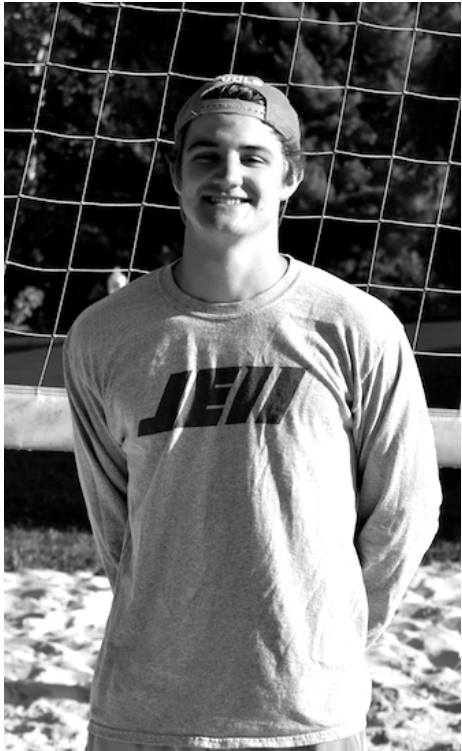
Good luck,

**Brutus**



## Freshman walks onto men's volleyball team

Cara Clark, Staff Reporter



Robinson stands next to a volleyball net at a sand court. Photo via Cara Clark

### Fast Facts

Name: Daniel Robinson

Year: Freshman

Major: Business with a minor in Spanish

When Daniel Robinson moved in on Aug. 12, he was not on any of Milligan's intercollegiate sports teams, but two weeks into the school year that changed.

Robinson played basketball, soccer, baseball and tennis in high school, but he had never played volleyball with an organized team. After hearing about the Milligan men's volleyball team from his friends and meeting a few of the guys, he knew he wanted to join.

Robinson attended an open practice on Sunday and was a part of the team by Monday. He admits he is a competitive person, so the chance to join the team was great.

"They are good friends and good teammates," remarked Robinson.

The team has been very encouraging to Robinson and are taking the time to help build his skills. And they are excited to have him.

"He reminds me a lot of myself joining as a walk-on freshman year," graduate student player Andrew Doehring said. "And it's easy to see that his athleticism and dedication will really contribute to the team's success both this year and in the future. He naturally has a lot of energy which is great to see. When it comes to game time and we're down by a set or two, that will be really important."

The team practices a couple times a week, but Robinson also works on his own to prepare for the upcoming season.

"I've been working on my jumping, but I need to find a good leg workout," Robinson said.

Apart from taking on the challenge of a new sport, Robinson also looks forward to being on a team again.

He said, "I feel like, with the guys on the team, we'll have a good season."

## WS Rally, from front page

Boston added, "I don't think they're trying, otherwise there wouldn't be rallies and whatnot."

On the other hand, we asked whether they had ever been able to see where white supremacist groups are coming from. While Thompson said she could not, Boston and Urges said that sometimes they could.

"I've talked to a lot of people, actually, who have that mentality," Urges said. "And, honestly, it's like they don't even know what they're saying."

Boston had a more moderate view: "The only way I could ever see where they're coming from is how they're raised, like, if your parents are racist you're going to be racist because that's how you're taught. I personally don't understand."

Along with the topic of culture, the Confederate flag has brought controversy, especially within the context of

the south. Whether it's used to provoke others or used to promote an old culture, all three interviewees agreed that it is a sign that hurts others.

"I see it both as a piece of southern culture and past," Boston said, "but I also think that when it's used most of the time it's ignorant. I don't understand why you would use something if you knew it was going to hurt other people."

Urges said that, just like the Nazi symbol has been tainted from its original meaning of peace to one of destruction, the Confederate flag now also has a negative connotation, one of racial discrimination.

"(The Nazi symbol) was originally an African symbol meaning something completely different than it does today. It meant peace. And now you won't see that anywhere in Africa. It means something to destroy. We don't hate the symbol. We get it. But it's used in so many hateful ways. But if we're not using (the Nazi symbol) anymore, then why are Americans using the Confed-

erate flag?"

