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FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome back to Roberts! Another summer has gone by, and it's time to go back to school.

Homecoming and autumn activities are awhirl, bringing in a new season. I am so excited to be the Editor-in-Chief for the Beacon again this year! The new Beacon team and I have some exciting plans for where we want to take the paper. I'm thrilled to see what you all think of the ideas we are bringing to life.

The mission of the Beacon this year is to provide a place where all people on campus have a voice. A verse that comes to mind for me is "Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7). I want to welcome everyone to campus, whether you're a freshman or an upperclassman. I hope you feel at home here, and that this paper is both a place where anyone can share things they believe their peers need to hear and a space where they can feel seen. I cannot wait to see what this year brings us!

God be with you,

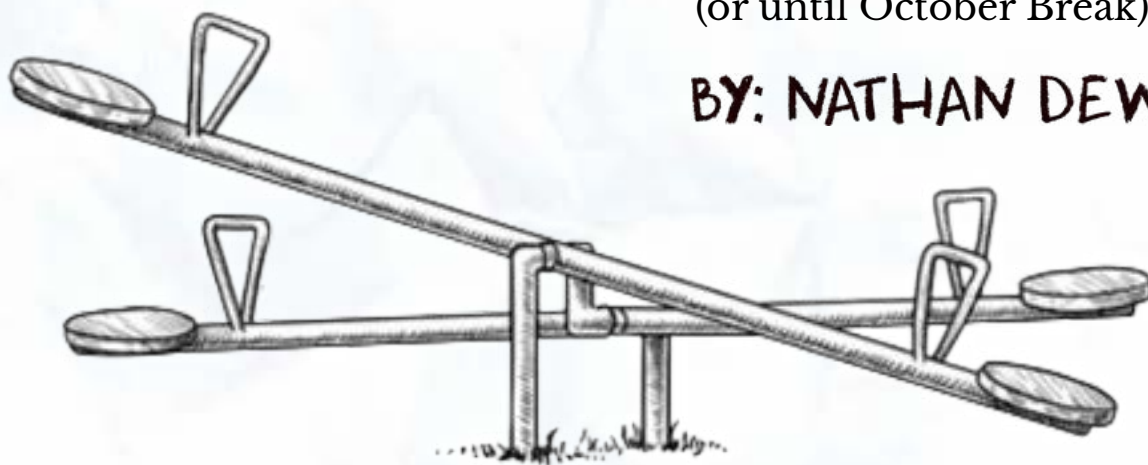
Katy ♥
Goodwin

PREPARING FOR GRADE SCHOOL VS. PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

I can remember the feeling when my mom would tell my siblings and I, "Today we are going back-to-school shopping." It wasn't even the end of August, yet we were beginning to prepare for school to start up again. I had colored pencils, markers, a pencil box, scissors, glue sticks, and a new backpack. In middle school, I came prepared with color-coded binders for each class, page protectors, and variety of composition notebooks. So how come in college, arguably the most important years of our schooling, have we stopped preparing this way?

Here at Roberts, we seem to have proven that no preparation is necessary to succeed. Supplies become obsolete when everything is done on a laptop. For those who take notes on paper, one notebook is enough for all six of their classes. Why have a pencil box when a handful of pens can be thrown into your backpack? A collection of papers from each class can be organized into a single folder. For students who live on campus, there is a similar lack of urgency regarding packing to live at school for the year. A common theme appears to be "I started packing the night before move-in." Although it seems crazy that some of us packed just a few clothes, bedsheets, and a TV, no one seems worried that they did not pack enough for college. Let this be a sign to trust that what little we may or may not have packed, it will be enough to sustain us this year (or until October Break).

BY: NATHAN DEWEESE



AN INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR QUINLAN



When Professor Quinlan started working at Roberts in 1994, the campus looked quite a bit different than it does today. There was no Rinker, no CLC. Hastings was the library, and the Humanities department staff worked out of offices in old houses on Orchard Street. “Across from Carpenter there was an ugly ‘quonset hut’ that I think was put up during World War II. It was kind of run down, and no one really liked to teach in there”, she said. She remembers teaching classes in the labs of Smith Hall, using a sink as a desk. Once, her class was interrupted by someone with a watering can who came to take care of the plants in the lab. As for the atmosphere of the school, it felt a little more sheltered, as almost all the students came from a close regional area. Professor Quinlan remarked on the significant change in diversity, specifically religious diversity, in recent years.



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One thing that hasn’t changed: her students. “I’ve always had wonderful, bright students who are excited to learn”, said Professor Quinlan. “Students come to college to examine their beliefs and learn new things. A lot of people are trying to understand themselves and figure out their identities, and that hasn’t changed.” She has loved the opportunity to interact with different generations over the years because it keeps her on her toes and helps her realize what’s important. “I learn so much from my students - I’ve always thought that.”

