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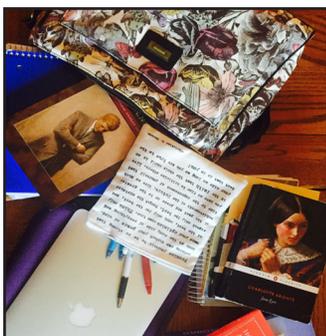
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CAMPUS PARKING

Beware the signs; park with caution

DOMINIC MILES
STAFF WRITER

Students have been faced with a decline of parking around Quincy University's campus. These no parking zones are on Chestnut, between the streets of 18th and 20th and Lind, between 20th and 22nd street.

The "No QU Student Parking" signs went up in the middle of last school year, with the hope that students would abide by these signs. Both QU Security and the Quincy Police Department now enforce these signs and charge students \$15 for being parked in a spot.

Quincy aldermen complained on behalf of residents, as the school year started with too many students parking in front of houses.

"We've been working with our aldermen to find a balance between being good neighbors and our own parking needs," Sam Lathrop, head of QU security, said. "Students at QU shouldn't complain about parking farther away as compared to other larger colleges and universities where they have to park miles away from campus and pay for parking."

There have been complaints from the student body regarding tickets from the school because of what they believe is a lack of communication with campus security and QPD. Students were initially unaware of the change of parking on the streets of Chestnut and Lind but now have to be alert that they aren't parking in a "No QU Student Parking" zone.

"I live in Helein Hall and Lot D was full, so I parked on the street," freshman



Cars are parked along Chestnut Street between 18th and 20th Streets.

Michael Nielson said. "It didn't cross my mind that I could get a ticket from parking alongside the curb just like everyone else."

Nielson received a ticket for parking parallel on Lind facing east between 20th and 22nd. He thought he was charged with a ticket over \$100 just for parking in front of a Quincy residency, but he was wrong.

"From what I understood, I owed more than what a parking ticket should cost so I called campus security," Nielson said. "It turned out to be a complete misunderstanding, so I paid the fee."

Student vehicles without parking stickers have also become an issue. The student handbook says that a student is required to have a sticker to park in the parking lots at both main campus and north campus or any street adjacent to either campus. However, security currently has two unregistered vehicles with three

unpaid parking tickets. If this continues to happen, security will have to take even more measures than simply giving out tickets.

"Any car that continues to park in the no parking zones without a QU sticker is going to have a boot attached to the tire," Lathrop said. "This forces the vehicle's owner to come and talk to us."

Students can also receive \$250 parking tickets for parking in a handicap spot and \$100 tickets for parking on the grass around campus.

Though parking on campus is still an issue, it is improving.

"Hopefully, our students will use the lots we have available and leave the street parking to our residents in the spirit of Franciscan fellowship," Lathrop said. "As the year has progressed, we have been giving out fewer and fewer parking tickets because students are learning to abide by the signs."

STUDENT LIFE

Student Success Center reopens

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The Student Success Center has reopened following a flood last month. Despite the original prediction of re-opening in October, a lot of hard work got the SSC back and running.

On Aug. 27 at 9:30 a.m., Christine Tracy, director of the SSC, was informed that the drainage system could not handle the large amounts of rain received and that the facility in the basement of Brenner Library had been flooded.

Many students and classes use the SSC every day. Major changes were made to accommodate the incident.

Classes were moved to Brenner Library, the Health and Fitness Center and Francis Hall.

Brenda Cosio, a senior exercise science major, had two of her facilities and event management classes canceled because of the flood.

"It was nice to get out of class," Cosio said. "But I had a lot of makeup homework to do because of it."

Staff members were forced to move

out of their offices until the issues caused by the flood had been resolved.

Jannah Zubaidi, a success coach, moved to Room 340 in Francis Hall while the work was being completed. It created a few challenges for Zubaidi, but the relocation also allowed her to see other members of the Quincy University community she didn't normally run into.

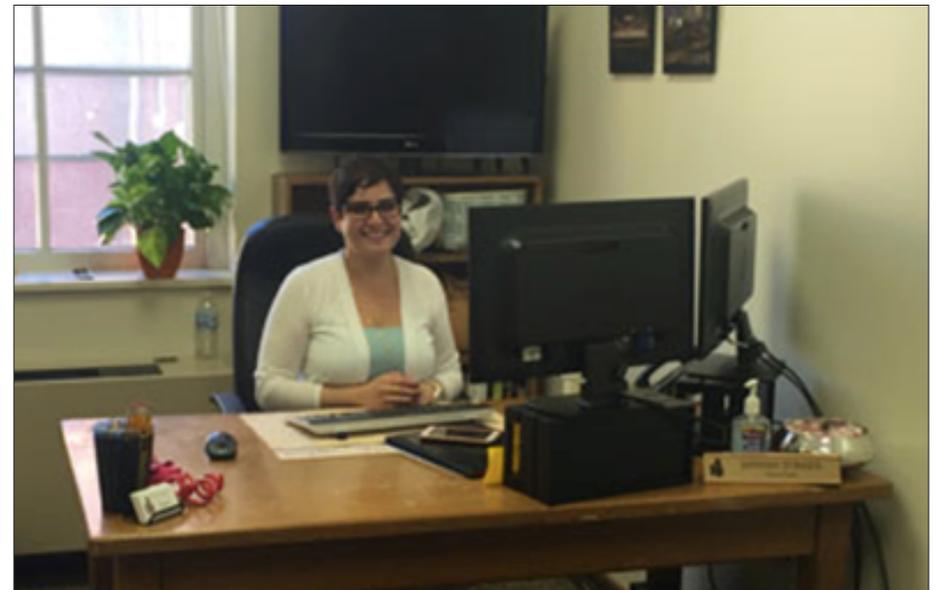
"I'm not where students are used to finding me, but students are very resourceful and have been able to find my temporary office," Zubaidi said. "My team of people I see and work with on a daily basis is now more spread out, but we have done a great job at keeping in contact with each other."

Many students use the SSC for tutoring, getting their homework done, communicating with their success coaches and hanging out between classes.

Bridget Hunkins, a sophomore biology and chemistry major, also is an admissions ambassador, tutor and front desk attendant at the SSC. The flood changed her entire day.

ple weren't happy," senior Jack Gainer said. "We always go to the Hawk's Nest for intramural darts on Thursday nights, and I think attendance would have declined if there wasn't beer anymore."

Crystal Sutter, acting Dean of Students in the Office of Student Engagement, said that the license has been renewed by Chartwells, QU's food service partner. Sutter said that Chartwells renews the license annually.



Jannah Zubaidi works in her temporary office in Francis Hall while work was being done in the basement of Brenner Library. (Photo submitted by Travis Richmiller)

"The Student Success Center was where I went all throughout the day, and while it was closed, it made my days interesting, but Christine Tracy, Soumitra Ghosh and the success coaches have worked very hard to provide alternative resources for us," Hunkins

said.

Hunkins was very happy to hear how quickly QU responded to the flood to reopen the SSC.

"I'm over the moon excited about it reopening and having my home back," she said.

STUDENT LIFE

Hawk's Nest to serve liquor after license is renewed

SHEA STINE
STAFF WRITER

Students who have been concerned about alcohol being served in the Hawk's Nest can rest assured. Despite the rumors swirling around campus, Chartwells has renewed the liquor license, which means alcohol will continue to be served to students of age.

