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WALTER CRONKITE

“And that’s the way it is...”

now on campus
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Griffon Pride

Tailgating was popular this past fall. Before every football game, the campus came alive with grills, washer games and fun. Of course, the outstanding football team drew record crowds this season, as well.



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Dear Friends,

On Nov. 4, 2013, a labor of love was dedicated at Missouri Western: The Walter Cronkite Memorial.

Walter Cronkite, the legendary news anchor who was born in St. Joseph, Mo., was known as the most trusted man in America. He certainly filled that role in my life. I remember watching Walter Cronkite deliver the evening news, and recall being glued to my television as Cronkite reported the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. This icon of American history is certainly one of St. Joseph's greatest native sons, and now, there is finally a memorial fitting of his legacy in his hometown, on Missouri Western's campus.

To say this has been a fulfilling project would be an understatement. My heartfelt thanks goes to the Walter Cronkite Memorial Committee members, who spent countless hours, evenings and weekends bringing this vision to life and creating not only a deserving homage to Walter Cronkite but also a new must-see tourist destination in our region. The creation of this memorial was a group effort, brought to life by our talented faculty, staff, students, administration and community volunteers.

My sincere gratitude goes to the David and Shirley Bradley Endowment, which helped make this memorial possible. Much like Walter Cronkite, the Bradley family is leaving a journalistic legacy by bringing the important news of the day to the general public. We are thankful to the Bradleys' many contributions to the St. Joseph community and to Missouri Western.



It is appropriate that this tribute to Cronkite is on Missouri Western's campus. The Memorial serves to educate our students on a key figure in much of our nation's history, a man who exemplified journalistic integrity and represented the ideals of research,

knowledge, free speech and public access to information that higher education institutions hold so dear. In fact, it was before St. Joseph's own Chamber of Commerce that Walter appeared and responded to what he perceived as an attack on freedom of speech by then Vice President Spiro Agnew in 1969.

Cronkite himself was a great supporter of higher education. As we were researching and gathering materials for this undertaking, Missouri Western President Emeritus Marvin Looney helped us locate a recording that Cronkite made extolling the virtues of public higher education in Missouri. That recording, as well as a historic map of all of the public universities in Missouri, is on display in the Walter Cronkite Memorial.

I invite you to come to campus and view the Walter Cronkite Memorial, located in Spratt Hall Atrium. It makes me very proud to live in a community that was the birthplace of, in my opinion, the most influential journalist of the 20th century.

Robert A. Vartabedian

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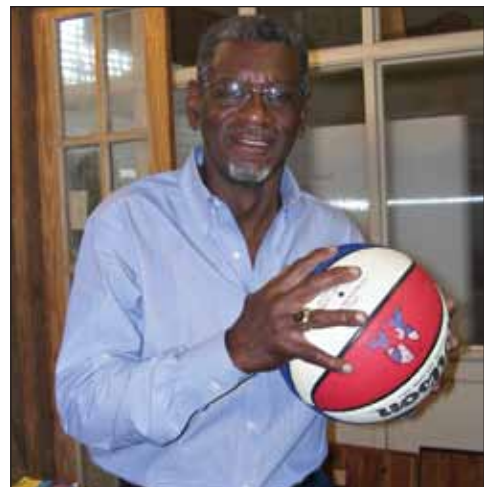
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Steve Craig's University gift: great appreciation



Steve Craig

The Craig School of Business has benefited from a real-life example of a business concept taught in its classrooms: asset appreciation. The value of the largest individual gift in Missouri Western history grew to 140 percent of the amount pledged.

Steven L. Craig, founder and CEO of Craig Realty Group of Newport Beach, Calif., pledged \$5.5 million to the Missouri Western Foundation in 2008 to establish the Craig School of Business. Most of the gift was in the form of shares of ownership in Woodburn Company Stores, a shopping center in Woodburn, Ore.

The sale of that shopping center was completed in June 2013. With the sale of the property, and more than \$2.5 million in distributions prior to the sale, the total value of Craig's gift has soared to \$7,738,589.20.

"It's fitting that the entrepreneurial spirit Steve Craig is helping to nurture in our students has made the largest gift in Missouri Western's history even larger than anybody anticipated," said Dr. Robert Vartabedian, Missouri Western's president. "I applaud his creativity and thank him for his generosity."

"I am grateful that Missouri Western is embracing the entrepreneurial ideals that can have long-lasting economic and personal benefits. My dream is for this gift to elevate not only the

university but the entire northwest Missouri region," Craig said.

Because of his interest in helping to develop an entrepreneurship focus in the Craig School of Business, Craig initiated a partnership between Missouri Western and Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory in 2009 that has resulted in alumni currently owning and operating 14 RMCF and Aspen Leaf Yogurt stores in 10 states. Additionally, another alumnus owns and operates a Fresca's Mexican Grill that had been owned by Craig.

The Craig School is also developing a Center for Entrepreneurship and an entrepreneurship minor. Franchise opportunities for students are expanding as well, thanks to a \$207,000 grant the Craig School received last year. ■

Doris Kearns Goodwin wows crowds

Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln had a lot in common. Unlike Theodore Roosevelt, his friend William Taft never understood how to work with the media. And Lyndon Johnson was a great storyteller, although half of the stories he told were not true.

These bits of information and more highlighted the campus visit of Dr. Doris Kearns Goodwin in October 2013. Missouri Western students, employees, community members and more than 750 area high school students enjoyed her storytelling at the University's 20th annual R. Dan Boulware Convocation on Critical Issues. As part of her visit, she met with a small group of students at a breakfast, spoke to a crowd of more than 2,000 in the M.O. Looney arena, and engaged 400 lunch-goers in a question-and-answer session.

"She was really remarkable both on and off stage," said Dr. Robert

Vartabedian, Missouri Western's president.

Perhaps one of the most renowned presidential scholars, Dr. Kearns Goodwin has written books about six presidents. The 2012 movie, "Lincoln," was based on her book "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln," and her book "The Fitzgeralds and Kennedys" was made into an ABC mini-series.

Dr. Kearns Goodwin told students at the breakfast about her research and writing processes and talked about her love of history and baseball that dates back to telling her father play-by-play accounts of Brooklyn Dodgers games as a 6-year-old.

At the lunch, she explained how each of her books on presidents came about, including "The Bully Pulpit," a book about Roosevelt and Taft that was released shortly after she visited Missouri Western.



Doris Kearns Goodwin speaks on campus.

Dr. Kearns Goodwin said she enjoyed writing about Taft because most people don't know a lot about him. That was the opposite of Lincoln, she said, who has had more than 14,000 books written about him.

"You learn so much when you write a book," she said. "I felt like I went back to college every time I wrote a book." ■

University receives largest research grant in history

The National Science Foundation has awarded a grant of more than \$1 million to Missouri Western and Davidson College in North Carolina for undergraduate synthetic biology research. The grant is the largest research grant in University history.

Missouri Western is the lead institution for the grant proposal, which was written by Missouri Western professors Dr. Todd Eckdahl, professor of biology; Dr. Jeff Poet, professor of mathematics; and their Davidson College colleagues Dr. A. Malcolm Campbell and Dr. Laurie Heyer.

