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Male and female students join 100s in Women's March 2.0

Jordyn Morel, Features Editor

Hundreds, including several Milligan and Emmanuel students, gathered in Johnson City for the Women's March 2.0 on Jan. 20—exactly one year after President Donald Trump's inauguration. This march was only one of the many happening across the nation.

The march convened in an ETSU parking lot at the intersection of University Parkway and State of Franklin at 1:15 p.m. and ended in Founders Park in the heart of downtown Johnson City at 2 p.m.—just under a mile walk.

A drum circle greeted the marchers as they gathered in the park, the rhythmic beating matching the marchers' determination. The crowd was composed of women and men of all ages, most carrying signs with creative phrases that highlighted the variety of social and legislative issues regarding women's rights represented at the rally.

"You can see from the signs all of the specific concerns that people have: immigration policy, bigoted standpoints of legislation or personalities in power, specific legislations involving women's bodies," Nathan Cachiaras said, an Emmanuel Christian Seminary student who attended the rally. "There are a lot of different agendas, but all are



Women from Milligan College walk to ETSU's campus to begin marching. Photo by Jordyn Morel

under the banner of working toward proactive demonstration of the inherent value of women."

Speakers at the rally included local and state Democratic and independent candidates for the midterm elections coming up in November. Kate Craig, chairwoman of the Washington County Democratic Party, presided as master of ceremonies for the event.

This year's march was held in solidar-

ity with similar marches all over the nation, mirroring the first Women's March organized last year in Washington D.C. in response to the inauguration.

Rachel Simmons, a senior psychology major who attended last year's march in Washington D.C. as well as the more recent march in Johnson City, said, "I march for those who don't have voices and for equal rights for everyone." She

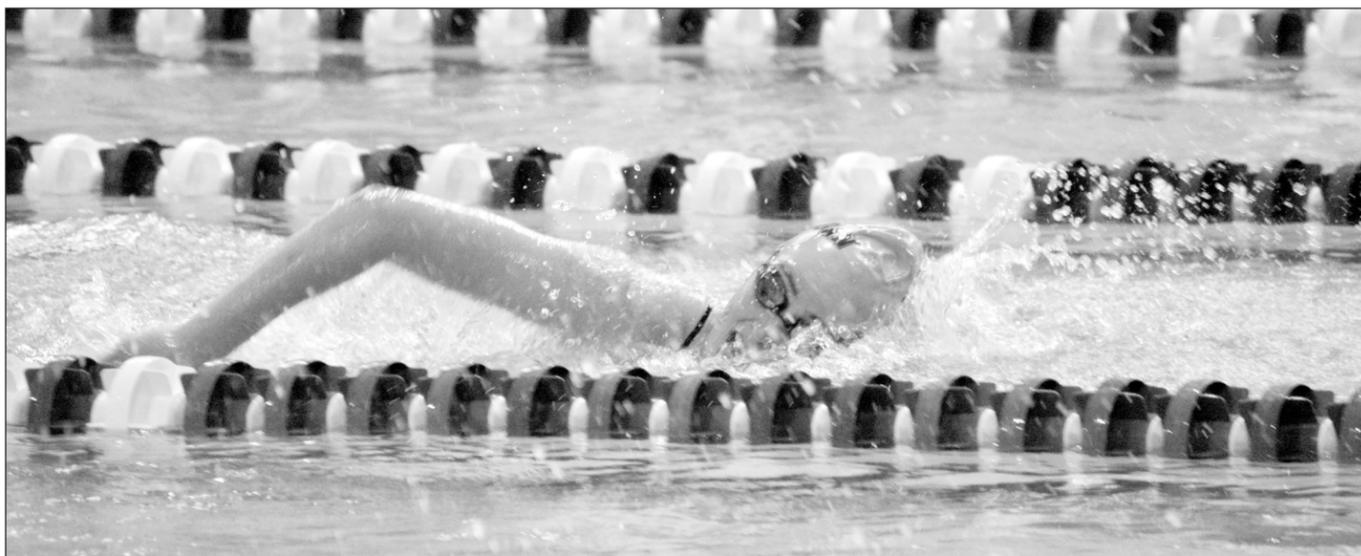
added that "it's important to be active in what we believe."

Abigail Hook, a senior humanities major, shared that, despite nervousness of what friends and family would think about her association with the feminist movement, she joined in the local Women's March last year in Jonesborough, as well as this year's rally.

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Athletic Buffs compete in conference championships

Alyssa Boyér



Women from Milligan College walk to ETSU's campus to begin marching. Photo by Jordyn Morel

While most teams here at Milligan have competing seasons that range from 2-3 months, our swim team, basketball teams, track and field teams, and cycling team do not have that luxury. Though their training seasons and competition seasons are longer than most other sports, they are finally wrapping up the normal season and heading into their Conference Championship seasons.

Milligan's swim team started training almost as soon as they arrived back on campus this fall, with the second week of classes being their first official practice. Less than a month later, the "Water Buffs" kicked off their competition season on Sept. 29 at the Lindsey Wilson College Invitational. Since then they have had five additional meets spread out from October to January.

Last weekend the Buffs faced Mars Hill University for their last normal meet of the season.

Now the "Water Buffs" are training hard so they can taper and rest up for their Conference Championships this weekend, Feb. 9-10, at the Kingsport Aquatic Center. Come and support your Buffs and cheer them on for a job well done as they showcase their racing and techniques after many months of preparation and training.

Milligan's men's and women's basketball teams are also heading into their championship seasons. Though they have not had a season as long as the swim team's, they have still been competing as early as October.