"I had heard a couple people say that there wouldn't be any more alcohol at the Hawk's Nest, and a bunch of peo-

"I know that a bunch of students will be happy to know that the Hawk's Nest will keep serving alcohol. There's usually a good crowd down there for intramural darts on Thursdays, and most everybody who is 21 is drinking and having a good time. I'm definitely excited for intramurals to start back up," said senior Mark Neibrugge, who has been playing darts every year he has been at Quincy.

Of course, the Hawk's Nest is open

for a number of reasons beyond intramural darts. Sutter said that the Hawk's Nest was open the Friday and Saturday of homecoming weekend as part of the week of homecoming events.

Students should also stay tuned to their QU e-mail for announcements on other events that the Hawk's Nest will host throughout the school year. For those interested in intramurals in the Hawk's Nest, go to QU Intramurals on Facebook.



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LOCAL MUSIC

Quincyans celebrate End of World

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End of World, Quincy's sole music and camping festival, hosted its 4th annual gathering Sept. 24, beginning at noon. The event's celebrations lasted for 24 hours.

Last year's event was drenched with rain, but this year's festival was graced with sunny skies. Attendees couldn't have been happier with the outcome. The woods were enchanted, the music phenomenal and the shuttle service convenient.

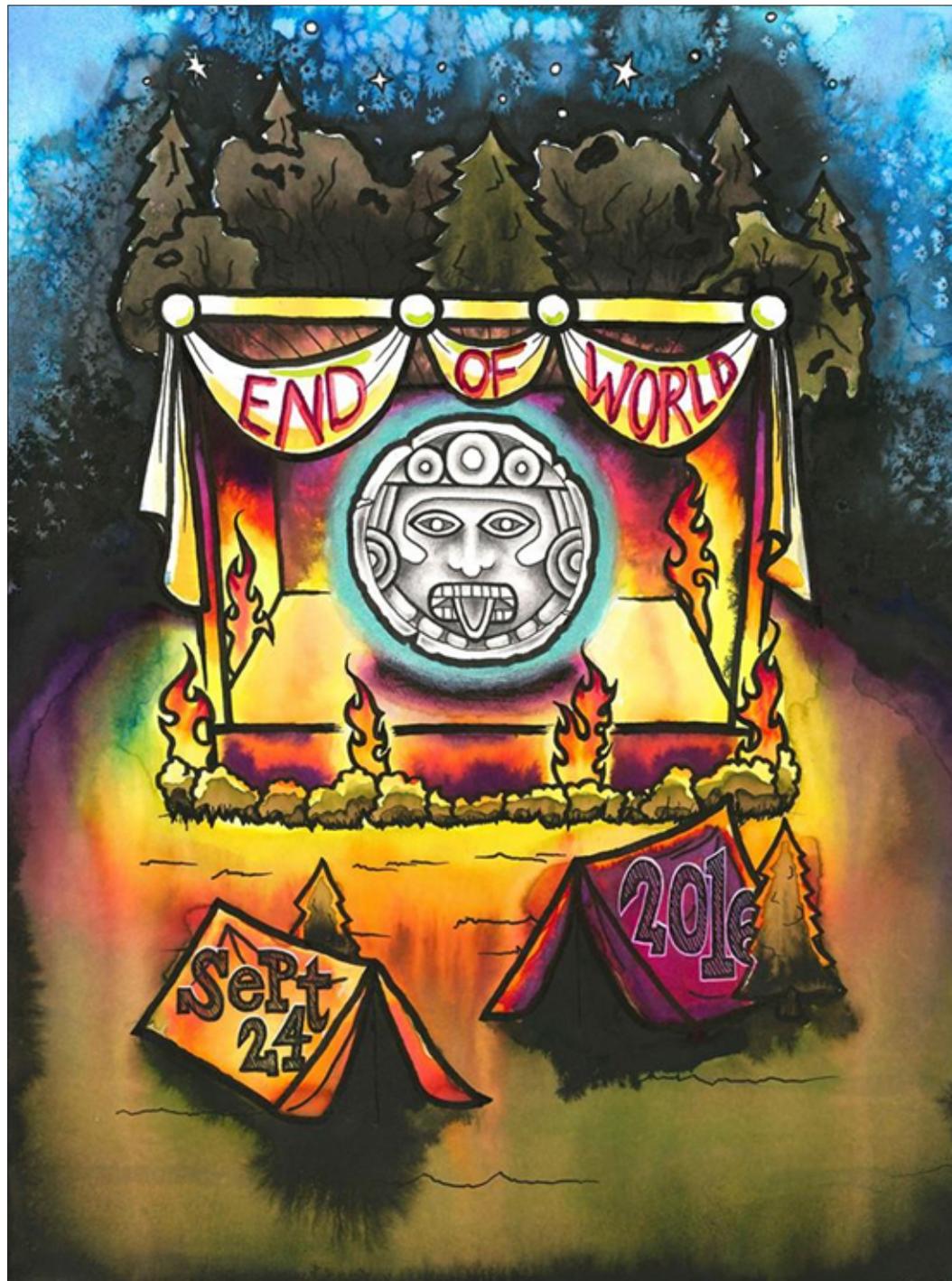
"It was so nice to see everyone come out and support local musicians and vendors," Quincy resident Kara Jansen said. "I've never been to anything like this in Quincy before. I loved going out with all my friends and not having to worry about anything outside of the festival."

End of World music festival is a place for fun, relaxation and reflection.

"Whenever I go out in Quincy, I feel like I have to double check everything," local resident Jennifer Damhorst said. "At EOW, you're able to wear what you want, think what you want and sit back and listen to some great music with your greatest friends because they, too, are looking for the same kind of environment. I hope this event continues for many years."

Frankie Murphy Giesing, founder of EOW, and 142 volunteers worked the event.

"This is a refuge from social issues, no politics allowed. It's one place you can go with no danger," Murphy Giesing said.



EOW does not allow outside issues to affect the festivities. The gathering took place on 42 acres of "enchanted forests."

Attendees are commonly referred to as dwellers and are expected to be stewards of kindness and respect. These dwellers intend to let go of the outside world, and encourage all who attend to live in the moment and participate in a night of no worries.

Musical performances began at 2 p.m. and included more than 40 local musical acts. Four local headliners include The Fuller Band, Zeke Cernea with Paul Wood, Blake Gardner and The Farmers and Fielder.

Admission was \$20. The fee includes access to the entire event and camping in the forest. The festival was BYOB (bring your own booze) and BYOT (bring your own tent). Rain or shine, the event will always continue.

"Any event that allows you to BYOB and BYOT is an event that cannot be missed," Damhorst said. "I'm already packing my cooler for next year."

All admission proceeds were donated to Rotary Club of Quincy and Six String Heroes.

The Butcher Block, Maine Course, and Barney's of Quincy served food and beer throughout the festivities.

Dwellers are already raving about the event on social media.

"Thanks EOW for all of your hard work," Jansen said. "I hope the community continues to support events like these; I think we could use more things like this."

PRESS RELEASE

Quincy University honored as college of distinction

Quincy University has been recognized as a 2016-2017 College of Distinction in both the Catholic and National categories by "Colleges of Distinction."

QU was acknowledged for hav-

ing engaged students, great teaching, a vibrant community and successful outcomes.