The collaborative grant will support research on the development of a system to program bacteria to control bacteria's metabolism. The system has applications in energy, the environment, pharmaceuticals, food production and

more, said Dr. Eckdahl.

The three-year grant will provide 18 undergraduate students on each campus with full-time summer research jobs and summer support for the faculty researchers. It will also pay for research supplies and equipment, face-to-face

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-Dr. Todd Eckdahl

biology research," Dr. Eckdahl said.

Since the synthetic biology team was formed in 2006, they have published 10 papers in professional journals, and 79 undergraduate students from Missouri

research meetings on each campus and travel to professional conferences.

"The grant application succeeded because we have a track record of collaborating across disciplines and across institutions to provide valuable educational experiences for students while they conduct cutting-edge synthetic

Western and Davidson were listed as co-authors. Two papers published in the Journal of Biological Engineering are the two most accessed papers in the journal's history.

"These students get the experience of not only answering questions that have not been addressed before, they get to ask questions that have never been asked," Dr. Poet said. "And they work alongside us to devise approaches to address those questions."

Josh Chester, a mathematics student who was involved in the synthetic biology research last summer, said he learned a lot about how research was done and had a lot of fun. "But more importantly," he said, "this summer research convinced me that this is what I want to do for the rest of my life. In the future, I want to be in my professor's shoes and extend the opportunity to future generations."

This is the fourth NSF grant the project has received, but local funding from Missouri Western and from the Missouri Western Foundation was very important in starting the synthetic biology research program, Dr. Eckdahl said. ■

Eggs and Issues

Dr. Fred Czerwonka, superintendent of the St. Joseph School District, spoke at an Eggs and Issues in September 2013. His topic was "What is Your Why?"



Students and alumnus' films recognized at festival

A film created by theatre and cinema students won "Best Comedy" at the inaugural Foster's Film Festival in St. Joseph last fall, and a film by an alumnus won "Best Drama."

The award-winning comedy was "Unfortunate," a "mockumentary" about a fortune cookie writer who gets dumped and starts writing "misfortunes." It was co-written by Sebastian Smith, a senior from Kansas City, Mo., and Christian Allison, a senior from Milan, Mo., and directed by Kelsey Houser, a senior from St. Joseph.

"It feels amazing to have our work honored like this," Houser said. "We are just thrilled with the positive feedback we received."

"Unfortunate" was created in March as part of Missouri Western's 48-Hour Film Festival. Teams met on Friday

afternoon to randomly draw a film genre and learn what prop, line of dialogue and character they must include in their films. They scouted locations, wrote the script, and shot and edited the film prior to a Sunday evening screening. "Unfortunate" won Best Film, Best Actor and Best Writing in that festival.

In addition to writing the script, Smith was the lead actor and Allison operated the boom. Daniel Banks, senior from Kansas City, Mo., was cinematographer. Chris Rayle, sophomore from St. Joseph, was composer and producer. Zack Papenberg, freshman from St. Joseph, was script supervisor. Riley Bayer, junior from Savannah, was a grip and helped secure locations. Katelyn Canon, junior from Harrisonville, Mo., acted in the film. Nat Larsen, senior graphic design

major from Savannah, and Jeremy Todd, a 2013 graphic arts graduate from Lake Waukomis, Mo., created graphics and credits.

The drama winner at the festival, "For Abigail, Love Benjamin," was written by Levi Smock, a 2009 graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a video minor. While a student, Smock presented academic papers at several professional conferences and was one of 50 students from around the country accepted to the Telluride Film Festival Student Symposium in Colorado. He went on to receive a Master of Fine Arts in Screenwriting from the American Film Institute, and has had other films accepted into film festivals in Hawaii, New York and Texas. ■

International honors for student chapter and advisor

This past fall, the student chapter of The Wildlife Society was named International Student Chapter of the Year out of 120 chapters, and the chapter's advisor, Dr. Cary Chevalier, was named International Chapter Advisor of the Year for the first time in 2013.

The student group also earned the international distinction in 2011, the first chapter from Missouri to receive the award. Additionally, Dr. Chevalier is the first chapter advisor from a Missouri college or university to earn the international award.

Only five universities in the history of The Wildlife Society have received the international student chapter award more than once, and Missouri Western is the first university to receive the international student chapter and advisor awards in the same year.

Dr. Chevalier noted that Missouri Western's student chapter was recognized from a field that included some of the largest, oldest student chapters at some of the largest and oldest natural resources management schools in the U.S. and Canada.

The chapters are evaluated in several categories, including workshop development, professional development, contributions to wildlife management, community service, contributions to natural resource education, and others.

Missouri Western students volunteer thousands of hours every year at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and with the Missouri Department of Conservation. Volunteer activities include deer surveys, managed deer hunts, habitat work days, teaching hunter safety classes and more.

"We can be very proud of the hard work and commitment our student chapter members have invested, and the international respect and recognition they have clearly earned," Dr. Chevalier said. "This is the most significant achievement and prestigious honor a student chapter can obtain in the wildlife management disciplines."

In addition to being named International Student Chapter of the Year in 2011 and 2013, the students were recognized as Chapter of the Year in the North Central Region in 2009, 2010 and 2012.

The awards were presented at The Wildlife Society annual conference in Milwaukee. ■

Two new University deans start in fall semester

Dr. Michael Lane and Dr. Bob Willenbrink joined Missouri Western this fall. Dr. Lane is the dean of the Craig School of Business, and Dr. Willenbrink is the founding dean of the School of Fine Arts.

Dr. Lane had been a professor of accounting at Emporia State University in Kansas and began his duties Aug. 15, 2013. He succeeds Carol Roever, who was serving as interim dean.

“It is a great opportunity to lead an exceptional business program,” he said. “The School is positioned well to do good things in the future.”

“Dr. Lane brings a wealth of administrative leadership experience to this position,” said Dr. Jeanne Daffron, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “He has a strong track record of building collaborative relationships both on campus and in the community, and I’m thrilled he joined the Missouri Western family.”

Dr. Lane, who had served as president of Emporia State for five years before stepping down in 2011 and returning to a faculty position, said he was impressed with the entrepreneurship opportunities for business students and alumni. “Those

opportunities serve graduates well long after they leave Missouri Western.”

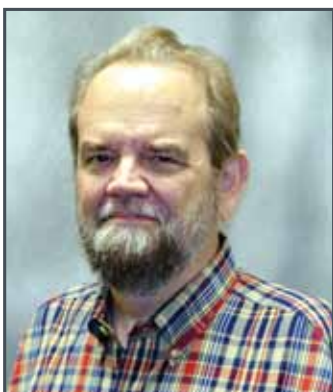
However, he noted that the entrepreneurship program was just one focus of the CSB. He wants to ensure that all students in the CSB receive a high quality education and obtain good careers. His vision includes increasing the number of business majors, expanding the entrepreneurship program, earning AACSB International re-accreditation (the original was in 2010) and encouraging more alumni to get involved. “They bring value by telling us what we’ve done well and how we can improve. Alumni can also help us recruit future students.”

