

Word on the Hill

How does personal appearance rate in your priorities?

By Erica Dunigan



"Personal appearance to me is kind of a middle ground priority."

Bri Cathcart
biology
freshman



"Honestly I wear sweats to class, so it's not a high priority for me."

Billy Stone
business administration
senior



"When going to class I don't really care because our teachers dress pretty casual."

Tanner Robidou
computer science
junior



"Not very high."

Trey Bruton
mathematics
sophomore



"Personal appearance is very low to me. I don't care."

Garrett Mangrum
business
sophomore



"I couldn't care less about personal appearance, since I wear sweat pants everyday to class."

Mandy Watson
athletic training
freshman



"My personal appearance depends on the day."

Mandy Bostwick
elementary education
senior



"Personal appearance is kind of a high priority for me when I go to class because I usually have to go to work in the afternoon"

Christy Rude
early childhood education
senior



"I wouldn't wear sweats or pajamas to class. I'm very conscious about wearing jeans or something atleast semi-casual."

Dylan Moore
music education
sophomore

Professional sports contest promotes consumerism while others suffer

JONATHAN WOON

What Super Bowl? I couldn't be bothered if Tim Tebow makes it to the Super Bowl or not. The only thing that bothers me is the amount of money invested into the production and airing of commercial breaks during the Super Bowl. \$3 million for a 30-second commercial break is the precise definition of ridiculous.

On other days, we see commercial breaks by organizations such as World Vision that persuades us to rebuild a scarce nation. They claim that whether we give in big or small amounts, it doesn't really matter because what matters most is the heart. Sadly, such effort is often gone to waste as we rarely respond to the cause. Some of us do, but a majority of us are ignorant.

In a way, I do understand why

we make a big deal out of the Super Bowl. It is a culturally-engraved event that happens every year, more like an annual Christmas dinner that is not only looked forward to, but also a must-have event that if it is taken out of the equation, its absence is a prominent loss. Hence, we call it a necessity. It simply makes the American life, the American life.

Talking about necessity, I was on the lookout for grapes at the nearby Walmart last week and quickly realized the many choices I have. My point being there are more products on sale than we ever needed. Clothes and food left on the shelves for sale that never got sold are left to waste. Yet, there still exist the whole argument of why hungry kids starve to death. I mean, just imaging if we kept what we needed and send the extras to the

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needy out there. No Walmart, but one satisfied world. Yes, it takes a little sacrifice on our part, but isn't a hungry-free world what we've always hoped to have?

We are what we see on the news, the very reason many die of scarcity. There is no big difference between a nation that does not have the needed resources to feed their own and a nation that has more than it ever needs but holds back. Both ways, we see suffering. Due to our choice to keep what we have for ourselves, another person hurts out there. Where is our rational? We claim we are a caring society that strives for change outside our comfort zones and we make a big fuss about children in poverty that are punished to death for their innocence and pray hard for a miracle. We are ignorant to realize that we are their miracle. Does it hurt to share an extra

Snuggie or is it too complicated a task to split what we have into two? We fail to realize that small acts of kindness when done on a massive scale can change the direction of history. Some say they are already helping to champion the cause via organizations such as World Vision but it takes more than one person to change a norm. Preaching about kindness from the pulpit doesn't miraculously heal a kid suffering from Kwashiorkor.

Every time you see a Super Bowl commercial break, don't forget that a feeble and helpless child is dying somewhere out there. And we, seated so comfortably on our couch in front of our television with the bottle of Coke purchased from Walmart have made the choice to be ignorant and indulge in our so-called entertainment in the name of necessity. We could have been and should have been

the solution to the questions we ask of why innocent children helplessly die. But we chose not to.

Put in perspective:

How do you feel about the way money is spent in our economy?



DICK BARNES

Extreme difference in the consumption of products is primarily a function of income. There are obviously many things about our economy that are outstanding. Education, productivity, output, economic growth, free-

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dom of consumer choice and many world class companies make our economy number one in the world. That said, we have significant income inequality (i.e. bottom 20% of the population have access to only three and half of the output). Government programs of education and job training with a progressive tax system that creates less income in equality after taxes can solve our greatest economic problem. We simply must have the political will to make it happen

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Personal appearances take back seat when sleep deprivation kicks in



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Spring semester has just begun. Large amounts of homework pile up, sports practice, various activities, and job hours start to increase. Classes at 8 a.m. seem almost impossible to wake up to. The time it takes to get ready in the morning begins to slowly dwindle away. Late night studying makes the mornings rough.

With the lack of sleep also

comes the lack of self appearance. Rolling out of bed, putting sweat pants and a hoodie on is very common. Some students even wear pajama bottoms to class. We are so rushed in the morning that we are lucky to even get a bite to eat.