"Colleges of Distinction" is a publication that recognizes colleges who emphasize core competencies such as

critical thinking, writing, oral communication, research and global perspectives. Out-of-classroom learning and intensive study abroad programs are also requirements for being considered for recognition.

To view Quincy University's profile or to find more information about the online guide, visit CollegesofDistinction.com.

TECHNOLOGY

New Moodle allows for technological advancements

AMANDA BOYER
STAFF WRITER

New year, new Moodle for the students, staff and faculty at Quincy University. Returning students remember Moodle 2.7 with NOVA. Now, they are all getting used to a new way of life with Jenzabar in Moodle 3.0.

Susan Grant, educational technology specialist at Quincy University, is excited for all members of the Quincy University community to finally get to see and experience the new data system, portal and interface that all will use every day, Moodle 3.0.

"I like the new Moodle. It is a lot cleaner looking, and for a faculty member, it is a lot easier to use because the edit tools are easier to use," Grant said.

Moodle 3.0, which launched in mid-August, got its much needed change when the previous data management system, NOVA, failed.

"Moodle is absolutely essential and

very widely adopted now," said Barbara Schleppebach, assistant professor of communication at QU. "It allows us to be present everywhere."

Moodle is open source, which means it's developed by people who use it all over the globe and users of the site ask for things and improvements to the site. Having a site that is open source is how it grows and develops, as opposed to other learning management systems that are compiled and administered by only a handful of people.

On the monetary side of things, Moodle is more financially efficient than other learning management systems, like Blackboard, but it also can be expensive if the administration has to pay a fee for it every year.

"Moodle is really a portal for people now. They can access many more things, and that's extremely helpful for people now to be a one-stop, information shop," Schleppebach said. "It's a communication tool, and the more



different ways we can learn how to communicate, the stronger we will be."

There are not a lot of technical changes to the new Moodle. Grant said that the back system connects to the portal and then the portal connects to Moodle, so Moodle was the last line. The real difference is the mobile capability.

"I think it's a little bit more reasonable as to compared to the other one where it didn't always fit the screen of the phone whereas this one gives you much more on the screen," Grant said. "It doesn't break up the screen where

you used to have those sidebars, so it is much more mobile friendly."

With Moodle and all its reiterations, QU has advanced technologically.

"We have come a long way. We could go back, but I think what we would have done would be diminished. We would lose that spontaneity and that ability to stay current which is something I think we all have taken for granted now," Schleppebach said.

Whether you are a returning student, transfer student, or first-year freshman one thing is for certain: new year, new Moodle.

HAWK'S HANGOUT

UC implements new hours; students upset

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STAFF WRITER

At Quincy University, there are limited options when it comes to places for students to eat throughout the day. The University Center or the Hawk's Hangout, a popular destination for students to get a quick snack between classes, has once again changed its hours of service, leaving students frustrated.

Before this school year, the UC was open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The university has now changed the hours from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., making it harder for students to eat when they want.

Most of the complaints around campus have been about students in the early morning classes who do not have the time to eat breakfast at the cafeteria and now are left with no other option.

However, student-athletes have also been struggling with this issue.

"When we have early morning practice, I would always go to the UC

to eat breakfast before class, and now I can't, which is frustrating," senior Von Washington said.

With the Hawk's Hangout shortening its hours, students are left with one option. The cafeteria is open 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for dinner. It is also open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for limited continuous dining during the week.

However, this still does not give students an option to eat what they want when they want.

Students are the most upset about the discontinuance of the breakfast menu. The breakfast menu included biscuits and gravy, the breakfast bowl, eggs and bacon and other breakfast items. The UC now serves lunch options, which include burgers, sandwiches, chicken fingers, fries and the usual drink and snack sections.

"I was shocked to find out about the new UC hours, but I was disappointed to see that they were no longer serving breakfast," senior Brady White



The UC is now open from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The reduction in hours has made it difficult for some people to get breakfast at a convenient time.

said.

The hour change has not only disappointed White, but it has also caused him to skip meals.

"The breakfast bowl was my go-to meal every morning last year, and now

I rarely eat breakfast," White said.

Considering the size of QU and its campus, it is not abnormal to have just two dining destinations. However, shortening the hours of operation of one of the two options is.

CAMPUS VOTING

Register to vote; your voice matters

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Voter registration took place at Quincy University's Francis Hall and in the cafeteria on August 30-31 for the upcoming general election on November 8 in Adams County.

The Adams County Clerk's office set up a table at the lobby of those buildings in order to make it easier for students and the general public to register to vote this November.

"I hope that people will take advantage of these services because it will help alleviate some of the longer lines on general Election Day," Adams County Clerk and Recorder Chuck Venvertloh said. "If the demand is here (at QU), then we can always discuss making another trip back to help register more students."

Venvertloh said that this year's voter turnout could go either way.

"Since both of the (presidential) candidates are polar opposites from each other, it seems that voters are either passionate for one candidate, or they are frustrated and are not going to come out and vote," Venvertloh said.

If students couldn't make it to voter registration at QU, there are other ways they can register. They can register online at http://www.co.adams.il.us/County_clerk/index.htm, or they can print out and mail in their registration. They can also stop by the Adams County Clerk's office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

To register to vote, students must be U.S. citizens, 18 years old by Election Day, live in their precinct at least 30 days before Election Day, have a driver's license or state ID with an additional document showing their address and a university ID with their lease contract or a document showing their address.



Adams County Clerk Chuck Venvertloh registers voters alongside his assistant.

GUNS ON CAMPUS

Firearms likely to have no future at QU

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Quincy University held its third annual Constitution Day on Friday, Sept. 16 in the Hall of Fame Room.

Through a combined effort by the Political Science and Criminal Justice departments, the forum-style event centered on the topic of gun control on college campuses, which encouraged student involvement and participation through a mock town hall setting.

Political science professor and Constitution Day co-host Neil Wright provided opening remarks for the day, explaining the event's intention was to introduce students to civic life.

"This forum-style requires students to hear one another out. The university should be a place where we encour-

ter uncomfortable, and even offensive ideas where we can evaluate them honestly and where we can make up our own minds," Wright said.

Students and faculty sat around tables marked by different, representative demographics and organizations that are involved in the gun control debate, as it exists on college campuses across America.

Represented groups included mock-assemblies of American Veterans, the National Rifle Association, Black Lives Matter, campus security and mental health professionals comprised of QU students and faculty.

Individuals seated at each representative table were asked to respond to the forum-based questions as if he or she were

a member of the selected demographic, with the ultimate goal of persuading the mock-board to side with a proposal to either allow or prohibit guns on Quincy's campus.

This arrangement not only promoted important and oftentimes challenging dialogue, but it also provided attendees with different opinions, perspectives and insights on blatantly realistic topics that accompany the second amendment.

Judy Abbott, assistant professor of criminal justice and Constitution Day co-host, said the selected topic -- guns on college campuses -- was inspired by the Active Shooter Forum that occurred last spring.

The Active Shooter Forum raised awareness regarding

armed intruders and mass shootings, and it educated QU students about what to do if such a situation were to ever occur.

"I thought it was a good topic to discuss, especially with the recent law that was passed in Missouri, saying you no longer need a permit to carry a gun," senior criminal justice major Brianna Chapman said.

The Missouri Senate Bill 656 passed on Wednesday, Sept. 14. It allows Missouri residents to carry concealed weapons without a permit. Additionally, the bill lifts other, previously existing restrictions on gun laws in the state. This bill has gained national attention and sparked further debate at QU's Constitution Day.

