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Weathering the storm Simpson's endowment, finances sitting positive By Brittany Robb | Editor-in-Chief brittany.robb@my.simpson.edu Simpson College students are irritated by the price of an education, but Campus Crawl-crawling with critters

Simpson College students are irritated by the price of an education, but members of the administration have confidence in the financial climate of

Ken Birkenholtz, vice president for business and finance, acknowledges the concerns financially but expresses confidence in the longevity of the col-

"We have a pretty good endowment for the size of school we are," Birkenholtz said. "We have a fairly low debt level. Balance sheet wise, we are a pretty healthy institution."

According to Simpson's Internal Revenue Service Form 990 report, the college's endowment was sitting at roughly \$85 million at the end of May 2014. Birkenholtz and business office controller Logan Edel confirmed the number increased nearly \$2 million by the close of May 2015. Most taxexempt organizations must file a Form 990 with the IRS, which documents the organization's income and spending.

tuition than endowment for most operational purposes, the latter is a key factor in the stability of the college's financial standing.

Through various circumstances, including salary savings from elimi-nated or unfilled positions and lower than projected debt rates, the college is looking at a consistent fiscal year 2016, according to Birkenholtz, though he is concerned about fiscal year 2017.

"We have enrollments struggling, and that's a long term problem for Iowa schools," he said.

The Board of Regents worsened the blow to private colleges by heavily basing the state funding formula more on recruiting Iowa students to in-state public institutions. In response, the University of Iowa rolled out a \$1 million campaign to recruit

While Simpson is more reliant on Iowa students, resulting in 300 more applications than average and an increased enrollment of nearly 400 this

> If Simpson received five percent of that increased enrollment - or 20 students - added to the 322-member class of 2019, it could have been fantastic for the college, Birkenholtz said. Broken down it is estimated each Simpson student is worth roughly \$15,000.

> With declining high school graduating classes across the state, colleges in Iowa have a smaller pool of in-state students to recruit. The sheer number of colleges in Iowa may struggle to remain financially sustainable if enrollment continues to decline.

> The fewer students we bring in now, the fewer we retain for next year, and if we are at 322 this year, can we do better than 322 next year?" he said.



This is the first in a series looking into the details on Simpson's campus. Next

Photo by Alex Kirkpatrick

The key to that comment, he said, is retention. A preemptive move by the president's cabinet this year resulted in the creation of a new position - the director of retention and student success, which was taken over by Jim Hayes, former director of

Along with the emphasis on retention, Edel said there are more ideas to pad the revenue for Simpson. "We are trying to input those initiatives, boost the revenue and get more students here," he said.

to come: new recruiting focus in admissions.

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When it comes to the value of a Simpson education, there is more than just monetary value to consider. Birkenholtz said he looks at the value of Simpson from not only an educational standpoint but an experiential one as well.

'The real advantage here is the opportunity to interact with the campus community," he said. "The sports, clubs, all the opportunities that you have at a place like Simpson, most folks just can't find that at a place like Iowa State or Iowa."

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There's a new definition of "hopping in the shower" on the Simpson College campus due to crickets and other insects invading residence halls and athletic facilities.

Barker resident and freshman student Zoe Seiler finds crickets almost every time she takes a shower.

'Sometimes I don't really pay attention to it, but the crickets in the

shower creep me out," Seiler said. Junior Virginia Atwell and her six housemates have it worse than Seiler. Carpenter ants have taken over their performing arts theme

"Usually I'm not afraid of bugs, but it's really nerve wracking because I don't want ants in my bed," Atwell said.

Her roommate Molly Monk found them in her bed.

"My foot started itching and I found that it was covered in ants," Monk said. "Then there were ants all over my bed."

There have been roughly seven cases throughout the residence halls on campus thus far and were taken care of as of Sept. 10, according to Dean of Students Luke Behaunek.

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Grab n' Go

Students weigh in on new Pfeiffer to-go option



Andy Decker took over as the director of dining services this summer. He is hoping to benefit campus with the new program

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Andy Decker is working to find appropriate reusable containers to offer a to-go option in Pfeiffer so students don't have to miss meals. Students weigh in on the positives and the negatives of the to-go option.

Students' schedules are often filled to the max, leaving little time to sit down and eat at Pfeiffer or wait in the lines for food from Au Bon Pain or Tyler's. This year, Pfeiffer is going to offer a to-go option for students in a

Each to-go meal can be purchased for one board block. When a student purchases a to-go option they will receive a reusable container to fill and take with them on the go.

The purpose of this to-go option is to add a way for students to keep themselves fed even on hectic days.

"A lot of students can't get in during the hours that we're open, so we want to make sure that people aren't missing their meals," Andy Decker, director of dining services, said.

Larissa Mincks, senior, believes this to-go option will be effective in her daily routine. She also thinks it will be something students with less busy schedules would appreciate.

"I think most students would really love this option. Busy students would appreciate it most, but other students would be able to take food and eat in their rooms if that's what they prefer," Mincks said.

Mincks says her chaotic schedule makes it hard to get different options

"With all of my classes close together, and rehearsals on top of that, it would be nice to be able to grab food from Pfeiffer on the go. I get so sick of nothing but Au Bon Pain because that's all I have time to get sometimes," Mincks said.

Another student who says they would benefit from the to-go option, sophomore Audrey LoVan, also thinks there may be a downside to

this new option. "I think it sounds like a great plan," LoVan said, "but a negative to the togo option is they may not get their to-go boxes back or they might run out of containers if they only have so many and don't have a proper return

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Simpson College announces Health Services Leadership program



President Simmons and Steven Johnson discuss the new program offered at Simpson on Monday, September 14.

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Simpson College announced Monday a new partnership designed to meet the exploding demand for healthcare professionals in a variety of fields.

The partners include Des Moines Area Community College, the YMCA of Greater Des Moines, Merit Senior Living, Wesley Life, LCS and CareView Communica-

According to a press release, the Health Services Leadership program will receive a head start toward employment after gradua-

"The Health Services Leadership program will provide Simpson students with the knowledge and values needed for leadership roles and career success in the complex and evolving health industry organizations," the release stated.

Highlights of the program in-

clude a new undergraduate major and minor, post-baccalaureate certificate and workshops and confer-

School officials said they worked for two years to design the new academic program, working with private industries, some of whom agreed to offer student internships.