After 31 years of teaching at Roberts, Professor Quinlan’s passion for education has certainly not faded. She said, “I love my students so much and I never get tired of them. I’m really happy to be in front of my classroom, and I want my students to know that.” It’s going to be another busy year for Professor Quinlan, but she is excited to continue witnessing the growth of her students.

Mikayla Stringham

WHERE'D YOU GET THAT?



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WHERE'D YOU GET THAT?

Amber Thorne

REGGIE REPORT

FROM THE DESK OF:
ISAAC FESMIRE

Mission: Determine that Reggie is [REDACTED]

Object: [REDACTED]
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With Reggie's 10th birthday celebration coming up, I wanted to schedule an interview with the big bird himself to get the inside scoop. But when I reached out, I got sent down a wild goose chase that eventually just died out with no info. So with a deadline fast approaching, I had an article to write and had to resort to actively researching everyone's favorite Redhawk...

But in the process... I uncovered something... I uncovered a conspiracy afoot that ran deeper than I could have ever imagined.

Reggie was revealed 13 years ago. He came to Roberts Wesleyan [College] in September 2012. He did a series of "Day in the Life" videos 12 years ago, and he was celebrated in the 2013 Chesbronian Yearbook. Reggie the Redhawk has been here well over ten years. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!



I found a contact, an alumnus whistleblower who was here in 2021, who claims that Reggie's birthday was ALREADY celebrated! Unfortunately, they were unable to find a photo they remembered depicting Reggie and his celebration cupcakes. But this brings forward another question... As it was hosted when Reggie was NINE. Why was there no celebration in 2022? Was Reggie born prior to coming to Roberts? In the videos from 2013, he does mention a family...

What is the reasoning behind this cover-up? If Reggie turned ten in 2021, why are we celebrating again, 4 years later? If we have records on three separate websites, what has led us to miss what seems to be a clear-cut date? Is Reggie the one behind this? Or is there someone else controlling him? And also...

What's the deal with his egg? Where did he get that?

AUGUST ABSURDITY, SEPTEMBER STRANGENESS

By: Catherine Magaw

The start of the school year brings with it the start of campus shenanigans. Entertaining things are bound to happen, especially when classes are just starting up and people have more time on their hands. So, I have compiled some of this year's strangest stories. Keep in mind, this is only a fraction of what has happened in just the first two weeks of classes.

Freshmen's Fish

There is a fishtank in Miner Hall. This may sound normal, since students can keep fish as pets on campus, but Miner is no stranger to antics. Firstly, a jumbo Swedish Fish was dropped into this fishtank. The fishtank's owner reported that when he discovered this, he chased the culprit up 4 flights of stairs to throw the aforementioned gummy at him. Secondly, and more troublingly, there were later reports of a missing fish.

Treetop Terror

Students reported hearing rustling and an eerie rendition of "Ring Around the Rosie" coming from a tree on south campus. A post on the @barstool_roberts Instagram confirms this, sharing one student's story of this nighttime run-in, and showing unsettling footage from the perpetrator in the tree. Was this just a freshman messing with people, or was it a terrifyingly intelligent squirrel?

Other Oddities

According to our Instagram poll, other oddities include:

- 1.5 minutes of uninterrupted eye contact with Reggie
- cross-campus mini fridge transportation on a cart
- reunion of Ken and Dora
- dinosaur attacking students in The Tunnels
- roommate

Whether campus happenings increase in absurdity or die down, only time will tell. For now, at least there's never a dull moment.

DIVERSITY

BY: TIMIDERA (TIMMY) MACKINTOSH

Over the years, the term "diversity" has become so simplified that it feels like it has lost its meaning and become empty. It has reached the point where people seem to have lost sight of why it is so important to have it in our society. Not just our society, but right here on our campus. It's more than just a phrase. Diversity expands farther than just the color of our skin or our origins; it includes people from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, genders, sexual orientations, and lived experiences, to name a few. Diversity is complex—it encompasses all marginalized or minority groups, not just those defined by race or ethnicity.

You might be thinking, Timmy, what does diversity truly mean? To me, diversity is about fostering a community where people can be genuine and feel safe expressing their individuality. I believe those who haven't experienced marginalization (microaggression, harmful stereotypes, etc.) shouldn't reduce it to a simple concept based on their own perspective. The reality is that it is multifaceted and extends beyond just race and ethnicity.

As a Christian campus, and as **Christians**, we are called to live like Christ. Christian quite literally means to be "Christ-like", "A follower of Christ". Jesus showed love and acceptance to all, including those marginalized, labeled as outcasts (such as tax collectors), even showing compassion to "sinners". He chose to connect with people whom others shunned (Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17, and Luke 5:27-32), despite receiving criticism for it. If he could do that, why shouldn't we? To show love is to allow and support diverse communities, which means allowing everyone to thrive, even when we disagree with one another. Our role is not to judge. That should be left up to God, who judges fairly and right. We should love as Jesus did and share our faith with compassion, not fear or hatred.





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