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Hangout Highlight: Misterwives

Jessica Klinner

Since its inception in 2010, the Hangout Festival in Gulf Shores has attracted some of the biggest names in music, from The Black Keys to Stevie Wonder to Bassnectar. While it started as a small music festival in the state of Alabama, it has turned into one of the most anticipated and well-attended festivals of the summer for music fans across the country. The best part about this beachfront festival is its dedication to highlighting up-and-coming artists in the music industry.

Misterwives, a New York City-based indie pop band, falls right into that category. The five-piece band—

vocalist Mandy Lee, drummer Etienne Bowler, bassist Will Hehir, guitarist Marc Campbell and keyboardist Jesse Blum—are new to Hangout, but they are not strangers to the summer festival scene. The first festival they played was Firefly in Dover, Delaware, and the memories they made there will stay with them forever.

“Our managers were texting us in the morning telling us not to worry if there were only a hundred people in the audience,” Hehir said. “When we got on stage we were blown away!! There were 3,000 people going insane and chanting along to every song. It was a really emotional moment for all of us.”

Before they landed a spot in the festival world, Misterwives struggled to get on their feet. Living in a huge

city saturated with a variety of different music scenes, Misterwives, a gender-corrected take on the term “sister wives,” had their work cut out for them, but they were determined to take the city that never sleeps head on and do whatever they needed to get their name out there.

“It’s very competitive, but the perks of being in NYC is that it’s so easy to go out and see good music,” Bowler said. “The options are endless.”

If it weren’t for New York, Misterwives would have never existed. Lee, who has a strong background in vocal performance, attended LaGuardia, the only specialized performing arts high school in NYC. Instead of going to college, Lee decided to pursue a career as a solo artist. To pay the bills, she worked shifts at a vegan restaurant in Manhattan’s Upper West side, where she met Bowler who worked a few blocks away. The two often discussed music, and soon, they were recording together along with Hehir. As soon as the three began working together on music, the chemistry was undeniable.

“We knew after that first session that we’d never look back,” Hehir said.

There’s something special about Misterwives. Their spunky personalities and energy on stage bring the music to life and engage their audience. Lee often bounces around stage, interacting with her band mates and getting the crowd to participate in the live performance. Every aspect of Misterwives—from their name to their music—oozes with creativity and originality. It’s the combination of all of these that will draw crowds to their performance at Hangout. If you find yourself at the three-day music festival this year, be sure to put Misterwives at the top of your list of must-see bands. You won’t regret it.

AUM Alumni: Where Are They Now?

Rachael Fairchild

Do you ever wonder where you might be 25 years after earning your degree? Or how your experi-

ence at AUM will impact your future career? I know I have, so I sat down with an AUM grad from years past to discuss how their life has been since leaving the college days behind.



Andy Ellis

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Andy Ellis, a graduate of the class of 1990, earned a Bachelor’s Degree of Arts and Communication. While at AUM, Ellis studied communication with a minor in History; in addition, he served as editor of the AUMnibus. While in school, he also worked full time at the Prattville Progress and part time for Y102 and the Alabama Sports Festival, which left little time for other campus involvement; however, Ellis said that “being involved even a little brought so much community because not that many students lived on campus.”

After graduating, Ellis continued working for the Prattville Progress until 1994 when he accepted a position as the Communications Director of the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Church. He continued work for the Methodist church until 2002, when he transitioned to Troy University, where he still works today. He began as a University Relations Coordinator and has progressed into his current position as Director of University Relations.

Since graduating, Ellis has been extremely successful in the field of communication and said he owes a lot to his time at AUM. "I credit my success to my professors, especially Blair Gaines and Jerry Medley, because they cared about the students and made sure we had every opportunity to learn," Ellis said.

I hope that all of us will be as successful in the career path we choose and that, like Ellis, we will remember professors who helped us along the way.

The Reality and Truth of LaDonna Brendle

Holly Watford

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." - Matthew 28:18.

