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Walsh University Welcomes President Collins to Campus

HANNAH MCFEETERS, STAFF WRITER

I started to ask President Collins, “If you were a freshman at Walsh University...” I intended to ask what clubs he would be interested in if he were a freshman, but before I could even finish my question he responded, “I’d be the luckiest student in the world.”

Walsh students, new and old, are lucky to be attending Walsh University right now. And that’s because of the new leader on campus- President Collins.

“I’m not exactly sure how I got here,” said President Collins. For Collins, moving from Baltimore’s Johns Hopkins to Canton’s Walsh University was a step out in faith. He reasoned, “This is where we’re supposed to be.”

No, that’s not a typo. President Collins did say ‘we’, and he used this pronoun throughout the interview. His leadership is not a one-man operation. The ‘we’ consists of both President Collins and his wife, Drenda Collins.

“She has a very complementary set of skills,” said Collins, “and she does a lot of things better than me.” The two are a dynamic duo. During President Collins’ four years at the Air Force Academy, Mrs. Collins wrote him a letter every single day. She numbered each letter, and he kept every single one. They have been married for thirty-seven years.

The journey of President and Mrs. Collins has just begun at Walsh University. For President Collins, who was the youngest Fighter Pilot evaluator in the U.S. Air Force during his 23 years of service, the sky is the limit.

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“It is an honor and privilege to be afforded the opportunity to join the community on this mission to build servant leaders. My commitment is to further advance the 200-year old charism of the Brothers and ‘take our place’ as a distinctive Catholic university of national prominence,” said Dr. Collins.

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Equestrian Team Spotlight

MARIA WELLS, SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

My name is Maria Wells, and I am a Senior majoring in Biology Pre-Physical Therapy with a minor in History. Prior to coming to Walsh, I was fortunate to ride and show horses for a number of years. Riding horses is an outlet for me, a time to forget about the stresses from school and life. There is nothing more relaxing than going out to the barn and focusing only on myself and the bond with my horse.

Last year, I made the decision to start riding on

Walsh's Equestrian Team! My only regret is that I did not start sooner. It is such a blessing that I am able to take my passion for riding to college with me. Being on the team has made me a stronger rider, and I have



The Walsh University Equestrian Team

met some wonderful people who share the same interest as me. If you're a Walsh student and are interested in horses, why not join the Equestrian Team?

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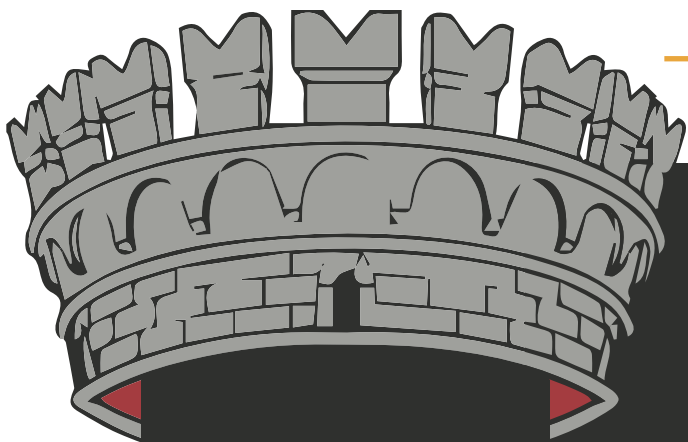
JACQUELIN NOELKER, SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

September 6 the Agape Leadership Team welcomed over 120 Walsh students to the Pleasant Hills Campgrounds for the 2019 Agape Retreat. The retreat allows students to grow closer to God through mass, adoration, student witnesses, and community. The opportunity to co-direct the 2019 Agape Retreat was such an incredible experience, and I feel so blessed to have worked with such amazing people.

The Agape Retreat would not have been possible without the help of the 2019 Agape Leadership Team, the Admin Team, Walsh Campus Ministry's Department, the Brothers of Christian Instruction, and my co-director Alex Branham. Thank you again to all who helped to make the 2019 Agape Retreat successful!



Brother Guillermo sharing fellowship with students



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Q&A With President Collins

HANNAH MCFEETERS, STAFF WRITER

Dr. Collins officially began his role as President on August 4, 2019, and Walsh students already have questions for him. The highly anticipated answers are here below:

Favorite food at the Scherv?

"I love kid food, so when I saw mac n cheese on pizza, I knew I was going to like that combination. Also, whatever they're doing to those French fries in there... it's pretty amazing. If I'm eating with Drenda though, it's a salad."

Choice of dessert?

"I've never met an oatmeal raisin cookie I didn't like."

Go-to grab at the C-store?

"Whatever I can grab and eat right then and there. I really like any kind of pastry."

Favorite sport?