The men's team had their first game on Oct. 28 at the University of the Cumberland and have since played 26 ad-

ditional games. The Buffs are currently ranked seventh in the Appalachian Athletic Conference standings, with only the top eight teams moving on to play in the AAC tournament. They have five more AAC games to play, and if the Buffs can keep their standing in the top eight after those games they will move on to the tournament. The men's basketball ACC tournament is set for Feb. 21-24 at the MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort & Convention Center in Kingsport, Tenn.

The women's team started their competition season a little after the men's, with their first game on No. 3. The Lady Buffs have since played 25 additional games and are also currently seventh in the AAC standings.

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Inside new poetry book written by Milligan professor

Nick Baylor, Staff Reporter

For any English professor, the dream is to be published. This dream has become a reality for Milligan College's Associate Professor of English and Composition, Heather Hoover

Hoover, also the director of writing at Milligan, has put her work together in a collection of faith poems titled "If Moon, Then Yes."

From a young age Hoover expressed an interest in poetry. She would write poems and then sell them to members of her family for a nickel.

There have been many challenges for Hoover while writing this book, with most of them coming in the form of self doubt and finding time to write. She overcame these challenges through teaching and her students, specifically her creative writing and humanities classes.

"I found a lot of inspiration and support through my creative writing students," Hoover said.

Her students encourage her through their own writings, which push Hoover to work on her own work.

Senior English major Brianna Tuscani adds her own opinion as to why Hoover finds inspiration from her students.

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Editor's Note

Kennedy Weber, Editor in Chief

It seems as if the more I talk about divisive things the more people seem to shut down. Who can blame them, really? Currently, disagreements often lead to both parties writing the other off as “a terrible person” or “a bad Christian.” This can cause people to simply remain silent in times of conflict, when constructive dialogue is desperately needed.

Don't be afraid to speak up simply because you know someone will disagree with you. No one wants to create tension, especially among friends. However, it's in these spaces of tension that people tend to learn something, be it about themselves or about something completely different.

Another thing to note: sometimes we are wrong. We don't always have to agree with someone's opinion, but sometimes there will be facts that we haven't thought about. There will be opinions we didn't take into consideration before forming our own. Amidst those tensions where we recognize we didn't always have the full story, we have to remain humble. If we're wrong, we have to say it. If we've never thought about something, we have to consider it. Moments of tension are where we can learn about the world.

Other times we're not wrong. Never let someone who disagrees with you, silence you. We have every right to state our informed opinions and why we believe them. There are always two or more sides to every story. Speak up.

All too often, I see people not join conversations that could shape and mold our ideas. Your voice and experience does matter. As a publication for the student body, The Stampede wants to represent you. We want to stretch and add to your ideas and experiences. If you wish to add your own experiences, ideas or concerns to The Stampede, let us know. We always accept letters to the editor, and we will always listen and seek to understand.

Hoover, *from front page*

“I feel Hoover really listens to us in class,” Brianna said. “She is always looking for us to achieve our best.”

That kind of listening creates bonds that are reciprocal between student and teacher where both sides listen to each other.

Tuscani heard about the new book through one of Hoover's Facebook posts.

“Professor Hoover is usually not one to self promote, so when I saw this I wanted to support her,” Tuscani said, who has already pre-ordered the book.

Tuscani says she is looking forward to finding a personal life value within Hoover's poetry book.

Hoover has worked hard to accom-

Rockin' around the air guitar

AJ Trabold, Staff Reporter

It's safe to say that at least one point in time, most people have stood in front of a mirror or stood in the shower and lip-synced a song that was playing. If only there were some way that people with this passion could use it in a non-embarrassing way. Well guess what, there is!

On Feb. 16, 7 p.m., you and your friends can enter to sync your heart out and compete in Milligan College's Airband competition.

Airband is a team-based, lip-sync competition. You pick out a song, find two or three friends and learn the song. Then you perform the song/dance in front of a live student audience in the Gregory Theatre.

After a couple groups had to drop out after making a commitment last semester, Airband is back again in 2018 to, as Director of Campus Activities Jason Onks describes, “be entertained and to expect the unexpected.”

This semester's Airband will be different. A good number of teams are needed to help the event function properly and provide a quality experience.

“I was a proponent of replacing Mr. Buff's time slot with Airband, thinking that Airband would be a better fit with the Family Weekend events going on,” Onks said. “I hope this will be a permanent change.”

If you don't know what Airband is fully, there is an easy fix. Simply go onto YouTube and type ‘Milligan airband’ into the search bar. You will find several clips of Airbands going as far back as 2010.

All teams will be competing for bragging rights and the possibility of getting \$200 for the winning team to share. If you are performing, good news: the event is free!

All other students, faculty and outside attendees must pay \$3 for admittance. There is a good side to the admittance fee, as all the proceeds will go toward the Unidos For Puerto Rico fund to help the continuing hurricane recovery in Puerto Rico. People can come to be entertained along with the knowledge that they are also helping a country devastated by Mother Nature.

To find out more about Unidos, and to see what you can do to help the people of Puerto Rico, go to www.hispanicfederationsunidos.org.

plish her dream. All of the poems in her book are new poems, written specifically for her book.

Students who feel inspired to write their own poetry may do so in The Phoenix. The Phoenix is a magazine full of student-written works, which can include creative short fictions, research essays, poetry, non-fiction, memoirs and experimental fiction. Tuscani hopes to be able to submit something to The Phoenix after being inspired by Professor Hoover.

Those who wish to turn in works for The Phoenix must do so before Feb. 28. Submissions can be sent to Dr. Hoover at hhoover@milligan.edu.

“If Moon, Then Yes” is available through the publisher Dancing Girl Press & Studio on their website at dulcet-shop.myshopify.com. The price of the book is \$7.

Meeting a transfer:

Mason Grear

Erin Donovan, News Editor

Going to college is a weird and difficult thing. Transferring can make meeting people even harder. That's why The Stampede sat down with sophomore business management major Mason Grear to get to know him a little better. Grear transferred to Milligan for the spring semester.



