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## Milligan Changes Name to Milligan University

Rikki Wagner, Staff Reporter



President Bill Greer talks about the change to Milligan University.

On Friday, Oct. 25, Milligan President Bill Greer announced the college will be changing its name from Milligan College to Milligan University. The official name change will take effect on June 1, 2020.

With this change, there comes some worry and concern. I sat down with President Greer and asked him some student questions and concerns about the change to Milligan University.

### Are there any plans to upgrade or build new dorms?

Yes. Our campus master plan, for a while, has included finishing out the Village. There is room for seven more buildings up there. Additionally, build-

ing similar buildings down the hill from Williams, over the top of Webb. Webb is not part of the long-range campus master plan; it will be replaced with other housing.

That all is in the plan. It is a very long-range plan because it takes private donations to make that happen. We also want to make sure that our enrollment is trending positively over the long term, to make sure that the investment is wise, but our plan is certainly to add more housing.

### Along with that, are there plans to renovate current buildings to match the new student center?

The rendering is one concept and we really haven't spent a lot of time talking about the finishing touches. However, I think the building needs to stand out a little bit as a student center. I don't want it to look like a library or an academic classroom building, but I also want it to be in keeping with the aesthetic of the campus. I do want it to look a little different because I want people to look at that building and say, "That must be the student center."

### Does this include more sports facilities, like a track and field stadium for home meets?

The campus master plan does include plans for a track and field stadium. The track and field would go behind the field house. It's just, again, awaiting funding. We are always looking out for donors who might have an interest in doing that. That's in the master plan, but we are private. We don't have state funding or grants like that to build buildings. We are dependent on the generosity of our alumni and friends who give.

### How long will the rebranding process take?

How many Milligan College signs are on campus? There is one. We've branded ourselves as Milligan for quite a while, in anticipation of ultimately this transition happening. All of our vans and buses, even our clothing in the bookstore just have Milligan on them. It was a subtle but deliberate thing to do, to make the transition as smooth and as seamless as possible.

### Is there any worry that the change to Milligan University will take away from the "small college" appeal of Milligan?

Changing the name doesn't change the school. There are lots of smaller universities than Milligan; so, I don't think it will change that feel. We intend to continue to be a small, but growing, institution. It's important for a college's/university's health to have a little bit of growth over time.

### How do you feel about the name change, personally?

I have mixed feelings about it, because I'm an alum. I'm one of four generations in my family who went here. My grandfather went here in 1915, my mom went here in the 50s, I met my wife here, our sons graduated from here. Milligan College is very much part of our family fabric. I love this institution, and I have a long history here. This is my 26th year working here, add four years going to school here, and I've been on this campus for 30 years. So if I can embrace the change, anybody can.

I have an emotional attachment to this institution, but I also have a commitment to making sure it stays healthy and vibrant going forward. I think this is a change that is necessary to ensure that. If I want to protect this institution, I need to embrace and be on board with this kind of change. I think in the long haul this will be far the best thing for Milligan than not changing.

## Pipe Burst Bungle in Hart Hall

Rikki Wagner, Staff Reporter

Students in Hart Hall received an unexpected surprise when a pipe burst Friday Nov. 8. The leak resulted in water being turned off and students relocating to Sutton Hall and other places.

According to Dean of Students, Tony Jones, the leak was first noticed in the early evening hours on Friday and was immediately reported to maintenance. Maintenance came to assess the issue and decided the best solution would be to isolate the leak to one area and deal with the rest of the repairs on the following Monday.

Maintenance shut off the water to rooms 17-20 on all three floors of Hart for the weekend. Rooms 217 and 218 had the worst of the leak, with the rooms experiencing slight flooding and the bathroom ceiling falling in. Water was restored to all rooms on Monday, and some additional repairs, like fixing the ceiling, were made throughout the week.

The students in the rooms without water were supposed to be offered temporary housing in Sutton until the leak was fixed, but only a few knew about this offer. Jones said, "Unfortunately,

as a residence life staff, we did not communicate as fully as we should have, and this offer should have been made to the students on Friday."