Four states permit guns

on college campuses: Texas, Colorado, Utah and Idaho. The law prohibits guns on university grounds in Illinois.

However, the discussion on Friday also brought out the relationship between QU's Franciscan values and the right to bear arms. Based on university policy aligned with Franciscan teaching, Quincy University does not condone the use of guns on campus.

Even if Illinois' law changes in the future, QU will more than likely maintain its stance on the issue as a reflection and maintenance of its Catholic beliefs.

For more information on Constitution Day or to watch the event live, visit QU Media's Facebook page for a full recording and recap of the forum.

COUNSELING CENTER

New counselors bring excitement, youth to campus

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Quincy University's Counseling Center has already undergone a personnel change this semester. As of the week of Sept. 11, Molly Dunn-Steinke, who had been at QU for nearly 10 years, left her position as director of the Counseling Center, and two new counselors, Millie Silver and Joseph Poyser, took her place.

Dunn-Steinke left QU to return to Chaddock, where she worked before she came to QU. Chaddock provides residential treatment to children who have suffered from severe trauma. It also offers traditional residential care for those suffering from other emotional and behavioral issues. There, Dunne-Steinke will focus on young children, rather than college students.

"I'm going back to the birth to 5-year-old population because the impact of prevention is so very important and allows less troubles as children develop," she said. "Preparing children for kindergarten may seem like an easy task, but research tells us that social emotional development is not always instinctual."

Though she is no longer counseling at QU, she will continue to adjunct at the school.

While Dunn-Steinke has 30 years of experience under her belt, Silver and Poyser have about five together. Both currently work at the Quincy Medical Group, and in fact, it is through QMG's partnership with QU that they have had the chance to work there.

Silver, who graduated with a Mas-

*Millie Silver*

ter's in social work in 2014, has been a working therapist since 2014, when she worked in a residential facility in Missouri with adolescent girls. She has been working for QMG as an interventionist, which essentially means she works with crisis intervention, for a year.

Her favorite part of working as an interventionist and as a therapist is helping people.

"I like to see people, watch them change and kind of recognize it themselves, like, 'Wow, I do have these skills and stuff. I just needed to figure out how to use them,'" she said.

This is something that will translate to her work at QU. She and Poyser want to help students with anything they need, whether it's working to improve their mental health or helping them find their academic advisors or the registrar. Silver is even willing to

*Joseph Poyser*

coach students through phone calls to advisors, as she knows it can be hard to adjust to college when students are on their own.

"I know my parents -- my mom -- has done literally everything for me, and so when you get out of the house, you're on your own and you're having to learn how to do all of that," she said. "I mean, even a medical appointment, like 'Mom, how do I make a dentist appointment, like, who do I call?' Sometimes that can be stressful."

Poyser, who has a bachelor's degree in applied psychology and a master's degree in clinical professional psychology, started working at a substance abuse facility. He worked in several different facilities ranging from stabilization to mental illness to substance abuse. He has only been at QMG, where he is a behavioral health therapist, since May. Even though he was

worked with college-aged people before, he has never worked at a college.

As a therapist, he, like Silver, most enjoys helping people overcome their obstacles.

"You're helping other people either clarify their own life goals, helping them through crisis, teaching them skills, processing past trauma, and why we do the things we do," Poyser said.

Neither Poyser nor Silver are far removed from their college years, which they both think will help them with the new experiences they will have at QU. They realize how important and transformative college can be for students.

"College is kind of one of those periods in life where you are definitely coming into adulthood, and it's a transitional period," Poyser said.

They want students to remember that they are available for anything they may need.

"We're excited to be here, both of us, and even if it's just students stopping by to say hello, we don't mind," Silver said.

The Counseling Center is in Friars' Hall Room 114. Counseling services are free to students. Students are encouraged to call the Behavioral Health Receptionists at 217-222-6550, x3418, to make an appointment prior to meeting with Poyser or Silver to ensure they can be seen at a time that works best.

In case of an emergency, call QU's campus security at (217) 228-5600; contact your RD; call Transitions of Western Illinois' crisis line at (217) 222-1166; call 911 emergencies; or call the local emergency room at Blessing Hospital at (217) 223-1200.

SPEAKER SERIES

Presentations to be based upon 'This I Believe'

Quincy University will host a speaker series this fall that is based on the book, "This I Believe" by Jay Allison and Dan Geidman.

"This I Believe" is the common read text used in many QU classes this fall. The book is a collection of 80 short essays that focus on the different authors' personal statements of belief.

The series began on September 26 at the St. Francis Plaza, outside of Francis Hall (18th & College).

The first forum featured Father Tom Nairn, OFM, chair of the QU Board of Trustees and Senior Director of Ethics for the USA Catholic Health Association.

The presentation, though generally guided by the book, is open and will focus on how the speakers' sense of purpose, guiding principles and experiences have shaped their lives.

Future presenters will be Cindy Lovell, executive director of the Mark Twain House & Museum in

Hartford, Conn., and Lucinda McClain, former chair of the QU Board of Trustees.

The final speaker will be a member of the QU community who will be chosen by polling the student body.

The series is open to the public. Refreshments will be available.

For more information, contact Ann Behrens at 217-228-5432 ext. 3300.

CAREER SERVICES

Falcon's Declassified: Grad School Survival Guide

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As students approach the end of their college careers, they may wonder what they're going to do next. Some will find an entry-level position in their field of study, some will find a short-term job while they look for a position that better suits them, and some will go on to graduate school to further their education to get the career they want.

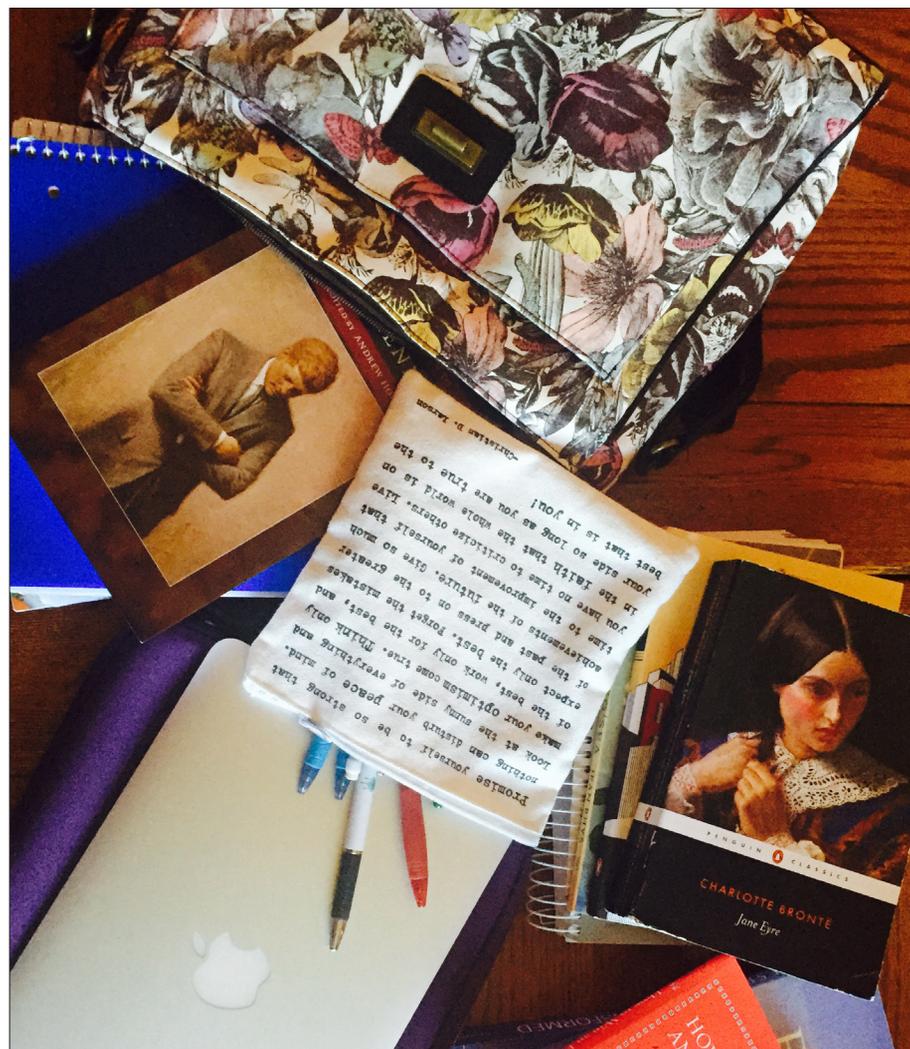
Kristen Liesen, director of career services, said about 30 percent of QU graduates go on to grad school. She urges students to reflect on what they want to do with their career paths when considering grad school. Rather than deciding to go to grad school because students are uncertain, they should think about what kind of requirements there are in their particular career fields to see if it's important to further their education. Sometimes, she said, it can be beneficial to take a break between undergrad and graduate school in order for students to find their purpose, which is what she did.

