

# Art Official

New Teachers

Freshman

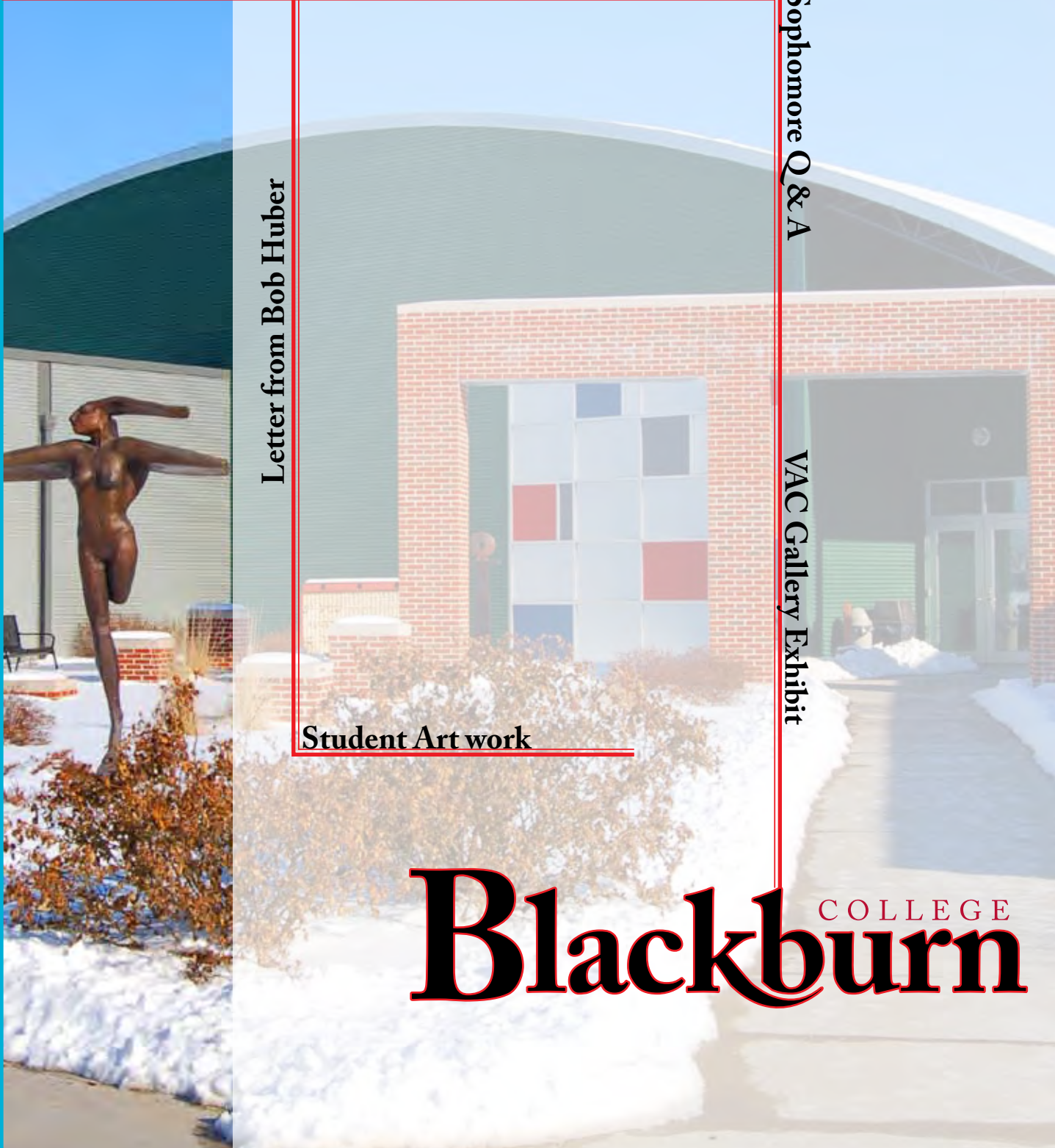
Sophomore Q & A

Letter from Bob Huber

VAC Gallery Exhibit

Student Art work

COLLEGE  
**Blackburn**



# Letter from the Chair



Earning a BA in art is a labor intensive, but highly rewarding journey. In the art department we stress quality and research first regardless of whether a student is building a frame, executing a drawing, constructing a sculpture or painting a gallery wall. Art majors must work far beyond the expectations of assignments. The process of making art, looking at art, and reading about art must be part of your lifestyle. It is imperative that you learn to draw well and practice daily!