The final question proposed was, "If you could say anything to the people going to the rally, what would you say?"

"That's hard," Urges said, "because racism is a sickness, and if you're not going to acknowledge that you're sick, there's only so much you can do. Unless someone is really willing to be cured, I don't think you can say anything."

Boston and Thompson both said that communication is key with issues like this.

"Be kind," Boston replied. "Kindness goes a long way. Just try to understand other people, where they're coming from, and a lot could be avoided."

Thompson said, "I think I would really just want to have a conversation about the thought process, and where they're coming from, where I'm coming from, meet in the middle, avoid some conflict."

Milligan wants students to know that they cannot condone to a rally like this.

## DACA, from front page

"President Trump uniquely can lead a revision of our immigration laws that secures our borders, improves our system of legal immigration and solves problems such as the 800,000 children who grew up here but were brought here illegally," Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Maryville, said in a statement. "I voted for such a law in 2013 and am willing to work with the president to do that again."

Alexander continued by saying the 2013 law he supported would have given people currently covered by DACA the opportunity to apply for permanent resident status with some conditions. Those conditions would have been a high school diploma and two years of college or four years of military service.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Chattanooga, said in a statement, "The president is right to want this issue to be resolved legislatively. Hopefully, while addressing it, we also will deal with a myriad of other issues that need to be corrected with our broken immigration system, including enhancing enforcement and

security measures."

In the letter to the president, the CCCU said it supports immigration reforms that will provide a path to citizenship or legal residency.

"This lack of legal status and the significant uncertainty it creates prohibits these students from using their God-given talents, abilities and skills, and it squanders the significant educational investment our country has already made so that they can contribute to communities," the CCCU said.

Visit milliganstampede.com to see the full CCCU letter and full statements from Tennessee's congressmen.

## Milligan offers a pre-MBA concentration

Carissa Limiero, Contributor

Milligan now offers a five-year Masters of Business Administration program for undergraduate students. The program allows undergraduates interested in pursuing an MBA degree to declare a pre-MBA concentration in the business major and go straight on into MBA classes upon graduation.

This new five-year plan came after increased student interest in pursuing graduate study directly after graduation. Milligan's MBA program is an executive MBA program, meaning that graduate students are expected to have several years of workforce experience before returning for the degree. Program acceptance currently requires at least three years of full-time work experience.

As traditional undergraduate interest in the MBA program increased, this became a problem.

Dr. Garland Young, vice president for academic affairs and academic dean, says that in the beginning this requirement was waived in a few special cases. But he says the advantage of the executive MBA is that each person in class has a full-time career and can apply the things they learn in class on Saturday to their work on Monday morning.

"It's a challenge to have a new college graduate, because that student is in a different place in life. But that doesn't mean that the new college graduate doesn't have anything to offer this environment," Young says.

Dr. David Campbell, director of Milligan's MBA program, explains that

most of the curriculum is based around incorporating student experience into what is learned in the classroom.

"The issue," Campbell says, "is that when you take a traditional undergraduate student who has no work experience and no full-time job but that wants to go into this style of MBA, it doesn't really fit well. We wanted to create a bridge to take students who are in that position ... and give them a pathway to do this."

Students will be required to take nine additional credit hours including an accounting course, an internship and the Personal and Professional Development course. Among other requirements are a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 and demonstration of character and maturity consistent with expectations of all students in the MBA program.

Young says that the rigorous requirements are set in place to "help (the student) transition more effectively to the fast-paced environment of work."

"Although an academic environment is fast-paced, the demands of work are different and sometimes even more intense," Young says.

The first student to be accepted into the new pre-MBA program, senior business major Matthew

Albritton says he was initially interested in the

program at its announcement but did not think he would be able to do it. After learning the requirements, it became a more feasible option.

"I'm excited to be in a cohort of business professionals who are coming back to further their education," Albritton says. "This program is going to benefit me because I will be pairing these classes and upper level business courses with a full-time job."