Grear has transferred to Milligan and plays on the tennis team. Photo via Mason Grear

Grear, who has been playing tennis since he was four years old, started college at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He chose to commit to UTC to follow his dreams of playing and competing at a D1 school. However, when he got there his view of D1 tennis changed drastically.

“I found that it was hard to build strong relationships with my teammates and coach. I also didn't take school seriously at UTC,” Grear said.

Grear became depressed due to the difficulty of school and the lack of camaradery with his team. He quit playing tennis and decided to go to University of Tennessee Knoxville to be a “normal” college student. He thought that tennis was what was bringing him down.

“I was unable to get my head on straight and continued to be depressed, so I decided to withdraw before I even finished my first semester at UT,” Grear said. “I could tell a few things were absent from my life, like, I wasn't going to church and I lost my individuality in a frat, so I withdrew.”

In the spring of 2016, Grear transferred to Pellissippi State Community College in Knoxville to try and get his grades on track, but he still didn't care and wasn't in the right headspace.

“I messed up my first spring semester and summer semester. I messed up so badly that I couldn't go anywhere else, because my GPA was so bad,” Grear said. “I decided I didn't want to waste any more money and needed to get my head on straight, so I started to care about school and take it one day at a time.”

Grear improved his GPA in the fall and started playing tennis again. He was finally becoming “Mason” again. He rediscovered his passions and started really getting back on track.

Then Taylor Graalman, a junior tennis player from Milligan, asked if he was interested in playing college tennis, and, if so, that the coach, Ryan Reynolds, would be interested in talking to

Grear.

“I don't know how it all happened, but it lined up so perfectly,” Grear said. “Literally, right when I got back into the sport, I got my grades on track, and was becoming happy with my life again. It was 100 percent an opportunity from God. He opened the doors for me to flourish into the man I'm meant to be, and that's the best thing that's happened in my life.”

Grear met with coach Reynolds and toured the campus and found only genuine people, which he said was difficult to do at other schools.

“In that battle of ups and downs, God found a school for me that was a perfect fit to mold me to an outstanding individual,” Grear said. “I'm just blessed to be able to work on becoming a better student, athlete, person and Christian and to be able to build relationships that will last a lifetime in this wonderful environment.”

Q&A

Stampede: How many times do you think you'll be mistakenly related to Bill Greer?

Mason: Probably six times (laughs).

S: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

M: Mint chocolate chip.

S: Who are your favorite bands/artists?

M: Homeshake, Chance the Rapper, Frank Ocean, Isaiah Rashad, Kanye West is like GOAT, Kendrick Lamar, Mac Demarco, Passion Pit, Sampha, Anderson, Paak, Two Door Cinema Club was my teenage angst, Brockhampton, Tyler the Creator, Vampire Weekend, Lorde and Amy Winehouse.

S: Do you have any pets?

M: I have a dachshund named Dixon. My mom named him Dixon, because I'm Mason, so, like, the Mason-Dixon line.

S: Are you normally early or late?

M: Early (please don't read this, Dr. Miller).

S: What do you binge on Netflix the most?

M: “Planet Earth.” I love nature stuff. And “Planet Earth 2.” Also nature documentaries, I learn so much, and knowledge is power. “Stranger Things” I also binged in, like, a week.

S: If you could go to any event--past, present or future--where would you go and why?

M: Wimbledon, obviously, because tennis. I would go to the 2010 Wimbledon, though, because John Isner and Nicolas Mahut played a three-day match. It was such a historic match. And it's the only major tennis tournament on grass.

S: What are your favorite books?

M: “Animal Farm”, “Go Dog. Go!” and “Lord of the Flies.”

S: Do you have any social medias?

M: @masongrear on Instagram, @masongrear on Snapchat, Mason Grear on Facebook. Hit me up there or on campus, and we'll have a genuine conversation. Good vibes only. Go buffs!

Milligan students spend time 'down under' Daniel Peacock, Contributor

Juniors Cara Williams and Kaori Nicole Clemmer traveled to Australia last semester as a part of Milligan's Semester Abroad program. They chose to participate in the program in order to fulfill the capstone requirement for Milligan's Honors Program.

Williams and Clemmer traveled to Carindale, Australia, to attend Christian Heritage College, where they attended classes alongside other students from abroad as well as native Australian students. The classes they attended were part of the social sciences curriculum at CHC, which included philosophy classes and an anthropology course on the culture of Australia's indigenous people, the Aborigines.



Williams poses with "Wotu the kangaroo" in Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. Photo by Nicole Clemmer

"In our Aboriginal class, you take a lot of trips," Williams said. "They take you to smoking ceremonies, lands that are important to the Aboriginal people and historical sites."

Other classes they took included a



The Sydney Opera House is a well-known attraction in Australia. Photo by Nicole Clemmer

"Theology of counseling" class, which they took alongside the traditional Australian students at CHC.

Clemmer noted that there was a significant age gap between the usual American student and the students they attended classes with at CHC, saying, "Cara and I were the youngest by 8 years at least. The oldest person in there was around 50."

With classes meeting only once a week for 3-4 hours, Clemmer and Williams had plenty of time to explore their new surroundings.

"I swam the great barrier reef," Williams said. "I held a koala, I pet some kangaroos. We spent a lot of time at the beaches."

Clemmer recounted a story in which she, Williams and a group of other students in the study abroad program traveled to Cairns, Australia, for spring break.

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best and most convenient night, but it's a great story to tell!"

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Clemmer and Williams scuba diving the Great Barrier Reef. Photo by Cara Williams

Semester in Ministry gets no Milligan interns for spring 2018

AJ Trabold, Staff Reporter

Milligan offers several programs to help students explore possible outlets for what they want to pursue after college. One of the more popular programs is the Semester in Ministry internship, a semester-long internship program.