LaDonna Brendle, founder of Reality and Truth Ministries, is a devout follower of God. Her mission is to help spread His word but to also help serve the community. She has a contagiously upbeat attitude and always sees the bright side to every situation. I have had the pleasure of interning with Brendle this semester and have learned a lot about her and the ministry she created.

In 2005, Brendle was an accountant who had a desire to go in a different direction. "The reason I started Reality and Truth Ministries is because the Lord called me into ministry," she said. "I was no longer interested in my work as an accountant, which is strange, because I love numbers. The Lord called me...to take it to communities where they might not be hearing God's word." Brendle knew she wanted to give away Bibles and somehow have missionary trips to Israel but relied on prayer to help guide her from there. On Oct. 31, 2008, the organization was incorporated and has been thriving ever since.

Reality and Truth Ministries has several different missions:

The main focus of Reality and Truth Ministries is the One Church Mission Center located in downtown Montgomery. The Center provides daily lunches and dinners to the homeless and needy in the area. It also provides showers, laundry facilities, clothing and groceries if needed. The Center helps around 100 people each day and relies on the service and good faith of others.

Share the Love Prison Mission: Members of Reality and Truth Ministries go to Tutwiler Women's Correctional Facility to provide prayer and Bible study. The team also helps equip the women for entry back into society after their prison duration.

Let's Talk Truth: Reality and Truth partners with Frazer TV Ministry to provide biblical truths to daily life.

Israel Love Mission: Missionaries travel to Tel Aviv to help teach the Word, visit holy sites, and help assist the Amutat Lasova Organization with soup kitchens, homeless shelters and youth centers. Even though Brendle has mainly been running the ministry by herself, she has been helped by many volunteers and friends. Due to their graciousness, Reality and Truth Ministries has thrived since its inception in 2008. I encourage anyone who would like to help the community or even to donate items to e-mail Brendle at realityandtruth@live.com.



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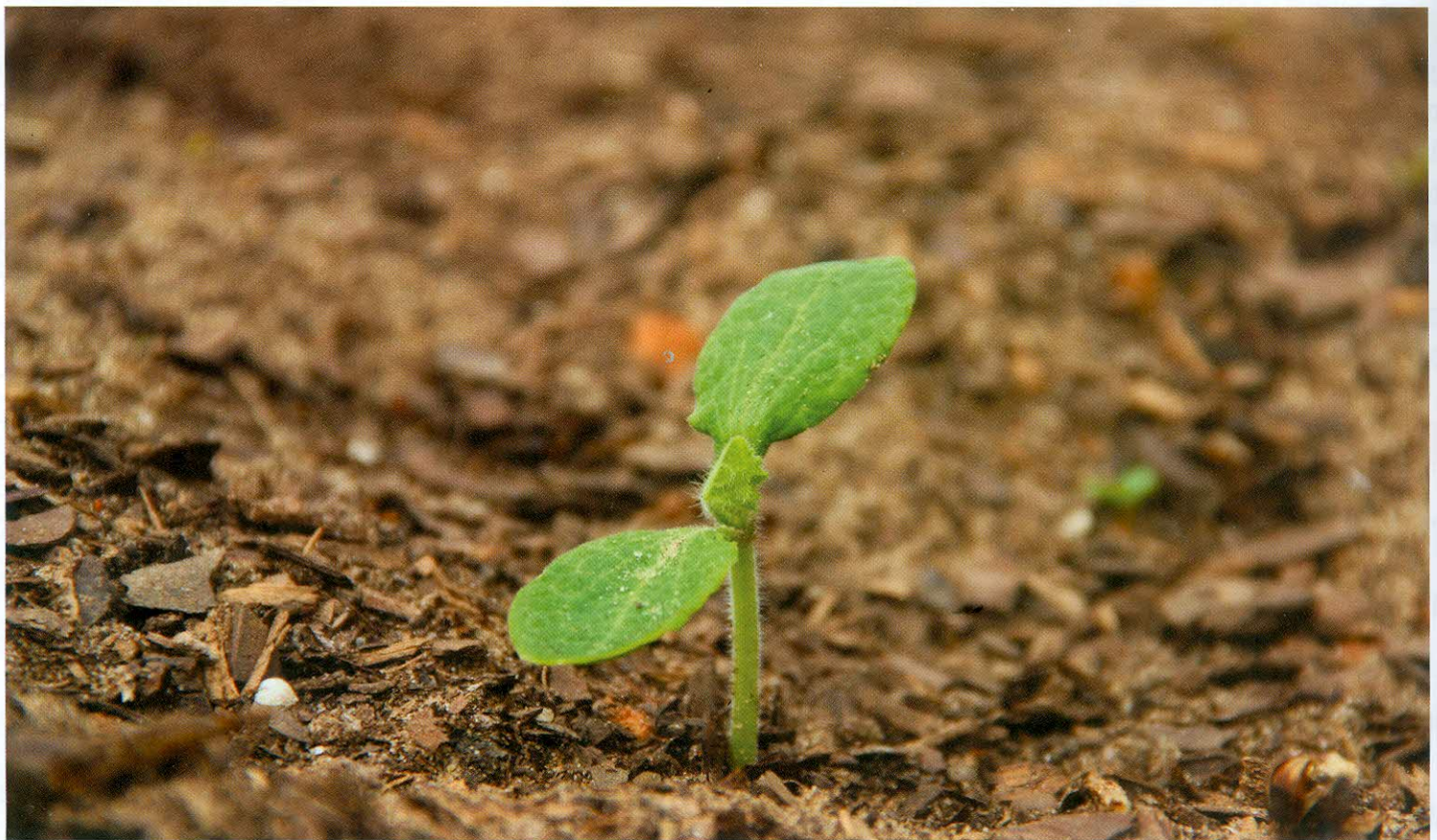