Senior business major Matthew Albritton is the first student accepted into the 5-year MBA program. Photo by Carissa Limiero

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## Local food truck takes Johnson City by storm

Daniel Peacock, Contributor

The Johnson City Food Truck Junction is in full swing as I approach the line of trucks parked outside of the Johnson City Mall. The beginning chords of a gospel song echoes from the nearby stage, but the symphony of smells hitting my nose is what I'm really here for. The unmistakably smoky smell of a brick oven stands out above the other scents, wafting over from the shining silver food truck labeled Opie's Pizza Wagon. I make my way over and meet the man behind the wagon, local entrepreneur and owner of Opie's Pizza Wagon, Chad Blackburn.

Blackburn has worked at his family owned garage, Mr. B's, for most of his life. His family also owned the Opie's Pizza shop next door to the garage, which Blackburn also inherited and ran. After hearing a friend mention a project he was working on involving putting a brick oven into the bed of an old truck, Blackburn decided he needed one for himself and had one made. Since then, Blackburn has traveled Johnson City with the Pizza Wagon whenever he can find time apart from his work at Mr. B's Automotive.

"The Pizza Wagon is really a fun way for us to get out into the community, meet some interesting people, help out with mission trips and make ends meet," Blackburn says.

Opie's isn't just confined to Johnson City, either. They've embarked on a number of trips with the Get Real Missions group, a non-profit organization supported by Blackburn's home church, New Victory Baptist Church.

"We've taken the truck with us on some of our 'Get Real' missions with our church," Blackburn says. "We've gone all over, to Kentucky and to Georgia."

I couldn't stand next to that brick oven without trying at least one pizza, so I order a medium "bee's knees" pizza, an olive oil based pie with grilled chicken and roasted garlic, all drizzled in honey. It is done in less than three minutes, and the delicious smell begins turning heads throughout the Food Truck Junction. The pizza is cooked to perfection, and, though the portions are plenty for two people, I finish the last bite wanting more. The small pizza cost \$12, a respectable price for feeding two people, but the taste was the star more-so than the price.

Opie's Pizza Wagon isn't open every day, but they post their weekly schedule at the start of each week on their Facebook and Instagram pages. It may take some work to track down this shining silver truck, but the decent price and exceptional taste make Opie's Pizza Wagon a must-have food truck experience.

## How to recycle on Milligan's campus

Erin Donovan, Staff Reporter

The Stampede has chosen to focus on sustainability this year. We believe that God has blessed us with this Earth, and we want to take care of it.

One way Milligan wants to make sure that we take care of the Earth is by recycling. However, sometimes Milligan students don't know where the recycling bins on campus are. The Stampede asked senior Praise Gichuru -- who initiated the fight for more recycling bins as Student Affairs chair in the spring of 2017 and continued it into the summer -- and service manager Theresa McCrary where the bins are and what the best way to recycle on campus is.

Milligan recycles paper, cardboard, cans and plastic. We do not recycle glass, and paper is not recycled in the dorms. Once the recycling bins are full, the housekeeping staff takes the recycling out to the marked bins behind the fieldhouse that are then emptied by Johnson City Solid Waste.



Recycling bins sit in Jeanes Room. Photo by Daniel Peacock

Most offices on campus have a small cardboard box under the desk for recycling.

If you need to recycle paper, you can find recycling bins here:

Hardin in both the second and third floor hallways

Derthick in the registrar and the Academic Dean's area on first floor, the mail room on second floor and the computer labs on third floor

Science Building in third floor copy room

Library in the main area of the library and downstairs by the copy machine

Communications building by front door on main level

To recycle cardboard, a designated dumpster is located behind the cafeteria.

