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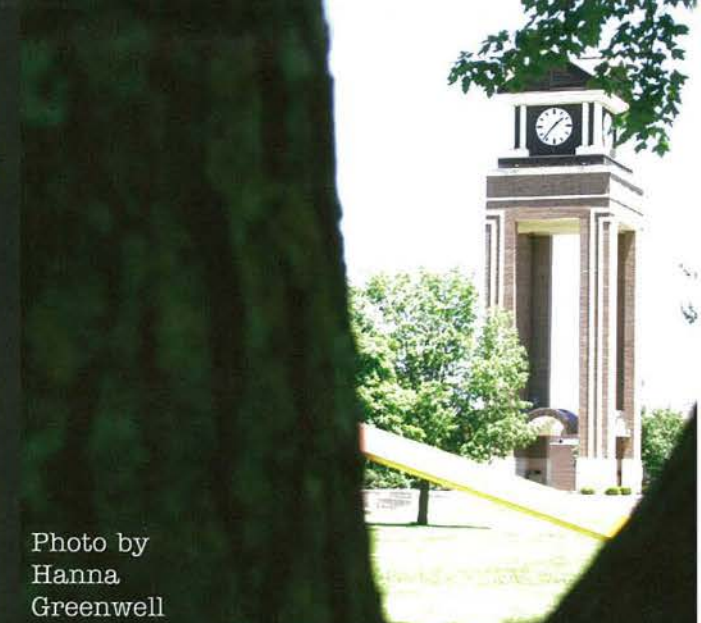


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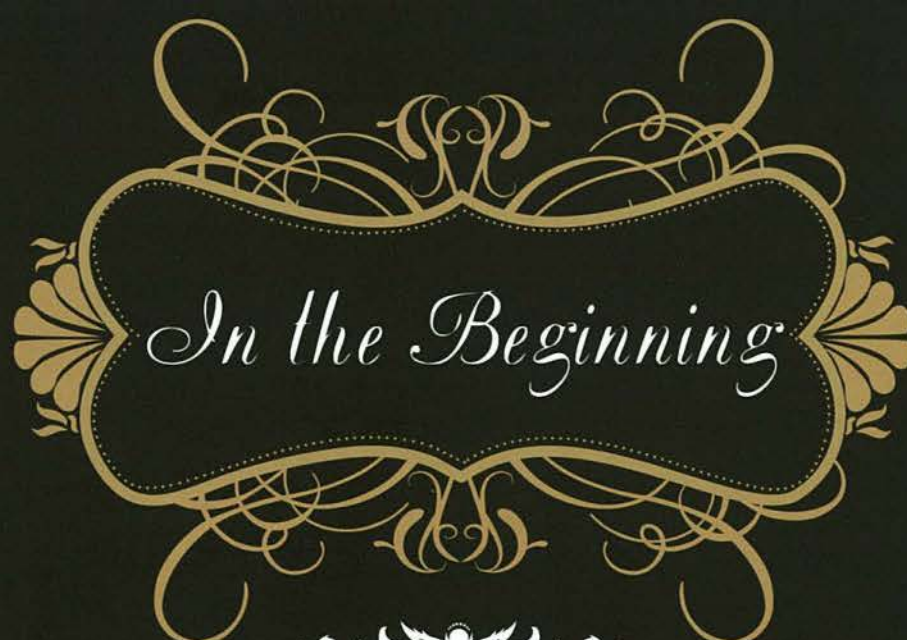
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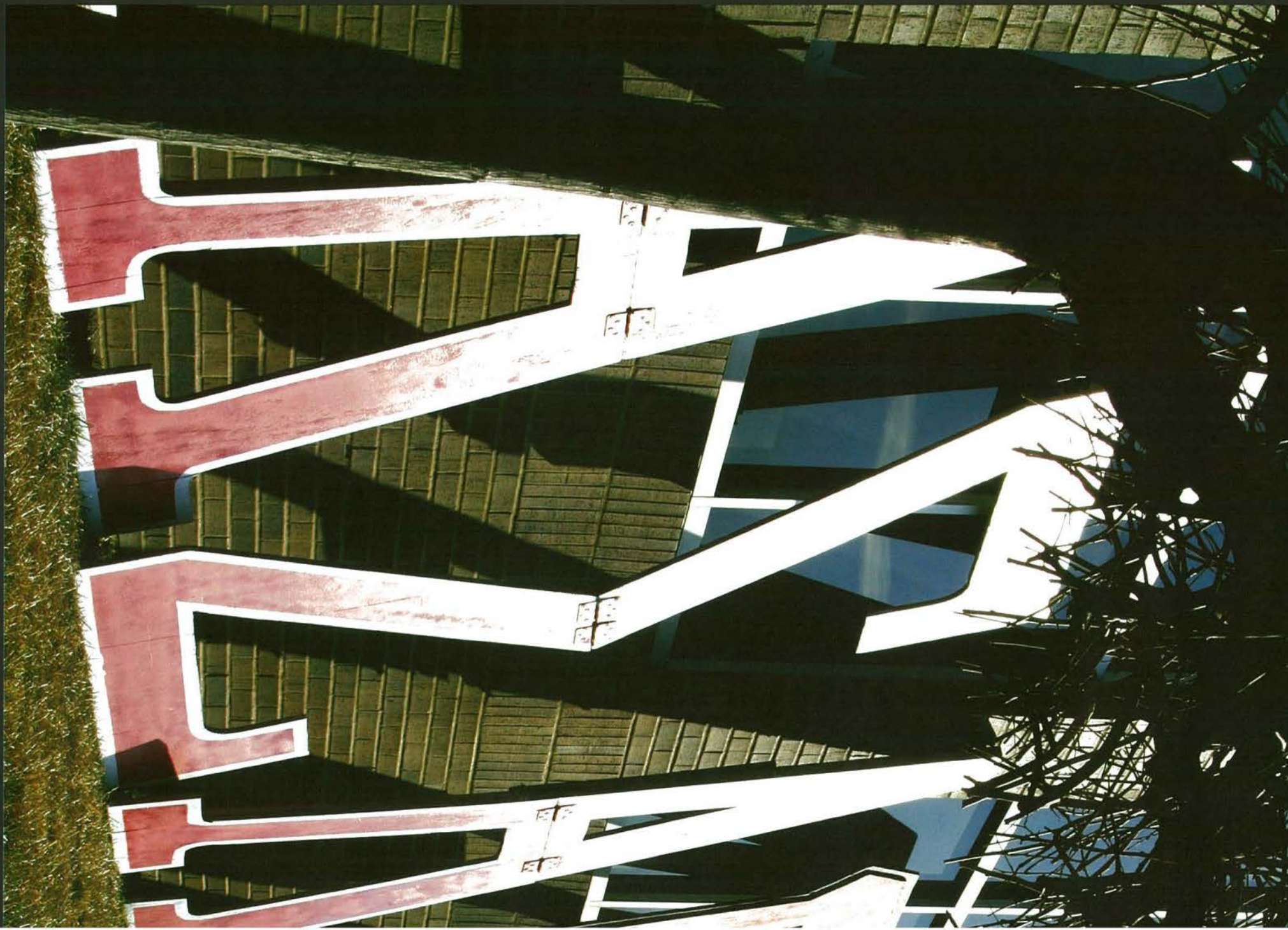


Lindsey Roberts & Heather Heater



As the book of a new journey opens every face seems to be a stranger. Don't let fear stop your journey for this feeling won't last long. Don't let the stress overtake you, because you are unsure of what is going to be on the next page. Now is the time to discover who you are. Soon this story will seem like a childhood nursery book and you will be ready for the next chapter. Before you know it the story will be over so take your time, make friends, take risks and most of all make memories. Remember every page turned is a memory made, do not take anything for granted. These are our memories, our story. We become the Griffon's, so divulge in your time here.





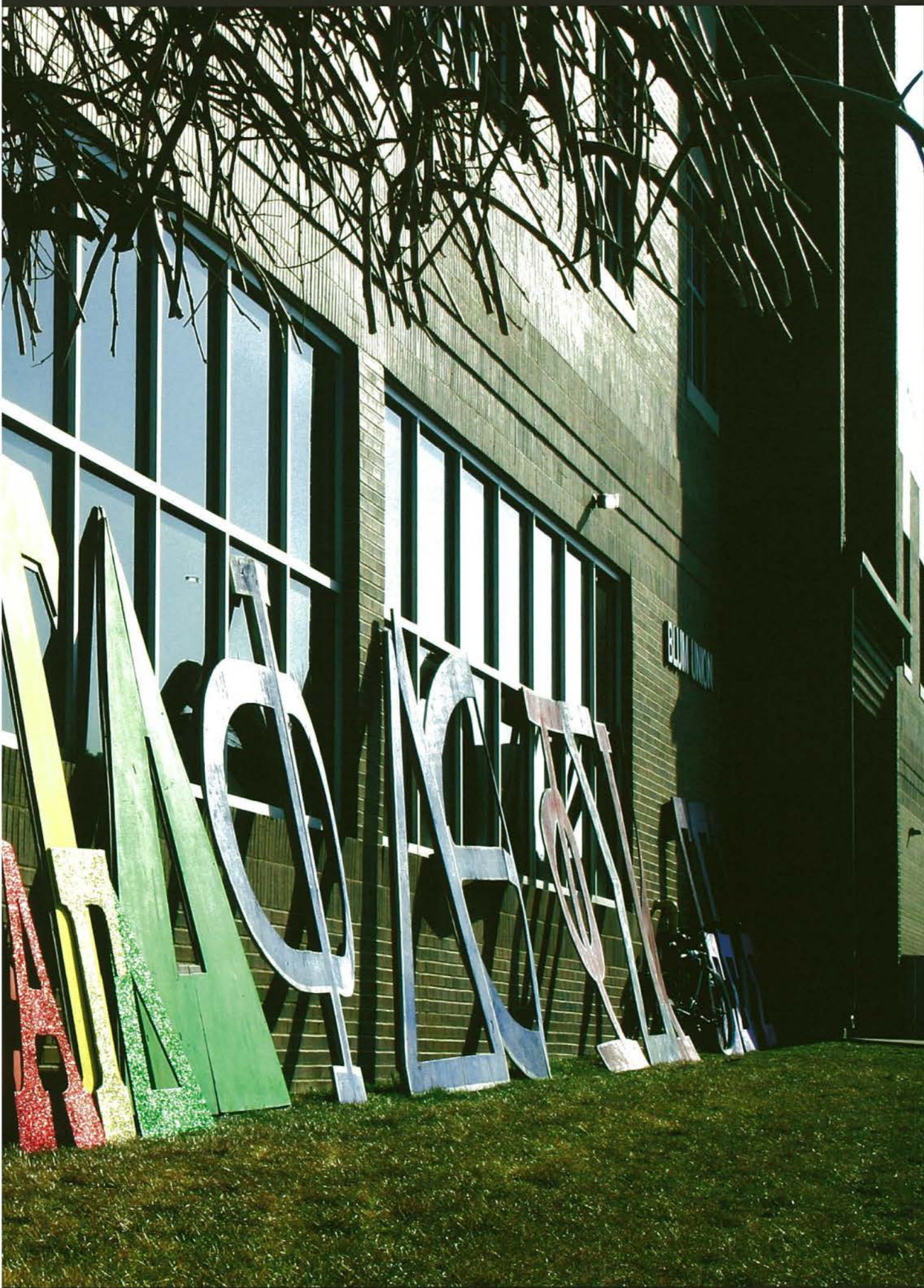


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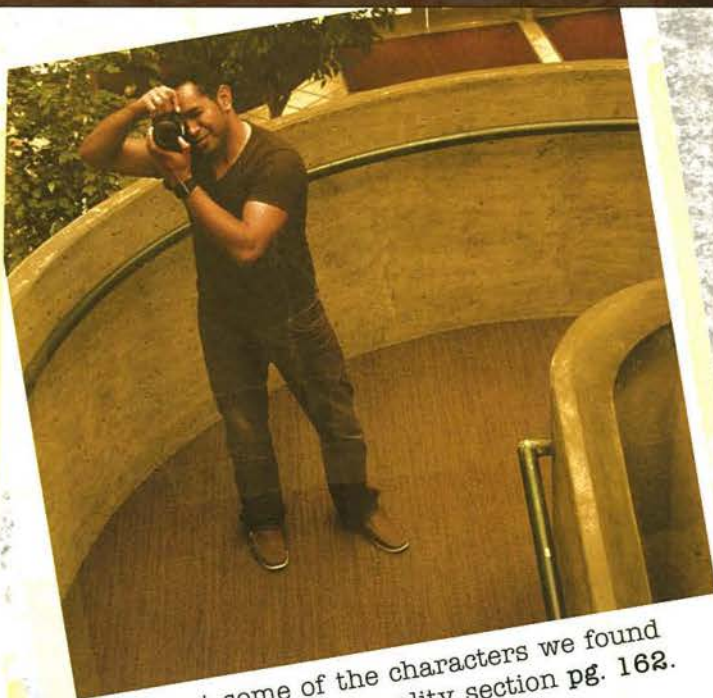
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An institution of higher learning providing facilities for
teaching & research & authorized to grant academic degrees



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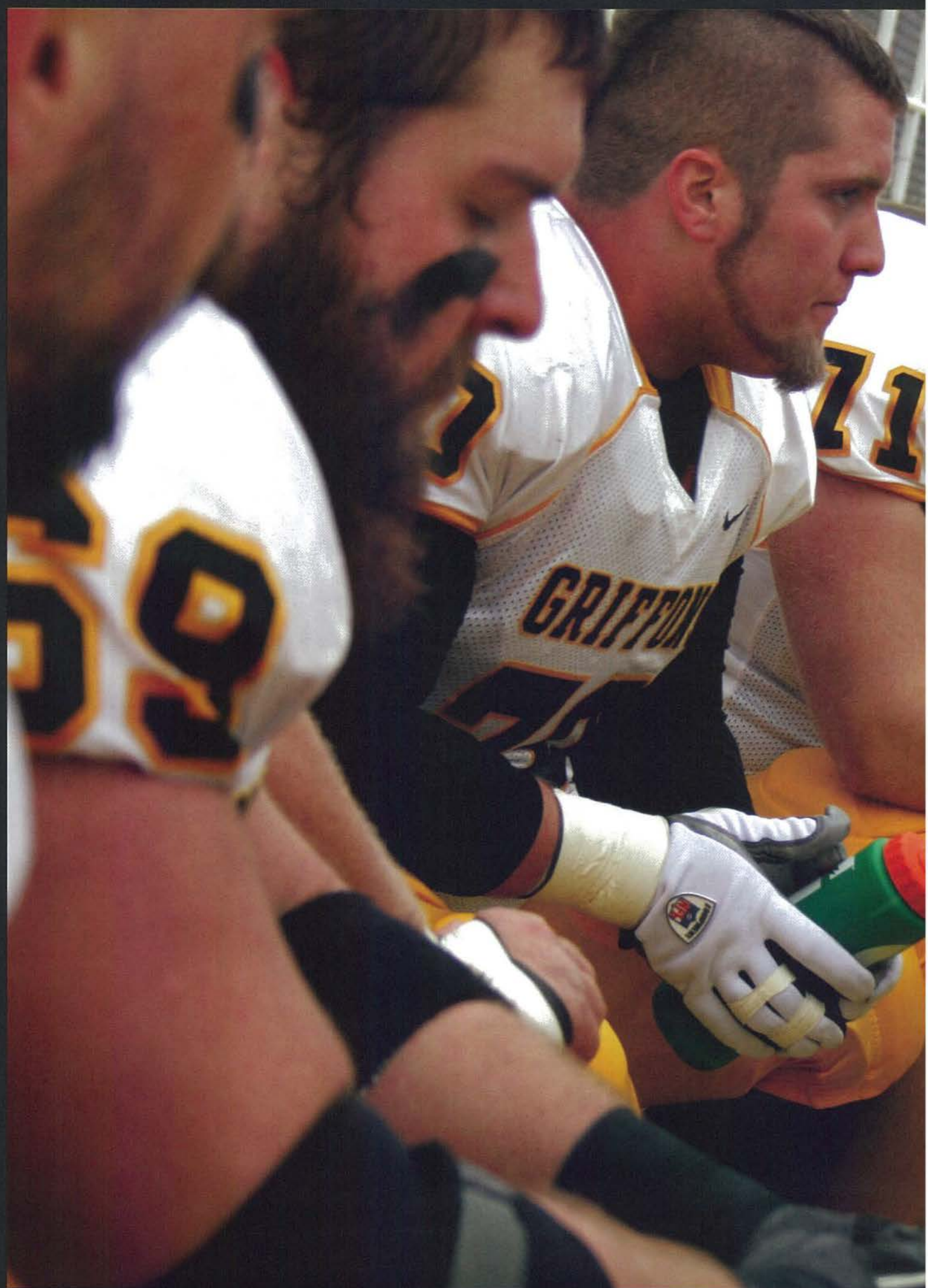


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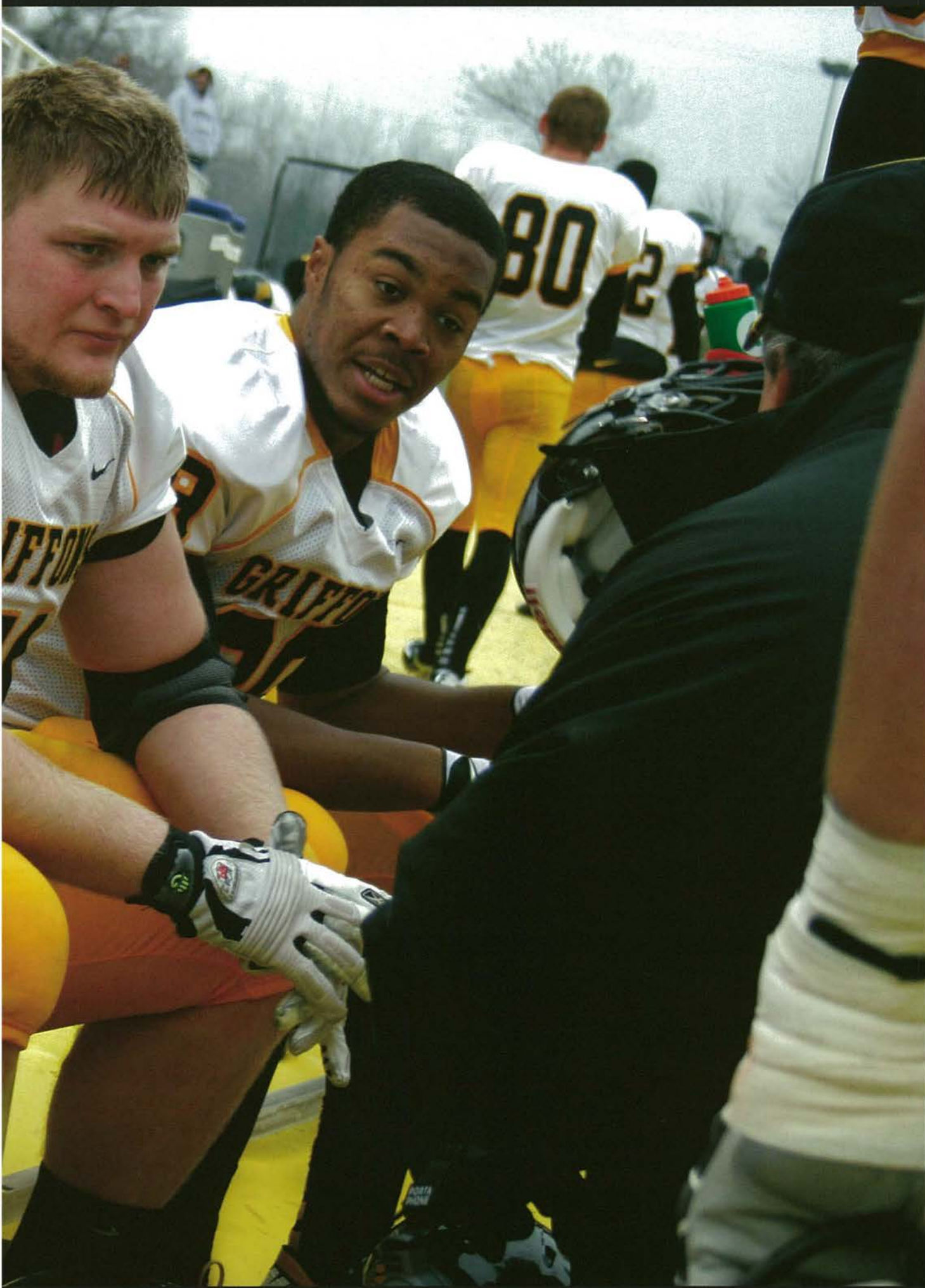
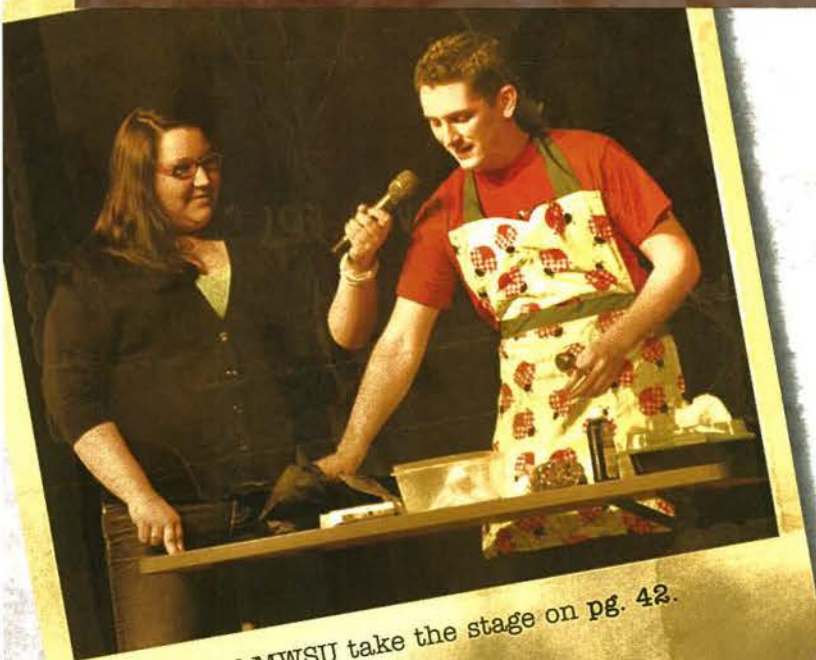


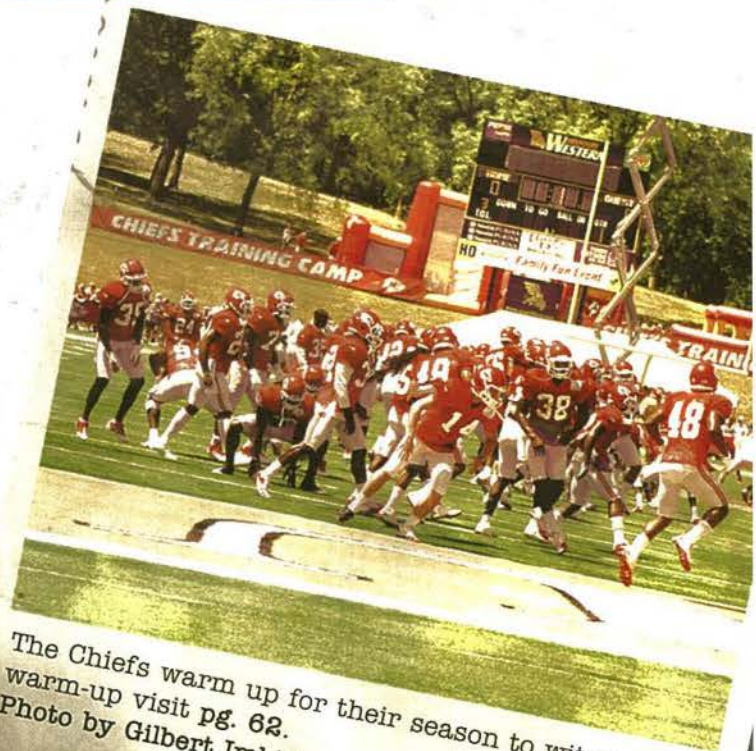
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Lifestyles

{En·thu·si·asm}
A strong excitement or feeling



The guys of MWSU take the stage on pg. 42.
Photo by Kendra Greer



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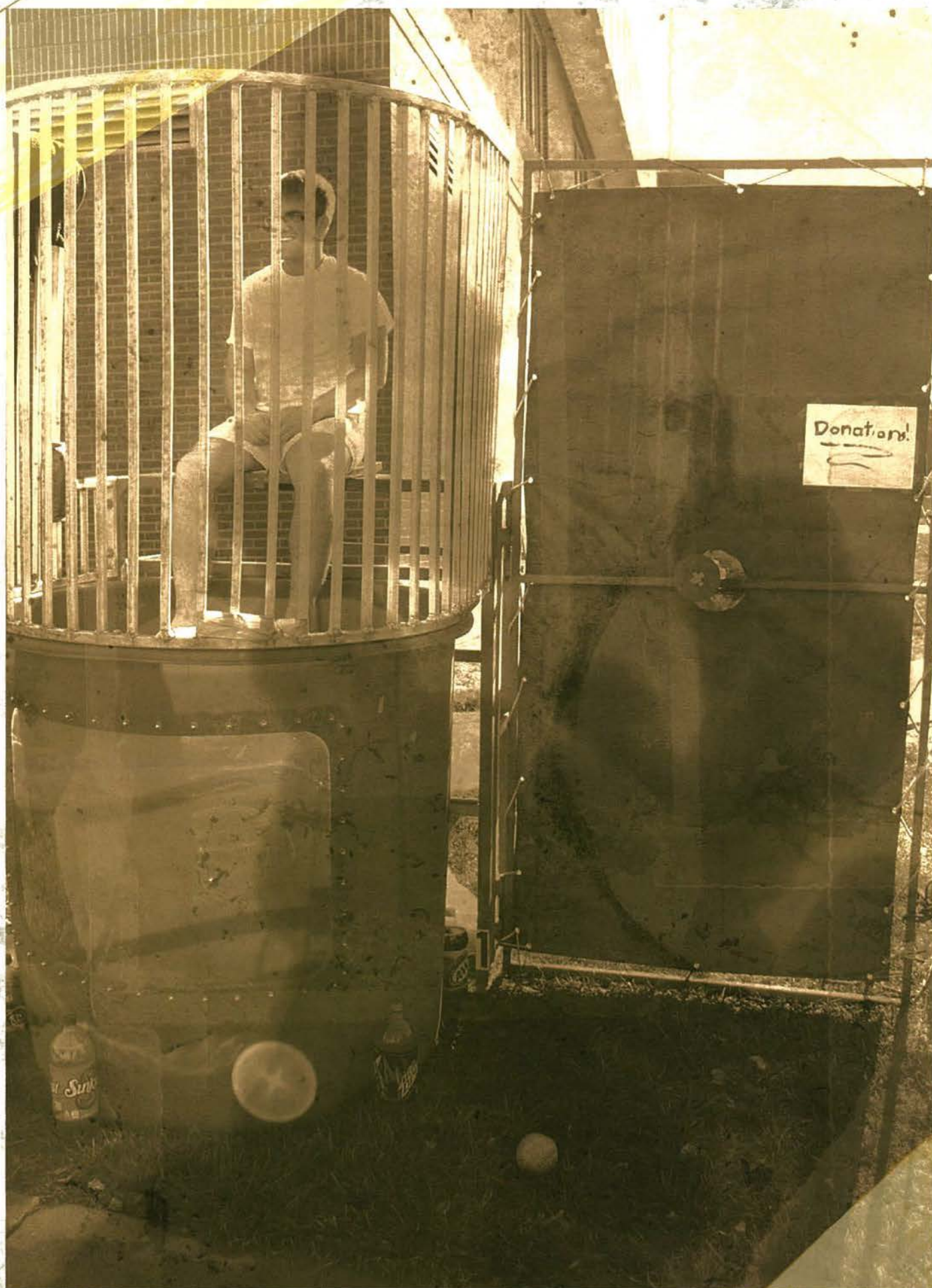
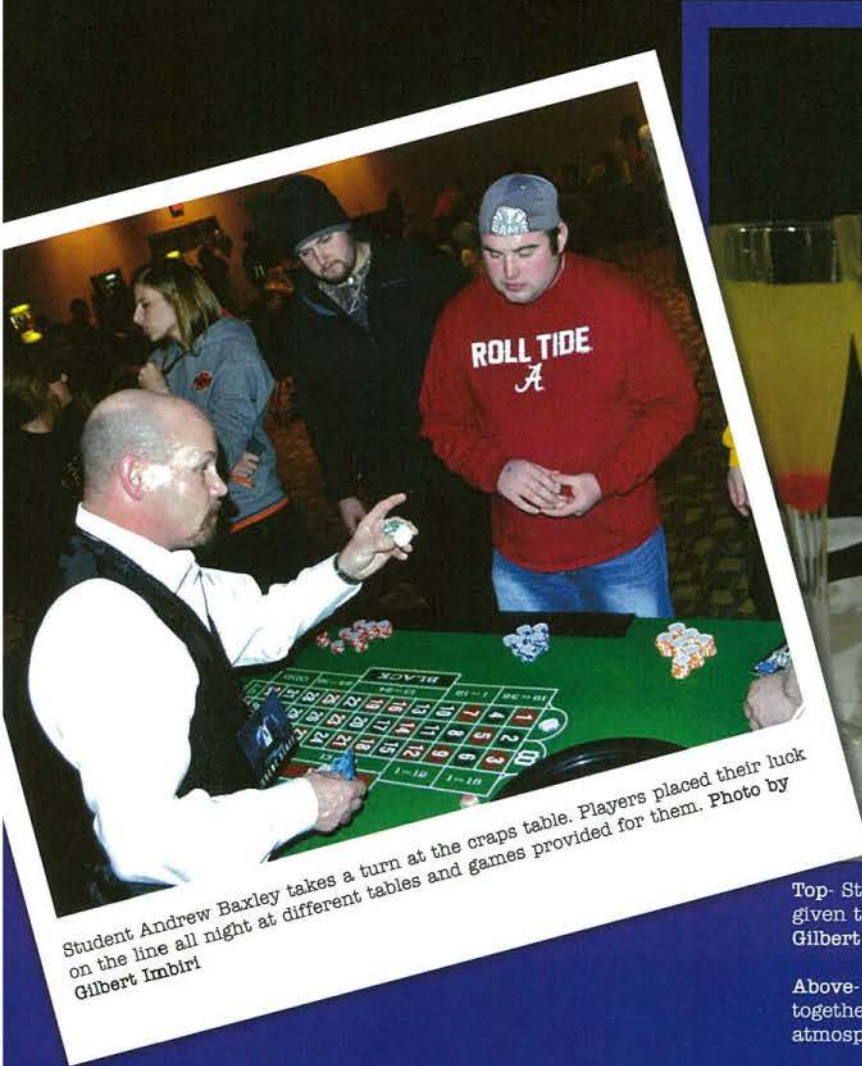


Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



Student Andrew Baxley takes a turn at the craps table. Players placed their luck on the line all night at different tables and games provided for them. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



Top- Students cheer as they win from the slot machine. Players were given tickets to cash in towards prizes at the end of the night. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri

Above- Mocktails rang through the air as students clanged their glasses together. Having drinks at the event helped bring out the real Vegas atmosphere. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



Story by Travis Anderson

The night also taught students a safe lesson on gambling.

The Division of Student Affairs transformed the Fulkerson Center into a full-scale casino for their second annual Casino Night.

There were a total of 40 tables containing blackjack, craps and poker, as well as a section set out for bingo and slot machines.

Student Affairs added some traditional casino touches by passing out non-alcoholic cocktails and appetizer style items like sliders. Along with providing food and beverages, the workers were dressed in tuxedos to really make students feel as if they were in "Sin City."

"Casino night was a huge success," said sophomore James Schoonover. "It not only gave me a chance to meet new people but it provided a great stress relief from all of our daily problems as college students."

The night also taught students a safe lesson on gambling. It demonstrated how to gamble responsibly so students would have a better understanding of the rules and the consequences of betting.

First time poker player Austin Bowley expressed his feelings about the night.

"I had a blast learning to gamble, it's a new

experience for me," said Bowley. "I'm very excited to come back next year with my friends."

The biggest difference between the MWSU's Casino Night and the real thing was that students at the casino night were set up to win. The dealer being set up to win, like in Vegas casinos, was one thing that was discussed when talking about the dangers of gambling and packets about safe gambling were scatted on the tables.

As students cashed out they were given the choice of getting a red raffle ticket for two thousand Missouri Western bucks or a blue ticket for five hundred Missouri Western bucks. The blue tickets were then placed in a bucket for small prizes and the red tickets went towards one of the ten boxes for the big-ticket items. The most sought after prize was a 50-inch flat screen television.

"They had a lot better prizes this year and instead of everyone being up for them, you had to buy the more expensive red ticket to have a chance at the bigger prizes," said sophomore K.C. Ramsell. "I liked that they did it that way because the more money you win the better chance you have of getting a big prize making it way more competitive than last year."

pok•er face

{an impassive expression that hides one's true feelings.}

3D Life

Story by Molly Thomas

“This class was very hands-on. Instead of just sitting in class listening to lectures, we did hands-on activities. I like hands on activities”

Shelby Cox

While you were looking for a class that went above and beyond your typical college course, 3-D Design taught by Neil Lawley was an ample course to choose. As stated in the class syllabus, the course was designed to challenge students with creative problem solving in form and composition through material investigation, spatial exploration and critical discourse. Students participated in hands on design projects throughout the semester. These assignments included building a teepee, constructing a working life jacket, building a boat, golf course and a contraption that could break an egg.

“This class was very hands-on. Instead of just sitting in class listening to lectures, we did hands-on activities. I like hands on activities,” said, student, Shelby Cox.

One of the first projects the class had to construct was the natural structure. During the project, students discussed different types of structures and where they could be built in nature. Many ideas filled the room ranging from tee-pees, lean-tos and even debris huts. Students were only allotted a few weeks to brainstorm and start working on their project. Each group was made up of three to four students that had to work as a team and exhibit the natural structure in the woods on campus for friends and family to view.

Another project that appeared in the class was the construction of the life jacket. Students had

to make a life vest, which would hold them above water without movement from the student. There was a week and a half to construct the vest, then as a class, they would go to the pool and test them out. Some of the materials that were used included empty water bottles, duct tape and even trash bags.

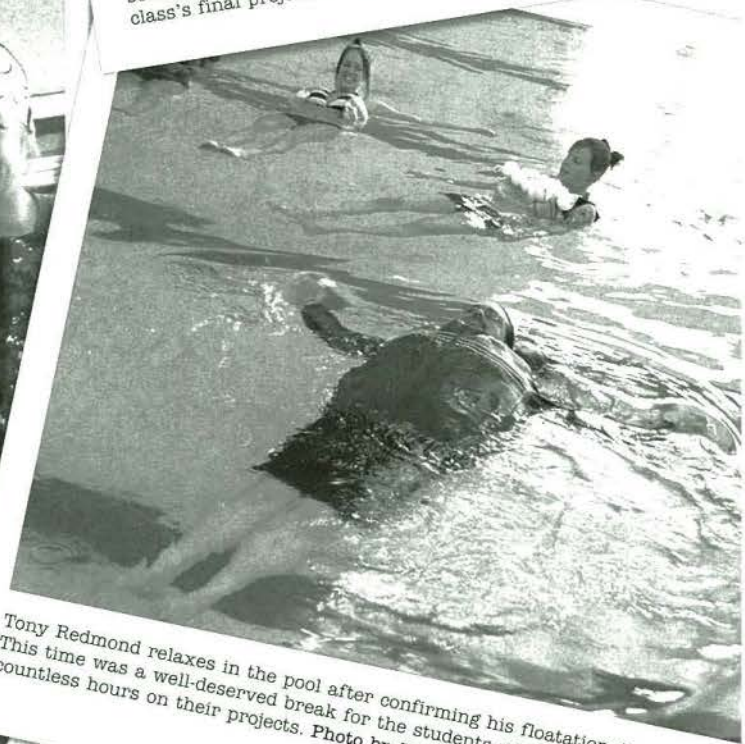
The students had another chance to dip their toes in the water when they started the boat project. The main idea was to construct the boat out of different materials such as the noodles used to swim with. What made the project unique was to have a theme, the boat needed to be well crafted and make oars to row the boat across the campus pond. Some students fell in and their boats even sank, but most wore their life vests they made previously in the class.

Finally after several soggy projects the class was able to take a little time on land and take their hand at building a mini golf course. The hole was to utilize at least two simple machines and must have a theme and be painted in a viewable, pleasurable manor. The golf course was tested later in Agenstein Hall, which allowed anybody to test the course.

“It was an interesting and enlightening experience that explored the principles and elements of three dimensional figures and objects. Exploring the ways of taking an image of a page or out of your mind and bringing it into the physical world,” said, student, Tony Redmond.



Several students checking out and test the 3D mini golf course, a plus side to all the hard work put into the structures. Over seven golf courses were setup in Remington Hall's lobby for the class's final project. Photo submitted by Kelly Heinz

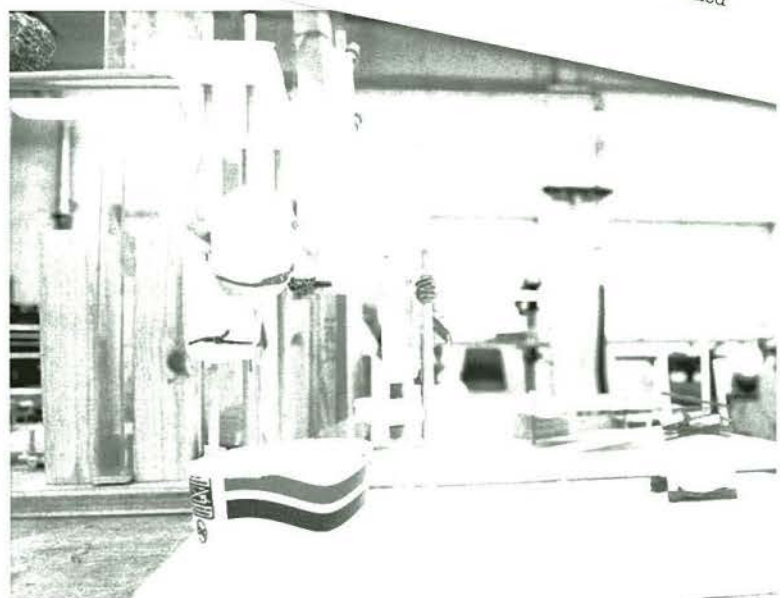


Tony Redmond relaxes in the pool after confirming his floatation device works. This time was a well-deserved break for the students who had just worked countless hours on their projects. Photo by Hunter Richie

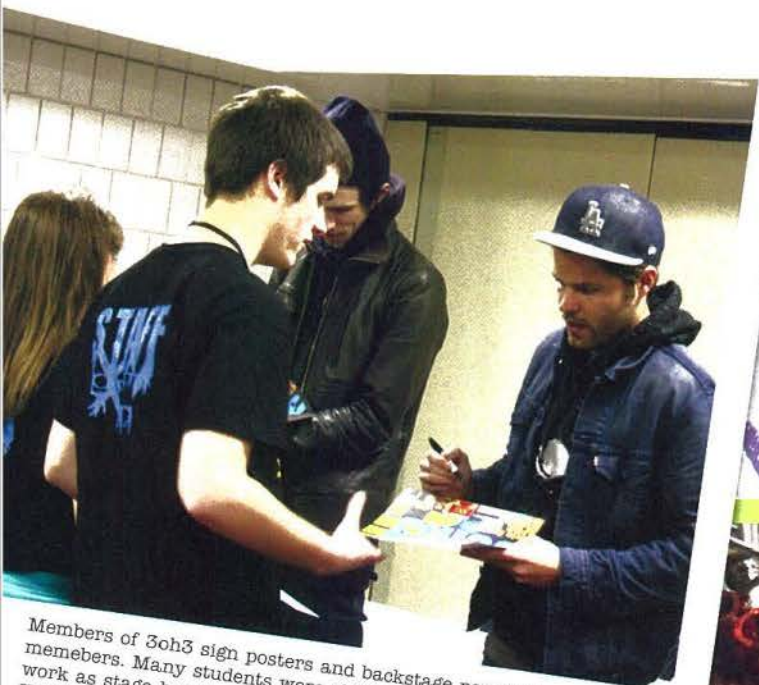
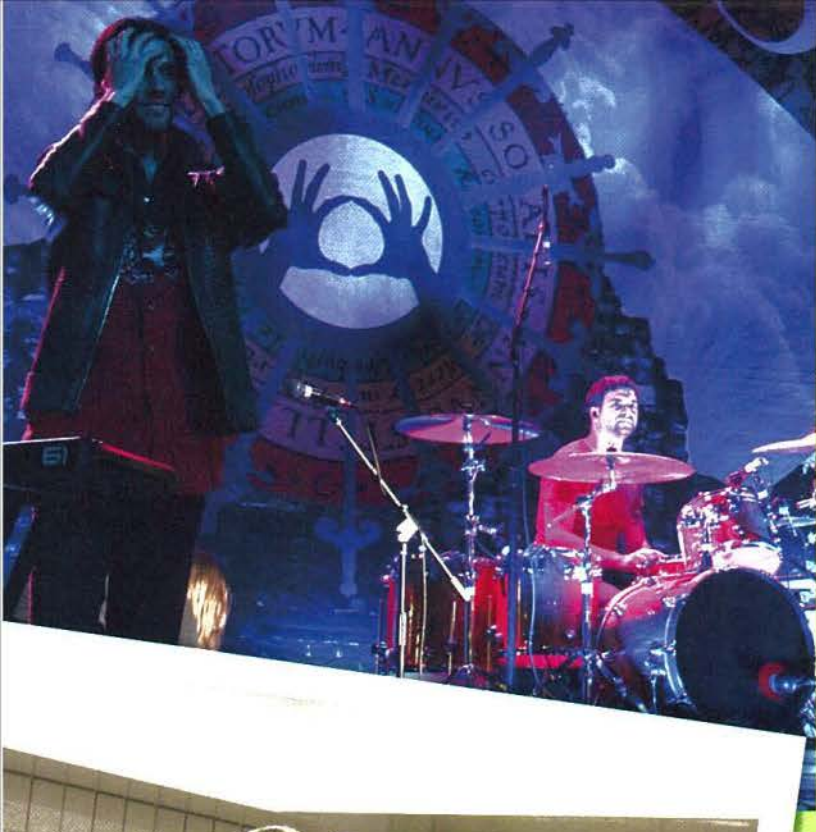


Top- Students lineup in the Looney Complex pool to test out their personal floatation devices. All sorts of recyclable items were used to create the devices including water bottles and trash bags. Photo by Hunter Richie

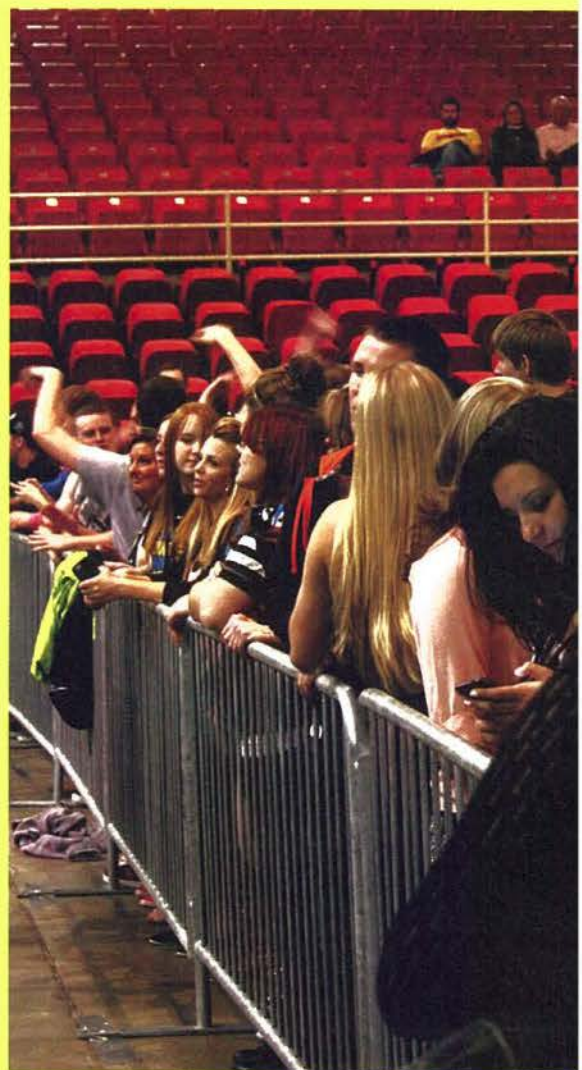
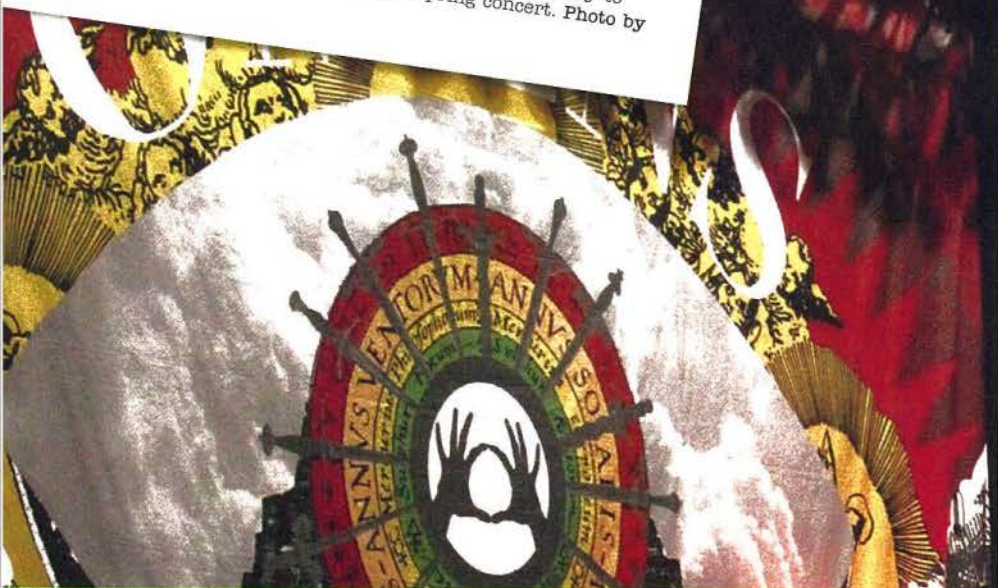
Above- The 3D design class displays their mini topographic maps and examines the work of their classmates. Other projects the students tackled during the class also included creating a floatable boat and outdoor shelters in the woods. Photo by Hanna Greenwell.



Right- This technical device is a machine that cracks eggs. Students created these "Rube Goldberg Egg Machines" for one of their projects in the class. Photo by Hunter Richie



Members of 3oh3 sign posters and backstage passes for SGA members. Many students were able to have the opportunity to work as stage hands at Western's annual spring concert. Photo by Heather Heater



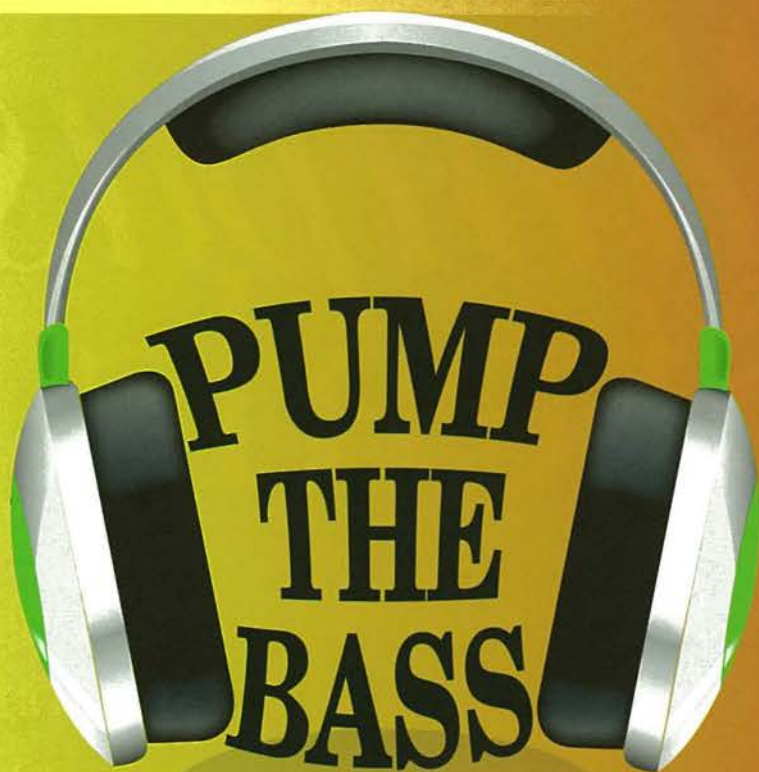
Above- Students rush to the barrier hoping to touch the hand of a star. Attendance was low for the 2013 concert. Photo by Heather Heater

Top- An opening act featured one of Western's own as a drummer. Many students were excited to see the different acts. Photo by Heather Heater

Above- A large tapestry fills the backdrop of the stage showing the symbol of 3oh3. Attendance was low for the annual spring concert, many students said it was because WAC didn't follow the music line up. Photo by Heather Heater

Top- Nathaniel Motte brushes his hair back before dancing across the stage. Motte jumped off the stage a number of times to hold the hands of many women. Photo by Heather Heater

Story
by
Travis
Anderson



The mix of hip-hop and electronic pop gave the students in attendance a show of contrasting styles that made it enjoyable for a broader audience.

Missouri Western's Activity Council had their annual spring concert, presenting three popular musicians 3oh3, XV and Sammy Adams. Even though tickets were provided free to students by WAC, the concert crowd was much smaller than what was expected.

It was an electronic and hip-hop theme, which broke the traditional rotation of featuring rock, rap or country music. The Headline was 3oh3, the electronic band from Bolder Colorado who was nominated for Best New Artist at the 2009 Video Music Awards. The group also reached No. 7 on the Billboard 200 with their album "Streets of Gold."

They seemed to really enjoy interacting with the crowd as much as they could. They even went as far as one of the lead singers walked off stage into the crowd, asked to have the glow sticks of some of the concert attendees and then had the band's drummer use them as drumsticks.

As goofy as the band was it didn't take away from their hit songs that many had come to the Civic Arena to hear like the multiplatinum single "Don't Trust Me," and

"Starstruck." 3oh3's electronic sound and stage presence made the show well worth Missouri Western Students while.

Opening for 3oh3 was YouTube sensation Sammy Adams. Originally from Boston, Adams stole the show with his songs that really spoke to his college audience. His liveliness had the crowd-jumping fist in the air with his song "I Hate College" a parody from Asher Roth's "I Love College." Other songs that Adams performed were a Taylor Swift remix "I Knew You Were Trouble" and the remake of the Enrique Iglesias hit song "Finally Found You."

Opening the show was the responsibility of up-and-coming rapper XV, a hip-hop star who traveled from Wichita, Kansas. XV is known for his mix tapes, such as 2012's "Popular Culture" and did his best to bring some energy to the crowd. XV used remixes of popular songs that are more commonly known by students to help pump the crowd up for 3oh3 and Sammy Adams.

The mix of hip-hop and electronic pop gave the students in attendance a show of contrasting styles that made it enjoyable for a broader audience.

Dy•na•mic Ra•nge

{the difference between the softest and loudest extremes within an audio signal}

Campus Steals

Story by
Madison
Holmes

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With tuition, book costs and overall living expenses, deals on food and drinks around campus were one thing a college student could not live without. Campus dining has accommodated students with some pretty enticing deals throughout the years, but the 2013 school year implemented deals such as Mocha Mondays from Java City, Taco Tuesdays from Caliente and Free Bagel Fridays from Einstein Bagel Company.

Mocha Mondays allowed students who purchased any type of mocha drink from Java City, any time on a Monday, to receive a 10 percent cost reduction off of their mocha. No matter what kind of flavor, size or temperature, any drink considered mocha was discounted.

"We sell way more mochas on Mondays than any other day of the week," said Stacy Saythany, Java City employee.

While Java City stays busy no matter what day of the week, there are certainly more punch cards punched and mochas sold each Monday.

Mondays were just the beginning of a week full of discounts. Taco Tuesdays at Caliente were equally as busy as Mocha Mondays at Java City. Taco Tuesday allowed students to buy any taco from Caliente for just 99 cents.

In addition to this extremely cheap meal, Caliente also offered a monthly special that discounted something that wasn't typically

on the menu, such as the Philly Cheesesteak burrito.

Two days later, Free Bagel Fridays from Einstein's offered a free bagel with the purchase of the topping.

"The bagel is completely free, and all you have to purchase is the shmear that goes on top. It's our way of giving back to the students to show that we appreciate their constant business," said Brian Tarr, employee of Einstein Bagels.

Einstein also offered monthly deals such as a \$5 meal box and other promotional freebies that the company enacted.

The food court itself also provided a special way of saying thanks to the students. Once a month, students could go to the cafeteria to enjoy an International Tasting Dinner in which students from other countries either provided recipes or made dinners from their country.

"We are always working on new ways to give back to the students. We are trying to get more discounts and promotions going on monthly and having one per day so students can get the most out of their campus," said Kathy Dewalt, assistant dining service director.

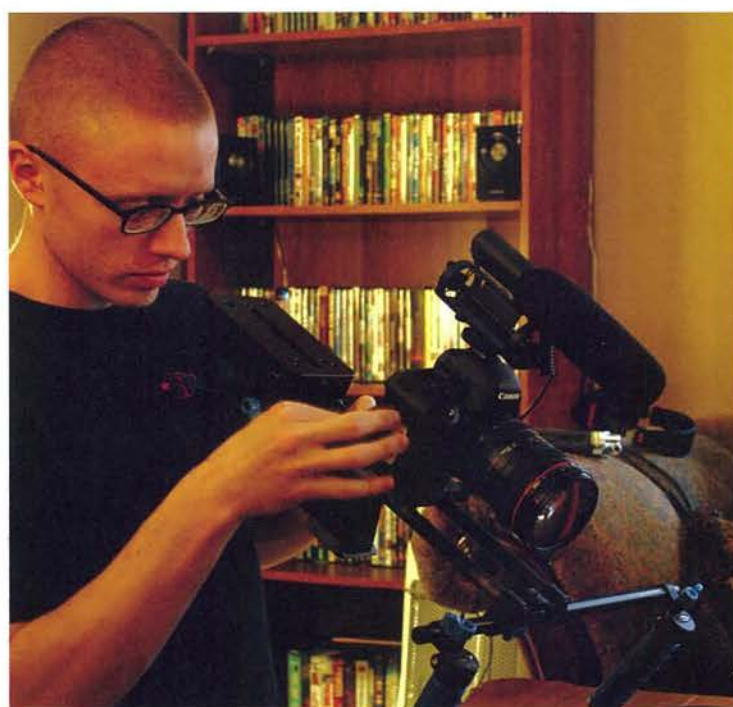
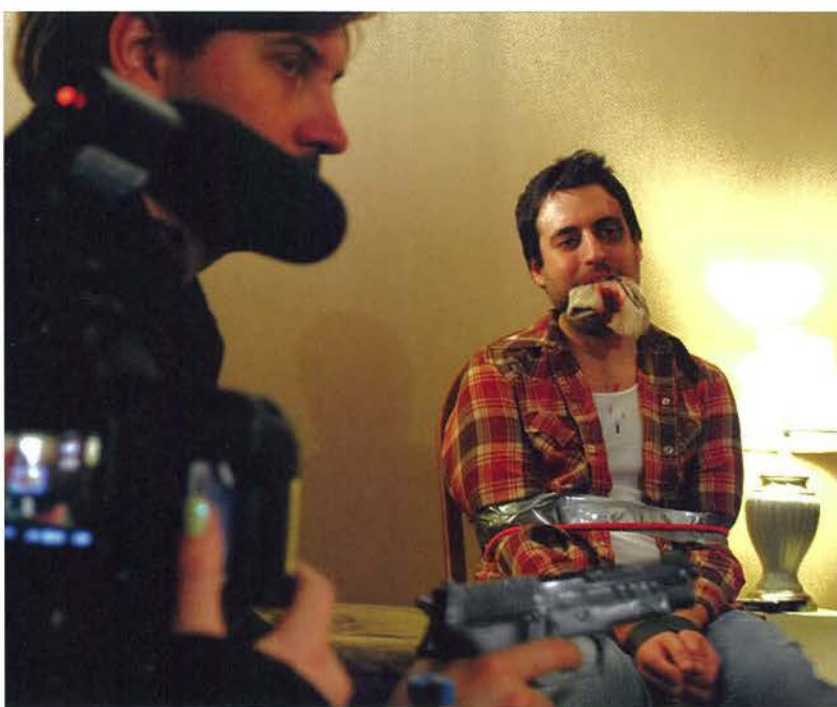
Each discount was always provided both to students and staff. The campus steals gave back to those who support campus business in expanding the customer base throughout campus.



Professor Dallas Henry runs the camera while Robin Ussher and a cast mate do a scene. Henry was one of the people responsible for bringing the 48 Hour Film Project to Western. Photo by Meghan Vandever



With the clapboard set, Katie Brekalo is waiting in place to start the scene. One of the challenges of the project was that actors had extremely limited time to learn and rehearse their parts. Photo by Meghan Vandever



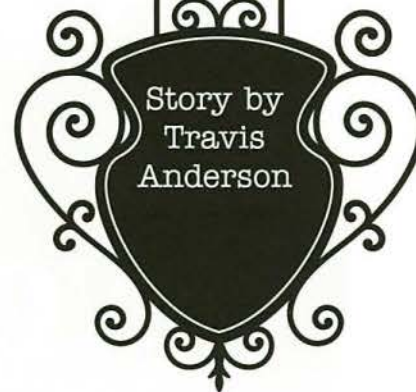
Matt Wright and Jeremy Edwards tackle an intense scene in their projects. Both men were returning alumni who wanted to help compete in the project. Photo by Meghan Vandever

Top- Erin Williams listens intently to direction in-between her scenes. Williams was an alumnus who returned to MWSU to participate in the project. Photo by Meghan Vandever

Above- Justin Joseph adjusts his camera equipment prepping for another shot. Time was always a factor during the competition; participants raced the clock to create their projects in only 48 hours. Photo by Meghan Vandever

48 HOUR FILM

Starring:
sleepless students



"Sitting down and seeing what everyone had accomplished with so little time was amazing."

-Ian Storck

Forty-eight hours was all it took for 11 groups of Missouri Western Students to put together their best short films.

Bringing such an event to the university was the brainchild of Assistant Professor of Theatre and Cinema, Dallas Henry, who got the idea from a national project for university students and filmmakers.

Each group was given a list of items that were required for their film. The list consisted of a prop, bungee cord, the use of the line, "I never thought I would say this...", as well as the use of a character named Sam or Samantha Kendrick. The to add a twist to their films the groups had to draw a genre out of a hat. The genres that were chosen by the groups were end of the world, holiday/vacation, western, film noir, dark comedy, mockumentary, time-travel, comedy, super-hero, b-movie horror and mistaken identity.

This brought an interesting challenge to the table for each of the groups and involved a large amount of sleep deprivation along with hours of hard labor.

These requirements allowed students to produce just about any type of film they wanted, which was evident at the showing. Audience members were able to watch a wide variety of work, from thrilling dramas to ironic comedies.

The creativeness that was put into each project was astounding. The groups came up with such creative story lines and used their props in many unthought-of ways.

The requirements that were set for the project turned out to be too much for one of the groups. Even though they were unable to complete the film project, the failed group still gave the audience a laugh by playing bloopers from their failed production.

They even showed a sequence of tweets from group members that allowed the audience to see exactly how the expectations and moral of the group fell, which eventually led to an incomplete project by the time the 48 hour deadline hit.

For those groups who did finish, it was a very rewarding experience.

"Sitting down and seeing what everyone had accomplished with so little time was amazing," said Ian Storck.

However, the show was stolen by one of the very last films of the day, which began with a scene featuring the always-classy Astro Van. In the film, this van was used as a means of transportation for a pair of half-witted business partners.

The business partners needed the van in order to make it to an investor meeting for their product, "soapy bubbles".

In a turn of events, the audience found out that the van was actually stolen and there was a dead body in the back. The remainder of the film was a series of arguments regarding how the two business partners were going to dispose of the body. The pair ended up at a grocery store and transferred the body into the trunk of an old man's car as he was putting his cart away, which left the audience in stitches.

