

Look beyond just one swing in the decisions you make

CLINTON DICK

What goes on in other people's minds? We ask ourselves that every time we see someone do something outside of what we consider "right." The image of that person changes in your mind, and it usually isn't for the better.

This past week, Bethany College in Lindsborg made the headlines on both local and national levels in a way in which institutions do not normally plan.

The men's golf team, which is 15 members strong, took their team pictures just like any other athletic program would; only they didn't have any

clothes on. With their driving clubs covering their privates, the members took their picture side by side in the nude and later posted it on Facebook.

When Jon Daniels, Bethany College athletic director and head men's golf coach, got word, things got ugly. The team, which has won 11 of the past 15 Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships, now faces suspension from their first three tournaments of the season.

Now the question pops up again. What was going through their minds when they decided to partake in this picture-taking scandal?

According to members of the team, it was just something fun to do. It is hard to believe that out of 15 college men, not one voiced out that there may be repercussions to what they were doing.

The men didn't get in trouble for what you might think. In fact, the picture did not violate any athletic regulations set forth by the KCAC. The problem occurred when the picture appeared on the internet with Bethany College listed in the caption. The college cited the team for improper use of their name.

So, does this mean that any organization can just go strip to their skivvies and snap a

photo, and as long as they don't use the college's name, get away with it? How comfortable are we going to be putting ourselves in that kind of image?

That is what this is about, the image. Not the physical image, but the mental one now painted in everyone's minds.

They didn't see how the image of their bare bodies was going to reflect the image of the program and the institution.

Now, not only is the team fighting to stay out of a suspension, but they have dug themselves a hole in the way that others see them. They are no longer the Bethany Men's Golf Team.

They are that group of guys

who took that naked picture and posted it all over the internet.

We don't always make the best decisions and we are never going to be 100 percent right in everything we do all the time. It is a part of being human, especially for college students. We want to have fun, we don't want to grow up or grow old, we want the world to stop spinning so fast, but most of all we want our image to not be tainted.

Tracy Frederick, communication professor here at Southwestern, made a statement during a session at Builder Camp this year.

She said it takes 30 seconds to judge someone. Before we

even know who someone is, we have a mental picture painted in our heads. It is just the way our brains work.

It took much less than 30 seconds for our brains to make a judgment when we saw the golf picture. The players on the golf team are most likely a great group of young men, but we don't see that from the picture.

The next time we decide to do something out of the ordinary, we need to step back and think about how this is going to make us look, our organization look, and our school look.

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EDITORIAL

Students fight temptation to lose themselves in today's technology



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The invention of the mobile computer, aka the laptop, has made its way to millions of people across the globe. Students can now go to their favorite restaurant and surf the free wireless Internet there. People can choose from so many laptop options. From color to size and shape, many students feel bogged by what is out there. What students should know is that one should not waste all their time on their new computer.

Like every student here on campus, a laptop is handed to you. After two years, the laptop is traded in for a newer model. With all the bells and whistles, you can just be drawn into the world. With Wi-Fi all over campus, the temptation of just sitting in the library and surfing the Internet is sometimes too much for students. They do not realize that in order to get ahead in their classes, homework has to come before Facebook. Chatting with friends and family is important to most everyone, but you have to learn to put a stop on it. Being able to get away from your computer and just finish your homework is important if you really want

to pass the class. Some teachers in the Business department will not allow you to have your laptop in class since it is too distracting, not only for them, but for others as well.

Looking at your schedule and seeing the amount of homework piling up is a daunting task. Sometimes all you want is to take a break and just check the latest gossip or play one of the many Facebook games out there. But spending all your time on it instead of homework can have its consequences. Say for instance, there is a biology test tomorrow and the entire study guide has to be filled out in order to study

for it. You see that the guide is over five pages long, so taking a break on Facebook seems reasonable. But time slips by and it is getting too late to work on it. Next day you take your test and fail it.

Now, I am not saying that laptops are bad, do not get me wrong. They can help you by taking notes, emailing your teacher about questions on the assignment or just chatting with your friend overseas. Laptops have come a long way. For instance, I use my laptop to surf the Internet to research articles for my research project. I also check my email from my teachers who I have to stay in

contact with regularly since I ask questions or want them to comment on my issues with the class. I will check Facebook and play the games I am subscribed to, but only to the extent of my free time. I also use Facebook to communicate with my roommate or the other International Students when they need my help since Facebook messages are not sent to my cell phone.