If you need to recycle cans, you can find recycling bins at:

Derthick first floor hallway and on the second floor close to the vending machines

Library in the coffee room and front door foyer

Sutton on both floors in the hall room and in the basement by the vending machines

Hart on the first floor

The Village in the Jeanes Community room

If you need to recycle plastic, you can find recycling bins at:

Sutton on both floors in the little hall room and downstairs in the basement by the vending machines

Hart on the second and third floors

Webb lobby

The Village in the Jeanes Community room

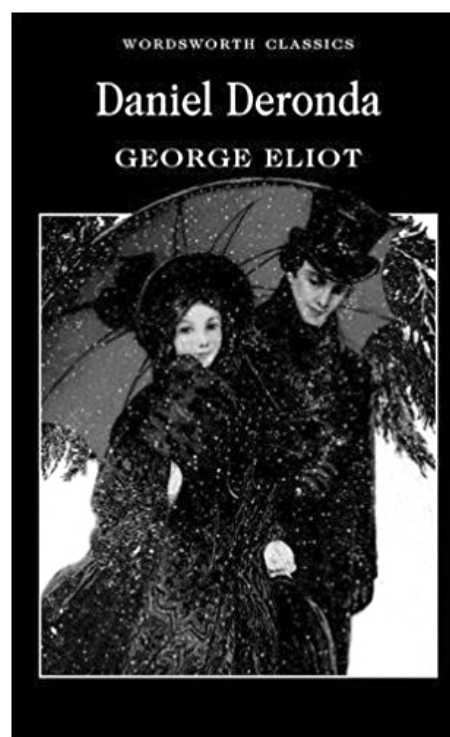
Kegley, Quillen and Williams lobbies

## Dr. Walker-Edin's 5 books everyone should read in college

Kristen Williams, Contributor

As an assistant professor of English and humanities, Dr. Kayla Walker-Edin is more than qualified to tell us what we should read when we're not reading our humanities assignments or writing our Christ and Culture journals.

**1.** *Daniel Deronda* by George Eliot -- Following two storylines, Gwendolen Harleth and Daniel Deronda struggle to discover the values that will give their lives meaning.



Picture via Amazon.com

**2.** *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë -- This is a coming-of-age novel about an orphaned girl's struggles and how she overcomes them.

**3.** *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë -- Two childhood lovers, Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw, grow up on the Yorkshire Moors, but when Catherine marries another man, Edgar Linton, Heathcliff attempts to take revenge on the entire Linton and Earnshaw families.

**4.** *A Room of One's Own* by Virginia Woolf -- Woolf writes about how women during her lifetime were not taken seriously when they were writing fiction. "A woman must have money and a room of her own if she is to write fiction."

**5.** A collection of Percy Bysshe Shelley's poetry (preferably read on a beach, in Spain) -- From viewing nature as beautiful yet terrifying on the tallest Alpine mountain "Mont Blanc" to Shelley's unconventional views of love in "Love's philosophy," what could be better than reading Romantic poetry?

## MBA,

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I'll be able to apply knowledge from each respective area into the other. I believe there are always new things to learn, especially in business."

Albritton looks forward to this next stage of his education and will begin his first cohort classes in March 2018.

There are several requirements to enter the MBA program directly upon graduation:

**1.** The student must declare a second pre-MBA concentration to their existing business major and concentration

**2.** The student must be approved to enter the program by the MBA director (Dr. Campbell)

**3.** The student must have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA

**4.** The student must take a master's level accounting course in their senior year

**5.** The student must complete a 3-credit hour internship during their undergraduate study

**6.** The student must take the "Personal & Professional Development" course

**7.** It is required that the student has full-time employment during the course of their MBA study

### Requirements:

Major in business at Milligan  
Complete the MBA Preparation concentration (pending faculty approval) with the approval of the MBA director (must be in addition to your primary concentration) during your undergraduate coursework

ACCT 530 or CIS 520 (at guidance of MBA Director) (3 credit hours)

BADM 491 Internship (3 credit hours)

BADM 385 Personal and Professional Development or BADM 491 (3 credit hours)

Have a 3.25 or above cumulative GPA at undergrad graduation

Demonstrate character and maturity consistent with expectations of all students in MBA program, as determined by the faculty