"I loved the Soap film, it really caught me off guard and was not what I expected at all," said Sean Holloran. "I really enjoyed it."

The audience liked the film so much that they awarded the group first place for the best film.

"I think they were well deserved, and all of the teams did a fantastic job," said Blake Burson.

The 48-hour film festival set a high standard for the future of festivals to come.



"Ritz Around the World" started out like any good night at the Ritz would, with a cash bar starting at 6:30.

The room was filled with ladies in elegant dresses while the gentlemen wore jackets and ties. Where else could they be except at the MWSU Ambassadors' 20th annual "Night at the Ritz" on April 26.

The event was held every year by the MWSU Ambassadors to raise money for scholarships for nontraditional students. The organization had raised over \$310,000 for non-trad students since 1989 and was still going strong. To qualify for the Ambassadors' scholarship students must be at least 25 years of age or older to be considered a non-traditional student.

Each year the ambassadors choose a different theme for their event. Past event themes included "Ritzy Night at the Theater" and "Caribbean Cruise Night at the Ritz." This particular year was no exception with the theme being "Ritz Around the World." Guests were entertained with songs, music and dancing from around the world that was performed by MWSU international students.

One of the student performers, Roshni Pate, participated in an international dance to entertain the crowd. She discussed how it was not just the international students' performances that caught the attention of the audience.

"My favorite part of the night was the stories about the nontraditional students," Pate said. One of the highlights of the night was the inspirational stories told about nontraditional students.

"Ritz Around the World" started out like any good night at the Ritz would, with a

cash bar starting at 6:30. Lining the walls around the dinner hall were several flags representing different countries thus going along with the "Ritz Around the World" theme. Each table's centerpiece entailed miniature globes, artwork from different cultures and beautiful flowers. The fine dinning, live entertainment, raffle and silent action kicked off at 7:00.

Junior, Amanda Fox, attended the Ritzy event for a class project and was pleasantly surprised by experience.

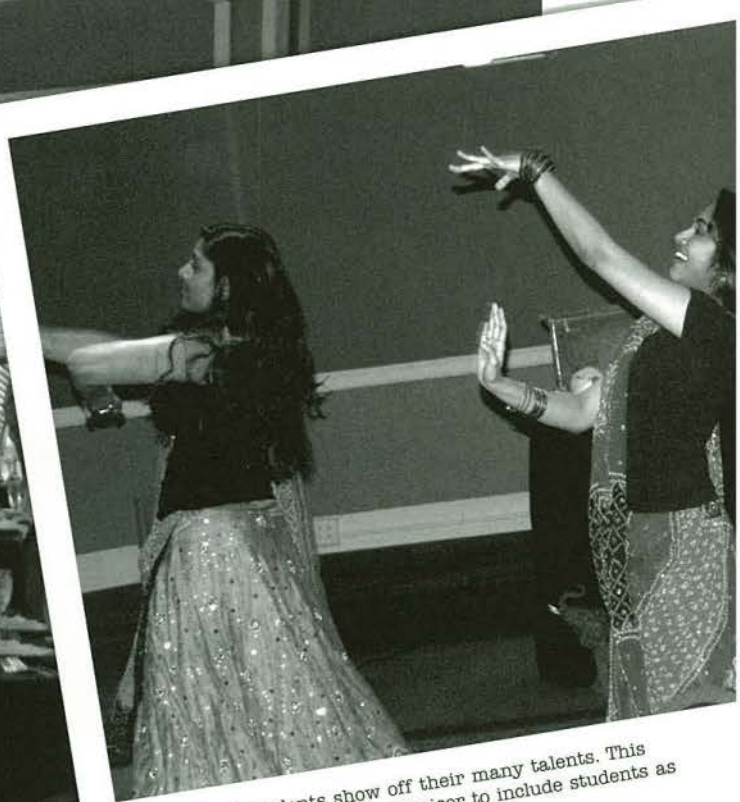
"Night at the Ritz was very interesting," Fox said. "I learned a lot about the students that the Ambassadors help. I particularly liked how they did the silent auction to help raise money."

Tickets were \$40 a piece, which was a five-dollar increase from the previous year. The Ambassadors did cut non-traditional students a break at the door as well. Apart from being guests of honor, these particular students were also only charged \$30 each plus one guest.

Each year the event jumped from location to location, being held everywhere from the Fulkerson Center on campus to the Civic Arena across town. This year the Ambassadors chose the St. Joseph Country Club to throw their ritzy party.

The Ambassadors of MWSU were made up of local community members who had taken a special interest in the university and its relationship with the St. Joseph area. This fine-tuned concentration was evident in their slogan "Bridging Campus and the Community."





International students show off their many talents. This was the first year for the fundraiser to include students as entertainment.
Photo by Amanda Fox.



Top- The room at Country Club slowly fills up as guests arrive for a night of high class. Many of Saint Joseph's prominent showed for the event. Photo taken by Amanda Fox

Above- At the end of the evening guests waited in anticipation for the raffling of prizes. Many of the non-traditional students attended the event with friends and family. Photo taken by Amanda Fox

Shattering the silence

Story by Alexa Adams

Rose was 17 years old when she was sexually assaulted outside of a mall near Chicago, after she got off work.

Bill Falkner, mayor of St. Joseph, visited Missouri Western to proclaim October 2012 as Domestic Violence Awareness month. His proclamation was followed by a presentation from inspirational speaker and creator of 'Promoting Awareness Victim Empowerment,' Angela Rose.

Rose was 17 years old when she was sexually assaulted outside of a mall near Chicago, after she got off work. Rose opened up to the audience about the day she was kidnapped.

She recounted being shoved into a van, trying to escape and being forced to dance for her kidnapper in an evening dress. She explained how the original detectives that were assigned her case did not believe her story and blamed her for the incident.

Many students, such as sophomore, Travis Anderson, attended the presentation and was inspired by her story.

"She had a very touching

story," said Anderson. "You could see the look of shock on people's faces as you looked around the room."

Rose also stressed the importance of not blaming the victim and being supportive of people who had gone through a situation similar to hers. She addressed how to react if someone were to open up about a traumatic event that had happened to them, such as sexual assault.

"I thought it was really helpful when she talked about how to respond to people who tell you they have been sexually abused," said, sophomore, Teddi Serna.

Not only did Rose share her own story and give advice on how to react to people opening up about sexual abuse, but she also included statistics on sexual abuse in colleges and other students' experiences with abuse.

Facts such as 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused by the age of 18. This really opened

up students' eyes to the severity of the situation.

Rose shared one story that particularly alarmed the students in attendance about a male soccer player who went on a walk and was raped by a group of men who were fishing at a pond, just off of the trail.

"It showed that we are not invincible at this age and things like that can happen to us as college kids," said Anderson.

After her presentation the students were able to write a word that gave them strength on a zip-tie. This was what Rose's attacker used to bind her. The students were able to wear it as a bracelet to signify the strength of enduring and surviving occurrences of sexual abuse. Even though it was only a zip-tie it represented much more.

Her fight against the silence had a great impact on the audience, allowing them to speak up and join the fight and shatter the silence of sexual abuse.

Homecoming Week

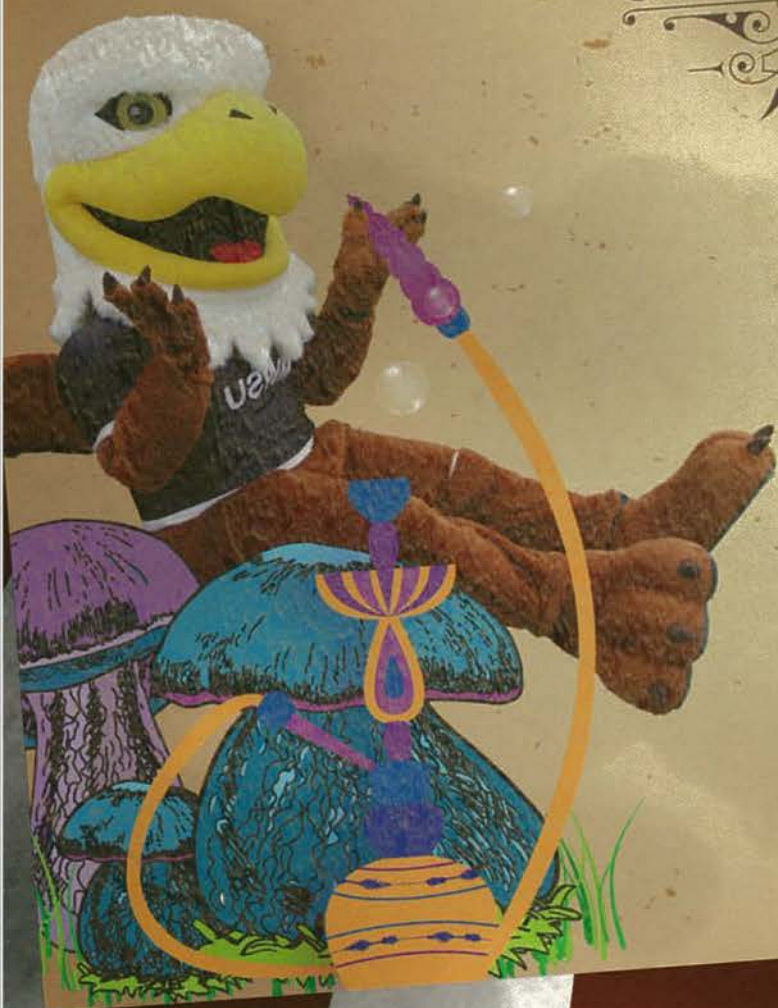
WHERE SCHOOL PRIDE IS BORN

Griffon Mail



F-R-E-E
BBQ & Pep Rally
at Griff-Tazmic

Pump some blood
at the Griffon
Blood Drive



HAKUNA MATATA

No worries for the rest of your stay

Story by Staff

Homecoming week began with a series of events and activities for students, allowing them to get more involved and participate in the homecoming celebration.

Students traveled from near and far to get an education at Missouri Western and make their future occupational dreams come true. The Griffon's homecoming theme reflected this accurately with its Walt Disney theme and slogan of 'making dreams come true.'

Homecoming week began with a series of events and activities for students, allowing them to get more involved and participate in the homecoming celebration. One of the week's events included a 'Disney' themed scavenger hunt that took students all around campus. Students worked in teams to find people based on the clues they were given. Junior, Rochelle Gillilan, was one student who participated and enjoyed the scavenger hunt.

"I liked it, it was fun because we all had to work together as team to figure out the clues," said Gillilan.

The events not only promoted the 'Disney' theme but encouraged students to get involved with one of the biggest weeks in the school year and let their inner kid out.

Although 'Disney' was all about having fun and following dreams, it was also adamant about upholding traditions.

The pep rally was held in Spratt Stadium and included cheers and the annual dance. Afterwards Griffon's gathered behind Baker Fitness while the band played and performed the ceremonial bonfire lighting. After the fire was a blaze football players threw a dummy of Missouri Southern's lion into the flames.

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Due to the rain the public was unable to see the floats. Jacob Scott, student body president, worked hard on the float. Photo by Seth Campbell



Left- The gym was full while many organizations performed skits. Members of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Jordan Oswald and Ashley Cowan, act out a skit based on 'Alice and Wonderland.' Photo by Seth Campbell



Above- Pep-rally festivities always brings in a large crowd. The mystics and football team paired up to do a dance number, hoping to take home the first place prize. Photo by Amanda Fox



Alpha Sigma Alpha girls huddle together while showing support for their sisters during the dance competition. The bonfire and pep-rally were held on a very chilly evening in October. Photo by Amanda Fox



Above- Students, Zach Shultz and Corbin Hindery, act out a scene from 'Toy Story.' Many organizations try their hand at acting for homecoming. Photo by Seth Campbell

Top- Many organizations collect canned goods during homecoming to support Second Harvest. During the pep rally students were to build a castle out of cans to represent a Disney themed palace. Photo by Amanda Fox



Michel Hill and Lauren Upton stand on the field after being crowned king and queen. The crowning of king and queen had been a part of MWSU since the early 30's. Photo by Amanda Fox

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Junior TKE, Scott Schlessor, attended the bonfire with his fellow greeks and enjoyed the tradition.

"The bonfire was a great part of homecoming, it showed the pride that our football team and fans had in Missouri Western," said Schlessor.

The morning of homecoming held the unveiling of Missouri Western's organizations' floats. Each float was decorated based on the Disney theme, transporting students into their own Disney land. Some of the float themes included, Phi Delta Theta's 'Pirates of the Caribbean,' Alpha Gamma Delta's 'Little Mermaid,' Tau Kappa Epsilon's 'Hercules' and the Student

Athletic Committee's 'Lion King,' just to name a few.

It took a lot of talent and a little bit of homecoming magic to complete them. Students worked into the wee hours of the night to complete their floats.

"It was definitely stressful," said, freshman Phi Delta Theta member, Derek Williams. "We weren't sure we were going to finish it but we toughed it out and were done by one in the morning."

Unfortunately the parade was canceled due to weather. Although the rain put a slight damper on students spirits after working hard, it did not make them any less excited for the big game.



Zach Shurman waves his fraternity's flag at the tailgate party. Many family and friends gather in the parking lot of Spratt to support the football players. Photo by Molly Thomas



Above: Football players practice for their big win while mystics wait for half-time. Fans filled the stadium hoping the players would win the homecoming game. Photo by Molly Thomas

Top: Some of the top students through-out campus compete to be on the homecoming court. Court was expected to wear their sash through-out the week to encourage the student body to vote for them. Photo by Amanda Fox



MSSU's mascot burns bright as the students shout and holler to get the football team pumped for the big game. Many student joined in the pep-rally festivities. Photo by Amanda Fox

The Spratt Stadium parking lot was packed with students, faculty and alumni who were tailgating and eagerly awaiting kick-off. The atmosphere was electric and students were anxious to cheer on their team.

"Everyone on campus is excited about the game," said freshman Michael Penn. "The atmosphere is great!"

Students filed in Spratt one-by-one rapidly filling up the stands and at 1:30 p.m. the starting whistle blew. The crowd roared and cheered for their Griffons. The game was close but in the end the Griffons lost by one point. Although it wasn't the outcome the players and fans had hoped for they still enjoyed the homecoming celebration because

for some like, Jacob Bonwell, it was their last homecoming to participate in.

"It was kind of bitter-sweet since it was my last homecoming," said Bonwell. "But my favorite part was being able to see everyone that graduated before me."

Just like 'Disney,' the homecoming was filled with dreams of the future, fun and carrying on tradition. Whether it was through a student, faculty member or alumni the magic of homecoming radiated throughout the entire campus.

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{the corners of the football field located between the end zone and the five-yard line at each end of the field.}

Tough Girls

Story by
Seth
Campbell

The skaters developed skills such as blocking, hitting and footwork. They even taught skaters how to fall while avoiding a cataclysmic roller hazard.

The Blacksnakes roller derby teams; Danger Dolls, Rushin' Rollettes, Venomous Vixens and Jesse Janes have crashed St. Joe.

Amongst these sexy, scary skaters, one may spy scorpion and dragon tattoos shoving and diving across the track.

These girls didn't play games. In roller derby, a "bout" was similar to a match and lasted for two, thirty-minute periods. Each team consisted of 10 skaters, five on each active team. The jammer, was the skater on the track who scored points by lapping and passing the opponent's blockers who tried to keep her from scoring. Jammers, scored as many times as possible in a minute and a half.

"You need good balance or you will fall on your face," said, freshman biology major, Cady McVicker.

The teams practiced once a week for two hours.

"Practice is 80 percent building endurance and 20 percent skills," said McVicker.

The skaters developed skills such as blocking, hitting and footwork. They even taught skaters how to fall while avoiding a cataclysmic roller hazard.

The skaters also became well acquainted with the floor. At one time McVicker even bruised her clavicle by running into a corner.

"I grew up with three brothers, so I got used

fish•net rash

{ a form of rink rash that occurs when a skater is wearing fishnets and the resulting burn has the distinct crisscross pattern on the skin. }



Derby Player attempts to stop herself from falling. She was able to, and skated on. Photo by Molly Thomas



Derby girls look back as they skate. Play continued on at a fast pace. Photo by Molly Thomas



Derby Girl races by others in celebration. Her team came out with the win. Photo by Molly Thomas

to the bruises," said, senior health and exercise science major, Yvonne Mayer.

The Blacksnakes roller derby season started in December with 5-10 girls and the numbers continued to grow. The 2012 Blacksnake buzz bled into the audience during opening night, which had around 14,000 people in attendance at the Civic Arena.

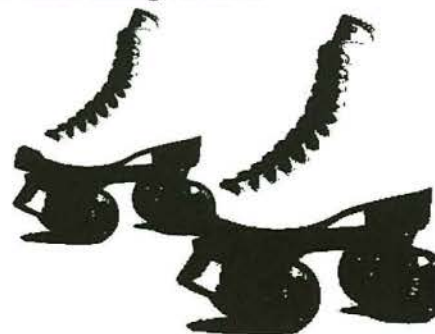
Women of all ages joined the brawl from towns outside St. Joe, such as Trenton, Maryville and Bethany. Sisters, sister-in-laws, cousins and wives compared bruises with smiles on their faces. There was a warm closeness between the women, like a large family on wheels.

Mayer was asked by a friend to join roller derby. She had never heard of it before and the last time she roller-skated was in grade school. Mayer explained that it was nothing like the 2009 movie 'Whip It.'

Six feet tall and far from petite, Mayer's determination practically slammed down her opponents.

"Any girl can join with any size and be an asset to the team. You knock girls down... it's a good stress relief," said Yvonne.

The roller derby fad rolled its way back into style, bringing many MWSU fans along with it.





Story by Staff

Once every year, after students have acclimated to their new schedules and have had the chance to get a routine down, Family Weekend comes around.

From September 14-16, families of students were invited to a fun-filled weekend. The events ranged from a pancake breakfast with Dr. Robert Vartabedian, to a home football game.

Family weekend was kicked off with an informational pancake breakfast. Students were able to bring along members of their family to learn about information on campus such as safety, expansions and finances. Study tips for students were also given on what to keep in mind during their first year on campus.

"We came to get some free food, but I wanted to show my mom and friends the campus too," said, freshman, Kayla Proltenic.

In front of Remington there were booths set up with activities for students and their families to participate in. Beanbags with candy prizes was just one of the activities available. Along with the booths, Max the Griffon was there to take pictures with.

Mike Birkhead and Jason Mullin, from the Nontraditional Student Services were manning one of the activity tables and explained what the center offered such as, assisting nontraditional students, commuters and veterans with setting up email and Moodle accounts and even hosting stress management classes.

Charity Everall, a sophomore, in the nursing program, was there with her three children

"The kids like anything with playing and it gives me an excuse to not do homework for a while," said Everall.

Tours of the Griffon Indoor Sports Complex and free showings of Western's Planetarium followed the pancake breakfast and activities.

The parents of Erin Sprenger travelled from Jefferson City, Missouri. Next to seeing their daughter, they were most excited to see the GISC, so they could see first hand where the Chief's had practiced.

One of the tour guides, Jacob Edwards, informed tour participants about Missouri Western alumni who had continued on to the professional level, such as Greg Zuerlein, who had been drafted as kicker for the St. Louis Rams.

"We are very proud of our alumni," Edwards said.

The Planetarium exhibit was full for every showing. Students and parents took a seat and watched wide-eyed, as the story of constellations and the Big Bang, were vividly displayed across the planetarium's dome-style ceiling.

Nearby, in the Looney Complex, the Missouri Western women's volleyball team hosted a match against Emporia State University.

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Top- Dr. Vartabedian participates in the tailgating festivities before the football game against Emporia State. The final score of the game was Missouri Western- 57, Emporia State- 28. Photo by Seth Campbell

Above- Trevor Binder plays guitar for his friends during their tailgating party. Binder also plays guitar in his church band. Photo by Amanda Fox

Students work the Greek Life tailgating table. Tailgating before games gained popularity this year than compared to previous years. Photo by Seth Campbell



The Griffons started out the first period looking strong and showed good defense near the net. The Griffons ended up losing the match 3-0 to the Hornets.

"Emporia had a really good offense and I think that we just made a lot of silly mistakes," senior Camden Taylor said.

On Friday night the WAC Talent Show was held in Potter Hall. The acts ranged from dancing, original poetry reciting to singing.

One of the crowd's favorites was drummer, Daniel Cole and DJ, Nick Niemier's mash up.

"My favorite thing was Daniel and Nick's performance, they are both very talented and are definitely going to be very famous one day," sophomore Tarquin Kelloughn said.

Students and their families were also invited to participate in the tailgate events before the

football game against Nebraska- Kearney. Among the tailgaters were the family members of Jake Cuningg, a cheerleader and student.

"We always come out to tailgate and support the team and Jake," Becky Cuningg, Cuningg's mother, said. "We go to the basketball games as well, and it's just really fun for us all."

Other students' families came out to enjoy the festivities as well. Wayne Cunningham, the father of Jamie Cunningham, a Missouri Western graduate student, had been coming to Family Day for the past five years.

"I'm looking forward to this season, I really hope to see Missouri Western's football team go all the way this year," said Cunningham.

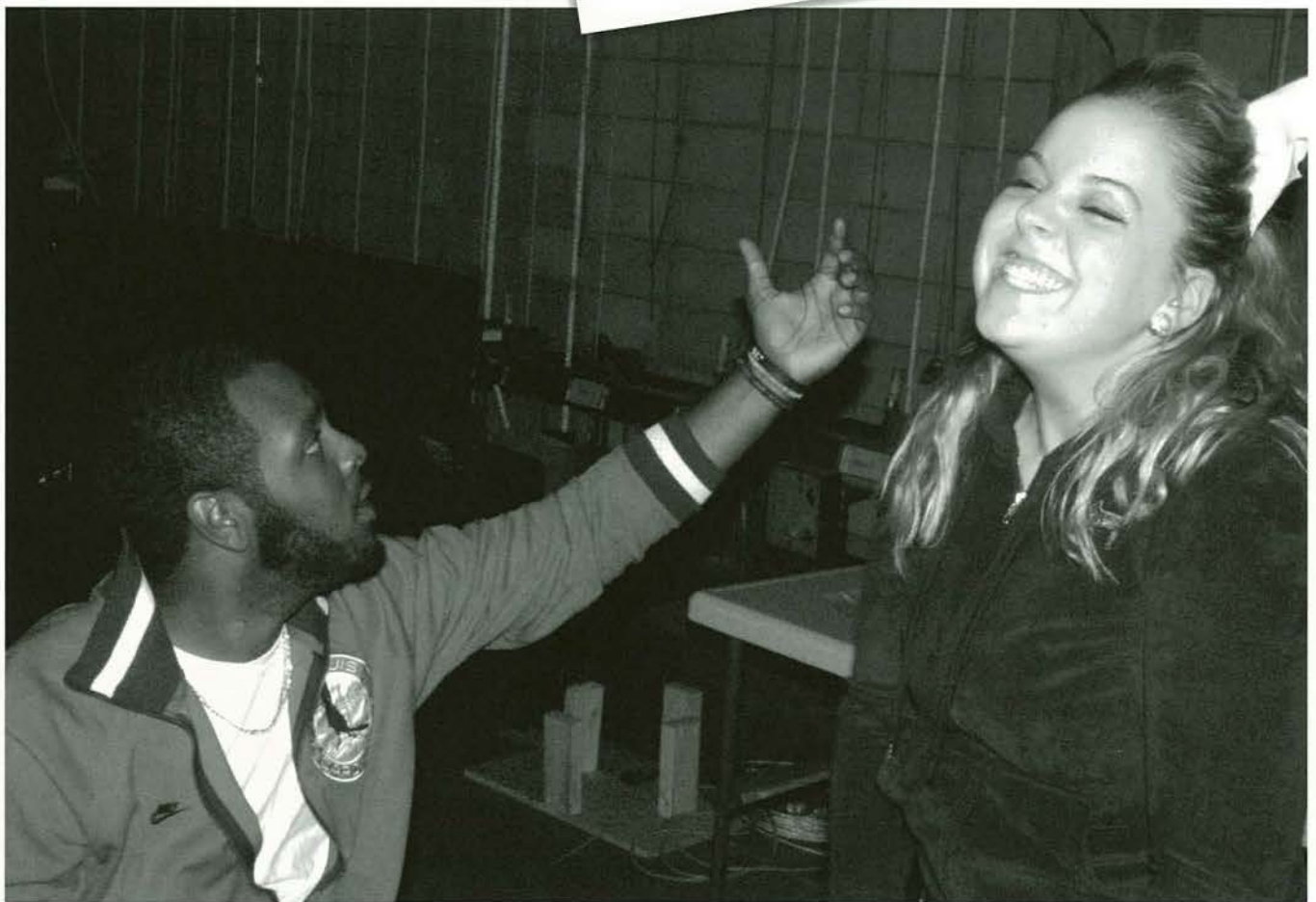
The students of Missouri Western were presented with many opportunities to share the Griffon way of life with their families.



Max the Griffon plays with a child at the Family Day picnic. Max was popular with all of the children that came with their families. Photo by Amanda Fox



Mike Birkhead and Jason Mullin run the non traditional and commuter table at the family day picnic. Birkhead and Mullin were recruiting veterans for a benefit seminar. Photo by Seth Campbell

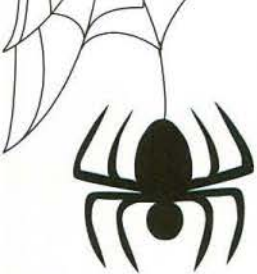


Top- A child plays catch during family day. The weather was perfect for outdoor festivities. Photo by Amanda Fox

Above- Louis Tre and Jordann Barron work out their anxieties before performing in the WAC talent show. Tre rapped in the show and Barron danced. Photo by Seth Campbell

mem•or•ies

{an image or impression of one that is remembered}



Boo's and Spirits

Story by
Molly
Thomas

Halloween is the one night of the year where everyone can dress up however they would like.

A few days before Halloween, Resident Life hosted an event called "Trick-or-Treat Off The Street" where students and community members could bring their children to safely trick or treat and take part in Halloween-themed activities like 'pin the stem on the pumpkin' and a bean bag toss into a jack o lantern face.

"It's cool to see the kids have fun and all of their costumes are fun and interesting," said, sophomore, Junior Blanco.

There were many positive aspects to parents bringing their children to 'Trick-Or-Treat Off the Street.'

"This is safe and we can avoid the cold weather and our daughter getting sick," said Keith Slade.

Many students, however, spent Halloween night visiting local bars.

Kelly's Bar had its pool table area set up as a dance floor along with a costume contest.

"Kelly's pub was so much fun for

Halloween...we danced the night away!" Said, senior, Elizabeth Hunter.

Hunter won Kelly's costume contest showing off her attire as Neytiri from Avatar.

"The prize I won was a \$50 gift certificate to Kelly's pub." Said, senior, Hunter.

"Other costumes that people were dressed in were skeletons, luffas, Beetlejuice, Marilyn Monroe, Tigger from Winnie the Pooh, a pirate, a cat and many more."

Kathy Kelly, a worker for Student Affairs in the Student Government Association office was one of the judges of the costume contest.

"There were several costumes that stood out that night...I was very impressed with the homemade costumes. We had three luffa's walking around. Gotta love Pinterest," said Kelly.

Halloween is the one night of the year where everyone can dress up however they would like.

The one night they can be something from their wildest dreams.



The SGA provided free pumpkins for students to decorate. SGA works throughout the year to get students involved on the campus. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



The SGA hosted a pumpkin painting party outside of Blum. Students were welcome to paint pumpkins together as a bonding activity. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



A student shows her school spirit by decorating her pumpkin with a Griffon. The Halloween spirit could be felt throughout the campus. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri

A student hands out candy to children that participated in Trick-or-Treat Off The Streets. Students and community members brought their children to enjoy safe Halloween festivities. Photo by Molly Thomas



Headquarters

Lights • Drink • Party

Story by Molly Thomas

Headquarters featured events throughout the year such as, a Mardi Gras party, a stop light party for Valentine's Day and a drag show.

Headquarters, also known as HQ proved to be the most popular spot in St. Joseph for Western students.

Connected to Legends sports bar and the Belt Bowl, HQ was the first night club in St. Joseph for the 18 and older crowd.

Wednesdays and Fridays were the hot nights with unbeatable deals for people 21 and older. These deals included a \$7 all you can drink, a \$9 all you can drink, and shots starting at just a dollar.

Strobe lights, fog machines, loud music and a packed dance floor filled the club on Wednesday and Friday nights. Guests even had the opportunity to request songs from the DJ, Nick Niemeier.

"It is as an energetic environment," junior and psychology major, Haylee Gentry said.

Headquarters featured events throughout the year such as a Mardi Gras party, a stop light party for Valentine's Day and a drag show. The fun themed parties kept students coming back to the club.

"I would say the most popular part of Headquarters is their themed parties," Gentry said.

Niemeier and Louis Erby, the clubs MC, kept the crowds entertained and dancing through many unforgettable nights.

"I heard about HQ by Nick Niemeier. I go as often as I can to help support Nick and Louis Erby and to dance, of course," senior Daniel Cole said. "Nick and Louis are a good duo that provide a good atmosphere."

Niemeier and Erby proposed the idea after they saw how packed Wednesday night bowling was at the Belt Bowl.

"We were looking for different ways to provide a party spot for students and local youth who are or have friends that are younger than 21 that can go out with them," Erby said.

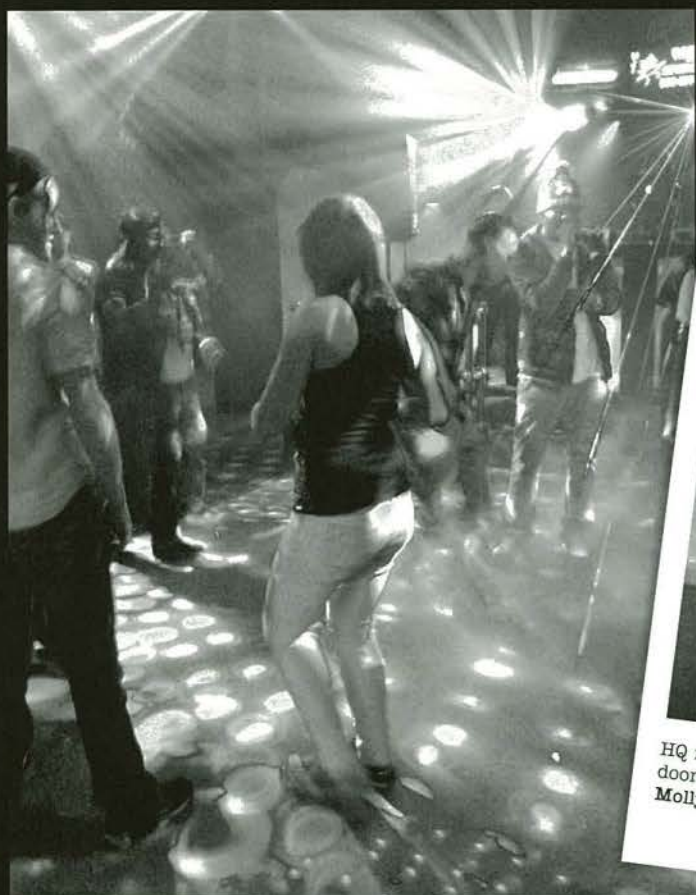
HQ kept the party going for the remainder of the year, helping western students unwind after a long day of studying.

night•spot

a place of entertainment open at night usually serving good and liquor }
and providing music and space for dancing often having a floor show }



Nick Niemeier is one of Saint Joe's local DJ's. Niemeier had played at many hot spots around town and was popular with the students. Photo by Molly Thomas



Students go to HQ on the weekends to let off some steam. Students danced under the strobe light all night. Photo by Molly Thomas



HQ makes sure to ID at the door. Students were required to present an ID at the door before entering and if you were over 21 you received a wrist band. Photo by Molly Thomas



Story by Kendra Greer

This event was not only a good form of entertainment for the students and contestants, but it was also for a good cause.

When spring arrived, Missouri Western's Alpha Gamma Delta women got ready for their annual Mr. MWSU pageant. Each organization was able to nominate one person to represent them, the contestants had to raise money to present at the pageant.

The pageant was decorated and themed around the 50's, that included a talent, swimsuit, formal wear and question and answer portion. To begin the show, an Alpha Gamma Delta woman escorted each contestant into a group dance. Kelsey Guthrey, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta and her co-host Amber Rivera hosted the event.

With a large audience turnout for the event the Spratt Theater was nearly full. Attendees received raffle tickets for prizes, that were given out before the awards ceremony, as patrons walked through the door.

The contestants were judged on enthusiasm, talent and crowd participation. One of the contestants was from Alpha Sigma Alpha and for his talent portion he baked his grandma's cookies. While the Phi Delta Theta contestant, Dillon Williams, played music from a keyboard.

"I laughed the entire time and it was cool to see the many sides of all the contestants," Phi Delta Theta member Erik Waters said.

The pageant night was great, and the Alpha

Gamma Delta women were very successful at putting on another one of their annual pageants and fundraisers.

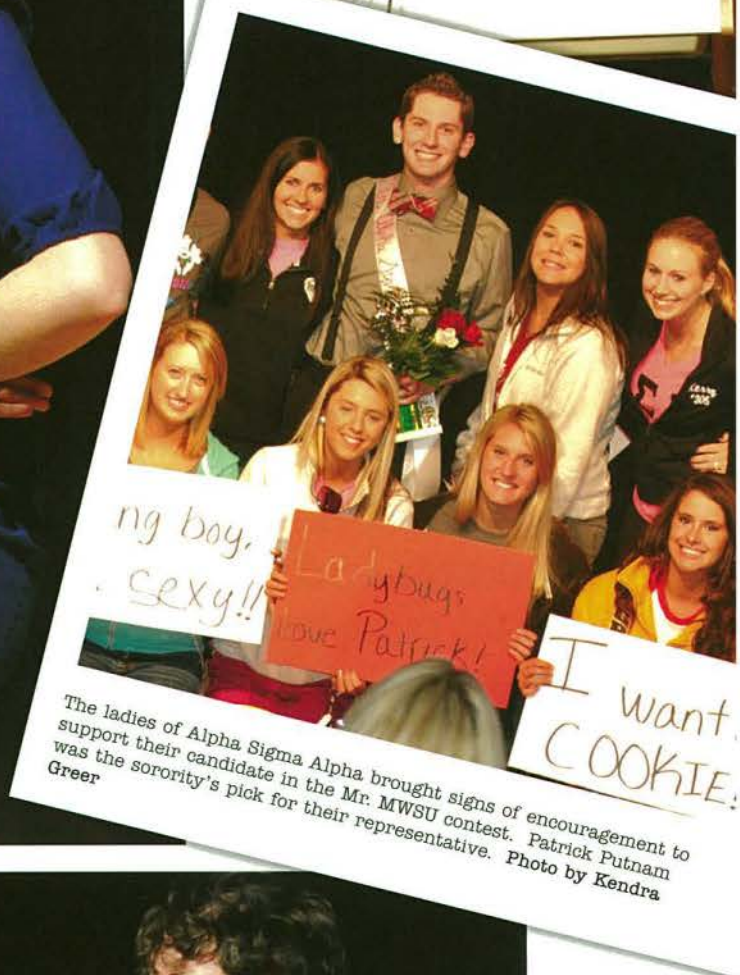
Ariel Hurst, a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, loved the event.

"This was my first time at Mr. MWSU and I really enjoyed it. I laughed a lot and thought that it was well decorated," said Hurst. "It was a great fundraiser for the AGD's and it's nice for us to be able to go to things to support the AGD's when we know they will come out and support us as well."

At the end of the pageant the host and co-host called out numbers for several items to raffle off. Some of the items that were given away included pizzas, bath and body products and even some gift cards. Trophies and sashes were given to almost every male contestant who participated in the pageant and at the very end the over all winner, Ryan Griffey, was crowned Mr. MWSU.

"Mr. MWSU is always a great time, the girls do a good job of getting people involved," Ethan Kelley, president of Phi Delta Theta said.

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The ladies of Alpha Sigma Alpha brought signs of encouragement to support their candidate in the Mr. MWSU contest. Patrick Putnam was the sorority's pick for their representative. Photo by Kendra Greer

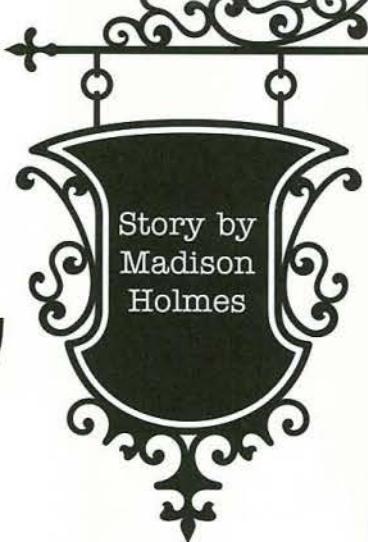


Contestant Nick Brewer with his Alpha Gamma Delta escort Katie McKnight. Brewer used his charm in question and answer segment to try to win the judges over. Photo by Kendra Greer

Above- Dillon Williams' fingers are at home on the keyboard while he preforms his talent at the event. Williams was representing his fraternity Phi Delta Theta. Photo by Kendra Greer

Top- Contestant Ryan Griffey and Alpha Gamma Delta member Jessie Brown in the question and answer portion of the show. Griffey went on to win Ms. MWSU and was crowned. Photo by Kendra Greer

Be it Or it



On top of bringing a pop-culture show to campus to rouse students into participating in student activities, a \$1,000 grand prize was offered for the winner of the competition.

Missouri Western went above and beyond for student activities with its creation of The Voice of Western. Student Life Director Isaiah Collier was inspired by the television show "The Voice," in which three famous vocal performers sit with their backs to people singing and form teams from the voices they find the most talent in, and decided to bring it to Western.

"I was watching the show at home one night and it hit me that this might be something the students would really get into," said Collier.

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With so much to organize and so many people to notify and gather, Collier set student Justin Edwards to be in charge of the event and chose Morgan Breckenridge, Sarah Waters and Derek Thompson to be the three team captains.

Much like the television show, each team captain sat backwards so that the singer's physical appearance couldn't play a part in being chosen by a vocalist judge, which set a new standard for talent being based only on vocal qualities.

During the first night of The Voice of Western, the auditions proved to be successful and three teams of six formed.

"There were some amazingly talented people and I was so impressed with the voices I heard in the first night," said Breckenridge, one of the captains.

There were a total of three chances for each team and person to show Missouri Western and their captains their talents. After each performance votes cast by the captains and students were combined to determine who would be eliminated from each team and who would be one step closer to the \$1,000 cash prize.

After the first two sets of eliminations, Mark Stier, the director of Student Life, was chosen as a special judge for the finale.

During this last performance, each contestant sang a duet with their vocal coach or team captain, followed up by a solo performance to put their talent and everything they had learned out on the floor for one last time.

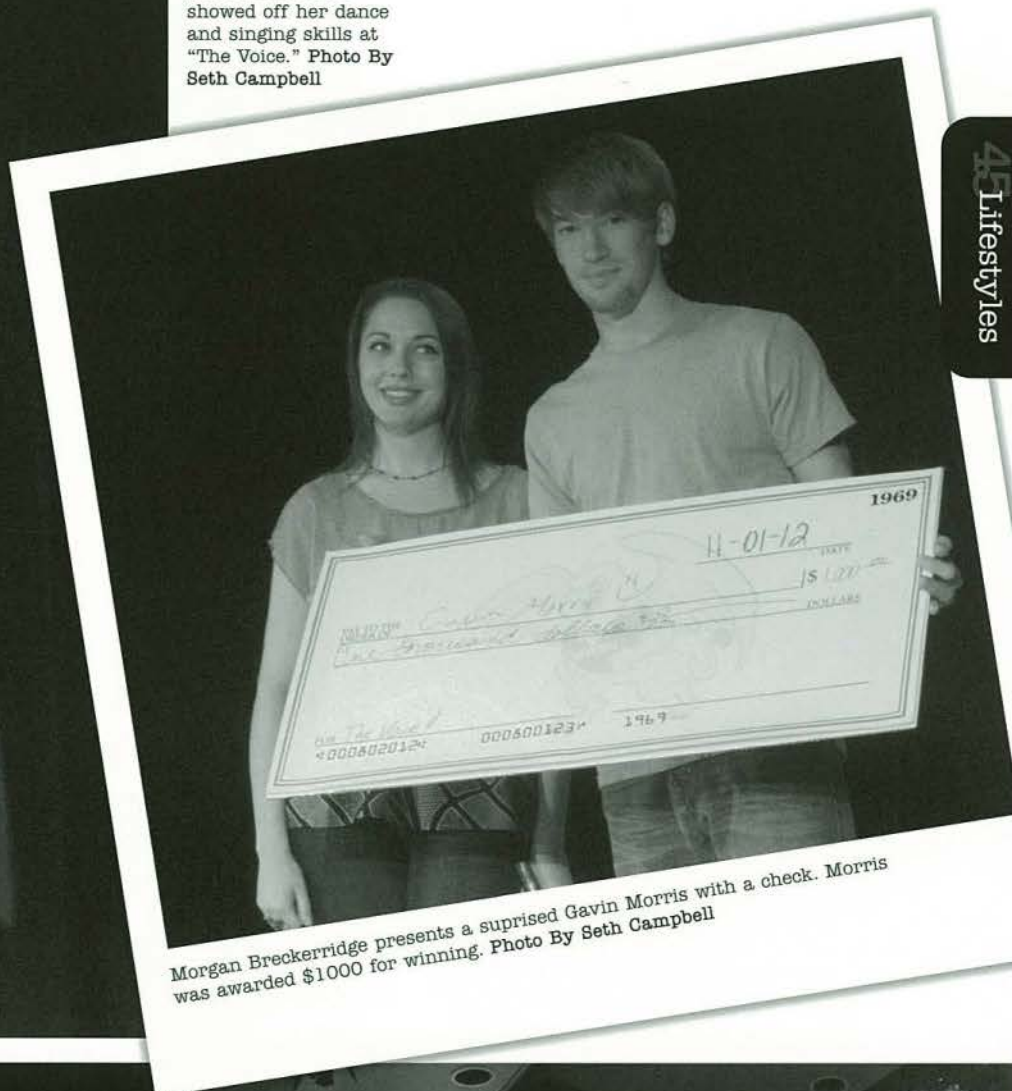
The finale, on Nov. 1, resulted in Gavin Morris being selected as the winner, making the \$1,000 his.

"I'm sure my wife sitting in the back has plans for [the prize money]," said Morris.

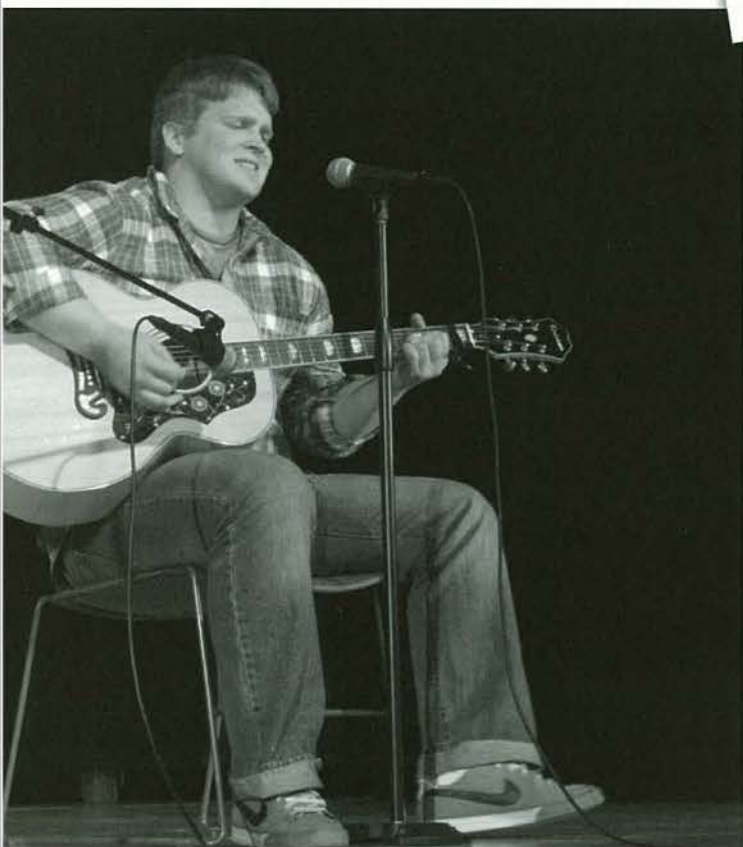
With growing student and community attendance at each performance, The Voice of Western was a big part of the fall semester at Missouri Western and provided a way for the students to show the school their talents.



Lauryn Roberts sang Adele's 'Someone like you' for her final performance. She showed off her dance and singing skills at "The Voice." Photo By Seth Campbell



Morgan Breckerridge presents a surprised Gavin Morris with a check. Morris was awarded \$1000 for winning. Photo By Seth Campbell



Student Joe Dahman sings his heart out for the audience. The audience listened with pleasure as he serenaded their ears. Photo By Seth Campbell

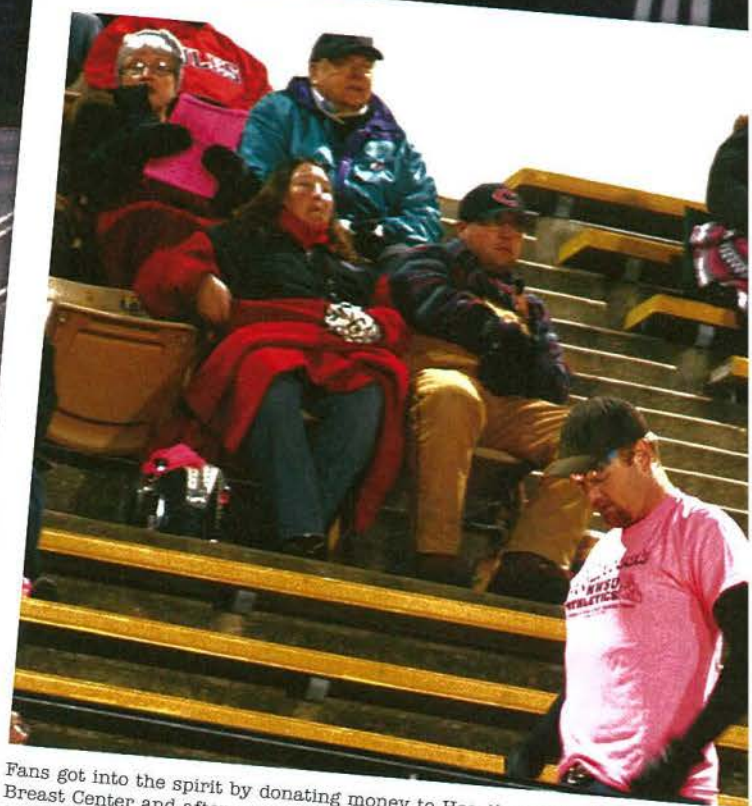


Students from the music department and the director of student life judged the competition. Performers had to audition through multiple rounds of the contest. Photo By Gilbert Imbiri

Griffon athletes' gear was decked out with pink during the Athletic Department's annual breast cancer awareness and fundraising week. According to the Susan G. Komen Foundation almost 40,000 people every year die due to breast cancer. Photo by Amanda Fox



The Griffon Soccer team sports Pink Week t-shirts during their pre-game warm-ups. Several players also added touches of pink to their regular uniforms by wearing pink sweatbands, undershirts, shoelaces and athletic tape. Photo by Amanda Fox



Fans got into the spirit by donating money to Heartland's Auxiliary Breast Center and afterwards received an official Pink Week t-shirt for their support. The Breast Center's main goal is to reduce the number of people who die every year in the community due to breast cancer. Photo by Amanda Fox

Competing for a Cause



Missouri Western showed its support for breast cancer awareness during the week of Oct. 16.

Missouri Western showed its support for breast cancer awareness during the week of Oct. 16. The university had 500 T-shirts that it sold at the home volleyball and soccer games.

Each shirt was sold for whatever amount fans were willing to donate. The university was also selling pink ribbons for \$1 each.

All of the money that was raised was donated to the Heartland Medical Center's Auxiliary Breast Center.

The Missouri Western's volleyball team hosted Nebraska-Kearney during Pink Week, in the Looney Complex.

"We have a lot of really good players, there's no doubt about that," said, sophomore volleyball player, Sarah Faubel. "I think we just need to keep focusing on putting all the pieces together."

Spratt Stadium housed the "Jump In" obstacle course that included 16 school

organizations participating for bragging rights. The Greek houses on campus and other school clubs such as the Black Student Union competed in seven different events for points.

The team with the most points at the end of the competition won. Some of the events included a paper airplane toss, a beanbag toss game and a three-legged, wheel barrel, one-foot race that required all team members.

"I came out here to have fun with my friends. The hula hoop pass competition was my favorite one," said, Alpha Kappa Psi junior, Amanda Mayville.

Kathy Kelly organized the "Jump In" event.

"We just wanted to host an event for the students and clubs to have fun and socialize with each other. I think it's more of a social event than an all-out competition," said Kelly. "It's just good to see the students showing school spirit and getting out there and having fun."

Story
by Seth
Campbell

Attack *of the Greeks*

Thanks to efforts on campus, Greek students were able to hang their togas in a more centralized location.

Thanks to efforts on campus, Greek students were able to hang their togas in a more centralized location. Western had designated half of Juda Hall for the Greek community. The proudly posted Greek letters on the sides of the building advertised where the Greek community lived on campus.

Members of fraternities or sororities were able to consider the Greek dorms as a choice for living. Each dorm kept the Greek community together. This allowed easy access for Greek organizations to meet Sunday nights right across the street in Blum.

Sophomore Alex Atkinson, a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity believed that on-campus Greek housing was beneficial for the university.

"It gives all the actives and pledges a place to go to be together," said Atkinson. "It's a good step towards bringing a larger Greek community onto campus and makes us look more legitimate."

Junior and Alpha Gamma Delta Chapter President Kelsey Guthery believed the Greek dorms were good for Greek unity.

"It's convenient because events pop up quickly, it's nice to have a centralized location," said Guthery.

Greeks were able to take a larger role

in campus life. They raised money for organizations, exercised community services, hosted cookouts and tailgates before big games, and had Greek sections at the games. Larger universities usually possess more Greek involvement; members hoped that the Greek dorms would bolster further Greek participation on campus.

"I get to live with all my sisters, it's so much better than Scanlon," said Alayna Mazzeffe.

Freshmen pledgers got to look forward to more freedom and more space living in Juda instead of the freshmen dorms.

"It's more independent, you can come and go as you want," said Mazzeffe.

"It helps us strengthen and grow," said sophomore Amanda Mullikin. "It's easier for us to communicate with the other organizations, they're right down the hall."

Members usually met in the dorms before meetings and activities. They were able to congregate in the dorms to eat food, watch movies, and do arts and crafts such as pumpkin carving.

"It's definitely strengthened our sisterhood," said junior Marcia Eiberger. "It allows us to get to know each other on a deeper level since we live together."

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The upperclassmen rooms are available to all Greek students, even Freshmen. Winter months were spent warm inside. Photo by Seth Campbell



Students know where the fraternities and sororities reside. Banners were flown to don Greek pride outside the dorms. Photo by Seth Campbell

Visitors behold Greek symbols from one campus entrance. The dorms kept the Greek community close. Photo by Seth Campbell

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Students from many different fraternities had a blast doing a relay race on the first day of events. This was a great opportunity for the organizations to bond with one another. Photo by Kendra Greer



Above- One of the many events that took place on the first day was where groups spun around in circles then tried to make it another location without falling over. One of the frat boys shows his school spirit as he participates in the dizzy game. Photo by Kendra Greer

Top- For the opening event students from campus wide organizations participated in the act of tug of war. One of the sorority sisters pulls her hardest to win the game. Photo by Kendra Greer

Greek Stories

Story by Heather Heater

5
Lifestyles

A Week of Storybook Activities

At the beginning of every Greek Week, the Greeks would put their groups six-foot or taller, wooden letters out on campus for everyone to see.

Every year Missouri Western holds its Greek week event that takes place in the spring. Each year a theme was chosen by the Panhellenic board, 'Story Books' was the 2013's theme. An individual theme was chosen for each of the organizations, as well as many different events for each group to take part in.

"We have been planning this week for quite sometime. It is my first Greek week and I am have had so much fun," said, Alpha Sigma Alpha member, Abbey Williamson.

At the beginning of every Greek Week, the Greeks would put their groups six-foot or taller, wooden letters out on campus for everyone to see. Following the placing of the letters was the kick-off event to the week of fun festivities. Monday nights Greek Olympics and barbeque, each organization was teamed up with different group and was to complete a series of games, such as tug of war and volleyball.

The next event was definitely not a drag as each organization was to attend the annual Drag Show put on by the PRIDE Alliance. Each group was given a number of points based on their attendance to the event and how long they stayed. Many of the fraternity boys were picked on by the queens at this event including one that was brought on stage and asked to pull a ribbon from the queen's rear-end. This left the sororities and fraternities rolling in their seats.

Wednesday's event had everyone worked up with jitters as each group had to present a skit based on the themes they were given at the

beginning of the week. Some of the themes were Three Little Pigs and even Winnie the Pooh. The skits were such a hit there wasn't a dry eye in the room from laughter. During this time each group even was able to nominate a God and Goddess who would represent them for the remainder of the week.

On Thursday night, each organization put their memory to the test at trivia night where questions were asked based on the overall theme of storybooks. Some found this pretty challenging since it had been many years since they had read any of the books.

"I was really impressed with all the knowledge the competitors had about random trivia and it was really entertaining watching the competitors when they knew the correct answer," said, Phi Sigma Kappa member, Jayce Berry.

The last event of the week was the carnival where tables were set up outside of Blum for the day. Each group had a booth such as a cakewalk and pies in the face.

"Greek week this year was less of a competition and brought us more together and gave us more unity," said, Sigma Sigma Sigma member, Kylie Simon.

Greek Week was put to an end at the awards banquet where the winners for the week were announced. Alpha Sigma Alpha placed third, Alpha Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta tied for second and Sigma Sigma Sigma had the honor of taking first place.

Ku•dos

{ Fame and renown resulting from an act or achievement }

Health ED

Story by Seth Campbell

The Wellness Fair featured numerous stations around the hall with nursing students to raise health awareness and discuss dangers and cautions, and also share helpful health tips.

The Student Wellness Fair in Fulkerson Center informed students of the health concerns that could affect many college students today. The fair was held in the fall to administer flu shots to students just as flu season made its rounds. Sponsored by Esry Health Center, Nursing Department and the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, the fair reached out to students and the community off campus.

"We want to inform students about colds and flus and activities to stay healthy," said, registered nurse, Marti Burri.

Burri and family nurse practitioner, Elizabeth Roderick, worked in the Esry Health Center. The Wellness Fair featured numerous stations around the hall with nursing students to raise health awareness and discuss dangers and cautions and to also share helpful health tips. Services such as eye exams and blood work were offered as well.

Topics covered at the fair included nutrition, tattoos and piercings, tobacco use, sex education and energy drinks. Nurses at the fair discussed how energy drink abuse is a prevalent issue on college campuses. Many students consume energy drinks to stay awake during class and while finishing homework.

"Just because it's legal doesn't mean it's good," said Roderick.

Jamie Brinnen cautioned that if not taken in moderation, these drinks could cause seizures

and tremors or put the consumer in cardiac arrest.

"Many people think since it's on the shelves, it must be okay for you, and this is not true at all," said, junior nursing major, Jamie Brinnen.

Over the last few years, 70,000 energy drink related deaths occurred. A consumer can overdose on the vitamin B, commonly used in energy drinks, before the kidneys could process it.

"It's playing with fire. They trick you with herbal lingo, which really means 'caffeine.' Moderation is key," said, junior nursing major, Amanda Kurtz.

Kurtz recommended consuming electrolytes like magnesium, potassium and sodium while balancing vitamins. Each person's body is different, so vitamin intake must be tailored to individual needs.

Brinnen offered healthier alternatives to improve body performance. Lemon drops and peppermints are useful for boosting memory and performance. Protein from peanut butter and citrus fruit give energy.

The Health Wellness Fair was a success, according to Burri. Over 320 students responded positively to the fair on feedback cards, 100 more than in spring.

Burri said this was important for evaluation, and they will know how to organize the fair next year. Western Students were able to take away great information and healthier life styles.

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Students visit the cigarette display at the fair. The board presented many disturbing facts about smoking such as on average, smokers die 13-14 years earlier than nonsmokers. Photo by Seth Campbell



Above- A student wears a skeleton mask to exemplify that energy drinks are bad for you and can even cause death. Many students drink energy drinks daily because they are unaware of how harmful the drinks are to their bodies. Photo by Seth Campbell

Top- Condoms are one of the freebies handed out at the health fair. Sexually transmitted diseases were one of the main health issues of college students. Photo by Seth Campbell



The Lucky Tigers wide variety of items and unique atmosphere make it a college student magnet. The second-hand store also made it easier on student's wallets because of their low prices. Photo by Molly Thomas

THE Lucky Tiger

The Lucky Tiger had a wide assortment of vinyl records. The genres included jazz, soul, R&B, comedy, country and classic rock.

Story by Molly Thomas

With it being open for just under a year, The Lucky Tiger was a vintage shop located in downtown St. Joseph that was successfully at drawing in people of all ages, especially college students. It was a unique shop that contained many gems from the past waiting to be rediscovered.

The thrift Shop sold vintage items such as clothing, accessories and vinyl records featuring all genres of music. Every item in the store was hand selected by the owner, Amy Heath.

"I try to focus on very wearable pieces that I could see someone wearing to work or out to a bar," Heath said.

The Lucky Tiger also had great prices that even college students could afford.

"The prices are very fair and affordable, and you can even trade your other vintage pieces that you don't wear anymore for something better, freshman, Cheyenne King said. "Amy also posts any sales or specials on the Facebook page quite frequently, as well."

The shop had a wide assortment of vinyl records. The genres included jazz, soul, R&B, comedy, country and classic rock.

"It's really cool to see kids come in here and basically buying their parent's records back," Heath said.

prom•is•ing•ly

{full of promise likely to succeed or to yield good results.}



Unique items at The Lucky Tiger include matchbooks, cigar boxes, beer mugs and pharmacy bottles. Classic horseshoes were also sold for \$10 to go along with the "lucky" theme of the store. Photo by Molly Thomas

Center- Junior Kolby Peters describing his artistic techniques by his showcase at The Lucky Tiger. Peter was known for his acrylic work on birch wood. Photo by Molly Thomas



Right- One of Kolby Peters colorful designs on a skate deck. Peters was one of the featured artists at the antique stores event "First Saturdays." Photo by Molly Thomas

The prices of records ranged from \$3 to \$40. The owner also took an active part in supporting other downtown businesses and the expansion of downtown St. Joseph. Heath was a part of the group "Better Block St. Joe."

"It's a volunteer-based organization where we try to make an event that gets a lot of people downtown," Heath said. "We combine music, shopping and art to get people to realize that there can be a very viable and walk-able community."