In his free time, he says he enjoys golf, travel and entertaining. Dr. Lane said he has also been a member of several choruses.

Dr. Willenbrink, who had been serving as chair of the department of theatre and dance at Missouri State University in Springfield, was named dean in August 2013. He oversees the new School of Fine Arts, which consists of 25 full-time faculty members and nearly 500 students and offers a range of undergraduate programs in art, music, theatre, cinema and dance, including a Master of Applied Arts program in Digital Arts.



Dr. Michael Lane



Dr. Bob Willenbrink

“I can’t think of a professional opportunity that I have had in my life that was so appealing,” Dr. Willenbrink said. “The quality of the faculty and the quality of work that I saw when I visited campus was really inspiring. This is the perfect incubator for the promotion and development of the arts.”

The new dean said he plans to listen to people campuswide and in the community, and develop a long-range strategic plan for the school.

“As the founding dean, you are able to take from all constituents and develop a plan that will provide the best quality education for our students.”

His interest in the arts began on the high school theatre stage, but he also plays the guitar. “The arts provide entertainment and innovative ways to think and take creative approaches,” he said. “The arts are essential for leading a full and complete life.”

Dr. Willenbrink had been a professor and department head at Missouri State since 2009. In addition to the normal academic duties, he has served as producer of Tent Theatre, a professional summer theatre company in Springfield.

“Dr. Willenbrink has the combination of creative and administrative experience that I hoped we could find when we began the search for a founding dean of the School of Fine Arts,” said Dr. Robert Vartabedian, Missouri Western’s president. “I am confident he will provide outstanding leadership for this new chapter in the history of the arts at Missouri Western.” ■

Career development director hired

Kay-Lynne Taylor is the new director of the Career Development Center.

As director of the center, Taylor will oversee programs and services that will help students and alumni develop lifelong career planning and job search skills. Among other activities, the center provides career advising, manages on-campus employment opportunities and organizes job fairs.

Prior to coming to Missouri Western, Taylor had served as director of Student Services and Housing and Residential Life at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg since 2007. She also served as director of Housing and Residence Life at the University of West Florida and associate director of Housing, Residence Life and Physical Plant at Florida Atlantic University, and held several administrative positions at Iowa State University.

Taylor has a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design and a Master of Arts in Integrated Fine Arts from Iowa State University. ■

Annual fund and League play critical roles

The new year brings the kickoff of Missouri Western’s annual fund and an effort to encourage University supporters to join the Missouri Western League for Excellence.

The annual fund campaign includes written appeals, and a phonathon in the spring and fall. The spring phonathon will begin in February.

“I love the phonathon because it is a great way for our students to visit with alumni and let them know what is happening on campus,” said Laura Buhman ’94, development officer.

Jerry Pickman ’85, vice president for university advancement and executive director of the Foundation, said the annual fund is important to Missouri Western because the gifts help students reach their goals and achieve their dreams.

The Missouri Western League for Excellence is an honorary society of donors of unrestricted funds of \$100 or more to the Missouri Western Foundation in support of the University’s mission.

The Foundation kicked off the League in spring 2005, and it has garnered thousands of dollars of unrestricted funds

since then, funding guest speakers, student trips, special projects, workshops for students and faculty, and more.

Pickman noted that there are two features of donations to the League that set it apart as a giving society: one, all donations must be unrestricted; and two, League members express an intent to contribute at a designated level each year for as long as they are able to do so.

“Membership in the League is a great way for people to say, ‘I’m committed to Missouri Western and its students, and I’m in it for the long haul,’” Pickman said.

Each spring, faculty members and staff across campus submit requests to the Allocation Committee of the Foundation Board of Directors for funding from the League. For the academic year 2012-13, the committee allocated \$49,590 for 21 projects.

Pickman said the main purpose of donations to the annual fund and the League are to provide more opportunities for students.

“My life changed because of the support I received from generous people,” said nursing student Mary Theis. “The greatest gift you can give a student is an education.” ■

International and out-of-state enrollment up in fall 2013

When fall 2013 enrollment numbers came out, two areas of strategic growth – out-of-state students and international students – increased.

The new Griffon Rate, which is equivalent to in-state tuition for students from 51 counties in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois, gets much of the credit for the growth in out-of-state enrollment, said Howard McCauley, dean of enrollment

management. Missouri Western currently has about 483 out-of-state students, up from 414 a year ago.

In fall 2012, there were 45 international students, and in fall 2013, 79. There were just eight international students in 2008. Representatives from the Office of Admissions, International Student Services and academic departments have made numerous recruiting trips

to establish connections with students, teachers and counselors overseas.

Official fall 2013 enrollment of all students is 5,823, including 5,644 undergraduate and 179 graduate students. The total number is down about 4 percent from fall 2012, but the decline is consistent with regional and national demographic trends, McCauley said. ■

Nursing students gain from hospital experiences

"I can't describe what it is like to actually see a human heart beating."

That was just one of many valuable experiences nursing student Michael Balak '13 said he had this past summer at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. when he participated in a 10-week experience there. Two other Missouri Western students in the nursing program, Tiffany Chappell '13 and Kelsey Weedin, completed a 400-hour paid internship with the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo. this past summer.

For Balak's program, only 111 were selected from more than 1,000 applications from across the country. Chappell and Weedin were two of the



Tiffany Chappell '13



Kelsey Weedin

seven selected from 65 applicants to participate in the VALOR program – Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunities Residency.

Balak was assigned to assist in orthopedic surgery, where he helped nurses prep patients for surgery. But the clinic also offered classes each week for the participants and allowed them to observe in different areas of the clinic. He was even allowed to observe an open heart surgery and scrub in a couple times to assist the surgeon.

Weedin, who will graduate in May 2014, and Chappell said they, too, had the opportunity to participate in training

classes and work in other areas of the hospital.

Chappell, who worked in the intensive care unit, said when she started her internship at the VA, she was shocked at how prepared she was. "I didn't realize our program was so good. I love our professors."

Balak agreed. The 26-year-old St. Joseph native started his college career at Truman State University and eventually found his way to Missouri Western's nursing program. "The nursing professors here are awesome," he said. "They go above and beyond and they know what they are talking about."

Weedin's internship was in the medical surgical area, mainly with oncology and terminally ill patients. She said she was nervous when she learned she would be working with terminally ill patients, but was glad for the experience. "You're working with the patient, but you are caring for the families, too," she said. "I was glad I got to do that."

The students said they would definitely recommend the programs they completed to other students in the nursing program.

Along with learning a lot about nursing, Balak said he also learned a lot about how the Mayo Clinic was run day-to-day. "The logistics are crazy, but the staff works amazingly together."

| Nursing students visit Belize |

Twelve students spent nine days in May 2013 in Belize, Central America with Julie Baldwin, faculty member in the Department of Nursing and Allied Health, and Cosette Hardwick, Physical Therapist Assistant faculty member. They worked with Belizean health care professionals in providing care to underserved people in the region of Belmopan.