However, it seems it is not popular with enough students this semester.



Erin McDade is the director of the Semester in Ministry program. Photo via AJ Trabold

Semester in Ministry is a program for which Milligan is in partnership with Mountain Christian Church in Joppa, Md. Director Erin McDade stated it is an experience that helps students develop their skills and direction they want to go professionally.

Students work as full staff members/interns of the church, often working with an advisor. This relationship allows for unique opportunities for spiritual formation.

Two students, junior Jonathan Guy and senior Rebecca Pierce-Hale, were in the 2017 spring semester group of Milligan students who went. Both were able to work through the church in ways that would strengthen the majors they were pursuing.

Guy is a Bible major with a pastoral ministry emphasis, so he was able to work in small groups ministry. He was also able to find venues for preaching, leading communion and collecting offering.

Pierce-Hale is in pre-professional psychology, so she was able to work with therapy groups and even got to help create a curriculum for the groups to use.

This 2018 spring semester is not as lively for Mountain, however, as not enough students showed interest.

McDade stated she was very disappointed that not enough people were able to attend this semester and that this has happened only a couple times in the history of SiM. However, this does not mean she doesn't have any work.

With no Milligan interns, McDade and the SiM team are still busy training new staff and refreshing older staff.

Luckily for Milligan, SiM will be coming to Tennessee on Feb. 14-16. They will be on campus the 15th and 16th in SUB7, with a Chick-fil-A info lunch on the 15th to talk to interested students about the possibility of working with Mountain for a semester.

Not only does SiM give students ample opportunities to serve through the church and expand their majors, but it also allows for the creation of some lifelong memories.

Guy remembers the exit interviews at the end of the semester. SiM mentors looked not only at the abilities of each person but also at the character of each

person.

"It was the most honest thing I have ever been to," he said.

He also laughed about the time when he "accidentally" caught the attention of a female singer at the Stardust diner in NYC, where his group was eating on a church-planting weekend trip.

One of Pierce-Hale's favorite memories was working with DivorceCare for Kids, or DC4K. She was able to work with young kids whose parents were going through or had already gone through a divorce and got to watch a particular four-year-old have God moments almost every day.

When asked about her favorite SiM moment, McDade was at a loss for words for just one memory.

She said an ongoing favorite moment was the end of the semester retreat, which is a time of "true celebration of what the students and God has been able to accomplish."

She hopes more students consider joining the SiM team next semester, so that God's work will continue to be shown through the students.

Semester
in Ministry

Dear Brutus: Winter Blues

Brutus, Columnist and Life Coach

Dear Brutus

I can't seem to shake the mid-winter blues. What can I do to stay motivated?

Dear Mid-Winter Blues,

It seems as if when the temperature starts to drop so can our motivation to keep going strong. I always like to remind myself of the good things to come while trying to seek out hope in the now. While the trees on campus might have lost their leaves already, we know that within a few weeks they will start to grow green once again, then lead into blossoms. Keep your buffalo spirits up and embrace the herd. It can be very easy to stay locked up in your room in the cold weather, but still try to seek out time with friends and have fun.

Please remember that you are not the only one that feels this way. I am sure you are not alone in feeling less motivated in the slump between first and second exams. If you are still taking humanities, I strongly recommend to keep an alarm to make sure you make it to the Tuesday/Thursday lectures. They may not always sound fun to go to if it is not your actual professor teaching, but each speaker has so much insight, and it's a great privilege to learn from them.

This goes the same for that journey to getting all of your SFP credits. It can be easy to skip chapel and grab a nap or an earlier lunch, but take advantage of the time you have here and make it to chapel, convo and other great events coming up this semester!

January might have taken its sweet time, and a groundhog may have decided winter will be around longer, but this buffalo is already looking forward to a great spring semester.

Please feel free to keep asking questions; I'm always glad to help a fellow Buff!

Yours truly,

Brutus



New head soccer coach opens up about team expectations

Megan Williams, Staff Reporter

Milligan College has recently announced the addition of the new men's head soccer coach, David Lilly. The 2007 Milligan graduate made the decision to return to his alma mater when he was offered the coaching position late in the fall of last year.

Lilly was more than a student at Milligan; he was also a member of the soccer team.

Choosing to attend Milligan was "an easy choice" for him.

What originally drew Lilly to Milligan was the relationship he had formed with the head coach at the time, Marty Shirley.

"Marty Shirley was the head coach, and he had reached out to me and kept in touch with me during the process," Lilly said. "He showed a big interest and let me know he really wanted me at Milligan."

When offered the head coaching position, Lilly knew he had to jump at the opportunity. He had enjoyed his time here as a student and wanted to make sure that he could give back to the program that had given him so much. Lilly knew that returning to coach would allow him to be a part of the struggles and excitements that make college athletics so enjoyable.

As a former, successful, Milligan soccer player, Lilly knows the importance of having a team that is motivated to do better. He also knows what it is like to compete at a higher level than the current team is used to. He wants to instill that motivation to succeed within the hearts and minds of his new team.

Lilly has stressed the importance of maintaining a high level of motivation to his new athletes, saying, "If they can keep that level of motivation, even during the difficult times, that will be our key to developing as a team."

His main goal as the new head coach is to develop these young men and help prepare them for the future.

"I would hope I am going to help these



President, Bill Greer, David Lilly and athletic director, Mark Fox pose for a picture at Milligan's press conference. Photo via milliganbuffs.com

guys develop as players and also as people, within our team philosophy," Lilly said. "If I can do that, then I will know they have gotten the most out of their experience here, and I will be very happy."

When asked about preparing for the fall season, Lilly talked about the importance of creating a "strong foundation that will help build the team for the future."