We believe this is an exciting turning point in the 155-year-history of Simpson College," Simpson College president Jay Simmons said in the news release. "We will be producing graduates fully prepared to make a difference in a health services industry that greatly needs them. The potential is énormous."

Classes began this fall in the HSL program. More will be added each year.

For more information, contact program director Jacy Downey at 515-961-1272 or Simpson College representative Ken Fuson at 515-

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"Beneath the Whispering Maples" find-ing relevance on social media

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The definitive history of Simpson College, documented in the late Joe Walt's "Beneath the Whispering Maples," is now finding relevance on

Professor of political science Kedron Bardwell completed Walt's more than 800-page book in 30 days over

His findings are posted under the Twitter handle @WhisperingMaple using the hashtag #30DaysofWalt.

The idea, Bardwell said, was to honor Walt, who taught at Simpson for more than 50 years.

"I'm sure Joe's motivation of writing the book was simply his love of Simpson and telling the story of the people who changed it and built it," Bardwell said. "I think the idea that resonates throughout all of Simpson's history is this idea that higher education, particularly a liberal arts education, is important.

Bardwell said he was struck by how integral the Methodist Church was in the early years of Simpson, saving the college multiple times from financial

collapse.
"The typical thing that would happen, if Simpson was having financial problems - many times near closing - is they would have a service and someone would get up and say, 'We can't let this die. This is what God wants us to do is continue this college and minister to kids and have this value of higher education in the Methodist church," Bardwell said.

He also said student activism, especially in the late 20th century, was a highlight of Simpson's history, when students started to aggressively participate in social change which had not been the case before.

War was tumultuous but very interesting," he said.

Bardwell spoke at the All College Convocation and recounted the story of when students rallied together to lift a dancing ban, which reached national headlines.

The Schenectady Gazette, now The Daily Gazette, reported the story on March 27, 1933:

"The 50-year-old ban against dancing at Simpson College will be lifted next fall, it was disclosed tonight by a member of the board of

Student dissension reached a climax Friday when A. V. Proudfoot, president of the board, was greeted with a shower of eggs and oranges at the conclusion of a speech, in which he referred to the suspension of six students for refusal to sign pledges not to dance.

The student body voted today to make a personal apology to the board

In the present day, people should be looking for the deep history of the organizations to which they belong, according to Bardwell.
"Think of the fraternities and so-

rorities," he said. "Some of them have been in existence here since they started in the 1880s. It's amazing to think that these organizations have been working here for more than 130

Bardwell encourages students to read a sliver of Simpson's history to see how organizations or events were

"You could start an organization, ing is exhausand it might be here 100 years from tive yet interestnow," he said. "That's a pretty cool ing. thing for a student who is engaged on campus to think about."

Bardwell noted multiple examples

"The period during the Vietnam of student activism in modern times, including the "End of the Isms" March, Agents of Change and Simp-

> He hopes using social media will get students more interested. The Twitter account, @WhisperingMaple, already has more than 140 followers.

One tweet reads: "1870s: few students play cards/dance/drink. No saloon in I-town! German opens Blue Goose bar at city line, I-town annexes land to shut down.

Another reads: "1882: Kate Shelley goes to SC. At 15 became natl heroine: stops train headed for washedout bridge by crawling over river bridge in the dark."

An example of Simpson's progressiveness: "1870s: Susan B. Anthony spoke in Indianola for women's suffrage. @SimpsonCollege president came out in support of women voting #30daysofwalt.

The main impact, Bardwell said, is for one to understand that the past is just as relevant as today.

"The lesson in the book, overall, is you can change things if you just get educated, involved and make a difference," he

said. "We don't receive an education and get a job, but also get in the world." Bardwell

rates the book four stars out of five. reasoning that Walt's writ-



G.W. Carver later said of his @SimpsonCollege experience, "The kind of people I met at Simpson College made me believe I was a human being."





A failed @cityofindianola college (pre-@SimpsonCollege) charged \$3.50/month tuition. No wonder it lasted less than a year! #30daysofwalt

WhisperingMaple

1880 @SimpsonAdmiss viewbook: SC is dry campus "free from allurement/vice" or "unworthy" urban attractions. Not a great





Record turnout in SGA elections despite lower enrollment

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In a record turnout, Jordan Pope was elected freshman class president. Freshman senators - in no particular order - are Kelly Stone, Tre Loge, Pierce Carey and Jacob Bruns.

This year, 179 of 322 freshmen (55 percent) voted in the elections, according to student body president

Despite lower enrollment, according to Fredrick, the absolute number and percentage of freshmen voting in SGA elections has increased since current seniors started at Simpson.

'There are a variety of reasons this could be the case, and I won't speculate here what those are," Fredrick wrote in an email. "However, this

something to do with the robust campaigns run by this first-year class." Freshman class president Jordan

"I saw an ability to give back to the school at a very early stage through running for class president and being

there for my classmates," Pope said. Pope is a political science major who believes strongly in civic engage-

"I believe SGA has a frontline between the students and the college, and college is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Pope said.

Fredrick said SGA will be analyzing election results on an ongoing basis to identify ways to better inform and increase voter turnout.

Pope, who is of Sri Lankan de-

year's record turnout certainly has scent, wants to increase diversity on the SGA board to better represent the student population.

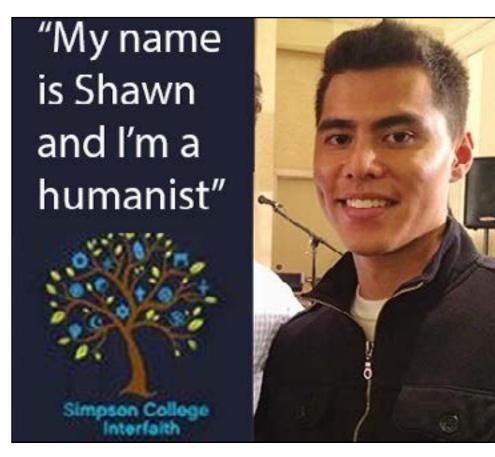
The issue was a talking point last Pope, of Albia, said he enjoys serving year. Fredrick wrote in email to The Simpsonian last year: "That discussion is important because as SGA is supposed to represent students, we have a big problem electing representatives that represent the student

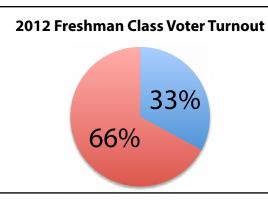
> This election cycle doesn't look to be any different from others in that the overwhelming majority of student representatives will be heterosexual white men. That can present a lot of problems when we make valuable decisions about what really matters for students."