For some students, like freshman Emily Beasor, awareness of this option could have prevented students from having to make other, more inconvenient arrangements. Beasor went home for the weekend and was notified about the issue in her dorm by her roommate. "When I came back Sunday night, it had gotten so bad over the weekend that I had to return home because I couldn't stay in my dorm," said Beasor. "I live two hours away."

Beasor also said that very few students from the 12 rooms that had the water shut off were notified that they would be without water for the weekend. She said that because few knew about the Sutton offer, most of those students had to either go home for the weekend or find somewhere else to stay off-campus.



The bathroom ceiling to room 218 in Hart fell in after a water leak on Friday, Nov. 8.

Beasor and her roommate were under the impression that maintenance would be working on the issue through the weekend. When she discovered the work had been deferred to Monday, she was frustrated. "With the leak as bad as it was and this many people out of water for a whole weekend, maintenance should have worked over the weekend to fix it," said Beasor. "They [maintenance] could have, and should have handled the situation much better."

Jones spoke about the miscommunication and time issues, saying "We [residence life] discussed our communication process in a staff meeting and maintenance did as well."

All of the repairs were completed, and all the students who had to move elsewhere have moved back into Hart.

## Olympian Speaks at Milligan

Laney Butt, Staff Reporter

Abbey Cooper spoke to Milligan's female athletes on Nov. 4 for Milligan's NAIA Champions of Character night. She discussed sportsmanship and faith through her experiences competing in the highest level of running.

Cooper was a member of the 2016 Rio de Janeiro USA women's track team where she competed in the 5000-meter event. Though a stellar athlete, Cooper is best known for her extreme show of sportsmanship after a fall in the qualifiers. The incident during her qualification race for the 5000m finals for Olympic gold shaped her future, and she declared it a show of God's grace through her.

The fall happened when New Zealand runner Nikki Hamblin tripped on the inside edge of the track and took Cooper down with her. Cooper was able to get up immediately and helped Hamblin back to her feet. After Cooper

## Milligan and IJM celebrate a Global Night of Prayer

Marlaina Peterson, Staff Reporter

Milligan's International Justice Mission, or IJM, club celebrated the Global Night of Prayer on Nov. 9. The event took place in the Jeanes room in the Village and was led by senior Madi Troyer.

The night of prayer featured four speakers from different countries with a time of prayer in between each, and the event was live-streamed all around the world. "Specifically college campuses and churches are hosting this event," said Troyer.

IJM is a non-governmental organization that hosts events, and its central focus is to come together to end slavery. They are the largest anti-slavery organization in the world. "IJM, as a

club on campus, is spreading awareness and fundraising for rescue missions," said Troyer.

Troyer hopes that people become aware of slavery in our community and around the world through this event.

"Slavery is not gone," said Troyer. "It's actually more prevalent today than it has ever been. I hope God will stir emotion in people's hearts to want to take action, whether it be advocacy or prayer."

Troyer feels strongly about the or-



**IJM**

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## Moving to the Inaudible Music

Skylan Stephens, Staff Reporter



Students danced at a silent disco in Lower Seeger on Nov 8.

The Milligan College Campus Activities Board (CAB) threw a "silent disco" on Nov. 8 in Lower Seeger.

Jason Onks, director of the campus activities, explained to the Stampede what went into the event. "I have done these with an organization I work with and thought it would be something fun and different to do here on campus," Onks said.

During a silent disco or party, all attendees wear headphones that play the same music. Milligan's first-ever silent disco was no different. 41 wireless headphones were placed on a table near the entrance for student use.

Lower Seeger was decked out in fluorescent lights shining from the walls. People's heads were aglow from the lit-up headphones, and Milligan students were dancing to music only they could hear.

The wireless headsets glowed with a blue light and played the same song for everyone to listen to. The volume of the headphones was virtually noise canceling. After one donned a set, trying to get their attention by merely talking to them was extremely difficult. "The headphones were the best part," freshman Caleb Archer said.

Look out for the headphones, music and another silent disco sometime in the future. Onks explained that another silent disco may "likely for a TWIRP event next school year."