"I wasn't certain what I wanted," Liesen said. "I knew I wanted to get additional education, but I was not certain what I wanted it in, so I worked for several years and figured out this is exactly what I want my master's in. I always knew I had a lot of options, but then I found what I felt would be most beneficial to my career path."

However, if students are certain they want to pursue grad school, Liesen said they should first turn to the faculty members in their fields.

"If I were ranking who to go to first, your faculty, I would say, would be number one, and, then, I can be a supplemental resource for you as far as if you have tricky questions to your application," she said. "I would be happy to help you with those kinds of things, but I would say your faculty have lived that role already because of their Ph.D.'s, so they would have hands-on experience and be able to help you with the top schools in your field."

Most schools will require that students who wish to apply submit an application, transcripts, their GPA, two to three letters of recommendation and GRE scores or whatever is the required



test for the students' desired major.

Liesen said one of the most important things to remember when applying to schools is to follow directions.

"I know that sounds like, 'Of course, that's obvious,' but we have been living in a more-is-better society, so when an application requires two letters of recommendation, send two letters of recommendation because a lot of schools are now saying 'OK, how well do you follow directions? We said two. You sent three. You didn't follow directions,'" she said.

She recommends that students apply to anywhere from five to eight schools, depending on the major.

"I would want someone to apply to a school that they're just like, 'I will never get in here, but if I did, Oh, my gosh,' the aspiration school, and, then, two to three top schools that you know are very respected schools," Liesen said. "Then,

I would say a school that you're pretty sure that you are going to get into."

Once students send in their application materials and are waiting to hear back from schools, they should work on preparing their resumes and do some observation and informational interviews of other occupations.

"The informational interviews, the observation hours that's very helpful to make sure you do really like that occupation," Liesen said.

If a school does accept students, Liesen advises them to next communicate with that school's admissions and financial aid departments as well as request that their undergrad school sends their official transcripts to the school. Students should also start to figure out their living arrangements and when they will move to their new homes. Finally, she said, students should make sure to thank all of the faculty who

have helped them by writing letters of recommendation.

However, if students don't get accepted by any of the schools they applied to, they shouldn't give up.

"I really want to tell students not to get discouraged," Liesen said. "If that is what you want to do and you don't get in the first year, there's nothing wrong with reapplying. It shows grad schools that you are very serious about it and that you want to pursue that."

GRE

Most programs require that students take the General Records Examination (GRE) and send their results to said programs. The GRE consists of verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and analytical writing sections.

Ideally, Liesen said students should give themselves about a year to start the process of taking the GRE in order to get the score that they want. Realistically, though, she said students should start looking at taking it six months before application deadlines.

There are many ways to study for the GRE. Liesen said she often encourages students to do practice tests to see what areas they are struggling with the most. More often than not, students struggle with math, since most last took it freshman year and haven't really used it much since. Therefore, she advises that students schedule appointments with the math tutors at the Student Success Center in order to relearn the concepts they have forgotten.

"If you have an hour tutoring session a day, if you're trying to pack it all in or go through the testing booklets, which we do have some here in the center, but go through the booklets, figure out what areas you're really struggling with," she said. "Have a peer or one of your math instructors go back over those skills because a lot of times if you can remember one skill, it then sets you up to 'Oh, yes. I do remember how we did all of these algebraic or geometry type of questions.'"

For more information about grad school, visit Liesen in the SSC or go to <http://www.quincy.edu/academics/career-services-center/students/>.

BOOK REVIEW

Join ranks of New England elite in 'The Secret History'

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Long before Donna Tartt won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for her novel "The Goldfinch" and subsequently became one of the most renowned authors of recent times, she wrote "The Secret History."

"The Secret History," Tartt's first novel was published in 1992. Though the novel has been a cult favorite among college-aged readers for years -- basically since its publication -- it has the same effect on everyone. Readers, regardless of age or way of life, will want to move to New England, enroll in a small, elite college and study the classics.

In the prologue, readers immediately discover the climatic event, a murder that has taken place within the small, central group of characters. However, this does not take away at all from the story. Even though the actual murder occurs approximately two-thirds of the way into the story, readers are never bored with the events leading up to it, as Tartt creates palpable tension between the characters who

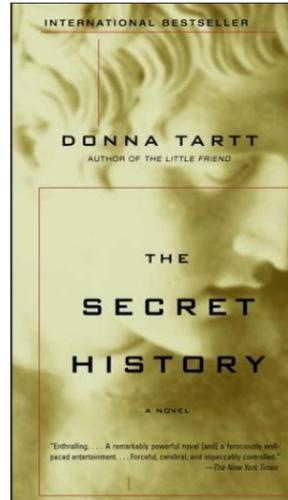
seem to be having a battle of the wills, or with the events after it, since readers finally get to see the effects the climax has on all the characters.

"The Secret History" revolves around six students who study the classics, particularly ancient Greek history, language, philosophy and religion, at the fictional Hampden College, which is in a small town in Vermont. It is narrated by Richard Papen, who tells the story in retrospect. At the outset of the novel, he is an outsider to the classics program. When he finally convinces the enigmatic classics professor Julian Morrow to let him study the classics with the other students, Richard quickly finds himself an integral part of the group.

There is good reason that "The Secret History" is a cult classic.

First, the classics students, like their professor, are mysterious and

unnerving. Henry Winter, an intellectual genius, is the leader of the group and one of the foremost characters in



the novel. Twins Charles and Camilla Macaulay are both charming and though Camilla appears to be delicate, she can hold her own. Francis Abernathy is very attractive in a severe sort of way and is the easiest character to sympathize with besides Richard. Edmund "Bunny" Corcoran, the final original member of the group, is a bigot and one of the most loathsome characters readers may ever encounter. No matter how secretive or frustrating the characters are,

they are magnetic and make readers want to join their elite, little group, thus making it easy to see why Richard so desperately wanted to join their ranks.