> Neither Pope nor Fredrick gave a formal initiative as to how diversity would be increased.

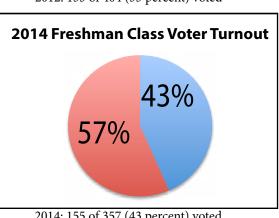


Jordan Pope received 55 percent of the freshman vote this fall from the highest

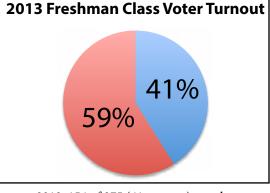




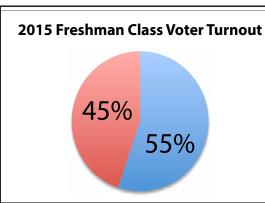
2012: 133 of 404 (33 percent) voted



2014: 155 of 357 (43 percent) voted



2013: 154 of 375 (41 percent) voted



Simpson welcomes new faculty, staff

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Each year, new additions arrive on Simpson College's campus, but not just in terms of students. Those who keep the campus running continue to change as well. This fall, Simpson would like to welcome all new staff and faculty, including Abby Hahn, Rebecca Nation, and Heidi Levine.

Fresh out of graduate school at Iowa State University (ISU), Abby Hahn is the new area coordinator for the first-year area, encompassing Kresge Hall and Barker Hall. Before ISU, the Nebraska native studied at Doane College in Crete, Neb. Like Simpson, it is a small liberal arts school with many of the same values Hahn finds essential.

"I really wanted to get back to a small school," she said. "Just because I liked knowing people. You know, walking down the side walk and knowing who's there."

Another factor in accepting the job at Simpson for Hahn was the school's dedication to service. With a master's degree in Higher Education Student Affairs, she has a passion for helping students succeed, a vital component for working with freshmen transitioning to life at college.

This fall, Simpson College hired not one, but two new area coordinators. Taking charge of the apartments is Rebecca Nation. Nation has undergraduate degrees in Linguistics how committed people are at Simpand International Studies along with son. People love this school."

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The program hasn't been imple-

"The part that Chartwells wants

mented vet because Decker is work-

people to know about is that we

are committed to the sustainability

piece of [the program]," Decker said. "That's why I'm trying to make sure

we source the right containers. We

want to be able to reuse and reuse.

Also, the law requires we make sure

the containers are properly sanitized

and they go through our machines

and hit a certain temperature. There-

ers to stand up to the temperatures."

The to-go containers will be re-

tainer, then you fill it, you take it

home, you do whatever you do. You

can rinse it out or bring it back dirty.

You'll turn it in and we'll give you a

new one or give you one that we have

washed," Decker said about the re-

Decker has been involved in im-

plementing similar to-go options at

other schools and says that the pro-

gram has made a huge impact, espe-

cially with the students who couldn't

make it to the dining hall during the

ing to find the proper containers.

a master's in Student Affairs. Unlike Hahn, being at a small college is a new experience for Nation. Previously she worked at ISU where she assisted students in the Academic

Success Center. What drew Nation into Simpson was the proximity to home and the challenge the new career posed. "I wanted to find a different higher education institution and possibly a different area for academic support."

Perhaps the most prominent change is Heidi Levine, the new vice esident for student development. Her role on campus is to provide leadership for the entirety of student development, such as counseling, residence life and service groups.

"I would describe myself as somebody who really leads through relationships," she said. "Part of the reason I chose to come to Simpson is that I really liked being a part of small and close-knit communities where I have the opportunity to get to know the students and my colleagues."

Levine is spearheading the job with a bachelor's degree in Psychology, a master's degree in Counselor Education and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. Before this position, she worked at a few mid-sized schools but gravitated mostly toward smaller institutions. It seems there's a certain appeal to small schools like Simpson.

"I love what this place is about," Levine said. "I was impressed with

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"We have a handful of situations that pop up every year depending on the year and type of insect or bug that is presenting itself," Behaunek said.

Not all residential areas have been affected. Junior Jordan Beem resides in Clinton and has not seen a bug

There is, however, a problem on the practice field and outdoor athletic facilities as well. Crickets and moths swarm the field, especially during rainfall, nighttime practices and games.

Seiler is a goalie for the women's soccer team and finds them a nuisance during practice.

"Sometimes it's really distracting when a bug flies in your face, like right before a shot," Seiler said.

fore, I need to find the right contain-Jeff Wagner, manager for grounds, transportation and special events, says the amount of rain that Iowa has usable and students are expected to gotten over the past couple months bring them back to Pfeiffer so they has been the cause of this invasion. can be properly sanitized and redis-Roughly 27 inches of precipitation When you sign up for the pro-

"I wouldn't say I've never seen it gram we will issue you a new conthis bad, but it's been a tough year," Wagner said.

According to Wagner, no one could have predicted the number of insects set to populate the area and Simpson has taken all preventive "If we let Mother Nature take care

of them, their populations will decrease exponentially when we have our first frost," Wagner said. Wagner says nothing can be done

to the outdoor facilities without use of major chemicals that would affect all sports teams that use the practice areas. Behaunek says the problems in residential areas have been resolved and says if future problems arise to contact someone right away.

"I'm thankful we have a facilities crew that will take the students concerns seriously," Behaunek said. 'They respond as they can."

HELLO my name is



Heidi Levine is the new Vice President for Student Development. Before coming to Simpson, Levine was the Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa.



Rebecca Nation is the new area coordintor for the apartments on campus. Before coming to Simpson, Nation worked in the Academic Success Center at Iowa State University.



Abby Hahn is the new area coordinator for the first-year area. Hahn completed her master's degree in higher education student affairs at Iowa State in May before joining the staff at Simpson in June.