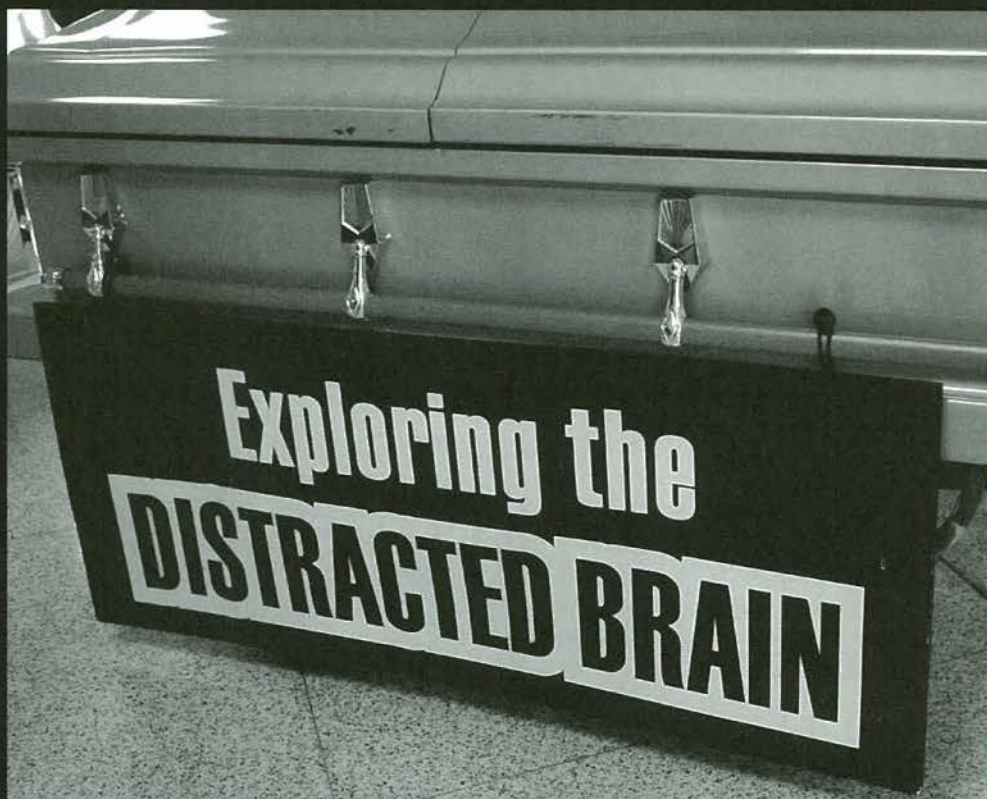
Heath personally threw an event once a month to bring community members downtown called "First Saturdays." Events included live local

bands, featured artists and free food and drinks. One featured artist was, junior and art education major, Kolby Peters.

"I've never done a solo show just for me," Peters said. "I've only had some pieces hung up in coffee shops."

Peters' grunge art was hung up in the store for display and for sale during the event. The majority of his art was uniquely designed and was made with acrylic on birch wood, but he also had art displayed on skateboard decks. Trash to treasure had become a new fad across campus, giving students more for their money.

Several students participated in a texting and driving simulation put on by the Drive Safe Drive Smart campaign. The Drive Safe Drive Smart campaign was funded by the Missouri Department of Transportation to help spread awareness of the dangers of distracted driving. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



Participants were asked to respond to as many texts as possible on the provided cell phone while driving in the simulator. Pew Internet & American Life Project conducted a study that showed that men were nine percent more likely to text while driving. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri

The Drive Safe Drive Smart campaign uses many tools to drive home the dangers of distracted driving such as displaying caskets near the simulation area. Texting was the cause of three percent of accidents with 10 percent being fatal. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri

Are You Drunk or Texting?

Story by Madison Holmes

Lifestyles

...after he hit a stopped semi-truck on the highway at 70 mph, killing his brother in the passenger seat and putting himself in a coma for six weeks.

Driving regulations were in a constant state speculation since the introduction of unlimited texting, social networking and gaming. The effects of using a phone while operating a vehicle have been addressed in articles and on shows such as Oprah and Dr. Phil.

Distracted Driving was a one-day exhibition that allowed students to see what texting and driving can cause. Television showed a mixture of recorded injuries and crashes due to driver's texting and quotes of research results done over the effects of it.

'Drivers using cell phones have slower reaction times than those who have consumed alcohol,' was one of the statistics stated for on-lookers to read as they also watched fellow students attempt the driving course while texting on a provided phone.

Students participating in the driving simulation received an initial text on a provided iPhone every 15-30 seconds and were instructed to respond to as many messages as possible. While still obeying traffic laws. Some students such as senior, Zach Schurman, reacted strongly

to the simulation.

"I won't text and drive again after this experience," said Schurman.

However, other students, such as senior, Justin Kirkland felt that the simulation was not as influential.

"The simulation is worst case scenario. Texting obviously impairs you, but the reaction time in this isn't accurate," said Kirkland.

The two men running the Distracted Driving simulator both had personal connections to the issue of texting and driving. Instructor Adam Kelly felt very strongly about the dangers of texting while driving, after he hit a stopped semi-truck on the highway at 70 mph, killing his brother in the passenger seat and putting himself in a coma for six weeks.

"The simulation is as realistic as we can get it... We get a pretty good amount of people at each showing," said Kelly.

The Distracted Driving team traveled nine months out of the year to various high schools and universities, to share their personal tragedies regarding texting and driving, and to warn others not to make the same mistakes as they have.



dis•tract•ed

{mentally confused, troubled, or remote}

DRAG Show

Story
by
Heather
Heater

All the queens were excited to help out the local autism charity.

Condoms, money and even some clothing were seen flying through the air, as the sounds of giggles and shrieks filled the room. Was Western holding a racy strip tease on campus, or acting out scenes from the Moulin Rouge? Not this time, it was the annual drag show put on by the PRIDE Alliance.

Each year the organization hosts a show featuring top queens from around the country. This year the theme was 1950's, each queen was to perform in drag that represented the decade as well as highlighting some of the music and attire of 2013.

Ladies of the show painted, plucked and pushed their way into glamorous garb for two hours prior to the show, making sure they were ready to shimmy their way down the runway. Many of the queens were a bit bashful about letting anyone behind the scenes to take photos or to see just how they managed to get such bodacious breasts.

Sparkle Iman, one of the participants for 2013, shed some light during the 2010 show.

"Oh honey, I just use a padded bra, several use falsies," said Iman.

It's an art to become a woman, not only do they have to create the illusion of having breast, but they have to create the curves of a woman by adding padding to their hips. As well as tucking, shaving and putting on their face, which takes more time than one would expect.

There were three performances that had the

audience out of their seats and cheering for more. Bianca Bliss, was so flattered when a very small spectator ran up the stairs to give her a dollar for her dancing, that she asked him to join her on stage and shake his groove thing while collecting tips from the audience.

"He collected at least a hundred dollars," said, his mother, Charity Everall. "I try to expose him to new environments."

The other two hits included a four-some act with a bondage theme of leather, whips and even some lace. But the act that seemed to leave the audience gasping for air from the laughter came from Catia Lee Love. When she asked a male student, Tyce VanMeter, to pull a ribbon hidden in the back of her outfit.

Although the attendance was down from the previous two years, the spirits were as high as ever at the Fulkerson Center as the drag queens took center stage.

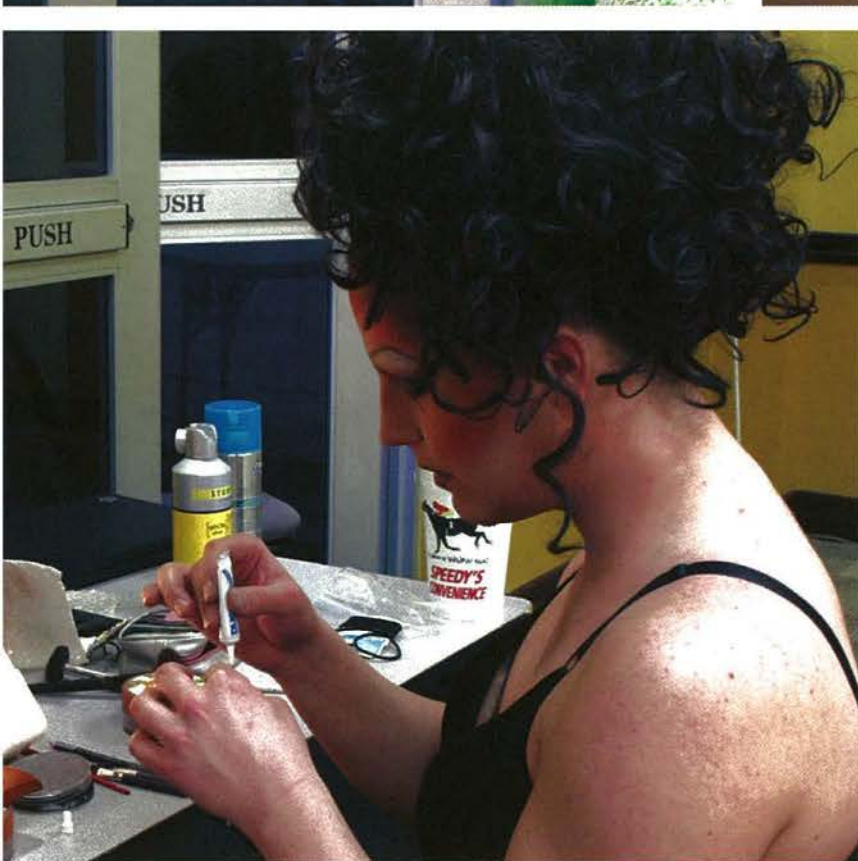
"I think me not being on campus has impacted the show this year and not in a good way," Tyler Rhoad said to the Griffon News. "The performers were great and it's for a great cause."

All the queens were excited to help out the local autism charity. The performers included Iman, Bianca Bliss, Catia Lee Love and Miss Gay Missouri Madison Elise.

At the end of the night everyone had an enjoyable experience it was safe to say that the third annual PRIDE Alliance event was definitely not a drag as it was fit for a queen.

chick•en cut•lets

{brassiere gel inserts that give a drag queen cleavage.}



Above- Catia Lee Love preps for her upcoming performance. Putting on fake lashes can be a chore. Photo by Amanda Fox
 Top- Miss Gay Missouri poses before she struts down the runway. She has done several shows across the state and was looking to do more. Photo by Amanda Fox



Miss Gay Missouri and Bianca Bliss show off their sparkly wardrobe. Both of the queens loved to show off their sparkles. Photo by Amanda Fox

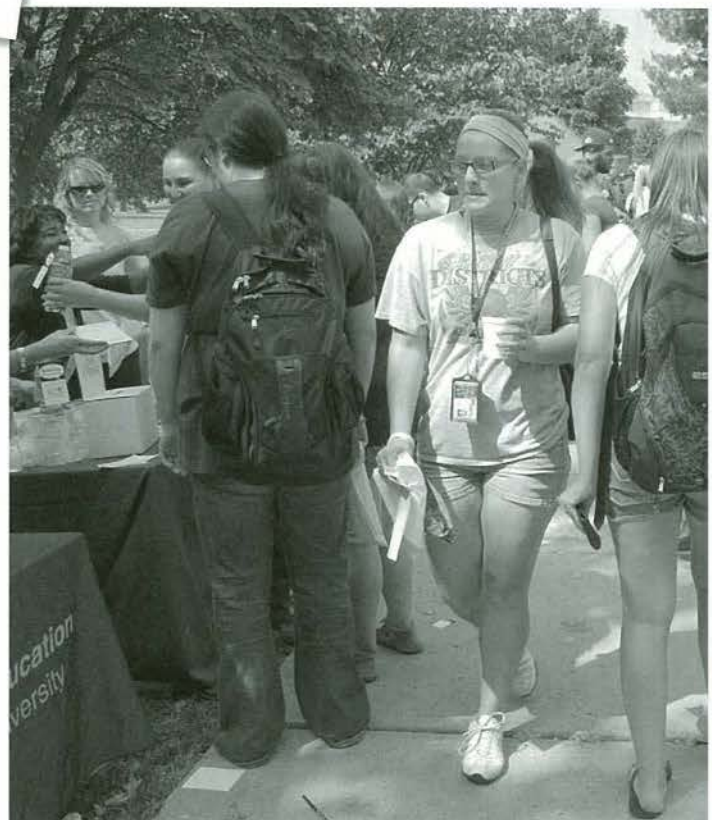
A member of the art department worked the stand on Saturday. The art department is trying to increase enrollment with students. Photo by Molly Thomas



Students were able to pick up 'swag' from the different tables. Koozies, stickers, and t-shirts were just a few of the items that students received from local business and school groups. Photo by Molly Thomas



Students collected gear and played games that were provided by the different businesses that were at the event. They gave out t-shirts, coozies, stickers, and other fun items to students. Photo by Molly Thomas



Students walked around, stopping at booths that caught their eye. Many organizations and companies offer gear to students. Photo by Molly Thomas



Warming up Western

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Story by Nicole Gardner

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Right before the crisp air of fall descends on campus the Center for Student Engagement holds its first program of the year, Western Warm-up. The event was held by the clock tower and featured student-led organizations and different businesses from around the community.

"The purpose of Western Warm-up is to introduce freshmen as well as returning students to registered student organizations and to neighboring businesses in the community," said, the director of student life, Isaiah Collier.

The event was held annually in effort to bring more students into the diverse organizations that the campus had to offer. Among the organizations were Student Government Association, Pride Alliance and Green Dot.

"I enjoyed seeing and hearing about the organizations that the school has to offer and I even signed up for a 'Clean it Up St. Joe' and to volunteer for the Performing Arts Council," said, freshman and English education major, Nicole Bradley. "Going to Western Warm-up made me feel like

students had options to get involved so they don't feel alienated in their own school."

While some students went with the intent to get involved, others attended just for the fun of browsing, like freshman, Amber Stranghoener.

"I went for the fun of it and because my roommates wanted to check it out, so I just decided to tag along and see what it was about," said Stranghoener. "I actually found it to be very beneficial to me as a freshman, because even though I didn't sign up for any organizations there, I got a taste of the community and what the school has to offer me as a student."

Another student that went for the experience was, junior, Aspen Mobley.

"I went to the event to just look around and see what the school has to offer as far as organizations and to possibly sign up for one or two, and I came out of it with a lot of free things," Mobley said.

Western Warm-up was just one of the many fun-filled programs that the CSE put on throughout the year to get the student body involved.

be•gin•ning
{the point at which something starts}



Training

with the Chiefs

Story by Nicole Gardner

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Every summer for the past four years, Spratt Stadium and the rest of Missouri Western's campus colors have turned from black and gold to red and gold in anticipation of the Chiefs' Training Camp. From mid-July until early August the camp transformed Missouri Western from the Home of the Griffons into Chiefs' country.

Despite the blistering summer heat, Chiefs fans from all over St. Joseph and the surrounding Kansas City area flocked to Missouri Western in hopes of seeing their favorite Chiefs players and get an autograph or picture. Senior Cassy Mohling visited the festivities of family day for the first time this year.

"I'm not really a big sports fan, but I like how much interaction the community gets to have with the school and the Chiefs," said Mohling. "It's actually a lot of fun to see what the Chiefs do behind the scenes!"

Other first timers to the annual event were father and son, Dave and Lane Orser, from Cameron.

"I'm really enjoying it, and as long as the weather continues to cooperate then I think that this day is going to be great," said Orser.

The duo collectively agreed that their favorite player at the camp was number

91, Tamba Hali, an outside linebacker for the Chiefs.

"He's a really great player for one, and his backstory is kind of cool," said Orser.

Not only did students come to the event as spectators, some even had the chance to work behind the scenes alongside some of the Chiefs' coordinators. Sophomore nursing major K.C. Ramsell worked with the camp for the first time.

"I think it was a really fun job, because I got to see some of the players and how things work behind the scenes, it's not something that you get to see every day," said Ramsell.

Being able to work with Chiefs' employees was not the only advantage to working the camp this summer. Students also got the opportunity to move into the dorms early.

"I also got to move back to campus early to do the job, so it was nice to have that convenience and flexibility of the hours that I could work around," said Ramsell.

Not only did the Chiefs' camp give the community a chance to see NFL players in action, but it also provided an opportunity for students to get involved with the school and witness famous athletes doing what they do best.



The Chiefs' players ran down and backs during their pregame warm-ups. This was the team's third year at their summer home in Griffon country. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



One familiar face in the crowd was president of the university Dr. Robert Vartabedian. Family Fun Day was sponsored by local company American Family Insurance and hosted by Heartland Health. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



Fans could buy a variety of souvenirs from several vendors at Family Fun Day including Chiefs Pro Shop. Free t-shirts were also given out to children ages 12 and under during the event. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



Working the Renovations

Story by Madison Holmes

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Baker Fitness Center was a place for students, athletes, alumni and community members to come and work on their fitness with other Griffons. During the 2012 year the community and students were pleased to have a renovated fitness center with more space to work out as well as new equipment.

On May 17, 2011, the Board of Governors approved a \$220,000 renovation for the fitness center for students and faculty of Missouri Western. Renovation plans included transformation of the locker room. There were also additions to the cardio room and refurbishing of the large multipurpose room. The funds for the renovations were provided by Max Experience and the Auxiliary system Renovation Funds.

"The locker rooms were completely renovated and look much nicer," said senior Amy Emery.

The transformation of the locker room from the former training room and the old football locker room, to the women's soccer team's first official locker room.

The other half of the previous football locker room and laundry room were renovated into a separate training room and a visitors' locker room.

"We completely re-did the women's soccer locker room. They really needed their space,"

said Baker fitness director Amy Foley.

In addition to the new locker room, the fitness center received new weight benches, weight selection and cardio equipment for the now spacious cardio room.

The cardio room was opened up and the new layout of the equipment allowed for more space for students and faculty to work out.

"There is a huge difference and there is a lot more space and it's more functional now. We were pretty cramped before," said, junior, Shanice Williams.

The space that Griffon football coaches used for offices before the Griffon Indoor Sports Complex was completed was opened up and turned in to a large multi-purpose room.

Group fitness or scheduled classes provided extra space for activities other than free weights, workout machines or cardio equipment. The multi-purpose room housed classes such as yoga and turbo fitness class along with many others.

These renovations opened up many new rooms and expanded the center so that it would provide members with a spacious area to work out in.

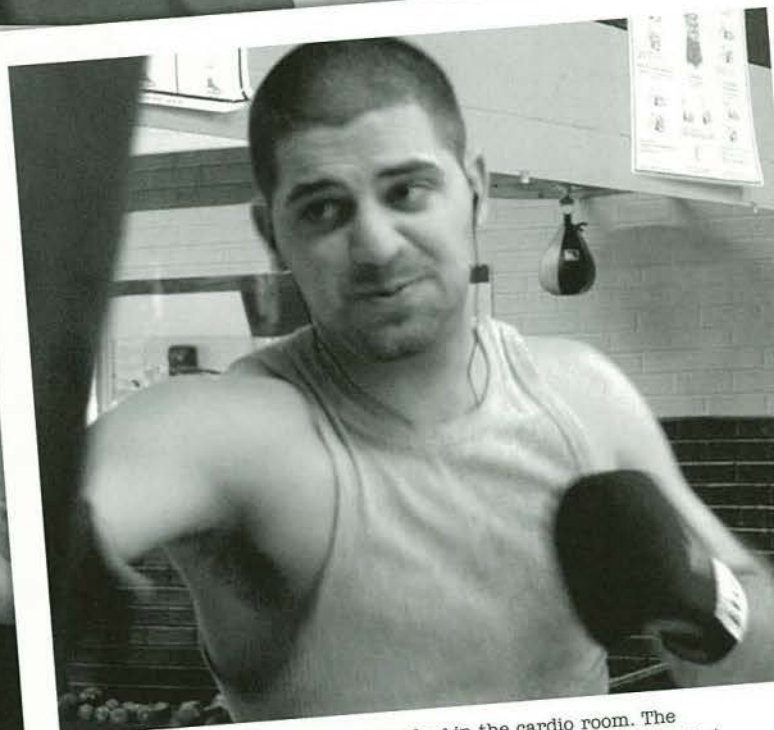
The staff agreed the renovations had improved student attendance to the gym and enticed more community members to come and check out what Missouri Western had to offer at its new fitness center.

work•out

{a practice or exercise to test or improve one's fitness for athletic competition, ability, or performance}

Left- Alumn, Hannah Strasser and senior, Krysta McGinnis stretch before their work out in the cardio room. The cardio room offered plenty of space for multiple activities. Photo by Amanda Fox

Below- Alumn, Hannah Strasser uses a nautilus machine on the main floor of the gym. With a valid ID, alumni could use the gym. Photo by Amanda Fox



Senior, Cory Verdi uses the punching bag in the cardio room. The cardio room used to have a wall between the multi purpose room, but they were expanded into one room to provide more space for visitors to work out. Photo by Amanda Fox



Treadmills are placed in front of the window so students may have a view while getting their workout. Junior, Molly Thomas enjoyed working out at the center regularly after the centers renovation. Photo by Amanda Fox

Freshman, Cj Staats, Noah Baker, Lauren Boudrex, Sarah Bennett and Tyler Myer pose for a group shot at the CSE's 1st foam party. The foam party was a huge success and they plan to have more in the future. Photo by Hanna Greenwell



Toga! Toga! Toga! The CSE hosted a Toga Party at Fulkerson Center for students at the beginning of the school year. Photo by Seth Campbell



MWSU students got in touch with their inner child while rocking out to music at the first ever Foam Party thrown by the CSE in September. Over 700 people participated in the event. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri.

Getting down *with the* CSE

Story by Blake Haynes

With the help of the CSE events at Missouri Western had been advertised well and allowed multitudes of students to become involved with the school.

Going to college for some students may be a bit of a culture shock. They may not know how to get involved with events on campus. Missouri Western's Center for Student Engagement or CSE, helped students get involved and allowed them to meet new people that they would not have met otherwise.

"Our main goal in the CSE is to get people involved," said Kelsey Guthery, a CSE representative.

The CSE helped students gain information about certain events and groups on campus and how they could become involved with them.

"Being a transfer student I wanted to get involved on campus so I looked around at what the CSE had to offer always," said Blaine Barger, a former transfer student.

Marketing was a substantial part of informing students on campus about the groups and the upcoming events in the area. The CSE posted detailed information on the Missouri Western website about events and groups as well as putting flyers up.

One of the big events put on by the CSE was the foam party, that took place at the beginning of the year. This was the first time an event like this was held. Students gathered in the commons area, as a DJ played beats and foam spilled across the pavement engulfing the students.

Another great way to discover information was by going to the CSE website. It let students take a look at the CSE staff along with displaying other general information. It offered insight on Parents Council, Barbara Strong, leadership and Org Sync.

"When I was attending Missouri Western I would always look at the CSE website to see what interesting events were coming up," said, Jennifer Collins, a Missouri Western Nursing graduate.

With the help of the CSE events at Missouri Western had been advertised well and allowed multitudes of students to become involved with the school. The CSE made it their priority to relay information to the students, while offering many great party events for them to attend.



Snow Apocalypse

Story by Seth Campbell

Next, they built a snow fort in the dorm courtyard until five o'clock in the morning.

Jack Frost smothered the Midwest in February and St. Joseph did not escape those frigid fingers. Freezing rain showered all over the city and the snow accumulated 3 to 6 inches.

Road conditions rendered many of the students and professors', as well as, leaving motorists helpless in the snow. Students either braved the storm and trudged to class or took an opportunity for adventure.

The night before the snow hit, junior, public relations major, Kayla Wing and her mother decided to wake up at 5 a.m. and drive to Kansas City to watch musician, ZZ Ward, perform.

The dynamic duo braved the storm in a four-wheel drive Mountaineer to downtown Kansas City to see the performance.

"When we walked in, it was coming down hard," Wing said.

They left the show after an hour and walked outside to an accumulation of 11 inches.

On the drive home, Wing pulled over to beat ice off the frozen windshield wipers every 20 minutes.

"I felt like I was in Mario Kart avoiding all the cars," Wing said. "The white out conditions were so bad, you couldn't see a car 10-15 feet ahead of you."

While Wing spent time with her family, senior theatre and cinema major Brian

Duskey, took the storm as an opportunity to have fun with friends in the dorms.

A few friends gathered at his place to play the video game Mega Man X from noon until 11 at night.

"It turned into something epic, we filmed it and made a documentary about it and it went viral," said Duskey.

Next, they built a snow fort in the dorm courtyard until five o'clock in the morning.

"It was pretty adventurous in a nerdy kind of way," said Duskey.

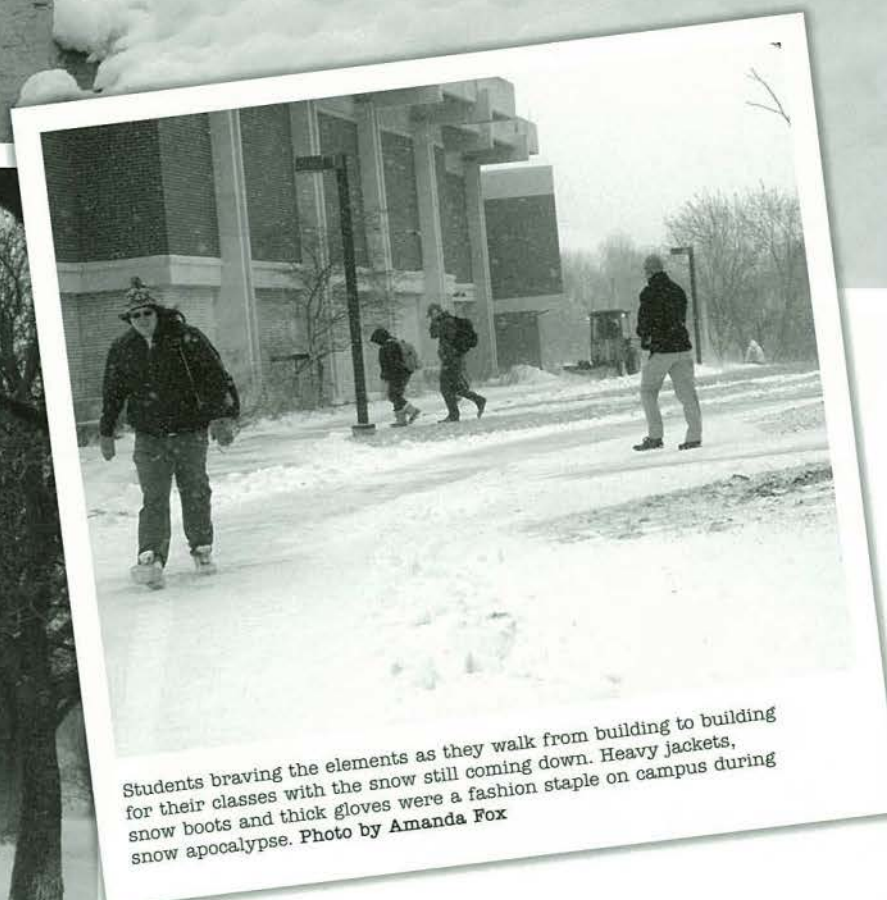
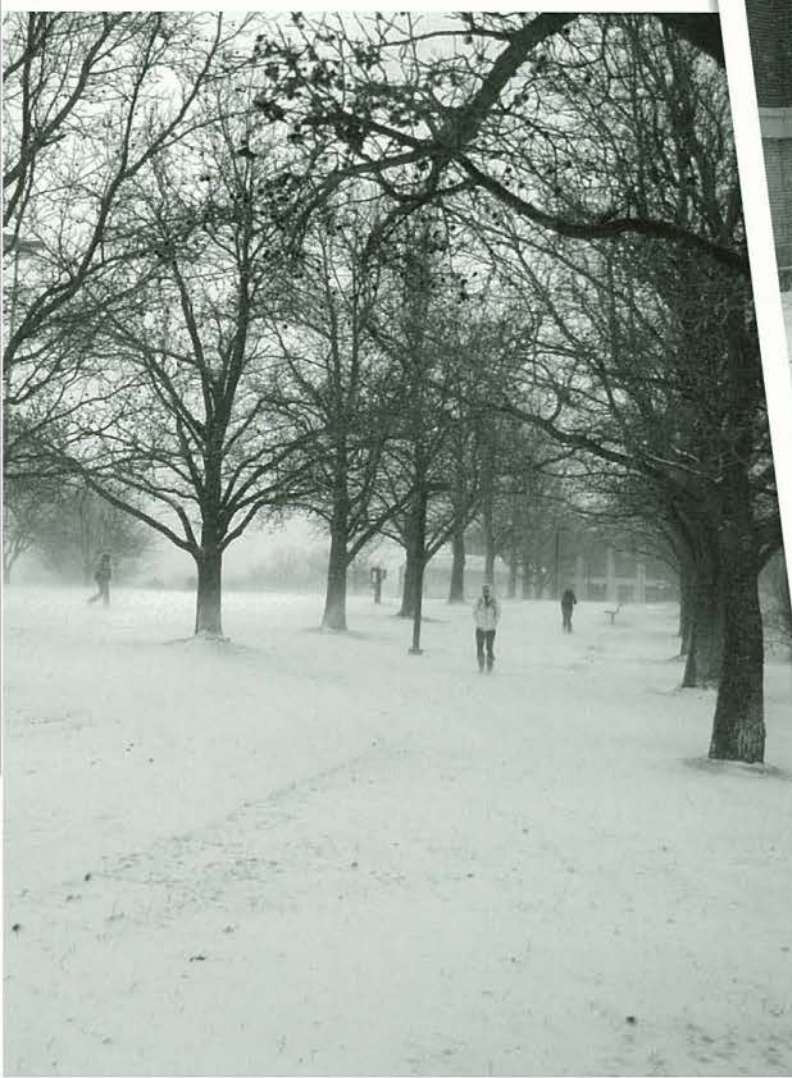
The fun continued the following week as St. Joseph received the second giant snowfall.

"We didn't have much food [the first time], by the time the second one came around we were more prepared," said Duskey.

Five days after the first storm another swell covered the campus. As the snow began to pile up again, professors threw their class schedules and syllabi out the window.

"I had a project due the first snow day, so Tuesday and Thursday classes had to redo the whole syllabus," said Duskey.

Western rarely called off classes but unfortunately some students and faculty faced danger and immobilized cars. Other students enjoyed a couple days of frosty freedom with friends since they had the opportunity. After all, the college experience only lasts so long and soon it melts away like the last snowfall.



Students braving the elements as they walk from building to building for their classes with the snow still coming down. Heavy jackets, snow boots and thick gloves were a fashion staple on campus during snow apocalypse. Photo by Amanda Fox

Above- Even after the sidewalks are cleared, campus is still hard to navigate in icy conditions due to the hills and valleys all over the property. Several students chose to walk through the snow instead of having to take their chances on the icy sidewalks. Photo by Molly Thomas

Left- The campus in its winter glory on the walk way between Agenstein Hall and Popplewell Hall. Students, faculty and staff had to fight the snow all the way into May with the last snow fall happening during finals. Photo by Amanda Fox

Story by Joyce
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Heart Your Union

The Esry Health Center in Blum 203, offered free STD testing and condoms to students.

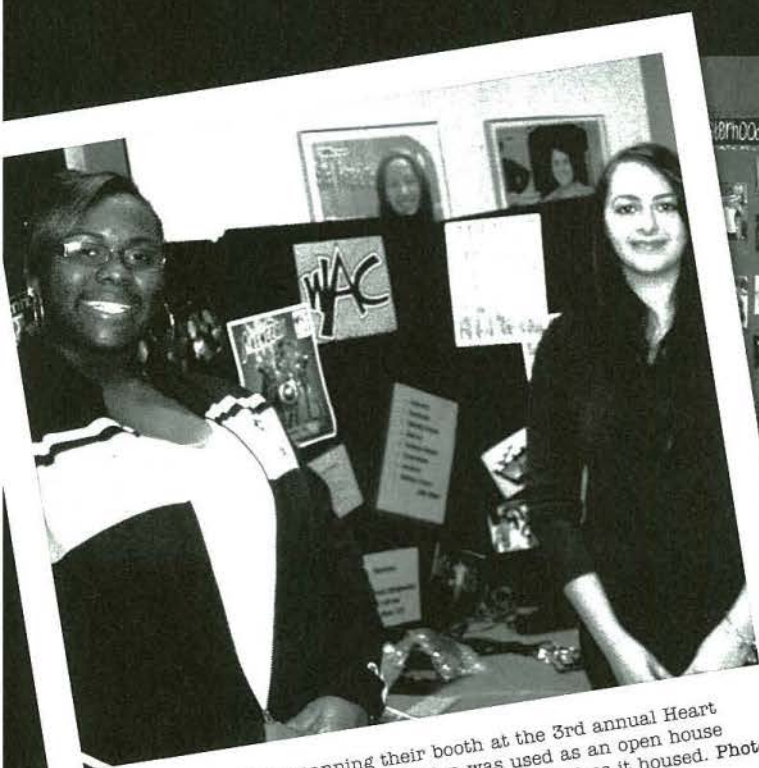
Hear Your Union was held in Blum Student Union to showcase campus organizations and offer 100 free HIV screenings to students. Combining Valentine's Day with a focus on student health was a perfect way to capture the attention of students.

Getting the student body to come out and get involved at Missouri Western was one of the main goals for events like this. Organizations like the Center for Student Engagement and International Student services focused on the students and getting them involved on campus. Therefore an

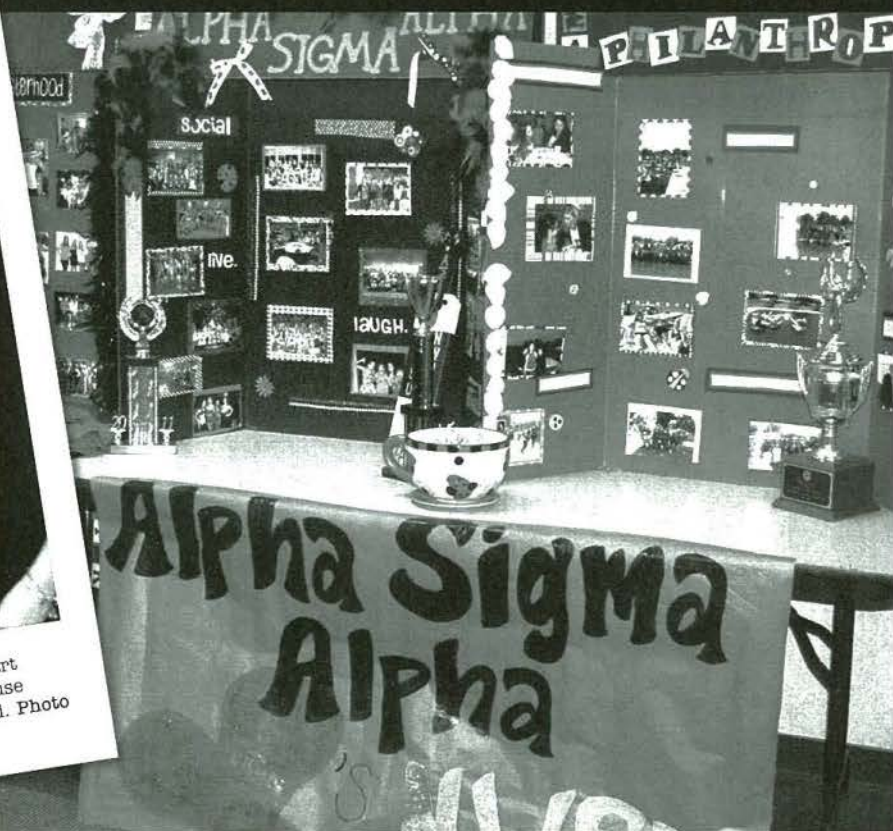
event such as Heart Your Union was a great chance to get information to students, as well as providing an event where students could just have a good time.

"You can really tell that the organizations care about the Missouri Western student body," said nursing graduate, Veronica Starnes.

Looking much like a state fair would, booths were set up for students to go to. Each one had it's own unique hand in attracting various students. The variety of booths featured the many activities of campus organizations.



WAC representatives manning their booth at the 3rd annual Heart Your Union event. This yearly occasion was used as an open house affair for Blum Union second floor and all the services it housed. Photo by Joyce Stevenson



The Alpha Sigma Alpha, like many others, displays trophies they have won and photos of memories made at their booth. Heart Your Union was a way for groups and organizations to showcase their accomplishments and promote recruitment. Photo by Joyce Stevenson

myo·car·di·um

{middle heart layer, composed of cardiac muscle; forms the bulk of the heart}



"I was really interested to see what Heart Your Union was all about," said Missouri Western baseball player, Jerad Hawkins. "I enjoyed myself and plan on telling others students and my family so they can check it out as well."

One highlight that stayed busy during the event was the 'Flip-book' site. Students such as favorite," said Gilbert Imburri.

Kayla Wiedmaier and Angel Loe worked the campus Pride table which offered decorative cupcakes and fliers advertising the upcoming Drag Show. Pride co-hosted the event with the Esry Health Center and the St Joseph Health Department.

The Esry Health Center in Blum 203, offered free STD testing and condoms to students last year. A few years ago they became a "STD" site for the state of Missouri by meeting certification requirements.

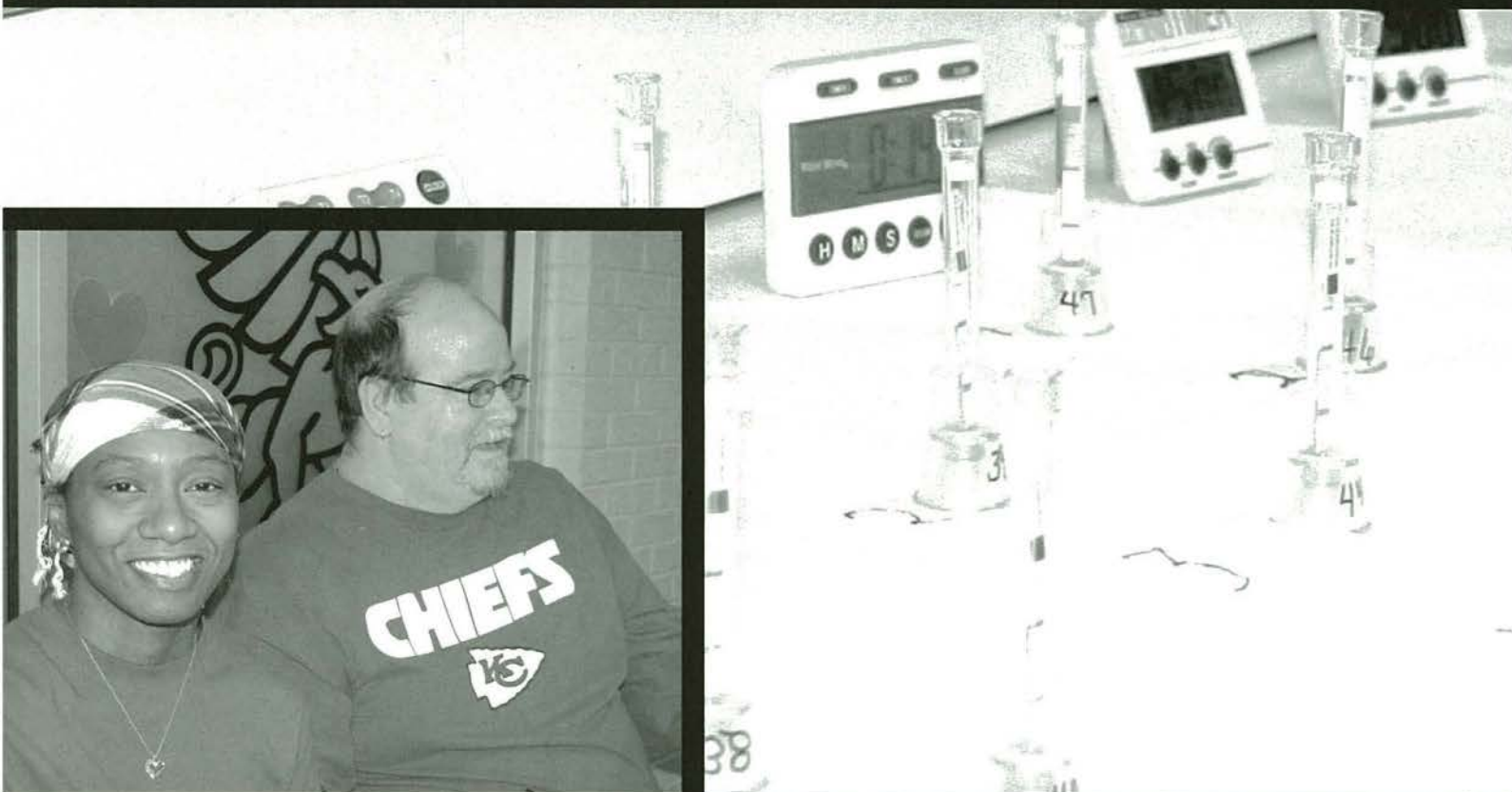
Beth Roderick, Advanced Practice Nurse at Esry, explained that 1 out of 4 students seeking their services tested positive for an STD. Many of those had been notified by another patient that

they were at risk of testing positive because of contact with an infected person.

"HVP is the most common STD now," said Marti Burri, Registered Nurse with Esry.

HVP is the Human Papillomavirus that causes genital warts. It was the most common sexually transmitted virus in the United States in 2012. The Center was active on campus all year providing information to interested students. Straight and same-sex partners can carry the disease and most do not realize they are infected with it.

Burri and Roderick gave out T-shirts proclaiming the slogan, "If it's not on, it's not on" to students that completed the testing. The t-shirts helped to promote the use of condoms. Burri also did the educational presentations for Univ101, the fall Health Fair, Sororities and Fraternities. She said that helping students be informed of possible risk factors helps them be better prepared to avoid them. It looks as though "Heart Your Union" will have a promising future ahead.



Latisha Howard and J.D. Carroll, volunteer of the county health department, helps students sign up for HIV tests and educates them on STDs. Esry Health Center, located in Blum Union, gave free HIV tests to students during Heart Your Union. Photo by Joyce Stevenson

The numbers on the test tubes being used for the HIV testing are used to identify the student it belongs to, helping keep the results private. Esry Health Center not only did the HIV testing as a service to students, but also to help get the word out to student about the Center being available to them. Photo by Joyce Stevenson

The
Griffon

Give Blood

Story by
Nicole
Gardner



Students donated blood to win the competition against Northwest. The process took about 45 minutes with every drop needed to save a life. Photo by Molly Thomas

do•nate

{to contribute to a public or charitable cause}

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On Sept 5, 2012, the Center for Multicultural Education and the fraternity Phi Sigma Kappa banded together and hosted a blood drive in Spratt Hall. The blood drive also had a philanthropic twist to it. Missouri Western made the blood drive a competition with Northwest to see who could get the most pints of blood.

"A lot of our members have given blood today, and it's for the competition that we have going against Northwest to see who can get the most pints of blood donated in the time that we have," said, senior, and member of Phi Sigma Kappa, Doug Richards.

The members of Phi Sigma Kappa were dressed as blood drops to draw students in. Those that donated received a free t-shirt and snacks for their donation to the cause.

"I was curious how it felt, and I kind of just wanted to because of how many people that it would help," said, biology major and first-time donor, Stephanie Malone.

Others however had given blood many times before.

"I've given blood twice before, and whenever I get the opportunity to give it, I take it," said, freshman, Megan Helt.

The average donation is about one pint, and every two seconds someone in the United States is in need of a blood and with 44,000

blood donations needed every day, every contribution counts. More information about how and where to donate can be found at the Red Cross web site.

The blood donation process took about 45 to 60 minutes, and during that time donors filled out paperwork and got their blood tested to see if they were able to donate at all. While donating they were given treats such as candy, cookies and soda to prevent them from passing out during the process and to help them regain their energy. Patients were scattered around the room on gurneys, and nurses are always next to them in case anything were to wrong during the donation process.

"Due to the overwhelming turnout, the CME is considering co-hosting another blood drive next year," said director of Student Engagement Lisa Hamblen.

Between Missouri Western and Northwest, 72 pints were donated; The Black Student Union won the competition of having the most donors from a single organization. The prize of a \$250 Visa gift card was awarded to the organization to use for programming. As for the competition, Missouri Western was the winner and helped provide several pints of blood to save lives.

16 million
the number of
blood donations
collected in the U.S.
in a year. **Type AB positive** plasma can be transfused to patients of **all other blood types**. The number of blood donors in the U.S. in a year: **9.5 million**. Every **two seconds** someone needs blood. **Type O negative blood** (red cells) can be transfused to patients of **all blood types**. It is always in great demand and often-in short supply. Blood **cannot be manufactured** it can only come from **generous donors**. -Information from American Red Cross



Doug Richards, Coltin Ridenour, Brent Sully and Nick Niemeier, Missouri Western Students and members of Phi Sigma Kappa dressed up as blood drops to promote the event. The Community Blood Center is always in need of blood. Photo by Molly Thomas

Smoke NO? More

Story by Adam Euchner

The ban was made to show that Missouri Western was a leader in the promotion of healthy lifestyle choices and showcased a commitment to the students' health by providing a smoke free campus for faculty and students.

Missouri Western instituted a smoking ban that took effect July 1, 2013. The policy banned the use of all tobacco products on school grounds and in student's personal vehicles. After the policy took effect, campus security was authorized to cite people on the spot for any infractions.

"Missouri Western wants to maintain a safe and healthy environment for its students, employees and visitors," said Sally Sanders, Missouri Western's human resource director.

The ban was made to show that Missouri Western was a leader in the promotion of healthy lifestyle choices and showcased a commitment to the students' health by providing a smoke free campus for faculty and students. It also proved that the university was able to look at past policies, such as when smoking was allowed inside buildings several decades ago, and make health-conscious changes.

Many of the students on campus had mixed views over the policy. They were able to voice their opinions at smoking spots. Many were frustrated, which was to be expected from those who stand to be affected by the new policy. Smokers on campus felt that they were being singled out, and the university was overstepping its boundaries with some of the stipulations of the new policy.

"I don't think that the school has any right to tell me I can't smoke in my own vehicle. If people want to have a smoke free campus that's fine, but I don't like them telling me what I can or can't do," said, senior, Kyler Penland. "I also think it's going to be really hard to enforce."

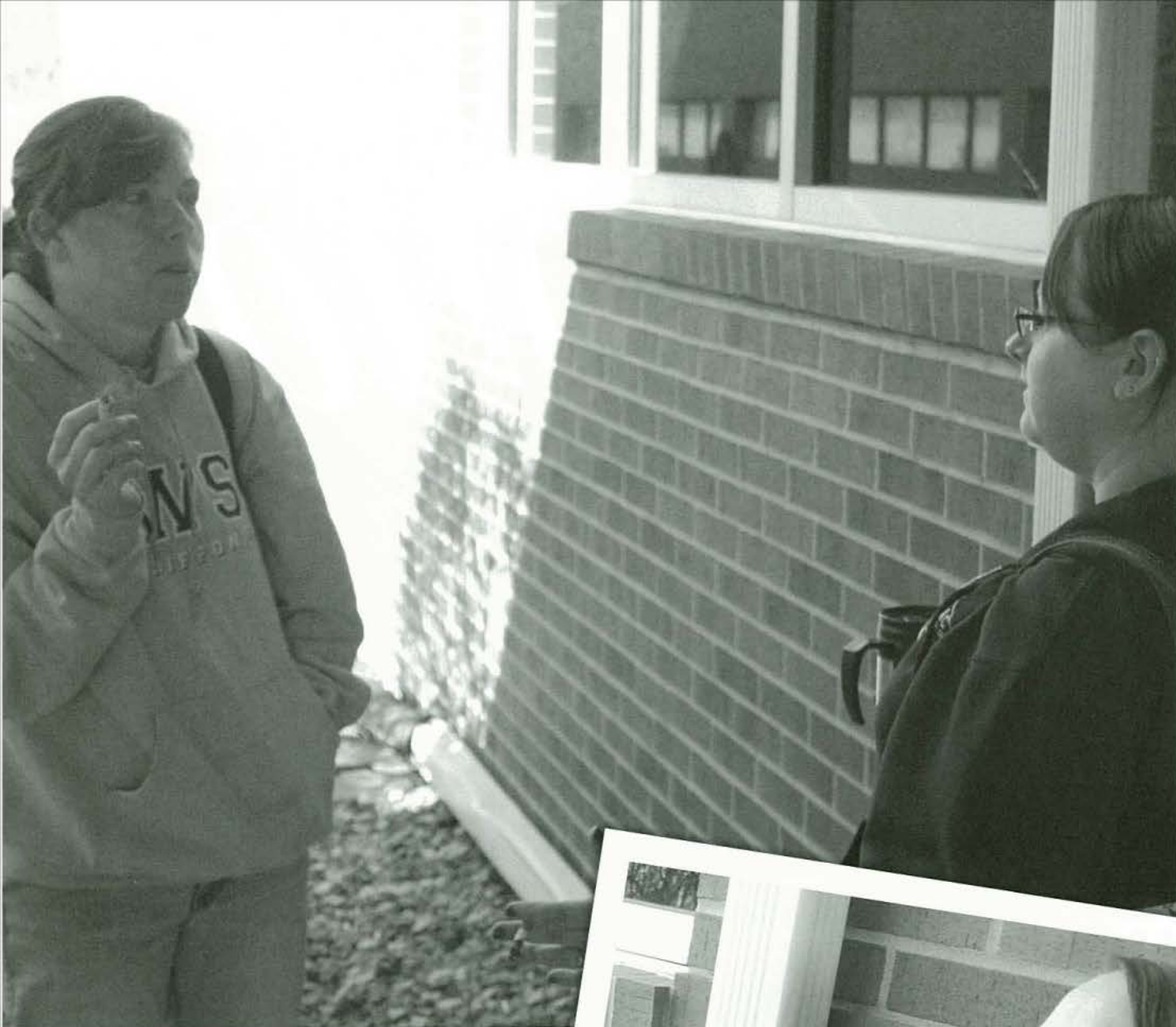
Other students were more optimistic about the policy and were glad that they no longer had to endure walking through popular smoking spots on campus, inhaling and coming out on the other side smelling like smoke.

"I'm glad that they finally decided to ban smoking on campus, I hate it when I get stuck behind someone who's smoking and it blows right back in my face," said, senior, Mickey Sigmon. "I'm just concerned that it will be really hard to enforce."

The university made this policy a priority in light of numerous and well-known studies that had linked secondhand smoke to a variety of ailments.

Many people became sick each year as a byproduct of secondhand smoke and Missouri Western was committed to preventing this for their faculty and students.

Other campuses in the area and even the country had smoke-free campuses and Missouri Western wanted to join the crowd.



Students have a conversation as they take a smoke break. The campus had designated spots to smoke although many students would smoke as they walked to their classes. Photo by Seth Campbell



Cigarettes were put out in the ash tray outside of Murphy Hall. There were many spots on campus for students to put their cigarettes out. Photo by Seth Campbell



Jessica Timmons smokes in the breezeway between Eder and Murphy Hall. The breezeway was the most popular spot for students to take smoke breaks between classes. Photo by Seth Campbell

Laugh Aloud

Story by Travis Anderson

The first performer Adam Hunter had the daunting task of warming up the audience, it took a few minutes but once the laughs started coming they didn't stop.

The Griffapalooza was two hours of nonstop laughter brought to the students from the Missouri Western Center for Student Engagement. Which presented two of the comedy worlds up-and-coming performers, Adam Hunter and Shang Forbes.

Forbes and Hunter traveled around the country and collectively have been seen on the 'Last Comic Standing,' 'Comedy Central' and 'BET.' The audience sat through hours of vulgar humor, that left them in stitches.

The first performer Adam Hunter had the daunting task of warming up the audience, it took a few minutes but once the laughs started coming they didn't stop. He was able to channel his humor in a way that the audience was able to relate to, using modern pop culture icons and trends from Twitter to Snooki.

Hunter explained after the show how he was able to relate to a college audience so well.

"I am forever a kid, being a comic you are forced to never grow up," said Hunter.

Hunter really enjoyed the audience and looked forward to performing at Missouri Western in the future. At one point in his show he referred to the audience as "the little crowd that could" because of the crowd's willingness to participate which enabled everyone to have a good time and enjoy the show.

The second performer and a crowd favorite was

Shang Forbes, who had a vastly different style than his partner. Forbes involved the audience as much as possible and refused to filter anything that came out of his mouth.

For audience member CJ Mollus his interactions with the audience made the show.

"The comedians were making jokes about the people in the front of the crowd and when the people don't have anything to say back or they are nervous creating an awkward silence that I found hilarious," said Mollus.

One student experienced this awkwardness more than she may have wanted. During his performance Forbes included a joke where he was doing an impression of a man from Africa. He ventured into the crowd and started joking with an audience member. The joke then turned into a memorable moment for everyone in the auditorium. Audience member and MWSU student, Chris Puett, described it as his favorite moment of the show.

"His penis tapped that girl's shoulder," said Puett.

This unscripted act of comedy gave Missouri Western students a comedic experience that no other audiences of Forbes had experienced.

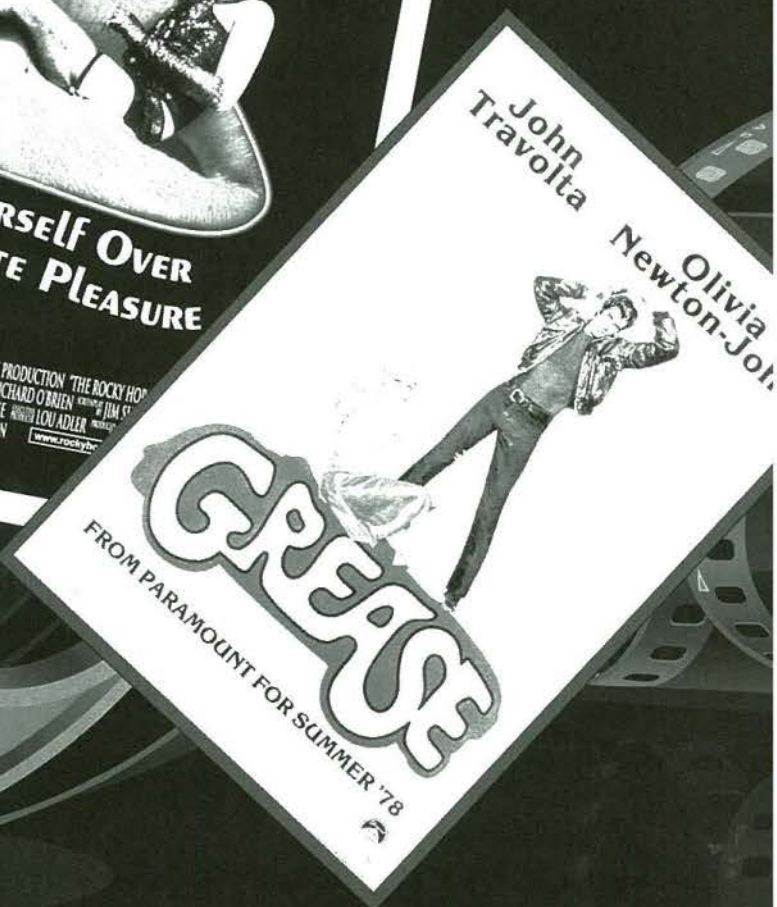
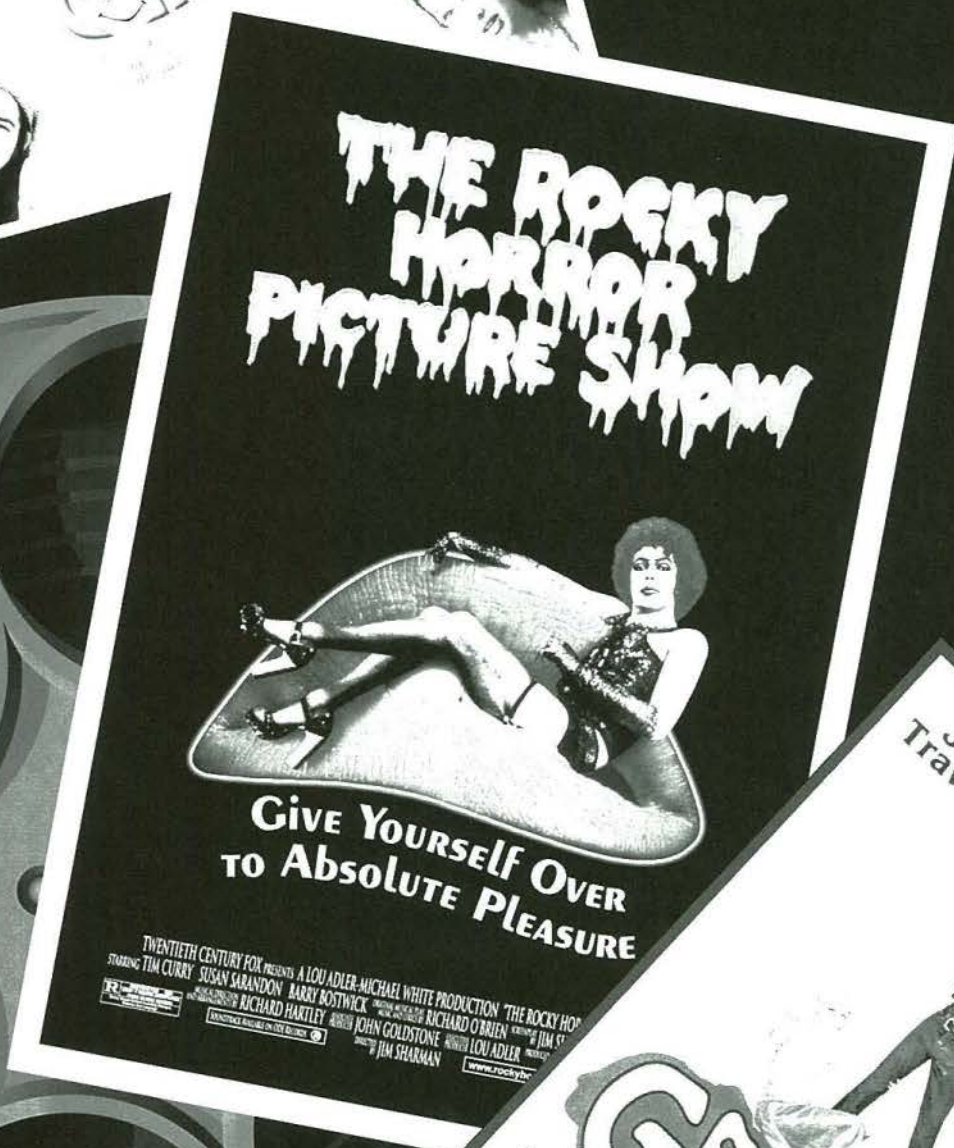
Forbes and Hunter left the students rolling with laughter. The CSE set high expectations for the future Griffapalooza shows to come.



MWSU Students had a great laugh during Forbes and Hunter's show. Numerous MWSU students enjoyed the event. Photo by Meghan Vandever

Above- Comedian Adam Hunter opened up the audience with his jokes. He has been seen on Last Comic Standing. Photo by Meghan Vandever

Top- Shang Forbes tells a joke to the crowd. Shang had traveled around the country performing his comedy. Photo by Meghan Vandever





Story
by
Seth
Campbell



Get in the Movies

"Half the time you're watching the movie, the other half you're finding out when you throw stuff," said Sam Ayers.

The Plaza 8 was decorated with ripped curtains and leaks, so who cared if toilet paper and dildos are thrown through the air? The movie theater featured classic movies every week such as Rocky Horror Picture Show; Night of the Living Dead and E.T. It was a cult classic revival for movie fans. There was even a Grease sing-along and moviegoers dressed as their favorite Grease characters for a costume contest.

The theater had a dynamic past. It played new movies before a newer theater was built north of town. Afterwards it screened newer films that had been out for a while at a fraction of the price. Recently the theater started to struggle economically and things started to slide.

"It was funny to see if the right reel was on the movie," said sophomore English major, Joe Mausolf. "I went to see the Curious Case of Benjamin Button but instead they played G.I. Joe 2."

That would be quite the movie switch up. Imagine if Brad Pitt grew younger all his life while he fought G.I. Joe's nemesis, Cobra. Half the audience left, but Mausolf stuck around to the end of the show.

The Plaza 8 gave moviegoers a different and exciting experience that couldn't be found on the living room couch, in front of the television screen. Select movies invited audience interaction. Bags of fun props were sold for a small price, some of which, included rice, water guns, newspaper, toilet paper and even some glow sticks.

What movie could this had been for? None other than one of the most interactive films one could attend, The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

When Brad and Janet are caught in the storm during the film, Janet covers her head with a newspaper. At this point the crowd sprayed each other with water guns and took Janet's cue by

covering their heads with newspaper.

Junior music technology major Sam Ayers watched the Rocky Horror Picture Show and said it was pretty intense. He likes that the theater allows such unique interaction.

"Half the time you're watching the movie, the other half you're finding out when you throw stuff," Ayers said. "I got completely bombed with toilet paper."

Rice was thrown in the air at the beginning of the film during the wedding of Ralph Hapschatt and Betty Monroe. When Dr. Scott enters the lab, Brad yells "Great Scott!" At this point, toilet paper was hurled through the air.

Junior instrumental music education major, Sara Mathews, had been a fan of Rocky Horror since age thirteen. She never thought she would have the chance to experience a public screening without travelling to a larger city.

"It gave me a chance to be completely free in public without fear of judgment," Mathews said.

Although the theater had its share of bruises and scars, it allowed events like the Rocky Horror to happen.

"I think the theater has character and should continue to have more special events like this," Mathews said.