"I love all sports for their important part in building leadership. The goal is to make one away game for every sport and catch as many home games as I can."

Favorite event attended on campus so far?

"Probably karaoke. Some of these students have hidden talents. I saw three football guys all backing each other singing at karaoke night... I barely got off the hook singing myself."

Favorite social media platform?

"I'm only on Twitter. Follow the handle @walshpresident. Go watch his welcome video that has over 50,000 views- <https://youtu.be/Btoch1NMpdw>

Favorite sports team?

"We left the Ravens, Red Skins, Orioles, we are Cleveland fans now... I'm not getting involved with Baltimore and Cleveland though..."

Any more surprises like random push up contests?

"No scoop on that. If I said anything, it wouldn't be a surprise."

Favorite place to be on campus?

"Wherever the people are."

It's clear that Dr. Collins knows what makes Walsh, Walsh. We are in good hands.

Early Struggles for Walsh Football

JARED WALSH, SPORTS EDITOR



Walsh getting ready to start the 2nd half against Ashland down 20-6.

Two weeks deep into the season and the season has not been in Walsh's favor. A tough week one loss came at the hands of Duquesne as the Cavs lost 44-3 at Duquesne.

Week two was Walsh's first home game as they hosted the Ashland Eagles Saturday September 14th. This game was an improvement for the Cavs as they only lost 34-12, but the scoreboard does not give the Cavs enough credit.

Walsh's defense led the way for the Cavs, as the offense was not able to generate much action throughout the game. The offense was just short of 200 yards of total offense. Junior running back Koby Adu-Poku finished the game with 20 carries for 58 yards. He did more damage in the passing game, as he racked in 4 receptions for 68 yards. Nick Gassman went 11-28 for 147 yards with 1 touchdown and 2 interceptions. Tight End Dillon Smith's lone reception went for a touchdown, and it came in the 2nd quarter with 3 minutes left in the first half.

The Cavs went into half down 20-6. That deficit grew as Ashland was able to get into the endzone late in the 3rd quarter to extend their lead to 27-6. However, to open up the 4th

quarter, Gassman was able to punch the ball in for a 1-yard touchdown rush to cut the lead to 27-12. On Walsh's two touchdowns, they were not able to convert on either extra point. After that touchdown, it seemed that Walsh had a chance of coming back into the game only being down 15 points with a whole quarter left. Unfortunately, Walsh was not able to get into a rhythm as that rushing touchdown for Gassman was the last time Walsh would score. After this, Walsh had one last chance and was not able to get a first down at their own twelve-yard line. Ashland, with the great field position, was able to get the last score of the game to make the final 34-12.

Redshirt Sophomore Stephen Baugh had a highlight for the Cavs. Baugh finished the game with an interception, which gives him an interception in both of the 2 games for the Cavs.

Next up, the Cavaliers host the Tiffin Dragons at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium on Saturday, September 21st at 1:00 PM. This matchup will be Walsh's first conference game of the season. More should be expected of the Cavs in a conference game.



Sept 21 vs Tiffin

Sept 28 @ Hillsdale

Oct 5 @ Lake Erie

Oct 12 vs Findlay

Oct 19 vs West Liberty

Oct 26 @ Ohio Dominican

Nov 2 vs Ky Wesleyan

Nov 9 @ Alderson Broaddus

Nov 16 @ Missouri Baptist



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JARED WALSH, SPORTS EDITOR

As the school year commenced, so did the 2019 season for the Lady Cavaliers. The Cavs finished last season with an impressive 11-2-1 record, which awarded the team third place, only two points out of first place.

Walsh has a record of 3-0-1 with wins against Slippery Rock, Saginaw Valley, and Davis & Elkins. Their one loss comes from Southern Indiana University in a 4-0 final.

On Thursday, September 5th, Walsh traveled to Slippery Rock University where they took on the Pride. Junior Hannah Bowman scored the lone goal in the sixth minute. Bowman was assisted by Freshman Sabrina Ortenzi. Throughout the game, Slippery Rock had ten shots at the goal. Senior Mickey McClanahan did not give up a single goal, finishing with ten saves.

On Sunday, September 8th, Walsh hosted Southern Indiana University. Unfortunately for the Cavs, this game was not in their favor as SIU won 4-0. SIU had twenty shots while Walsh only had twelve. Walsh had the opportunities as Senior forward Alexis Meffert had four shots with three on goal. Meffert also picked up a yellow card in that game.

Walsh did not let the 4-0 defeat affect them as they traveled to Saginaw Valley Thursday September 12th. Hannah Bowman scored the lone goal in the 25th minute. That goal made it her second on the season. Maddie Malinowski was credited with the assist. Surprisingly, Saginaw Valley leads Walsh in shots with a 17-9 difference. Mickey McClanahan came up big for the Cavs as Saginaw Valley was only able to get six of the seventeen shots on goal, which were all saved.