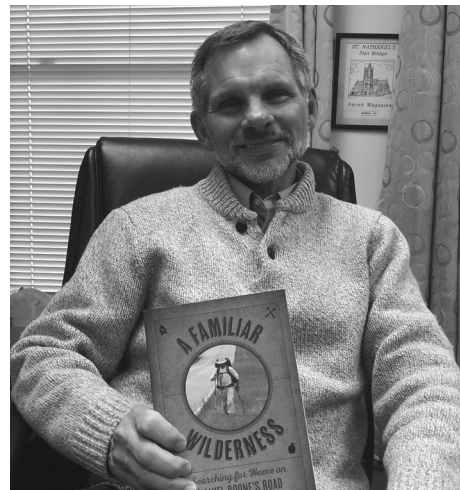
## Milligan Professors Bring Books to the Table

Annalea Hines, Staff Reporter

What's something that some Milligan professors do in the sparse free time they have? Publish books, of course. This year Milligan professors, Jim Dahlman and Nancy Williams and Emmanuel professor Dr. Gary Selby released books.

Prof. Dahlman is a communications professor, Stampede advisor and area chair of visual, performing and communicative arts at Milligan. Dahlman's book was released in March 2019. "A Familiar Wilderness" traces his 275-mile hike from Sycamore Shoals (near Elizabethton, TN) to Fort Boonesborough, KY. In this memoir, Dahlman recounts conversations and profiles of those he meets and also includes the history of the places he travels through.

"A lot of the time I was focused on not getting hit by a truck while hiking along the road," Dahlman said. "I also tried to pay very close attention to what I was seeing, hearing, sensing while looking for opportunities to talk to people I came across."



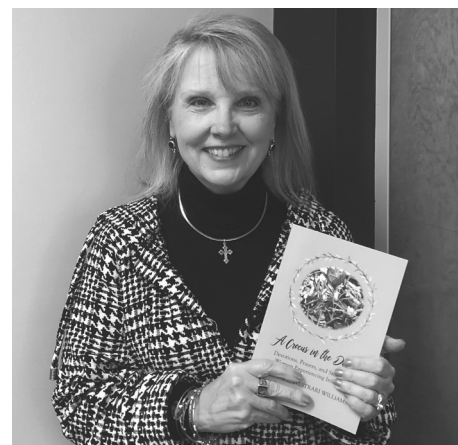
Jim Dahlman with "A Familiar Wilderness."

Two months after Dahlman's book was released, Nancy Williams, a communications professor at Milligan released "A Crocus in the Desert" in May 2019. This book is a devotional book intended to offer hope and encouragement to women who are overwhelmed with emotions as they cope with infertility.

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To become involved with IJM, email Troyer or talk with Brad Wallace.



Nancy Williams with "A Crocus in the Desert."

"The only other time it is in the Bible is in Song of Solomon and the speaker is saying, 'I am the rose of Sharon' and that is another name for Jesus Christ," Williams said. "The crocus is a symbol of Jesus being with us in the desert."

Williams is currently working on a companion book to her publication that will include 40 days worth of prayer as a four-week discussion guide.

Dr. Gary Selby is a professor of ministerial formation at Emmanuel. "Pursuing an Earthy Spirituality" by Selby was also published in May 2019. Selby's book considers themes like human embodiment, a sense of awareness and the role of human agency. The book also engages the writings of C.S. Lewis to demonstrate that earthy spirituality can be a robust spirituality.

Selby was influenced by the impact Lewis had on his life. "Lewis made sense—what he said about God and about the world all rang true in my own experience," Selby said. "What he said about everything from prayer and worship, to temptation, to how to write well—it all seemed to work for the book."

Dahlman and Selby's books are available in the bookstore, and all of these featured faculty books can be purchased on amazon.com.

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## OLYMPIAN, from front

stumbled again, Hamblin stopped and helped her. Both runners were able to finish the race and even advanced to the finals due to this circumstance. Unfortunately, Cooper was unable to compete in the finals because the fall tore her ACL.

The event at Milligan was mandatory for all female athletes and was held in the Gregory Center with almost every seat filled. Milligan's Track, Field, and Cross Country Coach, Chris Layne is Cooper's coach, and he helped organize the event.