Michael Balak '13

Nursing students gain from hospital experiences continued

According to its website, the Mayo Clinic sees more than 350,000 patients each year.

Balak said he observed the nurse anesthetists performing their duties and it convinced him to apply for the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) degree program at Mayo.

Chappell said after her experience this past summer, she plans to pursue a

career in a VA hospital, and Weedin said she would consider it, as well.

"These guys are so deserving; they have done so much for us," Chappell said of her patients. "It was good to give back."

"They really appreciated our help," Weedin said. "They were so grateful that someone was helping them." ■



Upcoming Alumni Events

February 7 | Future Griffons at the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory in St. Joseph

March 4 | Griffons on the Bayou – Mardi Gras at Boudreaux's Louisiana Seafood and Steaks, St. Joseph.



April | Griffons Uncorked! Stonehaus Winery, Lee's Summit, Mo.

April 5 | Mama Griffs Egg Hunt on campus

June | Alumni Night at the Mustangs

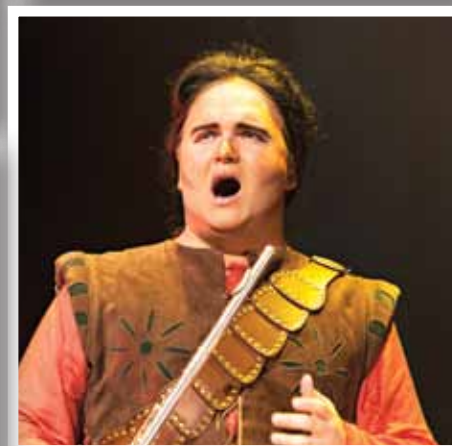


For more information, check missouriwestern.edu/alumni, or the Alumni Association or Mama Griffs on Facebook.

| Lights and Tights |

Missouri Western's Renaissance Singers entertain at the fifth annual Lights and Tights Renaissance Feast in November 2013. This year's evening of great food and entertainment took the audience back to 17th-century LaMancha, Spain.

Amazing arts



Left: Shakespeare came to Missouri Western in October when students performed in "Midsummer Night's Dream" on a set that was called "a modern interpretation of the Elizabethan stage." The play was directed by Dallas Henry, assistant professor of theatre.

Top Right: More than 900 students from 39 high schools gathered on campus this past fall for the second annual Visual Arts Day, hosted by the Department of Art.

Lower right: Missouri Western's opera students perform Mozart's "The Magic Flute" in Potter Hall theater in November. Dr. Susan Carter directs the opera program.

GRIFFON SPORTS

Fall Sports

Football ties record for best start in school history

Coming off a 2012 season that saw Griffon football win 12 games, an MIAA title and reach the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II Playoffs, the expectations were set extremely high for the 2013 season. The Griffons began the year 7-0, which tied the 1981 team's mark for the best start in school history.

The Griffons used the hot start enroute to an 8-3 overall record and 7-3 mark in MIAA play, marking the 11th time in 14 years the Griffons have won eight or more games. During the seven-game streak, the Griffons knocked off Central Missouri for the 10th time in 11 seasons in the first game of the season. Quarterback Travis Partridge's 4-yard



touchdown pass to tight end Reggie Jordan with 14 seconds left sealed the victory. Over the next five games, the team scored more than 50 points four times, including two games of 60 points or more. The Griffons also posted a perfect 5-0 record away from Spratt Memorial Stadium.

Thirteen Griffons made the All-MIAA team for their outstanding performance during the season. First team selections include cornerback Mike Jordan and punter Scott Groner. Statistically, sophomore running back

Raphael Spencer, who was served with filling the big shoes of current Tampa Bay Buccaneer Michael Hill, led the MIAA in rushing with 1,312 yards and 12 touchdowns.

With his one-yard touchdown run in the third quarter at Washburn University, quarterback Travis Partridge became the career leader in rushing touchdowns with 36. That broke Hill's record set a year ago.

The Griffons are coached by Jerry Partridge '86. ■

Volleyball: new coach, great season

A former volleyball player and Missouri Western graduate, Marian Carbin '07, was named head volleyball coach in fall 2013.

"Griffon volleyball has been an important part of my past, and I'm excited to explore the possibilities that it holds for my future," Carbin said. "I know that our program is eager to move forward and make progress in all areas."

In her first season at the helm, Carbin helped the volleyball team enjoy their first winning record since 2006. Making the feat more impressive was the fact the team lost two of their best players during the season – senior setter Stephanie Hattey left the team to focus on her academics and sophomore outside hitter Jessie Thorup suffered a



Marian Carbin '07

season-ending knee injury at midseason.

The Griffs finished the season 16-15 overall and 9-7 in MIAA play, which helped them reach the MIAA postseason tournament for the first time. The winning conference record was the first

for the Griffons since the 2000 season. Individually, junior transfer Erica Rottinghaus led the team with 377 kills while Amanda Boender led the way in the block category with 123 total. Highlight victories during the season included a series sweep of Northwest Missouri State University and a home victory against Emporia State, the first victory in the fieldhouse against the Hornets since the 2002 season.

Before her coaching career, Carbin

was a standout player for the Griffons from 2002-05. She accumulated 557 kills to go along with 1,009 digs, 135 set assists and 128 services aces. She was also named to the 2005 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America team.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in mathematics, Carbin taught mathematics at North Kansas City High School and was an assistant volleyball coach for the high school team. She was also head coach of the Kansas City Extreme Volleyball Club that competed in the 2009 Junior Olympics National Tournament.

Carbin was named interim head coach in May 2013 after Cory Frederick stepped down. She was his assistant all four years he was at Missouri Western, and the team improved its win total each season. ■

Dillon takes reins of golf

Following the retirements of long-time golf coaches Cathy Habermehl (women's) and Jim Perry (men's), Director of Athletics Kurt McGuffin announced the hiring of Greg Dillon to serve as the head coach of both teams. He officially took over the teams in September 2013.

Dillon, a member of the Professional Golfers Association of America, comes to Missouri Western from Colorado State University – Pueblo, where he was the head women's golf coach for four seasons. While there, he was a three-time Rocky Mountain Athletics Conference Coach of the Year and led his team to two NCAA tournament appearances.

Joining Dillon on staff is former Griffon golf standout Natalie Bird as graduate assistant. She completed her college career in 2013 and finished

as one of the best golfers in Griffon history.

On the course, men's golf competed in five fall events and finished sixth in the season-opening Missouri Intercollegiate Championship at Lake of the Ozarks. The team also hosted their only home event of the season Oct. 14-15 as they competed in the MWSU/Drury Inn Central Region Invitational at St. Joseph Country Club. The team finished 11th in the 20-team field. Individually, junior Scott Sheldon led the team with a scoring average of 76 in 14 rounds played.

Women's golf also competed in five fall events. The teams best finish was third place at the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcat Invitational in early October. Sophomore Callie Wilson led the way with a scoring average of 83 in 10 rounds completed. ■

New tailgating policy

The tailgating atmosphere at football games changed this fall when the Board of Governors adopted a policy that allowed the possession and consumption of alcohol at tailgates. The policy was in effect in time for the first home football game last September.