On Saturday, September 14th, Walsh had two straight wins as they traveled to Davis & Elkins and picked up a 3-1 victory. Brianna Sanborn led Walsh in scoring as she tucked in two goals for the Cavs in the 55th minute and the 68th minute. Senior Olivia Peters scored the other goal for the Cavs in the 16th minute. Mickey McClanahan had three saves on four shots, and the only goal that got by came in the 65th minute for Davis & Elkins.

Next, conference play begins on Saturday, September 21st at Malone.



Photo from Walsh Athletics

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“Joker” Trailer Review: A Fresh Take on an Iconic Character?

DANIEL LIEBLER, STAFF WRITER

As the obsession with superhero flicks continues, many would consider the most iconic big-screen villain to be Batman’s arch-rival Joker, a psychopathic clown with a distinctive grin and a chilling laugh.

The Joker has been portrayed by numerous actors over the last several decades, each one boasting a distinctive interpretation of this iconic character.

Longtime fans remember Jack Nicholson’s comedic, sinister performance in the 1989 version of “Batman,” while the resounding hoots and howls of Mark Hamill in “Batman: The Animated Series” have become a defining element of Joker’s persona.

The late Heath Ledger’s commanding presence in “The Dark Knight” represented a high point for most fans, featuring an unpredictable, wildly entertaining performance that left little room for improvement--as Jared Leto’s underwhelming performance in “Suicide Squad” later confirmed.

Now fans are eagerly looking forward to the upcoming “Joker,” an unprecedented standalone film that features a unique origin story for Batman’s nemesis. Far from being a tedious cash grab or an obligatory remake, “Joker” promises a fresh angle on a character that has traditionally existed only in the Dark Knight’s shadow.

Joaquin Phoenix, an actor with an impressive resume of dark roles, dances into Gotham as Arthur Fleck, an impoverished and mentally ill comedian searching for some semblance of meaning. The film’s edgy trailer depicts a broken individual, confused and baffled by cruelty as he slowly descends into madness amid images of a decaying city and a suffering population.

One scene lingers on Arthur diligently caring for his ailing mother, revealing a touch of

humanity that past representations of the Joker have had little time for. He is even shown dating a young woman named Sophie (Zazie Beetz), and his genuine smile during their dinnertime conversation makes his inevitable transformation far more painful.

Ultimately, the villainy of this Joker flows from a place of depression and hurt, not from malice or hatred of humanity. With this in mind, can viewers really blame him for the chaos and crimes that will undoubtedly ensue? Perhaps they can, but should they?

“All I have are negative thoughts,” says Arthur at one point, a cry for help to a therapist who will soon leave him. Even observing the malice in his eyes, it is hard not to feel a twinge of pity for Joker, as if we somehow created him.

While his predecessors have represented the iconic Joker in a number of fashions, Phoenix’s depiction seems to have something deeper to say about the humanity of comic book villains and the ramifications of trampling upon the marginalized and mentally ill in society. This is an exciting potential for a movie genre that is primarily concerned with big set pieces and massive ticket sales.

Phoenix’s Joker is perhaps not the one we need but is certainly the one we deserve.

Send in the clown.



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The Return of The Typist

MORGAN AHART, STAFF WRITER

Hello dear readers! It is the typist returning from a long absence of transmissions to entertain you! This tale came to me on the wind of another reality! It appears to be a police report filed following a most fantastic encounter! Is it real? Was it a product of some unknown influence? Who's to say?

I used to work on the crew of a TV show that did these deep dives into conspiracy theories and the communities that sprung up around them. The first season covered the popular theories everyone has heard about, at least in passing like the supposed faking of the moon landing, or the Roswell UFO. The first season did pretty well, enough that people had an interest in the stories to tune in even if just to laugh.

After the first season, we'd sort of gone through all the major ones. So as the show dragged on, we were grasping more and more at straws trying to find stories to cover. One episode we even tried to find the Mothman in Point Pleasant. Turns out it was probably just a bird. By the fourth season, we were beyond scraping the bottom of the barrel, we were clawing wood chips out of the bottom, and that is when we covered the mesa conspiracy.

Some people say that mesas are not actually made of dirt, stone, and gravel. These people think that mesas are enormous trees that were cut down, and they think that the biggest redwoods are just saplings for these giant trees. It sounds absurd, right?

It was meant to be the final episode of the fourth season, we'd had some high tensions during the filming of this seasons episodes, and some lingering bitterness, but we were excited to wrap and get some time to relax. The fact we had not been green-lit for another season also had everyone on edge. That is why they were going so over the top with this one, hoping it would convince the network to bring us back for another season. It had all the bells and whistles, and when I say all, I mean all. Interviews with multiple figures, from multiple groups around the country that believed in this theory.