Many people know April 20 as being the day for pot smokers, Plaza 8 decided to show Dazed and Confused. The event encouraged people to take a 20 min break during their 2:20, 5:20 and 7:20 viewings to have a 'smoke break' and some 'munchies.' The theater was filled to the brim with moviegoers supporting the 'holiday' in green shirts covered in cannabis leaves and bearing the number 4:20 loud and proud.

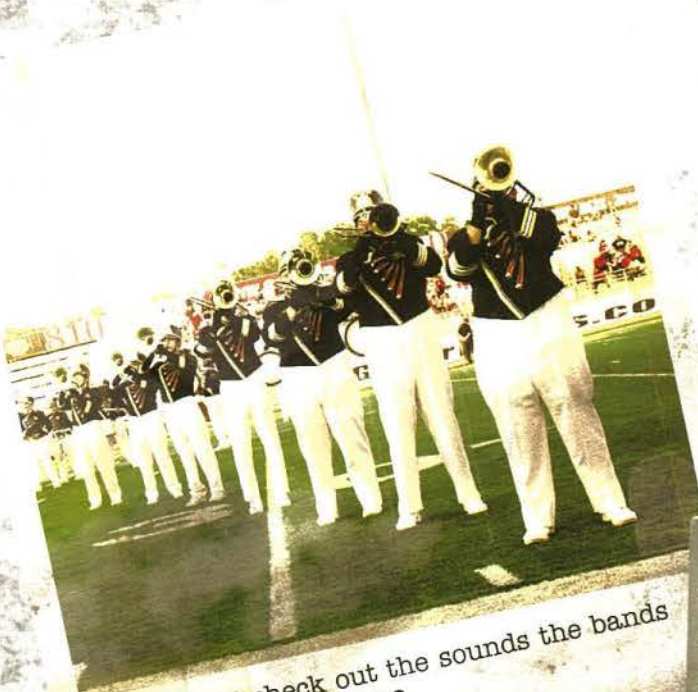
With Tickets ranging from two dollars to ten dollars students from Western couldn't pass up the chance to have an interactive good time with many classic movies.

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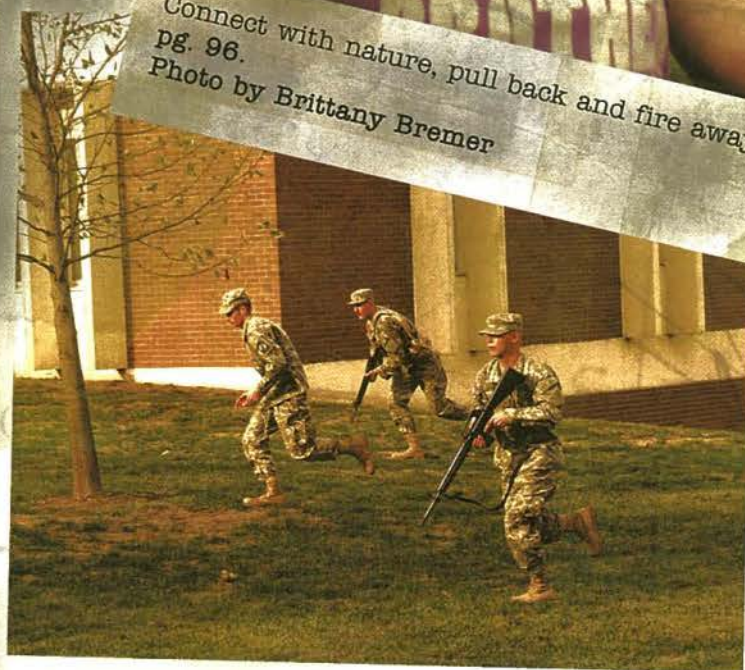
{Re·spect}
High or special regard



Tune in and check out the sounds the bands
been playing on pg. 120.
Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



Connect with nature, pull back and fire away on
pg. 96.
Photo by Brittany Bremer



Run some drills and learn some skills with the ROTC
on pg. 98.
Photo by Seth Campbell



Photo by Amanda Fox

Lights OUT

Story by Molly Thomas &
Madison Holmes

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Oct. 4, 2012, marked Missouri Western's 19th annual Convocation on Critical Issues. Students, faculty, community members and surrounding area high school students all gathered in Looney Complex to listen to the 2012-2013 year's speech.

The speech was given by Pickens on "Leadership and Getting Things Done: Reflections on a Lifetime of Comebacks and America's Energy Future."

Pickens, not only one of the world's richest men, but also had a tenacious approach to business policies. Which enabled him to build one of the largest independent natural gas and oil companies.

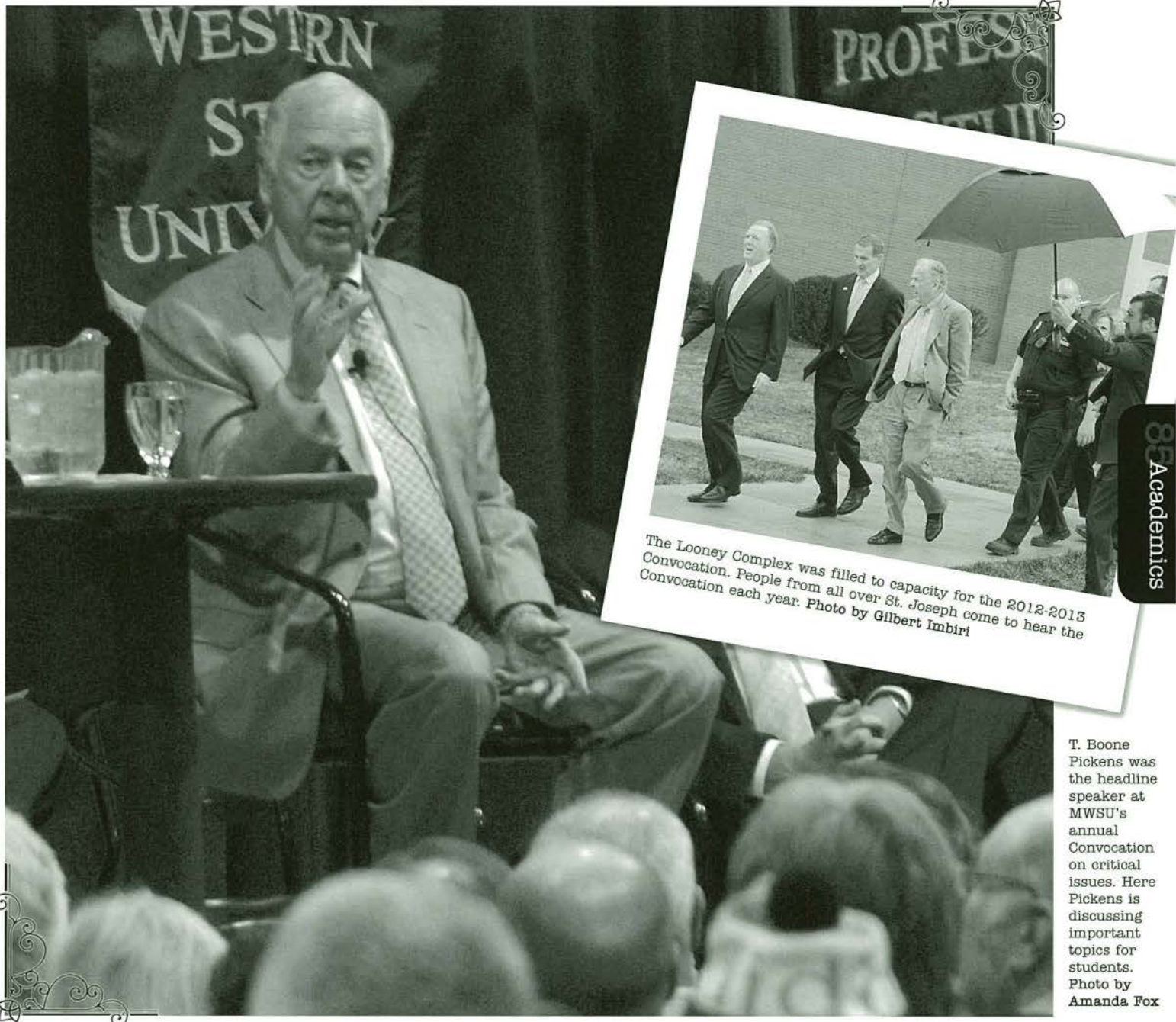
In addition to these accomplishments, Pickens served as the chair of BP Capital Management. He was also noted as an energy activist who pledged over \$1 billion to philanthropic

establishments and ideas.

In his speech, Pickens spoke about many critical issues, of which he has strong opinions. One of these issues included the war overseas. Pickens questioned who made the decisions of sending troops to Afghanistan and Iraq. He also pointed out that not only has the war cost more than \$1 trillion, but that too many American lives have been lost due to the war.

"Could that have been avoided? Is this really what we want to be doing?" asked Pickens regarding the ongoing conflicts overseas.

Tying the war and oil



The Looney Complex was filled to capacity for the 2012-2013 Convocation. People from all over St. Joseph come to hear the Convocation each year. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri

T. Boone Pickens was the headline speaker at MWSU's annual Convocation on critical issues. Here Pickens is discussing important topics for students. Photo by Amanda Fox

together, he pointed out that there is not much logic that the U.S. is footing the bill to protect 17 million barrels of oil a day when the U.S. is only getting two million.

"We are dependent on people with different values than us and who see the world much differently than we do," said Pickens regarding the fight for oil in the Middle East. "We need leadership in Washington. I say we get [the United States Troops] the hell out of there. Come home."

One of the largest convocation crowds in history listened to Pickens intently as he spoke of his ideas on how to focus on

finding alternative resources for energy and internalizing our need for energy instead of relying on other countries to obtain the energy sources we require for our day-to-day activities.

"I was very interested in what Pickens had to say. I wanted to learn something from him," said junior, Michelle Knapp.

With Pickens accomplishments, many in the crowd shared Knapp's hope in learning something about energy conservation or how to become a better business entrepreneur.

"I thought his suggestions for future energy sources were inspiring. His life work really

captures his entrepreneurship," said, senior, Abigail Cannon.

The speech filled the audience with enthusiasm and information. Irony took the gymnasium by surprise when the power went out due to a thunderstorm. Pickens was speaking on energy when the lights went out, cutting his speech short.

Time Magazine rated T. Boone Pickens one of the 'Top 100 Most Influential People in 2009,' and for great reason.

It is obvious that Pickens' passion regarding worldly issues was not just entertaining but factual, inspirational and mind opening.

Freezin' for a Reason

Story by Kendra Greer

Participants were able to join a plunge group or plunge alone but regardless of which way it was all for a great cause.

The Polar Bear Plunge made its way to the Northwest Missouri area after the winter holiday. The plunge was an annual event that raised money for the Special Olympics, which was a rapidly growing program.

There were multiple groups that participated in the plunge. Some of the teams that participated were Northwest Missouri State University, Missouri Western State University and a few small town schools around the area.

The plunge took place at some of the local lakes. The plungers of Missouri Western dipped into the freezing water of Lake Viking in Gallatin, Missouri.

To begin the hectic filled day, people entered into raffles, then members ate lunch and entered contests. There was also a costume contest and several Special Olympic athletes that were available to take pictures

with.

Many plungers who had plunged before were present. One of the experienced plungers was Austin Brown.

"This isn't the first time I've plunged and it won't be the last," said Brown. "It is a fun time."

Another veteran plunger was Western sophomore, Tara Caligiuri.

"The Polar Bear Plunge is always a great time," said Caligiuri. "Our sorority's philanthropy is Special Olympics so helping out for this event is always a priority this time of year."

For other plungers it was their first plunge. Caitlin Edwards a freshman at Western was one of the newbies.

"I expected it to be cold but not that cold," said Edwards. "I had a fun time and it was great to know that everything that was raised is going to a good

cause."

Some of the groups that participated in the plunge were HyVee, Alpha Sigma Alpha of Western, Alpha Sigma Alpha of Northwest and the Sheriff's department. Each group had their own unique costume arrangement. The costumes consisted of minions, policemen and women, Hawaiian locals, and Alice and Wonderland characters.

Participants were able to join a plunge group or plunge alone but regardless of which way it was all for a great cause. The plungers raised over \$18,000 during their plunge. The money that was raised was from drawings, plungers and local contributors and all the money was donated directly to the Special Olympics. Both the plungers and volunteers looked forward to continuing to raise money for this great cause.



Tara Caliguri (left) and Caitlyn Edwards (right) members of Alpha Sigma Alpha wear goggles to protect themselves. They also wore suspenders to keep their spirits high and the mood fun during the event. Photo by Kendra Greer



Above- Northwest's Alpha Sigma Alpha members were astonished by the low temperatures of the water. Though she felt the cold Northwest members were glad to help out the charity. Photo by Kendra Greer

Top Left- A woman dressed as the Rabbit from Alice and Wonderland. Time counted down as she ran out of the icy water. Photo by Kendra Greer



Above- Family and fans cheer the brave ones on as they enter the freezing waters. The plungers were greeted by their loved ones carrying towels to help dry them as they exited the water. Photo by Kendra Greer

Top Right- Members from the local police station volunteer and are a little more than shocked by the cold water. The cold was soon forgotten as the warmth of helping others took over. Photo by Kendra Greer



Living the *Nightmare*

Story by Blake Haynes

Armbruster awoke the next morning “hoping to be dreaming.” Kuwait was officially under attack from the Iraqi soldiers.

Serving for your country is not always the safest thing for someone to endure. William Armbruster is a man that has been pushed to the edge of these dangers and never backed down from them.

“What we can learn from their experiences in the Middle East can be brought back to ourselves,” student Blake Burson said.

Armbruster started his tale on how he got himself involved in the military. This even led him to join the peace core for a period of time.

After moving up in ranks he got the opportunity to ship into Kuwait to help at the Embassy. Before shipping out Armbruster admitted to not paying the proper attention to the area in which he was planning on traveling to. Upon arriving at their first spot in London he got a page from his wife. So he called as soon as he got the chance and she told him that there was reports of being an estimated 20,000 Iraqi soldiers stationed on the boarder of Kuwait.

This number increased by the time Armbruster arrived in Kuwait to around 120,000

soldiers. Within the first week of being in Kuwait the Iraqi soldiers moved out. Leaving everyone in the Embassy wondering, what were they doing?

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He was immediately ordered to start destroying important files thus not allowing the soldiers to get their hands on them.

Him and a few others decided that it was time to get out so they went with a 30 vehicle convoy to travel to Baghdad and then to Turkey. The trip to Baghdad took 13 hours. The following day the plan was to advance on into Turkey. He woke to the news that they were not going to be able to leave.

Later on in the night Saddam issued a statement to the public saying that the Iraqi soldiers would not harm women or children. This allowed Armbruster to get his seven month older daughter who made the trip with him to get into Turkey.

Finally the United Nations ordered Iraqi soldiers to clear out of Kuwait by January 15. This allowed for the rest to get to Turkey and fly back to the United States.

“It’s nice to hear firsthand accounts on these issues,” student Hannah Huff said about his past events.

Armbruster then turned to the fact that the Middle East has changed drastically since then. The area has so many complied cultures this is why it had changed in the manner.

“I liked the video at the end with the top musicians coming together and they were from different countries and backgrounds found peace with music” Blake Conner a Missouri Western student said.

The population continues to grow at a drastic rate, and with that rate times seem to be changing. In Saudi Arabia the King just appointed 30 women to help advise. Women are yet still not able to drive; it is a log process that seems to be going in the right direction.

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busy year*

Playing the PART

Story by Lindsey Roberts

The Missouri Western Theater Department really brought their A-game this season between the varieties of plays and breaking new ground. Only MWSU would feature murderous mad men, a biblical story and a children's classic.

The Theater Department also set new bars for themselves at the beginning of the season and busted through each one. The play season featured duel-running plays during the month of February. "God of Carnage" and "Private Lives" both ran from Feb. 21 thru March 3 and were both directed by the same person. The shows ran alternating nights with one being on Potter Hall Stage and one in the Kemper Recital Hall. Another first for the department was the total of plays being performed. With two plays being presented at the same time, this allowed the department to run five plays in one season.

J.B.

Cast List
Director- Tee Quillin
J.B.- Andy Tyhurst
Nickles- Robin Ussher
Mr. Zuss- Erik Burns-Sprung
Sarah- Xan Kellogg

"We're glad to come out every once in a while and see a production here at MWSU," alumni Roger Brown said.

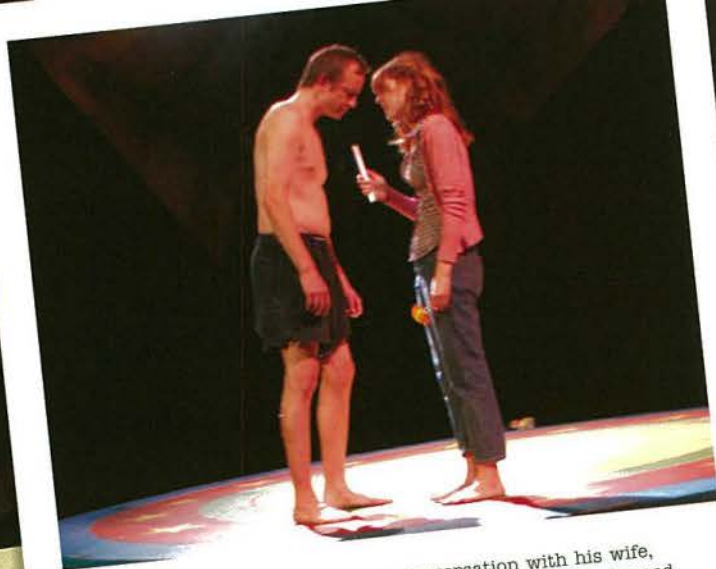
Missouri Western's first play of the season was a contemporary retelling of the book of Job from the Bible. The story of Job involved a bet between God and Satan placed on Job a devoted follower of God. In the end God takes everything good out of Job's life to prove to Satan that nothing would stop Job's devotion to him. It was an amazing story of faith, courage and preservation when the odds are stacked against you.

re•hears•al

{a private performance or practice session preparatory to a public appearance}



Photo by Molly Thomas



Lead character J.B. has an intense conversation with his wife, Sarah, about their lives and faiths. The J.B. play was performed as a play within a play. Photo by Molly Thomas

Cast List

Director- Dallas Henry
 Annie- Ashtyn Griffin, Annaka Kellogg
 Oliver Warbucks- Erik Burns-Sprung
 Grace Farrell- Lauryn Roberts
 Miss Hannigan- Risa Johnston

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Annie

"I was really impressed with the way that they performed and with the singing abilities of some of the kids. This is definitely one of the best productions I have seen at Missouri Western," *Megan Peppard said.*

The winter musical brought this iconic children's classic to the Potter Hall Stage. The story of little orphan Annie not only melted the hearts of the audience but also gave some very young actors a chance of a lifetime. Several local children were recruited to play the parts of Annie and the orphanage children. Even with the play being set during the Great Depression, its message remained the same and relevant even to today's modern audience. "The sun'll come out tomorrow."

Photo by Amanda Fox



Annie sings to help soothe one of the other girls who live in the orphanage with her. The play also helped raise money for Alzheimer's research and awareness. Photo by Amanda Fox



Private Lives

Cast List	
Director - Dallas Henry	
Amanda Prynne - Lauryn Roberts	
Victor Prynne - Sebastian Smith	
Sibyl Chase - Nerissa Lee	
Elyot Chase - Matt Wright	

"Loved when Elyot and Victor finally ran into each other," *Dean Hamm* said.

This romantically, unconventional comedy was presented as one of two different plays during the month of love. *Private Lives* told the story of two divorcees Elyot and Amanda. Both were remarried and on their honeymoon, at the same hotel. The flame between the two quickly reignites and then hits the rocks. Thus leaving their new spouses, Sybil and Victor, to buckle up and hang on.

Photo by Amanda Fox



Mr. and Mrs. Prynne battle it out on stage, during a fight between the couple. Both actors who played the couple, Sebastian Smith and Lauryn Roberts, were veterans of the MWSU stage. Photo by Amanda Fox



God of Carnage

"There was a time where I couldn't stop laughing, It was an intoxicated good time," said sophomore *Pearce Lalli*.

A playground scrap turns into a dinner party between two couples who had never met before. Once the alcohol starts flowing the civil parents began acting more and more like their unruly children. "God of Carnage" was the only play done by the Theatre Department that was performed in the Kemper Recital Hall and ran at the same time as "Private Lives."

back•stage

{of, relating to, or occurring in the area behind the stage and especially in the dressing room}



Photo by
Joyce
Stevenson



Mr. and Mrs. Novak during the dinner party agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh. The God of Carnage play only had for characters throughout the entire show. Photo by Joyce Stevenson

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	Director - Dallas Henry	
	Michael Novak - Riley Bayer	
	Veronica Novak - Stacey Park	
	Alan Raleigh - George Arnold	
	Annette Raleigh - Robin Ussher	

"It is a great play and seems to have the theatre department continuing in the right direction,"

Carl Miller said.

Sweeney Todd

Grisly murders, acts of cannibalism and singing numbers? That's what "Sweeney Todd" brought to Potter Hall Stage. This was the tale of an innocent barber sentenced to a life of exile by the hand of a crooked judge. Once Todd escapes prison and makes his way back to London he had only one thing on his mind. Bloody revenge. He was reunited with a former acutance, Mrs. Lovett, and the pair tried to climb their way up the economic ladder while executing Todd's horrific vengeance.



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Amanda
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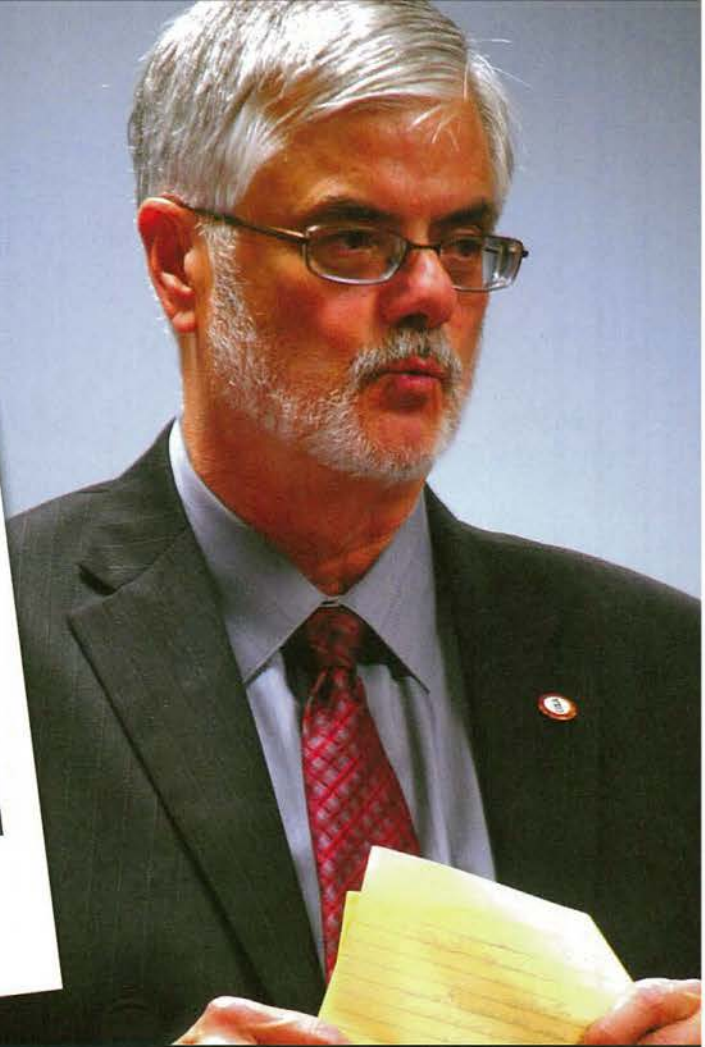
7293705 A	<i>Cast List</i>	7293705 A
	Director - Tee Quillin	
	Sweeney Todd - Ray Johnson	
	Judge Turpin - Ian Fast	
	Mrs. Lovett - Alex Richards	
	Johanna - Adrienne Collins	



Sweeney Todd lathers up his first victim who was played by Jeff Jones. Ray Johnson did an amazing job bring the murderous barber to life on stage. Photo by Amanda Fox



Political organizations on campus rally support for candidates. The event encouraged students to register and vote. Photo by Seth Campbell



Top- Radke explained the debate rules. Western forum follows the tradition and strict debate format. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri

Above- Nick Brothers, Collin Hoffman, and Sterling Fichtter prepared their opening arguments. Debaters pose as the three different presidential candidates for the 2012 election. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



Story by Seth Campbell

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Western held one other student forum discussion in 2008. The turnout for the 2012 forum surpassed the 175 chairs that were set up, forcing students to huddle around the refreshment table in the back of the hall. Members of the community were also invited.

Political issues discussed included foreign policy,

global economy, personal freedoms and rights and student federal loans. With the constant rise in student tuition, debaters discussed whether college is a human right or dependent on the free market. Brothers said that federal money under Obamacare helped students reach higher education, both in four-year universities and colleges as well as trade schools, while Hoffman argued that Romney supports the Federal Pell Grant but doesn't want the amount of federal assistance to follow rising tuition prices.

Hoffman said that under the current administration, student debt has risen and it is increasingly more difficult for students to find jobs after college.

"We need to support higher education but at the same time we need to recognize that four-year

college education is not necessarily for everyone. Trade school should not be frowned upon but looked at as an opportunity for students who don't fit the four-year college mold to prepare themselves for the jobs out there," said Hoffman.

Travis Hart, the College Republicans president, was a leading force in creating the event with Lisa Hamblen. "Expectations were exceeded, we ran out of T-shirts and water bottles," said Hart.

Brothers also offered suggestions for future student forum debates during the next election in 2016.

"I hope students remain politically active and engaged beyond this election and beyond the electoral process itself, politics doesn't end in the voting booth," said Brothers.

THE WILD *Life*

Story by Brittany Bremer

Whether it was volunteering for Family Day, helping put on Eagle Days or deer surveying, the Wildlife Society at Missouri Western, definitely gave back to their campus and to the Saint Joseph community.

There were many organizations on campus that gave back to the community, such as educating the public about diabetes research or donating time down at the food kitchen. However, there was one organization that worked closely with the National Wildlife Refuges, the Missouri Department of Conservation and The Wildlife Society.

The Wildlife Society was a campus organization that focused on professional development and had close ties to the Missouri Department of Conservation and Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge. The society volunteered countless hours with Squaw Creek to help with the refuges' Family Days, Eagle Day and Deer Spotlight Surveying.

Every fall Squaw Creek had Family Day. This was where the Squaw Creek staff members and volunteers came to the refuge

and educated visitors. Some of the stations set up throughout the refuge by The Wildlife Society were, identifying local birds, learning how to shoot a bow and tranquilizing dart gun as well as canoeing. Many of the families in attendance brought their children to the refuge to spend the day away from the busyness of every-day life and enjoy nature.

Squaw Creek also put on Eagle Days, where people went to learn about how vital the refuge was to the protection of eagles. During the day visitors would be able to see around 300 adult and young eagles as they migrated during the winter and fall months. During this time the Wildlife Society helped put up educational stations about the importance of eagles. There were also live eagle programs put on by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Not only were students asked

to spend weekends at local refuges to volunteer but they were also asked to stay some nights. In the fall the Missouri Western Wildlife Society was given the opportunity to work with Squaw Creek and, for the first time, Swan Lake to conduct Deer Surveying. Members of the organization had to ride in the back of a pick-up truck with spotlights to look for deer. Once members found the deer they would take out distance measuring binoculars to see how far away the deer were. This was important because it allowed refuge management to be able to see how effective their conservation management techniques were.

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{ preservation and protection of something; planned management of a natural resources to prevent exploitation, destruction, or neglect }



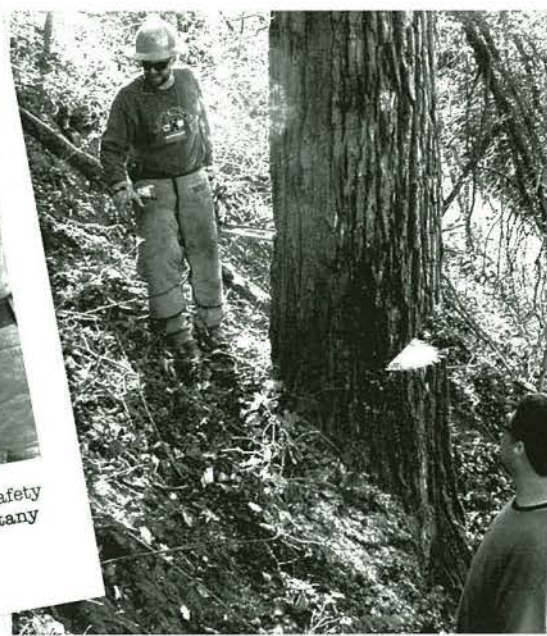
Operation wildlife shows MWSU students a bald eagle. It gave students a close-up view to wildlife they have wound'nt normally see. Photo by Brittany Bremer



The wildlife department teaches children about the outdoors. The wildlife Family Day gave kids a better look at the outdoors. Photo by Brittany Bremer



Dr. Chevalier teaches a young man about gun safety. Gun safety is of mass importance to the Wildlife Society. Photo by Brittany Bremer



A lumber jack wearing a helmet cuts down tree that is causing problems in the power lines near by. A MWSU student watched as he worked through the trees thick bark with his big blade. Photo by Brittany Bremer



Top- Justin Able instructs different situations with the Missouri Western ROTC group. The group listened before acting upon what was instructed of them. Photo by Seth Campbell



Students group for more instructions. The ROTC group was assigned and practiced many field assignments. Photo by Seth Campbell

Above- Students go through field exercises. Instructors watched and graded as they executed orders. Photo by Seth Campbell

Story by
Alexa
Adams

Leading the FUTURE

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The ROTC program provided students with the ability to adjust to their environment and change according to their surroundings.

Missouri Western's ROTC program's mission was to provide future officer leadership for the U.S. Army. Motivate the young adults in their program to become better citizens and create ample future leaders was not all that the MWSU's ROTC program accomplished.

The program was an optional curriculum that students' had the chance to take in order to better themselves. The program's classes were taken along with students' required courses. Adding ROTC to their curriculum made it much easier for students to get a job after graduating.

"ROTC has given me confidence and increased my leadership skills," senior Thomas Hutton said. "It really helped me break out of my shell."

Hutton, who finished in the top ten percent of his class, planned to pursue a career as an officer in the Army.

A total of three Missouri Western ROTC members finished

in the top 10 percent, which allowed them to get first pick of what they wanted to do and where they wanted to go in the Army.

"We have the best ROTC program in all of Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska," said Lt. Col. Shay Howard.

After graduating from the program students became officers of the U.S. Army. The officers must be a motivator and counselor to their soldiers and embody the characteristics of a leader.

The program also provided students with many benefits, for example, leadership training, the essential skills needed in order to thrive in competitive environments and even relief from college tuition payments.

"I always knew I wanted to be a part of the ROTC program," freshman Dan Hopkins said. "I really enjoy it!"

The program also instilled some of their core values into their members, such as; loyalty, respect, duty, selfless

service, integrity, honor and personal courage. These values taught Students to fulfill their obligations, do what was right, face their fears and to put the welfare of their nation first.

"We teach them that to be a good leader they also need to be a good follower," said Howard.

The program provided students with the ability to adjust to their environment and change according to their surroundings. It allowed the students to better themselves and become a vital part of the U.S. Army, not only as a leader but as a member of a team or unit.

"I have felt closer to this ROTC group than any other group I have been a part of," said Hutton.

The Western ROTC program was more than just group that took classes and worked out together. It was a group of students who came together and became a part of something bigger than themselves.

Dreaming Green

Story by Adam Euchner

The machines allowed both students and faculty to recycle a variety of different plastics, for example pop bottles, milk jugs and shampoo bottles.

Western received advanced recycling centers called Dream Machines. There were two Dream Machines; one located in Popplewell Hall and the other in the dorm commons. The machines allowed both students and faculty to recycle a variety of different plastics. For example pop bottles, milk jugs and shampoo bottles are also to be recycled.

What made these machines fascinating was that the user was awarded points to an account, which was set up at the machine.

These points could be saved up for prizes that ranged from discounts at local eateries, all the way to the top prize of a new laptop computer. The user was also presented the option to donate the points to different charities.

"I think people would be a lot more likely to recycle if it were more convenient for them," said, sophomore, Shelbie Kirkendoll.

Kirkendoll was a frequent user of the Dream Machines. She admired that in addition to helping the environment, the Dream Machine donated money to help disabled veterans start new businesses.

Kirkendoll was so adamant about recycling that she encouraged her dorm neighbors to save their recycling items for her so she could recycle them herself.

At five points per can, her efforts netted her nearly 1,000 points in just one month. Although Kirkendoll was dedicated to properly disposing of recyclable goods, she felt like there was not a tremendous amount of student involvement.

According to Jacob Scott, SGA president, the Dream Machines were acquired for the university through a cooperative effort between SGA and SIFE, which was sponsored by the business department.

SIFE presented SGA with the idea for this recycling program and was given a \$2,000 budget.

PepsiCo Inc. donated the actual machines, which in turn enabled SGA to purchase a truck to help with the emptying of the machines.

"If we wanted to get more Dream Machines on campus, SIFE would have to request them from PepsiCo. and we would go from there," said Scott.

The machines did begin to receive more student attention, and many faculty members brought recyclable goods from home to cash in.

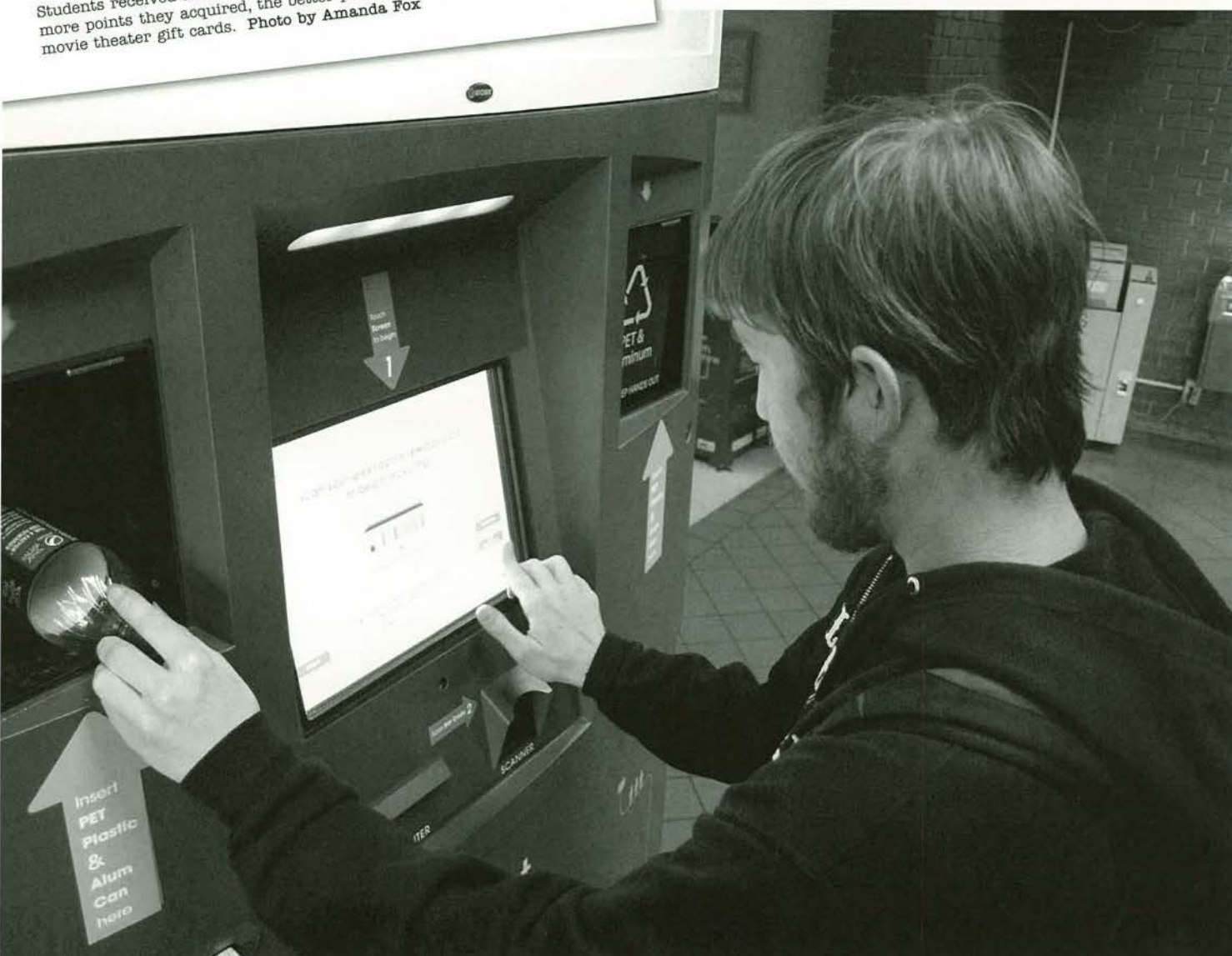
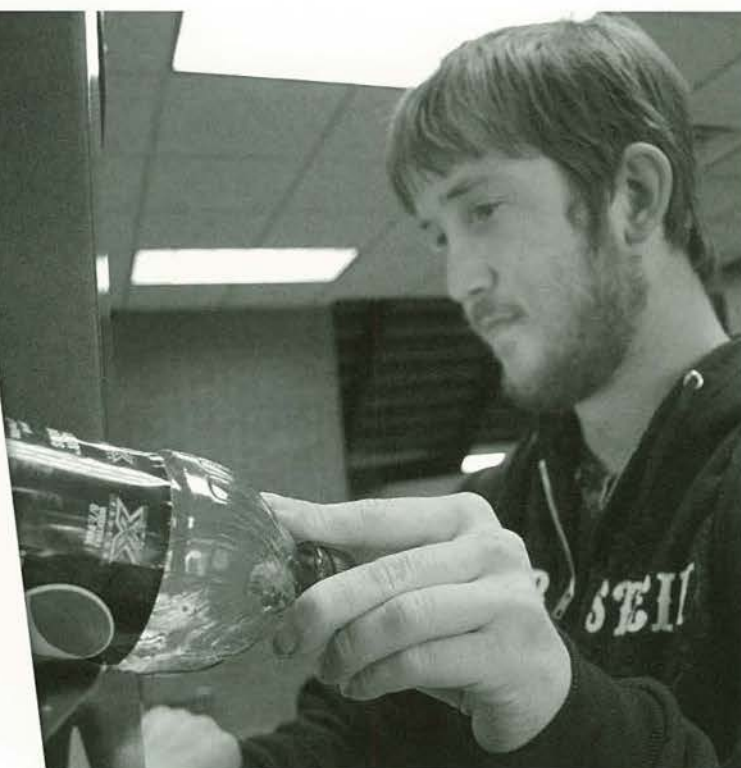
Scott believed that while other colleges in the area had recycling programs, Missouri Western was one of the first to acquire the Dream Machines on campus.

Scott hoped that the machines would become more popular on campus so that the program might be expanded in the future.

While there are only two machines on campus right now, there is always the possibility of broadening the program.



Students received a card to keep track of their recycling points. The more points they acquired, the better prizes they received, such as movie theater gift cards. Photo by Amanda Fox



Above Right- Sophomore, Josh Carpenter, uses the Dream Machine. The Dream Machine was first introduced on campus in 2011. Photo by Amanda Fox

Above- The Dream Machines on campus are the only machines of this kind in St. Joseph. There are a total of 43 machines in Missouri and 1,036 in the United States. Photo by Amanda Fox



Two students from Haskell Indian Nations University dance. Their dance included hollering and performing to a single drum being played. Photo by Molly Thomas



A performer does the healing dance. Her outfit included vibrant colors, long fringe, and hand beaded boots. Photo by Molly Thomas

Above Center- Haskell University students execute their dance. Their outfits included pieces that hung from their clothing that produced sounds as they danced. Photo by Molly Thomas

Story by
Molly
Thomas

The Warriors' Dance



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The Multi Cultural Education Center hosted many cultural events, which allowed students to experience and become more knowledgeable about other cultures.

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Traditional dances such as, the healing, prairie chicken, fancy, grass, smoke and a social circle dance, were performed by the students of Haskell. Each Native American student spoke in their own tribal language and introduced themselves and their backgrounds.

Alden Spoonhunter, fancy dance world champion, performed his dance. Spoonhunter performed all over America and in other countries such as Germany.

The fancy dance is a very complex and athletic dance that includes an abundance of

spinning and jumping.

"Doing the two minute dance is like playing an entire basketball game into overtime," Spoonhunter said.

All of the dances performed included an assemblage of jumping and perplexing footwork.

Along with the dances, students told of the folklore that went along with the dances. Haskell University students told stories that originated from their native tribes.

Isaiah Stewart, who narrated the show, started off the evening with a traditional story about a crippled boy. The boy wanted to be like the other warriors so he dreamt of a place that would cure him. So together him and his grandfather followed the footsteps of the boys dream and low and behold, the boy was able to walk again.

Folklore such as this are passed down through generations of families and Native American tribes.

The traditional tribal dances

and folklore stories weren't the only piece of culture that the students of Haskell University shared. Charlie Lewis sang native songs and played the drum for all of the performances. Lewis was from California and of Paiute and Navajo descent.

The regalia were so unique and intricate that it was hard for the audience to keep their eyes off of the performers.

Eagle plumes, buckskin clothing and porcupine head dresses were the main pieces to the dancers bright and colorful beaded clothing.

The intricate regalia took at least a year for the dancers to make. Some performers say that they are never finished with their wardrobes. The regalia included different symbols that had to do with their different tribe's heritages such as trees, turtles and horses.

The evening was filled with unique stories, alluring dancing, colorful and outlandish wardrobes and native music.

na•tive a•mer•i•can

{a member of any of the aboriginal peoples of the western hemisphere}

Creating careers

Story by
Madison
Holmes

Missouri Western's CDC helped students find jobs around campus and the community and assisted them as well as alumni in finding a spot in the career they wanted to be a part of.

The core of every college student's educational dream lies in their greatest aspiration: being hired for the career they have sought after for years. The Career Development Center was available for each student or Griffon alumni as a tool to achieve this.

"The truth is, we have tools and resources to help students from the second they step on campus to the time they leave. We see students throughout the duration of their undergraduate time here at Western," said, program assistant, Claire Busby.

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"Our department is an essential division of Student Affairs. We equip students with skills such as interviewing, networking, resume writing and dressing for success," said Busby.

In order to help students achieve these goals, the CDC used one-on-one career advising techniques to determine the students' interests, talents, values, skills and personality type. These strategies were used to help the career advisor push the student or alumni in the right direction.

Advisors provided assessments for the students to take so their interests and work values could be established. The results from these tests were compiled by a career advisor to give further instruction to provide information on how to follow

up with a career path.

Students were able to find an opportunity through on-campus job fairs and recruitment from potential employers.

Mock interviews and resume critiques were held at the center in addition to all of the fairs and posters so that currently enrolled students and graduates were able to take full advantage of all their possible career options.

"[Students] can come to our office and pick out a brand new or gently used professional outfit. We have everything from ties, skirts, jackets, blouses, oxford shirts, shoes and slacks. Dressing for success truly boosts confidence when going into a job interview or networking event and helping students achieve that confidence is rewarding," said Busby.



The Missouri Western State University seal located just outside the Missouri Western Career Center in Eder Hall. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



This is an area with pamphlets about different career paths and job options. Students could pick these up to help them decide their future. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri

ca.reer

{ a field for or pursuit of consecutive progressive achievement especially in public, professional, or business life }



Deanna Griener signs in a student and answers questions while manning the front desk in the CDC office. Lots of students use the CDC each semester for references on resume writing, interview advice and job seeking tips. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri

Five Tips on Finding a Job

- 1) Have a up to date and clean resume.
- 2) Don't confine your job search to just the internet, contact the human resources department of companies you would like to work for to see if there are any job openings.
- 3) Network, Network, Network.
- 4) Research the companies you apply to so that you can be knowledgeable of the establishment during the interview.
- 5) Stay Positive!



An abundance of delicious flavored apples are available for purchase. There are also chocolate-covered fruits, pretzles, and chips along with fudge and boxed chocolates. Photo by Molly Thomas



Above- Storm Thompson preps cherries before dipping them in chocolate for a personal order. The busiest days of the year are around Valentine's Day. Photo by Molly Thomas

Top- Owner, Leslie Oberg and associate, Storm Thompson pour a fudge mixture onto a marble surface. They must first mix the fudge for twenty minutes in a coultender that is over 200 °F. Photo by Molly Thomas

The Business of CHOCOLATE

Story by
Alexa Adams

“Even if I could go back, I’d do the same thing.”

Leslie Oberg

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When looking at Missouri Western’s course catalog, Management 499 or Applied Entrepreneurship, seemed like just another class. But there was much more to it than homework and business plans.

This 2009 addition to the curriculum by Steve Craig, the founder of the Craig School of Business, gave business students the opportunity to actually get into business. The students enrolled in the class were assigned to create a business plan for a designated Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and evaluated on the presentation of their plan.

Students with the best plan would go on to own and manage their very own RMCF.

“I think that this class gives business students like myself a great opportunity where we not only learn about entrepreneurship and starting our own business but to actually be able to win the chance to start up an already developed franchise,” said, Sadie Naumann, a sophomore in the Craig School of Business.

The program flourished and the student’s who were winning the RMCF shops

were progressing better than expected, therefore the decision to expand the program was initiated.

Another addition to the program was the eligibility for business minors and graduates to enroll.

But the winners of the RMCF’s were not just handed an establishment and left to fend for themselves, MWSU continued to accommodate their business graduates.

The Missouri Western Craig School of Business provided support and resources for the MWSU alum managing the stores.

The professors answered questions, gave resources and offered expertise about business management to the graduates.

The program has provided business students with opportunities they would have never had dreamed of. Leslie Oberg was one of those students.

“Even if I could go back, I’d do the same thing,” said Oberg.

Oberg was one of the 2011 winners who managed a RMCF in Iowa before selling it to Isaac Collins in 2012 and buying the conjoined RMCF and Aspen Leaf Yogurt establishment in St. Joe.

Collins felt the same way as Oberg did about his experience with the program. He explained that owning his own business was tough work and required logging some long hours but that every minute was worth it.

“Owning your own business is very rewarding. You are constantly learning something new every single day,” said Collins. “The experience is amazing.”

Collins loved owning his own business. The Craig School of Business helped Collins achieve one of his lifelong dreams at a very young age.

This opportunity, however, was just the beginning. Steve Craig’s vision was to create entrepreneurs and the Craig School of Business not only granted MWSU students the opportunity to own and manage their own business but they also equipped their students with materials needed to begin their lives.

choc•o•la•tier
{a maker or seller of chocolate candy}

Story by
Madison
Holmes

Born to SERVE

"Veteran's Day is the day for everyone who was willing to stand in the gap of not knowing if they will be remembered on Memorial Day." - Patrick Kershaw

During Veterans Week, Missouri Western showed its appreciation by hosting Capt. Patrick Kershaw, commanding officer Navy Reserve Training Unit 180, as a special speaker for students and community members.

University President Robert Vartabedian introduced Kershaw to the public with a short speech about what it means to appreciate those who serve and protect our nation.

"This is a week in which we pause to thank them for all their services to our country. We honor their timeless mission to our country and to all of us," said Vartabedian.

Kershaw spoke not only of the Navy Reserve's idea of courage

and service to the United States, but also of all the services that our nations active and retired protectors provide for us.

During Kershaw's time on the floor, he spoke of his own personal experiences while being a commanding officer for the Navy Reserve and also shared stories of the people he met while out on duty.

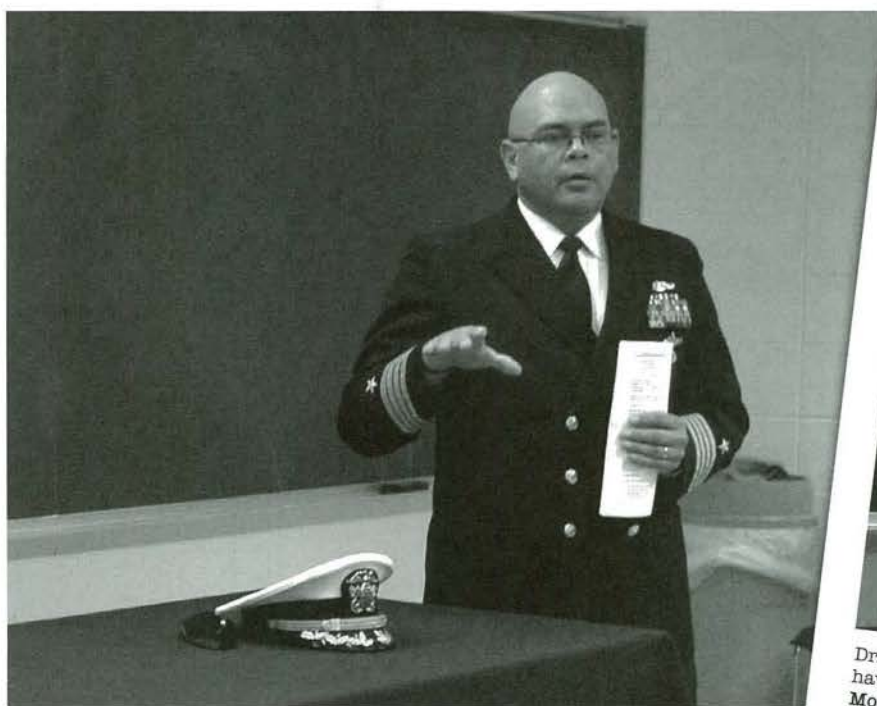
Most importantly, he spoke of what it means to veterans when they are thanked or appreciated, and why Veteran's Day is so important to celebrate.

"To many, Veteran's Day is a time to take a moment to think about the soldiers, sailors, Air Force and men and women who serve the cause of America and protect the rights we have fought hard to earn, but take

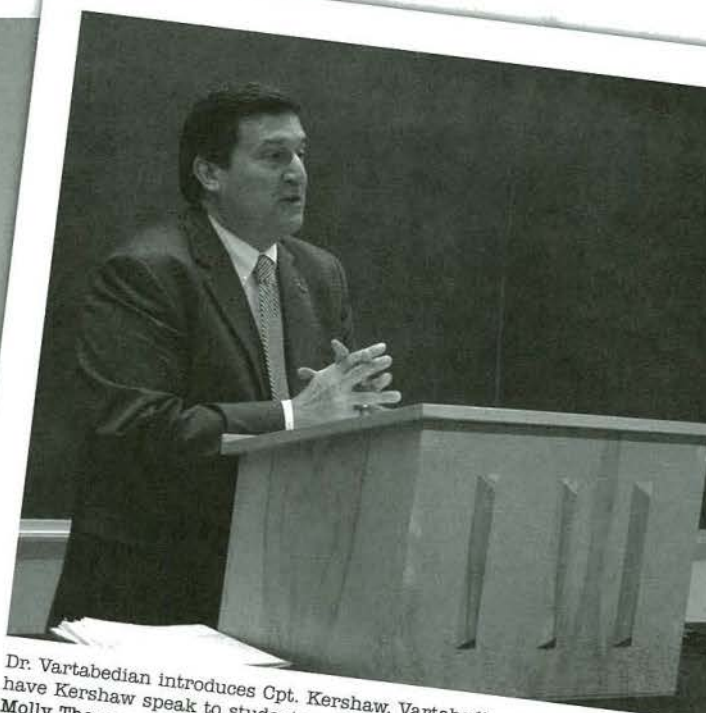
for granted," said Kershaw.

To him, the difference between simply acknowledging Veteran's Day as a separate holiday than Memorial Day is important enough.

"Veteran's Day is the day for everyone who was willing to stand in the gap of not knowing if they will be remembered on Memorial Day," he said. "A lot of times, I think about the vets of the Revolution and World War II and I am awestruck by their bravery and patriotism, but then I have to ground myself and remember they were just like us today. Just people who probably wanted to travel or wanted to go out and learn skills or see the world before they had to settle down into daily routines."



Captain Patrick Kershaw told his personal military story. Kershaw's passion for serving the country was obvious, for he became emotional at many points. Photo by Molly Thomas



Dr. Vartabedian introduces Cpt. Kershaw. Vartabedian was elated to have Kershaw speak to students and community members. Photo by Molly Thomas



A student shows a Marines recruiter, William F. Volinski, how many pull ups he can do. Military recruiters were set up in Blum throughout the year encouraging students to enlist. Photo by Amanda Fox

Bon Voyage to Learning

Story by Madison Holmes

The Study Abroad Fair presented choices for studying overseas or participating in an exchange program laid out for students.

Studying in a foreign country provided an interesting learning experience for everyone involved. Students were immersed in a completely new culture, language and time zone.

Missouri Western's Study Abroad and Exchange Programs provided students with the opportunity to travel to different countries and learn about different culture. Students could also study a specific medium such as the literature or music of that particular location.

The Study Abroad Fair presented choices for studying overseas or participating in an exchange program. Destinations included France, Germany, South Korea, Sweden, Mexico, Spain, England, Belize, Austria and even New York City.

The fair was organized into separate stations for each destination. These stations contained a computer that featured photographs of past Missouri Western students who went to that place, information

about the location, approximate cost, date and a tentative itinerary in a presentation. Televisions placed around the room played a collaboration of past student photos and basic information about the culture, language and destination opportunities.

"I want to [study abroad] because my family hosted a foreign exchange student my senior year of high school," said junior Camryn Peters. "I want the life experience of travelling to a new place. Plus, I want to go [to England] and see the famous Peter Pan statue."

Sign-up papers, professors and representatives for each country were at each destination station to answer any questions or concerns that a student may have had about the trips.

"I haven't decided between a summer in France or a week in London yet. They both sound fun to me, but I'm a little more tempted by France because it will also count for my language credits, and I already know

a little French," said, junior, Lindsey Lucas.

London captured the majority of students' attention. The station remained busy for a large portion of the fair. Assistant Professor of Theater, Don Lillie, was London's representative and faculty leader for the trip.

"All of the trips are during different times so there is one for everyone's schedule. All of the emphases are different for each trip, so not all of them are language focused. We will go to Shakespeare's Globe Theater, meet actors there, and also go to Shakespeare's burial site and see Anne Hathaway's home," Lillie said.

The trips ranged from just one week to an entire semester. The locations had different time options to provide students with as many opportunities as possible. The chance to travel to a new place and learn more about different cultures was an opportunity that many students were very interested in participating in.

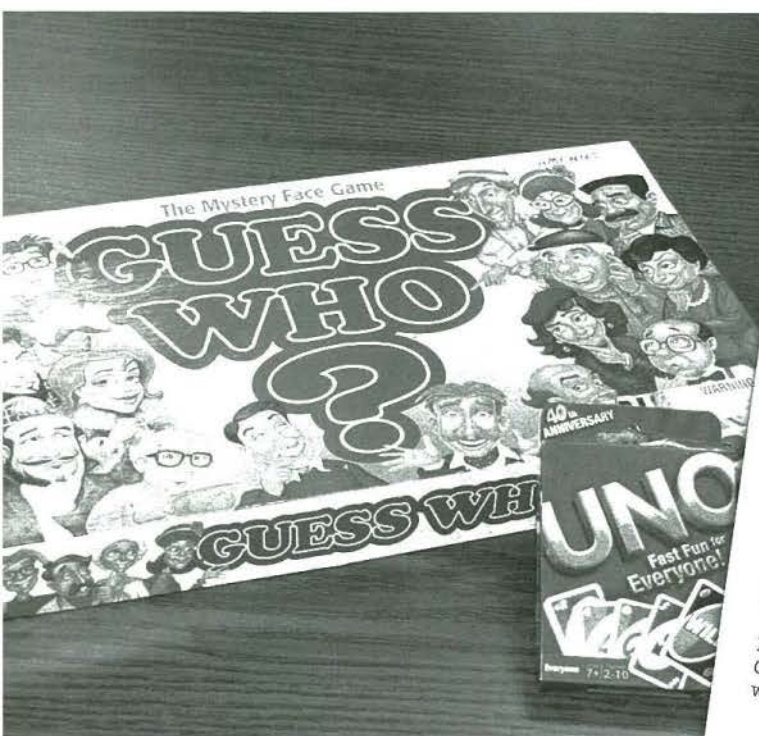
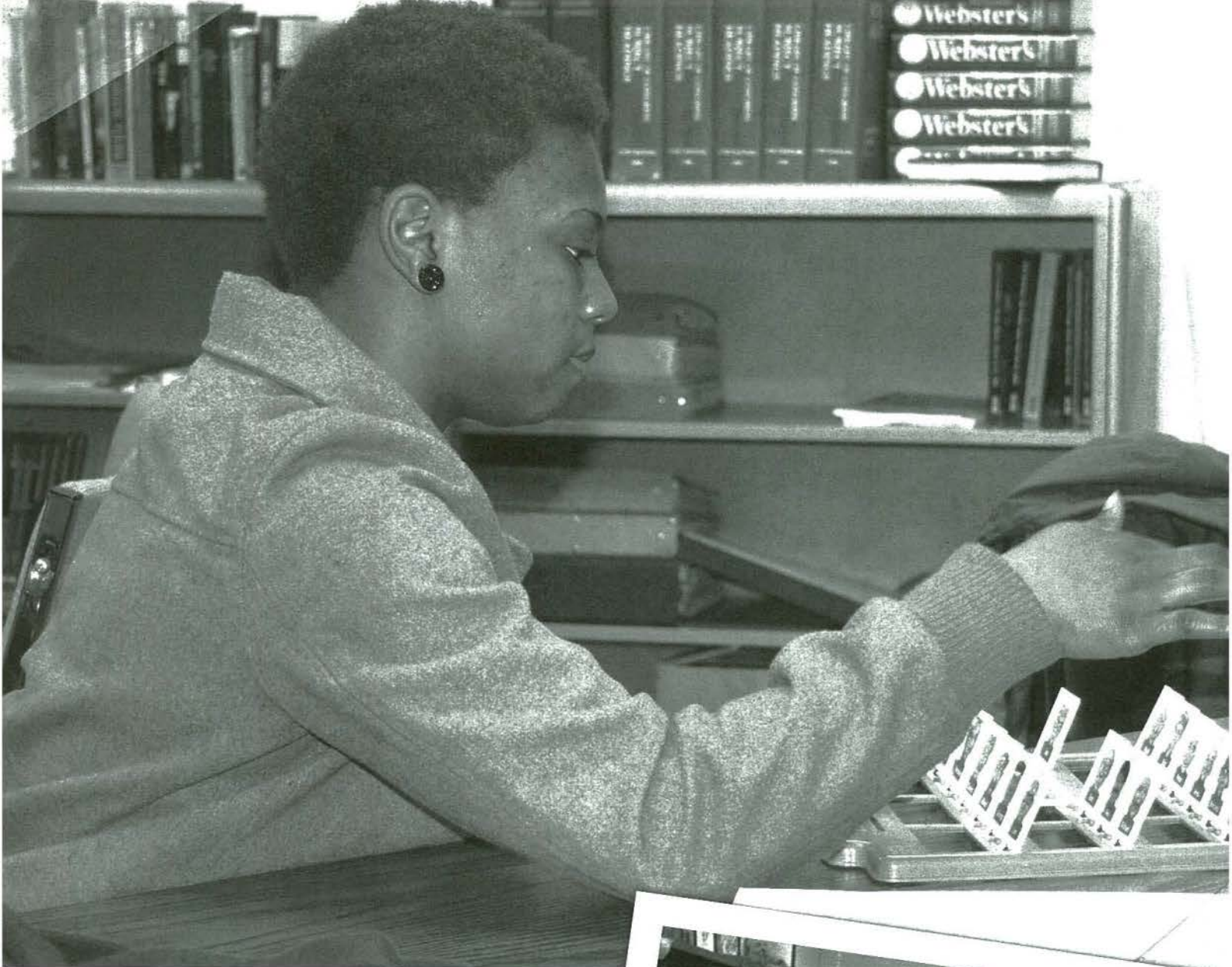


Todd Hickman speaks with a student about a trip to Germany and Austria. This course focused primarily on baroque and classical music composers of the Germany and Austria area. Photo by Molly Thomas



Above- Tables were set up for students and faculty to explore the different study abroad options that were offered. The study abroad program was offered to learn more about opportunities to study in new and interesting places, all while still continuing towards a degree. Photo by Molly Thomas

Top- Spanish teacher, Dr. Castilla Ortiz, gives information to freshman, Taylor McDaniel about the spring trip to Spain. The trip to Spain offered the opportunity for students to visit relevant cultural sites and deeper study the Spanish language. Photo by Molly Thomas



Kelsey Samenus and April Buntin challenge their wits with a intense game of Guess Who. Kelsey and April played the games and brought back many memories while they made new ones. Photo by Joyce Stevenson

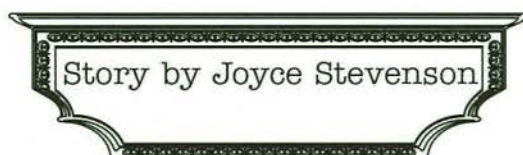
Above- The students can only speak Spanish while playing the games. This was both a challenge and a learning experience for them that showed the use of Spanish in other settings. Photo by Joyce Stevenson

Top- Students challenge their brains and their Spanish during this activity. This game got the students minds thinking outside the classroom setting. Photo by Joyce Stevenson

La Mesa



The Spanish club was an environment outside of the classroom where those who had a passion for the language could get together and converse with other Spanish-loving students.