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Earth Day: Making Changes and Finding Inspiration

Erin Mills

Forty-five years ago, 20 million people across America rallied in parks, universities and elsewhere to speak out against environmental destruction. The first Earth Day, April 22, 1970, took place during a time of tremendous social progress when the environment was finally getting the type of attention that it deserved. Today, Earth Day has become a worldwide celebration of the Earth and a reminder of the importance of protecting it.

Environmentalists have seen many victories since the first Earth Day, but innumerable problems still exist. Climate change, plastic pollution and the search for eco-friendly energy efficiency are just a few of the struggles that remain today. Landfills are growing at alarming rates due to the throwaway society that we live in, but it is possible to slow this devastation.

This Earth Day, we can all do our part by planting a tree, picking up extra litter or going plastic free. Even better, we can all make a bigger difference by using Earth Day to inspire us for life. Whether it be taking a pledge to eat less meat or promising to reduce the amount of single use products that we use, permanent changes in our lives will make permanent differences in the world. As AUM alumna Brenda Fincher said, "If we don't take care of it, who will? It is our job to take care of this Earth." The generations of the future will inherit this planet as we leave it. For this reason, we must choose sustainability over destruction, being mindful of the planet every day of our lives.

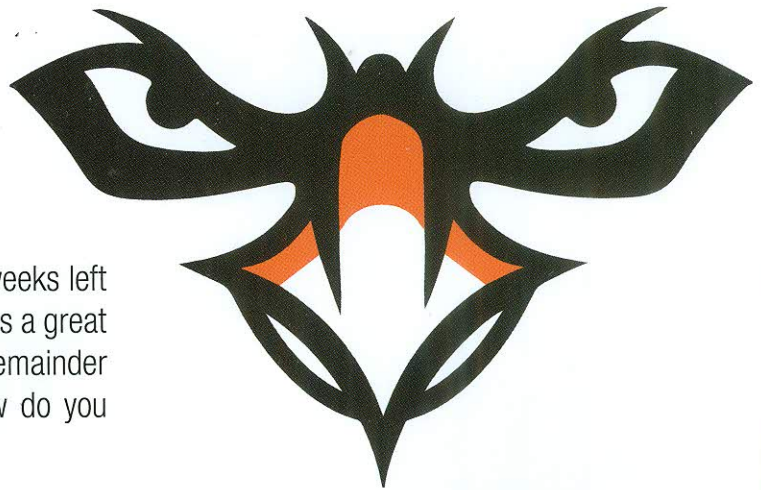


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Warhawk Squawk

LaTara Holloway