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Conceive from in depth.  
Clearly indicate the dominant planes.  
Imagine forms as directed towards you.  
All life surges from centre,  
Expands from within outwards.  
In drawing, observe relief, not outline.  
The relief determines the contour.  
The main thing is to be moved, to love,  
to hope, to tremble, to live.  
Be man before being an artist!

~August Rodin (sculptor)

# New Faces

## Jason Bly

Jason Bly from Edwardsville, is our newest addition to the Art Department. Bly is the instructor for our Basic Drawing and American Art History classes here at Blackburn. He graduated from Eastern Illinois University with his BA and then returned to get his MA in studio art with a focus on painting. He later went onto Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville to receive his MFA. He grew up around Springfield, IL and has taught at Eastern, SIUE, Springfield College and now he is here at Blackburn. He enjoys art very much and is happy to be part of the Blackburn Community.

“Stay in school. Be good.” - Jason Bly



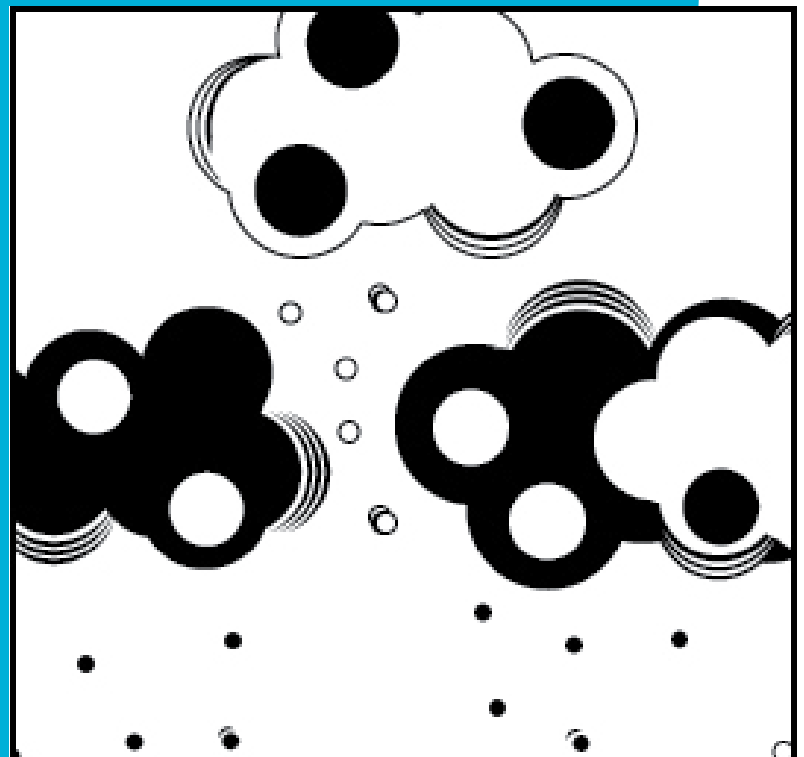
## Odell Mitchell Jr.

Odell Mitchell Jr. became interested in photography at age 17 when an older brother brought back a camera from Vietnam. He's been taking photographs ever since, working first as a staff photographer for the Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville and later as an award-winning photographer for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for twenty-four years. He now focuses on his freelance photography business and teaching. Odell, an East St. Louis native, graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications. He lives in O'Fallon, Illinois with his wife Linda. They have two adult children, Aviva Jaye, a musician with the Matthew Santos band, who lives in Brooklyn, New York and Odell III, a singer and graphic artist, who lives in Chicago with his wife Hilary.