Second, Aristotle, "The Iliad," "The Bacchae," religious ecstasy, the condition of human nature and the idea that beauty is terror are all explored in

varying degrees.

Third, hints of the supernatural and evil are found throughout the novel.

Fourth, the New England town, the college and the country home that are the background for the story are sleepy and idyllic, at once seeming to be too serene and just right for such a story.

Richard's narrative voice is somewhat reminiscent of Holden Caulfield's in "The Catcher in the Rye," though the stories are only similar in the way that both Richard and Holden are lost, young people.

Because "The Secret History" is dense and highly intellectual, it requires readers to actively read. It's all consuming and demands readers' attention in order to understand and properly appreciate it.

Tartt has, with "The Secret History," created one of the most aesthetically pleasing novels readers will ever have the chance to read. Most pleasing of all is the thrill readers will feel at learning the secrets of the classics majors and, henceforth, becoming one of the few members of their group.

MUSIC REVIEW

Bastille hits all the right notes with new album

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Indie pop band Bastille, best known for its mega-hit "Pompeii," has finally released its highly anticipated sophomore album, "Wild World."

The album was released earlier this month, almost three years to the day since the band's U.S. release of its debut album, "Bad Blood." Though Bastille released music and toured extensively in the three years after the release of its debut, fans were eager to hear more new music from the band.

Many music critics talk about the dreadful sophomore slump that every band must try to avoid; fans of Bastille will be happy to know that "Wild World" is far from a sophomore slump. With the album, Bastille continues to explore sonically but not so much that fans will find the band unrecognizable. Rather than creating a whole new per-

sona with "Wild World," as some bands do, Bastille furthers its sound so that its essence- its Bastille-ness- is never lost.

The entire album is a smattering of glittery synth-pop, which lends itself well to both upbeat, triumphant songs and those that are heavier and slower.

"Good Grief," the lead single off "Wild World," is the perfect example of a summer anthem, which is fitting since it was played endlessly on the radio during the latter part of the summer. It is, so far, the most well-known song off the album, but it is far from the best.

"Way Beyond" is one of the most

fun and catchiest songs on the album, even though it is an outcry against media- social and news- and its effect on

the human condition.

Almost the entire album is a commentary on the human condition or rather, it seems, the decline of humanity, as lead singer Dan Smith feels passionately about it. While he tackles the media in "Way Beyond," he addresses gangs in "Blame," which is about the relationship

between two gang members. It is an intense song with violent imagery and a violent, forceful sound.

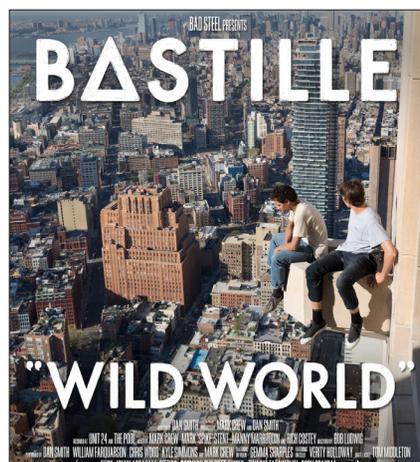
"Winter of Our Youth" is a melancholy song, lyrically and sonically.

It induces in the listener a nostalgic feeling, a longing for a past to which the listener cannot return.

In "Four Walls (The Ballad of Perry Smith)," which was inspired by a criminal, who was convicted and executed for his crimes, Smith speaks out against capital punishment.

In "Campus," a fitting song for college students, Smith voices a problem that all college students have gone through, trying to distinguish themselves from every other student and convincing themselves that they are worth the world's time and attention. While the song is not exactly uplifting, it is much more positive than several of the songs on the album.

Overall, Bastille has crafted another thought-provoking, fascinating masterpiece. Fans will not be disappointed by it, and they may even understand why it took the band so long to finish it.



MUSIC REVIEW

Wild & Free: A Spotify playlist for all

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The world of music is constantly changing and overwhelming, but Spotify helps it. This free app allows listeners to access over 30 million songs. There are playlists and stations for every mood imaginable.

A few artists to look out for, new and old, are First Aid Kit, Broods, Bad Suns and James Vincent McMorrow. Most of these artists are played on an indie playlist called Wild & Free, which is commonly used as a playlist to kick back and relax or study to.

First Aid Kit are a sister duo, Johanna and Klara Soderberg, who hail from Sweden. They began their song-writing career as teenagers in 2007. The sisters have released several records; their most recent album, released in 2014, "Stay Gold," was produced by Columbia. The sisters are influenced by Fleet Foxes and harmonize a woody, folk-infused sound. Some of their most popular songs in the U.S. are



"Emmylou," "Stay Gold" and "Waitress Song."

Broods are a brother-sister duo from Auckland, New Zealand. The band is electronically infused with tons of energy. The duo surfaced just around the time that Lorde did; both artists used the same producer. Broods' sound has a similar vibe to Lorde, except a lot

less depressing. Georgia Nott provides all the vocals, while her brother Caleb is a multi-instrumentalist; they've been making music together since they were children. Their second album, "Conscious," was released this summer with the hit track "Free." Other popular tracks include "Bridges," "Heartlines" (in collaboration with Tove Lo), "Mother & Father" and "Recovery."

Bad Suns are a group of young guys in their early 20s from Woodland Hills, California. These band members take much influence from pioneers like the Cure and Elvis Costello. Their music is a blend of 70s and 80s angst punk and indie rock, creating a very exciting, fresh and new sound. The band released its first album in 2014 with the hit known as "Cardiac Arrest." Their most recent release was this year. The album is titled "Disappear Here," along with its hit single, which has become pretty popular on most indie playlists.

James Vincent McMorrow started his musical journey pretty unconventionally. He always loved music, and

while in college, he discovered influences like Donny Hathaway and Band of Horses. He favored female artists because of the higher pitch of his own voice. He decided he would record an album, so he moved into a small house with all the necessary equipment and recorded 10 tracks. It later became his first album, "Early in the Morning." McMorrow is able to blend acoustics, electronics and horns in the most natural way. His work is featured on a season six trailer of "Game of Thrones." He was also asked to create his own version of the popular hit "Higher Love," which is featured in many movies and TV shows. He has released two other albums, "Post Tropical" and "We Move."

Indie playlists cover a wide variety of artists to capture the ears of millions of listeners worldwide. One of the beauties of Spotify is you can find the music you really like and get really specific with your playlists. It expands your horizons, but also allows you to make your own choices.

NETFLIX REVIEW

A Chicago family living without shame

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Showtime's American adaptation of "Shameless" is an all too real look at the hilariously dysfunctional life of the Gallagher family. This wild, unapologetic drama does not disappoint. The series is based off an already existing British drama, also named "Shameless."

It has easily become one of their most successful series. Season seven will premiere on Oct. 2, and Netflix has released the first four seasons already for viewers to fulfill their binge-watching pleasures.

The series introduces the viewers to some pretty vibrant characters. Frank, the dad, who is played by William H. Macy, is a dead beat alcoholic who survives off of his disability checks. Frank spends most of his days at the Alibi, which is their Chicago neighborhood bar. Frank is constant-

ly causing problems for the family, like giving away the toddler brother for cash to pay off a \$10,000 bet he made at the bar, and it's up to his five other kids to keep the family together.

