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“CUT!”: Behind the Scenes of UMHB’s Stunt Night Tradition



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Members of the sophomore class get in their opening pose for one their musical numbers. For this number they are performing to “Kung Fu Fighting” by Carl Douglas.

By Allyson Hinkle
Editor in Chief

As the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor kicks off its Homecoming week of festivities, another university tradition has been making its final preparations for its grand unveiling. Stunt Night will open the doors of Walton Chapel Sept. 21 and 22 as members of each class will perform skits for the student body as well as the community.

Though now clumped into Homecoming festivities,

Stunt Night originally was held during the winter break when first performed in 1909. Then physical education instructor George Rosboeck originally created it as a form of entertainment for students who were not able to attend.

The purpose of Stunt Night is not only to entertain audiences but to bond students and faculty members.

major, shared the same sentiment stating:

“Last year at Stunt Night... I watched how our class got to work together and saw the growth between classes. It was so much fun to be a part of and after listening to people talk about how much fun they had... I knew it was something I wanted to be a part of and something I wanted to do with my class.”

Preparations for Stunt Night happen multiple months before the acts take the stage.

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Investment Club’s Guide to the Stock Market

By Xhaxany Cuellar
Assistant Editor

The McLane College of Business Investment Club is a vibrant and student-led organization. The club’s mission, according to their website is to empower its members to confidently navigate the intricate realms of markets, industries, and companies.

With an unwavering focus on financial stewardship, the club equips students with invaluable experience through hands-on investing in the dynamic and often unpredictable world of the stock market.

Central to this remarkable journey is an annual donation from an anonymous benefactor. This generous contribution forms the bedrock of the club’s investment portfolio, providing the capital that fuels their finan-

cial adventures. Every semester, students eagerly allocate a predetermined sum of this capital, their eyes filled with anticipation as they embark on a journey of financial growth and education.

Importantly, their approach is not one of blind faith or mere speculation; it is firmly grounded in the principles of fundamental analysis.

According to the club president, Matthew Schwab, a senior Finance and Economic major, fundamental analysis is the club’s compass, enabling them to delve deep into the intricacies of financial ratios and a company’s overall performance.

The ratios they employ aren’t one-size-fits-all; they adapt to the nuances of each sector and the stock’s position within it. This commitment to a nu-

anced approach aligns perfectly with their steadfast adherence to the principles of value investing.

Before committing any funds, club members meticulously scrutinize stock ratios to assess whether a stock is trading above or below its intrinsic value, ensuring that each investment is underpinned by sound financial reasoning.

In the realm of portfolio management, the club places a premium on democratic decision-making. Students actively participate in regular votes and discussions, fostering an environment where ideas are freely exchanged, and decisions are collectively made.

The club’s commitment to agility is exemplified by their approach to underperforming stocks.

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Golf Facility Rolls Along

By Brock Pfrommer
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Great progress has been made on the new on-campus golf practice facility at Mary Hardin-Baylor. The facility, which is officially named the Jane and Mac Hickerson Crusader Golf Club, looks to provide an on-campus space for both the men’s and women’s golf teams to practice their golfing skills.

Originally announced last fall, the practice facility is being completed at a blistering pace, with the expectation that athletes will be able to begin practicing on the greens next semester, with a clubhouse and additional buildings coming in the future. The speed at which the facility is being completed has been a major talking point amongst the men’s team.

“Whenever I first came here the golf facility was on (UM-

HB’s) to-do list, but I never thought it would be here so soon,” said Banner Scarborough, a sophomore entrepreneurship and small business major who plays on the men’s team.

Some of the features of the golf facility include four main



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greens, a special area of grass on the golf course that surrounds each hole, which will incorporate multiple tee pads to add variety and technicality to

the otherwise limited space.

In addition, the facility will include a dedicated putting and chipping green with lights to allow athletes to practice at night.

With the campus now having a practice facility within its borders, athletes will be able to practice more conveniently, as currently they must practice at one of three golf courses: Wildflower Country Club, Sammons Park Golf Course or Stonetree Golf Course, none of which are within a convenient distance of campus.

“I’m definitely most excited for the lit-up putting green, that’s going to be good for some late-night practice,” Banner added.

“I’ll get to fine-tune, we really need a facility for what we are working with, this is going to be really good (for the team).”

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Past to Present: A History of UMHB’s Alumni

By Xhaxany Cuellar
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The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor became an institution in 1845, over 178 years ago. Since then, over 26,000 graduates have created numerous paths to make the university what it is today.

Some of UMHB’s alumni include Jerrell Freeman, Lucy Wilson Rice and Buddy Groom; all of who, alongside their classmates, have gone on to have successful careers in professional sports, journalism and missionary work.

The UMHB Alum-

ni Center and Museum aims to preserve the history of the university while providing an experience for former alumni to visit and relive their experiences and allowing students to learn about the university’s past.

Director of Alumni Relations Jeff Sutton graduated from UMHB in both 2007 and 2019 and now works to connect alumni to the university years after graduating. Every month, Sutton sends out emails and letters to inform alumni members about university events and highlight traditions.

The Alumni Center works with multiple members of university staff to plan class reunions and networking opportunities.

One of the biggest events for alumni is Homecoming, with over 700 alumni members and 1,400 guests expected to attend. A year of planning goes into organizing Homecoming and this year, the Alumni Center has planned 22 events for students and alumni.

“The goal each year is for Homecoming to look effortless, but we have a whole team that dedicated months to preparing,” Sutton

stated.

In addition to Homecoming, the Alumni Center celebrates “The Charter” on Feb. 1 to highlight the day the charter of the school was signed in 1845.

