

CAMPUS NEWS

The Bells travel for conference

By **Allyson Hinkle**
Editor In Chief

From Wednesday March 22 through Saturday March 25 The Bells staff members Allyson Hinkle and Xhaxany Cuellar visited the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association conference in Fort Worth, TX.

TIPA was founded in 1909 at Baylor University and has grown to become one of the oldest collegiate press associations in the country. The yearly conferences that are held are to inspire the next generation of journalists as well as recognize their achievements. The conference hosts a plethora of universities throughout the state of Texas as well as bringing in multiple renowned people within the field as guest speakers.

The events of the conference were spilt between three days, with

Wednesday March 22 serving as a day for those attending to settle into their rooms at the Hilton Hotel. Most of the events would be held in the same hotel, with the exception of events such as the Live News Events competition specifically set up, the Live Sports News competition held at a baseball game, and a Live Critical Review of a rock concert.

On the first day the majority of the live competitions were held. Students Allyson Hinkle and Xhaxany Cuellar competed in four of these competitions. Competitions ranged over various topics, such as Headline Writing to P.R. Crisis Management.

On the second day numerous seminar sessions were held over a range of different topics. Cuellar attended a seminar over legalities within the newsroom, discussing

where and when the law may be involved in journalism. There was also a lunch hosted on the second day, dedicated to inducting a new member into the TIPA Hall of Fame.

As well as the lectures and lunch, on the second day a Career Fair was open for students at the conference to network and make connections that could potentially last them a lifetime. At the end of the day the students attended a paper critique where they would meet with staff advisors of another university.

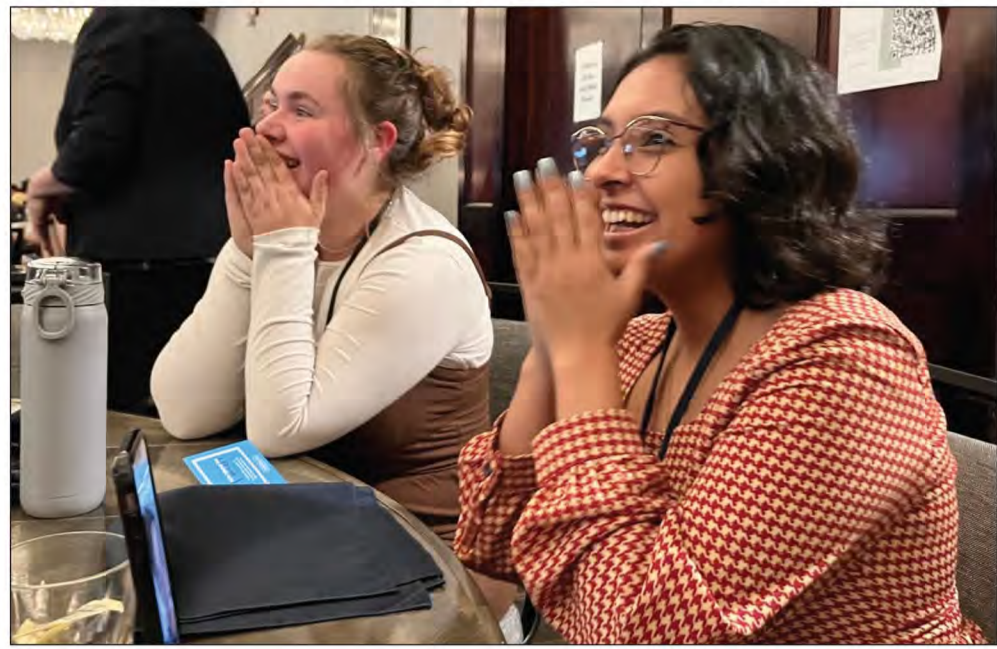
On the final day, a breakfast and awards ceremony was held before everyone dispersed back home. The Bells Student Newspaper brought back a number of awards listed as follows:

Jackson Keenan won 1st place for his General News Photo.

Bradley Melchor won 2nd place in the Sports News Story category.

Allyson Hinkle won 3rd place in the Environmental Portrait category and

3rd place for her cover design in the Newspaper Layout category.



Courtesy Photos

Xhaxany Cuellar and Allyson Hinkle hold awards for The Bells at the annual TIPA (Texas Intercollegiate Press Association) meeting in Ft. Worth, Hinkle, the Editor in Chief of The Bells, and staff member Cuellar, attended the three-day conference filled with live competitions and seminars. The awards are from material produced in The Bells in 2022. Several staffers won, including Hinkle, who won awards for photography and news page design.

A student's take on revival

By **Brock Pfrommer**
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"We've seen what You can do, oh God of wonders. Your power has no end. The things You've done before, in greater measure, You will do again."

These are the opening lines of Bethel Music's worship ballad, God of Revival, and they played on repeat in my head in the days leading up to UMHB's Revival event.