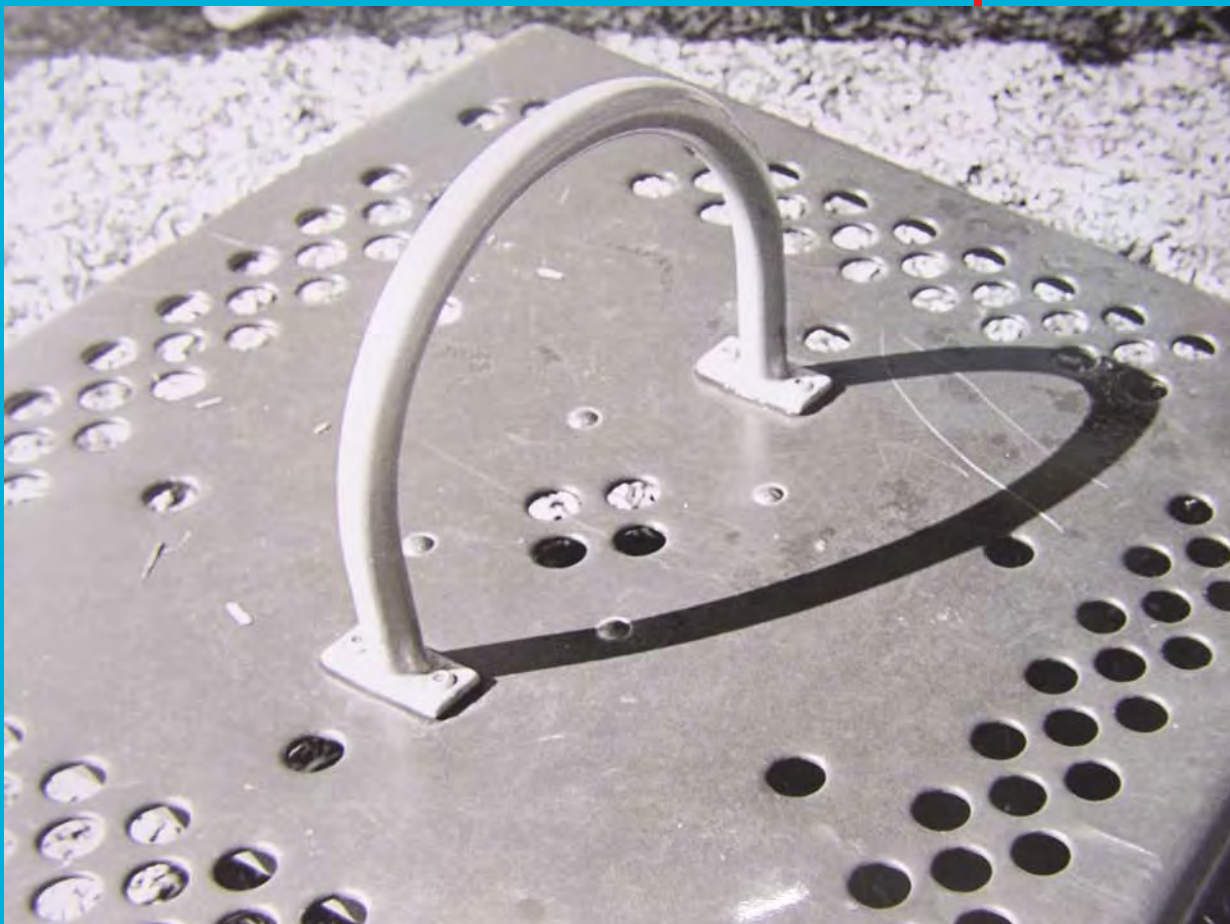
Jenn Sahr-Drawing • Sophomore • Art Major



Alecia Kimbro-Graphic Design • Freshman • Psychology Major



Gerad Bell-Painting • Sophomore • Art Major-Business Minor



Katie Taylor-Photography • Sophomore • Graphic Communications Major- Coaching Minor