This year, the Charter celebration will host the 50 year reunion of the class of 1974 and the reunion for Historical Phila, Royal Academia and Campus Boys. A celebration lunch and special message will be given for the induction of the 1974 class into the heritage club and will take place April 20, 2024.



The first students and staff moved from Independence to Belton at Luther Hall in 1886. Luther Hall housed over 200 female students, along with a kitchen, dining hall, chapel, and the presidents quarters. Luther Hall burned down in January 1929.

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Behind the Curtain of UMHB Stunt Night Performances

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Before casts are set and directors are named, an overall theme for the show is selected. Afterwards an application process to become a class director is opened through Student Life two months prior to the show.

Although directors are limited to the overall theme, each class can pick out their songs and story line to help individualize each performance. Tipton explained that for the sophomore class once the theme was solidified, anyone who wanted to be involved was welcome to help write scripts and create sets before fully committing

to being a cast member.

Once teams are solidified, practices start. For the sophomore class practices were held three days a week for about an hour to two hours at a time. Practices, however, were flexible.

“Depending on everyone’s schedule we would change things around,” Tipton explained.

During these practices not only were the shows fine tuned but costumes and props were also created. A small budget was awarded to each class from the university in order for class directors to go out and find props outside of campus.

“It was so fun,”

Tipton said. “Everytime we go to checkout, there’s just like a conglomerate of things. So like, we have sparkly cowboy hats but also stormtrooper masks, so I’m sure anybody who watched us do the costuming was just like ‘wow I bet they’re having a good time’ and we did.”

Each class will perform their acts twice, once on Thursday Sept. 21 and the other on Friday Sept. 22. The winners will be announced on Friday for both the Judge’s Choice and the Audience’s Choice, and following the Friday performance the Homecoming Pep Rally will take place outside of Luther Memorial.



Photo by Allyson Hinkle/TheBells
Members of the sophomore class act through one of their musical numbers to Chris Douglas’ “Kung Fu Fighting.”

More Ground Broken for New UMHB Golf Course



Photo courtesy of Andy Zavoina

Junior business management major Trevor Archer takes a tee shot at UMHB’s Men Golf Invitational on Sept. 27, 2022.

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“It will improve the team,” said sophomore accounting major Luke Lohman, who won the UMHB Golf Team Rookie of the Year award last season. “The illuminated chipping green will be fun,” he added.

The practice facility greens are being designed by renowned golf course architect Ben Crenshaw of Coore & Crenshaw Architectural Firm, which has been behind many esteemed courses across North America. Crenshaw’s expertise will help provide the UMHB golf teams a competitive edge by allowing them to practice on world-class greens. Each green will have multi-

ple positions to tee off from, essentially turning a four-hole practice green into a full 18-hole course. The facilities’ accompanying clubhouse also has a renowned veteran as its architect, Earl Santee, whose architectural firm Populus has worked on several other prominent sports venues such as Yankee Stadium in New York, Minute Maid Park in Houston and UMHB’s very own Crusader Stadium.

The practice facility gets its name from former UMHB men’s golf coach Mac Hickerson, whose tenure as head coach from 1980 to 1999 is the longest by any head golf coach in UMHB history. The practice course will be dubbed

with Hickerson’s nickname, officially being called “The Mac” Golf Practice Course. The clubhouse, which does not yet have a window for completion, will be named the Connor Golf Performance Center after donors Mary Kay and Jerry Connor from Sugar Land.

The addition of the Jane and Mac Hickerson Golf Club hopes to boost the already esteemed men’s and women’s golf teams, with the men having won eight American Southwest Conference titles between 2008 and 2022 and the women having won the 2015 NCAA Division III Women’s Individual title as well as the 2013 NCAA Division III Women’s Golf National Championship.

UMHB Investment Club Dives Into Stock Market

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Rather than clinging to failing investments, they act decisively, reallocating capital toward more promising opportunities.

Risk management is another cornerstone of the club’s investment philosophy. Students meticulously dissect their portfolio to determine the percentage of assets allocated to each sector.

This allocation isn’t set in stone; it’s a dynamic process that adapts to the evolving market landscape. If one sector falters, the club members swiftly reallocate resources to seize emerging opportunities. Prudent risk management extends to their entry into new positions, marked by cautious initial investments that gradually expand as investments demonstrate their potential.

In the ever-evolving world of finance, vigilance is paramount. Club members remain dedicated to tracking market trends and

staying informed about economic developments that could sway the fortunes of their investments. Armed with these insights, the club’s treasurer plays a crucial role in recalibrating the portfolio, reviewing calculations that affect percentage increases and decreases.

This meticulous approach extends to a thorough examination of companies, allowing the club to identify the variables driving stock price movements and make informed decisions on whether to hold or sell.

Presently, the investment club’s portfolio is a dynamic amalgamation of companies hailing from diverse sectors. From industry giants like Alibaba, Southwest, McDonald’s, Medtronic, Sony, and Walmart to technology stalwarts like Microsoft, Taiwan Semiconductor, and Intel, their holdings reflect a broad spectrum of market segments.

This eclectic collection positions the club to seize oppor-

tunities and adeptly navigate the ever-shifting tides of the stock market, reinforcing their unwavering commitment to financial education and the cultivation of savvy investment practices.

The McLane College of Business Investment Club is more than just an extracurricular activity; it’s a vibrant community of budding financial minds, united by their passion for learning and the pursuit of financial excellence.

Through their careful analysis, prudent decision-making, and unwavering dedication to growth, they not only enrich their own financial acumen but also contribute to the collective wisdom of their peers and the broader financial community.

In this dynamic journey, they stand as beacons of financial knowledge and opportunity, illuminating a path toward financial prosperity for themselves and those who follow in their footsteps.



The official logo for the McLane College of Business Investment Club.

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