In the wake of recent news surrounding the famous Asbury revival, which saw students from across the United States gather in a small chapel to sing praise and cry out to God for two weeks straight, along with the multitude of smaller revivals sparked across the U.S., you could tell that there was high anticipation for UMHB to put on

its own Revival.

This is nothing new, revivals have been happening for hundreds of years, where in what seems like the darkest of moments God awakens the hearts of His people to come back to Him in mass. UMHB's event was not even the first time the school has done such a thing, as this is the 24th year of the revival event, but this was my first year attending.

Going in I knew little aside from basic information such as the theme, band, and guest speaker. I had seen what God had done in other schools and prayed that God could do for us what He did for them, awaken the heart of our campus to Him, and bring us home. God did just that, but in a way I was not expecting.

During the week, the speaker Dale Wallace

emphasized our need for personal revival before we can pursue corporate revival. I think that is what many people miss about revival events. They become more about the event itself than the revival that is taking place.

Do not get me wrong, the four different revival sessions allowed God to speak directly to me, comforting me in my trials and giving me new-found motivation to devote my life to Him, seeking to abide in Him daily with the knowledge that no matter what I do, I am always welcome home. The message of revival is clear, but we should look back on the event with that in mind.

A perfect example of the point I am trying to make is what occurred following the Tuesday night session on March

28. After breakout groups had ended, a small group of students, me included, went back into the tent, guitars and drums in hand. Little did I know at the time what would start around 9 p.m. as a humble worship session would end up lasting far into the night.

Around midnight, partially caused by rain and potential lightning in the area, our group was moved into the chapel where the event continued until around 3 a.m. This was not planned; it was simply students who felt the need to come together to worship God and cry out to Him in prayer and praise.

At its peak, around 50 students were seated in the tent, some having been invited, while others were walking past and joined in. This was

a revival in the traditional sense, spawned in a similar way to Asbury, where students wanted to continue to worship even after the event was technically over. Some of my professors asked me about the event afterward, with them wondering why we decided to call it even after we had been going deep into the night.

I think my fellow freshman Jacob Carter, who saw our worship event until its end, put it best. When discussing it with me, he reminded me that God's timing is perfect, and we had done all that God had called us to do. Perhaps had we continued past 3 a.m., it would have become more about the event and less about the revival taking place.

As I walked past the tent being taken down on Thursday morning, I was

reminded of what speaker Dale Wallace said during the final session on Wednesday evening.

"As we think about how to close revival it doesn't mean we have to keep moving in the tent. It doesn't mean we have to keep having worship, though I love it. It doesn't mean it ends after tonight. The ripples of revival are you," he said.

As we look back on revival remember that we do not need a tent, a professional band, or a well-rehearsed guest speaker. Revival begins with us and can occur every day.

Too often the word revival conjures up images of the two-week-long national news story that was Asbury, but revivals like that are few and far between. Revival is a daily process of surrendering ourselves, seeking to abide by the Lord.

Purple Gives Gold makes giving fun

By **Xhaxany Cuellar**
Staff

It has rained gold here at UMHB as students and alumni filled the school with activity for the Purple Gives Gold event March 29-31. The university held its annual fundraising event to help fund scholarships and to provide other opportunities for fellow students.

The Student Foundation hosted the event in the Bawcom Student Union, kicking it off with coffee served from Summer Moon, followed by students filling the photo booths.

Clare Mun, a junior business major, noted that the event, which was organized by student organizations, "had the intention of only raising \$1000 and surpassed their goal within the hour."

Students expressed how

much fun it was to come together with the staff to put the event on and create a sense of community on campus. Ainsley Barber, a junior double major in psychology and sociology, assisted in promoting the Purple Gives Gold, and emphasized how much the sense of community between the students and alumni meant to her.

The activity that had the most traction was the dunking of UMHB staff members. Many students were filled with anticipation to see Mary Bawcom, Dr. Skaggs and Dr. Larry Lock hit the water.

Other dunked staff members included Rebekah Retta, Dr. Craig Hammonds, Kenyon Mullen-Fix, Coach Harmon, Dr. Colin Horn, Steve Villalobos, Dr. Kathryn Fouse, Dr. Lester Sombito, Heather Soto and Dr. Joshua



Photo by Xhaxany Cuellar/TheBells

more Allie Berg, who works for the alumni museum, poses with Dr. Skaggs after successfully dunking him on Wednesday March 29 during the Purple Gives Gold festivities.

Skaggs, who was dunked in water filled with three buckets of ice. In addition to the dunking event, Purple gives Gold handed out two

\$1000 scholarships to students who had participated throughout the day.

In total the event raised \$4635. Director of the alumni board and student

foundations Jeff Sutton said he was "impressed and blown away" at the way the campus was able to come together and help contribute.



The comic entitled "Ring Before Spring" was created by senior graphic design major Grace Davis.

The comic was created in the Applied Graphic Design class in which students are encouraged to work with clientele in order to garner experience.

This comic, as well as The Bells banner, was created as "contracted work" with the class through the paper.