The members of the Spanish table played 'Guess Who' and laughter echoed around the room as participants tried to make requests and responses in Spanish. The students helped each other remember the correct Spanish words for common things such as colors and gender.

"How do you say Yellow?" said Carlisha Abdullah, "Amarillo, like Amarillo, Texas," said Dr. Bausett-Page.

The goal of the Spanish club at Missouri Western was to foster and cultivate interest in the Spanish language. The Spanish club meetings were held bi-weekly to help students develop their Spanish speaking skills. Dr. Ana Bausett-Page, a Spanish professor and advisor led the club. An emphasis was placed on promoting a better understanding of the Hispanic language and culture. Many

activities were held that focused on interaction of students.

Cooking, art, crafts and dance demonstrations were held in order to involve students with an interest in the Spanish language. Guest speakers would come and give different Hispanic presentations.

There were also Spanish cinema nights as part of the International Film Series. A poetry night was held with students and guests, reading poetry in Spanish. Dr. Bausett-Page's mother even read some of her original poems to the members.

"We have a bi-weekly Spanish Table meeting to promote student involvement as well," Bausett-Page said.

The table meetings were attended by a variety of students. Junior, Kelsey Samenus, the president of the club, freshman, Carlisha Abdullah, the vice president

and junior, April Buntin, the secretary, led the meetings. New officers were elected each semester.

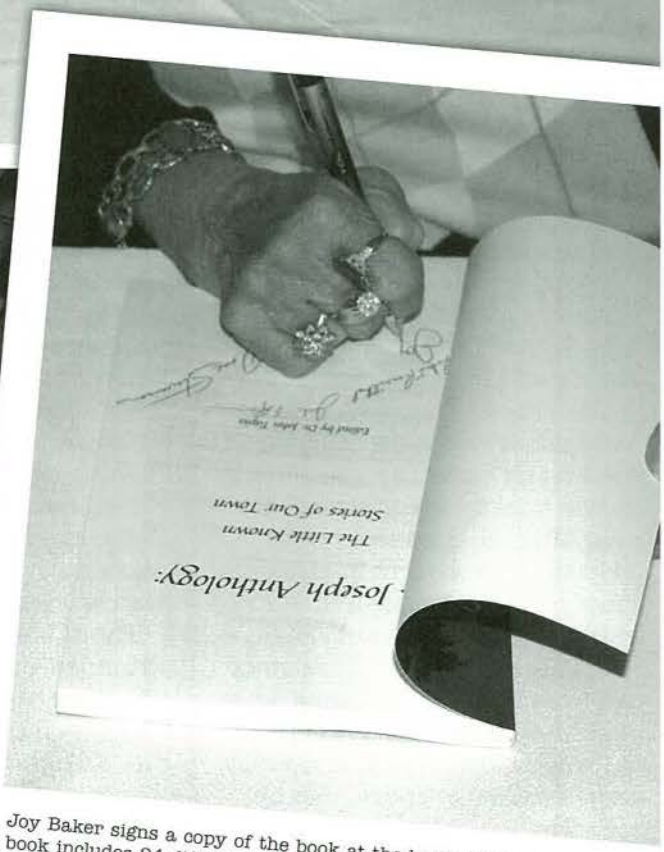
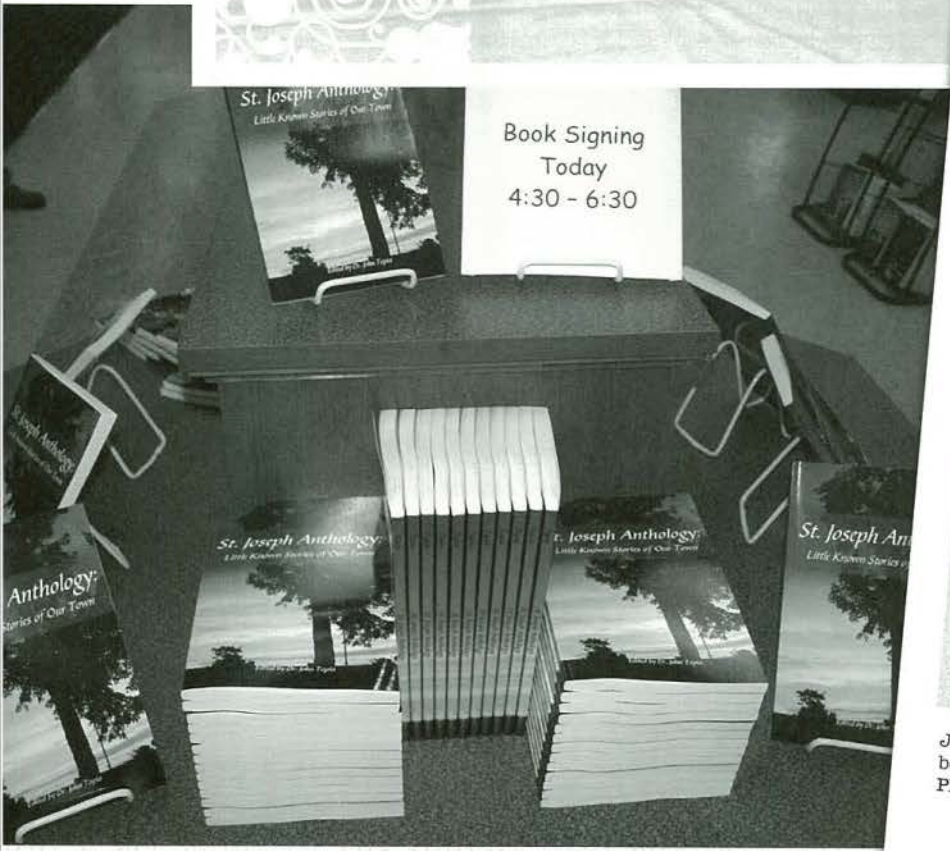
The club also celebrated Dia de los muertos, or Day of the Dead. Dr. Castilla, another Spanish professor, set up an example of an "alter de muertos," alter of the dead, and brought "pan de muerto," bread of the dead, for students to try.

Spanish had become the number two language, in the world and approximately one in every 10 U.S. residents spoke Spanish. This growth of Spanish proved that learning the language was a positive thing and the Spanish Club was the perfect place for students to learn.

The Spanish Club had been part of MWSU for many years and will continue to grow and evolve to meet the increasing need for Spanish speaking students and graduates.



John Tapia and Joy Baker signed copies of their book in Blum. The St. Joseph Anthology: Little Known Stories of Our Town was published by the collaborative efforts of multiple authors. Photo by Tiffany Bell



Joy Baker signs a copy of the book at the book signing in Blum. The book includes 24 different stories about the history of St. Joseph. Photo by Tiffany Bell

The cover of The St. Joseph Anthology features a picture of the former site of the former Mayor, M. Jeff Thompson, whom presided over the ceremony initiating the first ride of the Pony Express on April 3, 1860. The book gets readers acquainted with many St. Joseph sites and discuss the historical and cultural significance of the sites. Photo by Tiffany Bell

Revealing History

Story by
Adam
Euchner

The idea for the book came from a class that Tapia taught in the spring of 2010. The class focused on the history and significance of St. Joe and as the class continued and students began sharing little-known stories about the town, Tapia thought they should be recorded and put to print.

THE
Academics

When people think about what made St. Joseph famous they would bring up the Pony Express. A book, released on Thursday, Nov 8th, aimed to do the exact opposite.

The St. Joseph Anthology: Little Known Stories of Our Town was a collaborative effort between Missouri Western communications professor, John Tapia and 16 other local individuals. It was meant to showcase the more obscure but still interesting anecdotes in the history of St. Joseph.

The idea for the book came from a class that Tapia taught in the spring of 2010. The class focused on the history and significance of St. Joe and as the class continued and students began sharing little-known stories about the town,

Tapia thought they should be recorded and put to print. As the students shared these stories, word spread through the town about the project and many local citizens joined the class and shared their own stories.

"We really wanted to focus on stories and historical events that your average person had never heard about. You definitely won't find any stories about the Pony Express in this book," said Tapia. "Each of the 16 contributors wrote a chapter in the book on something different."

Some of the stories included in the book were about Fort Smith, a Union fortification established at the beginning of the Civil War, as well as famous historical houses and, of course, the infamous

Madam of St. Joseph.

"The Madam of St. Joseph was at the height of her business in the 1920s and 30s and if you go to the Patee House here in town you can actually see some of the tokens that she minted herself that were redeemable for services at her brothel," said Information Services Librarian, Jim Mulder.

Mulder was not involved in the writing of the book but was in attendance at the book signing that took place in front of the bookstore in Blum Union. He bought a copy of the book and had all the authors autograph it for the MWSU library holdings.

The book took over two years to complete. Some of the authors included MWSU students, local historians, residents and Tapia himself.

an•thol•o•gy

{a collection of selected literary pieces or passages or works of art or music}

Dia de los Muertos

Story by Madison Holmes

Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is less a celebration of scary ghouls and creatures or candy and more a celebration focused on the dead and the kind of life that they had.

While Halloween is the most dominant after-life and thrill-related holiday in the United States, Dia de los Muertos is celebrated in many countries such as Mexico, Spain, and Bolivia.

"I like this holiday. I've been celebrating it for six years and we set up altars each year. I've even gone to museums in Kansas City to celebrate," said sophomore Toni Britt.

Dia de los muertos is less of a celebration of scary ghouls, creatures or candy. It's more of a celebration focused on the dead and the kind of life that they had lived. It is a series of days that begins on Oct. 31 and runs through Nov. 2. The first day is titled Dia de los Innocents or All Saints Day, a day dedicated to remembering those lost at a young age. The second day is the traditional Day of the Dead or All Souls Day in which the lives of

all family members and close friends who have passed are celebrated.

"Many people choose to make altars to honor those who have passed. Their photographs are placed on the altar along with items that person liked while they were alive. So things like a musical instrument, game or food they enjoyed eating," said assistant professor of Spanish, Ana Bausset-Page.

Western's Spanish Club celebration of this holiday was complete with altars, bunuelos de viento, which are small pastries. Festive sculptures of Catrina, the cartoon skeleton representative of the holiday were placed around the room.

"I'm minoring in Spanish and I celebrate it every year with the class I am in," said freshman Tonya Vargo.

The Spanish club set up altars to remember Eva Peron, a notable women's

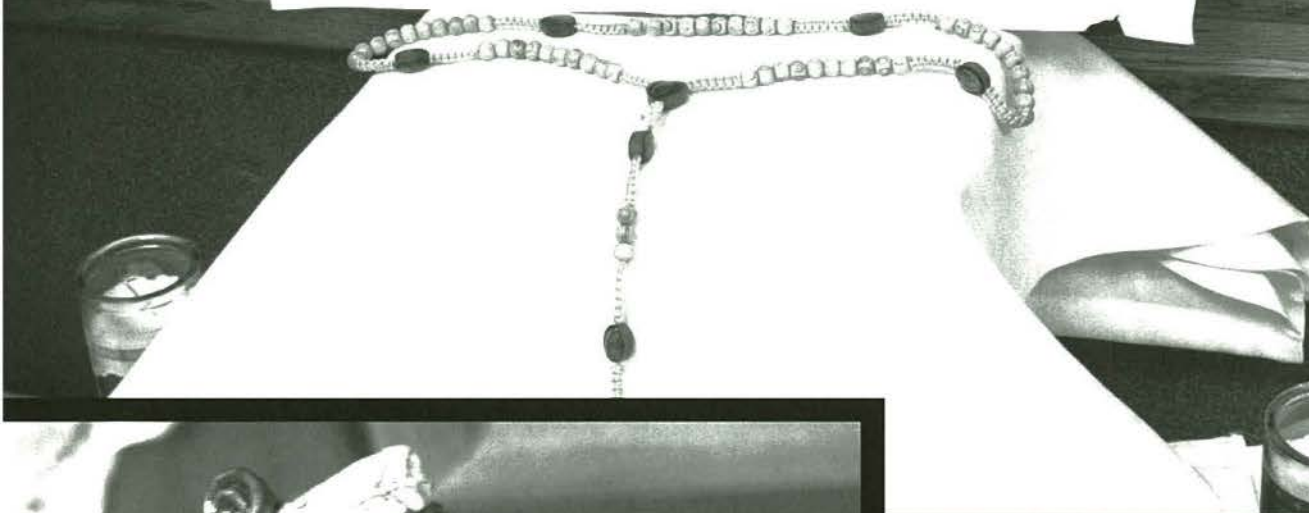
activist and wife of President Juan Peron of Argentina.

These altars are set up near the gravestone or on a large table at the home so they are the centerpiece of the festivities. Candles are placed on the altars to provide a lit pathway for the dead to follow back their loved ones, while marigolds surround the person's photograph to scare away bad spirits. Soap and water are set up on the altar to provide the spirit a way to bathe after their long journey to join the living on this special day.

"Everything on the altar is symbolic," said assistant professor of Spanish, Francisco Castilla Ortiz.

The Spanish Club once again enriched the lives of Western students by celebrating the holiday.

The event taught students to celebrate the life of those who have passed.



Above- Alters were set up by the Spanish club to remember Eva Peron and Juan Peron. The Peron's were extremely notable characters in Spanish history. Photo by Seth Campbell

Below- A sculpture of the iconic Catrina, whom represents the holiday, was placed around the room for the Spanish Club's celebration. The Catrina figure has been around for more than 100 years. Photo by Seth Campbell

Assistant professor of Spanish, Francisco Castilla Ortiz, presents information at the Day of the Dead celebration. The Spanish club celebrates this event every year. Photo by Seth Campbell

Remembering HISTORY



Black History Month at Missouri Western was capped off by the Second Annual Black Heritage Scholarship Ball. This event was put on by the Black Student Union on February 27 in Blum Union.

Western had strived to make its students more culturally aware. Being knowledgeable of family history was great for a person to be aware about. However, obtaining knowledge about their racial background provided a prideful feeling that the organizations wanted the student body to possess. A priority for cultural awareness was Black History Month.

"The events that have been put on have been great," freshman, Jacoby Hawkins said. "It really let you know how important Black History should be not only to me but to my entire race."

One of the main events for Black History month was guest speaker, Gregory Gibson-Kenney. He spoke about a cultural icon, Rosa Parks, and what

happened that helped jump start a generational movement. His speech could not have happened without the help of the St. Joseph downtown library.

"I got on the bus one block before she did on the day it happened," Gibson-Kenney said.

Rosa Parks would have turned 100 years old, and remains a figure that cannot be forgotten in Black History.

Another event put on was Black History Jeopardy. The event was a student-based and organized by the Black Student Union along with Delta Sigma Theta. Two of the main contributors that put this event together were Chassidy Canada, member of Delta Sigma Theta, and first Vice President of the Black Student Union, Rodney Roberts. The event contained Black History questions that

allowed selected participants to answer throughout the night. This allowed students to gain knowledge of the history as well helping them remember about how far society has advanced in regards to Black History.

"This is just reminding people, you know the struggle and to not take things for granted, remember your history," Canada said.

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Photo by Joyce Stevenson

Story
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Campbell

& the Beat Goes On...



The band perched in visitor bleachers of football games, they wailed and yelled humorous things at opposing teams.

Thousands of Missouri Western students experienced the Golden Griffon Marching Band at home football games but that wasn't the only place the band provided entertainment. They worked hard rehearsing and performing for events such as the Homecoming Parade, Tournament of Champions and the Southside Parade.

The band perched in visitor bleachers of football games, they wailed and yelled humorous things at opposing teams.

"When we see a football player with a mullet, we yell the guy's number," senior music major Jamie Haffner said.

Amongst the marching of the band students, students would see twirling arrays of hues, as the color guard performed alongside them. They were also at the Southside Parade, pep rallies and every home football game.

Junior music education major and color guard captain, Hayleigh Albers, helped come up with the routines and held auditions to determine who made the color guard team. She sought members with high school color guard experience and taught the girls more complicated moves, making sure they were all synchronized and in time.

"My favorite was the homecoming routine since we got to pick the song for pep

rally," Albers said.

Unfortunately the Homecoming Parade was canceled due to a terrible rainstorm. The band and color guard had anticipated a march with some of the high school bands from the four-state area. The high school bands were lined in front of City Hall five minutes prior to the parade's start time when the downpour started.

"We rehearsed a lot for the homecoming parade, so it was a bit of a let down," Matt Musselman said, a senior music major.

However, the drum line still performed their indoor show. The show was based off selections from the band, "Blood Sweat and Tears," and featured vocal soloist and junior music major, Garret Jones. MWSU alumni Cliff Walker, who was a world-class tenor champion for the professional marching band of the Drum Corp International, wrote the music.

"This was probably the hardest show for drumline," said Musselman.

Color guard was also able to perform some of their routines at the pep rally, which was held the night before. This allowed the women to show off their routine one extra time before the big game.

The women of the color guard team were forced to focus work quickly. It was common for

the color guard to not receive music until a week before their performance.

"Even with all the stress, it's worth it in the end," said Alber.

The team developed new and original routines and hoped to acquire swing flags, which were two feet smaller than regular flags. The shorter flags allowed swifter movements.

"We are always seeking something everyone doesn't see everyday," Albers said.

Albers hoped to incorporate rifles into future routines as well. Rifles are heavier with less to grab on to, which presents a more difficult challenge.

The band also had the opportunity to march in front of thousands of people during the Southside Parade. The parade was a mainstay in the band schedule every year and provided great community exposure.

The Tournament of Champions, which was hosted by Missouri Western, invited greater Kansas City area high schools to compete for class placement trophies such as, "Outstanding Drum Major," "Outstanding Percussion" and "Grand Champion." The tournament offered an excellent exhibition and recruitment opportunity for the MWSU band. Both the marching band and color guard made a continuous effort to recruit and look to upholding their tradition.

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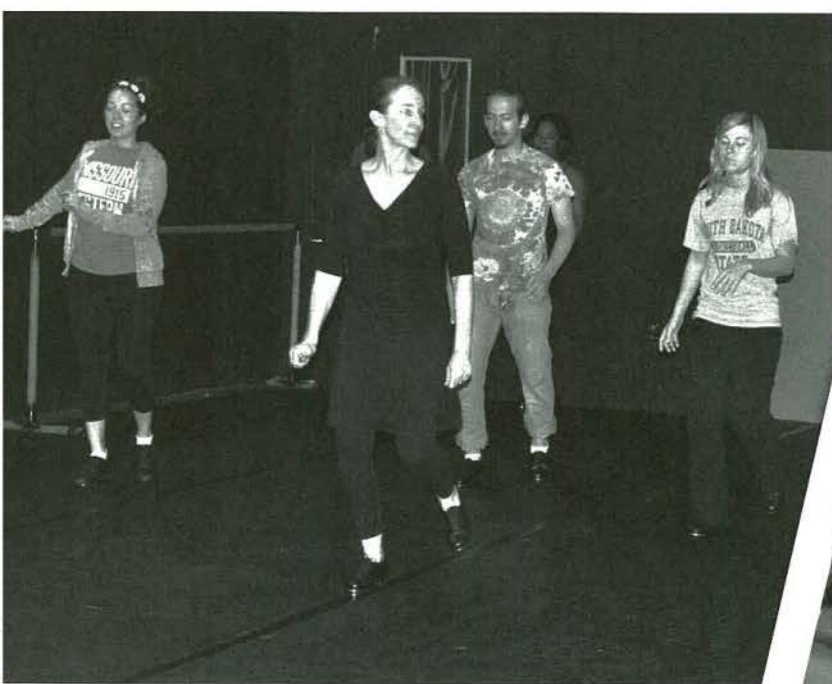
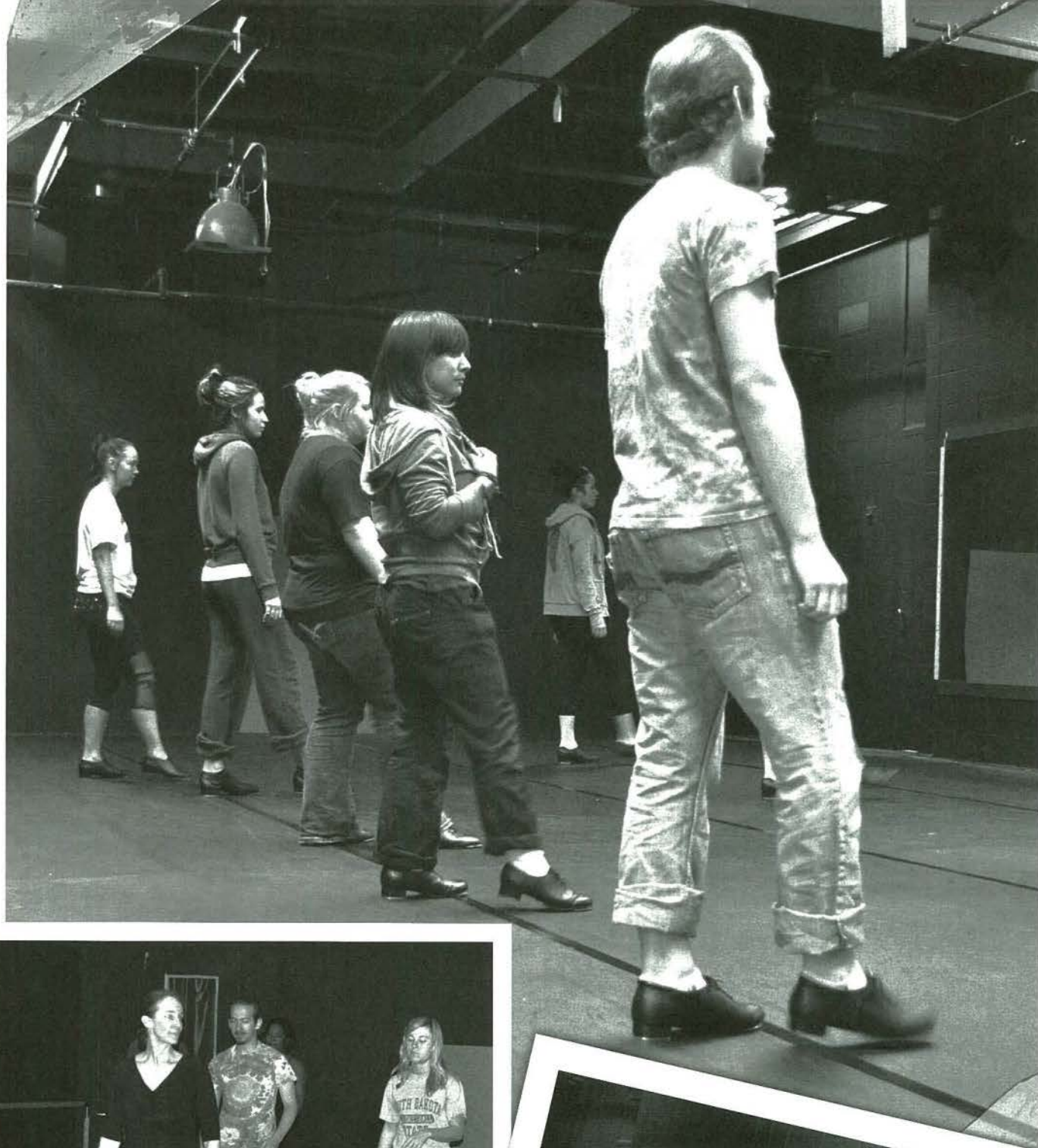
{a hand to hand twirl the makes the baton or mace rotate in front of the body.}



Dylan Bradshaw hits the notes as the flags team performs in the background. The marching band played at halftime for many of the sports. Photo by Molly Thomas

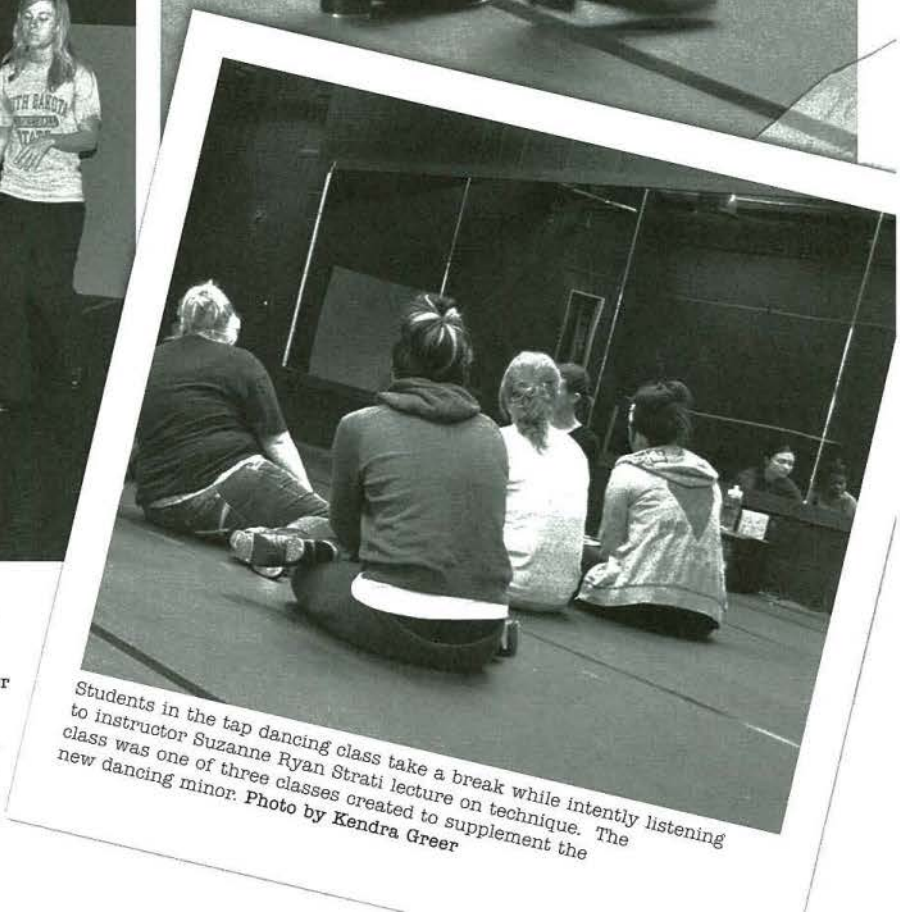
Above- The marching band practices year round. They were in many competitions during the course of the year. Photo by Molly Thomas

Top- During one of the biggest events of the year for flags, the clouds opened up and rained on their parade. Homecoming week was one of the flags most viewed performance that was canceled due to weather. Photo by Molly Thomas



Above- Nerissa Lee, Ian Fast and Lauryn Roberts follows along to the instructor's, Suzanne Ryan Strati, directions and lead. Strati was a new instructor at MWSU with a master's of fine arts from the University of Iowa and experience in professional dancing. Photo by Kendra Greer

Top- Students of the tap dancing class worm up for the day's session. The new dance classes were held in Potter Hall and on the Black Box stage. Photo by Kendra Greer



Students in the tap dancing class take a break while intently listening to instructor Suzanne Ryan Strati lecture on technique. The class was one of three classes created to supplement the new dancing minor. Photo by Kendra Greer

Foot Loose

Story by
Lindsey
Roberts

The new dance minor was created after an outcry from the student body wanting more variety was heard by administration.

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Academics

Slip on your tap shoes and breakout your jazz moves because for the first time Missouri Western offered a minor in dance beginning in the fall semester. Before the minor could be offered three new classes had to be added to the music department's curriculum to accommodate it.

These new classes were a general beginning dance class, Jazz Dance Techniques and Beginning Tap Dance. The Beginning dance class covered basic techniques and incorporated some ballet and modern dance as well. None of the new classes required prerequisites or previous dance experience.

The new classes also brought a new professor to MWSU, professional dancer Suzanne Ryan Strati, who was excited to help get the new program on its feet.

"The dance minor provides a variety of courses that will enable those working in future artistic fields to communicate with dancers and choreographers, to choreograph dances, and to have a broader education on dance, dance

history, and international cultures," Strati said. "Students who took dance at any age and miss it or students who have never had the opportunity to take concert dance classes have an opportunity to do so."

The new dance minor was created after an outcry from the student body wanting more variety was heard by administration. Surveys were sent out to students and the St. Joseph area to find out exactly how interested the community would be with adding dance classes to the Universities' ever growing list of classes offered.

Dr. Susan Carter, assistant dean of the college of liberal arts and sciences, explained some of the groundwork required to get the dance minor really going.

"The specific courses selected in the minor program were the result of two things, areas of interest indicated by the community," Carter said, "and on the university survey and the research of other schools, colleges, and universities that offer a dance minor degree."

Carter also talked about how even though only three classes

are required to fulfill the dance minor criteria there are nine other dance classes offered on campus. She encourages students to take more than the bare minimum to help make them a more rounded dancer.

The over all census of the student's reaction to the new classes and minor were positive. Junior Derek Thompson took both the jazz and tap classes in the spring semester and enjoyed both of them. Thompson explained his reasoning for choosing to pursue a minor in dance.

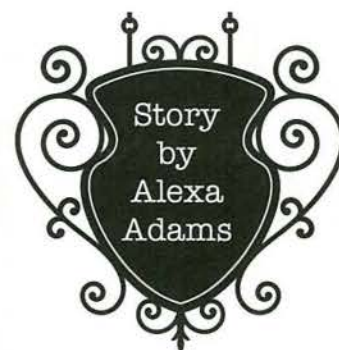
"I wanted to take dance because I do musical theatre and it would help me be more competitive when auditioning for shows that are dance-heavy," Thompson said.

The dance minor could be a wonderful addition to many degrees offered at MWSU other than just the ones offered in the Music Department and Theatre and Cinema program. Degrees coming from the Physical Education Department, the Education Department and many others could benefit from a minor like this.

poi•sson fish

{a position of the body in which the legs are crossed in the fifth position and held tightly together with the back arched.}

Learning to Samba



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The aroma of churrasco filled the air while the contagious beat of the congos resounded throughout the room and the dancers in their colorful costumes twirled about. Walking into Brazilian Cultura that night was like being teleported to Latin America. The event was organized by the Center for Multicultural Education in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The band 'Brazil,' composed of all Latin American natives, was showcased at the event.

"They were here a couple years ago and there was a good turnout," said Lisa Hamblen, interim student director of Student Engagement.

The band was magnificent. They brought the event to life with their Brazilian reggae and sambas. The band consisted of a guitar, bass guitar, traditional drum set, congos, triangle, tambourine and even a rebecca, a small Brazilian guitar.

"The atmosphere was electric," said sophomore Reed Mells.

As part of their performance they had two female samba

dancers on the floor enacting out traditional Brazilian dances, such as the samba. Soon students were being pulled onto the dance floor to learn some dance moves. Eventually the dance floor was filled with students and couples learning the samba and small children bouncing around.

"I didn't expect so many people to show up!" Hamblen said.

The turnout was phenomenal. So many people showed up that Hamblen was forced to set up more rows of chairs for students wanting to sit down and enjoy the music and food, which consisted of a few popular Brazilian hors d'oeuvres. The most fragrant of which was the churrasco, a type of pork barbecue accompanied with pão de queijo, Brazilian cheese bread. To wash it all down with was suco tropical, a Brazilian punch made of sweet milk, pineapple juice, orange juice and Sprite, which was a big hit.

The members of 'Brazil' not only entertained the crowd with their catchy tunes but they also narrated the event.

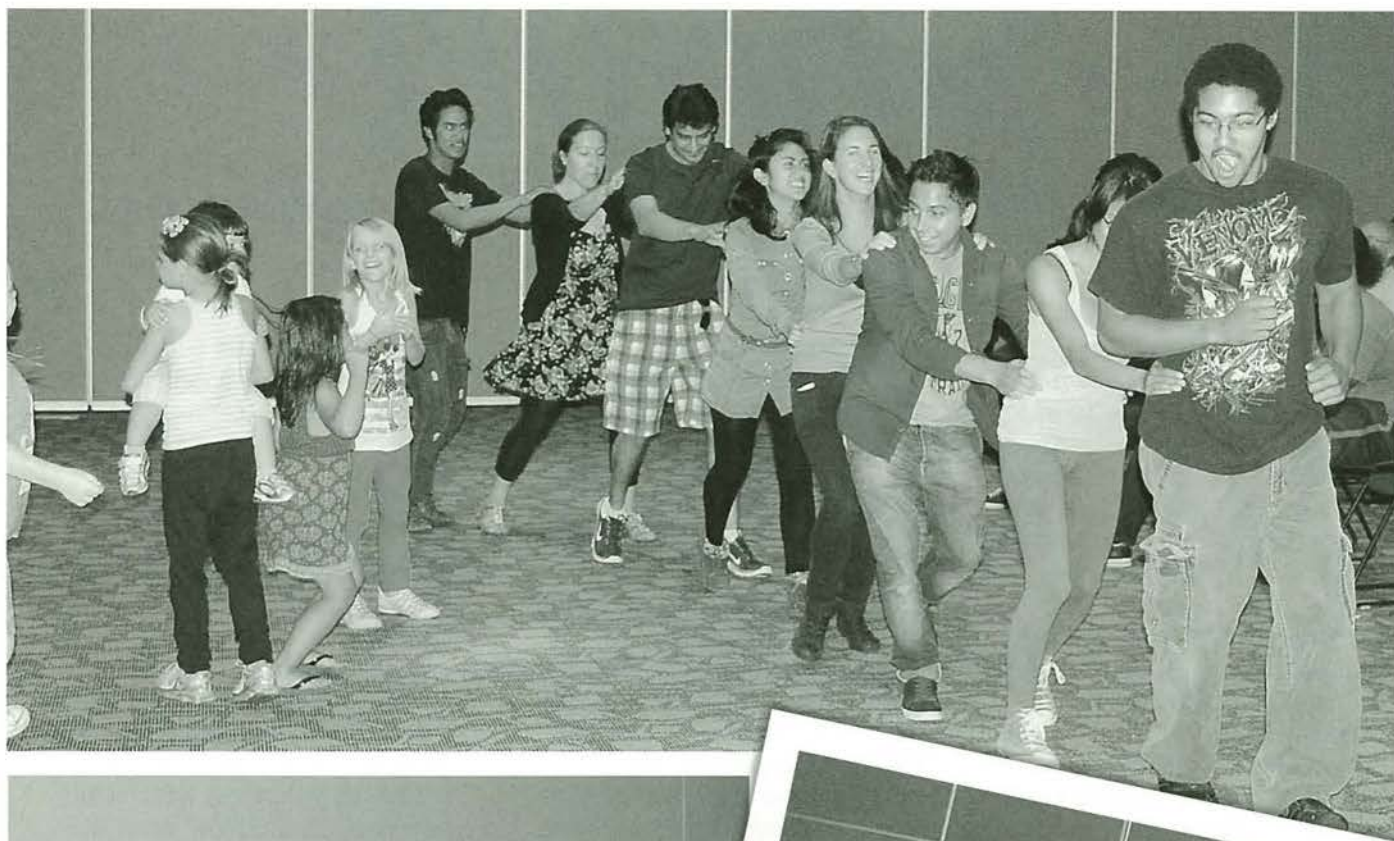
Informing students about the food, costumes and history of the dances that they were experiencing. One of the more flashy dances performed was based on the Latin American tradition of Carnival. The dancers were dressed colorful breaded tops and feathery bottoms, creating quite the attraction.

Although the dancers were astounding, the martial arts performers really stole the show.

They performed makulele and capoeira, Brazilian stick and machete dances, based off of martial arts. The performers entered the room clapping bamboo sticks together and later proceeded to pull out machetes and continue their dance fight.

"My favorite part was the martial arts with the machetes," said junior Derek Thompson, "They were awesome!"

This beautiful display of Brazilian culture helped open up the faculty and students' eyes to a world outside Missouri. They were able to experience the sound, taste and feel of Brazil, as if they were there themselves.

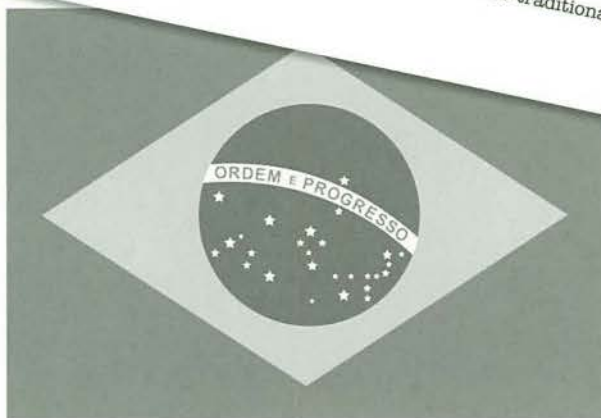


Top- Students formed a conga line and danced around the room. The band "Brazil" captures the essence of Latin American music. Photo By Gilbert Imiri

Above- A member of the band "Brazil" plays the percussion while the performers dance amongst the room. Beats from the Latin American music made students want to dance about. Photo By Gilbert Imiri



Performers do the samba in traditional costume. The samba is the traditional dance of Latin America. Photo By Gilbert Imiri



Story
by Seth
Campbell

Fluting Around

The regal dinner show began with a social hour, complete with a frothy cash bar.

Missouri Western students do not need a time machine to enjoy the magic of the Renaissance. Just before Thanksgiving, the fourth annual Lights and Tights concert transformed Fulkerson Center into a Renaissance square. That featured merriment from Western's Renaissance Singers, students and faculty of the Music Department.

The Renaissance Singers were a select choral ensemble made up of both music and non-music majors.

They learned the literature and performance practices of the Renaissance and early Baroque periods.

They performed several songs during the prepared Italian Renaissance Feast.

The Renaissance Singers worked on the show all semester long and Laurel Vartabedian played a vital part

in writing the script.

All the proceeds benefitted Missouri Western's Renaissance Singers, which was conducted by Roger Hale. Some of the elaborate costumes that were worn by the singers cost \$1,500 each.

"We would like to eventually provide scholarships for Renaissance Singers," said Hale.

The regal dinner show began with a social hour, complete with a frothy cash bar.

Lutes, and classical guitar ensembles were played while leaping lords, lovely ladies and hasty-witted jesters danced in a joyous circle, which encouraged audience members to join in.

Junior nursing major and music minor Lauren Robbins enjoyed being a part of Lights and Tights.

"I like how it showcases Renaissance in a dynamic way," Robbins said.

Senior music major Mark

Stone enjoyed the fun and educational experience and even wrote a couple of songs and humorous skits for Lights and Tights.

"The show was challenging musically. Both musical literacy and training offers a historical perspective to Western," said Stone.

"One parent came over to me and said she flew in from Illinois to watch her son perform, and that she plans to continue to attend even after her son graduates," said Hale. "From every comment I have heard, this has been their [the audience's] favorite year."

The celebration was even more copious than it had ever been. Over 170 guests attended, 50 more than the previous year making it the biggest show yet.

Hale hopes to continue the tradition and develop it for audiences to enjoy for years to come.



Students play their trumpets at the concert. Students not only learn about the Renaissance music, but also the history of the Renaissance period. Photo by Seth Campbell



Jacob Mills holds a puppet of a pig. Puppets and marionettes are common symbols of the Renaissance period. Photo by Seth Campbell



Teriq Newton plays the acoustic guitar for the audience. This year's attendance was the best in the history of the concert. Photo by Seth Campbell

re•nais•sance
{a movement or period of vigorous artistic and intellectual activity}

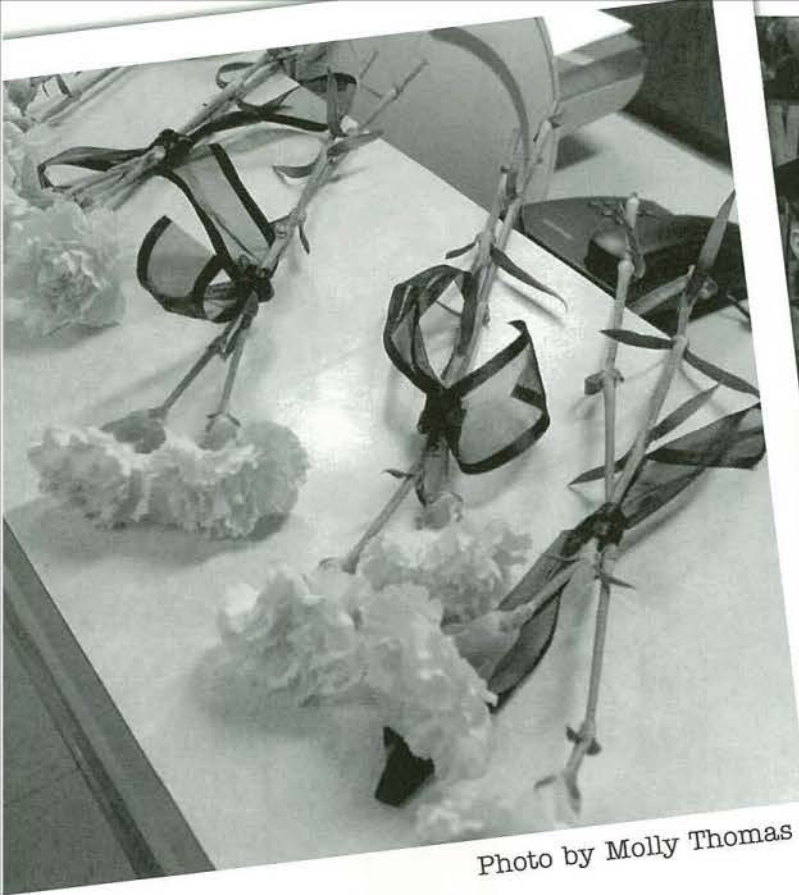


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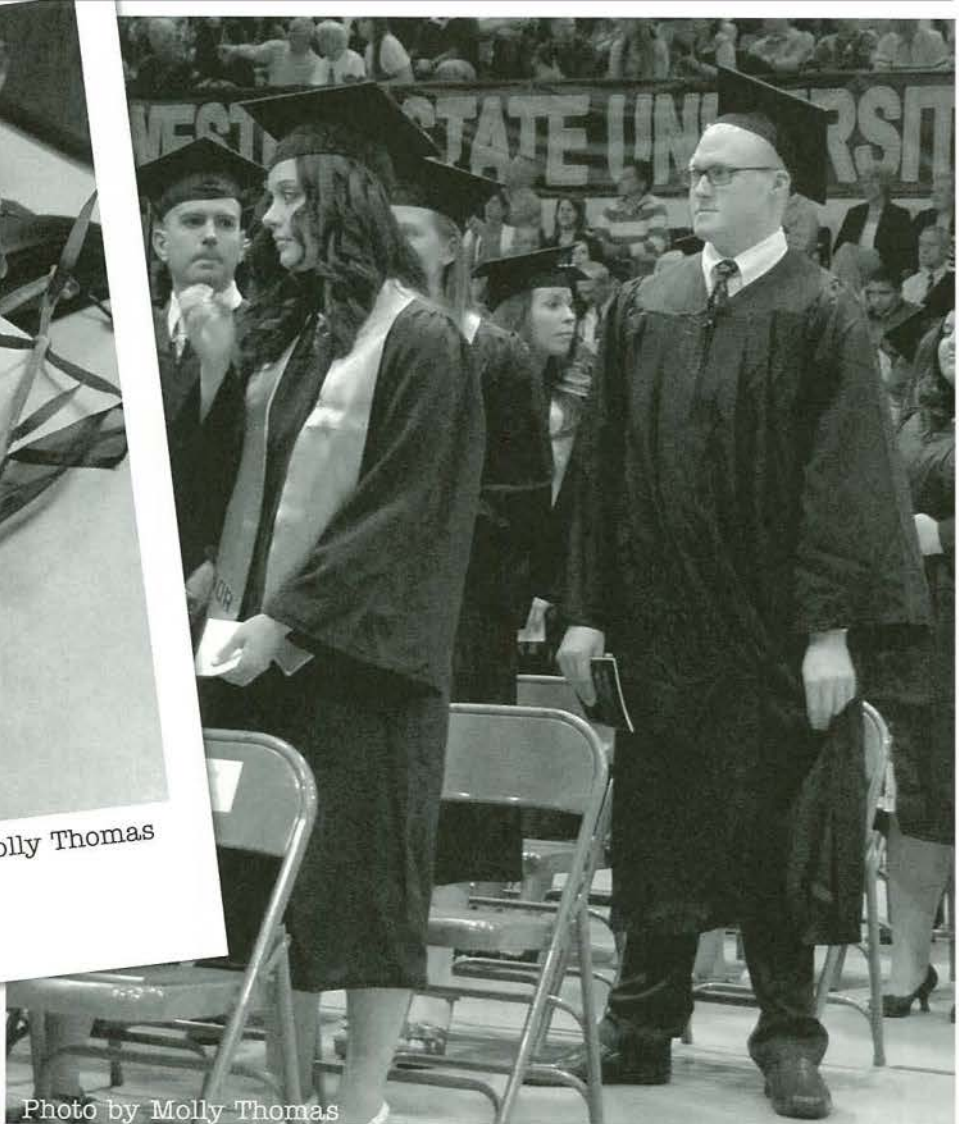


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Graduating into a New Future



"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind," -Dr. Seuss

Every college student looks forward to the day they can walk across that stage, shake the presidents hand and receive their diploma. This year wasn't any different, many students called their family and friends with the exciting news that they would be shuffling across the stage at the winter or spring ceremony.

The commencement ceremonies were split into two different times with a total of 500 graduates in the spring. The first ceremony was held for the Craig School of Business, Criminal Justice, Legal Studies, Social Work, Engineering Technology, Nursing, Physical Therapy Assistants, Psychology and Masters degrees in the previously listed programs. Nicole Kerr, an engineering technology graduate from Brisbane, Australia, delivered the commencement address.

"I can remember feeling really excited and nervous," said, Western alumni, Jeanna Ross. "My mom recited this to me when I was graduating high school and she said it when I graduated college I think it's perfect for any age with any accomplishment. 'Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind,' -Dr. Seuss.

The second commencement was held for the art, science, communications, math and journalism degrees as well as the Masters degrees. Quincy Hawkins, a physical education graduate from Kansas City, Mo., delivered the commencement address.

"My mom and dad didn't graduate with a four year degree so I think it was a big deal for them," said, convergent media spring graduate, Dave

Hon. "It definitely felt like a bigger deal for them."

Although the job field was still a bit sketchy for the out going grads many of them had alternative plans to further their education.

"It feels awesome to finally walk across the stage and achieve the greatest accomplishment of my life," said, animation winter graduate, Danny Janovec. "I plan on attending the Digital Media Grad Program at Missouri Western for the next two years and then start a new chapter in my life with my advanced education experience."

Missouri Western couldn't have been any more proud to send their recently graduated students off in to the world of jobs and advanced education. Congratulations and good luck in the future.

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{ a dangling ornament made by laying parallel a bunch of cords }
{ or threads of even length and fastening them at one end. }

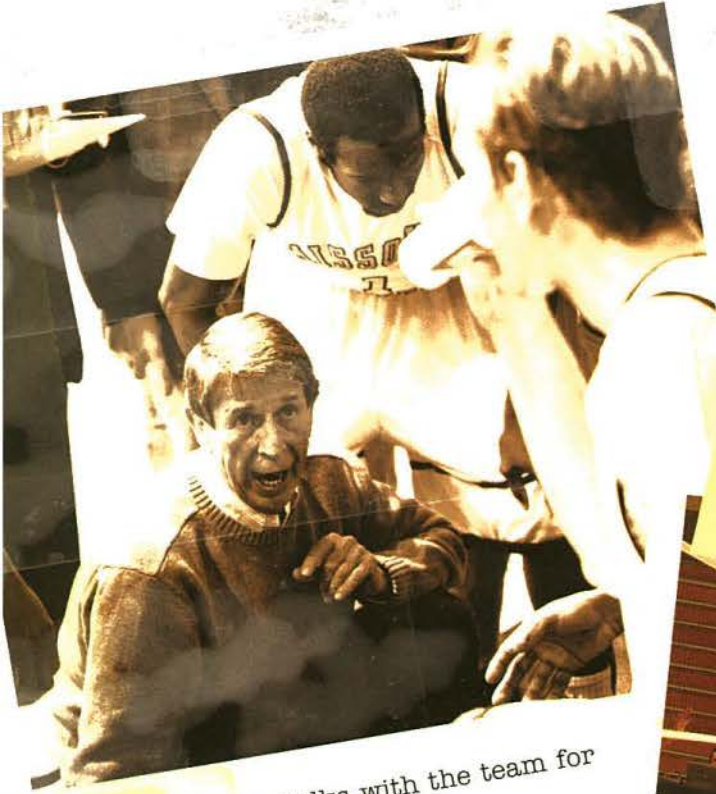


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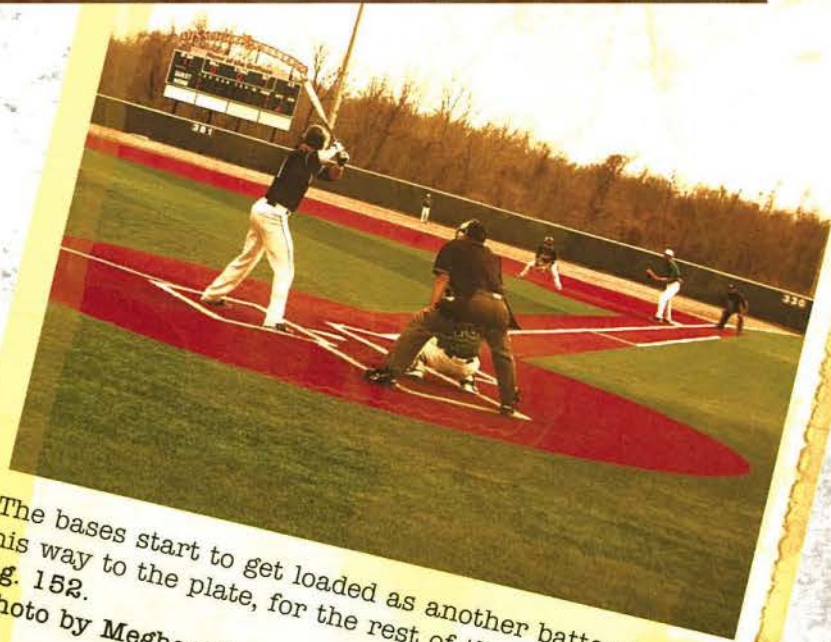
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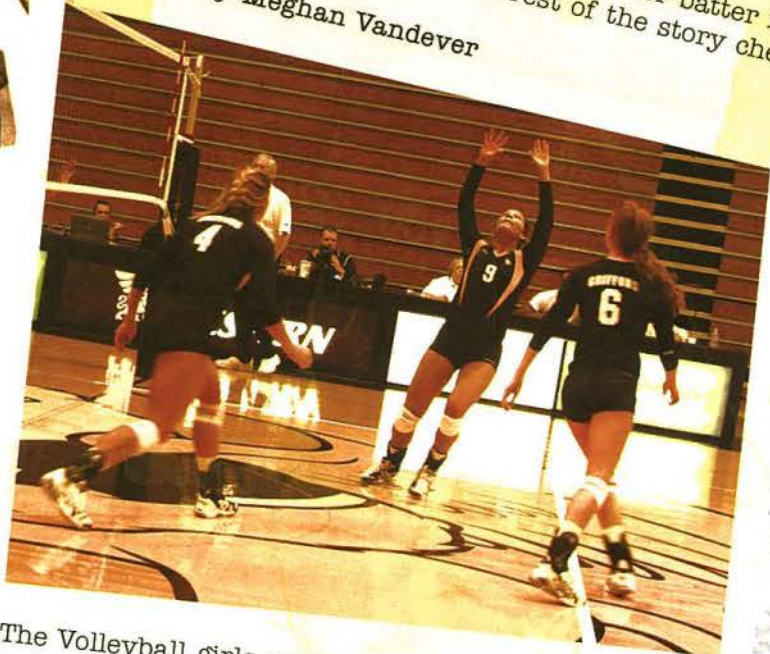
Mental or moral strength to venture, persevere and withstand danger; fear, or difficulty



Coach Tom Smith talks with the team for more check out pg. 139.
Photo taken by Trevor Berneking



The bases start to get loaded as another batter makes his way to the plate, for the rest of the story check out pg. 152.
Photo by Meghan Vandever



The Volleyball girls serve up another ball as they try to beat the opposing team check out how the season went on pg. 148.
Photo by Amanda Fox

Story
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Travis
Anderson

From Griffons to



Both players were lucky enough to receive an invitation an All-Star game where they were given the opportunity to compete against players from the larger Division I teams and prove themselves to the rest of the college football fans.

After a Historic 2012 football season, Missouri Western's captains, David Bass and Michel Hill were household names to those who followed the Griffon's team.

Their success on the field was acknowledged by many and resulted in the athletes receiving numerous post-season accolades. Hill and Bass were both a part of the first team all MIAA and multiple Division II all American teams. Hill also earned runner up for the best player in Division II as the Harlem Hill award finalist.

Both Hill and Bass had aspirations of perusing a career in the NFL. After being named two of the best players in Division II, it was time for them to show whether they could compete with the big names of the SEC and Big 12 in the NFL draft.

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Bass accepted an invitation to participate in the East versus West Shrine Bowl, a game that showcased the future NFL greats to benefit the Shiners hospital that cares for children up to 18 years old. Children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, cleft lip and palate were all eligible for treatment and received all services, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

Although Bass may not have had the stats that he was hoping for, he embarrassed the opposing tackles during the practice, which resulted in scouts comparing his style of play and body type to All-pro Defensive End for the San

Francisco 49'ers, Aldon Smith. His hustle and determination that he showed during the game and the dominance in practice did wonders for his draft stock.

Hill was invited to the Stars and Stripes Bowl, in Montgomery Alabama. The invitation was unexpected and was received very late but Hill did not let it hinder performance. He proved to the scouts that MIAA football was not a joke by accumulating 148 rushing yards and two touchdowns, naming him MVP. Throughout the game Hill showed his versatility by both catching and blocking. He embodied pure determination and pushed for the extra yard, breaking SEC tacklers like it was nothing.

"Coming in here I did not know what to expect from the Division I guys. I just know my conference is fast and physical and I came out to do what I had been preparing for during my whole high school and college career," said Hill. "It showed that we can come out and hang with them."

Bass ended up receiving an invite to the official draft combine, giving him the opportunity to impress scouts one more time before the draft. Even though Hill was not invited to the official combine he raised enough attention and impressed scouts enough that to it allowed students to continue to watch them on Sunday TV. Both players found their way to the AFC West, Bass being drafted with the 233 pick in the 7th round in the NFL draft to the Oakland Raiders. Team. Hill was not drafted but the chargers picked him up as a priority free agent and will join them in Camp.

Dr•a•ft

{the annual process in which the leading college players from across America are selected by the 32 NFL teams.}



FOOTBALL

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GRIFFON COUNTRY



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In 2012 the Griffon football team had the most successful season in Missouri Western history. It had a plethora of first time accomplishments, which the likes of Griff-nation had never witnessed before. These accomplishments included Western's first outright MIAA championship and the closest any team has come to the national championship.

For the seniors of the winningest class in school history, this season was much more than what fans could ever see. For many of the seniors this season was the last time they would ever put on their pads and tie up their cleats. Once the season was over the life of these young men began and that's one aspect that made this season that much more special.

The season started off strong with 38-26 win over conference opponent the

University of Central Missouri. UCM was just the first victim of the Griffon's six game winning streak. This string of wins led the players into their homecoming game against rival opponent Missouri Southern. The Griffons walked onto the field ranked 4th in the nation, the highest ranking received in Missouri Western football history. Unfortunately the Griffon's winning steak and fourth place ranking did not last due to the Griffon's homecoming loss against Missouri Southern.

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A week after the Griffons dropped the

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a confidential collection of a team's plays, including diagrams, strategies and terminologies.



The Griffon football team stands in silence as they prepare to sing the national anthem. The players did very well for the season, even having two of their players drafted to the NFL. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri

ball against Missouri Southern they had to play the previous year's national champion Pittsburg State University. Both teams were coming off a loss but the Griffons did not psych themselves out. Western

went into Pittsburg Kansas delivered another record to the Gorillas under the title of the worse home loss since 1914. The Griffons won 63-14, which for senior linebacker Dan Ritter was the most memorable part of the

season. "It's cliché to say but you never know who you are until you face adversity. We went out after a loss and beat the defending champions by 49 points on their field," said Ritter. "It was a tribute to the heart of this Griffons team."

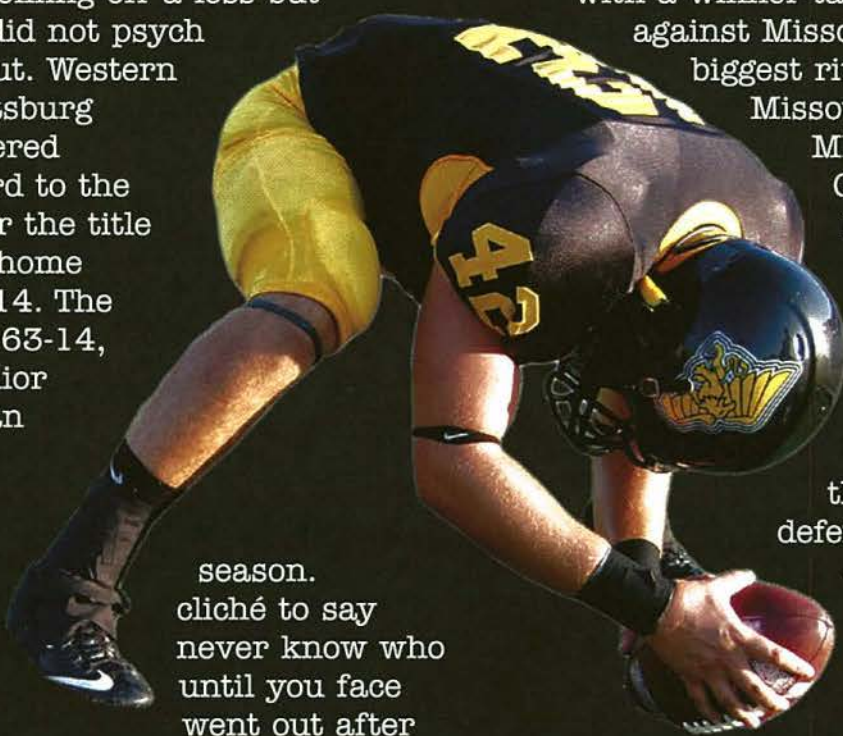
The next two weeks of the season

contained similar outcomes, blowing out both Emporia State University and Washburn. These wins set up the Griffons with a winner-takes-all match up against Missouri Western's biggest rival, Northwest

Missouri State, for the MIAA crown. The Griffons played the Bearcats in front of a sold-out crowd. The game began slowly with the Griffons trailing the Bearcats at half time. After the half the Griffon's defense became heros, allowing only one field goal and three-second half touchdowns, which brought in a 21-20 victory against

Northwest and Missouri Western their first outright MIAA championship.

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Griffons get into play before the whistle blows. This was the first year in at least five years that they made it to the MIAA. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri

The Griffons ended the regular season with a 10-1 record and a third season making the division II playoffs.

The next contest the Griffons competed in was a post-season match against the University of Minnesota Duluth. The team made history once again. Missouri Western pulled out the win in triple overtime on a failed two-point conversion attempt on Minnesota Duluth's part. This was the Griffon's first ever playoff victory and it gave the 2012 football team the title of most wins in a season.

However the Griffons were not finished with their historic run. They continued their journey by traveling to Arkadelphia, Ark. to battle the undefeated Henderson State University. The Readies left the game with a 45-21 loss, placing the Griffons one step further in their quest to earning a national title.