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PERSPECTIVES



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President Obama visited Des Moines Monday promoting the America's College Promise Act (ACPA), the administration's proposal to fund community college for all American students. The ACPA is the change higher education needs in regards to diversity and enrollment in two-year institutions. Students who graduate high school are nowadays expected to go on to further schooling, but that is not an achievable task for every American student.

For Simpson College and the like in higher education, more students attending community colleges would bring both positive and negative ef-

America's College Promise is good for higher education

ty colleges would inevitably increase, magnitude to get students enrolled in enrollment directly out of high school into four-year institutions would likely decrease accordingly.

If given the chance to have two years of college completely paid for, most reasonable high school graduates would take the opportunity. Along with that, though, comes huge change in the world of higher educa-

A high school diploma would no longer be the minimum expected education; an associate's degree would likely become the equivalent. The bachelor's degree would follow that backslide and decrease in value. Would a master's degree replace the

The landscape of higher education would experience such drastic change the original intention could end up

These issues do not mean the ACPA should be scrapped. Obama and his supporters are looking at the bigger picture with the bill. President Obama originally addressed the bill in his State of the Union address back in January. New details emerged in the last few weeks and led to the president's Iowa visit. Legislation like the ACPA has the

opportunity to reverse the downslide of higher education in America. In states like Iowa that are seeing severely smaller high school graduation numbers compared to the last few decades, it takes something of this

higher education institutions, even if those schools are two-year.

The original projection numbers indicated as many as 9 million students could be impacted by the bill. Arne Duncan, secretary of the Department of Education, said that number could "in reality, go significantly higher." He hopes this proposed congressional bill could change the perception of higher education as

A community college education is currently valued around \$3,800 per year per student. With complete coverage from the government, that is \$7,600 American students will not have to spend in order to further earn

Is \$7,600 that much to ask from federal and state government? Multiplying that number by 9 million or more seems daunting, but it's not as if that money will be thrown away on

An education is a necessary part of the current job market. If all students were able to continue on beyond high school and earn a higher degree, those students will be eligible for better paying jobs and start contributing to the American workforce.

While the ACPA could mean major changes to higher education and Simpson in particular, change can be a good thing. It depends on the per-

Letter to the editor:

My name is Dakota Waltz, and I am a sophomore at Simpson double majoring in political science and history. Recently, I heard about Iowa Pays The Price, a local grassroots organization highlighting the amount and influence of money in politics. It is a nonpartisan, non-profit organization that believes outside, secret money is hurting both political parties and drowning out the voices of

After reading about their organization and goals, I knew I needed to get involved with Iowa Pays The Price in any way I could. Ending big money in politics has been a fight that I've wanted to be a part of for as long as I've been involved in politics. The chance to minimize the role of big money in elections and allow Iowan's voices to be heard was too hard for me to pass up.

I've been helping Iowa Pays The Price for over a month by signing up supporters, speaking to local groups and engaging Presidential candidates on this issue that is going to get worse before it

Recently, I attended a roundtable discussion where former Congressman Jim Leach, a Republican from Iowa City, called Citizens United and Dred Scott, the two worst Supreme Court decisions in the history of the Court. I'm learning that money in politics is an issue that transcends party lines. We have attended Republican rallies, Democratic rallies and non-political, community events, and

we've signed up supporters at all of them.

In a recent Des Moines Register poll, 91 percent of Republican caucus goers and 94 percent of Democratic caucus goers were either "mad as hell" or "unsatisfied" with the amount of money in politics. Those numbers are astounding and speak volumes to the fact that Iowa voters are tired of the lack of transparency and the amount of undisclosed money spent to influence elections and elected officials. This is an issue that I am passionate about, and I hope you will join our fight today by visiting www.iowapaystheprice.org. Alternatively, if you'd like to have a more personal discussion, Iowa Pays the Price will have a table in Kent on September 23rd from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Dakota Waltz Sophomore at Simpson

Student diagnosed with endometriosis shares struggle with misdiagnosis



Lauren Myers | Featured Columnist

After many years of what I thought to be "normal," I was diagnosed with endometriosis, a fairly common but poorly understood disease that is frequently undetected, untreated and misdiagnosed.

I'm not seeking any pity, sympathy or attention. I'm sharing my story to help encourage other women who may be suffering like I did, and to take an active role in their health.

What is endometriosis?

In order to understand endometriosis, we need to understand the

male-bodied individuals throughout the month, the uterus builds lining to support growth of a potential baby, but when conception doesn't occur, this lining sheds and the menstrual

When that lining decides to go on an adventure outside of the uterus and grows on areas it shouldn't, it thickens and bleeds during that time of month even though the blood has nowhere else to go -- thus becoming

The result? Many physical symptoms and emotional effects while the body tries to fight back - Endome-

Currently, it is not known what causes endometriosis. However, there are many respon-

munological and hormonal. The only way to confirm a diagnosis is to have laparoscopic surgery.

But once you know you have it, there are options of managing it either to relieve pain or to improve infertility (pain medication, hormone therapy,

Although endometriosis doesn't discriminate, the exact number of women who develop it is un-

It is estimated about one in 10

Here's a quick refresher: For fe- years before getting a correct diagno- with normal or negative results.

Unfortunately, the "it's all in your head" myth is still prevalent. I was told that menstrual pain is a part of 'being a woman" and "that's just how periods are." But no two women's periods are alike; they are unique, as we

Eventually, I started to believe that I was unable to tolerate my "nor-

Let's be clear: Severe pain is not normal, not during menstruation,

I realized that when I got to a point where I was unable to function daily. I was experiencing deep and heavy soreness -- almost as though I'm be- knows our body better than anyone abdomen. ing pulled down by gravity -- that else. I knew there was another doctor sometimes was a pinch or twinge, even a stab in my lower abdomen as

I knew that this was my body's way of signaling that something was

portant, and that's what I did. I went to a doctor seeking assistance and understanding of why my everyday life was changing.

After a few appointments and prescribed antibiotics, I was still experiencing the same symptoms, which women of reproductive age develop kept me returning to the doctor's of- and the tests were negative, this docsome degree of it. Those who develop fice for a couple of months. Each test tor was concerned about my answers

Center. Only signed letters will be printed.

it suffer in silence for an average of 10 that I went through either came back

For the doctor, those results meant that everything was all well, but for me it was the "unknown." I didn't know why I was suffering in this way and all I wanted was an answer. I kept voicing myself and I felt like I wasn't being heard.

