

Traveling band visits campus



Bob Overmann/Index The Grisly Hand, a band from Kansas City, Mo., performed 7 p.m. Sunday in the Student Union Building. The performance was part of the Coffeehouse Concert Series sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

Anticipation can be its own reward



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I was excited the whole week before I went home for my birthday. I had an app on my phone that showed me how many days I had left — so much more entertaining than actually counting. I planned my week so I would have almost no homework to deal with during the weekend and I kept up a stream of texts between myself and the people I would be seeing. I had so much to look forward to — my birthday, my friends appearing in the court of my high school's winter

homecoming and a Super Bowl party at my boyfriend's house. After mentally hyping myself up all week, I spent the drive home imagining all the fun I was going to have.

My birthday weekend did end up being as wonderful as I hoped, but I have had plenty of times where sky-high expectations ended up bumming me out in the end. Anticipation is part of the fun of any good experience. At the same time, a pleasant time can be ruined when it does not meet overblown expectations.

In the case of my birthday weekend, getting excited made the weekend better. There were several factors that made the anticipation less risky. I was looking forward to events that were unlikely to be cancelled. The people involved were excited and would be fun to be around. I hadn't been home for a while, so if nothing else, it would be nice to eat home-cooked meals with my family.

Anticipating the weekend made the whole week fun. Doing homework in advance wasn't a chore because I knew each assignment I finished before my drive home would be one less I would have to do there. Packing was enjoyable because picking out what I needed allowed me to mentally rehash everything I would get to do. Whenever I felt too

busy or bored, I reminded myself of what I had to look forward to and instantly felt better.

Other times, I have had high expectations for events that have fallen flat. I expected too much and when the real thing turned out unimpressive, I was disappointed by what still might have been good had I not over-hyped it. In high school, I would often plan to dress up for games and would be underwhelmed with everyone's effort. Caution yourself against setting your expectations too high, especially when there are people involved who might not be as excited as you are. You cannot control the level of other people's excitement. If they aren't excited from the beginning, having high expectations will be a bad idea. As a person who gets excited about plans easily, I often have felt disappointment because other people weren't as enthusiastic for things as I was.

To prevent high-hopes folks such as myself from having their expectations crushed, go ahead and get excited. Put effort into planning an event. Make it your homework motivator, something to put a smile on your face or a reason to have fun packing. If everyone anticipated and got excited, we could all have more rewarding experiences that beat anyone's expectations.

Lessons make work worthwhile



Permanent lessons can be gained from temporary work

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Throughout time, newsprint turns yellow and brittle. It breaks apart and fades. "Yesterday's news" becomes irrelevant overnight — what's considered crucial information one day is found crumpled at the bottom of a recycle bin or shredded inside a hamster cage the next. News is fleeting.

Some Thursdays when I pick up the Index, I wonder why we put so much effort into something so disposable. I look at the tiny words, each one studied and restudied meticulously by an army of reporters, editors and copy desk experts, each one lined up in its respective column through a tedious process of experimentation.

And I wonder why we drive ourselves crazy debating word choice and picas. After a week, none of it will matter and after a week, we will just have to do it again. Why put so much effort into something that won't last? Sometimes I get so caught up in the here and now that I forget what my work means for me in the long run.

Yes, timeliness is important in journalism. But there is something timeless about this field of work. Journalists are truth seekers. We make it our responsibility to satisfy innate human curiosity.

We provide a service to society that has been critical from the beginning of journalism. The form has changed, the news has changed, but the importance of reporting hasn't.

There is a permanency in reporting too. I probably learn more during a week at the Index than I do during a semester of class. The skills I've gained cannot be taken away and whether or not I'm reporting 20 years from now, I always will be able to say I'm a journalist at heart — I seek truth, I strive for objectivity and I know how to ask all the right questions. I can adapt to changing situations. I can be creative and think on my feet. I can stay focused for hours at a time when I need to meet a deadline. I hold myself accountable for the things I say. I critically evaluate the information I find and the sources providing it.

Journalism gave these skills to me. Editing and reporting made a permanent mark on the person I am and the person I will become.

Too often, I think we forget why we do what we do. What drives a pre-med student to study so hard for that big biology test? Hopefully it's not for the red ink at the top of the page. Hopefully it's the knowledge that the things they are learning might someday make a difference for the life of a patient.

What pushes a political science major to join the debate team or an English student to submit work to be published? Sure, it will look good on a résumé, but hopefully the real reason goes deeper than that. Maybe the debater wants to question the status quo or defend a position she feels passionate about. Maybe the writer wants to express his creativity or offer a new perspective about a critical issue.

The work we do during our time at school sometimes might seem insignificant, but the lessons we learn, the skills we build and the people we become along the way can stick with us forever if we take the time to step back and recognize the impact of our work.

A week from now, this issue of the Index might be left on a table in a dining hall or forgotten under a stack of papers on your desk. But a week from now, I will know more about reporting and editing than I did this week, and that makes it worthwhile.

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