The policy designates Lots H and I for tailgating, with Lot J as visitors' overflow parking. Lots open four hours prior to the game and must be cleared within 90 minutes of the game's end.

The complete tailgating policy is posted online at gogriffons.com. ■

**MIAA Basketball
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Injuries riddle women's soccer season

After a promising 2-2 start to the season, injuries hit the Griffon soccer team hard. Injuries to forwards Katie Kempf and Tara Russell ended their seasons and made it difficult for the team to generate offense for third-year Head Coach Chad Edwards.

However, several bright spots came out of the season. Freshman goalkeeper Sarah Lyle started 15 of 18 games and recorded 111 saves on the season. Freshman defender Taylor Gant also showed great promise on the back line as she started all 18 games.

While it was a tough season on the field, the team did very well in the classroom. Eight soccer team members were named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll: Alexa Adams, Sydney Andrews, Emily Hoffman, Katie Kempf, Drew Mantlo, AJ Powers, KC Ramsell and Teddi Serna. ■



Griffons paint it gold and support United Way

For the home football opener, more than 40 volunteers celebrated Paint it Gold Friday and helped United Way of St. Joseph at the same time. The volunteers went to seven locations around St. Joseph to help raise funds for the United Way and to make people aware of the Paint it Gold campaign. Volunteers also handed out commemorative Paint It Gold Friday newspaper, compliments of the St. Joseph News-Press. More than \$2,300 was raised for the United Way.

Participating businesses included Hy-Vee, Pappy's Grill & Pub, Boudreaux's Louisiana Seafood & Steaks, 36th Street Food & Drink

Company and Uncle's Sports Bar & Grill. Special thanks goes to St. Joseph Police Chief Chris Connally for allowing volunteers at city intersections and St. Joseph Mayor Bill Falkner for his official proclamation of Paint It Gold Friday.

Then in October, Athletics held its fifth annual Pink Week to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Pink Week was obvious at the home volleyball and soccer games that week, and members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity sold t-shirts and pink ribbons at the games with all proceeds going to benefit the Breast Center at Heartland Health. This year's goal of

raising \$1,500 was met on the final day of the week, bringing the five-year total to more than \$5,500 raised.

Paint it Gold Fridays are part of a community support campaign, a joint effort of Athletics and the Office of Public Relations and Marketing. St. Joseph businesses are offered at no charge a 3 foot x 5 foot Missouri Western flag, including a pole and bracket; and a window cling. Employees of area businesses are also encouraged to wear black and gold every Friday.

Businesses that are interested in participating in the Paint it Gold campaign may call the Office of Public Relations and Marketing at (816) 271-5676. ■

Smith receives high honors

Former men's basketball coach Tom Smith received one of the highest honors bestowed on a state citizen when he received the 2013 Missourian Award, a prestigious honor that acknowledges the most accomplished citizens of Missouri.

Criteria includes being born in the state, or under exceptional circumstances, a person may qualify by having spent at least 15 years of their life in the state. Nominees must have made an outstanding contribution to the state or nation in one of the following fields: civics, business, arts or politics.

Smith was also named to the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame class of 2014 in November 2013 and will be inducted in January 2014.

He retired from Missouri Western in March 2013 after 25 years at the helm and more than 45 years in the coaching profession. Smith won 618 career games, six MIAA regular season championships, four MIAA postseason



Tom Smith

championships and took his teams to 12 NCAA Tournaments. He is the winningest coach in MIAA history and is a member of four Hall of Fames including the Missouri Western Athletics Hall of Fame, Missouri Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and Valparaiso University Athletics Hall of Fame. In June 2013, he was inducted into the MIAA Hall of Fame. ■

And he's back.

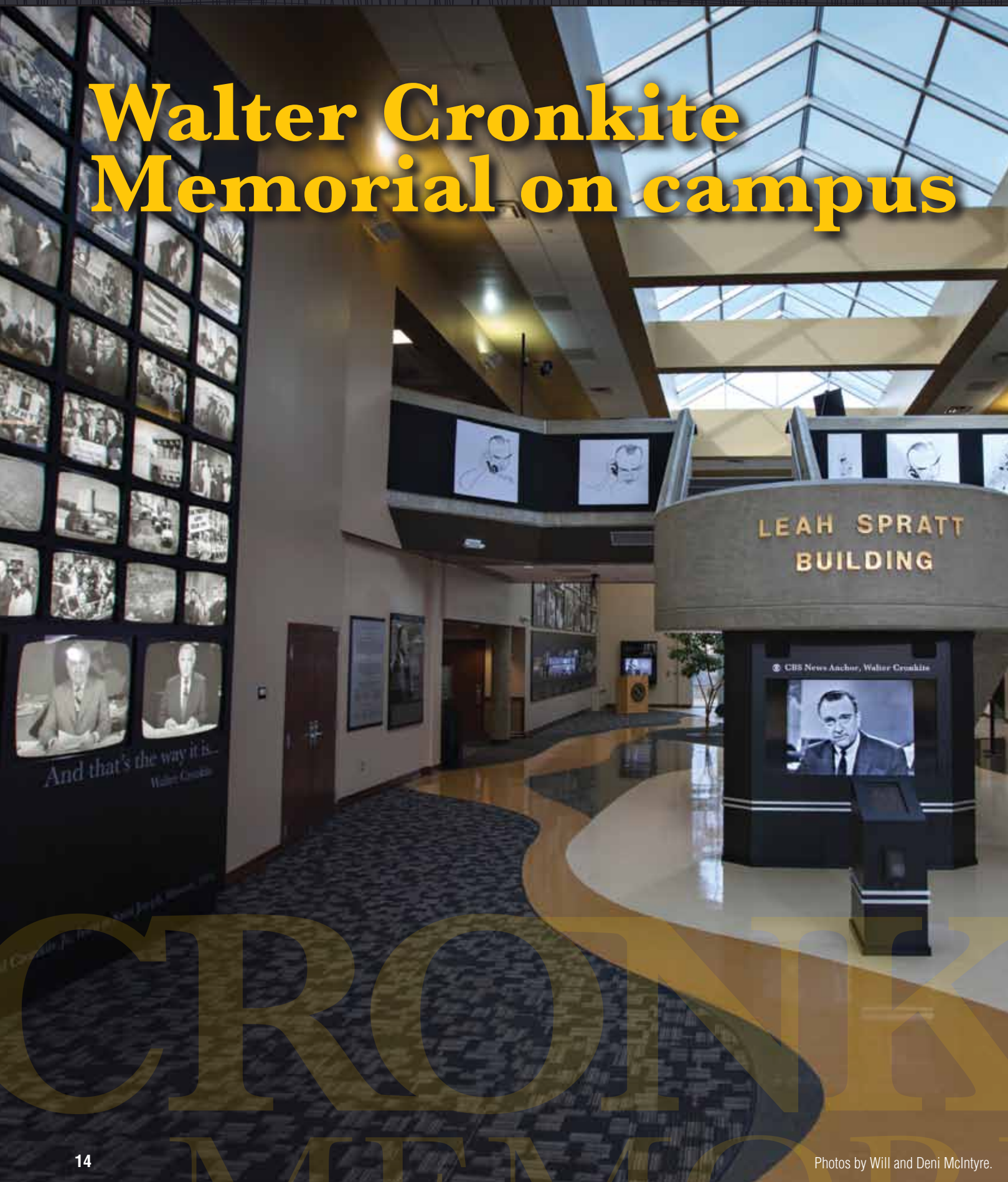
Retirement lasted just under five months for Hall of Fame Griffon Basketball Coach Tom Smith. He returned to coaching in late August to lead the women's tennis team, taking over for Ron Selkirk. Smith coached tennis for three years at his alma mater, Valparaiso University, and led his team to a conference title one year. He was also named the Indiana Collegiate

Conference Coach of the Year in 1966.