The last thing I ever wanted to hear, whether in the exact words or similar phrasing, was "it's all in your head." That same doctor told me that I was "worrying too much" and "to come back in two to three months"

because "nothing is wrong."

Yes, I was upset and frustrated. But rather than feeling defeated, I sought further treatment because, as cliché as it may sound, each of us out there in this world willing to listen and hear what I've been having to say about what was happening with

As with many of us, I took to the web to search for another doctor. I believe that asking for help is im-

I found one who seemed promising. I made an appointment with this doctor for the following week who asked a number of questions about my symptoms, did a thorough physical exam and tested for a variety of infections, "just in case."

Although the exam was normal

which prompted a variety of more indepth tests, including an ultrasound Once again, the tests results were

The doctor explained to me that she believed something was happening within my body as well, and the only option to confirm this was sur-

Í didn't have any answers for certain at this time, but I knew I was being taken seriously and on the path to

Surgery confirmed that all along, my symptoms were not in my head. They were actually in my uterus.

I had stage one endometriosis along with internal bleeding in my

Rather than feeling fearful, I was Finally, having a name for what was wrong with me gave me a sense of empowerment and knowledge.

If I have learned anything throughout a variety of ordeals in finally receiving this diagnosis, it is to keep your own medical records, be an advocate for your own health and to ask a lot of questions.

Whether or not you have this disease, the most important thing we can do is to start talking because none of us should have to settle for a delayed diagnosis or ineffective care.

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PERSPECTIVES What freshman year taught me about change

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ché and exaggerated when college is described as "the best years of your life" or "a place to define yourself," but the more time I spent in my small, Midwest hometown for the summer before my sophomore year, the more I realized how realistic those descrip-

A person's upbringing influences his or her perspective on the world in countless ways. Oftentimes, you don't realize it until you leave the comfort of your home and your parents' watchful eyes. Sure, when you first get to college you think you know what you believe and no one will ever change that. How could they?

Your beliefs have been engrained into you since the day you were born, and they grew stronger with every Sunday morning and Wednesday night spent in church. Nothing can

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Jeff Kaufmann to come and speak

SC Republicans.

this semester.

views will withstand the questions posed by anyone who may come your way: professors, advisors, peers. Ain't nobody swaying your opinions.

And then something strange happens. You get in deep discussions with these people about important issues like gay marriage and minimum wage and immigration. Some of it you were prepared for, but most of it you weren't. Those against you seem to have convincing arguments. Anything you contend they hit right back into your court. What if you can't win? What if

there is no right or wrong answer? There are only opinions and minds trying to make sense of it all.

So, hesitantly, you consider what you've been taught since childhood. In middle school and high school, the youth pastor practically handed you

shake you. You are strong and your scripts for when people questioned your views. No, literally, sometimes he gave you handouts with Bible verses to support your arguments.

Now you're three hours away from home and on your own. You've never taken the time to think about these kinds of issues by yourself. Instead, you've been force-fed answers and beliefs because that's all you've ever It feels weird, thinking for yourself.

It's like learning how to talk again, finding your voice. Of course you've made your own decisions before, but nothing quite on this caliber. Let your thoughts flow from your fingers on a keyboard or from the pen to the paper or from your mouth into the air, however you need to express them.

That's when the freedom starts. You don't have to make up your mind right then and there exactly how you have a start. College provides the amazing gift of an abundance of minds around you to challenge your thoughts and start the process all over again. Who said it's wrong to challenge yourself? It's healthy for you. If you never challenge your beliefs, how do you know that you know what you believe in the first place?

College cultivates learning; that's its purpose. But the learning isn't confined to your career. The learning invades every aspect of your life, but you don't realize it until you get there. Maybe college doesn't change what you believe, but rather solidifies it by forcing you to make your own discoveries. It doesn't have to change who you are as a person, but don't be

LIFESTYLES

Simpson College Republicans: Texting and driving networking, connecting, getting involved



Simpson College Republicans gather at their first meeting to listen to Iowa GOP

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Simpson College has a variety of paigns and Congressional and local organizations on campus to suit a campaigns. Jacobs likes to mention broad spectrum of interests. One of one volunteer opportunity in parthe many organizations available to ticular that pitted Simpson College students is the Simpson College Reagainst Drake University.

"The majority of what we do versus the Drake University's Colwould be to help college Republicans lege Republicans and we called twice network and make connections. Being so close to Des Moines, it's so easy cobs said. "We called just shy of 1000 to get an internship for a state party people and they called just over 400 or in the capitol and all of these political campaigns," Austin Jacobs, chair of the SC Republicans, said. "Simpson is seriously in the best position for our group to get in any campaign with them at their first meeting. they want, whether it be state, federal Kaufmann had much to say about the

Freshman Emily Schwickerath, who learned about the group at Org-Fest, came to her first meeting of the SC Republicans because of her interest in politics. Schwickerath is excited you," Kaufmann said as he pointed to about the opportunities that the SC Republicans group has to offer.

"The Iowa GOP Chairman is supposed to give a speech tonight (Sept. 9) and there are a lot of opportunities to meet candidates that can come out of this group. On the 19, I know they are going to the Faith and Freedom Coalition dinner, which Trump will be at. They said I could possibly go, so I'm excited for that," she said.

or the governor or a presidential Some students from SC Republicandidate, they all bring in inspiracans will be volunteering the morntion and insight. I feel that they can ing of Sept. 19 at the Iowa Faith and fire up our group and help get our Freedom Coalition Annual Family group involved and active in politics," Banquet and Presidential Forum, set-Jacobs said. "These speakers bring a ting up for the dinner. Some of the connection from Simpson to a future students will also attend the dinner employment or a future campaign." and have the chance to meet candito the meetings that are held every

In the past, the SC Republicans two to three weeks. The meetings are have been part of many events that usually held at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. allowed them to get involved in poli- For more information, students can tics, including volunteering at the follow the SC Republicans on twitter Iowa GOP Lincoln and Reagan dinners, the Governor's Birthday Bash Simpson College Republicans. and the Iowa Faith and Freedom Co-

How the habit irreparably changed one student's life

Madison Wilson | Staff Reporter

On an Iowa backroad in 2012, 7-year-old Maria Claussen experienced first-hand the consequences of texting and driving. One minute she looked down to text her friend. Seconds later, a 42-year-old bicyclist was paralyzed from the chest down.