The mother abandoned the family long ago, so when Fiona (Emmy Rossum), the oldest sister was 14, she had to drop out of school and support her siblings. The pseudo mother is now 21 and struggling to keep food on the table, pay the electric bill and hide her one-night stands from her family.

The eldest son, Phillip (Jeremy Allen White), is 17. If you know him then you'll call him Lip. He is a kid genius who produces fake IDs to take multiple SAT tests for cash. Lip also uses his brain to tutor physics for sexual favors from the neighborhood girls.

Ian (Cameron Monaghan) is the middle son who works at a local bodega. He is currently training in

the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, or ROTC, with the hopes of applying to West Point. Out of the Gallagher family he seems to be pretty well behaved, but he's gay and having an affair with his Muslim boss who is married with twins.

The youngest daughter, Debbie (Emma Kenney), raises money for UNICEF all year long but takes most of the proceeds to help her family pay bills. She is notorious for stealing residents from the local old folks' home to fill a long lasting void created by her absent mother.

Carl (Ethan Cutkosky) is a 10-year-old sociopathic arsonist who can be found in several episodes blowing up Barbies so they can atone for their sins. Carl is also the school bully who breaks a football player's leg with a baseball bat who is trying to beat up his older brother Lip.

Liam (Brenden Sims), the toddler, is too young to cause any trouble

as of right now. The Gallagher mom had an affair so Liam turned out to be black. The other siblings welcomed Liam into the home and have been raising him ever since.

This family wouldn't be complete without the loving and somewhat unconventional support of their neighbors. Kevin (Steve Howey), a bartender at the Alibi, and Veronica (Shanola Hampton), a nurse/porn star, live next door. They look out for the Gallagher family and help them escape almost every jam they find themselves in.

Season one, while very crass and perfectly inappropriate, will pull at viewers' heartstrings. This family will struggle to keep their home, struggle to keep each other and struggle to bore audiences. The actors deliver phenomenal performances, even their youngest actors, who, in the seventh season, have grown up on the show.

MEN'S SOCCER

Hawks embrace Germany on and off the field

DOMINIC MILES

STAFF WRITER

Over the summer, the Quincy University men's soccer team took a trip to Herford, Germany, the sister city of Quincy, Ill., for preseason training. The team left on July 28 and returned on Aug. 11. The NCAA only allows an international trip every four years, so for many players, this will be their only trip out of the country for QU soccer.

"The idea is to get everyone coming together as a team early on to have a leg up on our opponents," QU senior midfielder Taylor Reis, the 2015 Great Lakes Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year, said. "It was nice getting away from everything and having a little vacation time too."

The time spent off the field made the trip worth it for the Hawks. The team visited historic war monuments and a German automobile facility and even toured Champions League team Wolfsburg's stadium and locker room.

"Growing up in Quincy, it was nice to see our sister city and what it had to offer," Reis said. "I enjoyed my time I spent there, especially with my host family."



Players and coaches with the QU men's soccer team are pictured at a home in Germany.

The team was welcomed by German host families who fed them, showed them around and gave them a place to stay while in Herford. Most of the players were two to a family, while a few had to stay by themselves.

"With playing some high-level

talent and fending for ourselves so far away from home, it results in a boy maturing into a young man which is a necessity for college and (college) soccer," senior Pete Condol said.

While in Germany, the Hawks played seven games and ended with a

record of 5-0-2. They enjoyed the game they love playing while taking some leisure time to visit a historic city.

Later this year, the men's basketball team is going to Puerto Rico for two preseason games during a Thanksgiving Tournament.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Lady Hawks open season with victory

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The Quincy University women's golf team ventured to Marion, Iowa, Sept. 10-11 to start its season in the Mount Mercy Fall Classic tournament. The QU golfers earning first place out of seven teams and brought back the team's first trophy since 2012.

"This tournament shows our potential for the rest of the year. We can only go up from here, not our golf scores, obviously those will go down, but the rest of the season we should just keep getting better," junior Marlee Cloutre said.

Cloutre was one of three Lady Hawks to finish in the top 10 for the

weekend. Cloutre shot a combined score of 167, giving her a fifth-place finish. She was joined by senior Destinee Campbell, who tied for sixth, as well as freshman Emily Van Rie, who led QU with a second place finish.

The tournament was the collegiate golf debut for Van Rie, and she shows a lot of promise for the future. Van Rie shot an 85 during the first round and a 75 during the second round.

"My first college golf tournament was about how I expected it to be. I was a little nervous at first, but when I started playing, it was just like a normal tournament," Van Rie said.

The freshman golfer noted the most nerve-racking portion of the weekend occurred when she left her



The QU women's golf team celebrates winning its first trophy since 2012.

golf shoes in the parking lot of the golf course, and they were rained on all night.

"I had to play with soaking wet shoes the first day," Van Rie said.

The Lady Hawks began the season

under the new leadership of coach George Schrage.

Senior captain, Jamie Frederick, believes the new coaching staff has significantly and positively impacted the team.

FOOTBALL

Kelley leads Hawks off to hot start

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The clock hit zero, and the Quincy University football team had defeated Drake University 38-35.

The Hawks, an NCAA Division II team, pulled off the upset of an NCAA Division FCS (Football Championship Series) team behind the arm of redshirt sophomore quarterback Robbie Kelley in his first collegiate start.

"Once I committed to Quincy, it was my dream to start against a D1 team for my first start, so that was pretty cool," Kelley said.

The Rochester, Ill., native had been the backup to Quincy great Nick Lonergan for the past two seasons. Kelley had an impressive debut by completing 18 of 25 passes for 293 yards and two touchdowns, then adding 60 yards with

a touchdown on the ground.

Kelley's performance earned him his first Great Lakes Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Week award.

The Hawks' victory over the Bulldogs marks the first time the QU football team defeated a Division I program since 2009. The victory earned the Hawks a feature in an article in Sports Illustrated as one of only four Division II programs to defeat a Division I FCS opponent on the opening week of the college season.

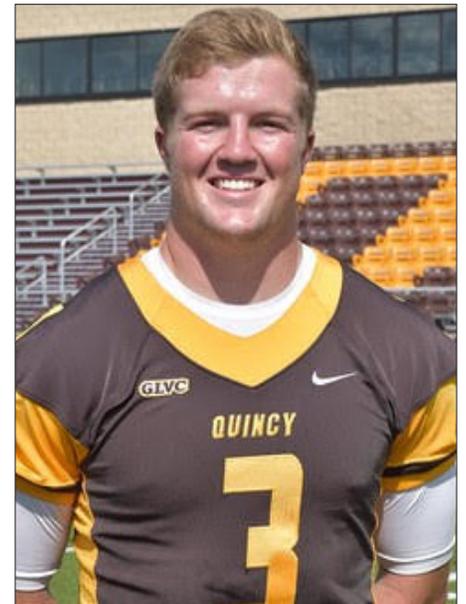
"Beating Drake was a great feeling, but everyone on our team believed we could do it. We put in a lot of hard work during camp and all of us upperclassmen are seeing the change in the program," senior wide receiver Evan Powell said.