Smith is joined on staff by graduate assistant Raven Searcy, who played four years of tennis at Northwest Missouri State University. Smith led the team to a winning dual record in the fall. The spring season opens Feb. 21 in a match against Maryville University at the St. Joseph Tennis and Swim Club. ■

The basketball season is going strong, and spring sports are right around the corner. Check out schedules at gogriffons.com, buy tickets online and join us in the arena and on the field!

Walter Cronkite Memorial on campus



“This captures the spirit of him as a man.” Those were the words of Walter Cronkite’s daughter Kathy Cronkite when she toured the new Walter Cronkite Memorial in the Spratt Hall atrium last fall.

The memorial was dedicated and officially opened on Nov. 4, 2013, the 97th anniversary of Walter Cronkite’s birth. “He loved birthdays, and this is the best birthday party he could have ever had,” Kathy Cronkite said.

Approximately 400 people, including Gov. Jay Nixon and Kathy Cronkite, gathered in the Spratt Hall atrium to dedicate the permanent memorial, a 5,000 sq. ft. interactive display designed to honor the legendary CBS Evening News Anchor, born in St. Joseph, Mo. in 1916.

The dedication ceremony was followed by a lunch in the Fulkerson Center with a keynote address by Kay Cronkite Barnes, “Remembering Walter,” where she recounted personal anecdotes about her cousin. Scott Pelley, current CBS Evening News anchor, sent a video message that was played at a preview event and at the lunch.

Kathy Cronkite told the crowd at the dedication that Missouri Western’s values mirror her father’s values and how he lived his life – “quality, service, respect, enthusiasm, freedom, courage – that is my dad.”

Walter Cronkite was the anchor of the CBS Evening News from 1962-1981, reporting on many significant historical events during his tenure at the news desk. In 1972, an Oliver Quayle and Company survey named Cronkite “the most trusted American in public life,” and that began his unofficial reign as “the most trusted man in America.”

Prior to taking over the anchor desk at CBS News, Cronkite was known for his role as anchor for the CBS Sunday newscast, “Up to the Minute,” and the host of “You Are There,” a program that re-enacted historical events in news report format. He also served as CBS’s senior correspondent, replacing Edward R. Murrow.



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Although Cronkite moved from St. Joseph to Kansas City, Mo. just a year after his birth, he often visited his grandparents in St. Joseph. Walter Cronkite's father moved back to St. Joseph later, as well, so Walter Cronkite had a three-generation connection to St. Joseph. In 1969, he made a presentation before the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce defending freedom of speech. Video coverage of that event is part of the memorial displays.

The memorial was the vision of Dr. Robert Vartabedian, Missouri Western's president.

"Walter Cronkite is probably the most significant journalist of the 20th century," said Dr. Vartabedian. "Generations of Americans counted on him for reports on major events. He was respected by his colleagues and by the people he covered, and I'm pleased that we're able to honor him in this way."

The memorial was made possible with funding from the David and Shirley Bradley Endowment, and Shirley Bradley traveled from Florida for the dedication events.

"Missouri Western has always been very dear to my heart," Bradley said. "And to create a memorial to Walter Cronkite is marvelous."

"It's so perfect to have a journalism family from St. Joseph make this (memorial) possible," Kathy Cronkite said.

Partners in Recognition of Ft. Loramie, Ohio fabricated several of the memorial pieces, including the approximately 9 feet wide x 21 feet tall photo collage. "It's been a very collaborative project, and we are thrilled to be a part of it," said Greg Short, owner of Partners in Recognition. "I am quite certain

it will be very special for Missouri Western and the entire community."

Dr. Vartabedian gave credit to the employee committee that worked many extra hours on the memorial, which included Jerry Pickman '85, vice president for University Advancement, who led the project; Department of Art faculty members David Harris '79 and Eric Fuson '88 (see About the Artists); Cori Criger '97, Jake Kelly '08 and Jake Noyd '04 of the Instructional Media Center; Dean Gordon Mapley, Christa Byer and Sara Hunt '12 of the Western Institute; Michael Scroggs from Theatre and Cinema; Jeff Ellison of Ellison-Auxier Architects; and Ann Pearce of the President's Office.

The memorial is open daily year round and has free admission. Its hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. It is closed on major holidays. For more information, check out the website at WalterCronkiteMemorial.org or call (816) 271-4100. Missouri Western is also encouraging schools to schedule field trips to the Memorial, as well as those on tour buses that visit St. Joseph.

Dr. Vartabedian said the University plans to host an annual event to recognize the work of Cronkite, and it will be called The Most Trusted Man in America: A Celebration of the Life of Walter Cronkite.

"Throughout his career, Walter Cronkite played a pivotal role in news reporting," Dr. Vartabedian said. "He exemplified journalistic integrity and is a role model for journalists and television reporters, and we want to honor his memory for years to come."

— WALTER — CRONKITE MEMORIAL

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Walter Cronkite Memorial Components in Spratt Hall

Historical Photograph Display

A photo display approximately 9 feet wide by 21 feet tall is the centerpiece of the Walter Cronkite Memorial. Cronkite served as anchor of the CBS Evening News from 1962-1981, and the display contains 39 images of world and national news events covered during that time.

Walter Cronkite as CBS News Anchor

A kiosk with touch-panel controls and a video display is dedicated to the events depicted in the historical photograph display. Visitors can hear both Cronkite reporting the events and comments on their significance.

WWII Waco Combat Glider

The glider that hangs near the front entrance of Spratt Hall atrium, approximately 14 feet from wingtip to wingtip and 10 feet from nose to tail, is a replica of a glider that Cronkite used during his coverage of the 101st Airborne's Operation Market Garden in Holland during World War II.

Memorabilia Case

A display case houses items donated or loaned to The Walter Cronkite Memorial. The Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas loaned Missouri Western some of the pieces for the display. Cronkite was a student at the University of Texas, and his papers are housed in the Briscoe Center.

Betsy Maxwell Cronkite Tribute

The photographic display tells the story of Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Cronkite, Cronkite's wife of nearly 65 years.

Timeline

A large timeline chronicles Cronkite's life from his birth on Nov. 4, 1916 to his death on July 17, 2009. The timeline not only includes photos and information from his life as a news reporter and anchor, but encompasses his personal life as well.