It was sleeting and pitch-black out at 7 p.m. in Alleman, Iowa, when Claussen left a canceled football game to meet her friends. She planned to send a text to one of her friends as she drove between 50 to 60 mph on a back road to avoid traffic.

Claussen's car struck the bicyclist, throwing him through the air. She searched for him, recalling later, "I find him and he's just laying on the ground, motionless and lifeless, and it looks like he's dead so I freak out and I call 911."

The ambulance and police officers arrived about 10 minutes after the accident, taking the man to the ICU where doctors discovered he was paralyzed. Police interviewed Claussen that night asking her if she was texting while driving and she regretfully

hand-held electronic communication device to write, send or read a text message while driving a motor veaverage age of the people that turned hicle unless the motor vehicle is at a complete stop off the traveled portion of the roadway." the group of students gathered around Since the accident, Claussen has

recognized that texting and driving is a common issue, especially among young people. According to the Department of Transportation in 2012, there were 715 total crashes caused by drivers distracted by their phone or some other device. 324 people were injured in those crashes.

In the last 4 years, the number of crashes has increased every year by 11 percent because of distracted driv-

According to the Iowa Strategic Highway Safety Plan, "20 percent of severe injuries resulting from inattentive/distracted driving crashes were between the ages of 15 and 20." Cell phone use was a contributing factor.

Her decision to text while driving has caused life-changing consequences she knows she can never take

Police interviewed Claussen later that week and issued two tickets worth \$200 each. After the police



Texting while driving has been illegal in Iowa since 2010. Claussen hit the bicyclist in 2012, two years after the law was passed.

sistance of her lawyer, who fought to lower the tickets, Claussen pleaded

not guilty and paid \$400. They had such a hard time trying to ticket me because it wasn't something out of malice," Claussen said. "They knew that I felt horribly about it and they knew that I was going to

have to deal with a lot of things." Claussen had a \$1 million umbrella on her insurance, which covered medical expenses for the man she paralyzed. Her insurance company wouldn't pay unless he and his wife signed waivers saying they wouldn't sue Claussen. The waivers were signed and the insurance covered the

A few months later, on Friday, Jan. 18, the same man committed suicide. Claussen was shocked when she heard about his death, and couldn't help but feel guilty.

'I felt like if I hadn't paralyzed this man that he wouldn't have wanted to take his own life," she said.

The Salt Company, the college ministry of New Heights Church in Indianola, helped Claussen recover spiritually and emotionally from the accident. Claussen also recovered through her support system, includ-

Claussen broke Iowa's texting law tried to double her fines, she went ing her parents, friends, coach and

"It's more scars now than open wounds," Claussen said. "It's definite ly something that I'm going to have to deal with for the rest of my life.

Even after the accident, Claussen admitted to texting while driving. She uses the Voice to Text application, which allows a person to send and receive text messages by voice. Claussen is aware that using this application is still a distraction, but that it doesn't require as much effort as sending a message by hand.

"I don't really have to look at my phone to do it," she said. "I try to be safe about it, but it's still a distraction." Claussen continues to share her

story in hopes that those who text while driving will take precautions and understand how dangerous it can

"It's not worth it," Claussen said. "It doesn't matter how important it may seem to get out whatever it is you're trying to text at that moment because that one decision can change your life or it can change somebody

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Coming off the field

Tovey adapts to new role in two-headed QB battle

> **UPCOMING HOME SPORTS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, Sept. 19: Women's Soccer vs. St. Mary (NE) - 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 23: Men's Soccer vs. Saint Mary's (Minn.) - 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 268
Football vs. Elmhurst (III.) - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 29: Women's Soccer vs. Grand View - 7 p.m. Volleyball vs. Buena Vista - 7:30 p.m.



Tom Brady wouldn't have been to Drew Bledsoe. Iowa's own Kurt Warner wouldn't be Kurt Warner if it wasn't for an injury to Trent Green.

Looking at injuries in this light is hard to do. It seems cold and dismissive of the one who suffers the injury. Senior football player Braedon Tovey is doing all he can to take this perspective as a debilitating injury pushed him to a position change and a mentor role for a pair of underclassmen quarterbacks.

In the regular season finale against Luther on Nov. 15 last year, Tovey was only two plays into what was essentially an in-game quarterback try-out for 2015 before being sacked and breaking his fibula.

Tovey was carted off the field and would be in a boot for months after the season, never making it back to 100 percent during the spring season.

At the time, the quarterback competition was wide open after Dylan Berkey had graduated and two sophomores Sammy Sasso and Caleb Frye were vying for the spot. Frye had only attempted 12 passes while Sasso hadn't made his varsity debut yet.

"That was tough in the spring because that [quarterback] was an open job for anyone that wanted it," Tovey

Tovey, the Cedar Rapids Washington High School graduate, had eight senior went 24-for-44 for 317 yards in the air, including two touchdowns and 58 yards on the ground. Tovey showed promise but threw four interceptions in a loss to the Duhawks.

Despite leading in the experience department, Tovey's injury thwarted

a chance at the starting role in 2015.

"Spring was tough for him," head mentor. coach Jim Glogowski said. "He wasn't Tom Brady if it wasn't for an injury really 100 percent...summer was a little slow for him and then he came themselves and get guys to play with out and competed during the fall and we came to the conclusion we were going to trim the race to two horses." Reality hit but Tovey was game for

the change. An athletic training major and coaching minor, he is taking the role of coach and is doing so with

"I took the spring to become more acquainted with the offense...and helping the younger guys," Tovey said. Frye and Sasso both appeared in

He still has the ability to go out and play another position,"

Glogowski said. "He can be a slot receiver. He's a smart kid. He's a great kid.

-Jim Glogowski head football coach

games of varsity experience before the season opener against UW-River the injury, including two starts. In his Falls, which served essentially as a first start on Oct. 25 against Loras, the tryout. Frye went 9-for-15 with one interception and a rushing touchdown while Sasso had limited time, completing one of four passes, with his only completion being a 63 yard touchdown pass to Davey Jergens.