Hannah Bell, a cross country and track senior loved the event. "It's nice to know she wants to share her story with us." Said Bell. "She has an awesome perspective, having raced in high school, college and professionally."

Bell runs the 3k and 5k on track, the same as Cooper.

Cooper spoke for about an hour and told both her story and how she feels it fits into God's bigger picture. "God has, is and will use whatever you are going through."

"There was just this peace that washed over me," Cooper explained. "I didn't qualify for worlds but that was okay. I wanted to get to know this God that had helped me to experience peace."

She also spoke about perseverance in sport after suffering a different injury every year herself over the course of her career.



Olympian Abbey Cooper speaks to Milligan's female athletes. Photo from Milligan Athletics Website

"I had 'to Him who is able' written on my hand," Cooper said as she remembered her fall at the Olympics. "The display of selflessness and kindness that day, that was not me. Everything happened so fast. I wasn't thinking ... that was the work of the Holy Spirit."

She spoke about how it wasn't her ability to make that split-second decision to help. "That desire to help, that is of God. He had prepared my heart through the years of trial and injury," she said.

The event was specifically aimed at the college athletes because of Cooper's superior performance while she was in school. Cooper holds the record as the most decorated athlete in Ivy League Track and Field as well as Cross Country Running.

## Milligan Finishes High in the Appalachian Conference Championships

Skylan Stephens, Staff Reporter

The Milligan College men's and women's cross country teams ran in the Appalachian Athletic Conference cross country championship on Nov 9.

Milligan's men finished with a final score of 30 points, making them the 2019 AAC conference champions. The lady buffs were the runner-ups of the team standings, finishing just two points behind the top nationally-ranked women from Savannah College Art and Design Atlanta.

In the men's race, juniors Nathan Baker and Tim Thacker finished first

and second with times of 25 minutes and one second and 25 minutes and five seconds, respectively.

The Buffs had five top 15 finishes to help the team win the conference title with an overall time of two hours seven minutes and 51.

"The course is a great course. It is not the fastest course, nor is it terribly slow," Thacker said. "I quite enjoyed the finish, as it was a very long straightaway. Being more of a mid-distance guy in track, I love having a long finish to pick off guys at the end." With

the long straightaway to his advantage, Thacker ran himself into second place overall finish in the conference.

The Milligan women's top runners were sophomore Bekah Owen in sixth with a time of 18 minutes and two seconds, and 13 seconds later sophomore Gabrielle Mardis crossed the line finishing in eighth overall. The Lady buffs had six top 15 place finishes in the meet.

"I'm really proud of the team as a whole," Owen said. "We accomplished what we needed to at conference, and now we're just a plane ride away from Nationals!"

Both teams went into the meet with confidence. As sophomore Avery DeWolf said, "We were pretty sure of our spot coming in, and we knew that we would be in the top two if we ran decently."

The teams' main objective after the conference meet, according to Owen, is to "get dialed in."

"We will be practicing all week (for nationals), 'tightening the screws' as coach likes to say," DeWolf added.

The NAIA National Cross Country Championships will take place Nov. 22 in Vancouver Washington. All times, placing and results from the Buffs conference meet are posted on the TFRRS website.



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## Women's Soccer Ends Season Run in Semifinals of Conference Tournament

Marlaina Peterson, Staff Reporter

Milligan's women's soccer team ended their season in the semifinals of the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament against No.1 seed Truett-McConnell University Bears.

The Buffs defeated the Bryan Tigers in the quarterfinal matchup at home to make it to this round, but the Bears proved too much for the Buffs as they fell 3-1. Freshman Taylor Dawson scored the single goal off a free kick in the first half of the game.

In the regular season, the team fell to the Bears with the same score, but senior Beckah Cundiff scored the lone goal for the ladies. Last year, the Buffs defeated the Bears in the semifinals of the AAC tournament but fell to Tennessee Wesleyan University in the finals.

This match left the women's record at 11-5-1 for the season, 10-2-1 for conference play and broke a seven-game win streak overall. The Buffs ended fourth place in the conference.

In preparation for this tournament, the ladies practiced hard in the warm and cold weather, but the training did not differ much from last year.