# Featured Freshman

Name: Ethan Weber  
Hometown: Teutopolis, IL  
Major(s): Art and Graphics Communications  
Goal: To get a job in advertising

When Ethan first came to Blackburn, he was impressed by the care and guidance of the Art Department. He believes the best part of being an Art Major is having such dedicated teachers, who always seem to care about the progress of the students and are always available for help when needed. He is completely confident that he will develop the skills needed for his future. However, his main concern is finding a job that suits him when he graduates, but he is sure the Department will help prepare him for such a monumental task.



## Links

### CAREER

- <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos092.htm>  
(Information from the U.S. Department of Labor on career paths.)
- <http://www.creativegroup.com/CareerResources>  
(Good detailed information for creative design-based careers from The Creative Group.)
- <http://www.creativegroup.com/SalaryGuide>  
(Every year The Creative Group puts out a salary guide for creatives - people in the design world. It contains important and useful information including job descriptions.)
- <http://wetfeet.com/Careers-and-Industries/Careers/Visual-Arts.aspx>  
(A very brief overview of possible paths to take for a career in the arts.)
- <http://collegeart.org/> (The College Art Association is a primarily academic organization geared toward the visual arts. Under the Careers heading you can find listings of academic jobs (you have to be a paying member to see details) and listings of exhibition opportunities. There is a lot of detailed information here regarding art, academia and careers)

### GENERAL

- [www.pbs.org/art21/](http://www.pbs.org/art21/) (Art in the 21st century)
- [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com) (Photo sharing)
- [www.moma.org](http://www.moma.org) (The Museum of Modern Art)
- [www.visionlightgallery.com](http://www.visionlightgallery.com) (Photographic Art Gallery)
- <http://www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk/yourgallery/> (Show your Art to the World)

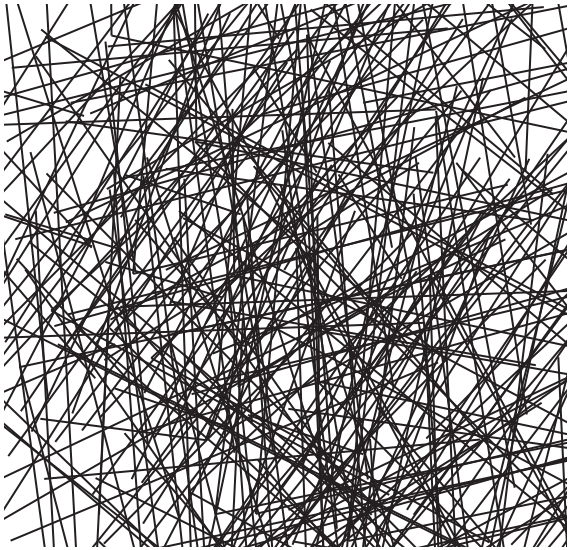
## VAC Gallery News

- Faculty Exhibition  
Feb 6- Feb 19th  
Reception: Feb 6 5-8pm
  - Jeanne Meyer-  
Drawings and Design  
Feb 20- 17th  
Reception: Feb 20 5-8pm
  - Jurred Student Show  
Juror: Joe McFarland, Profes-  
sor of Art, Lewis and Clark  
College  
Artwork goes up: 3/23-3/25
  - End of Year Senior Exhibits  
To be Scheduled
- (Join VAC Gallery Group on Facebook for announcements!!!)

# Student

# ART

# Show



# Submit

You are eligible to submit work if:

1. You are a current Art Major

OR

2. You are currently taking a class in the Art Department

OR

3. That work was completed in an Art Department course in the last 2 years

All media accepted. All 2D work must be matted and framed with either glass or Plexiglas™

**Work will be accepted in the Visual Arts Center Gallery March 23-25.**

Best of Show announced at Opening, Friday March 27, 5-8pm

Judge: Joe McFarland, Professor of Art, Lewis & Clark College