The quarterback situation is still two-headed and up for grabs, and

Tovey has embraced his position as a

"I try to help them more with the mental side...[and] how to handle you and follow you," Tovey said. "That's one of the big things about playing quarterback and being young guys I don't think they can relate as easy to. I'm trying to help them out."

"He's [Tovey] a big help," Sasso said. "He's our biggest cheerleader... so it's nice.

Tovey, who has some experience in the slot as a receiver, may get an opportunity to make the transition this year - expressing that it's one of the easier position transitions.

"He still has the ability to go out and play another position," Glogowski said. "He can be a slot receiver. He's a smart kid. He's a great kid." Tovey actually hopes quarterback

isn't in his future this season. "I'll play a little receiver and cross

my fingers I don't have to play quarterback," Tovey said. "Because that'll mean they both went down."



Photo courtesy of Simpson Athletics

The defender from down under

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As a defensive center, senior Ashlee Faul can see and take in everything that happens on the field. Much like what she is doing in her one semester immersed in American

Faul is from Adelaide in the south of Australia and is a political science major. Her transition here was fairly smooth on and off the field. "The way we play at home is slightly different. Over here the play is a lot quicker, but we pass it around a lot more at home,"

Faul has played at a lot of different levels and for many different teams in Australia. "Ashlee is a good defender to the team," fellow defender Taylor

Simpson's team is more closely knit than some of the teams Faul has played for in the past. She attributes this to everyone's enthusiasm to play. At her previous college, there were less opportunities to get involved in sports, all of the students lived off campus and most of the students had part-time jobs instead of being stu-

The biggest adaptation Faul had to make was to the American food. "You eat peanut butter with everything. And I had s'mores the other day when we went camping. That was kind of weird and overly sugary. That's the main thing, there's a lot of sugar."

As it turns out, Foster's is not Australian for beer. "You can't get it many places in Australia. It's not the main beer we drink; you can't get it on tap anywhere. No one drinks Foster's in Australia. Everyone just thinks we

Faul will study at Simpson until mid-December when first semester ends. After that she will return to Australia to finish her senior year of



Photo by Stephanie Woodruff Australian foreign exchange student, Ashlee Faul, jogs toward midfield in a match Sept. 9.



SPORTS

Football Preview: Rematch with Illinois Wesleyan

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Typically, a week two bye is an unfavorable scheduling situation for a football team. It means nine straight weeks of games – with no bye week. But for a banged-up Simpson foot-

ball team headed by a staff with new assignments, it's come as a blessing, especially as they head to face a formidable Illinois Wesleyan University Titans football team.

During a 28-21 win in week one, the Storm were without starting corner back Reid Ryan, captain and starting defensive end Clay Finley and starting senior wide receiver

Corbin Clark.
"They haven't practiced at all this week so they'll get back for next week," head coach Jim Glogowski said. "Some of those guys that have had lingering injuries have some time

Simpson won last year's matchup 13-3 against the then No. 21 ranked Titans at home. Illinois Wesleyan would flounder the rest of the way going 2-5 to finish 4-6 in 2014. Similarly, it was the Storm's last win before going on a seven-game losing streak.

"I will expect a team much like us improved and healthy," Glogowski

Both teams committed three turn-

overs while the Titans gained more yardage, but the battle was won on the ground as Simpson outrushed Illinois Wesleyan 173-65 while maintaining control of the ball for over 13

more minutes than the Titans. Illinois Wesleyan appears to have revamped in 2015, getting off to a 2-0 start including a 34-24 win over Franklin College, a notorious conference contender in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

"They'll present a tough challenge," Glogowski said. "...they opened up with a win over Franklin who has been to the playoffs five straight years and they forced seven turnovers."

Simpson will make one of their

tougher trips of the season, heading five hours to Bloomington, Ill. where they will stay overnight and return the next day.

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As it was in week one, the Storm quarterbacking situation will be a two-headed operation. Sophomores Caleb Frye and Sammy Sasso will be under center, with whoever has the hot hand being the one on the field.

Sasso isn't concerned with an Illinois Wesleyan defense that has forced nine turnovers in the first two games.

"We are not so much looking [ahead] about them," Sasso said. "We are looking at ourselves and being the best we can be."

schools, a relationship that stretches back all the way to 1994.

Simpson will have to play much similar ball to how they played the Titans last year if they want to slow down the high-powered College Conference of Illinois-Wisconsin

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"I'm sure they'll be looking for revenge," Glogowski said. "We have to go down there and make sure we are not beating ourselves. Win, lose or draw we will play hard. If we win we are 2-0, and if we lose it won't make or break our season."

Promising start for men's soccer; what happens next?

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The Simpson men's soccer team has been one of the most consistent and talented teams on campus in head coach Rick Isaacson's four-plus year tenure at Simpson

Last year the Storm went 12-9-0 and showed signs of breaking out from underneath the weight of the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) stalwarts of Luther, Loras and Wartburg.

But after a first round exit from the IIAC tournament, Simpson came away feeling empty and as if they'd underachieved.

"Certainly last year is something that we can use as a tool to learn from," Isaacson said. "We have enough experienced players returning from last year's squad that I would hope we'd look back on the 2014 season and say, okay - how did we get back to such a hot start [in 2014]?

A senior-laden roster with promising youth hopes to be the recipe the Storm need as they look to take down the door that's been barring Simpson from the IIAC's upper echelon.

"Four years into my tenure here we are in a good place in the conference standings, but we are not where we want to be," Isaacson said. "Here in year five we are looking for a way to kick down the door and get into that top three and become a consistent presence."

Men's soccer started 8-3 in nonconference play before hitting the IIAC whirlwind last year, and as of now the Storm are on pace for a similar start, beginning the year 3-1-1 heading into last Wednesday's match-

Davey Jergens trails lead-blocker Spencer Scar during a return in Simpson's 42-35 loss to

Luther College on Nov. 14 last year. Jergens broke off a 74-yard return against the Norse.

Not for a shortage of opportuni

The Storm had to come from behind to win two of their first three games against Grinnell College and Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.) to help start 3-0, but missed opportunities caused Simpson to draw (2-2) against Bethel University and lose 2-1

As far as statistics state, the Storm could very easily be 5-0 though.