Walter Cronkite's Life

The kiosk features a 46-inch touch screen that displays autobiographical videos about Cronkite's childhood and personal life.

NASA Exploration

Several large panels depict images of NASA's exploration of space and images of Cronkite as he covered these events.

Caricatures

The memorial houses caricatures drawn by well-known artist, Al Hirschfeld.

Chamber of Commerce Talk

During a 1969 presentation to the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, Cronkite expressed his views on what he perceived as an attack on free speech.

Missouri Colleges and Universities

The memorial includes a display of Missouri's colleges and universities. It was formerly housed in the state Capitol, and Cronkite lent his voice detailing the importance of Missouri higher education.

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About the Artists

Dr. Robert Vartabedian's vision for the memorial was captured by Missouri Western faculty members Eric Fuson and David Harris.

Fuson, a lifelong St. Joseph resident, is an instructor of art and foundations program coordinator in the Department of Art. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Missouri Western and began teaching here in 1990. A background in photography, graphic design, drawing, jewelry and sculpture are evident throughout his work, which has been exhibited nationally.

Harris is an assistant professor, director of ceramics and art therapy coordinator in the Department of Art. As a working artist and art educator

he encourages students to explore their unique talents, develop their creativity and fine-tune their distinctive voice. He founded David Harris Pottery in 1978. His work has been exhibited in numerous national and international venues and is included in many public and private collections. In addition to his Bachelor of Arts from Missouri Western, Harris holds a Master of Fine Arts in ceramics from Fort Hays State University in Kansas.

Fuson met with Walter's daughter Kathy Cronkite and stayed in touch with her throughout the yearlong memorial project. At the dedication ceremony, she told the audience that relationship made the memorial special. "No one has ever done a tribute to my dad and allowed us to be a part of it." ■

Top, right: Shirley Bradley speaks at the dedication ceremony. Middle: Jerry Pickman '85 and Steve Craig engage one of the interactive kiosks in the Walter Cronkite Memorial. Below: Family members of Walter Cronkite who visited Missouri Western for the Walter Cronkite Memorial dedication events: Kay Cronkite Barnes, Walter's cousin; Fritz Waldo; Kathy Cronkite, Walter's daughter; Johannah Waldo; and Steve and Kelly Dillman. Kay Cronkite Barnes was the featured speaker at the lunch that followed the dedication.



Kathy Cronkite, daughter of Walter Cronkite, speaks at the dedication ceremony for the Walter Cronkite Memorial in Spratt Hall atrium. Pictured with Cronkite are Kay Cronkite Barnes, Jerry Pickman '85, executive director of the Missouri Western State University Foundation; Shirley Bradley; Dr. Robert Vartabedian, Missouri Western's president; St. Joseph Mayor Bill Falkner and Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon.

From the Alumni Association President



Dear Fellow Alumni,

By now, you should know that we are on a mission – a mission to connect or keep you connected to Missouri Western. Since August, more than 50 alumni have joined a committee or volunteered to work on a project. Let me tell you about some of things we're doing and what we are planning to do:

- Regional Chapters: We have regional alumni chapters in St. Joseph, Kansas City, Columbia

- and St. Louis. From social events to career networking to working with students, each committee has its own focus and plans events based on the needs and interests of local alumni.
- Affinity Chapters: Currently, our affinity chapters focus on our Junior College alumni and our alumni with children, "Mama Griffs." The Junior College Alumni Chapter helps plan the annual reunion as well as other activities for JC alumni. Mama Griffs plan family activities for alumni and their children and grandchildren. Check out their Facebook page and share your ideas and parenting tips.
- Homecoming: Of course you know about Homecoming. All alumni are welcome to join our golf tournament, walk in the parade with the alumni float, attend our family-friendly event, Arts Beats and Treats; celebrate with our alumni award recipients; and tailgate before cheering on the Griffons at the football game. Make plans to join us the weekend of Oct. 10 and 11, 2014!

What if you don't live locally? We're thinking of you, too! This winter and spring, Director of Alumni Relations Colleen Kowich, alumni board members and I will be conducting focus group meetings in or close to your neighborhoods. We want to hear from you about the Alumni Association, what you want out of your alumni experience, and what you will do to help us.

Additionally, we are working with our Career Development Center to develop an online alumni/student mentoring program. Look for this sometime over the next year.

So, you see, there are many ways for you to:

Stay Committed. Stay Connected.

Shelby E. Coxon

Shelby E. Coxon '99
Alumni Association President

PS: If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact Colleen at ckowich@missouriwestern.edu or call (816) 271-5650.



| Alumni Day at Arrowhead |

Tickets for Alumni Day at Arrowhead sold out quickly when Missouri Western's Alumni Association hosted a tailgate and attended the Kansas City Chiefs vs. Cleveland Browns game.



Captain Keith Hoskins '88: Commanding Officer

Six runways, 8,300 acres, 251 miles of roadway, 17 miles of Gulf shoreline, 1,500 buildings and structures, and about 23,000 people. That all became the responsibility of Capt. Keith Hoskins '88 when he was named commander of Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida last March.

The former Griffon football player says he enjoys a challenge, and with that many responsibilities, every day is definitely a challenge.

In fact, it was the challenge of landing an airplane on an aircraft carrier that cemented his decision to join the U.S. Navy in 1989 and train to become a pilot. That career has taken him all over the world as he served his country, accumulating more than 3,400 flight hours and 570 aircraft carrier landings. He earned the

Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Air Medal (three awards with combat "V"), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards with combat "V"), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), to name a few.

Hoskins knew as a high school student that he wanted to be a pilot, but he was undecided about which military

branch he would join when he graduated from Parkville High School in Parkville, Mo. and came to Missouri Western on a full football scholarship. His brother, Tim, had been a Griffon a few years earlier, and coming to Missouri Western would give him the chance to play with two cousins on the team.

"Football was a love, but I didn't know how far I would go. My back-up plan was to study engineering, and that became my primary plan," he said with a laugh. "But to have the opportunity to play college football is wonderful. As a team, we fought hard and we gave it our all."

He also fondly remembers Missouri Western for its small class sizes, personal attention from professors and a great atmosphere for learning.

After graduating with an electrical engineering technology degree, Hoskins joined the U.S. Navy, completed Aviation Officer Candidate School in

1989 and was designated a naval aviator in 1992. He earned a master's degree in national resource strategy and policy from the Industrial College of Armed Forces in 2012 and became commander of NAS Pensacola in March 2013.

The Pensacola assignment was his first choice of location, Hoskins says, even putting it ahead of Hawaii. "I appreciate the opportunity to come back to where

every single aviator comes through these gates. I'm very blessed and honored."

NAS Pensacola, known as "Cradle of Naval Aviation," is also the home of the Blue Angels, the Navy's prestigious flight demonstration squadron. As a young boy, Hoskins watched a Blue Angels demonstration and told his father that's what he wanted to do when he grew up. That dream became a reality in 1999 when he was selected for the team.