"My ultimate goal this spring is to improve our team mentality, training habits and reactions as much as possible," Lilly said. "Without this foundation, it is going to be very difficult to really improve on the different demands of the game moving forward."

As the new head coach, Lilly is hoping to implement a team mentality on the field and in the classroom. He wants to make sure the young men that make up his team will be representing Milligan in a positive way all the time.

"Ultimately, our goal is to give Milligan and our community something to be proud of on and off the field, and I think the rest will take care of itself."

Sophomore men's soccer player Luis

de la Torre was enthusiastic with the hiring of Lilly as the new head coach.

"Lilly is very open with what he wants from us as a team. He's very big on the player-coach relationship, and that helps us become better as individuals and collectively as a team," de la Torre said. "He knows what it takes to be a great player and a part of a great team."

De la Torre can already see a difference in the team since Lilly started coaching them. He personally wanted a coach that would unite the team and make them stronger. De la Torre said it was important to have a coach that instills confidence in his players. That confidence not only helps them become better on the field, but also in the classroom.

"The team mentality is getting stronger, which helps our players become more confident," said de la Torre. "The team is already working together better, and this will only help us in the future."

With Lilly already making a positive impact within his team, it should be exciting to see what the fall season holds in store for the Buffaloes!

Fast swimmer setting high goals at Milligan

Nick Baylor, Staff Reporter

Maggie Halloran, a freshman swimmer, has been astonishing in her first season with the Buffs. The freestyle and backstroke specialist from Columbia, S.C., has been swimming for 11 years prior to coming to Milligan.

"I started looking at big colleges, but one day I realized I didn't want to go to a big school," Halloran said. In November of her senior year of high school she started to look at small Christian colleges.

Halloran heard about Milligan through her father, who was helping his daughter research small Christian colleges. Together they set up recruiting trips throughout North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Halloran's father contacted swim coach Kelly Essler and told her that they were coming to Milligan for a recruiting visit--and the rest is history.

Halloran came into Milligan specializing in freestyle and backstroke, but her seasoned ability has allowed her to swim the individual medley as well,

a race in which the swimmer swims butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.

In such a short time, Halloran has become a huge asset to the Milligan swim team. She has qualified for six National A cuts, several B cuts and is looking for more.

"Halloran has raised the bar," coach Kelly Essler said, adding that "she sets other standards for the team" as well.

Halloran starts by raising these standards in practice, pushing the rest of her team to hit their times. She said that her mentality changes as soon as she hits the water. She leaves the troubles of the day behind her, and her mindset becomes fully focused on how to be a better swimmer.

When in the water Halloran pushes herself to the limit.

"I just push harder when it hurts," Halloran said in reference to practice and meets.



Maggie Halloran has been swimming for 11 years. Photo by Nick Baylor

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For her it is not about beating the person next to her. It is about racing herself and knowing she did her best each time.

Halloran's first season is ending soon; with conferences coming up, the freshman swimmer is hoping to win at least two or three races and, like always, lower her times.

Her national goals are also high. She hopes to advance to the final heat in all of her races as a freshman, a hard accomplishment for anyone. Eventually Halloran wishes to win one of her races

at nationals.

Even though Halloran has many personal goals, she does not place those goals above the team. Halloran continually asks herself if what she is doing is best for the team.

Coach Essler sees Halloran developing into a leader and a future mentor of the girls' team as an upperclassman, adding that "she has become the face of Milligan swimming" because of how fast she is as well as how hard she works.

Halloran desires to develop as a good role model for the team.

"After college I want to have friend-

ships that will last a lifetime," Halloran said. "I want the team to have a strong family feeling about it."

Halloran continues to swim not only for herself, or even for her team, but ultimately to glorify God. She recognizes that God has given her this talent and thinks it would be foolish not to use it. Halloran believes that life is about more than only swimming.

The future is bright for this rising star of the swim team.

The Buffs have Conference championships Feb. 8-10 in Kingsport, Tenn., and National Championships Feb. 28-March 3 in Columbus, Ga

Conference Champs, from front page

The Buffs have six AAC games left before the AAC tournament to maintain their current standing or hopefully move up a few spots. The women's basketball AAC tournament is set for Feb. 22-24 and is also located at the MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort & Convention Center in Kingsport, Tenn.

Milligan's track and field teams kicked off their seasons at indoor meets back on Nov. 29 at the AAC Winter Kickoff Meet. They have since competed at five meets and have one more to go until their AAC Championship Meet. The track and field team's ACC Championship meet is scheduled for Feb. 16 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

In perhaps the longest season of all, Milligan's cycling team started their season at their first meet on Aug. 19 at Rock Hill. They have since raced at over 13 meets including two differ-

ent USA Cycling National Championships (Mountain Bike and Cyclocross). Though they are not yet wrapping up their season, they are heading into the final stretch. They have six more meets

until their last USA Cycling National Championship in the Road Racing division, which is scheduled for May 4-7 in Grand Junction, Colo.



Swimmer, Sterling Burnett swims a breast stroke. Photo via Alyssa Boyer

Women's March, from front page



A marcher stood in Founder's Park after the Women's March. Photo by Mitchell Hancock

"I attended last year and knew, 'Yes, these are the people with whom I want to stand today, and everyday,'" Hook recalled. "It is clarifying and strengthening in ways, just to know that I made a step--the right one--to both support and be supported."

She added that since then, her "family has done a lot of work to hear the word feminism and not think of the nasty things that people say, but to think of me, and my face."