Spring Break is behind us and there are only a few more weeks left in this semester. Some may already be on the right path towards a great GPA, but others need to boost up their grades during the remainder of the school year. This time around, I asked students, "How do you rebound from a setback?"



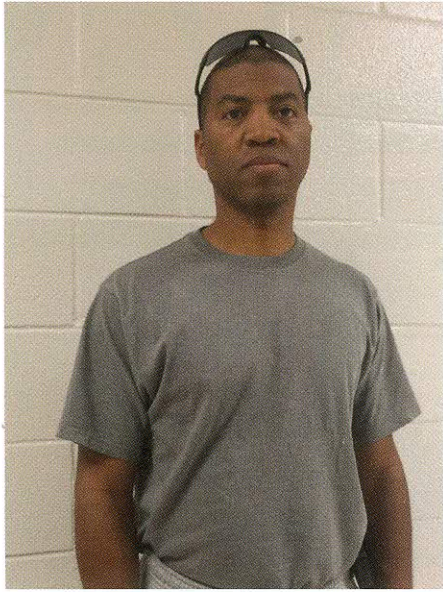
Makayla Matthews
Senior
Political Science

The first thing that I do is I get my thoughts together. I go back to my goals, aspirations and dreams of what I want to accomplish and achieve in life. I look at my setback just as a trial in to overcome it sooner or later. The next time I get the opportunity to step up, I can look back at that set back and say, "You are what helped me build up to what I am today. You are the reason why I have reached success, or achieved those goals and aspirations." That's how I overcome it.



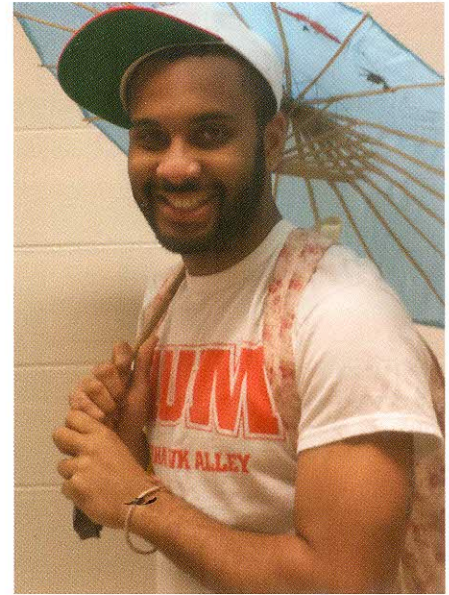
Dong Nan
Freshman
Exchange Student

I believe to overcome the difficult, we must first have a positive attitude. Do not be upset. Maybe you need the confidence, and the way of thinking matters to solve the problem. Or seek help from friends or family.



Charles Heffner III
Senior
Sports Management

You have to look and see how you were doing things beforehand, and then you have to make your adjustments. Like with me, I know I need to change my study habits and actually study a bit more to bring my grades up a little bit higher.



Deirvin Davis
Sophomore
International Business

I usually try to always have a contingency. I guess it's just one of those, always expect the unexpected. If none of that ever goes through, maybe I'll mope for once. But because of my personality, I usually just perk right up immediately afterwards.



Madi Meyer
Freshman
Undeclared

Usually, I'm pretty stressed. I pray about it, take time to call down, or just do things that I have fun doing so I don't have to think about it. When I get back to school, I'm refreshed.

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