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STUDENT PUBLISHES CHRISTIAN NOVEL

written by Guest April 28, 2023



Written by Mattie Powers

Many students at Harding University have reached many accomplishments, and recently another student has made an achievement of her own. Junior Tayler B. Appleton, a biochem and molecular biology major, published her own book last month titled “The Fire Within One’s Heart,” a two-in-one novel discussing spiritual exploration and interpretations of scripture.

Appleton initially aimed to publish short stories she had written before becoming inspired to work on her new book.

“I was planning on just trying to publish those, but then I came to Harding and learned a bit more about philosophy,” Appleton said. “... And I’ve always been really passionate about philosophy, and I was like, ‘Well I’ve never seen a book that’s like Christian devotional and philosophy,’ so I decided to combine the two.”

Christian Faith Publishing Inc. served as Appleton’s publisher, releasing “The Fire Within One’s Heart” on March 21. Two professors helped her with the book creation and publishing process, including Dr. David Donley, assistant professor of biology.

“Tayler has been an excellent student who is motivated and curious,” Donley said. “If my students are nervous about trying something new — for example, completing a new technique in the lab — I will often tell them ‘Just go for it, and you’ll learn along the way.’ Tayler often does just that. She is willing to try new things and enjoys being involved in lots of different projects.”

Jonathan Wood, assistant professor of marketing, has helped her in the process of marketing her new book. He said he benefited from assisting her.

“She’s a doer,” Wood said. “She will just do things. She doesn’t sit around and wait for someone else, so she’s actually really a lot of fun to watch, and she’s very enjoyable to be around, and she’s wise beyond her years.”

Appleton said “The Fire Within One’s Heart” will be available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble in the next month or two.

IMC STUDENTS HOST SHOWCASES FOR NEW DOCUMENTARY

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Written by Morgan Wrigley

A group of integrated marketing and communications (IMC) students saw their work on a semester-long project come to fruition last weekend as they hosted two showings of a new documentary.

Giving their event the title "Rocking with Raney," the Integrated Marketing Communication Capstone class focused on promoting and hosting two showings of the documentary about Raney Recording Studio in Drasco, Arkansas.

Senior Meg Sinha said the class started the process of planning these events by watching the documentary and learning about recording artist Jon Raney.

"We got to hear a little bit of his backstory and his family's backstory so that we had a good foundation for what we were going to do," Sinha said. "We also got to hear from Addison Carney, who was in our class and also happens to be in the band Rivers West, and they recorded with John Raney. They're actually in the process of their second album."

The two showings of the documentary were both Saturday, April 22. The first showing was in Heber Springs, Arkansas, and the second was in Searcy at the Rialto Theatre, followed by a performance from Rivers West. Both events were complete with refreshments and displays honoring Jon Raney and his accomplishments.

"At the Heber event, a lot of [the crowd] was Jon's family and friends and just people in the community who knew and loved him," Sinha said. "And then the Searcy event was really cool because it was very much a Searcy crowd. . . . So it was really cool to see the two different groups that came to both events."

Senior Easton Eads was part of the group that helped facilitate the event in Heber Springs.

"After the film was over, we had a little Q&A where people were telling stories of how they knew Mr. Raney and his family," Eads said. "It just felt like one big church potluck where everyone was so excited and proud to know Mr. Raney."

Eads said after the question and answer session, Professor Lori Sloan announced a new scholarship established in Jon Raney's name, and after the event, several people donated \$2000 to the scholarship fund.

"Of course, that is a testament to how highly people think of the Raney family, but also to the hard work of everyone involved in the whole thing, from the film crew and editors, to the Harding staff and my class that put the event on," Eads said.

Senior Macey Worrell said the best part of working on the project was seeing it all come together, adding that everything went perfectly.

“My classmates and I were so honored to get to showcase Jon Raney’s incredible legacy,” Worrell said. “...We loved hearing the different ways people worked with Jon. It showed us just how important this event was and how much it meant to people. We all were able to contribute our different talents to create something super special for Jon and his family to remember.”

WOMEN'S SOCCER HOST INDOOR TOURNAMENT

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Written by Nic Fraraccio

The Harding women's soccer team hosted an indoor soccer tournament Saturday, April 22, to raise money for a local charity.

Eleven teams participated in the tournament which included pool play and playoff rounds. The winner of the tournament received the option to choose which charity receives the total money raised. Várzea Futebol Clube (FC) defeated The Old Guys in penalty kicks to win the championship game.

Várzea FC only lost one game in the group stage before winning three straight to win the championship. Team Cookout defeated Várzea FC 3-1 in the first group stage match for Group B.

A variety of teams participated in the tournament held at the Hatcher Indoor Complex. Three high school teams were represented in the tournament. The Harding men's track and tennis teams were represented on two different teams.

Várzea FC consisted of Harding soccer alumni and former members from other college soccer teams. Team Cookout and The Old Guys gathered members from the Harding men's soccer team to participate in the tournament.

Junior Tyler Sterbenz, a member of Team Cookout, said he enjoyed the event and hopes the event will be continued in the future.

"It's the first time they've ever done something like that in the time I've been here," Sterbenz said. "I thought it was good to see outside soccer players get together and kick the ball around. It's a good way to raise money for charity and just have fun with the sport because I know in America it's not really a highly sought-after sport."

Freshmen Talia Walsh and Whitney Thomas, two members of the Harding women's soccer team, were in attendance to help coordinate the event on Saturday. Walsh said the tournament ran smoothly, and she was happy to meet players from multiple teams throughout the day.

"I definitely got closer to a lot more people at this event," Walsh said. "I think it's a good way of getting our school together because sports are so grouped off."

Thomas said she would love to see more people at the event next year because it is a fun way to try something new.

"It's a good way to interact with different sports and the Harding community," Thomas said. "It's just a chance to have fun and do something that maybe you wouldn't usually do."

Várzea FC has not confirmed which charity will receive the winnings from the tournament. The Harding women's soccer team plans to host the tournament again during the 2023-24 school year, with the possible addition of an all-women's tournament.