The lynchpin of this whole episode was meant to be this study of a big mesa and the surrounding area with a group of these people. It would be entertaining and give a sense of intrigue, and best of all the conspiracy

theorists were footing the bill. It gave me and the sound guy Robert a weird vibe, but at the insistence of the director Patrick, we went.

They were doing their study out on this mesa in Arizona that was close by to a small mountain range. Something about how the distance between it and other nearby "specimens" was the appropriate distance from each other to accommodate root systems. They were serious about it though, with the building supplies and provisions to set up long term housing for this study, and heavy machinery followed a few days after them. How they managed to get the permits baffled us, but they had them.

We spent the first day driving through the middle of nowhere along these lousy dirt roads and setting up camp on this mesa. It was nearly nightfall when I first looked at the nearby mountains. They almost looked like a person laying down, they rose where the shoulders would be and gradually sloped down to where the waist would be before leveling out. I even remember pointing it out to Robert, joking it was what had cut down the mesa-tree. But that was really just the first of several... odd things we would notice. All through the second day, the conspiracy theorists were running these tests, but none of them quite made sense.

The weirdest one was this seismic test where they buried dynamite in the ground and set it off and recorded the shockwaves. They did that one over and over. Robert and I joked that they were going to wake up the mountain. Apparently, they'd found pockets of stone of similar composition to the mesa in "root-like" orientations and were going to begin a dig for them in a few days when some heavy equipment caught up with us. That night the entire area was shaken by an earthquake, nobody was hurt, but the equipment was knocked everywhere and some people were really shaken up. A lot of the crew wanted to pack up and leave, but the conspiracy theorists assured us we were safe and it was an isolated event.

Patrick decided we should stay and keep filming. There were minor tremors throughout the day, nothing severe just a slight rumble every now and then, but it

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Unsolicited Advice From a Former Freshman

HANNAH MCFEETERS, STAFF WRITER

There was a phrase at my high school that was inscribed upon every letter the school sent out to its prospective students and on every hall that current students walked down- “Fit in and stand out.” This play on words suggests a sense of belonging to a community while fostering individual strengths and growth.

The transition from high school to college is an adventure that many students choose to partake in, and none are truly prepared for. Most students are gifted with an unprecedented amount of independence. We choose our daily schedules, what we eat, what we wear, and those we surround ourselves with. While our choices of majors may differ, there is one fundamental piece of advice for success during both freshman year and the years to come: do not try to fit in.

Brene Brown, a researcher at the University of Houston, emphasizes the importance of belonging in each of our lives in her seminars and speeches. Brown states that the opposite of belonging is fitting in. Students all wish to feel understood, accepted for who we are, but by no means does that come by following

social norms or doing what the majority seems to be leaning towards. The more we try to mold ourselves into the ideal of the model college student, the farther we are from the person we are meant to be.

For all of the freshman, or for anyone who might need to hear this, I encourage you to stand out. Navigating a college campus for the first time is quite simple when you follow your own compass. While current students at Walsh may not know who you are yet, you know yourself. Go towards what energizes you. Drop the “resume builders” and get involved in what you truly want to do. Take that creative writing class, join that art club, find a seat in the chapel. Do not sacrifice a single moment of following your heart to try and follow the crowd. Belonging arrives when you are brave enough to own your wants, desires, and goals and dedicate yourself to seeing them through.

Belonging is not fitting in, nor is it finding your place. It is creating your place, and that is something I believe all of you can do right here, right now.

Typist cont’d...

was enough for Robert and me, and quite a few other members of the filming crew to put our foot down that we felt unsafe and wanted to leave. We were loading the truck to leave when another massive earthquake struck.

Robert was in the driver’s seat and I was in the truck bed getting the last of the gear strapped down when the earthquake hit. I fell backward as the truck beneath me shook and by complete chance, and my gaze fell over the mountain. As soon as I saw it, I screamed at Robert to drive and clambered to close the tailgate. When I screamed to drive, Robert hit the gas and drove.

The mountain was moving. It was standing up. I know it sounds crazy, but it was standing up. The entire mountain range was rising from the ground. Trees, boulders and tons of dirt and sand were falling from its form. The sudden cavity left in its place was miles deep and started to collapse. The land around it collapsed into the hole, pulling the camp and the ground around the mesa violently pulled away and filled the fissure. Robert kept driving as fast as the truck could go, as it started walking. With every step, the ground shook for miles, and it left massive holes where it stepped. What seemed to be its head turned this way and that as if it were looking for something.

I hope the mountain lays back down and goes back to sleep.

I hope I never find out what it was looking for.