At this point there were only eight teams left. This put the Griffons only two wins away from a national championship title. The only thing standing in their way was their quarterfinal opponent, Minnesota State Mankato. The Griffons made the eight-hour trek north to what

was considered the biggest game in Missouri Western history. This game was a face off between Missouri Western's most prolific offenses and Mankato's most statistically dominant defenses. In this matchup the Mankato's defensive presence was quite evident, holding the Griffons coveted scoring offense to the lowest score they had all season. The game finished with a 17-10 heartbreak, which put an end to the Griffons hard fought season.

A look of disbelief covered the Griffon's stands and sidelines when it was realized that the seniors had played their last game in the black and yellow uniform. As disappointing as the loss against Mankato was this 2012 Griffon football team accomplished something no other Griffon team had and set a standard of excellence for years to come. Offensive linemen Josh Ferge stated that

"This season laid the foundation for future teams to be successful," said Griffon offensive lineman, Josh Ferge. "Now we know what this program is capable of and will keep building better and better teams."

shot•gun

{an offensive formation in which the quarterback takes a long snap from the center while standing five to seven yards behind the line of scrimmage }

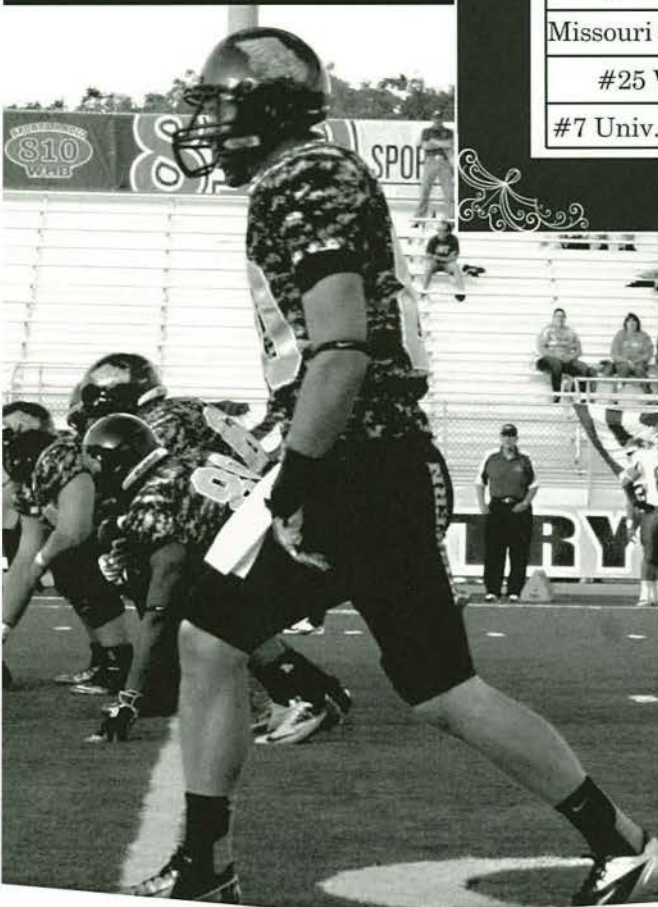


Missouri Western State University

Home

Away

Univ. of Central Missouri	W 38-26	Fort Hays State Univ.	W 21-3
William Jewell College (Mo.)	W 56-0	Northeastern State Univ.	W 45-31
Univ. of Nebraska Kearney	W 38-14	#7 Pittsburg State Univ.	W 63-14
Univ. of Central Oklahoma	W 45-23	#15 Emporia State Univ.	W 57-28
Missouri Southern State Univ.	L 30-31	#4 Northwest Mo. State Univ.	W 21-20
#25 Washburn Univ.	W 56-28	#6 Henderson State Univ.	W 45-21
#7 Univ. of Minnesota Duluth	W 57-55	#5 Minnesota State Univ.	L 10-17



Above- Cheerleaders ran across the field to get into position for a number. Without the support from the cheerleaders the sports teams would be without pep and cheer. Photo by Amanda Fox

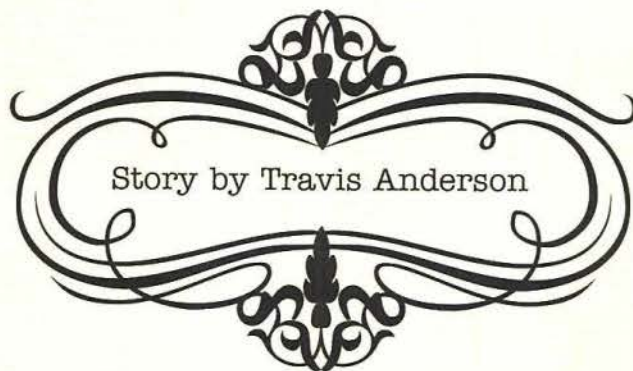
Top- The dance squad performed their usual half-time number. Many students look forward to seeing the girls dance. Photo by Molly Thomas

Left- Ben Pister struts across the field to get into position. The Griffons were pumped to play for the homecoming game. Photo by Seth Campbell

Junior, Austin Baska, gets ready for the next play. Leonard Wester, freshman, runs across the field. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri

Many students flocked to the stands during homecoming. Western showed great school spirit. Photo by Seth Campbell

Circle



Disc golf was the perfect sport for any broke college kid, and the convenience of it being on campus, students couldn't beat being able to spend time outdoors with a new exciting activity.

Lleave your clubs at home if you planned to go golfing on campus at Missouri Western. Having the only disc golf course in St. Joseph, Missouri Western provided students with a cheap enjoyable way to spend some time outside.

"It's a great way to get outside when the weather is nice and kill time with your buds," said Alec Ferbet.

Much like golf the object of disc golf is to get the disc in the hole with the least amount of throws. There are three different types of disc that perform differently, such as, drivers which are easy to identify because of their sharp beveled edge. They are also heavier around the edge of the disc allowing them to soar further.

Then mid-range discs have a slightly sharper edge that allows them to cut through the air. These discs are faster, more stable and have a longer range than a putter. Some players will use mid-ranges as drivers. This disc is typically good for first time players. And last but not least the putters; these are designed to fly straight, predictably, and very slowly compared to mid-

range discs and drivers. They are typically used for tight, controlled shots that are close to the basket, although some players use them for short drives where trees or other obstacles come into play.

The course was located just behind Spratt Stadium, and nine holes were added to make it a full 18-hole course with a variety of long, short, wooded and open holes.

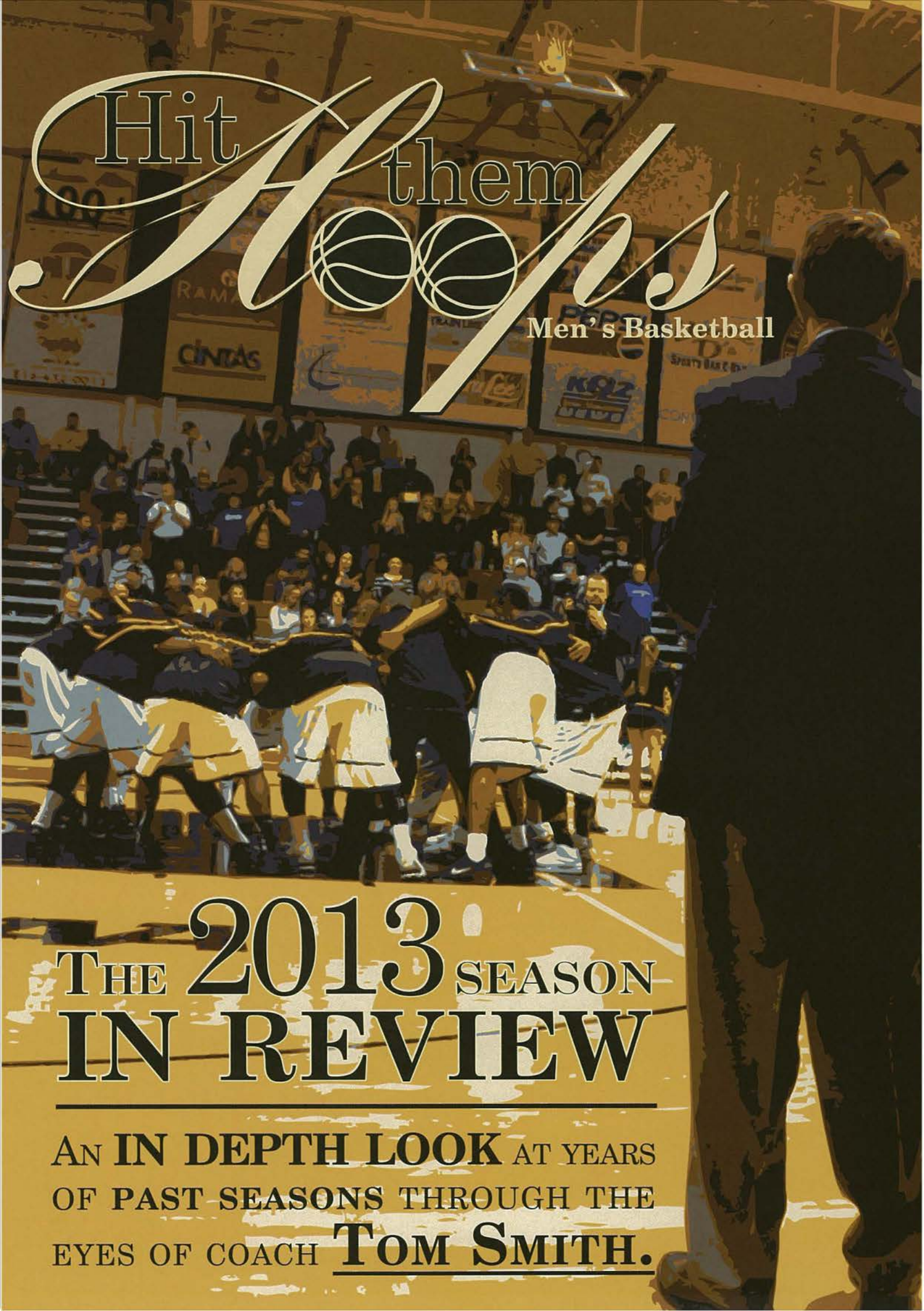
With the addition of the nine holes Western added in 2011, made it possible for intermural disc golf tournaments to take place each semester. This allowed students to put together their own teams and compete against each other for the crown of best disc golfer.

"It was great to come out and compete against other teams, we didn't win but we had a blast trying to," said Nate O'Neal.

Disc golf was the perfect sport for any broke college kid, and the convenience of it being on campus, students couldn't beat being able to spend time outdoors with a new exciting activity.

es•cape shot

{a shot used to get out of a poor lie or difficult situation}



Hit

them



Men's Basketball

THE 2013 SEASON IN REVIEW

AN IN DEPTH LOOK AT YEARS
OF PAST SEASONS THROUGH THE
EYES OF COACH TOM SMITH.

Story
by
Molly
Thomas

Retired & Ready

Coach Smith's journey to retirement

"I will miss the relationships that I have built with players more than anything else without question."

After 25 years of coaching at Missouri Western and a 72-58 win over Southwest Baptist University, head basketball coach, Tom Smith, decided to begin his retirement. Since the team earned the win against SBU, the legendary Coach Smith got to coach one last game during the MIAA tournament before his last season came to a close. Many past players came to celebrate Coach Smith's last game and even made a center-court appearance during halftime.

In 1988, Smith became the third head basketball coach in Griffon history. Ten years later, he became the most winning coach in the school's history. Coach Smith coached the Griffons to 11 NCAA Division II National Tournaments, five MIAA regular season championships and four MIAA postseason titles. While at Western, Smith was also named coach of the year twice. In 2011 Smith reached another milestone when he coached his 600th winning game. He was titled the 'winningest' coach in MIAA history as of 2013.

"When you do something for so long, it's hard to see the end," said Smith.

Smith had also brought a number of talented players to St. Joseph throughout his career, including the MIAA's 'Most Valuable Player,' Lamont Turner during the 2001-2002 seasons, and the MIAA 'Postseason Tournament Most Valuable Player,' Damon Bailey, during the 2002-2003 season. In all, Smith coached 49 All-MIAA selections at MWSU, 13 of them being first team

selections, and six All-Region/District selections.

"I will miss the relationships that I have built with players more than anything else without question," said Smith.

Smith expressed that he still planned on attending games, but looked forward to relaxing in the stands instead of worrying about who wins.

"The young men that are playing for him now will still be playing here next year, so he will want to watch them finish out," said Smith's wife and senior associate director of athletics, Patsy Smith.

Tom and his wife, Patsy, met while working at Missouri Western and were married for 15 years while they worked alongside each other in the athletic department. Patsy was always a huge supporter of Coach Smith and the basketball team. She never missed a home game and almost never missed an away game.

"Everywhere we go, people ask, what are you going to do now? His whole life has been coaching. It's all he's ever done," said Patsy Smith. "It will be fun watching games for once in my life with no dog in the hunt. I won't care who wins. Now it's like every game how will it affect us? I will be able to go to games and eat a bag of popcorn and not be sick."

Coach Tom Smith was not only a legend for Missouri Western, but was also a role model and mentor to all the players he had coached over the years and will be dearly missed.

cyl·in·der

{the imaginary area directly above the basket where
goaltending or basket interference can occur}



Photo submitted by Trevor Berneking

Photo by Kendra Greer

The Griffon



Missouri Western State University

Missouri State Univ.	L 67-81	#24 Northwest Missouri State Univ.	W 71-58
Livin the Dream	W 112-73	Lindenwood Univ.	L 69-78
Sterling College (Kan.)	W 75-44	Emporia State Univ.	L 60-71
William Jewell College (Mo.)	L 60-76	Univ. of Central Missouri	L 60-72
Rockhurst Univ.	W 60-45	Lincoln Univ.	W 61-59
Park Univ. (Mo.)	L 59-60	Pittsburg State Univ.	L 56-57
Rockhurst Univ.	W 63-35	Northeastern State Univ.	L 61-73
Univ. of Illinois Springfield	W 61-50	#17 Washburn Univ.	W 79-74
Truman State Univ.	L 69-71	#25 Washburn Univ.	L 52-56
Fort Hays State Univ.	L 74-84	Northwest Missouri State Univ.	L 52-59
Barry Univ.	L 64-68	Univ. of Nebraska at University	L 70-75
Lynn Univ.	L 80-88	Fort Hays State Univ.	L 57-73
Univ. of Central Oklahoma	W 78-77	Southwest Baptist Univ.	W 72-58
Missouri Southern State Univ.	L 69-95	Northwest Missouri State Univ.	L 46-66
Univ. of Nebraska at Kearney	W 75-64		

A Bright Future

Story
by
Blake
Haynes

They had a new head coach with Brett Weiberg coming into the program looking to make his mark on the team.

The Missouri Western Men's basketball team continued on the path to rebuilding for success during their season.

The Griffon's finished with an overall record of 10-17. They were 5-8 at home, 5-7 on the road and finished 0-2 at neutral sites.

Even though the team, coached by Tom Smith, did see some struggles throughout the season, some fans are excited about what the future holds for the program. This same excitement was felt as well by some of the returning players.

"The program will turn around, they are just in a new building mode is all," local fan Stuart Scott said. "I can't wait to see how the Mells kid will prepare for next season." Sophomore Reed Mells played as a guard for the Griffons the program had high hopes for him in the future seasons, especially in a leadership role.

The Griffon's only lost three seniors after the season ended, Perry Jackson, Dylan Frantz and Alex Tuluka-Mfumupembe. This means junior stand out Cedric Clinkscales will lead the future team back into play with some fan familiar faces.

Clinkscales led the team in many statistical categories including scoring with an average of 13.3 points per game and rebounding averaging

6.4 per game during the season. "Cedric is a great player," Mells said "He's tough, strong, and unselfish, I love playing with him."

Off-season work is what the team will look to continue to put their efforts for the future into.

The players as a whole feel as though this is where the rebuilding process must begin for them. They had a new head coach with Brett Weiberg coming into the program looking to make his mark on the team. Excepting what the new coach is passing them will be key to building a stronger team.

"The team as whole needs to buy into the new coaches system and work hard everyday," junior guard Adarius Fulton said.

The future of MWSU's men's program has some local fans chomping at the bit for next season to arrive already. They are excited to see what these returning players can develop into under new coaching.

"Future looks bright with our returning experienced players," local fan Vernie Coy

said. Although some fans may have felt that the as season did not go as planned, all is not lost. They need to take a step back and relax because the Griffons future season looks bright.



Photo by Molly Thomas

Challenges & Crossovers

Story by Blake Haynes

The talent is there with the young squad but preparation and hard work will be the key to success for the team in the future.

When looking at the season for the women's tennis team one may think it was a down year for the program. However head coach, Ron Selkirk, would say otherwise.

"We just had a young team," Selkirk said. "We are made up of mostly freshman and sophomores."

After starting the season off hot going 3-1 with wins over Morningside College, Mount Marty College and Baker University, the Griffons had a falling out for a while. The team ended up going on a twelve game losing streak that end with a big win against, what coach Ron Selkirk called, a "quality" team, Lindenwood University.

The win against Lindenwood was looked at as the biggest success for the season. Some of the Griffons that really stepped up their game for the season included, Denise Chiao, a freshman from Kansas City, Mo. that had a 5-7 HT, Ceara Boldridge, a sophomore from Overland Park, Kan. who had a 5-7 HT as well, Lindsey Berger, a freshman also from Overland Park that had a 5-7 HT and Kelley Cochran, a freshman from Buckner, Mo. who averaged a 5-6 HT.

"I won a lot of singles matches," said, sophomore, Ceara Boldridge. "As a team, we didn't do as well this season as we had hoped.

But the competition is really tough and we all did the best we could do."

These match players led the team to the big win for the Griffons. This seemed to jump-start the young team by lifting their spirits as well as building their confidence. Which led to a win against both Graceland University and Lincoln University.

"The girls played great down the stretch," said Lyle Smith, a local Western fan. "It looked as though Coach Selkirk has something to build on for next season."

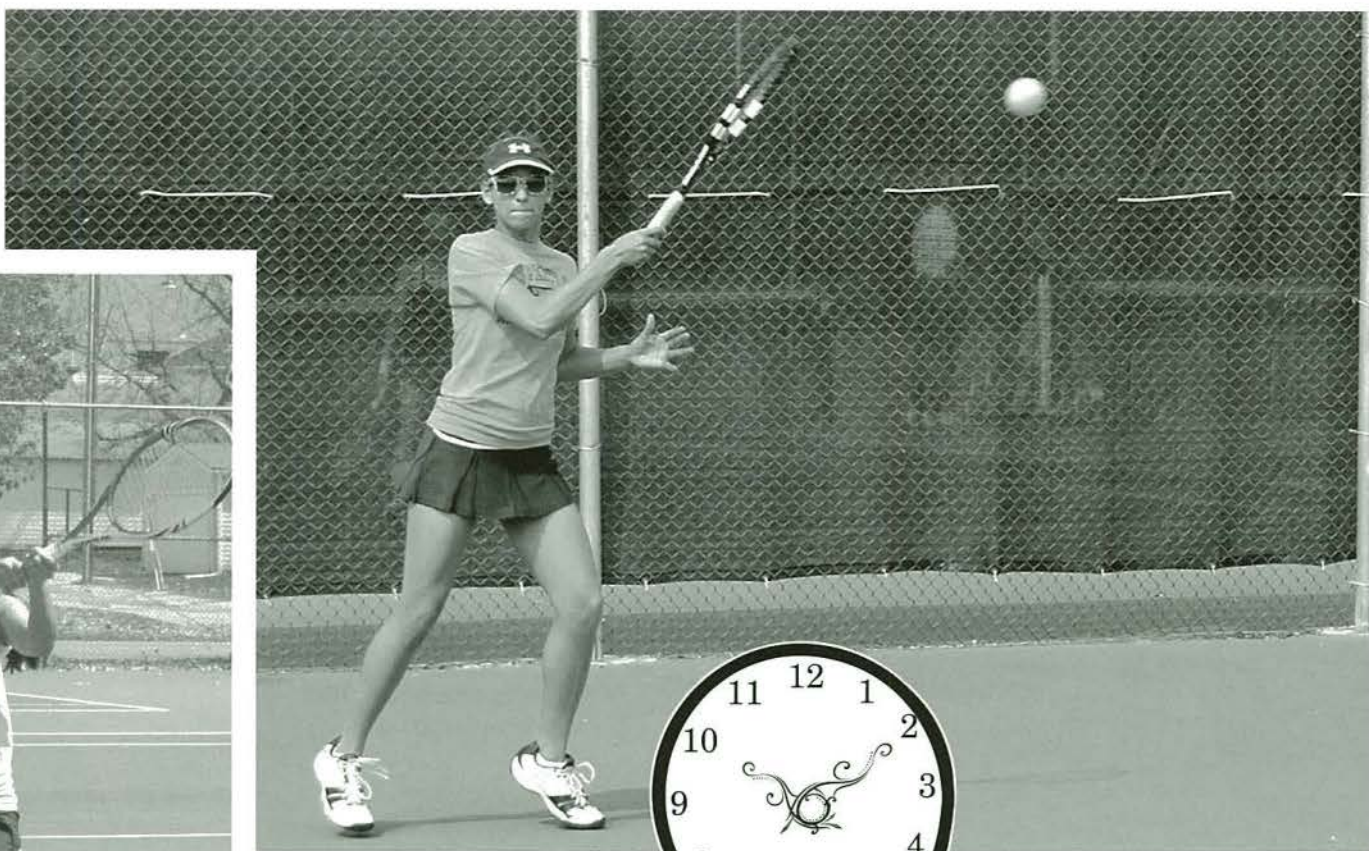
The young team started the season with seven freshmen, two sophomores and only one junior. The future looks bright for the Griffons; coach Ron Selkirk knows that all the players must continue to work hard for the team to keep improving, especially on their own individual games.

"We all get along very well as a team and have great chemistry, which to me, can be just as important as winning matches," said Boldridge. "I have no doubt that we are going to keep getting better and better each year."

Not only do they have to focus on becoming better players but also they must focus on keeping up with other teams and how they are performing. The talent is there with the young squad but preparation and hard work will be the key to success for the team in the future.

back•hand

{ a stroke made with the back of the hand }
{ turned in the direction of movement }



Meara Smith concentrates on the ball. Smith was a freshman from Kansas City, Mo. **Photo by Joyce Stevenson**

Above- Denise Chaio was only a freshman for the team. Chaio worked hard to make her team proud. **Photo by Molly Thomas**

Top- Denise Chaio hits a backhand ball. The lady Griffons team was mostly sophmores and freshmans. **Photo by Molly Thomas**

Missouri Western State University

Morningside College (Iowa)	W 6-3	Southwest Baptist Univ.	L 2-7
Univ. of South Dakota	L 0-9	Northwest Missouri State Univ.	L 1-8
Mount Marty College (S.D.)	W 7-2	Evangel Univ.	L 4-5
Baker Univ. (Kan.)	W 8-1	Emporia State Univ.	L 2-7
Graceland Univ. (Iowa)	L 3-6	Lindenwood Univ.	W 5-4
Northeastern State Univ.	L 0-9	Graceland Univ. (Iowa)	L 2-7
Univ. of Missouri- St. Louis	L 0-9	Lincoln Univ.	W 5-4
Johnson County Community College	L 4-5	William Jewell College (Mo.)	W 9-0
Fort Hays State Univ.	L 0-9	Washburn Univ.	L 1-8
Univ. of Nebraska at Kearney	L 0-9	Rockhurst Univ.	L 1-8
Univ. of Central Oklahoma	L 0-9	Baker Univ. (Kan.)	L 3-6
East Central Univ.	L 1-8		

Kickin'

Story by Alexa Adams &
Adam Euchner

While most students were gearing up for school to start, Missouri Western's women's soccer team was gearing up for its first match of the season. They played a total of 16 games and ended with a final record of 6-9-1. The Griffons had a total of 21 athletes on their roster for the season, but ended up losing more than their fair share due to injuries before season play was complete.

During the season, two players were sidelined with season-ending injuries. In the game against Northeastern State, goalie Kelly Voigts was out with a concussion, defender Emily Hoffman took a blow to the eye that earned her a trip to the emergency room and midfielder Katie Kempf suffered a torn ACL. Forward Ashley Juravich's season was also ended with a torn ACL in the

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game against Washburn.

The Griffons had a couple of heartbreaks later in the season as well, with losses in overtime to Nebraska-Kearney and NWSU. They were the Griffon's two hardest losses of the season.

"I will never be able to forget those two games as long as I live," said Voigts.

Even with the season ending injuries and tough losses, the Lady Griffons were still able to celebrate two new records. Senior forward Abby Widrig set records for most career goals and most game-winning goals in school history. Although Widrig ended her career as a Griffon soccer player, she hoped that the team would continue to work towards setting more school records in the future.

"The team chemistry between the girls was

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Top- Midfielder Teddi Serna fights to keep possession of the ball during a tense part of the game. Even though Serna was only a sophomore during the season, she started in every single game. Photo by Amanda Fox

Above- Senior Ashley Grunder helps a teammate with pregame stretches. Grunder was a transfer student from Washburn University and played three seasons as a midfielder for the Griffons. Photo by Amanda Fox

great and were able to come back from hard loses," said Griffon's General Assistant Katie Valdez. "They had phenomenal motivation to not give up and put up a fight every game."

The Griffons were able to finish their season with two hard-fought victories, which included an overtime win during senior night.

"Knowing I could end my career with a win was such a great feeling," said senior Ashlyn Castillo. "As soon as we scored that goal I immediately started crying, I was so happy we won but sad that it was over."

The team also had to say goodbye to five seniors at the end of the season. Among the graduates were Ashlyn Castillo, who was a key player in the Griffon's back line and earned Second Team All-MIAA honors, and Griffon goalie

Kelly Voigts, who received All-MIAA Honorable Mention for the season. Twins forward Erin and midfielder Abby Widrig were also members of the graduating class along with midfielder Ashley Grunder.

The Griffons won and lost as a team throughout their season. They fought against their last-place pick and finished their season ranked ninth overall.

"You can never really pinpoint a reason for a win, or for a loss. In the end it takes 11 players to win a game and 11 players to lose a game," said senior Abby Widrig.

The Lady Griffons' season was a continuous battle to prove that they would not concede to their last place preseason prediction by the media.



Senior Abby Widrig sneaks past the opposing team's defense and dribbles the ball towards the goal. Widrig was one of the team's forwards and had play time in all of the seasons games. Photo by Amanda Fox



Missouri Western State University

Southwestern Okla. State Univ.	L 0-2	Northeastern State Univ.	L 1-3
East Central Univ.	W 2-0	Washburn Univ.	L 0-2
William Jewell College (Mo.)	L 1-3	Emporia State Univ.	W 2-1
Graceland Univ. (Iowa)	W 2-0	Fort Hays State Univ.	T 2-2
Truman State Univ.	L 0-2	Univ. of Nebraska at Kearney	L 1-2
Lindenwood Univ.	W 2-1	Univ. of Central Missouri	L 0-2
Northwest Missouri State Univ.	L 0-1	Southwest Baptist Univ.	W 1-0
Univ. of Central Oklahoma	L 0-1	Missouri Southern State Univ.	W 1-0

stam•i•na

{the strength or vigor of bodily constitution}

Volley Girls

Story by Madison Holmes

"I felt the season overall was a good positive experience. We had our ups and downs but we came out on top and together," said Cousino, "We broke a six-year losing streak."

-Stephanie Hatley

The volleyball team started off strong in their season with a five game lead and kept up their consistency throughout the season with an overall record of 16 wins to 16 losses, and an MIAA record of 6-12.

The overall record was their best record since 2006. The season was head coach, Cory Frederick's most successful season to date.

"Overall, I feel this season was a learning experience and a season of growth. We learned a lot of things about ourselves that can't be defined by scores or stats. We did well in some areas of play, but we also defeated ourselves in a few matches," said, sophomore, Sarah Faubel.

The season kicked off with a preseason in August. Fall camp got the women into shape for their first five games and turned out impressive scores of 3-0 for nearly all the games.

The 16 members of the team

began their new season for the Griffons as No. 9 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate pre season poll, just two slots underneath Northwest Missouri State.

"The team chemistry this year was good we had a lot of freshmen and sometimes it can be hard to mesh a team together but we came together very well," said, sophomore, Brooke Cousino.

The Lady Griffon's hard work and talent showcased through, junior, Stephanie Hatley and, freshman, Jessie Thorup, who both won All-MIAA Honorable Mention honors.

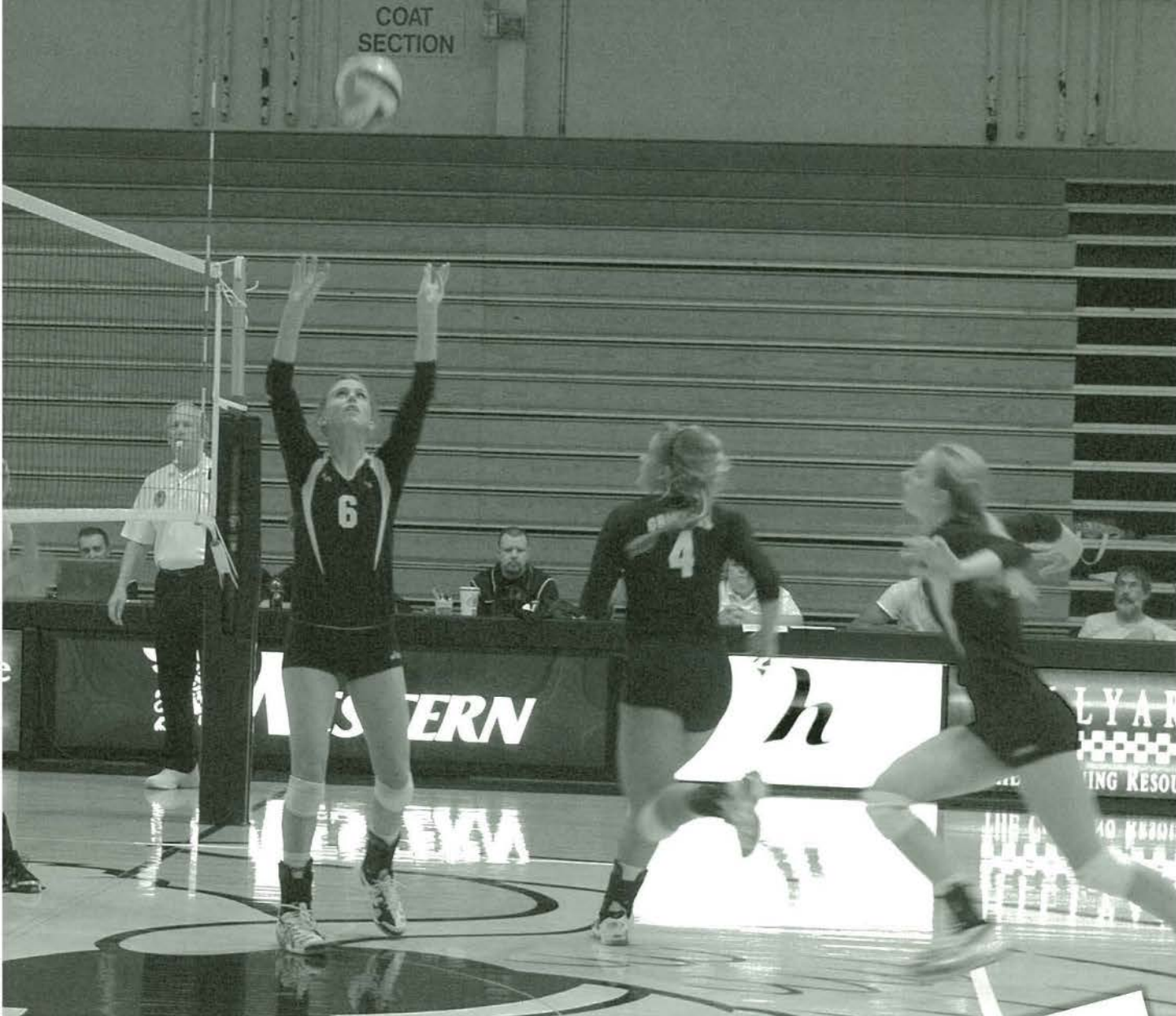
Hatley had double-digit kills; a career best, and double digit sets in 28 of 32 matches. Thorup also had double digit kills and a career best in 12 matches.

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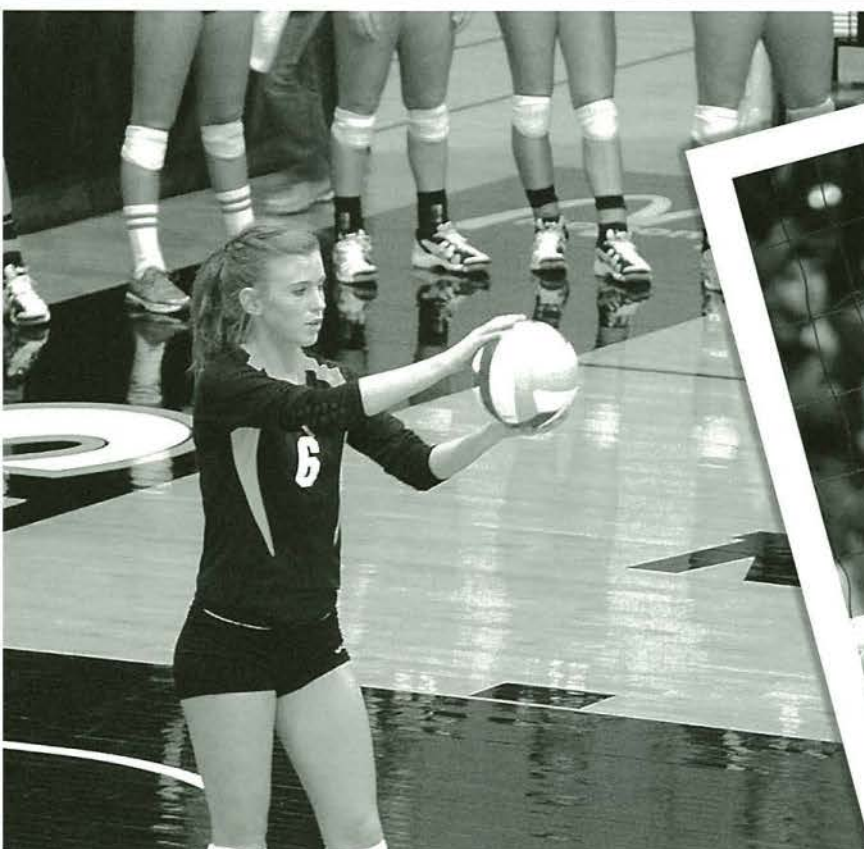


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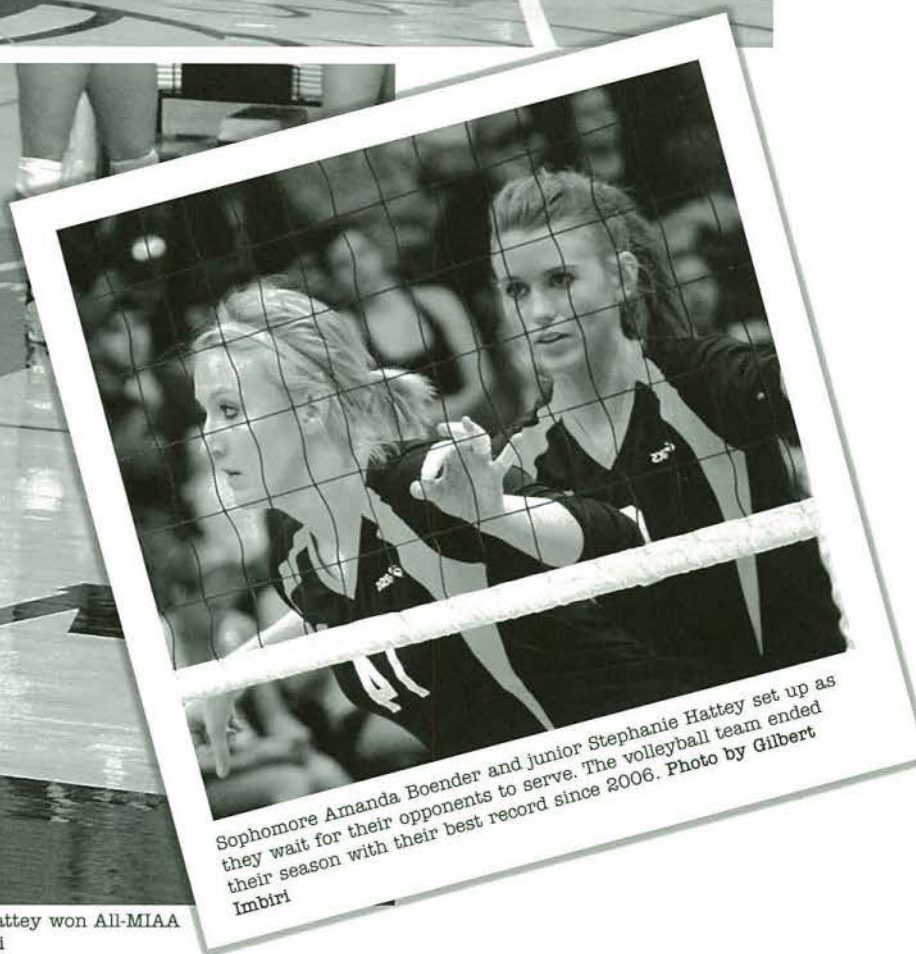
Minot State Univ.	W 3-0	Harding Univ.	L 0-3
Chadron State College	W 3-1	Southern Nazarene Univ.	W 3-1
Northern State Univ.	W 3-0	Southeastern Okla. State Univ.	W 3-2
Black Hills State Univ.	W 3-1	East Central Univ.	W 3-2
Southwestern Okla. State Univ.	W 3-0	Fort Hays State Univ.	L 1-3
Southwest Minnesota State Univ.	L 0-3	Univ. of Central Okla.	L 2-3
Upper Iowa Univ.	L 0-3	Univ. of Nebraska at Kearney	L 0-3
Univ. Missouri-St. Louis	W 3-1	Washburn Univ.	L 0-3
Northwest Missouri State Univ.	L 1-3	Northwest Missouri State Univ.	L 0-3
Missouri Southern State Univ.	W 3-0	Missouri Southern State Univ.	W 3-0
Emporia State Univ.	L 0-3	Truman State Univ.	L 1-3
Univ. of Central Missouri	L 0-3	Univ. of Central Missouri	L 0-3
Lindenwood Univ.	W 3-1	Lindenwood Univ.	W 3-0
Rockhurst Univ.	L 1-3	Quincy Univ.	W 3-1
Truman State Univ.	L 1-3	Pittsburg State Univ.	L 1-3
Southwest Baptist Univ.	W 3-0	Southwest Baptist Univ.	W 3-1



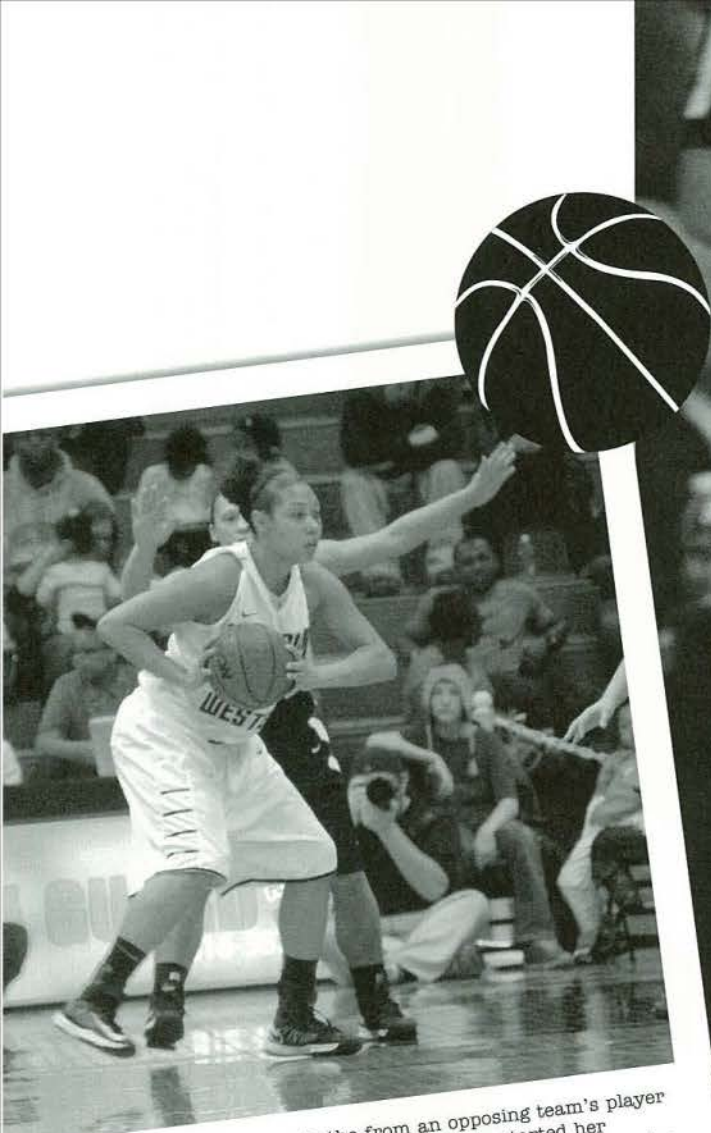
Stephanie Hattey sets the ball as Meredith McCormick goes in for the spike. Both Hattey and McCormick have played three seasons for the Giffon Volleyball team. Photo by Amanda Fox



Junior Stephanie Hattey goes to serve the ball. Hattey won All-MIAA honorable mention honors. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



Sophomore Amanda Boender and junior Stephanie Hattey set up as they wait for their opponents to serve. The volleyball team ended their season with their best record since 2006. Photo by Gilbert Imbiri



Forward Jallisa Lewis protects the ball from an opposing team's player while keeping it moving. Lewis was a junior who started her college basketball career at State Fair Community College. Photo by Megan Vandever



Senior Alicia Bell takes position of the ball and takes a second to figure out her next move. Bell had played for the Lady Griffons for two seasons after transferring to MWSU from Northwest. Photo by Megan Vandever

Missouri Western State University

Living the Dream	W 79-74	Lindenwood Univ.	W 65-59
Univ. of Missouri- Kansas City	W 68-51	Emporia State Univ.	L 55-62
#7 Metropolitan State Univ. of Denver	W 66-65	#16 Univ. of Central Missouri	L 71-74
Univ. of Illinois Springfield	W 57-54	Lincoln Univ.	L 66-73
Maryville Univ.	W 74-68	Pittsburg State Univ.	W 70-65
Truman State Univ.	L 65-67	Northeastern State Univ.	L 56-73
Lincoln Univ.	W 65-57	#9 Washburn Univ.	L 48-65
Quincy Univ.	W 81-67	#6 Washburn Univ.	L 45-60
Rockhurst Univ.	W 67-63	Northwest Missouri State Univ.	L 58-59
Truman State Univ.	W 71-64	Univ. of Nebraska at Kearney	W 71-36
#17 Fort Hays State Univ.	L 42-57	Fort Hays State Univ.	L 56-73
Univ. of Central Oklahoma	W 78-76	Southwest Baptist Univ.	W 71-64
Missouri Southern State Univ.	L 76-78	Pittsburg State Univ.	W 71-67
Univ. of Nebraska at Kearney	W 71-50	#13 Univ. of Central Missouri	L 53-54
Northwest Missouri State Univ.	W 68-66		

play•mak•er
 {the point guard who generally sets up plays for his teammates}

Reamped

Story by Travis Anderson

The Griffons began their first season under new management with guns blazing winning their first five games.

Women's Basketball- Travis Anderson
It was a roller coaster ride for Missouri Western Women's Basketball season filled with nail-biting wins to long losing streaks, it had it all. The biggest headline came before the season had even started with the addition of new coach Rob Edmisson.

Edmisson came to Missouri Western from Oklahoma City University where in his seven-year career at OCU he accumulated a combine 212-31 record. He also made seven straight appearances to NAIA Division 1 Tournament and a national championship victory the year before coming to Western.

With last year's dismal 7-20 record and a first round exit of the MIAA tournament, expectations were much different this year.

Before the season had even started coach Edmisson made more noise by bringing in seven transfers from various junior colleges and universities from around the country. One of these transfers included senior Heather Howard who came to Missouri Western from Division 1 Oklahoma State University; Howard became the Griffons leading scorer and rebounder.

"I was a lot more relaxed at Western, I got back to having the passion to play like I did in high school," said Howard.

The Griffons began their first season under new management with guns blazing winning their first five games, it seemed to Griffon fans that coach Edmisson's intense style was working just the same as it did in OCU. The Missouri Western girls ended up winning their first nine out of ten games. This included a victory over division

1 squad UMKC and the seventh ranked team in division 2 Metropolis State University of Denver.

After two home victories over rival Northwest and Lindenwood University the Griffons sat at 12-3 and the upper half of the MIAA standings.

Sadly, the dream turn-around was short lasted, as the Griffons got deeper into MIAA play. The competition became more and more difficult and the wins become that much tougher to come by.

After the Lindenwood victory the Griffons lost the seven of the next eight games in MIAA play. They ended the regular season at 15-11, entering the MIAA tournament as the 10th seed and were scheduled to play the 7th ranked Pittsburg State University.

With the Griffons in the underdog role they took the journey down to Pittsburg Kansas. As they gave everyone in the stand a treat, with both teams shooting completely lights out. Pittsburg State shot an unheard of 59.5 percent for the game while the Griffons shot 41.1 percent. The Griffons were carried by their three point shots primarily on the back of senior Brittany Griswold's who scored five three's and 19 points. This gave the Griffons a 71-67 victory and a trip to Kansas City to play the 13th ranked team in division 2, UCM, a team they lost to in overtime earlier that season.

The Griffons went to Kansas City and dropped a heart breaker to the Jennies, in 54-53 loss that ended the girl's season. Ending with a 16-12 record adding nine wins to last year's total the Griffons took a definite step in the right direction in becoming a MIAA and national powerhouse once again.



With their attention still on the game, the Lady Griffons shows support to their teammate JaQuitta Dever as she comes off the court for a break. The Ladies ended their season with a 16-12 record and high hopes for the next season. Photo by Kendra Greer

Story
by
Kyle
Inman

Sliding for Home

Western went 18-5 at home and 15-5 on the road and out-scored opponents 422 to 228 total on the season.

The 2013 Missouri Western baseball season was the most successful in school history. The Griffons went 40-12, their 40 wins breaking the school record of 37 set in 1975.

"This season has been remarkable. What an accomplishment for this team to win the school's first ever MIAA conference championship outright," team coach Charles Verduzco said.

Western earned the top seed in the MIAA Tournament and reached the championship game before falling to Missouri Southern. The Griffons became only the second team in school history to play in the NCAA Tournament, earning a 4-seed and going in as the No. 8 ranked team in the country.

Pitcher Brandon Simmons went 11-1 with a 2.91 earned run average and 52 strikeouts in his senior season. The Griffons ace set the career record for wins by going 35-11 in his four seasons and also set the career record for strikeouts with 228.

"The team also had five All MIAA first team players and will be playing in its second Regional tournament in school history," Verduzco said. "Michael Schulze was named MIAA player of the year and Senior Pitcher Brandon Simmons was named MIAA pitcher of the year. I am so proud of what this team has accomplished."

Michael Schulze hit .439 on the season and scored 70 runs while stealing 17 bases. He was named Darktronics National Player of the Year and first team All-American. After his junior season, the St. Louis Cardinals drafted him in round No. 19.

Grant Fink hit .397 in his final season as a Griffon with 15 home runs and 51 runs. He was a finalist for the Tino Martinez Award for most outstanding player and was drafted in round No. 23 by the Cleveland Indians. He was named first team All-American.

Senior Bubba Dotson hit .359 for the season including 13 homeruns and 59 runs batted in before being named as a first team All-American.

The Griffons dropped the first two games of the season, but then went on a 17-game winning streak and won 21 out of their next 22 games. Western went 18-5 at home and 15-5 on the road and out-scored opponents 422 to 228 total on the season.

"Our offense has been amongst the nation's best leading in many categories as well as our pitching staff being the best in the MIAA," Verduzco said. "It has been a senior led group that really knows how to work and win. They have played together all year long which makes them a very tough team to beat."

Western went a MIAA Conference best 28-5 during the regular season. The Griffons fell to No. 10 Southern Arkansas and No. 5 Minnesota State in the NCAA Tournament in Mankato, Minnesota.

Coach Buzz Verduzco enjoyed the most successful season of his career after 15 years at Western, coaching 10 All-MIAA selections in 2013.

"I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to coach the best baseball team in MWSU history. Go Griffs!" Verduzco said.

pitch•out

{a pitch in baseball deliberately out of reach of the batter to enable the catcher to put out a base runner}

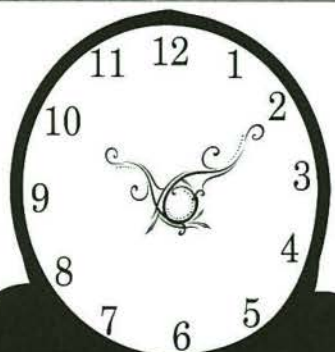


Nate Ramler, senior, steps up to bat. Ramler was named honorable mention for utility player. Photo by Meghan Vandever



Above- Jake Schrade, junior, throws the ball back to the pitcher. Schrade played a great first season on the team with 31 runs. Photo by Meghan Vandever

Top- Brandon Simmons, senior, runs across the field to catch the ball. Simmons was a great asset to the team and was named pitcher of the year. Photo by Meghan Vandever

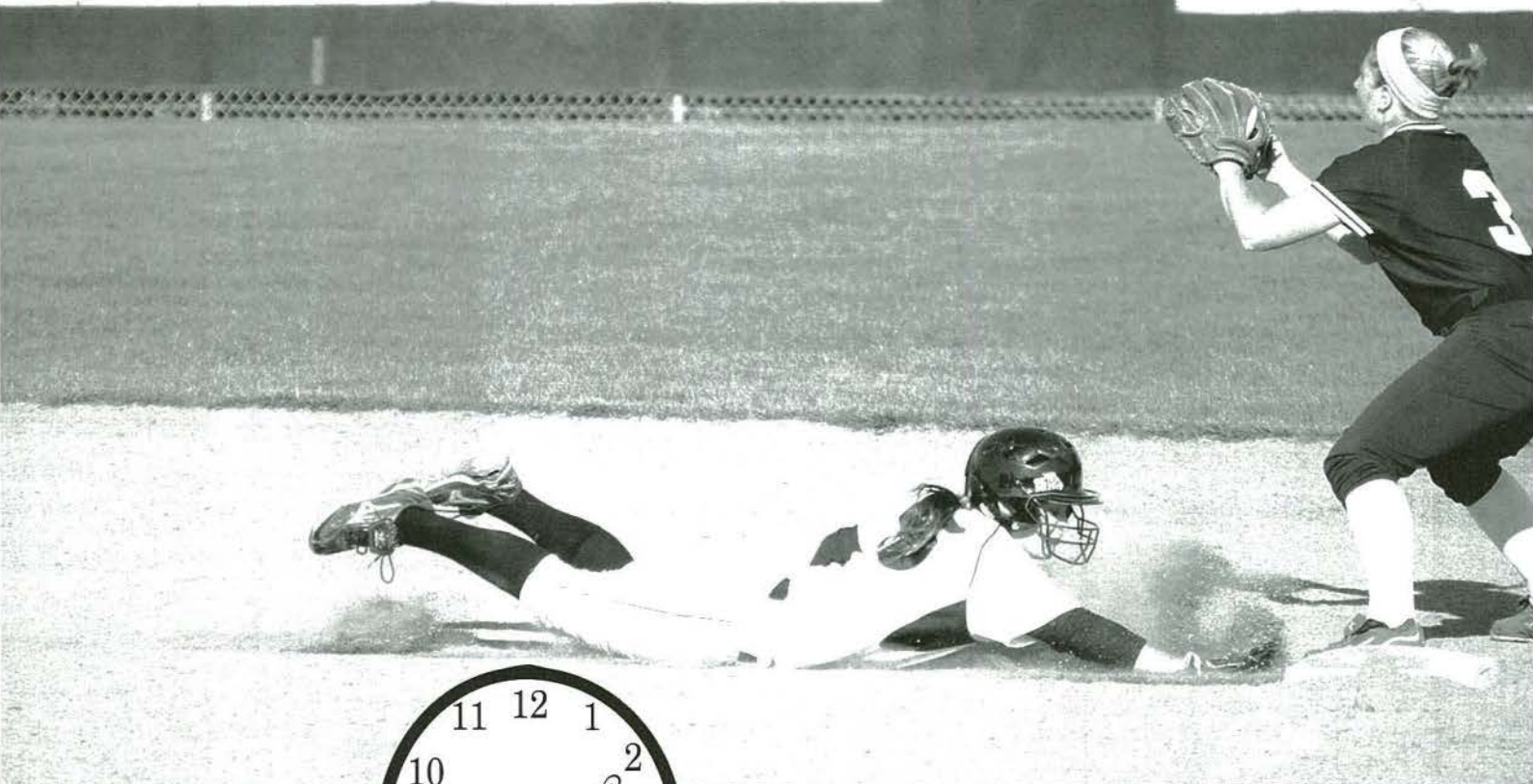


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Arkansas Tech Univ.	L 5-6, W 5-3	Southwest Baptist Univ.	W 2-0
Arkansas Tech Univ.	L 5-6, L 7-9	Pittsburg State Univ.	W 12-5, W 12-5
Emporia State Univ.	W 8-5, W 7-6	Pittsburg State Univ.	L 1-5
Emporia State Univ.	W 12-2	Lindenwood Univ.	W 6-4, W 5-3
Drury Univ.	W 10-5	Lindenwood Univ.	W 5-4
Southwest Baptist Univ.	W 10-3	#4 St. Cloud State Univ.	W 5-3
Southwest Baptist Univ.	W 16-6	#8 Univ. of Central Missouri	W 3-2, L 1-2
Univ. of Nebraska at Kearney	W 7-4, W 11-1	#8 Univ. of Central Missouri	L 5-6
William Jewell College (Mo.)	W 11-0	Washburn Univ.	W 3-1, W 11-1
Washburn Univ.	W 23-13, W 15-9	Missouri Southern State Univ.	L 7-8, W 8-4
Northeastern State Univ.	W 15-2, W 6-5	Fort Hays State Univ.	W 9-1
Northeastern State Univ.	W 10-3	Fort Hays State Univ.	W 12-10
Northwest Missouri State Univ.	W 10-4, W 7-2	Univ. of Central Oklahoma	W 9-3
Univ. of Central Oklahoma	W 5-4, L 5-7	Missouri Southern State Univ.	L 3-4
Univ. of Central at Oklahoma	W 11-9	Pittsburg State Univ.	W 11-4
Northwest Missouri State Univ.	W 6-1, W 6-5	Missouri Southern State Univ.	W 12-2
Lincoln Univ.	W 15-5	Missouri Southern State Univ.	L 3-6
Lincoln Univ.	W 11-1, W 16-9	#15 Southern Arkansas Univ.	

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Emily Moe, number 5, slides into base before the ball. Moe was selected as All-MIAA honor. Photo by Meghan Vandever



Missouri Western State University

Cameron Univ.	W 5-4	Northwest Missouri State Univ.	W 2-1, W 6-4
Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ.	L 4-9	Lincoln Univ.	W 8-3
Southern Nazarene Univ.	W 12-1	Emporia State Univ.	W 4-2
Henderson State Univ.	L 3-4	Northern State Univ.	W 11-6, W 15-1
Univ. of Illinois Springfield	W 9-1	Missouri Southern State Univ.	W 5-2, W 4-0
Univ. of Nebraska at Kearney	W 9-5	Pittsburg State Univ.	W 3-1, W 4-3
Henderson State Univ.	W 6-1	#18 Fort Hays State Univ.	L 1-2, L 3-11
Univ. of Arkansas at Monticello	W 2-1	Univ. of Nebraska-Kearney	W 7-1, W 8-5
Oklahoma Christian Univ.	W 6-4	Truman State Univ.	W 7-1, L 2-6
Southern Arkansas Univ.	W 3-0	Lindenwood Univ.	W 3-2, W 2-1
Western Oregon Univ.	W 7-3	Washburn Univ.	W 10-0, W 14-5
Univ. of Hawaii at Hilo	L 1-9	Emporia State Univ.	W 3-1, L 0-4
Western Oregon Univ.	W 2-1	Lincoln Univ.	W 7-3, W 17-5
Univ. of Hawaii at Hilo	W 3-1	#21 Univ. of Central Oklahoma	L 2-3, L 4-5
Univ. of Hawaii at Hilo	W 10-2	Northeastern State Univ.	W 9-0, W 3-1
Western Oregon Univ.	L 1-10	Truman State Univ.	W 5-3
Pittsburg State Univ.	L 1-2	#15 Fort Hays State Univ.	L 0-3
William Jewell College (Mo.)	W 11-2	Northeastern State Univ.	W 7-4
Univ. of Central Missouri	L 1-3, L 0-2	Emporia State Univ.	L 6-7
Southwest Baptist Univ.	W 5-0, W 8-0		



Sarah Elliot, number 17, prepares to swing. Elliot was a graduating senior with a batting average of .270. Photo by Meghan Vandever

float•er

{ a pitched, thrown, or hit ball that moves through the air
relatively slowly with little or no spin or rotation }

Slugging the Season

Story
by
Heather
Heater

The lady Griffons softball wrapped up a successful 38-16 on the diamond including a 20-8 mark in their conference.

Weather didn't keep the lady Griffons down after having 14 canceled games for the season. They started out strong with 7-1 against Truman State, with Jackie Bishop picking up the win. Many wins were to come from the lady Griffs that season.

"We had a great group of seniors who we are really going to miss," said, junior, Jackie Bishop.

Not only did Bishop help win the first game of the season she was named one of the seven Griffons that earned All-MIAA honors. She finished her regular season as one of the best pitchers in all of Division II and helped the team finish third in the conference.

"Even though we didn't meet some of our goals/expectations I think our team is motivated to have another great year next season," said Bishop.

The Griffons were led by, senior, Megan Roemmich who was also one of the seven that earned All-MIAA honors, with a .404 average and slugged 11 home runs during the season. She also tied with Keri Lorbert for the team

high with 44 RBIs. Lorbert placed the Griffons with 14 home runs and hit .333 during the season; she also broke the all-time record for homers at Western and was ranked third in the conference in home runs for the season. Michelle Stevenson was second on the team with a .337 average. Stevenson led the team with four triples, which tied her for first in the MIAA.

"This year's team was one of the most talented rosters I've played on, even though our record didn't show it," said, senior, Michelle Stevenson. "It was a good year even though we didn't make it to Regionals. There were a lot of personal career records that were broke."

"I think the team was an amazing group," said, senior, Kendall Sorensen. "They all brought something special to the field. I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls for my last season."

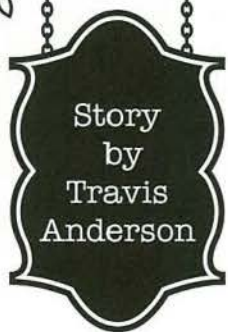
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Jackie Bishop, number 3, winds up for the pitch. Kendall Sorensen, number 7, waits for the hit. Photo by Meghan Vandever



Assistant coach, Louis Rizzuti, guides the girls to perform better. The lady Griffons fell short of making it to nationals. Photo by Meghan Vandever



Story
by
Travis
Anderson



Golf seasons are not like other sports, its spread out throughout the year and is split into spring and fall.

Golf is debatable the hardest sport in the world, a game where flexibility, body control and patients over power brute force. Golf seasons are not like other sports, its spread out throughout the year and is split into spring and fall.

The season for Missouri Western men's golf seemed very promising at the start, with the Missouri Intercollegiate event at Sun Rise Beach Missouri. The griffons placed fourth with sophomore James O'Brien leading the way with a 9th place finish at 13 over par for the three rounds of golf.

Sadly this was the best finish that the Griffons had all season, with a dismal performance at the next tournament. This was the Pitt State invitational tournament and the Griffons placed 11th out of 13 teams.

The Griffons did not let their performance at Pitt keep them down. They came in to the 14th annual NSU golf classic with a 12th place finish lead by senior Tyler Gast and a 6th place finish at conference team Lindenwold's tournament. Griffon men closed out the fall season with the MWSU

Central Region Invite. The Griffons placed 9th out of 20 teams in their home tournament.