As college students, we begin to worry less and less about what other people think of our appearance. Whenever we get back from breaks we try and look our best. We pull out our newest outfits and nicest shoes. With time however, our clothing thoughts decrease. Ultimately we have the main goal in mind, to be comfy.

However, being comfy isn't what makes us successful individuals. Throughout high school I played basketball and soccer

all four years. My soccer coach preached, "When you look your best you do your best." This meant every home game we were required to dress up. Dressing up meant no jeans, no sweat pants, no t-shirts.

We were taught that people would begin to take us more seriously when we looked our best. It also gave us a confident boost going into the class room, which then carried over to the playing field. It was proven we played better the days that we dressed up.

I'm not saying that we should be required to dress up every day, but it would be nice every once in a while. This could just entitle jeans and a nice shirt.

We should also make ourselves presentable. Even if we

just wear sweat pants and a t-shirt you should want to fix your hair. Bed head isn't cute.

When deciding what to wear, I do not think it is appropriate to wear pajama bottoms to class. It would be okay to wear them in the library for late night studying. But, if you wouldn't wear them to work, why would you wear them to class? Being a student is like a full time job. It requires several hours out of our busy week for classes. Let alone numerous hours for homework and studying. We should take school as serious as we would if it was our job.

As a student I do occasionally wear sweat pants, but I try not to wear them to class more than once a week. I believe it is very important to dress appro-

priate. Now ladies' dressing appropriate doesn't mean we have to wear shirts that are so low that it exposes all of our cleavage, or jeans that are so tight you can barley breathe.

Once it begins to be warmer it doesn't mean wearing shorts that are so short others can see what color of underwear you are wearing. Have respect for yourself. You can look good without exposing all of your goodies for everyone to see.

Men, we don't need to know what color the boxers you are wearing are. With the invention of belts you no longer have to sag. In prison men that sag are referred to "being available."

There are also shirts and

clothes that fit your body appropriately without it just hanging there like they are three times too big. Plus ladies like when guys wear clothes that actually fit their bodies. It's the new stylish thing.

We live in a day and age were self appearance is the way we are viewed as individuals. As students we should prepare our wardrobe for the business world. My advice to you is to take a little bit of time in the morning. Think about what would be appropriate to wear, and prepare yourself for the day ahead of you.

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SGA president urges change throughout campus

Fellow students,

I would like to publicly address a few items Student Government Association is working on that will soon reach your ears around campus. First, we are taking an aggressive approach with the wireless connection with both higher members of the administration as well as with the Board of Trustees. Something needs to change, and they understand that. I hope that by the end of this year something is concrete that can be reported on further.

Next, we are doing our second annual Improvement Grant where anyone who would like to assemble a group of people, not just established organizations or athletic teams, has the opportunity to answer the question "What would you do if you had \$1,000 to better SC?" Look for information on when to pick up applications in the Jinx Tale. We have a due date of March 20 set for the ideas to get turned in.

In addition, we will be contacting department heads across the campus on what they would do with \$1,000 in the first year ever of what we are calling our Department Grant.

We also have a few things we need the student body to get excited about. One week from this publication, we will be submitting an online vote through the Jinx Tale to the student body to vote on the amendment of our Constitution. Every two years, we have a committee take a good hard look at our governing documents. One thing that has been hurting the Senate the past four years at least is the need to fill a ton of constantly empty seats. Currently, the make-up of your Senate looks like this:

- Five executive members - president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and student conduct advisor
- Four class presidents

- Two representatives from each of the seven academic divisions
- Five at-large positions
- Student Foundation president

There are 29 total representatives in the SGA.

We had only six individuals run for senator positions last spring, and after appointing on people to fill more positions, we have not had over 20 senators involved with the SGA this entire year. It is in the best interest of any organization to tighten membership criteria rather than recruit dead weight. So, we have come up with this solution:

- Five executive members - president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, student conduct advisor
- Four class presidents
- One representative from each of the seven academic divisions. There will be six academic divisions after the 2012-2013 school year.

- Three at-large positions
- Student Foundation president
- Organizations representative
- There are 21 total representatives in SGA, and there will be 20 after the 2012-2013 school year.

In conclusion, as you look over these chairs I encourage you to all consider running for something to represent your student body this next school year. Bundles detailing all the applications for positions will be found in the Campus Life Office on Feb. 20. If you have any questions you can contact any member of the senate or me personally. It matters a great deal to me that this student body is ran correctly, and the first step to that is putting the right people in the right positions. Thank you for your time.

-Jordy Train, Student Government president

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