"We focused on fine-tuning everything," said Sarah Owens. "We practiced a different formation to prepare for the semifinals because our coach



Milligan's women's soccer team lost to the Truett-McConnell University Bears in the semifinals, ending their season.

thought it might play to our strengths and their weaknesses."

Owens said she did not think her team expected to make it to the finals, "As an athlete, you can't go into a game thinking it'll be a cakewalk," she said. "We did know that we had the talent and potential to make it to the finals if we played our game and did what we do best."

She said it was heartbreaking for the seniors and for the others as this

was their last game as a Buff. "It's always hard when people leave each year, but we know we worked so hard to get where we are, and there's no shame in that."

The team is preparing to move on and focus on getting better for next season, according to Owens. "There's no point dwelling on the losses this year, it won't get us anywhere."

## “Must Contain” Showcases Graphic Design Seniors’ Work

Annalea Hines, Staff Reporter

Senior graphic design majors Amy Shumaker, Bethany Sodergren and Cora Wymer are showcasing their original art pieces in digital illustration, print design, type design, package design, and other digital media. Their work is displayed in Milligan’s art gallery in Derthick Hall from Nov. 17 - Dec. 6.

Shumaker, Sodergren and Wymer each have about 10 pieces displayed in the showcase. The gallery features new pieces as well as some older pieces that were revised by the artists.

Sodergren’s pieces were inspired by humor. “When I am going through a hard time something small that makes me laugh could turn my entire day around,” Sodergren said. “If my work could do that for someone else it would make me happy.”

Wymer was able to draw inspiration because each piece had a purpose. “A lot of my pieces have been assignments or projects I have done for family or

friends,” Wymer said. “For the current chapel series (for which Wymer designed a logo) a quote inspired my work.”

Shumaker drew inspiration from classes, clients and internships. “I like to do work that impacts the community that I am in because it is more personal to me,” Shumaker said. “My work comes from places like Milligan, the humanities program and The Birthplace of Country Music Museum in Bristol.”

Every piece means something different to the seniors. Each senior was assigned to create a banner. Sodergren’s banner is a word search from a typeface she previously made. “The typeface took forever. It was taxing to get each letter lined up,” Sodergren said. “I am especially proud of that piece.”

A piece Shumaker is proud of included one of her own photographs. She was given permission to photograph a human skull from the biology program. “I like that piece a lot, but I don’t know if I could pick a favorite be-

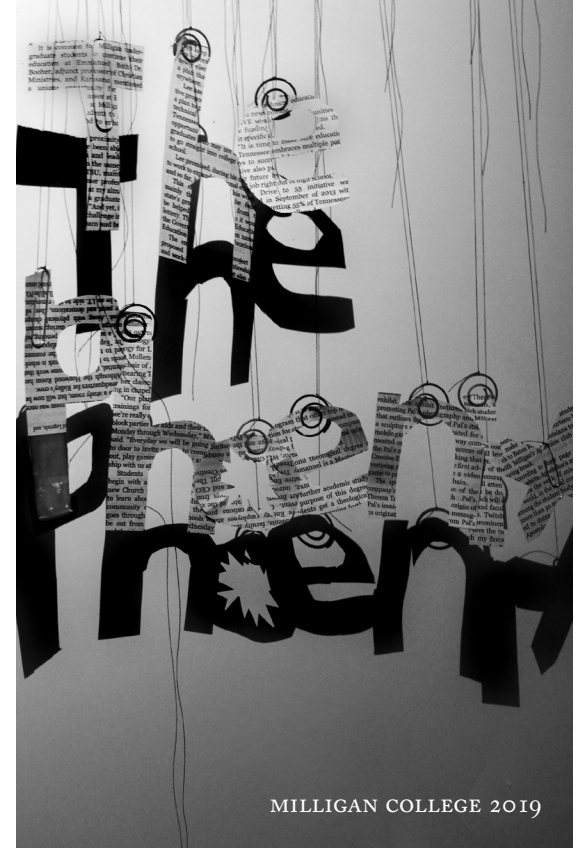
cause they are all like my children,” Shumaker said.