The Simpson offense has attempted an IIAC best 95 shots while attempting 12 more corner kicks (50) than the next most total in the conference.

Some old, some new faces:

The future is bright but so is the present in the way of talent. Seniorcaptain Marcus Varnum, who has earned at least an honorable mention All-IIAC award each of his three years, continues to be a spark plug. The Ankeny native is third in the IIAC in points (7) and tied for first

Senior Tyler Neumann came into 2014 banged up and scored just five goals although a reintegration into the offense through a formation change has sparked a top-10 all-time points leader at Simpson. The Johnston native has two game-winning goals and five points so far.

Now that he's a senior we've gone back to him playing where he is more comfortable, being around the goal more often so he can utilize his skill set better," Isaacson said.

While senior goalkeeper Zach McEntee was lifted from the game midway in Simpson's come-from-behind 2-1 win over Concordia-Moorhead, it can be expected that McEntee



Garrett Pochop (No. 13, above right) battles for possession during a 2-1 loss to Augustana College (ill.) on Oct. 7 of last year. The sophomore from Pierre, S.D. leads the Storm with three goals so far in 2015 as Simpson has started off 3-1-1 on the year

will continue to mind the net. Coming onto the scene is sophomore Garrett Pochop, who leads Simpson with three goals, tying his total

from last year. A new number 11, Darius Doswell, donning the number of all-time goals and points leader at Simpson, Mitchell White, should be fun to watch moving forward.

Doswell possesses premier foot-

shot, showing a drive and feistiness we lost with Mitchell's departure.' the team has needed.

And speaking of White, replacing him in 2015 was one of the main concerns for Isaacson - both productionwise and leadership-wise.

"One of our biggest concerns coming into 2015 is where we were going to get that leadership from," Isaacson said. "Our senior class has done a good job shouldering that load col-

Non-conference tune-ups:

Loras is looming in the IIAC opener in Dubuque on Sept. 26, but before then men's soccer will play three more non-conference matches, two of which were familiar foes from last year - Westminster College (Mo.) and Saint Mary's (Minn.) – both of which Simpson defeated 2-1 last year.

Davey Jergens' hat trick earns him IIAC honors

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Davey Jergens opened eyes after breaking out for a team-best 74 yard kickoff return in the final game of 2014 against Luther College.

Jergens hit the ground running in the first game of his sophomore year decisive score in Simpson's 28-21 win as he scored two rushing touchdowns and caught another on his way to Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) offensive player of the week honors and IIAC male athlete of the week accolades.

For him, the award was a surprise when he heard the news from teammate and linebacker Shane Ventei-

"Yeah, Shane told me," Jergens said. "He said, 'What's up, stud? You

got player of the week!" All told, Jergens rushed for 72

sophomore Sammy Sasso a touchdown pass in his first varsity attempt. "It was awesome," Sasso said in

reference to the touchdown pass. "I didn't have to do too much, though!" Jergens would break off another combination of power and speed. big play; a 53-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter was the

over UW-River Falls. Standing at 5'10", 180, the West Bend, Iowa native showed impressive breakaway speed on Saturday, some-

thing he unleashed and worked on as a sprinter for the Simpson track team. "I feel like it [track] helps a lot," Jergens said. "I do a lot of individual-

ized sprinting. "Davey's deal is that if he hits a

crease he can go," head coach Jim Glogowski said. "We've had some really good [running] backs here but I yards on six carries while reeling in tailored to that role, and with what we one pass for 63 yards and a touch- are doing offensively it really fits well

While Jergens has developed into

a Darren Sproles and Troy Brownesque player, the sophomore sees Tavon Austin of the Rams and Adrian Peterson as his favorite players – a

This has opened up his options heading into 2015 after a freshman season in which he was used exclusively in the return game.

"We are not trying to pigeonhole guys," Glogowski said. "He's the kind of guy that can catch the ball out of the backfield but when he runs the ball he can create some matchup

Jergens will continue to get a chance to soak in the high feeling

after his week one performance as Simpson enjoyed their bye week this past week. The Storm will head to Bloomington, Ill. to face the Illinois don't know if we've had a back that is Wesleyan Titans on Saturday, Sept.



FLIPSIDE

SGA

Student Government Association

SGA is a student organization that is in charge of a lot of different things - from finding solutions to problems on campus to deciding how much money student clubs and organizations should receive for events.

Campus Activities Board

Remember the Stand Around, the dance that took place that first week back on campus with free ice cream and a giant slide? CAB planned that, and they have a lot more events planned to take place throughout the year!

Blank Performing Arts Center

Chances are that you will have a class of some sort in BPAC at some point, and when you do this acronym will come in Sometimes there are even events, such as plays and operas, that are held there!

Pfeif

Pfeiffer Dining Center

An all you can eat buffet in the middle of campus, Pheif is a great place to stop! Fief serves breakfast, lunch, dinner, and even brunch on the weekends! But be on the lookout for this abbreviation, because no one really knows how to spell it!

It is not what you think! WTF is actually a club on campus that plans all sorts of fun activities, such as piñata parties, coloring book sessions, and pirate days.

Religious Life Community

Not to be confused with Residence Life (ResLife), RLC welcomes students from a diverse range of backgrounds and beliefs and offers opportunities to expand religiously while also getting to know students from beliefs on campus.

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Simpson College loves acronyms and abbreviations, so much in fact that the Simpson website has an entire page dedicated to them! It can be difficult navigating the many shortened words and places around campus, so here we are to help with the 12 most common acronyms and abbreviations on campus!

program that has been implemented throughout the college's curriculum to enhance the writing skills of students. It is likely you will come across this one when going over the and working with svllabus professors.

Simpson Student Media

If you don't know this one, you probably aren't reading this right now anyways! SSM runs The Simpsonian, KSTM The Storm radio, and ID Magazine!

Community Advisor

Your CA is always there for you if you need them, whether that is a roommate disagreement, a question about the campus, or a lecture for a loud or irresponsible weekend.

Sexual Assault Response Advocates

SARA organization provides on campus that confidential help and support for issues surrounding sexual abuse. They can be reached by phone call or text at (515) 330-6392.

Au Bon Pain

ABP is a campus favorite for sandwiches, soups, and macaroni and cheese. No one knows how to properly pronounce the name of it, so everyone uses its acronym!

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