The Hawks defeated Mayville State

the next week 64-7, exploding for 50 points in second half. The Hawks were led by senior wide receiver Eric Poin-dexter who had 181 all-purpose yards with a score, and redshirt freshman running back Jaylan James led the way on the ground with 107 yards and three touchdowns. Kelley completed 18 of 25 pass attempts for 247 yards with two touchdowns.

"Offensively, our expectations are to get over five hundred yards, and then come out and execute the way we know we can," Kelley said.

Kelley threw for three touchdowns in the team's third victory, a 40-14 decision over Lincoln. However, he was injured in last Saturday's 37-20 loss to Southwest Baptist, and his status for Saturday's game at St. Joseph is uncertain.



Sophomore quarterback Robbie Kelley

James fills shoes, remains humble

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Coming into the 2016-2017 football season, the main question for Quincy University's football team was who was going to be the quarterback.

The graduation of Nick Lonergan left a noticeable void in the Hawks' offense. The last thing the Hawks suspected was that they would also need to find a running back as well. However, with injuries to both Chris Harris and Dominique Bobo, the Hawks were looking for someone to step up and fill the role.

After the team's first victory against Division I FCS opponent Drake University, it was clear that one guy who racked up a total of 178 rushing yards and two touchdowns was ready to step up and fill the void.

Meet Jaylan James, a redshirt freshman from St. Louis. The 5-foot-10, 253-pound running back has been blowing through opposing defenses and making the Quincy running game a force to be reckoned with.

In the Hawks' four games this sea-

son, James has carried the ball 98 times for 421 yards and five touchdowns. His presence on the field has been more than noticeable and has helped the Hawks achieve a 3-1 record so far.

James' journey to Quincy began at Clyde C. Miller Career Academy in St. Louis. James excelled on the football field as well as in the classroom, which got him an offer to play football for Quincy University.

"My decision to come to Quincy was, at first, strictly for football," he said. "The offer I received met the needs I had, and the team felt like a good fit for me. I also knew that Quincy is very recognized for academics, and I know that academics come before football."

James was redshirted for the 2015-2016 season, but that did not stop his drive and determination to get onto the field. His work ethic and focus helped him become the player he is now and also helped him excel in the starting role he has now, which came as a surprise to him.

"The role that I have for the team now was something that I strived for

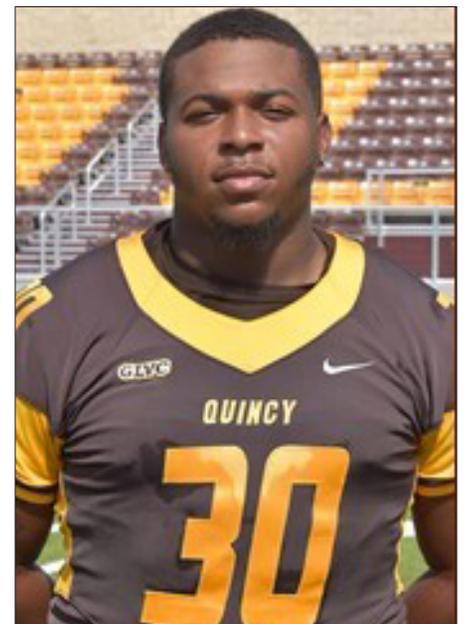
during my redshirt year, but it still came as a surprise," James said. "Missing Chris Harris for some games was hard, and I am glad that he is back as well as Dominique Bobo. The role I have now could not be done without the team and Chris Harris leading the way for me."

The Hawks' football team is better than years past. However, the success that the team is having has not come without a constant effort to get better.

"The team this year is a great one. I see the determination and want out of the guys on the field. The team is more focused, more conditioned and our team feels more like a brotherhood, a family," James said.

Despite all the success and attention James has received early this season, he has remained humble and focused.

"Family is the most important thing to me," James said. "They are the ones who pushed me to do better and gave me the support needed to get to me where I am now. My mother and father come to every game, and it always gives me an extra boost just knowing



Freshman running back Jaylan James

that they are there for me.

"God also gave me the ability to play football and to be where I am now. I am thankful to have all these things in my life."

QU BASEBALL

Jacob enjoys first season as pro

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STAFF WRITER

Nine Hundred and Seventy One. That's how many names were called in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft in June before David Jacob received his call from the Toronto Blue Jays in the 32nd round.

"Once the 30th round hit, I started to have a few doubts, but I was glued to my phone all day watching the draft tracker. I was warming up to play a game for my summer league team, and I kept my phone close by. Finally, it rang, and I was really excited and relieved," Jacob said.

Jacob was relieved because despite being a two-time all-Great Lakes Valley Conference performer in three years at Quincy University, he knew scouts still had concerns about how his performance would translate from an NCAA Division II school to the minor leagues. It didn't take much time for him to erase those doubts.

Jacob signed a contract quickly and reported to Dunedin, Fla., where he was assigned to the Blue Jays' rookie league team in the Gulf Coast League. It took Jacob a little bit of time to adjust to the grueling schedule.

"I struggled at first in mini-camp and the first five to six games of the season. We woke up at six in the morning and went straight to the ballpark to work out and practice and do different drills, and then when all that was done at around noon, we would play a game. There are guys that play here and hit .225 and go to the next level up and start hitting way over .300 just because it can be such a grind in rookie ball," Jacob said.

Jacob adjusted, and things started to turn. The Blue Jays went on a 15-game winning streak, which coincided with a nine-game hitting streak for Jacob.

"I finally started playing every day and got some momentum at the plate. The winning streak was a blast, and we enjoyed every game," Jacob said.

He rode that momentum steadily through the season, finishing as one of the league's statistical leaders while competing against players picked much



David Jacob is shown hitting in the Gulf Coast League for the Blue Jays' rookie league team.

earlier than he was in the draft. Jacob finished fourth in the league in batting average, third in on base percentage, tied for fourth in home runs, eighth in runs batted in and third in on base plus slugging percentage.

Jacob's performance was so impressive that he even earned a late season promotion to Class A Vancouver, where he had three hits in 10 at-bats including a double and a triple. For the year, between the two levels, Jacob hit .304 with six home runs, 10 doubles, 31 runs batted in and a .392 on-base percentage.

While Jacob has enjoyed his hot start, his friends back in Quincy are celebrating with him every step of the way.

"I call and check on him and see

how he's been doing, and it's been awesome that he's been tearing it up. We all know how much he deserves it, and I always see something about how well he's been playing," said senior Bobby Keller, who was Jacob's roommate for the past two years.

When asked if he was surprised by Jacob's early success, Quincy baseball coach Josh Rabe offered a simple response.

"No. Hitters hit," Rabe said.

Rabe brings a unique evaluation. He also was a baseball player for Quincy before being drafted and making it to the major leagues with the Minnesota Twins.

"What we teach here at Quincy is what I learned in the pro game. If you can have success here, you can have

success in pro ball," Rabe said.

Ultimately, Jacob hopes to follow in Rabe's footsteps, but for now, he is keeping things simple. He is currently in Florida to compete in an instructional league for five weeks. After that, Jacob will return to Quincy to work out over the winter before going back for spring training in March.

"I don't want to get too far ahead of myself. Right now, my goals are to continue doing well in instructionals and make it to Lansing (one step above Vancouver) next year out of spring training. Beyond that, we will see, but right now I'm focused on those two things," Jacob said.

If Jacob continues to perform, people will wonder why 971 names were called before his.