Using what you learn, you can decide what option is best and make it where the laptop is a tool to further your education rather than a hindrance to your future.

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PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE

How do you see the decisions that athletic programs make reflect the image of both the program and the school?



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ers' views and opinions of that school.

These programs should take pride in themselves and present themselves positively at all times. The opposite has happened to Bethany College since their unofficial team golf photo has leaked out on many news sites and even the golf channel.

Now, all people perceive and relate to Bethany College as the nude golf team photo taken for a good laugh, instead of other positive and talented athletic programs and education they have to offer.

This is why it's so important to hold not only yourself, but your team to a higher standard.

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I think that athletic programs, as well as any school program or activity, should be held to a high standard.

These are the groups of people that are representing a particular school. The programs' decisions effect outsid-

Legends bring back past in remastered release

ANGEL VADILLO

Music is something we all like. Most of us use music as a sort of distraction, relaxation, or even as a career. There are many different types of music groups, bands, and artists. The different styles of music vary from people to people, culture to culture, and place to place. Each person has a different taste in music. Some of these move all the way from the legendary band The Beatles to Lil Wayne.

Aerosmith is an American rock band most people know of. They are well recognized worldwide and they have a good reputation. This band is made up of five men: Steven Tyler, Tom

Hamilton, Joey Kramer, Joe Perry and Brad Whitford. This great band is releasing a remastered CD called "Toys in the Attic" Sept. 6. This CD was originally released as an LP in April 1975 with nine songs. "Toys in the Attic" was distributed by Columbia and this new mastered CD is being distributed by Sony BMG music. This CD is of a rock genre.

The nine songs this CD is going to bring are "Toys in the Attic," "Uncle Salty," "Adam's Apple," "Walk This Way," "Big Ten Inch Record," "Sweet Emotion," "No More No More," "Round and Round," and "You

See Me Crying." From all of these great songs, the most well known is "Walk This Way." It is a worldwide hit and a favorite of many. In fact, it is the same CD they released 36 years ago, but they want to continue their legacy as "America's Greatest Rock and Roll Band."

An Aerosmith fan may know most of their discography. Others just know Aerosmith for their songs. Among them are well known tunes as "Dream On," "Same Old Song and Dance," and "Remember." These are just a few of the many great songs this band has composed.

This new CD from the legendary band is very good. It has the same songs the 1975 release had, except these are on a CD and they have been remastered for better audio quality. It is a good choice for those Aerosmith lovers. The album can be purchased digitally at iTunes, Amazon, or at Cduni-

verse for the price of \$8.99. You can now pre-order it before it goes out of stock. This is one of the many CDs they have made, and I think it sounds better than some of the other ones like "Nine Lives" or "Get Your Wings."

If you are an Aerosmith lover you may also like similar bands that sound like them like Metallica, The Who, The Rolling Stones, Van Halen, AC/DC, and many other old-school rock bands. This is a must hear CD for rock lovers. I am not too much of a rock lover, but I liked this album because of the different factors, the melodies, rhythms, and vocals.

Aerosmith is a very good, old school rock band, and they made a good choice in remastering this CD. This CD definitely deserves the two thumbs up.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Word on the Hill

How has technology affected your life in college?

By Rodney Marner



"I can connect with my teachers better."

Shane Gilbert
business
freshman



"Making things easier to access, like to do homework."

Ttorbin Harper
accounting
sophomore



"I can send emails to my teacher instead of having to walk to go see them, its much faster, and technology is where it's at!"

Patrick Hardiman
sports management
sophomore



"I can count on one hand how many times I have used pencil and paper."

Jeremiah Roberts
music
senior



"It helps with everything from email and being able to be online to communicate."

Alyssa Richardson
communication
freshman



"It has highly increased my efficiency, plus I can receive my emails instantly."

Jacob McGuire
philosophy and religion
senior



"It helps me keep in touch with a lot of people and it helps keep me focused."

Tyler O'Quinn
history
sophomore



"It helps me do my assignments faster, mass email is good in the way to get a hold of professors."

Rodaius German
sports management
senior



"I can do most of my homework online and it helps me put together study groups."

Zach Castor
biology
senior



"I can email my teachers about assignments and be updated with my classes."

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