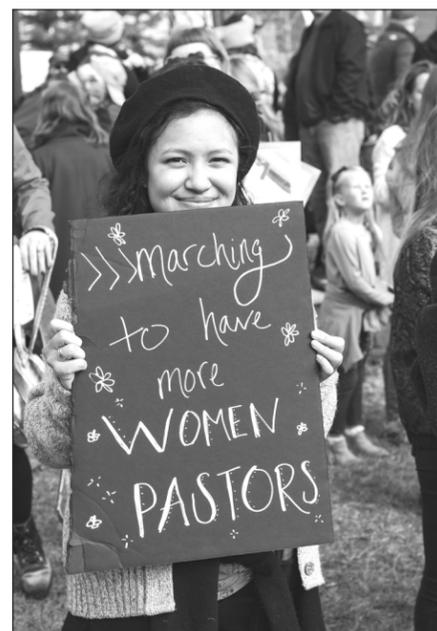
Cachiaras said that he came to his own convictions concerning "the empowerment and equal opportunities for women in all spaces in society" through what he has witnessed "in Scripture and in the Spirit of God."

"Gifts of God are given to people of God for the sake of the mission of God, and they are not discriminated among gender lines, racial lines or any other lines we could dream up," he said, adding that Christians "have a responsibility to advocate for the equal recognition of those gifts and possibilities in the people of God."

Simone Chuut, a senior public relations major, marched with a sign that read "Marching to Have More Women Pastors."

Chuut described the church's perspective in which she grew up as "one-sided and male-dominated."

"There has not been a lot of room for female voice and influence," she said. "Throughout my time at Milligan, I have learned that we need both voices.



Simone Chutt holds the sign she brought to the Women's March. Photo by Mitchell Hancock

I want to be an advocate to allow for there to be more of a balance between the two and to see the full image of God through that."

As a man advocating for women's rights, Cachiaras said, "I am interested in letting the people I know see that I want to pay more than lip service to a safe theory while I sit in my white, male, heterosexual spot. Going to the march over the weekend doesn't really prove that much, but I hope that it is a small demonstration and symbol of the ways I want to think, speak and work."

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Eagles fly to victory

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Philadelphia's Broad Street was filled with excited fans minutes after the Eagles won. Photo by Kylae Donovan

The Super Bowl took place Sunday, Feb. 4. It was a very close game all the way through, but the Eagles were consistent throughout and ended the game with their first Super Bowl victory. The Patriots started to make a comeback in the fourth quarter, but Brandon Graham worked his way into the pocket and knocked the ball from Brady's hand, and then teammate Derek Barnett recovered the fumble with 2:16 remaining. This play changed the whole game. Nick Foles was named MVP of the game, which many think he deserves. "Foles had comparable stats to Tom Brady, who is most likely the best quarterback in the league. He not only played well as a quarterback, but also caught the ball for a touchdown which Tom Brady could not do." said senior Meave Lee when asked her thoughts on Nick Foles being named MVP of the game.

Heading into the playoffs, the Eagles were the underdogs. When their starting quarterback, Carson Wentz, tore his ACL during a game on Dec. 10, all hope seemed to be lost. Before his injury, they had been the best team in the NFL. This setback had many thinking that the Eagles were done right then and there. Following Wentz's injury, backup quarterback Nick Foles was put in and has been starting since then. The first two games, Foles struggled to move the ball and utilize his team as a whole. However, they ended up

beating the Atlanta Falcons in the divisional playoffs, then continued their winning streak against the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC title game.

According to sports commentators, the Patriots were favored to win by five and a half points over the Eagles. While the Eagles and Patriots are relatively equally matched player-wise, the coaching is what makes the biggest difference between the two teams. The Patriots have a more experienced and consistent coaching staff. Patriots head coach Bill Belichick has been to eight Super Bowl's, and won five. He coaches smarter than almost every coach in the game (as seen by the number of Super Bowl rings). He knows how to use the clock, use his players and win a game.

The two teams have two different strengths as well. Tom Brady is considered by many as the greatest quarterback of this time, so the Patriots are an offense-heavy team. Brady has the records for the most touchdowns in the playoffs and the Super Bowl, as well as the record for most completions in a Super Bowl, and has led the Patriots to 12 career AFC division titles (the most of any single quarterback.) On the other hand, while Foles has been on the ball lately, the Eagles are still stronger defensively. This is what made the game so close. But at the end, the Eagles clenched their very first Super Bowl victory.

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To be or not to be? DACA goes to the Supreme Court

Sue Harrod, Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, a federal judge ruled to block the Trump administration's decision to end DACA. The federal judge also called for the administration to resume receiving DACA renewals after stating the program was necessary and that "our country has a strong interest in the uniform application of immigration law and policy."

This ruling occurs after a tumultuous past few months surrounding the DACA program. The issues surrounding DACA began with President Donald Trump calling for an end to the program in September after claiming it to be an unconstitutional use of an executive order. The program was first introduced by former President Barack Obama in 2012.

While the program is set to officially end in March, the repeal of DACA has been met with widespread controversy. Following the recent government shutdown, the fate of nearly 700,000 "Dreamers" is in limbo while Congress continues to deliberate on a more bipartisan approach to immigration.

DACA stands for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and gives people who were brought to the U.S. as children a chance to achieve a higher education, as well as granting them the ability to work and drive in the U.S. legally. The program is renewable every two years but does not provide a pathway to citizenship. DACA recipients do not qualify for federal financial aid and are required to pay taxes.

"The main misconception with Deferred Action is that people assume that kids like me can apply for citizenship at any time, but there is currently not a pathway through DACA," Milligan sophomore Randy Huerta, a current DACA recipient, said. "Deferred Action was basically the beginning of an opportunity."

As of right now, around March 5 there are many students whose DACA will expire and will not be renewable. Various bills, including the DREAM Act, are being considered as replacement programs that would still provide for undocumented people brought into the U.S. at a young age, as well as offer a bipartisan compromise to immigration policies.