The griffons then took a three-month break and started their season back up in Daville, Arkansas where they played at the Dave Falconer Memorial Invite. At this tournament they placed 10th, but only 17 strokes separated 4th and 10th places.

The next event was a change of pace for the Griffons who competed in a duel against the University of Sioux Falls. The Sioux Fall Cougars traveled from South Dakota to play at the Griffons home course. The Griffon's home field advantage was evident in the 15-stroke victory. The Griffon's duel was the highlight of the season for one MWSU golfer Weston Apple who shot three under par, and was named MIAA player of the week for his light out performance.

"We started out rough and all of the cancelations didn't help," Apple said. "But as a team we started playing better as a team towards the end of the season. I'm really looking forward to next semester in hopes we can continue that process."

The Griffons ended their season a day short at the MIAA Tournament, once again the weather proved to be costly. Through one day the Griffons sat in 7th and with the weather canceling the next day, 7th place is where they stayed.

With that being said the year had an overall promising end to the season. It was not the most ideal finish that the Griffons wanted, but it left the young team momentum going into next season.



Missouri Western State University

Missouri Intercollegiate	4th	Dave Falconer Memorial Invitational	10th
Pittsburg State Invitational	11th	Dual with Univ. of Souix Falls	1st
14th Annual NSU Golf Classic	12th	Missouri Southern Invitational	8th
Lindenwood Invitational	6th	2013 MIAA Golf Championships	7th
MWSU Central Region Invitational	9th		

green•keep•er

{a person responsible for the care and upkeep of a golf course}



Above- Derek Hawkins follows through after hitting the ball. The men's golf team had a slow but steady season. Photo by Molly Thomas

Top- Derek Hawkins prepares to swing and hit the ball. Hawkins was a sophomore for the team. Photo by Molly Thomas

Above- Tyler Gast watches the ball fly down the fairway. Gast is involved in many student activities. Photo by Molly Thomas

Top- Tyler Gast waits for his turn to put. Gast is a graduation senior. Photo by Molly Thomas



Above- Jessica Stone waits at par 5 until she can move on to the next hole. The womens golf team had an amazing season this year with beating NWMSU twice. Photo by Molly Thomas

Top- Natalie Bird follows through on a swing. Bird lead the team to victory through the course of the season. Photo by Molly Thomas

Natalie Bird scopes out her next play. Many of the lady griffons find the sport to be cometicative and relaxing. Photo by Molly Thomas

Story
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The women's golf team had quietly one of the best seasons in school history.

The women's golf team had quietly one of the best seasons in school history. The lady Griffons was able to accomplish from the back of their senior leader and three time first team all MIAA golfer, Natalie Bird.

The Griffons came in to this historic season red hot with a first place victory at the UNK Women's Fall Classic, they also had the best individual performance with Natalie Bird, shooting six shots over par for the two day tournament. Her performance was eight strokes less than any other golfer at the tournament. Bird sat at second in the individual regional standing, making her the first Griffon ever to make an appearance to the Regional tournament.

"Our team is like a family we all consider our selves like sisters with a definite stress on love," said Casi Webb. "We as a team would do anything for one another and that makes our team stronger than most."

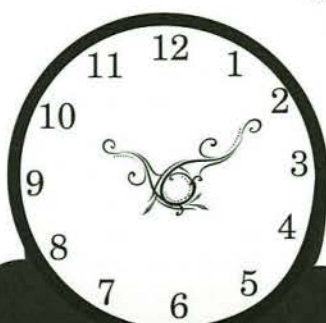
"The

highlight of our season was breaking our all time one day team score record and the all time low team final score ever it is very difficult to do both in the same tournament but we did," said Anna Kloeppel.

They went on to place 6th at their home tournament and 3rd at the Upper Iowa University Spring Invite. They faced off with the bearcats again in the Green and Gold Classic in the second home tournament of the year the three stroke difference between the two clubs was the difference in another close competition between the two rivals. The griffons beat the bearcats but still ended up second to University of Central Oklahoma.

Entering the MIAA championship the griffons had heavy momentum and ample motivation as they were sitting at 11th in the regional rankings, with the top nine teams making it to the NCAA regional tournament. The Griffons after the first day of play sat in fifth place and a solid showing. That was sadly all they would be able to show as weather canceled the second day of play ending the griffons season earlier than expected.

"Golf is a game that can never be mastered there is no such thing as a perfect round it always keeps you coming back for more," said Callie Wilson.



Missouri Western State University

UNK Women's Fall Classic	1st	Central Missouri Invitational	1st
Drury Univ. Fall Shootout	11th	MWSU Candlewood Suites Classic	6th
Concordia Univ. Invitational	6th	UIU Spring Invite	3rd
Mustang Invite	10th	Green and Gold Classics	2nd
Bearcat Fall Classic	2nd	MIAA Championships	5th

bun•ker

{ a sand trap or embankment
constituting a hazard on a golf course }

Bringing Back Competition



Story by Travis Anderson

These activities allowed students to play and be active in a different setting than they were used to.

Getting students involved with events is important to keeping the interest of the student body at Western. What better way than to have intramural basketball for the student body to join in on.

Intramurals attracted a broad variety of students to participate. There were players involved from other sports like football, as well as participants from organizations such as sororities, fraternities and campus groups like the Griffon News.

Intramural basketball had no gender restrictions on participation. There were, however, separate sections for males and females available.

"I always enjoyed being able to play intramural basketball," said, graduate, Hayley Wyatt.

Within each section of males and females, there were pools that divided up the teams into groups. The amount of pools depended on how many teams signed up to play. Most of the pools were divided up depending on classification. The fraternity teams were placed in one pool; athletes in another and the rest were divided up to match up the number of teams in each pool.

"I always loved getting put in the football team's pool," said, graduate, Greg Smith. "It allowed for some very great and competitive games."

After the pool play ended, each team in their

respective pools had played each other, the number one team out of each pool was placed into a tournament bracket. The tournament was single elimination, making the teams and games more competitive in nature.

"Tournament time always seemed to mean more to each team, it seemed to me," Smith said.

These activities allowed students to play and be active in a different setting than they were used to. Some students stepped out of their box and got involved with one another.

"Playing with the Griffon News was a learning experience," said, student, Jacob Hardie. "It allowed me to see some guys from class playing sports and not just listening to a teacher talk."

Intramurals, as a whole, allowed friends and old high school teammates to compete with each other again and connect on a more competitive or laid back manner. It not only allowed for past memories and relationships to be rekindled but provided an opportunity for students to create new ones.

"I loved being able to reconnect on a competitive level with old friends," said Wyatt. "It brought back so many great times for our teams."

Intramurals was a chance and great opportunity to remember and build memories that many Missouri Western students did not want to pass up.

in•tra•mu•ral

{competed only within the student body}



Students and staff participated in the basketball activities. This was a great way to mingle with other people across campus. Photo submitted by Griffon News

Top- Dr. Robert bergland showed his support for Western activites. Many of the students thought it was fun to interact with professors on an equal level. Photo submitted by Griffon News

Left- Two students fight over the ball during one of the final games during intramurals. This was great time for everyone to meet new students and falculty. Photo submitted by Griffon News

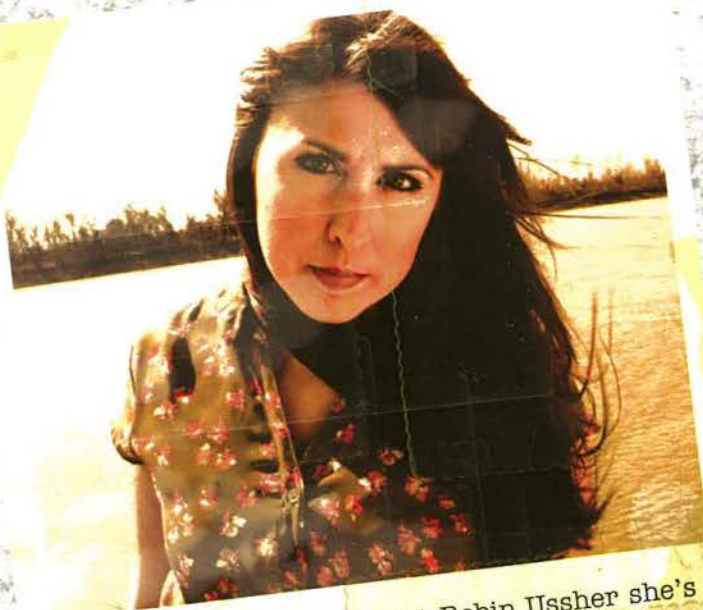


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Personality

{Free·dom}

The absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint
in choice or action



Take a break and check out Robin Ussher she's
pretty great on pg. 178.
Photo submitted by Robin Ussher



Cut the cake and learn to bake with Mark Bush
on pg. 170.
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Take a time-out with Syndey Andrews on pg.
168.
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Story
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Seth
Campbell

HELLO
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"I always try to hold on to a sense of humor and faith in God... and the love of a good woman."

A collage of posters featuring the Three Stooges, pictures of classic movie scenes and a big jar of multicolored candy were arranged on a desk as an open invitation for hands and wandering eyes. They welcomed feelings of reverberate from the office of the professor of English and Journalism, Dr. Kenneth Rosenauer, who retired from Missouri Western after the 2012-2013 academic year.

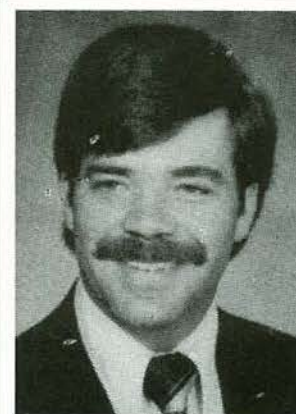
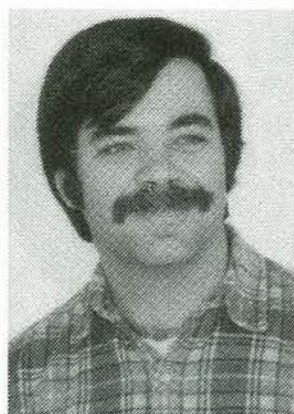
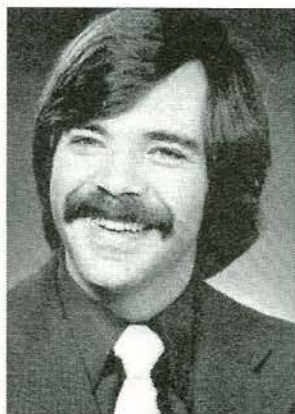
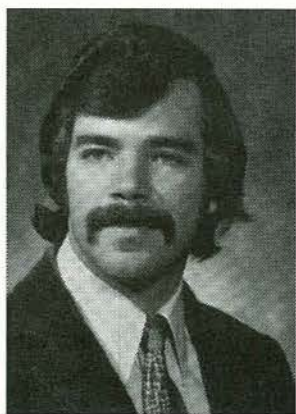
Born and raised in St. Joseph, Rosenauer joined the MWSU faculty in the fall of 1979 as an instructor. After five years he was promoted to assistant professor, and was teaching communications, English and photography. Rosenauer also started as a Griffon News editor and toyed with daily journalism. He worked through four presidents and held a chair position

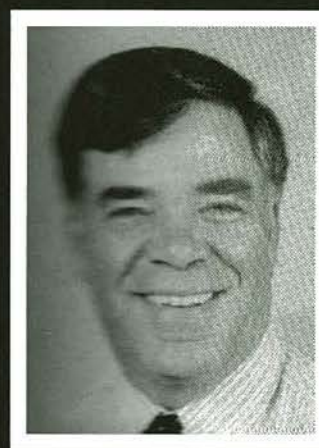
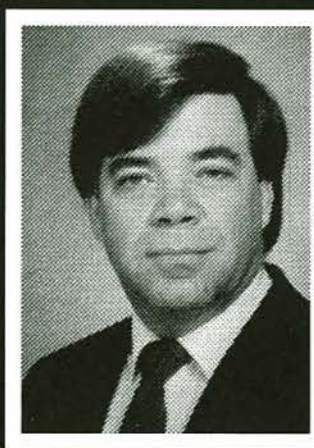
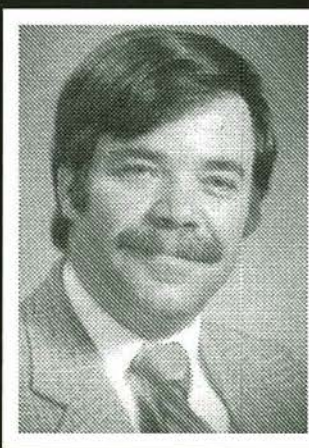
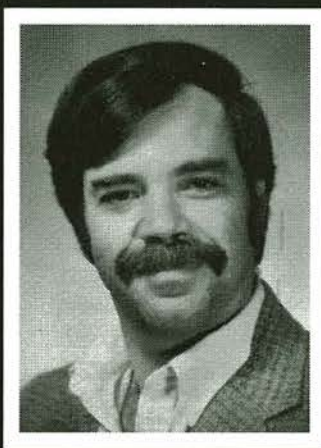
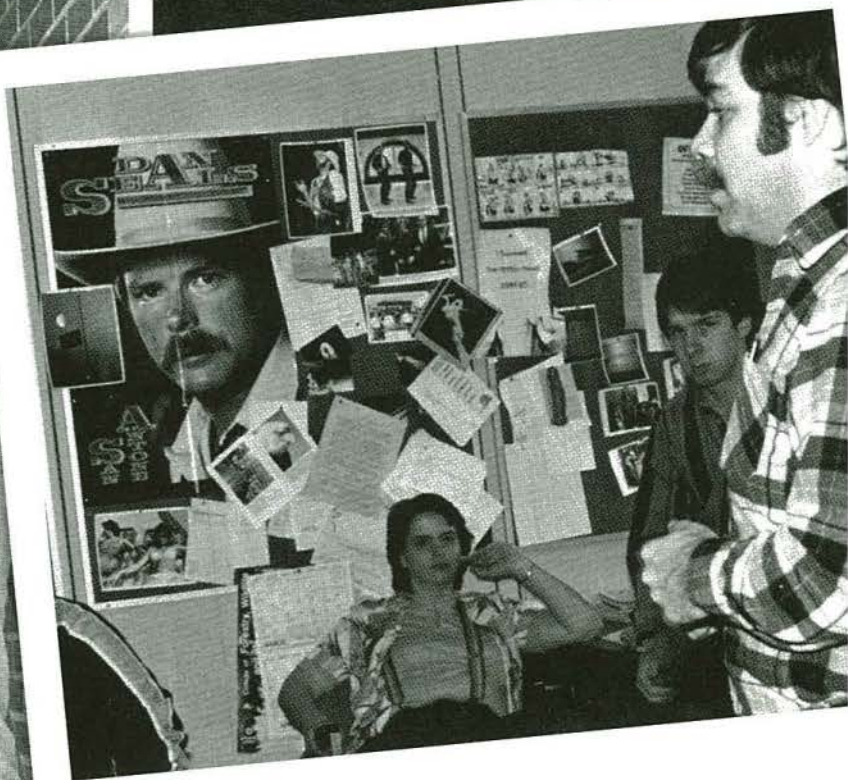
for six years and was the second-longest faculty member to stay here at Western. Rosenauer expressed that many faculty members who came to Missouri Western never wanted to leave.

"I came and I stayed. It's been a good career here, it's had both its ups and downs," said Rosenauer.

In the span of his career, Rosenauer adapted while mass media evolved. He spread his knowledge to students while experiencing the first computers, email, the World Wide Web and social networking. In September 2012 he published a textbook for online editing through Pearson. He also entertained the idea of buying and running a daily paper.

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He served as Griffon Yearbook advisor from 1979 to 87 and worked part time at St. Joe News Press and the Savannah Reporter in the 1980's.

"The secret is finding a message to write," said Rosenauer. Rosenauer received his doctorate from UMKC in 1997 to become an assistant professor and worked up to professor in the early 2000s.

Though he fulfilled his perpetual passions of teaching and writing for an audience, Rosenauer didn't always view himself as a journalist or a professor. In college he thought about quitting the journalism route and took the LSAT while considering law school. However, Rosenauer's mind changed when he read about the brutal market for lawyers in the 1980s.

So education became his trail to blaze. He recalled being a senior at Western and asking one of his professors what they thought about a teaching degree.

"There's always room for the good ones," said Rosenauer.

On this professor's retirement day, he told Rosenauer that he was one of the good ones. His mentor's comment poured fuel onto his flame.

Even though his embers cooled at Missouri Western, Rosenauer's motivation still burned.

He remembered the faces of many students and hoped that he too watered some seedlings of future educators.

"There's always that hope that whatever I did contributed to students' success," said Rosenauer.

Although he was eagerly prepared for retirement, Rosenauer enjoyed his good health and planned on traveling to eight different national parks.

"I always try to hold on to a sense of humor and faith in God... and the love of a good woman," said Rosenauer.

And, without a doubt, Rosenauer would continue to brandish the mighty pen after concluding his final chapter at Western.

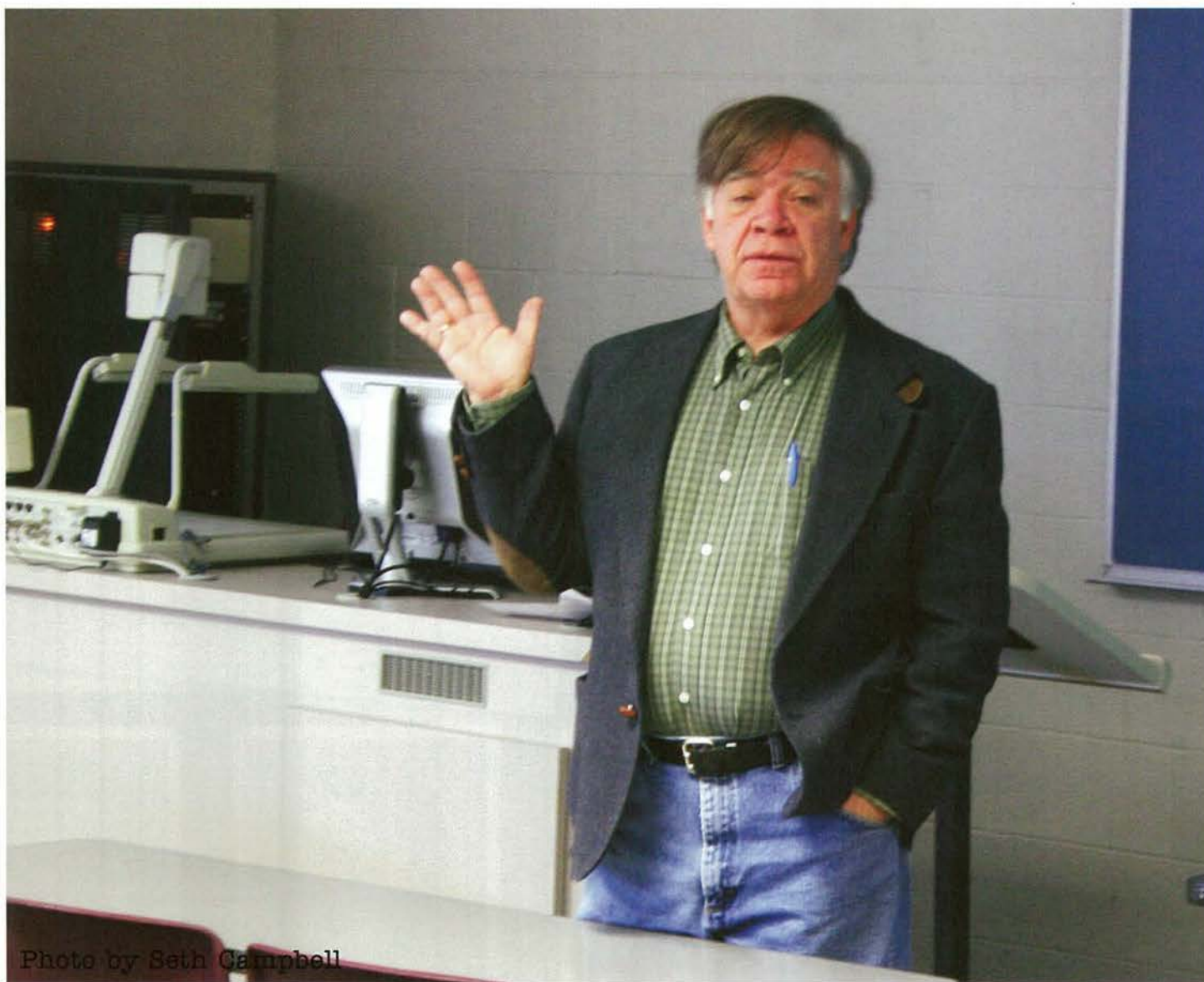


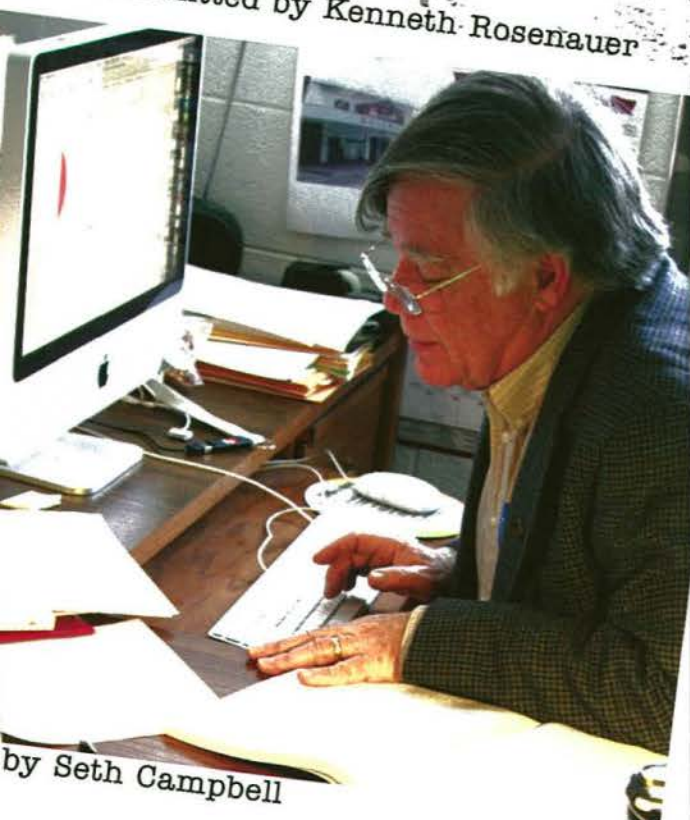
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fare•well

{a formal occasion honoring a person about to leave or retire}



Photo Submitted by Kenneth Rosenauer



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PENGUIN  ACADEMICS

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HELLO
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Story &
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"Playing with the women's deaf team was so much different from the other teams I was on."

At first glance, Sydney Andrews looked and acted like any other freshman at college. She attended classes, had lunch with her roommates and went to football games with her friends. However, Sydney was no ordinary first-year student at Missouri Western. She was deaf.

When Andrews was an infant she seemed like a normal, healthy baby, but as she grew older her parents began to notice that she didn't come to them when they called her. She had a very limited vocabulary and would say words incorrectly.

"I would say 'bobby' instead of 'mommy,'" said Andrews.

At 18 months old the doctors diagnosed her with profound hearing loss in her left ear and moderate sloping to profound, which means she could hear lower sounds better, in her right ear.

From the ages of 3 to 10 Andrews attended speech therapy. She was enrolled into a deaf school for preschool and kindergarten, but she did not let her impaired hearing prevent her from being like any other child her age. Once she reached first grade she was mainstreamed into public school.

Although she had learned some sign language as a child she had no use for it after she was mainstreamed and was forced to completely rely on reading lips to communicate with her teachers and classmates.

Since she could not hear, Andrews had to read all of the conversations she was in. It was difficult for her to keep up during group conversations. When multiple people would be speaking at the same time she would miss chunks of the conversation.

However, she did not let this discourage her. Instead she learned how to advocate for herself. Every class she took she would inform her teacher of her condition and make sure to sit in the front of class so that she could read the teacher's lips. She knew the importance that language and communication had.

"You need to have an understanding or basis of language to succeed in life," said Andrews.

Andrews did not let the little things like not being able to hear a knock on the door or the difficulty of talking on the phone bring her down, and she refused to be treated any differently than her peers.

"I don't let my condition define me or control what I do," said Andrews. "I just adjust."

At the age of 4 she joined her first soccer team with her aunt and uncle as the coaches and was hooked.

Before she knew it she was a senior in high school and was being recruited by colleges to play soccer. It was during her recruitment that she found out about the women's deaf national soccer team.

After thinking about it her and her family made the trip to Atlanta, Georgia for the national team tryouts and was called back to the second round of tryouts in Ohio. Not long after Andrews got the call that she had made the team.

The summer of 2012 Andrews and the rest of the women's deaf national team traveled to Ankara, Turkey, for the deaf world cup and took the gold.

"Playing with the women's deaf team was so much different from the other teams I was on," said Andrews.

The girls on the deaf national team played without hearing aids in and instead of using whistles, the referees used flags.

"It was cool being on the same level as everyone," said Andrews.

Andrews ended up committing to play soccer for Missouri Western and started 15 games during her freshman season. She was able to work well and communicate with her teammates both on and off the field.

On top of all of this Andrews refused to take full credit for her accomplishments.

"If it wasn't for my parents, I wouldn't be where I am today," said Andrews.

Whether it was in the class, with her friends or on the field, Sydney Andrews was able to adjust and overcome any obstacle in her way.

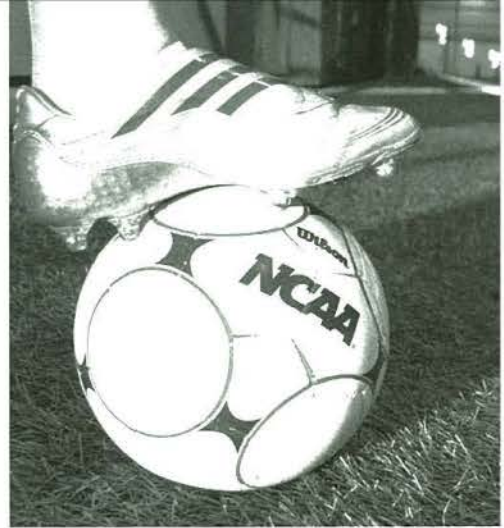


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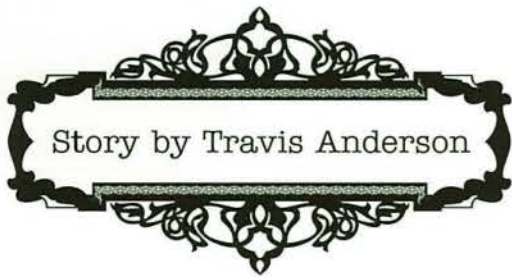


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His business receives a wide variety of orders everything from birthday and wedding cakes to his specialty high heel cake.

Many college students pay their way through by getting part-time jobs or having a little extra help from the parents. Missouri Western student Mark Bush Jr. decided to take a different approach. Bush actually made his ends meat by baking, decorating and delivering cakes

He started off at a job at Hy-Vee where he packaged bread and helped customers in the bakery. As a visual artist he became interested in cake decorating and started practicing on his own time. He started out at the bottom of the bakery department and eventually worked his way up to head cake decorator.

"Once I was the head decorator I had a lot more responsibilities and I saw how easy and lucrative the business was," Bush said.

Bush is planning on double majoring in graphic design and art education; he uses his knowledge in graphic design to get his business out to his cliental with the use of his web site, business cards and the businesses Facebook page, as well as spreading the name by word of mouth.

During school he tries to keep the business going without taking too many orders at once and over filling his plate

"Usually during the semester I do one every two weeks, but over summer breaks I do around two a week, when I was back in Kansas City I did almost one a day," said Bush.

He plans on vastly expanding his business once

he graduates, but right now school is his main priority. Eventually he plans on hiring a staff to further expand his endeavors, allowing him to take in more and more orders as he goes.

"I have a lot of people who I have experience and who are willing to help that I have met at Missouri Western," said Bush

His business receives a wide variety of orders everything from birthday and wedding cakes to his specialty high heel cake. It is one of his most popular cakes it is a grouping of cakes shaped to resemble a high heeled shoe. The cake was featured in the Kansas City Star for being the winner in an annual cake competition.

He plans to attend the competition again this March, and eventually trying out for a national competition which are much more complete and bring in the best cake decorators from around the country.

Bush who was recently married found that for his wedding expectations were at an all time high; he originally planned on doing something simple for his small wedding. All his friends and family kept telling him they couldn't wait to see his cake so Bush felt obligated to live up to their expectations. The cake was three layers and had a waterfall running down it.

Bush has proved his cake decorating promise at such a young age that with his goals in mind, the sky is the limit for great height he can take his business to.

but•ter•cream
{a sweet butter-based mixture used especially as a filling or frosting}

HELLO
my name is

Susan Carter

Story by
Travis
Anderson

“So for me it’s not only introducing these students to the university but to what you can do and to be the best at what you do.”

Most students at Missouri Western knew Dr. Susan Carter as just the Associate Professor of Music and the Director of the Vocal studies, but what they didn’t know was the path she took to get there.

Carter started out like most preforming in high school musicals, then she went on to college where she decided she wanted to be a music major and preform. Carter received her bachelors in music at the University of Texas Arlington and later her masters in music at Texas Christian University. It was there that she discovered her love for opera.

After seven years of teaching at the University of Texas Dallas, she followed that love to Germany where she performed in numerous opera houses around the country. She later found her way back to the states, where she continued her professional opera career in New York with her daughters by her side.

After 14 years in New York she decided she had finally reached the point in her life where it was time for a change. Carter didn’t want to grow old in New York and with her two daughters grown up she was finally able to pursue one of her childhood dreams. Therefore she enrolled in a flight school in Arizona.

“My first job was flying in a Beach 99, which traveled from Las Vegas to the Grand Canyon and back,” said Carter.

Eventually she ended up flying leer jets for the biggest corporate fleet in the world, Wal-Mart. For the second time in her life she had proven herself in her field, even though many didn’t believe that

could, but once again it was time for a change.

Around this time one of her friends recommended going back to teaching, so she decided to go back to Texas Tech and was offered a full ride to receive her masters degree. At that time she applied and received the job at Missouri Western.

“I’m originally from Arkansas and having family in Missouri it was kind of like coming home, so it was like coming full circle. I went off and lived in Europe, New York, flew at International and then came back here,” said Carter. “It’s kind of like you end up where you start.”

At Missouri Western Carter took pride in watching the growth of her students and seeing them come in from high school and become the best of they could be.

“So for me it’s not only introducing these students to the university but to what you can do and to be the best at what you do,” said Carter.

Her real world experience allowed her students to see something that they may have never gotten out of younger teachers who were just starting their real world journey.

Dr. Carter didn’t just talk the talk when she told her students that they could do whatever they set their minds to, she walked the walk as well because that is exactly what she did. Even when people said she couldn’t she went out did whatever it was that made her happy. She was one of Missouri Western’s inspiring individuals and has done more with her life then most have ever dreamed of.



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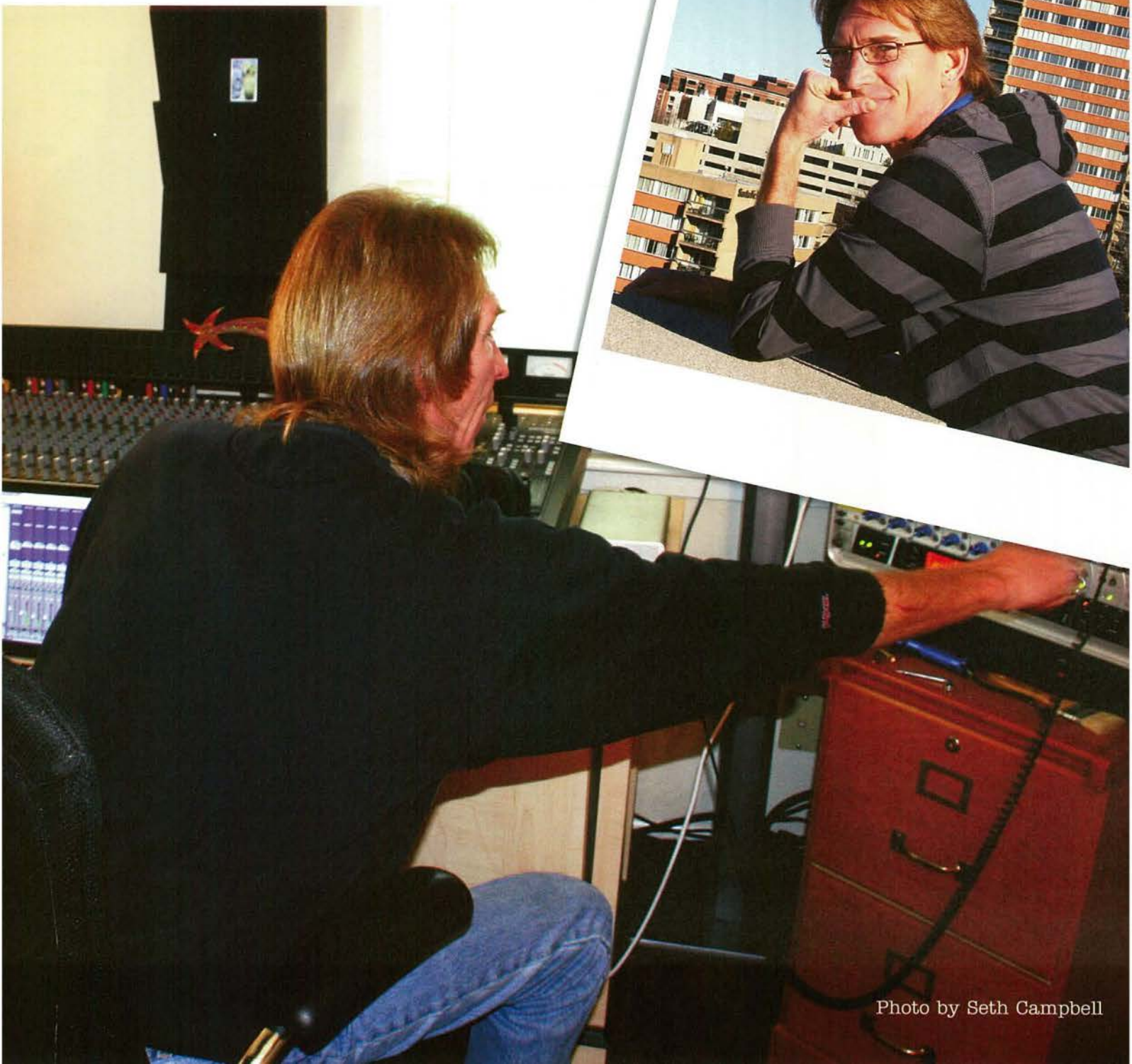


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HELLO
my name is

Mark Elting

Story
by
Lindsey
Roberts

"One band lead to another and the next thing I know I am all over the state and mostly living in a suitcase staying in some of the worst places imaginable or sleeping in my car. I didn't really care as I was performing music, following my dream"

Melody flows through his veins, while his heart kept beat with the drum. His soul was woven with the strings of the violin and bass, the saxophone and French horn the loom. It was his passion, love and life. He was the music man.

Mark David Elting was not your typical instructor, audio technology, roaming the halls of Missouri Western. He wore several hats including professor, student and musician.

Elting had dedicated his life to music starting at a very young age. His childhood was spent with one ear glued to the radio while learning various instruments.

"As a child of the 60's I was lucky to have experienced a lot of firsts in musical history," Elting said. "I grew up first listening to AM radio and experienced everything from pop, rock and country, and then came FM radio. Everything sounded so clear and in stereo!"

His home was constantly filled with music with both parents playing string and brass instruments and both regularly singing in various groups. Elting also followed in his parents' footsteps by enrolling in the music education program at Missouri Western after high school.

And that is where his slightly typical life took a major detour.

"After three years working towards the music ED degree I dropped out and joined a rock band, every parent's nightmare," Elting said.

Elting moved to Colorado and began sharing

his love and passion with the world every night, up on stage, behind a drum set. He traveled all over Colorado and the surrounding areas playing in all varieties of bands. He even played in polka bands.

During this nomadic stage in his life he did, however, find the time to earn an Associates in Applied Science, in music and video business, while visiting Denver.

"Although I had learned to run sound systems earlier in various rock bands," Elting explained "I received what I consider to be my formal training in audio engineering from the Colorado Institute of Art. I gained so much hands-on training by some amazingly talented instructors, most of whom I consider to be some of my closest friends today."

The latest phase of his musical life brought him right back here to Missouri Western, where after 22 years he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in commercial music and recording arts. A little over a month after earning his diploma, Elting began teaching as an adjunct professor at Western.

After 10 years of teaching Elting discovered that a person can have more than one passion and his was to pass his knowledge and love of music on to the next generation of music enthusiast. He loved it so much that he enrolled as a student at Western again and is working on a Master's in digital media which he hoped would open more doors for him in the world of teaching.

Story by
Joyce
Stevenson

HELLO
my name is

Ana Baussett-Page

"I liked the weather here, the colleagues
and the students."

There are very few Western professors who had the diversity Dr. Ana Baussett-Page had. Ana taught Spanish and English compositions, as well as Ibero-American Culture, Introduction to English and Hispanic and Latin American literature. She also was a published writer. As if that wasn't enough she even enjoyed to fossil and rock hunt in the wilds of Utah.

Ana studied geology at the University of La Plata in Argentina during the time of political trouble. LU closed its doors and she wanted to learn English so she applied and was accepted to attend Brigham Young University-Provo located in Provo, Utah. She took a literature class and fell in love with it immediately she knew she wanted to become a teacher.

Moving to the United States at 19 to pursue a master's degree was a scary journey. Her mother, Elvira Loyola de Bausset, had always been an inspiration to Ana and encouraged her to continue her education. In addition to her mother, a few professors and some writers influenced her as well. She had even become a great influence to many of her own students.

"She has continued to fuel my enthusiasm for the Spanish Language," said Bryce Freeman, senior Education major. "She is always positive about learning."

Ana accepted a position as a lecturer at Colorado State University-Pueblo and spent two semesters working on completing her dissertation while her family remained in Utah. She earned her Ph.D. with Academic Specializations in colonial Literature, 19th-20th Century Latin American Novel, Short Story and Poetry and Latin American Women Writers. Commuting from state to state became a part of her normal life.

Ana worked for BYU as a part-time faculty member from 1989-2005, this was where she found that she also enjoyed teaching refresher courses to Linguists for the U.S. Army Intelligence department. She did that for 10 days twice a year for five years.

"It was very exciting and intensive course, I loved it!" said Ana.

Her husband worked for the Transit Authority of Utah and her five adult children continued their education. The family shared a love of the outdoors and planned geode and ruby hunting activities together in Utah's wilderness.

She has taught many students during her career. She enjoyed the diversity of working with young adults at Western. She was the advisor of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the Spanish Club.

"When I was in Colorado I worked with Heritage speakers and enjoyed the experience," Ana said. "In Utah, I never found the diversity I found in CO or in MO, I enjoy working with students of different races and backgrounds."

Besides teaching, Ana was working on an autobiographical book, an article on Isabel Allende and Literature of Exile and was designing a course on Andean Literature. She recently had a published review in the book, "Alba de America". She also enjoyed working as a translator, doing voice over's and working on educational videos.

"My favorite film was a video called "Strengthening Families Program" for MADD. I played the part of a mom of a Spanish family," Bausset said. "I enjoyed being able to do that."

Ana tried to include her family in all the campus activities when they would visit. During the spring semester her mother helped with the Spanish Club's Poetry Night.

"Dr. Bausset's mother, a published Argentinean poet, came and read some of her own poetry," Kelsey Samenus, junior and president of the Spanish Club said. "Students read poetry too, all in Spanish."

Ana enjoyed several things about Western including the weather.

"I liked the weather herthe colleagues and the students," Bausset said. "They are down to earth and family oriented, raised with principles and eager to learn."



Photo by Hanna Greenwell



Photo by Joyce Stevenson



Photo by Joyce Stevenson

Story
by
Blake
Haynes

HELLO
my name is

Robin Ussher

"I have an awareness of my body, in my movements, head to toe and I remember that while I am on stage."

Women of the day felt as though they not only must act a certain way but look a certain way as well. Senior Robin Ussher understood those feelings even though she both modeled and was an actress. But she also believed that she didn't need to be anything but herself to be "good enough" for the public viewing.

Ussher came to Missouri Western really wanting to get involved on campus. However it was not until later in her later in her college career that she got into both modeling and acting. A friend is what inspired her to get involved with these activities and helped lead her to become the person she was.

"I made some friends with the local Kansas City area designers and they ended up asking me to do some shoots and runway shows," Ussher said.

Even though she says that her modeling was a way to help out a friend, she was still able to express herself through her work. This really made her confident in herself at shows, while being able to go through shoots with someone else's views and express herself through it.

Ussher's modeling had also helped when it came to her acting career with Missouri Western Theater Department. Her overall control of movements and her body language played big rolls in both modeling and acting. These

particular areas are where she felt as though her modeling is showing improvements in her acting abilities.

"I have an awareness of my body," Ussher said "in my movements, head to toe and I remember that while I am on stage."

Acting seemed to have more outside preparation for her though. When it came to modeling, Ussher could basically just show up and get ready for her shoot on the set. But with acting, she had to work much harder with group rehearsals as well as reviewing her lines to master the material. There was also having to be able to block out stage fright when in modeling you only have the camera and the photographer.

Modeling and acting both had made a life lasting effect on Ussher. It had opened backup doors from her acting past from high school along with her gaining new friends and influences through her modeling.

"I have met a lot of outstanding people and I myself, I guess, have become more cultured and more open minded over the past several year," Ussher said.

She started out at Missouri Western looking to express herself and to get involved on campus. She achieved her goal and made a great step forward for herself.

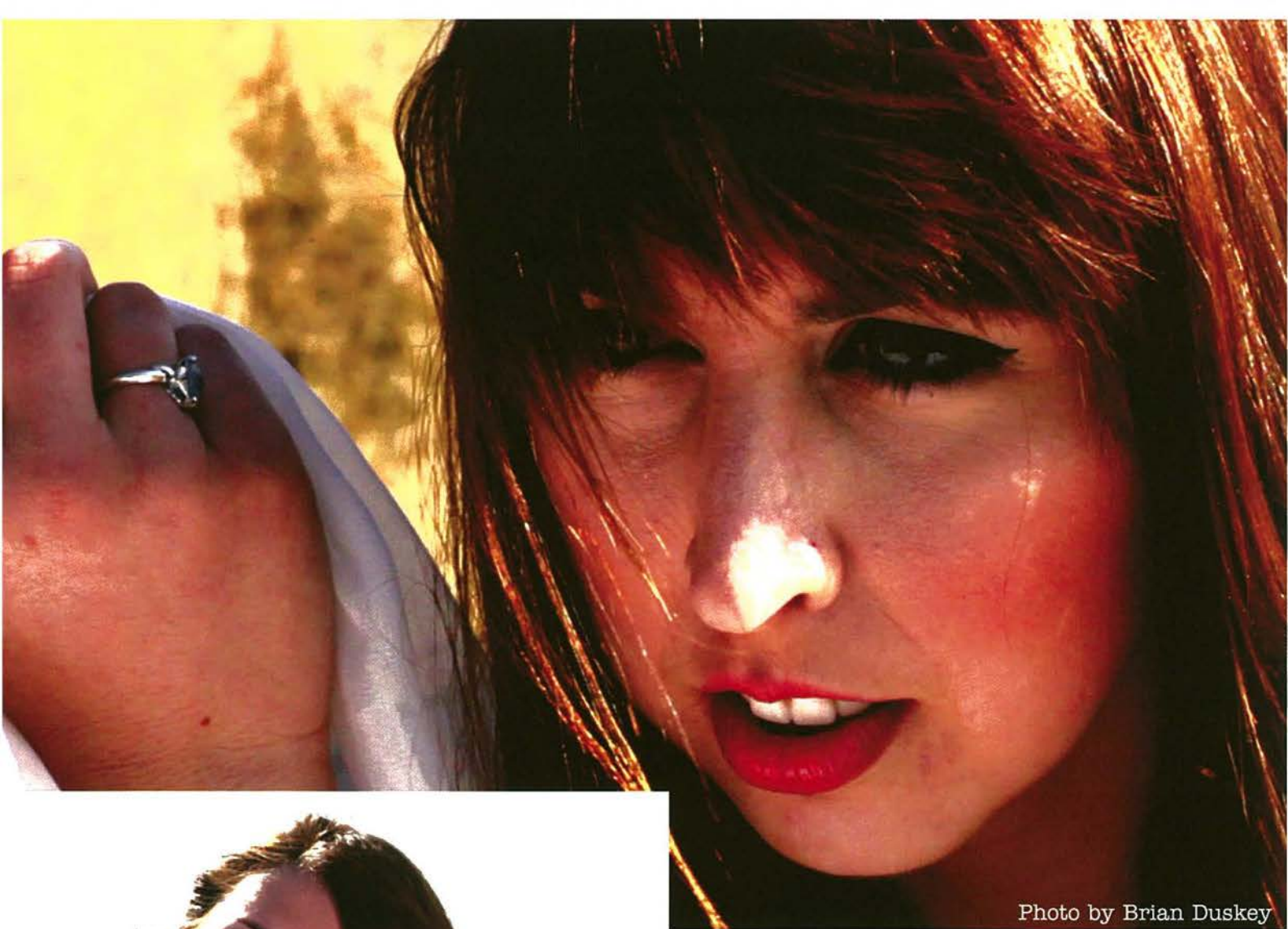


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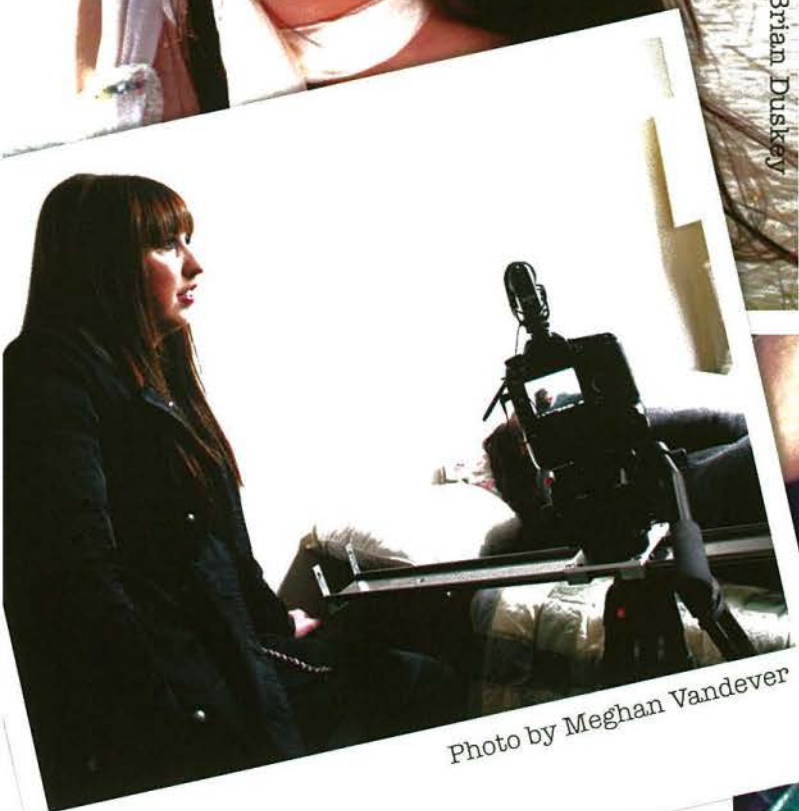


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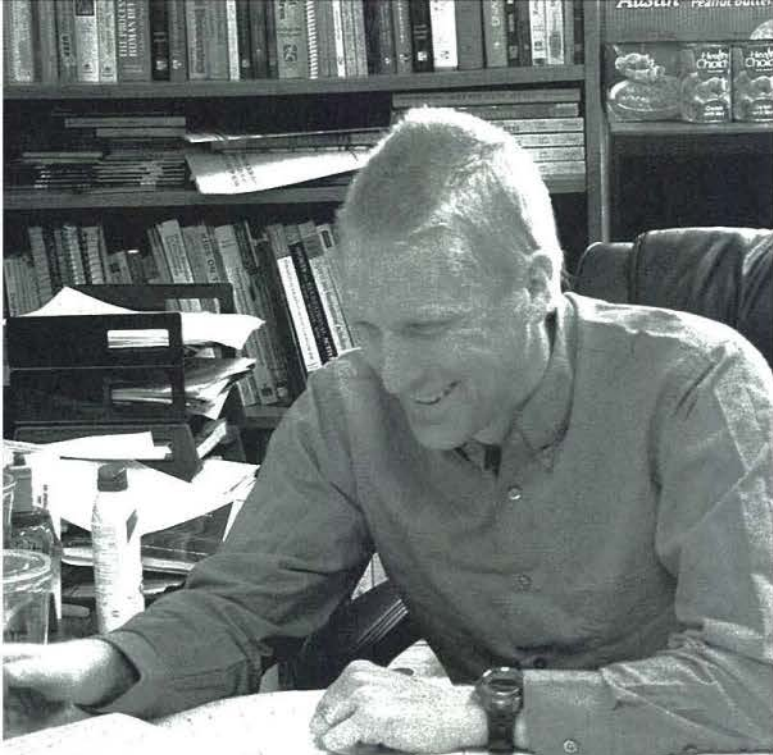


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Lyce Street

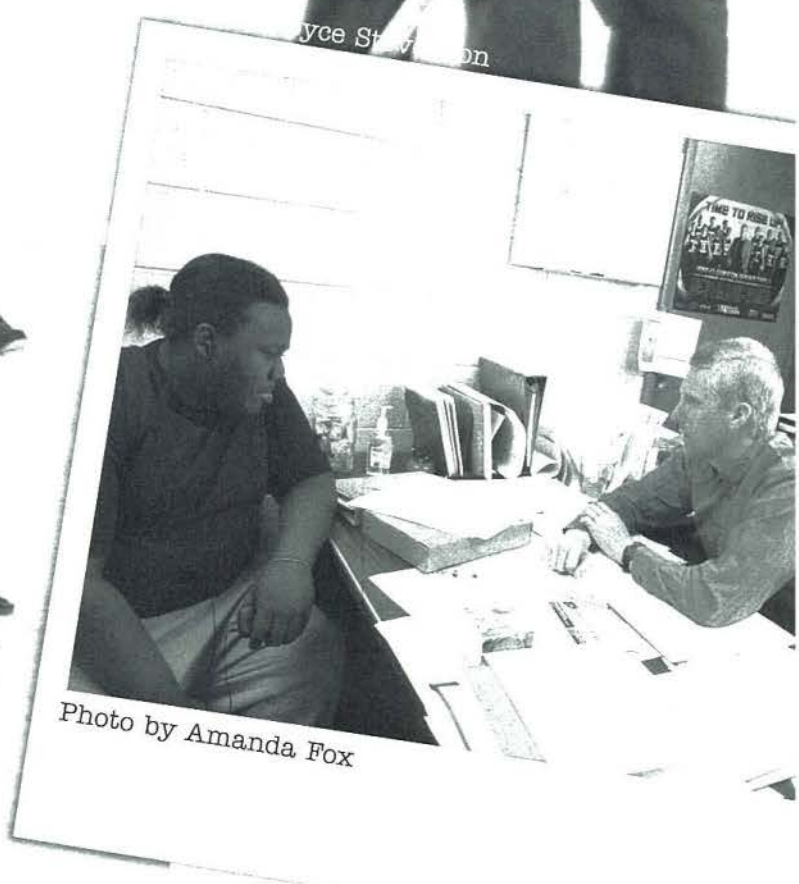
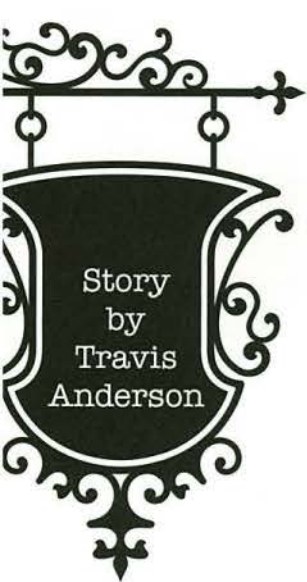


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Not only did students have a unique experience that can only be found in select places across the country, but also they had an enjoyable game of chess on ice that takes a great amount of agility and brains.

The game of curling essence was shuffleboard on ice, but it was much more than that. A game that had gained popularity though the years in American homes, with the re-introduction to curling in the 1988 winter Olympics.

When talking about curling one typically thinks about the exercise that is used to build the bicep muscle. It's actually a game played on ice, at which a 42 pound stone is gently thrown across the ice.

"The Stone is not going to slow down unless it has something to catch it to slow it down," said, professor, Britton Johnson.

To slow down the weight, drops of water are sprinkled across the ice; these are called pebbles, which serve two purposes. When the stone is thrown the player turns the handle one way or another, eventually the stone grips on the ice allowing it to turn or "Curl". The other being something to grip onto to slow down, this is controlled by the sweepers. The sweepers are two individuals on the team that actually try to melt the pebble's so the stone if on line has nothing to catch on there for going further and not curling.

Now the unique sport made its way to Western by Dr. Britt Johnson, a member of the health physical education and recreation department as an assistant professor as well as the founder and president of the curling club. Britt acquired his love for curling in Kalamazoo Michigan, where

a Curling club was created. A golf friend of his, who was involved in the club, had encouraged Britt to attend his first event and from there Britt gained his passion for the sport. From the minute he stepped on the ice he was involved in the teaching and promoting of the club.

So when he found his way to Western he worked on bringing the sport here.

"The biggest challenge was finding the funding; the 42 pound stones are much more expensive than one would think," said Britt.

After working on it for a couple of years, the club was in place as well as a class at Western but due to campus not having the facilities the class was being held at Bode Ice Arena.

Only 29 colligate teams are in the USA Curling championship, so without even competing Missouri Western would be ranked thirtieth nationally.

In the fall of 2013 the club will start there official memberships, having more events and leagues.

"As we continue to get more people to know about it, the bigger our club and team can get," said Britt. "Almost everyone who has tried it has loved it."

Not only did students have a unique experience that can only be found in select places across the country, but also they had an enjoyable game of chess on ice that takes a great amount of agility and brains.

curl•ing

{ a game in which two teams of four players each slide curling stones over a stretch of ice toward a target circle }

HELLO
my name is

Gilbert Imbiri

Story by
Alexa
Adams

"I get asked why I came here a lot, it is because I fell
in love with this place."

Missouri Western may have been considered a home away from home to many of it's students, but to junior, Gilbert Imbiri it was truly his second home. Imbiri was born in Papua, Indonesia, a tropical island whose hot summer days last all year. He was a sophomore in high school when he made the decision to study abroad in the U.S. He was assigned to live with a local family, the Hartmans, and attend Dekalb High School.

Imbiri enjoyed studying so much that after moving back to Indonesia he worked on earning a student visa so that he could finish his high school education in America. He returned to the states and graduated from Maurhill Mount Academy, an all boys school in Atchison, Kan.

"I wanted to come back because the education here is much better," said Imbiri.

In Indonesia, students studied Monday through Saturday. Indonesian schools also differed from U.S. schools by only allowing a four to five week break in July.

Imbiri explained that in the U.S. students have the opportunity to learn both in and out of the classroom. Schools in Indonesia did not offer as many activities outside of class for students to participate in.

After graduating high school Imbiri chose to continue his education in the U.S. When he told his original host family, the Hartmans, about his decision they immediately invited him to stay with them and apply for college.

Imbiri decided to major in convergent media, but sitting in class was not enough for him. He decided to be as involved with the school and community as he could. Imbiri was a member of the International Students Club, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Kappa Psi and the Baptist Student Union along with contributing to both the Griffon newspaper, but he wasn't just involved on-campus. Imbiri also joined the New Generation Singers, the Missouri Valley worship band and worked Camp Electric, a summer camp for

American musicians in Nashville Tenn. where he met performers like Toby Mac and Jamie Grace.

"I'm an outgoing person and I love talking and networking with people," said Imbiri. "I guess I am just really good at time management, I want to know everyone here."

Due to his decision to major in convergent media Imbiri realized his passion for photography. He received his first camera on his thirteenth birthday and took pictures of everything. By the age of 21 he had graduated to his first professional camera.

Imbiri's passion for photography coincided with his love of traveling. He and the Hartmans, would travel together almost every long weekend. Since 2004 Imbiri had traveled to 35 different states.

"People started responding so positively to my picture and encouraged me to continue with photography," said Imbiri. "It makes me really happy when people enjoy looking at my pictures."

However, photography wasn't Imbiri's only talent. When first applying to Western he was a music major.

"I have been singing since I was really young," said Imbiri. "It's in my blood."

Imbiri's musical talent comes from both sides of his family in Indonesia. At the age of 10 he released his first album. Along with singing, Imbiri was able to play both the piano and guitar. He made his living in Indonesia as the lead signer of the well known band "Ambai Bermazmur," which have released seven albums.

Although Imbiri takes pride in his musical background, photography is what he wants to be known for.

"I want people here to know me as a photographer, music is my story in Indonesia," said Imbiri.

Although it may seem strange to some as to why someone like Gilbert Imbiri would be at Western, it is crystal clear to him.

"I get asked why I came here a lot," said Imbiri. "It is because I fell in love with this place."

croc•o•dile fes•ti•val

{ a two-day festival that celebrates the region's pristine environment
and wildlife. The crocodile symbolize the strength, power and manhood. }

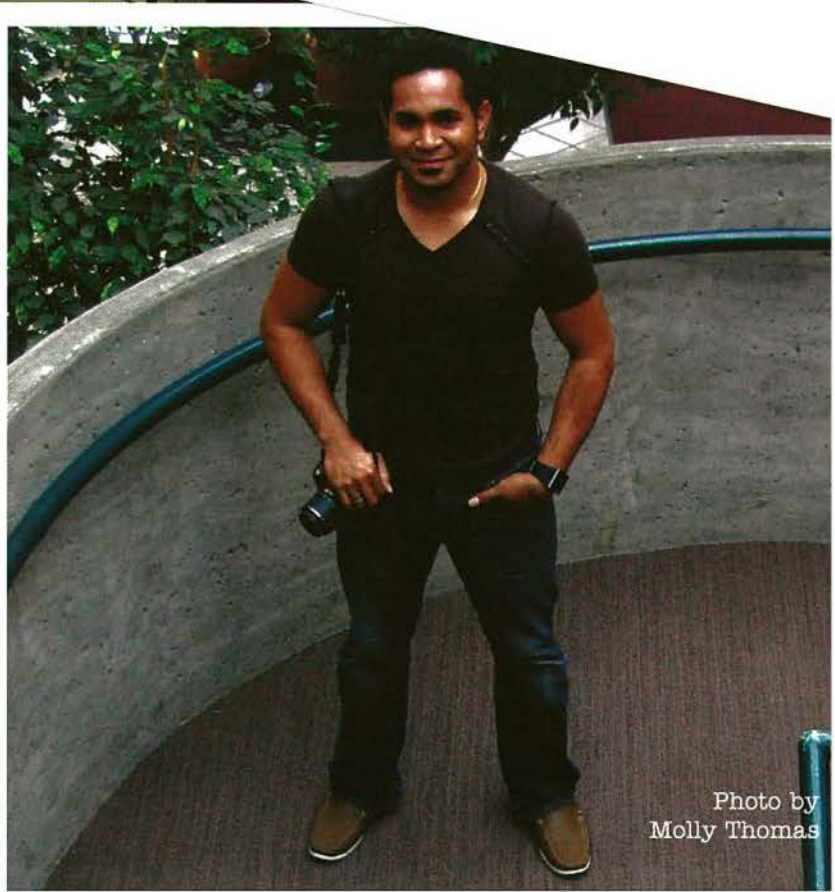


Photo by
Molly Thomas



Photo by Meghan Vandev



"Whether good or bad, it still triggers the brain."

In the office of Dallas Henry there were movie posters lining the walls and a sign on the door that read, "What Would Tom Hanks Do?" Henry had been an assistant professor for the theater and cinema department at Western for three years, and it would have never happened if his friend had not sent him a link to apply for the job. Henry chose Western because of its unique department and chose to stay because of the substantial growth it had shown in his three years of teaching.

Henry grew up in a small town south of Wichita. His graduating class had a grand total of 30. After graduating, he went to the University of St. Mary on a basketball/theater scholarship, where he later realized how difficult it was and chose theater, over basketball. Henry then went to Wayne State University for grad school in Detroit, Michigan. It was there that he received his MFA in acting and directing.