Each artist has a common theme or idea they want their audiences to take away from their pieces featured in the gallery. Sodergren, Wymer, and Shumaker all mentioned how they want audiences to see the amount of hard work and thought goes into each design.

Wymer’s designs are based around simplicity. “I want audiences to see that less is more sometimes,” Wymer said. “I believe that simplicity can be inspirational.”

“The audience sees pieces we poured our hearts and part of ourselves into,” Sodergren said. “Design is making something, seeing it could be better, and remaking it again and again.”

The showcase kicked off with an opening reception on Nov. 17 and is available for viewing now.



The Phoenix by Bethany Sodergren is one of the pieces that will be featured in the showcase.



## Johnson City Turns 150! Here’s How the People Celebrated

Laney Butt, Staff Reporter

Johnson City, home to attractions like Founders Park, Willow Tree Coffee Shop and many, many churches has hit 150 years of existence.

Johnson City was founded on Dec. 1, 1869, at the intersection of three different railroads to act as a resting place in the mountains for travelers.

Join in the celebration through December with events around town.

### Nov. 9

Second Annual American Legion Veterans Day Parade. The event will take place downtown at 11 a.m. starting from ETSU parking lot #9. The parade recognizes veterans, their families, and other groups that have supported the military over the past 150 years.

### Nov. 17

From 1-3 p.m. the Poetry Society of Tennessee - Northeast Chapter, along with the Sesquicentennial Commission hosted a celebration for the winners of their poetry contest. The event took place in the Jones Room of the Johnson City Public Library. Winners read their works. Entries were due by Oct. 31.

### Nov. 17

At 4 p.m. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 211 Mayflower Rd. hosted “The Road Home: a Musical Celebration of Johnson City’s 150th Anniversary.” The music ranged from classical to folk music. The concert celebrated the theme of togetherness invoked by our home in Johnson City.

### Nov. 30

The city’s official founding was on Dec. 1, 1869, so to celebrate, a black-tie event will be held on Nov. 30 with a toast when the clock strikes midnight. The event will take place at Venue at the King Centre. Tickets are on sale now through johnsoncitytn.org. There will be live music by Lucky Pocket. Guests must be 21 to attend.

### Dec. 1

The grand finale of events will take place on the city’s birthday from 2-4 p.m. in downtown JC. More details to be published by the city as we near closer.

## Milligan’s Tuition Increase for 2020-2021 School Year

Laney Butt, Staff Reporter

### Other (More Minor) Changes

As following trends of the past, Milligan’s tuition cost is set to increase with the 2020-2021 school year (next fall semester).

### What’s New?

Tuition will increase from \$33,450 to \$34,150. The college boasts that this tuition increase of 2.5% is the lowest percentage increase in more than 25 years. It is also important to note that the exact value of change has decreased as well.

The total cost of attending Milligan College before any financial aid for the next school year is \$43,000. This includes tuition, fees, board and a standard room.

Most Milligan students receive some form of financial aid, bringing the average cost of attending the school to \$20,649. This number is influenced by academic and athletic aid as well as state and federal aid.

Milligan makes sure to note in all of their financial advertisements that costs are the same for in-state and out-of-state students.

Standard room and board has increased by \$100 a year (room costs depend on which dorm you live in). The Student Activity fee has increased by \$100 a year, and the Health Fee has increased by \$50 a year.

### Does the “University” title affect the tuition cost?

According to a statement released by Milligan College, the price increase to attend school has not been driven by the new branding of the school.

The college states that tuition is “evaluated yearly, as always has been the institution’s practice.”

These changes align with average cost increases for colleges across America. According to US news, in state prices have increased by an average of 4% and out of state prices have increased by an average of 3%. This puts Milligan below average on price increase percentage.

Data in this article is from Milligan’s website, as accessed through thewaybackmachine.com for data from previous years. For information on Milligan’s tuition and financial aid visit admission.milligan.edu/aid.

School Year	Tuition	Tuition Difference (from year prior)
2017-2018	\$31,300	—
2018-2019	\$32,500	\$1,200
2019-2020	\$33,450	\$950
2020-2021	\$34,150	\$700

The amount difference in tuition increase over the past few years.