According to Dalia Llamas, a student at Northeast State and current DACA recipient, "Right now supporters of DACA are pushing for the DREAM Act to pass in Congress, because it provides a pathway to citizenship that was unavailable before. The U.S. is my home, and I'm hoping something good can come out of DACA's end."

There are currently around 400 DACA



Protestors surround the Capitol Building. Photo via Sue Harrod

recipients in the 1st Congressional District of Tennessee, which includes the counties Carter, Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington.

Congress has extended the deadline for ongoing budget negotiations, which include negotiations on immigration and disaster funding. Congress is projected to reach an end to their deliberations on Feb. 8, 2018.

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The Buttermilk Sky is the limit Daniel Peacock, Contributor

Growing up in Georgia, there were two fundamental truths that we lived by: God is great, and pies are delicious. Almost everyone can remember their grandma's pecan pies, or their cousins

bringing over pumpkin pies for family gatherings. To fill the pie-shaped hole in our college student diets, Buttermilk Sky Pie Shop has come to Johnson City, bringing with it all the pie flavors

we remember so fondly.

Buttermilk Sky originated in Knoxville, but has recently opened a shop at 3135 People's Street in Johnson City. The new location is a little small, being in the same shopping center as Barberito's, but the interior is nice and cozy, with a distinct country flair. The pies are all lined up both on the counter and behind a glass display case, with hand written notes giving each pastry a name. Walking in, you can see right into the kitchen, where the chefs pour over their work with a clear passion.

The pies look great, but it would all be for nothing if they didn't taste good. I asked the cashier what the "quintessential Buttermilk Sky pie" is, and she directed me to the I-40 pie. Named after the road that runs from Knoxville to Asheville, the I-40 is almost like a mish-mash of all our favorite childhood pies, with pecans, chocolate chips and a bit of toasted coconut on top. I selected a four-inch mini I-40 pie, which cost me \$4.30, and dug in.

The I-40 tastes exactly like you hope it would, somehow bringing back all the memories of pecan or chocolate pie from your childhood. I wasn't sure how pecan and chocolate chips would work together, but it was delicious, with a good crispy crust and filling that didn't ooze out after every bite. Despite my best efforts, I couldn't quite finish the entire mini pie, but two people splitting it would have no trouble finishing the whole thing.

Buttermilk Sky has more than just pies, however; they offer cookies in a variety of flavors, and you can also get some tea or coffee to go along with your dessert. The menu is not very crowded, being limited to only pies and cookies, but that's really all it needs. You can order pies for an event, you can bring a date by for a quick mini pie--the buttermilk sky is the limit.

Not many restaurants are confident enough to base their entire menu around one or two items, but Buttermilk Sky Pie has no qualms about playing to their strengths. If you're in the mood for some tasty homestyle pie, Buttermilk Sky is the place to be.



Buttermilk Sky Pie has become a favorite local spot to eat pie and enjoy people. Photo by Daniel Peacock

New Johnson City restaurant redefines the classic 'biscuits and gravy' Alyssa Boyer, Sports Editor

If you have yet to try the recently opened chain Maple Street Biscuit Company, you are definitely missing out. Maple Street breaks all of the barriers of traditional southern comfort breakfast food with its revolutionary biscuit combinations.

Whether you're the typical southern citizen who enjoys biscuits and gravy or someone who prefers chicken biscuits, Maple Street is sure to have something on their menu for you, and at a pretty decent price, too.

From the second you enter the door until the moment you leave, you are treated like family. They do things a little different at Maple Street, like asking you for your favorite band instead of your name to call out when your food is ready.

When you step up to the counter to order, the workers are ready and enthusiastic about helping you find the perfect biscuit for your taste buds. Personally,

I'm a big fan of goat cheese and strong flavors, so I was recommended to try "The Squawking Goat," which features a flaky biscuit, all-natural fried chicken breast, fried goat cheese medallion and house-made pepper jelly, and let me tell you all (or should I say y'all), it was absolutely delicious.

The Maple Street Biscuit Company highlights 10 unique biscuit combinations including "The Squawking Goat" but also others like "The Five," which has a flaky biscuit, all-natural fried chicken breast, pecan wood-smoked bacon, cheddar cheese and sausage gravy "with a little kick," and "The Farmer" with a flaky biscuit, all-natural fried chicken, pecan wood-smoked bacon and cheddar cheese topped with fresh house-made apple butter. There are even quite a few vegetarian biscuit combos if that is more to your taste.

Though 10 biscuit combinations might be enough for some, Maple Street takes

it the extra step with three additional versions of "biscuits and gravy," two different glass jar salads and four unique "entrees with a twist." If you're more of a waffle person in the mornings, I recommend their house-made vanilla bean waffle with asiago and pecan wood-smoked bacon baked inside.

Even their sides are exquisite! I really liked the "hash brown cake," which might sound a little weird but was actually delicious. It is baked hash brown potatoes stuffed with smoked gouda cheese and topped with chives.

You might be thinking, All of this sounds great, but I'm never up early enough to go get myself a delicious breakfast at Maple Street. Lucky for you they've got you covered! Maple



The Maple Street Biscuit Company is only 20 minutes away from Milligan's campus. Photo by Alyssa Boyer

Street is open Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m.—2 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 7 a.m.—3 p.m. and is only 20 minutes from Milligan's campus.

So, the next time you're craving something a little extra special for your breakfast, brunch or lunch, head on over to Maple Street Biscuit Company and give them a try. You won't regret it.

Ready, set, Grammy! Taylor Martin, Contributor



Bruno Mars took home six of these coveted awards on January 28. Photo via Taylor Martin.

It's that time of year again: the cameras flashing, the pearly whites smiling, dresses glittering and fans everywhere screaming. That's right, it's award season. And the Grammys did not disappoint this year.