Henry really wanted to hone his craft as an actor and director. After grad school, he knew he wanted to go into film. He explained that he loved film so much because it was a permanent medium that gave the mind stimulation.

"Whether good or bad, it still triggers the brain," said Henry.

He moved to Los Angeles to act, and there he created his own production company. Wheatfield Productions had been in the works for over 10 years, where Henry and co-producers directed many productions. Such as several country music videos including 'International Harvester,' he also directed several NBC shows and a few movies such as *Relapse* and another movie that starred Steven Glover.

When he arrived at MWSU, the theater and cinema department was lacking a clear direction. Tee Quillin, another assistant professor in the department, was hired the same year and the two helped find the direction that was needed,

together.

The Bachelor of Arts program for theater was at the top of Henry's list. He wanted classes that would be relevant to jobs, which the students were aiming to get with their degrees. Henry was ecstatic to watch the theater program blossom.

Henry has directed many large theater productions at MWSU and taught many cinema classes. When he started at Western, there were a mere 16 students in the cinema department. By the 2013 school year that amount had grown to nearly 100.

"It's nice to see when students get it," he explained. "It's so rewarding."

Henry explained that he had a lot of fun with his production class. It gave students a business plan for their films. They learned about scheduling, budgeting, casting and many other things it takes to produce a good film.

Some of Henry's favorite memories thus far at Missouri Western have included his first semester and this year's first annual 48-Hour Film Festival. He still remembers his first class, and teaching students who have now or are preparing to graduate.

"It was new to everyone, and they all dealt with very hands-on style learning," Henry said. "I loved being able to see the students work so hard and earn their degree."

Henry explained that he couldn't choose between theater and cinema, because he loves them both equally. They both showed great growth and a sense of student community.

"I get to work with both sides of it. It's a lot of fun," said Henry.

Henry was very happy to become a part of the theater and cinema department of MWSU. He has watched its recent growth, and knows that there are more great things in store for the department in the future.

HELLO
my name is

Dr. Jon Keplar

HELLO
my name is

Dr. Pat McLearn

HELLO
my name is

Dr. Daniel Trifan

HELLO
my name is

Dr. Steve Greiert

It all started 20 years ago when Greiert was joking with Trifan and likened the four historians to the Four Horsemen from the fabled college football player quartet at the University of Notre Dame in 1924.

About 20 years ago, seven seals broke at Missouri Western and four horses came forth in a voice of thunder under a blue-gray sky. Look and behold, Dr. Jon Keplar sat on the white horse of pestilence. Dr. Daniel Trifan displayed a great sword, seated on the crimson horse of war. Famine had spread across the land as Dr. Pat McLearn fed his black horse and glared into the horizon. Finally, Dr. Steve Greiert rode on the ashen horse of death with Hades following him.

These horsemen were not granted the authority to kill with sword, famine and pestilence so instead they taught with a fiery passion in the history department.

Keplar taught medieval history at Western and retired in 2000 due to health reasons. Even such an apocalyptic rider must hang up his saddle eventually. The remaining horsemen rode on and the historians kept each other on their toes.

It all started 20 years ago when Greiert was joking with Trifan and likened the four historians

to the Four Horsemen from the fabled college football player quartet at the University of Notre Dame in 1924. Grantlan Rice, a poetic sportswriter of the time, made the player-horsemen association in a lead to one of his stories. McLearn and Greiert were both football fans and also liked to study religion.

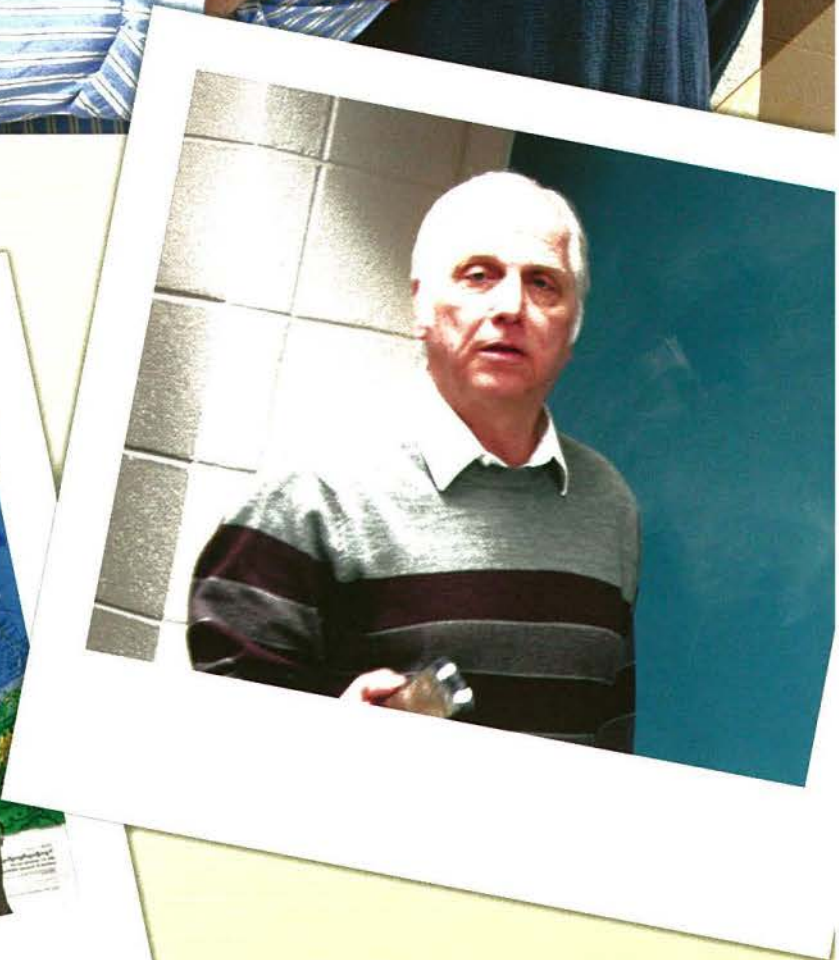
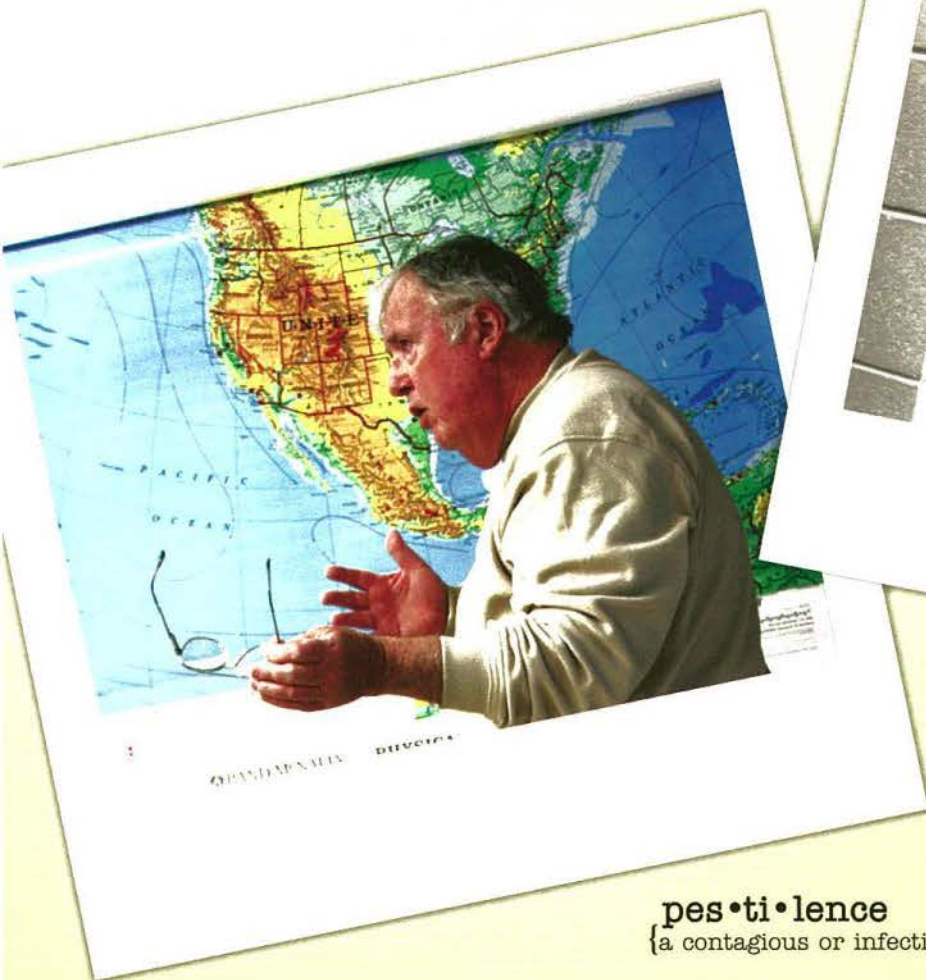
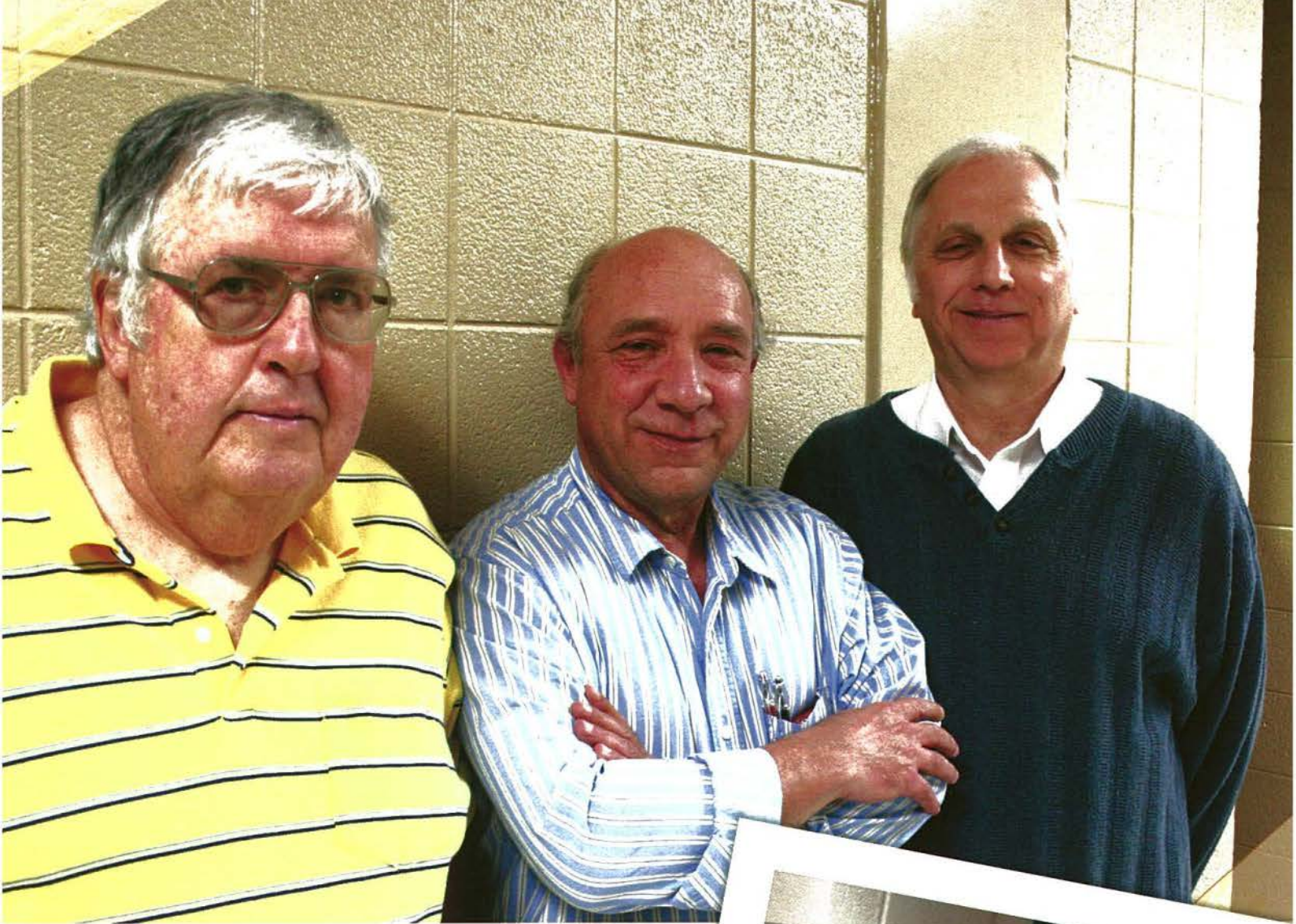
The historians enjoyed inside jokes while taking their careers serious. Greiert laughed and said it was all in good fun.

"We try to keep things light hearted," Greiert said.

McLearn taught about the Great Depression, thus the horseman of Famine. Greiert joked about how the Horseman of Famine was unable to grow anything on his farm. His Uncle farmed in Illinois.

"It's very relaxing to go out there and fool with farming equipment. It's like therapy," McLearn said.

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pes•ti•lence

{a contagious or infectious epidemic disease that is virulent and devastating}

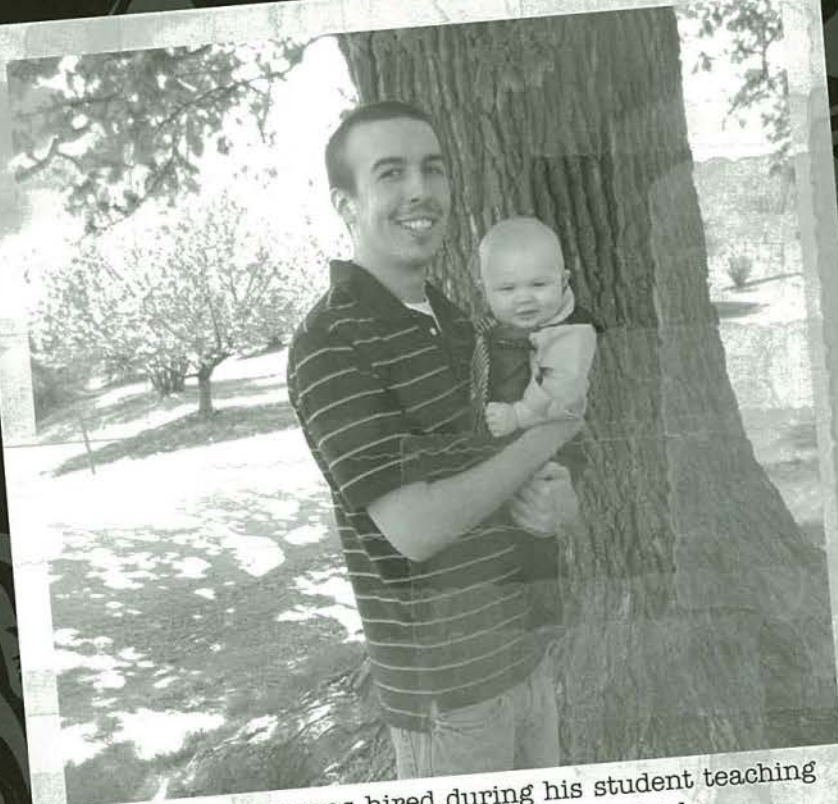
Griffon Mail



Congratulations Western Graduates

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Cole Charboneau was hired during his student teaching for the St. Joseph School District for 5th grade.



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Anthony, Jessica



Armagost, Ashleigh



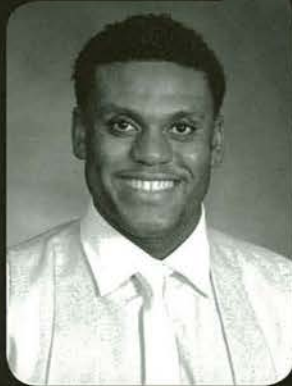
Bassett, Nicole



Bonkoski-Fidler, Jamie



Caldwell, LaKeisha



Candio, D'Jimmy



Charboneau, Cole



Shelby Clapp was engaged to Ethan Harmon and started work as a graduate nurse at Hedrick Medical Center in Chillicothe. In the future Shelby will work as an RN on the medical surgical floor at Hedrick.



Clapp, Shelby



Clark, Jennifer



Craig, Megan



Criss, Jessica



Davis, Tyla



Denbow, Ashley



Dennis, Curtis



Domon, Uraina



Amanda Giesing and Matt Mussleman were married after graduation. Matt received a grad assistantship in music at Truman State. Amanda accepted a registered nurse position and they moved to Kirksville to start their new life.



Drehle, Devon



Findley, Kelly



Fryer, Abigail



Giesing, Amanda



Gossett, Theresa



Griffin, Jennifer



Harissi, Yahya



He, Simin



Abdullah, Carlisha



Adams, Alexa



Adams, Ashley



Adkins, Brooke



Ali, Jasmine



Allnutt,
Richard Gregg



Alqawsi, Turki



Anderson, Travis



Atkinson, Alex



Axton, Dillon



Banks, Daniel



Barber, Julie



Barmann, Ryan



Barnett, Brianna



Bayer, Riley



American mourned the death of a hero on Aug. 25, 2012 with the death of Astronaut Neil Armstrong. Who became a history book ideal in 1969 when he became the first man to walk on the Moon. His sudden death was the result of complication of heart surgery previously done.



Becker, Danyel



Bell, Tiffany "Kit"



Benson, Tijanna



Bergeron, Michael



Bergman, Lauren



Bertram, Elizabeth



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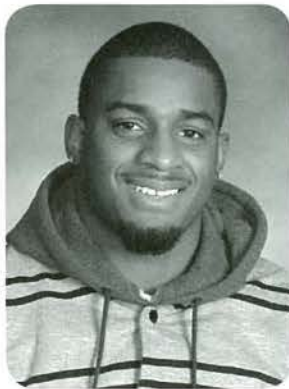
Bremer, Brittany

Everything was bigger in the 80s right down to the hair. But one fashion fad from the 80s that came back in 2012 was the big-rimmed glasses that our parents sported in high school. The hipster generation embarrassed the look for style and need appeal. Fortuity for the rest of us the fad returned to the 80s as quickly as it had popped up.





Brockett, Cole



Brown, Tra



Brunner, Jordan



Bryant, Jordin



Buntin, April



Burnett, Joshua



Bush, Mark



Byrd, Cydnie



Campbell, Kristina



Campbell, Seth



Caples, Angela



Carlson, Danielle



Carter, Emily



Casady, Lindsey



Chester, Grace



Pope Benedict XVI ended his papacy in February of 2013 with retirement. He was the first pope to step six centuries. He told Vatican officials that he was resigning due to medical issues. Pope Benedict XVI was succeeded by Pope Francis in March.



Christianson, Hayley



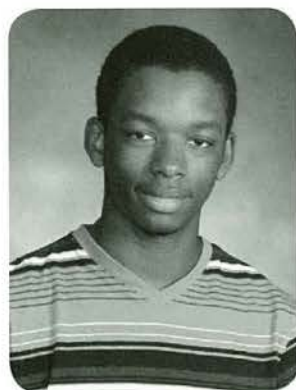
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Cooper, Barbara



Cooper, Marvin



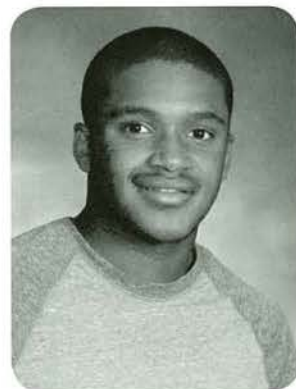
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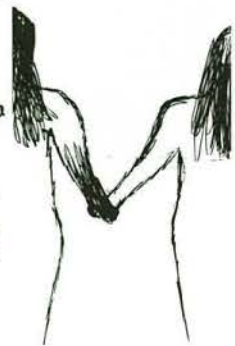


Dougherty, Anthony



Duncan, Jennifer

Anais Border, a London student from France, thought she had found her "double" after watching a movie trailer for "21 & Over" featuring New Jersey raised actress Samantha Futerman. After talking on Facebook they concluded they were twins adopted at a young age.





Dungan, Britany



Dunken, Amanda



Duskey, Brian



Easton, Chelsea



Eiberger, Marcia



Emrick, Daphne



Erb, Holly



Estep, Amanda



Euchner, Adam



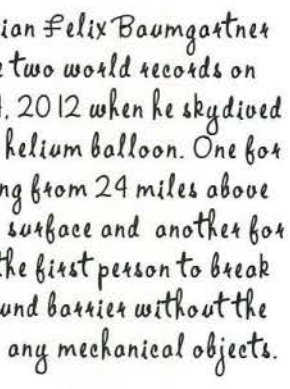
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Fan, Biao



Felder, Dez'Staney



Finch, Payton



Fitch, Sczavaughn



Fitzgerald, Jordan



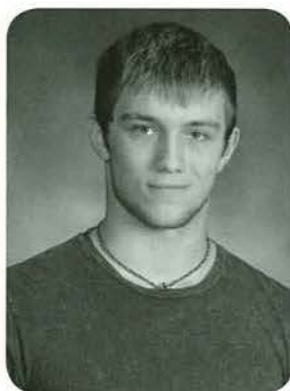
Austrian Felix Baumgartner broke two world records on Oct. 14, 2012 when he skydived from a helium balloon. One for jumping from 24 miles above Earth's surface and another for being the first person to break the sound barrier without the help of any mechanical objects.



Fletcher, Lauren



Fortmeyer, Peter



Forward, Trey



Fox, Amanda



Francis, Amanda



Galbearth, Gloria



Gardner, Nicole



Gardner, Timbre



Gladney, Janlissa



Goers, Jody



Goodrick, Morgan



Goodrick, Tina



Gordon, Sarah



Gray, Cedric



Greer, Kendra

The Mayan Calendar ended on Dec. 21, 2012, many felt that the Mayans had predicted the "End of Days" as being Dec. 21, 2012 because it was the last date on their calendar, which was over 5,000 years old. Fortunately Dec. 21, 2012 went on just like any other day.

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Gummelt, Russell



Hadley, Michael



Haefner, Ida



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Hall, Kristin



Hamilton, Jennifer



Harding, Kelsey



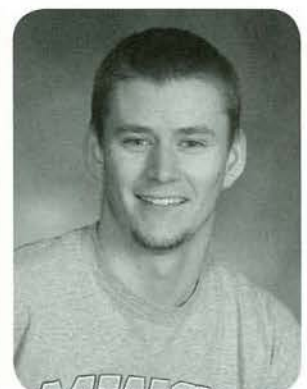
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Hayden, Merriam



Hayes, Brittany



Haynes, Blake



Haynes, Destanie



Haynes, Steven



Haywood, Gwenda

On Feb. 3, 2013 Super Bowl XLVII was battled out between the Baltimore Ravens and the San Francisco 49ers in New Orleans. For the first time in NFL history two brothers went head to head, as coaches, for the title of Super Bowl Champion.





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Helm, Jessica



Helm, Matthew



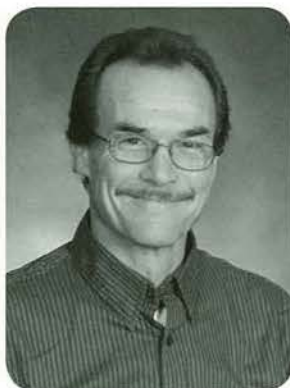
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Hicok, Krystal



Holmes, Madison



Horvath, Peter



Howe, Summer



Hudson, Samantha



Hund, Jonathan



Huntsman, Joel



Imbiri, Gilbert



Irvin, Ma'Kia



Jackson, Rachal



Jacobs, Cierra

Activision's video game, "Call of Duty: Black Ops II" released on Nov. 30, 2012 and started breaking records immediately. The first-person shooter game had the most pre-orders and day-one shipments than any other video game. The game grossed over \$500 million after just 24 hours in the United States on release day.





Jacobs, Richard



Jacocks, Cierra



Jakes, Atreyu



Jamison, Makia



Jin, Yixuun



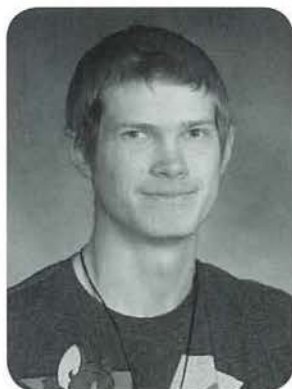
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Johnson, Katelyn



Johnson, Melissa D.



Johnson, Thomas



Jones, DeAndre



Jones, Elainna



Keffeler, Erica



May 6, 2013 three missing women, one who had disappeared over 10 years ago, were found alive in the home of their suspected capture in Cleveland, Ohio. Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight were discovered by a neighbor, who heard yelling coming from the house.



Keith, Katie



Kellough, Tarquin



Keneally, Alyssa



Kennedy, Meshach



Kepner, Jennifer



Kirkendoll, Shelbie



Kottwitz, Ryan



Leacock, Andrew



Lichtenegger, Ryan



Liebhart, Amber



Linder, Ashley



Lloyd, Melissa



Lockard, Josh



Loew, Mark



Losensky, Brittany



Love, Kahdejia B.

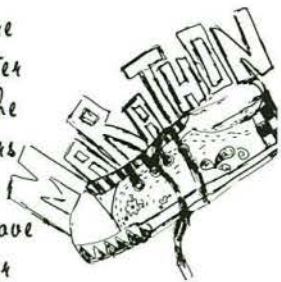


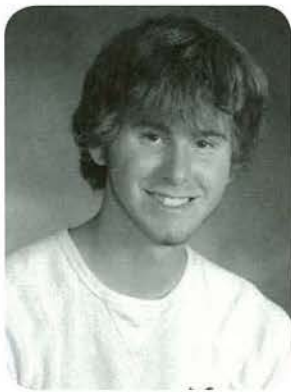
Luke, Devin



Luo, Lubing

During the 117 Boston Marathon 264 people were injured and three killed after two bombs went off near the finish line. Chechen brothers, Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev were believed to have set off two pressure cooker bombs on April 15, 2013 during the world famous marathon.

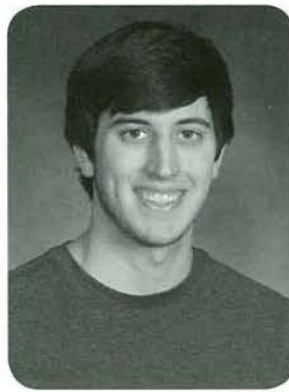




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Martine, Tanner



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McClendon, Cecil



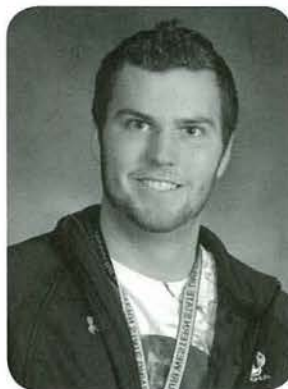
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McLaughlin, Ryan



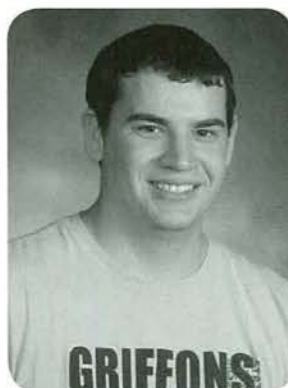
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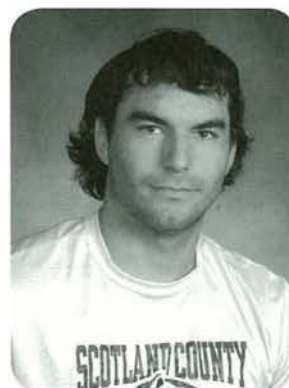
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Mengel, Christian



Meyer, Tyler



Miller, Drew



Miller, Duncan



The reelection of President Barack Obama was not the only headline making news from the 2012 election. Both Washington state and Colorado passed laws making the relational use of marijuana legal. It was estimated that the new law would bring in \$2.1 billion in the next five years.



Miller, Kenya



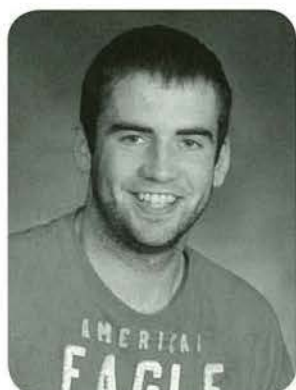
Miller, Martha



Misemer, Madeleine



Mohling, Cassandra



Molloy, Tom



Moore, Elie



Moppin, Cassy



Moran, Chelsea



Morgan, Ashley



Mullins, Matthew



Murphy, Mariah



Mutahar, Ehab



Myers, Logan



Nguyen, Lissa



Nolan, Shannon

The second most deadly mass shooting by a single gunman in United States history took place on December 14, 2012. Twenty students and six facility members were killed in Newtown, Conn. after 20-year-old Adam Lanza entered Sandy Hook Elementary School.





Stoppelman, Paige



Stubbs, Lindsey



Stufflebean, Anna



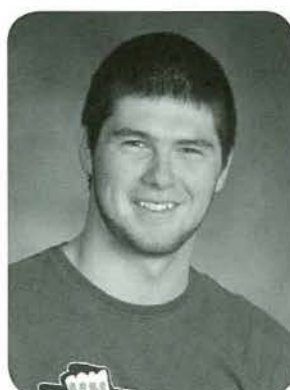
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Swing, Catherine



Swymeler, Shelby



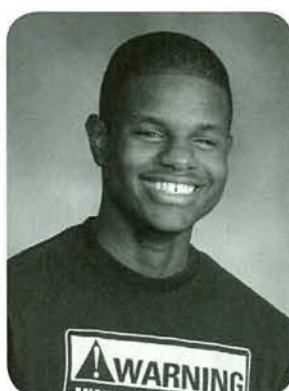
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Teeter, Nicole



Thaker, Hardik



Thomas, Keith

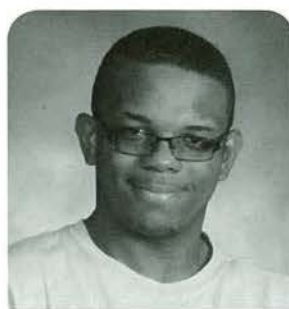


Thoas, Molly



Thygerson, MaKayla

Missouri weather is never predictable. Coming off the summer floods of 2011, summer 2012 was hot and dry. In fact the summer was rated one of the top 10 driest years in Missouri's history. The mix of high temperatures and





Vaccaro, Andrea



Vandever, Meghan



Velasquez, Jamil



Walker, Ashley



Walters, Zack



Ward, Racheal



Ware, Melanie



Warner, Mary



Wash-Lee, Kia



Washington, Javan



Watson, Jesse



Watson, Kate



Watson, Marisa



Watson, Veronica



Webb-Rollie,
Penni-Jean

On Feb. 10, 2013 the band Fun won both "Best New Artist" award and "Song of the Year" at the 55th annual Grammy Awards. The band is known for their songs "We are Young" and "Carry On." The song that brought them home their first Grammy was "Some Nights."





On the night of March 2, 2013, Jeff Bush lost his life in quite an unusual. The earth literally opened up and ate him. While sleeping in his Florida home the ground under the foundation of Bush's home collapsed. Without warning Bush fell at least 30 feet under his house. His brother, Jeremy, tried to save him but was unsuccessful.



West, Luran



Whipple, Robert



White, Kelly



Whitley, Aesha



Williams, Raven



Williams, Tarcha M.



Williams, Tatiana



Williams-Bey,
Kadijah



Wing, Kayla



Winston, Richard



Wood, Megan



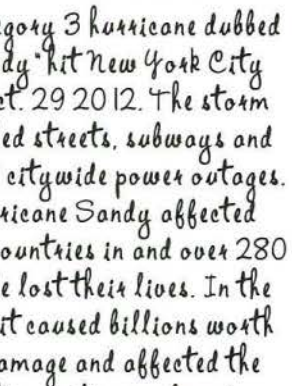
Worth, David



Wright, Christian



Wright, Samantha



Yetman, Nick



Young, Lydia



Zhang, Yue

A category 3 hurricane dubbed "Sandy" hit New York City on Oct. 29 2012. The storm flooded streets, subways and caused citywide power outages. Hurricane Sandy affected seven countries in and over 280 people lost their lives. In the U.S. it caused billions worth of damage and affected the entire eastern seaboard.

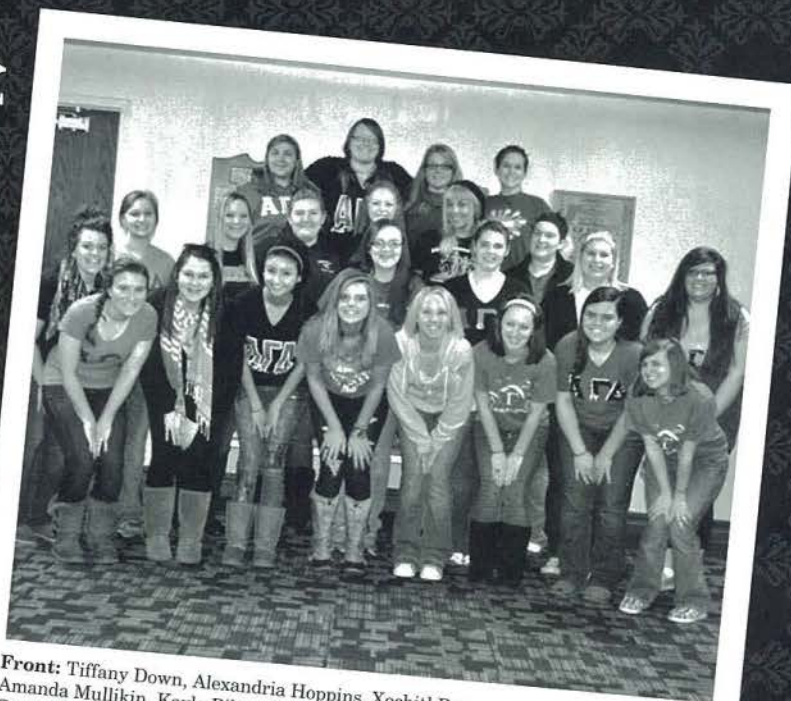


Western Organizations



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Alpha Gamma Delta



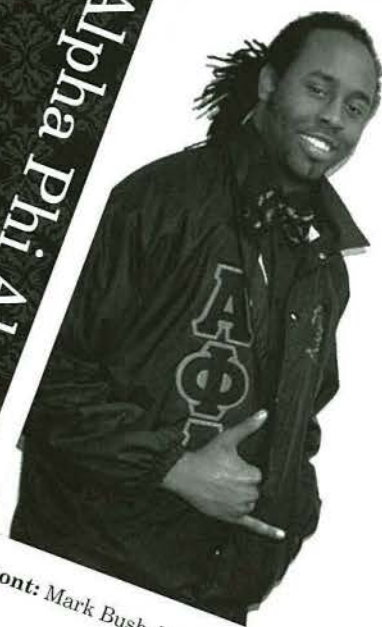
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Second: Jordan Miller, Christine Ray, Hannah Sykes, Taylor Mathias, Sarah Jones, Shannon Nolan, Alayna Mazzeffe.
Third: Jesse Kirkendoll, Jessie Brown, Katherine McKnight, Sarah Young.
Fourth: Devon Wilson, Chelsea Moran, Ashley Filipelli, Marcia Eiberger.

Alpha Omega



Front: Brittany Harvey, Makenzie Prawl, Samantha Hudson, Krystal Hick and Sharlene Ackman.
Second: Megan Morrison, Addie Wikowsky, Sheli Watson, Joy Earl and Kristin Neslon.

Alpha Phi Alpha



Front: Mark Bush Jr. and DeAndre Diamond.

Alpha Psi Omega



Front: Jared Spangler, Nerissa M Lee, Katie Brekalo and Justin Joseph.
Camera Shy: Kelsey Houser, Robin Ussher, Rachel Cox and Brian Shewell.

Assoc. of Information Tech. Professionals



Front: Jessica Pasley, Danyel Becker, Deborah Becker (advisor), Brian S. Purvis and Mary Warner.
Second: Jessica Pasley, Marcus Cook, Jason Mullin, Connie Hecker (advisor) and Luke Mason.
Third: David Carlisle, Gregory Williams, Jeff Murton and Anna Edwards.

Student Body



Christian Fellowship

Front: Lindsey Casady, Emily Tyson, Kelsi Roebeling, Chris Plank, Avery Doran and Ceara Boldridge.
Second: Brittany Harvey, Brianna Rapp, Adam Bailey, Brian Graves and Shelley Graves.
Third: Chris Verstruete, Jamie Harrington, Mikey Turner, Krystal Hicole and Cecil McClendon.

College Republicans



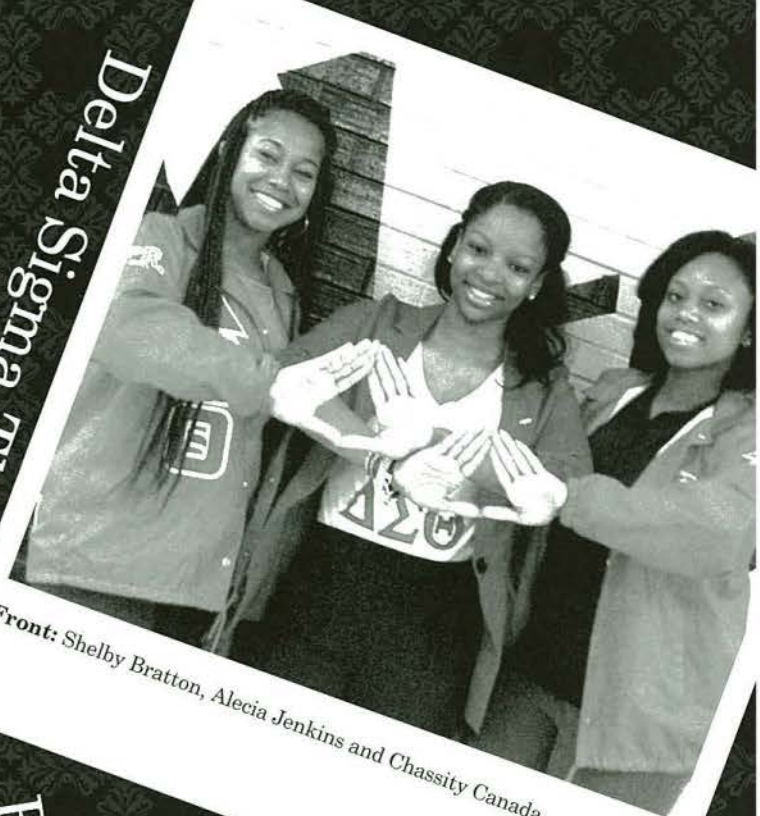
Front: Emily Giljan, Heather Clenn and Kaitlyn V. King.
Second: Tom Molloy, Sterling Fitcher, David Ricks, Travis Johnston, Travis Hart, Jacob Scott and Stan Bartholomeu.
Camera Shy: Megan Gates and Anthony Myers.



Colleges Against Cancer

Front: Mike O'Fallon, Jacqueline Ratliff, Kathie Marquart, Brittany O'Brey, Ashley Morgan.
Second: Dalton McMullen, Patrick Boessen, Greg Young and Tyler Dorrel.

Delta Sigma Theta



Front: Shelby Bratton, Alecia Jenkins and Chassity Canada.

Economics Club



Front: Chelsea Moran, Ashley Barton, Maggie Adams and Katherine McKnight.

Second: Nader Vaigha (advisor), Anthony Myers, Nick Bullimore, Travis Hart and Forrest Lurten.

Third: Nick Brewer, Teriq Newton and Nick Williams.

Griffon News Fall Staff



Front: Blair Stalder, Micha Cummins, Lauren Dillon, Katelyn Canon, Kyler Penland and Eboni Lacey.

Second: Andy Garrison, Matt Hunt, Albert Shelby, Kyle Inman and Ellis Cross.

Third: Christian Mingle, Brian Duskey, Tevin Harris and Bob Bergland (advisor).



Griffon News Spring

Front: Gilbert Imbiri, Kristin Hagre, JQ Denver, Katelyn Canon, Micha Cummins and Albert Shelby.
Second: Austin Garrison, Joyce Stevenson, Daniel Cobb, Brian Duskey, Matt Hunt, Eboni Lacey, Bob Bergland (advisor), Gary Smith and Christian Mingle.
Third: Dave Hon, Kyle Inman and Tevin Harris.



Griffon Yearbook Fall

Front: Brittany Bremer, Seth Campbell, Madison Holmes, Gilbert Imbiri and Molly Thomas.
Second: Thomas Hanrahan (advisor), Alexa Adamas, Tiffany Bell, Heather Heater, Amanda Fox and Lindsey Roberts.
Camera Shy: Adam Euchner and Hanna Greenwell.



Griffon Yearbook Spring

Front: Blake Hayes, Brittany Bremer, Alexa Adams, Meghan Vandever, Molly Thomas, Hunter Richie and Kendra Greer.
Second: Thomas Hanrahan (advisor), Travis Anderson, Seth Campbell, Amanda Fox, Heather Heater, Lindsey Roberts and Joyce Stevenson.
Camera Shy: Hanna Greenwell.

Honors Student Society



Front: Tom Molloy, Darien Morrow, Alex Stearns, Erin Sprenger and Sam Morgan.
Second: Amanda Francis, Nicole Bradley, Kayli Silkett, Kayla Blackwell and Krystal Hicok.
Camera Shy: Elizabeth Bertram, Grace Chester, Kelly Cochran, Amanda Estep, Taylor Fluharty, Ida Haefner, Alyssa Keneally, Sara Mathews, Genesis Parra, Cooper Roberts, Kelsey Samenus, Amanda Shellnut, Jordan Snook, Ian Storck, Stacy Temple, Jessie Thorup, Katie Walkup and Megan Wood

International Club



Front: Yousef Fatehallh, Ehab Hashim Muthahar, Ahmed Jamal Hefny, Yahya Harissi, Abdullah Mohammad Alhajri, Gilbert Imbiri, Yawei Zhu.
Second: Amy Kotwani, Ahmad Shah Salimee, Yangfan Sun, Hyeyeon Park, Maricarmen Evelia Teran Vela, Yue Zhang, Anna Alexandrovna Orlova, Sharon Rodrigues Benarroch, Ahmed Mohammed Alsonbul,
Third: Sushma Pennika, Jee Hye Lee, JeeYung Kim, Yunhao Jin, Edgardo Jamil Velasquez Mejia, Feifan Zhu, Hongrui Mao, Zhihao Jin, Saleh Ateeq Almutairi.
Fourth: JinSung Youn, Ali Mohammed, Ali Musafir, Mohamed Omar Alawadi, Javier Alejandro Paz Blanco, Juan Wang, Yixuan Jin, Biao Fan.

Phi Delta Theta



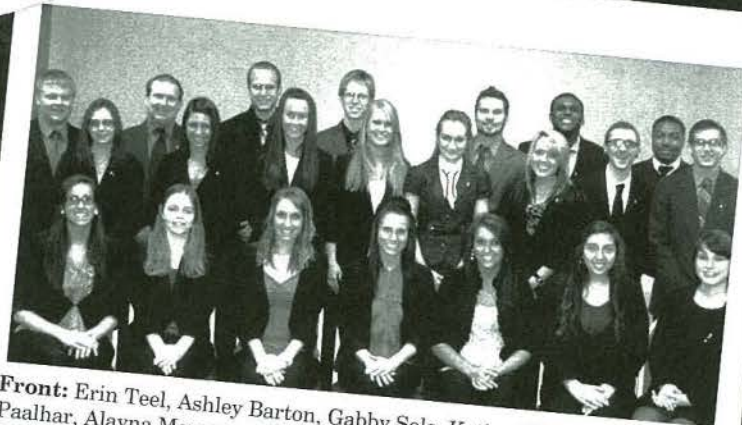
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Second: Jacob Dowell, Alex Quinta, John Anderson, Zach Schurman, Aaron Sanders, Zach Shultz and Colin Rosenhow.
Third: Dillon Williams, Alex Merling, Ethan Kelley, Ryan Barman and Tyler Coder.
Fourth: John Hund and Cody Crabb.

Phi Mu Alpha



Front: Zach DeFoe, Garrett Jones, Cody Wegele, Alex Hage, Jonathon Hobbs, Martin Lau, Tarquin Kellough and John McGlynn.
Second: Mark Loew, Dylan Bradshaw, Thor Wolter, Sky Lux, Matthew Ulmer, Daniel Hager and Jared Green.

RHO Upsilon

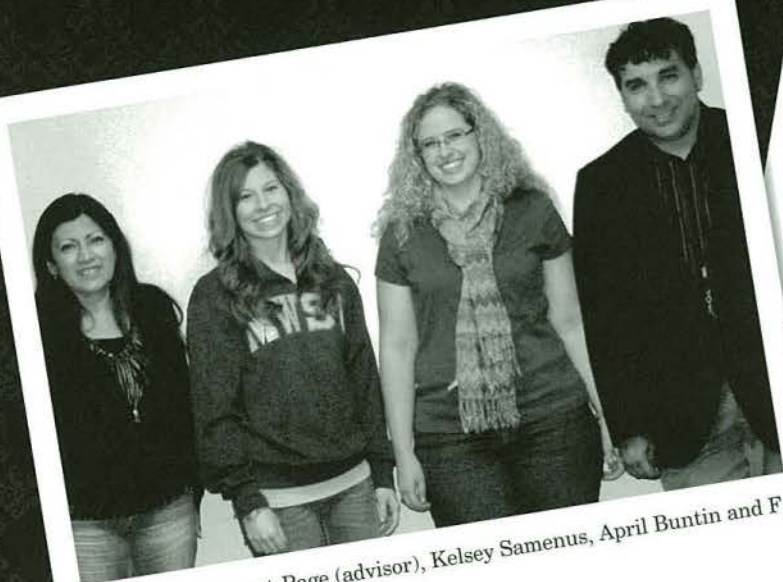


Front: Erin Teel, Ashley Barton, Gabby Sole, Kathy O'Donnell, Kayla Paalhar, Alayna Meneses and Victoria Byerley.
Second: Amanda Mavel, Stephanie Hass, Morgan Hoover, Jessica Kisling, Theadora Serna, Sarah Williams, Christopher Smith and Brian Popp.
Third: Clayton Maupin, Joseph Allen, Scott Adams, Alexander Stearns, Chase McRae, D'Jimmy Candio and Monterio Seewood.

Sigma Sigma Sigma



Front: Kirstyn Query, Kayla Blackwell, Mimi Ho, Sarah Nolte, Savanna Law, Marie Charmaine Baneu, Emilie Dec, Alyson Hill, Lalle Thompson, Christine Nguyen and Megan Helt.
Second: Breame Troery, Kylie Simon, Julia Buscher, Jessica Hazelhorst, Kelli Ourada, Spencer Darnall, Kaeley Mathieson, Kristin Smith, Monica Silbern, Amber Robinson, Serenity Hagee, Beth Hoffman and Alex Steilen.
Third: Haylee Gentry, Lauren Adams, Mary Theis, Shawna Bomberger, Kayte Buckman, Sierra Travrioner, Erica Ainsworth, Chelsea Hayden, Jordan Barron and Frankie Wainwright (advisor).
Camera Shy: Ellen Holcomb and Rachel Miller.



Front: Ana Bausset-Page (advisor), Kelsey Samenus, April Buntin and F. Eduardo Castilla Ortiz (advisor).

Spanish Club



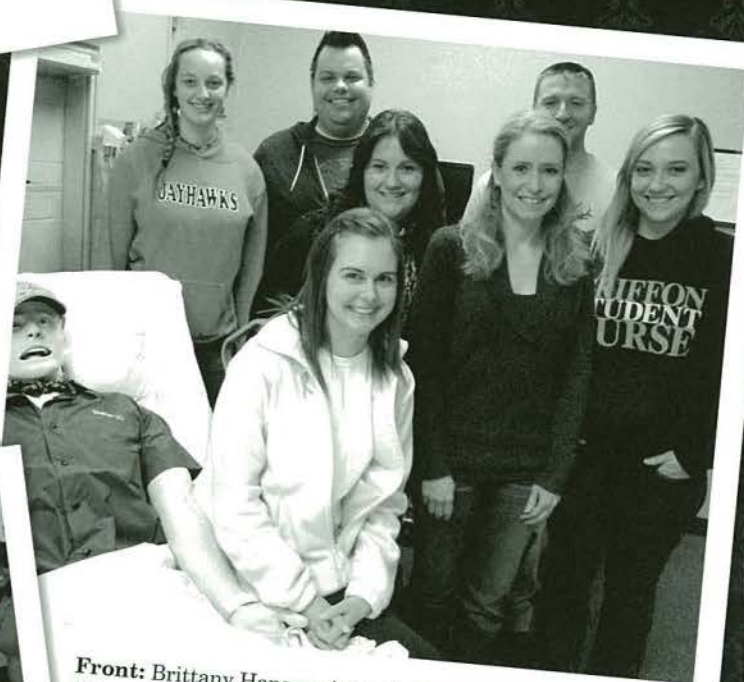
Front: Kelsie Precht, Brooke Witthaus, Lauren Dillon, Tony Dougherty and Sam Poirier.
Second: McKenzie Crouse, Kyleen Seil, Shannon Starr, Sarah Bennett, Lauren Elmore, Melissa Llyod, Brandon Hare, Ashley Morgan and Toyana Hickman.
Third: Melissa Stallbaumer, Amber Stice, Addie Wikowsky, Taylor Enyeart, Richard West, Alexis Rivers, Kahdejia Lave and Allie Mayes.
Fourth: Erin Sprenger, Lionel Attawia, Jacob Teasley, Charles Flemons, Tyler O'Neill, Shane Grier, Cecily Resse and Sam Morgan.

Western Activities Council



Front: Kayla Miller, Hanna Adkins, Mary Ann Leach, Kirby Hoerrmann, Danielle Nielson and Clarissa Lewin.
Second: Rachel Hurtsman, Jen Rayle, Uraina Domon, Heidi Brown, Tiffanie Kelly and Alex Libby.
Third: Amanda Bratton, Melissa Weekly, Brianna Howell, Sarah Spoonemal, Jessica Barszack and Katie Berggren.

Social Workers Club



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Second: Jackie Lysaght, Jezwah Harris, Brody Delaney

Student Nurses Assoc.





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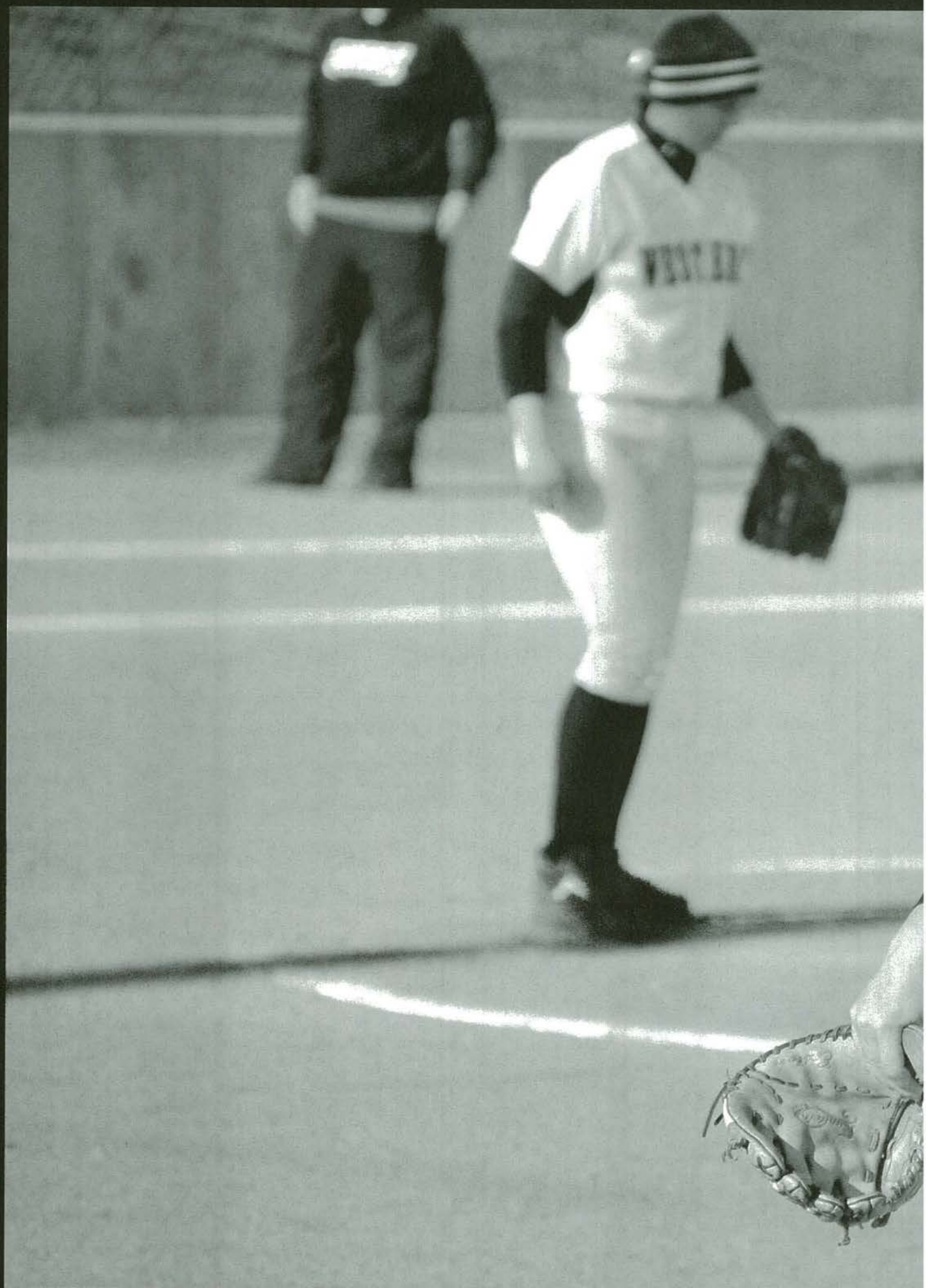




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In the End

Lindsey Roberts



As the four-year story comes to an end faces and buildings change, memories fade. The story will never end it lives off every raised hand, scribbled note and sudden moment of clarity. With every smile, laughter and tear, the book grows. Today we are its present but tomorrow we will be its past. Soon we will be mere ghost of memories floating down the halls. Waiting to be discovered by future bright-eyed students who are thirsting for knowledge and discovery. This will be their story and the cycle will continue. We all come from different backgrounds, lived different lives and have different futures in store for us. Once our feet touch Western soil we all gain one single truth. We all become part of the story. We are Griffons, don't let the book close here, divulge in chapters to come.





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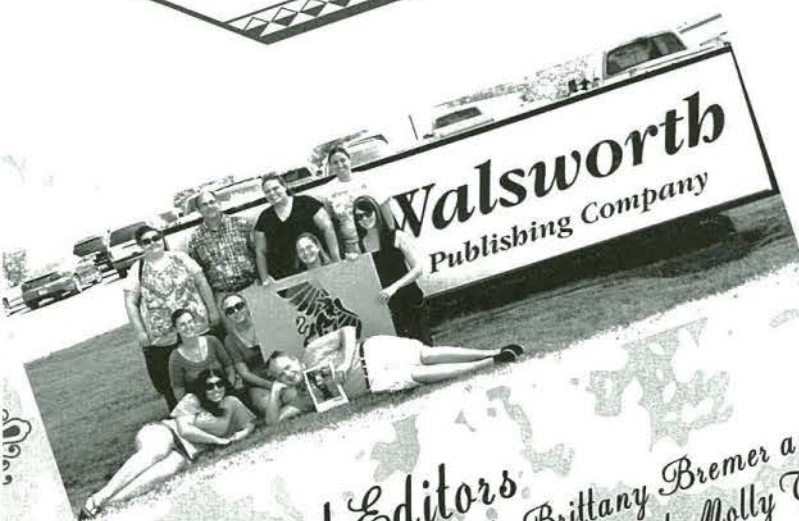
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The years have just flew by and I am so proud of all that my staff(s) have accomplished. Through thick and thin we have produced wonderful books. My definition of yearbook would have to be FAMILY. Everyone must work together to make a publication and after so much time together there is no better way to define yearbook "a group of individuals living under one roof and usually under one head," as Merriam-Webster would put it. We have become a family.

Heather Healer

When I think about yearbook, I think about what a huge part of my life it has been. A part of my heart and soul has been put into each book. The yearbooks I have worked on have been more than just a job, they have been a learning experience. The yearbook has taught me what DETERMINATION really is. Without that this book would not have been possible. I will never forget my time spent on the yearbook for it is more than just a mere book for me, but a moment caught in time, our lives recorded in a book.

Hanna Greenwell

The pen is our sword and the camera our shield. Our prize? A 248-page book that contains a years worth of early mornings, late nights, deadlines and endless pots of coffee. The definition of yearbook, to me, is HISTORIAN. We are the current historians of Missouri Western. We compile the happy moments and the sad moments of the year. The moments of victory and the ones of defeat all become immortalized in the binding of one book. Every year we install another chapter to the chronicle of Missouri Western.

Lindsey Roberts

I have been a part of yearbook for several years now. It is sad that I am one of the staff leaving. I know other great things are to come my way. My definition of yearbook is, it's a great learning opportunity. Not only because it increases your skills as a photographer and writer, but it also helps your ability to work with people as a team. So in a nutshell yearbook is defined as a COMMUNITY.

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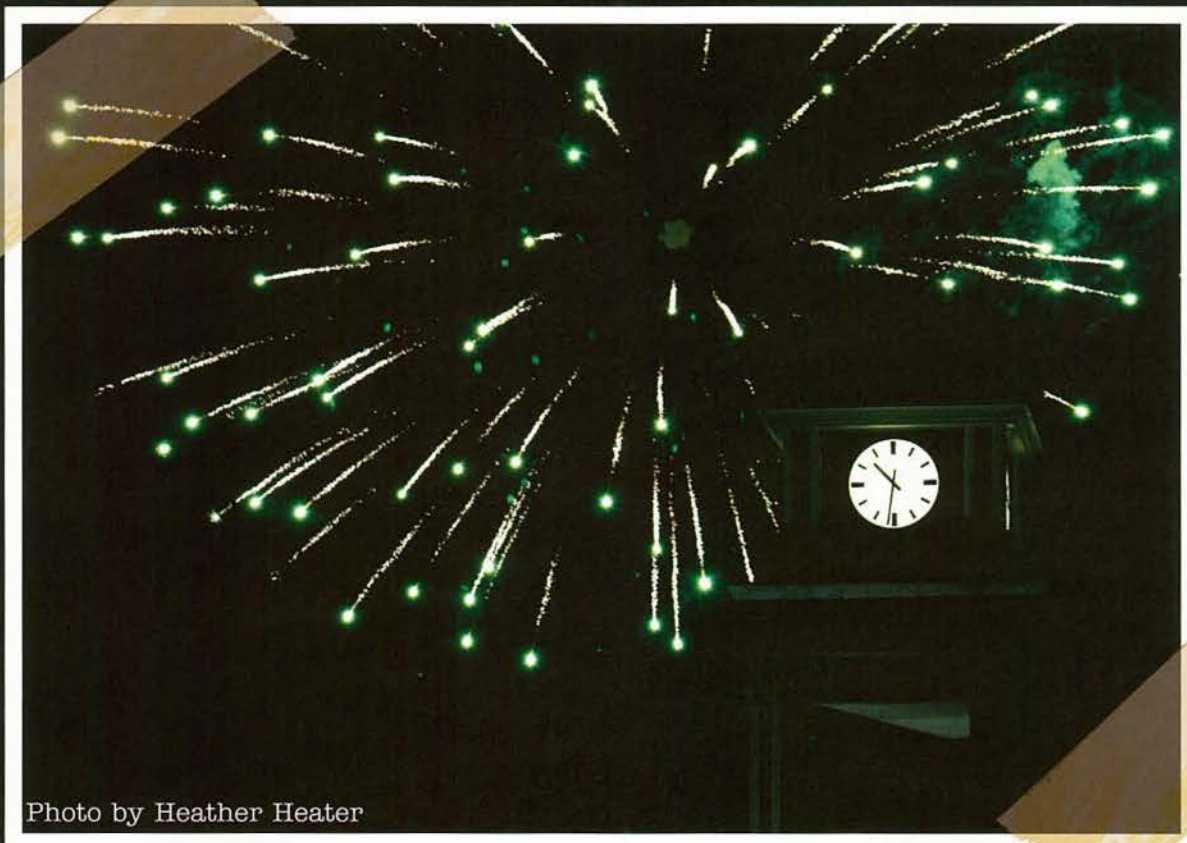


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