

Word on the Hill

What are your plans for the summer?

By Kenna Corley



"Stay in Winfield and work."

Cedrick Riley
sports management senior



"Go home and work out for next season and summer school."

Tee Gray
business administration junior



"Working at a grease factory."

Kyle Luttegeharm
biochemistry and biology freshman



"Living in Winfield and doing an internship somewhere."

Leigha Foley
business administration junior



"Work at Little Builders Pre-school and turn 21."

Tabatha McMullen
early childhood education junior



"Go home and work to make some money."

Melissa Borthwick
biology sophomore



"Working."

Mitch Ridenour
undecided freshman



"Find a job."

Roger Gonzales
business administration senior



"Work full time at the bank."

Kaycee Goff
biology sophomore



"Go on a mission trip to Haiti."

Megan Martin
biology sophomore

Inspiration can be unpredictable

- Find a way to preserve memories before they fade away

By Nate Jones
Staff reporter

Sitting in a hotel room full of good friends late on a Sunday night in Wichita watching Family Guy isn't much inspiration for writing your newspaper article or doing any of the other homework on the ledger.

You just had a very filling and delicious meal at a popular local restaurant along with a couple of ice cold brews and you're doing all you can to do anything but write. The only thing you're inspired to do is sleep.

Inspiration is a funny thing. It brings to mind the Old Spice advertisement with actor Bruce Campbell where he says, "If you have it, you don't need

it. If you need it you don't have it. If you have it, you need more of it, if you have more of it, you don't need less of it. You need it to get it and you certainly need it to get more of it. But if you already don't have any of it to begin with, you can't get any of it to get started with which means you really have no idea how to get it in the first place. Do you? You can share it, sure, you can even stockpile it if you like. But you can't fake it. Wanting it, needing it, wishing for it. The point is that if you've never had any of it, ever, people just seem to know." Followed by the caption "Experience is everything."

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Of course in this case inspiration is everything. For a writer commonly featured on the opinion page it is pivotal. First one must have an opinion or a problem about the dealings of the world. An election is coming up and everyone and their dog has an opinion about the candidates, what they stand for, why one is right one is wrong or why all contenders in question are totally worthless. Making a person inspired to not cast a vote.

Inspiration can work both ways. In theory a person is always motivated to do a thing or to not do a thing just like in choosing not to decide, a decision has still been made.

The one catch to being inspired is that it cannot be forced. If you want

to write a song about alcohol and having a good time at the bar, having memories of said happenings to draw inspiration from would be most beneficial.

But sometimes a person isn't always in the mood to write that kind of song. Inspiration and experience go hand in hand after all. You might be inspired by a look into the eyes of someone you love. By a hero, or an old friend who is always there for you. What drives you? Competition, fear, faith, or family?

No one is ever able to predict where inspiration might come from and that is the most annoying thing about inspiration along with at times it only lasts long enough for a drop of rain to hit the ground, then it's gone. It's a slippery son of a gun.

Whether it be a lover, a friend, a family member, or heck even someone you've never even met before, hold onto the inspiration that comes from those things.

And paint all the pictures you can with it. Write every inspired word that bleeds off the tip of your pen. One of these days that paint or that ink will dry and all you'll be left with is what you did with the inspirations they were born from.

Don't get caught watching and waiting for the pot of inspiration to boil, you'll just keep watching and waiting. Instead just write about how there is a lack of inspirations in your life.

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Ups, downs of love play role in movie

By Korie Hawkins
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Every girl has that one special movie that touches her heart in so many ways, and somehow seems to make her feel like the actress in the movie is her.

That movie for me is "Love and Basketball." I've watched it numerous of times and yet still fall in love every time.

"Love and Basketball" is a drama starring Sanaa Lathan,

Omar Epps, Alfre Woodard, Dennis Haysbert, and Debbi Morgan.

The movie opens up with the first quarter telling the story of two young children who grow up next door to one another. They both love the game of basketball, but eventually in the second quarter the two fall for one another in high school.

The stresses of change and college life during the third quarter put a halt in their love life and take them on two

separate paths.

Bringing them back together when Monica starts to feel something is missing from

the game, returning home to find out Quincy is getting married. She challenges him in a game one on one for his heart ending the fourth quarter.

The movie shows the ups and downs of the couple, having to deal with Monica

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trying to prove herself, and Quincy staying in the spotlight despite his father's deceit. Both have to figure out how to be there for one another and yet still reach their dreams of professionalism.

Not only does it address the relationship between Monica and Quincy, but the relationship they both face with their parents.

Monica deals with her "house wife" mother, and Quincy deals with his "famous

basketball playing cheating" father. Forcing them both to deal with the advice both parents have given them.

"Love and Basketball" takes you away with love, ambitions, and competition. Placing you in the shoes of both stars and making you feel the advantages and disadvantages of love and growth. Relationships deal with the same issues everyday, and this movie gives couples a chance to see how you can get through differences while facing difficult challenges.

Couples will enjoy the adventure of this movie

as it takes them through a simple game of "Love and Basketball."

It also gives childhood lovers reason to watch.

It almost reminds me of the boy next door who you fall for because he is super hot, then you share that first kiss, and nothing ever comes of it but him or you moving away wondering what could or should have been. This is your chance to reminisce and enjoy.

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Iraq war not worth the price



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When comparing loss of life, America has nothing on Iraq.

Since the war began in March of 2003, 4,488 American soldiers have died. The Iraqi people have lost 20 times that number.

An organization called Iraq Body Count calculates the mortality rate in Iraq.

It is based solely upon confirmed violent deaths. A running estimate is updated every day.

According to the website, somewhere between 80,000 and 90,000 Iraqi citizens have died since the war began.

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health has conducted additional studies.

Most of their surveys showed the mortality rate to be higher than the estimate of Iraq Body

Count.

I will always support our soldiers. I find their deaths undeniably sad and frustrating. The American lives that have been sacrificed during the course of the war are invaluable.

But the Iraqi people have lost so much more.

I am upset that even one person has died in this pointless war. Thousands of people are dying.

And I don't know why.

Does anyone know the truth about why we are fighting in Iraq? Maybe all wars are this way.

But I am frustrated because no one will give an honest answer about why 82,000 innocent civilians have died.

They are people just like you and me. And yet, they continue to be killed. They have no voice. People don't know that so many of them are dying. And that is not right.

I will not claim to know why our government wants us to fight. But I will tell you what they are not fighting for. They are not fighting for freedom.

If our government is such a huge advocate of freedom and liberty for all, why haven't they

created a master plan to impose freedom upon all nations that need it? Why just Iraq?

And if our government really cares about the people of Iraq and their freedom, then why aren't they keeping track of the number of innocent Iraqi civilians who have died?

In March 2002 General Tommy Franks was asked how many Iraqis had died since the war began.

He said, "We don't do body counts."

He should have just said he didn't know. Because the lives of the Iraqi people didn't matter to him.

Does anyone in America care about these people?

The nation's motto has become "Ignorance is bliss." Americans only care about themselves.

As long as people are able to do what they want they are happy to sit back and give the government free reign.

But the government shouldn't hold all of the blame. We are just as guilty.

If you saw a man beating a woman to death in the street outside of your home you would be obligated to help. If you didn't, you would be partially responsible for her death.

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