The 60th Annual Grammy Awards premiered Sunday, Jan. 28. Hosted by the hilarious James Corden, the awards show was recorded live at Madison Square Garden in New York City for the first time in 15 years--the ceremony was previously held on the west coast.

Performances of the night came from musical legends, such as Lady Gaga, Sam Smith and Kendrick Lamar as well as a duet from the beloved Elton John and Miley Cyrus.

Some of the top nominees of the year went to Jay-Z, Kendrick Lamar, Bruno Mars and Ed Sheeran.

One of the most notable awards is

Best New Artist of the year, which went to Alessia Cara, known for songs "Stay" and a pop rendition of "How Far I'll Go" from "Moana." Cara was honored to accept the award, saying "I've been pretend-winning Grammys since I was a kid" (Buzzfeed).

However, people are not talking so much about what happened during the show but what started on the red carpet: white roses. These were in honor of social media's latest trend #TimesUp, which is a movement against sexual harassment in the recent events regarding Harvey Weinstein and other major Hollywood stars beginning on Jan. 1, 2018, by celebrities worldwide.

To support the #TimesUp movement, stars such as Nick Jonas, Kelly Clarkson, Reba McEntyre and even host Corden held and/or wore white roses on their clothes to support the cause.

Along with supporting this cause,

many attendees were stunned when former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton read quotes from the recent book "Fire and Fury" by Michael Wolff. The book, which goes behind the scenes of Trump's White House, has enraged the president. Clinton's reading of the book was part of a gag that host Corden recorded prior to the live performance.

Other notable award winners of the night include Kendrick Lamar's "DAMN" for Best Rap Album and Ed Sheeran's "Shape of You" for Best Pop Solo Performance.

The real winner of the night was Bruno Mars, who took home six Grammy awards, including Album of the Year ("24K Magic") and Song of the Year ("That's What I Like").

All in all it was a night to be remembered, thanks to stunning performances, a charismatic host and gracious award winners.

Family Weekend: Feb. 16-18, 2018

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 3 p.m & 5 p.m. – Baseball vs. Taylor University
- 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. – Registration in McMahan Student Center
- 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Airband Competition, Gregory Center

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

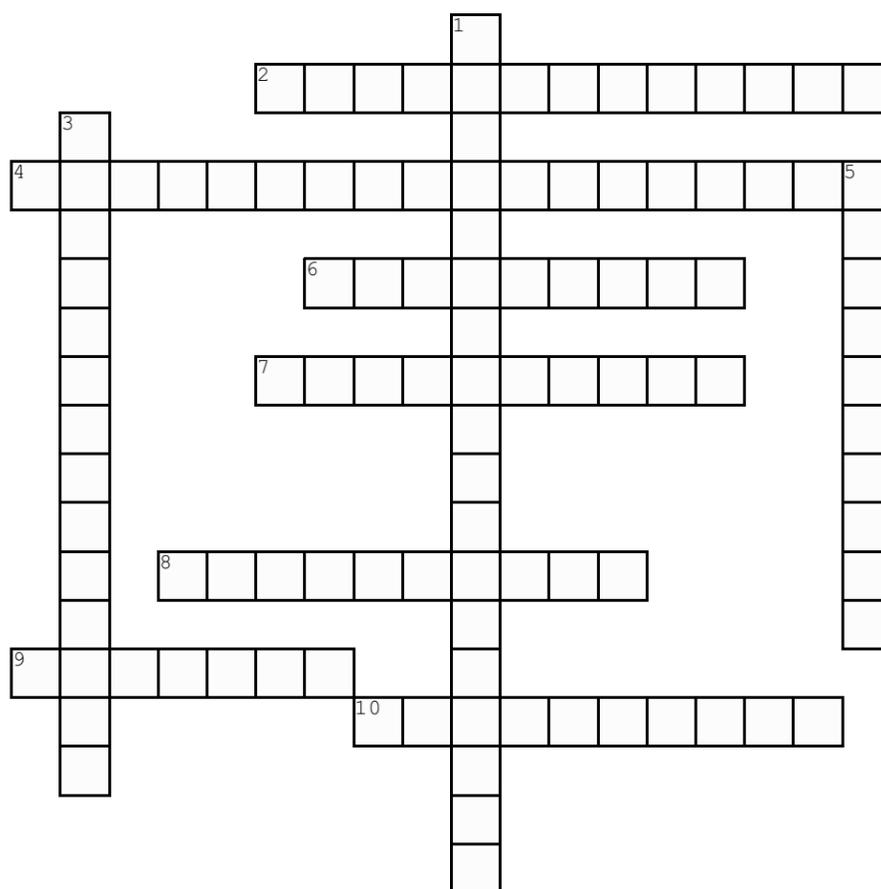
- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Registration continued in McMahan Student Center
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Brunch
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Bookstore open
- 12 p.m & 2 p.m. – Baseball vs Taylor University
- 2 p.m. – Women’s Basketball vs St. Andrews University
- 4 p.m. – Men’s Basketball vs St. Andrews University
- 5 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. – Dinner
- 7 p.m. – 12 a.m. – All-Hall Open House (except the Village, whose open house hours are 5 p.m. – 12 a.m.)
- 8:00 p.m. – Dean’s List Ceremony in Seeger Chapel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. – Continental Breakfast
- 3 p.m. – Hymns of the Faith – Orchestra and Choral ensembles

Name: _____

No spaces. Good luck.



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Across

- 2. Popular pie restaurant in Johnson City
- 4. If you are looking for 'The Squawking Goat' biscuit, come to the new restaurant in Johnson City
- 6. Cara Williams and Nicole Clemmer went to this country last semester
- 7. Nickname of Milligan's Swim Team
- 8. New men's soccer coach
- 9. Music awards show
- 10. One of the new transfers

Down

- 1. Milligan's program
- 3. Swimmer making waves
- 5. Milligan's literary magazine