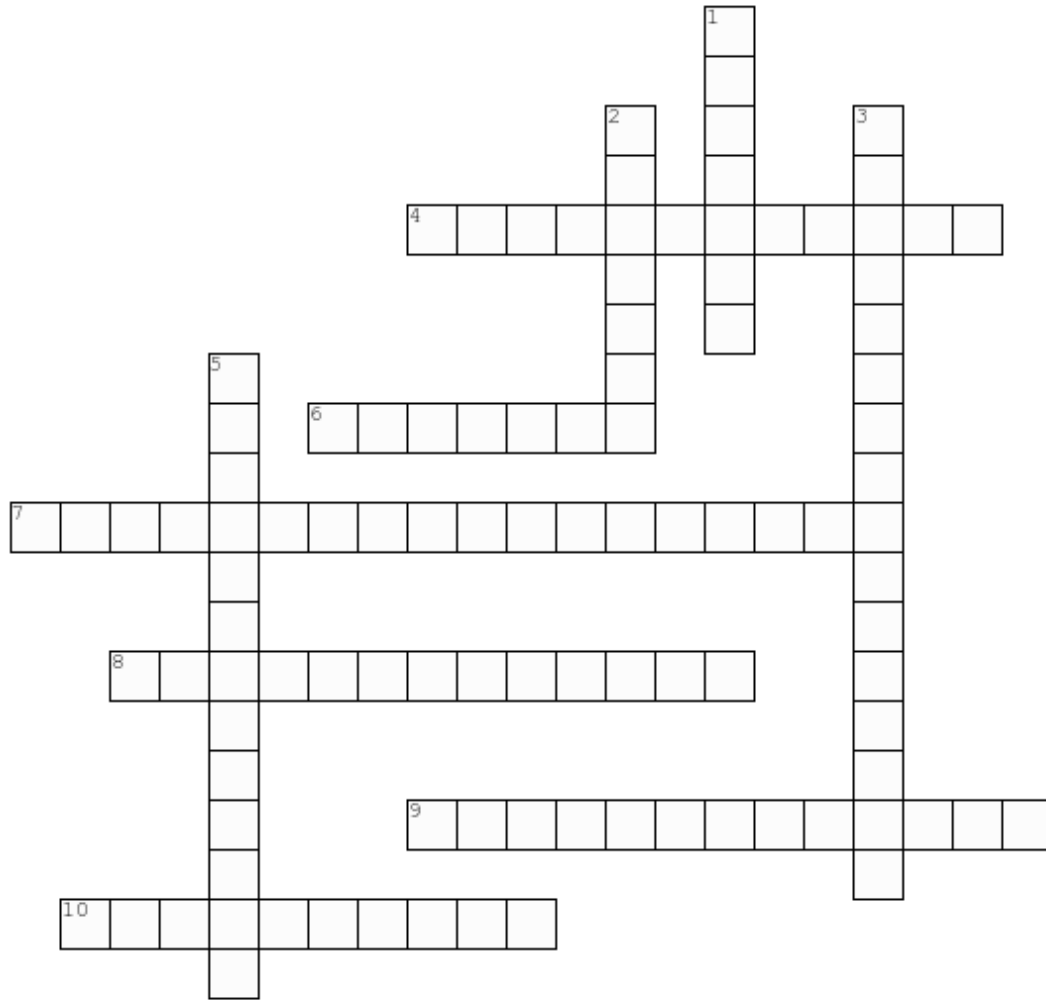
Maintain full time employment while enrolled in MBA

Be accepted to the Milligan MBA (students who meet all requirements may waive the GMAT)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Crossword

No spaces! Good luck!



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### Across

- 4. First storyteller at the Buffalo Tales with the Guild event
- 6. Entrepreneurial Action Us
- 7. Where Dr. Norman Wirzba teaches theology, ecology, and rural life
- 8. Student Affairs Chair in Spring of 2017 (first and last name)
- 9. Number one on Dr. Walker-Edin's list of book everyone should read in college
- 10. Group holding a rally in East Tennessee on Sept. 30

### Down

- 1. Republican representative from Johnson City that supports Trump ending DACA
- 2. Campus ministry covering Matthew
- 3. First student accepted into the five year MBA program
- 5. Owner of Opie's Pizza Wagon

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