"It was one of the toughest things I've ever done," he says of his time as a Blue Angel. "It's about precision, pride and professionalism, and we seek perfection in everything we do, 24-7."

In the last year of his three-year stint, he was the lead solo pilot orchestrating maneuvers, and the operations officer for the team.

Hoskins believes being on the Blue Angels team made him a better person and taught him how to be a leader, and he says he uses those leadership skills in his role as commander of NAS Pensacola.

"This is exactly where I want to be. I have taken on a role to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars and support NAS operations and training," Hoskins said. "That's what I look forward to every day." ■

* *Combat "V": In the U.S. Navy, the Combat "V" device denotes those individuals who were awarded a decoration as a result of direct combat with an enemy force. It may also signify an accomplishment of a heroic nature or valorous acts in direct support of operations against an enemy force.*



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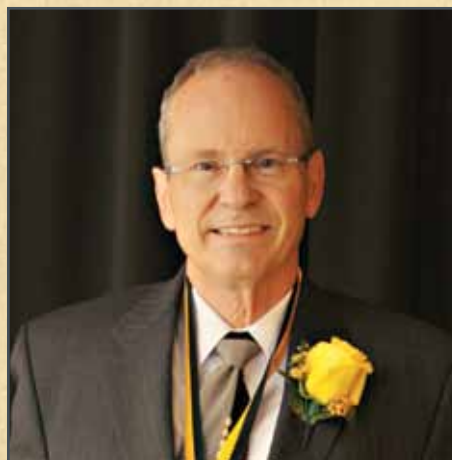
Alumni Association Awards 2013



Dan Bradford '04



Candice Quarles '05



Jack Jeffers '82

The 31st annual Alumni Association Awards banquet was held Homecoming weekend, and six outstanding individuals were honored.

GOLD Award – Dan Bradford '04

Dan Bradford '04 was unhappy in his job when his wife, Sara Capra '96, encouraged him to enroll in college so he could have a career he enjoyed. He says Missouri Western was a perfect fit from the start, and he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

Today, he is a Research Specialist at Stowers Institute for Medical Research in Kansas City, Mo. In that position, he supervises an automation team that consists of one technician and six robots. He has authored or co-authored numerous articles for publications.

Bradford said he received an Alumni Association scholarship as a student and attended an awards banquet. "I remember thinking, 'Wow, wouldn't that be incredible to be one of those people?'"

GOLD Award – Candice Quarles '05

Candice Quarles '05 says, for her, it's always "people first," and her position as an International Human Resources Consultant at Deloitte Tax LLC in Texas fits her very well. She has worked in the human resources field since she graduated from Missouri Western.

Quarles earned a degree in personnel psychology from Missouri Western and a master's degree in managerial leadership with an emphasis in human resources and development from Webster University.

She recently completed a year serving as president of the Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals. In the past two years, Quarles volunteered more than 2,000 hours in the community. Dallas Observer Magazine named her in its

30 under 30 list and Dallas Furniture Bank named her in its 40 under 40 list.

"I learned my leadership skills at Missouri Western," she said. "I'm proud to be a lifelong Griffon."

Distinguished Alumni Award – Jack Jeffers '82

Jack Jeffers '82 began his career as a production employee at Quaker Oats in St. Joseph. After a few years, he decided to go to college so he could advance in his career. He graduated with a natural science degree with a chemistry emphasis, and had a successful career with Quaker Oats and PepsiCo for 26 more years.

He held positions as Quality Assurance Manager, Director of Product Safety and Regulatory Affairs, and Director of NA Beverage for Quaker Foods and Snacks Innovation and Commercialization.

Jeffers joined The Deans Foods Company in Dallas in 2011 and is currently Vice President of Quality Assurance and Consumer Affairs.

"Having a degree from Missouri Western allowed me to go a lot farther than I thought I would go," Jeffers said.

Distinguished Alumni Award – Col. Mike Pankau '84

Col. Mike Pankau '84 retires as the Commander of the 139th Airlift Wing at Rosecrans Memorial Airport in St. Joseph this month. A St. Joseph native, Col. Pankau graduated from Missouri Western with a psychology degree and immediately pursued his passion for flying by joining the National Guard. He has spent his entire career serving his country.

Col. Pankau attended the Air Force undergraduate navigator training and served as a navigator on the C-130 Lockheed aircraft. He served on several

military tours and deployments over the years, including director of operations for the 4410th Airlift Squadron in Saudi Arabia and mission commander for the 180th Airlift Squadron in the Middle East.

He completed Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College, and earned a master's degree in aero science technology from the University of Central Missouri.

"My education at Missouri Western gave me the start I needed to succeed," Col. Pankau said.

Herb '35 and Peggy Iffert Award for Outstanding Service to the University – Barbara Crumley

From the moment Barbara Crumley moved to St. Joseph, she has been an active volunteer and avid supporter of Missouri Western. When her husband, Richard, began teaching biology at the Junior College in 1967, Crumley immediately became involved in the Faculty Wives Club, which became Missouri Western Women.

Crumley then joined the Missouri Western Ambassadors and served on the executive board for that group for many years. She is currently serving her second term as president and is very involved in the group's annual fundraiser, Night at the Ritz. She is also a huge Griffon fan.

"The reason I volunteer is to pay back the love and support that the University and community have given to our family," Crumley said. "Peggy Iffert was a wonderful role model for me."

Distinguished Faculty Award – Dr. Cary Chevalier

Dr. Cary Chevalier, known as "Dr. C" to most of his students, joined the Missouri Western Department of

Biology in 1996. He helped develop the Conservation/Wildlife Management degree program and teaches many courses in that area.

Thanks to Dr. Chevalier, students graduate from the program with a wealth of experience in wildlife conservation and management. He is the advisor for the student chapter of The Wildlife Society, one of the most active and productive student organizations on campus. The group has won numerous awards, including International Chapter of the Year in 2011 and 2013. Dr. Chevalier was named International Student Chapter Advisor of the Year Award for 2013.

Dr. Chevalier earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Arizona State University and his Ph.D in Biological Sciences from the University of California. He is also a Mapping GPS certified trainer. He has received numerous awards for excellence in teaching and his service to the community.

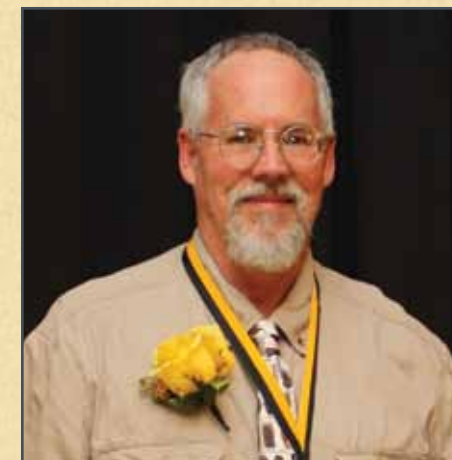
"This is my dream job," Dr. Chevalier said. "When I see my students taking leadership roles, it makes me very proud." ■



Col. Mike Pankau '84



Barbara Crumley



Dr. Cary Chevalier

Nominations may be submitted for all Alumni Association awards year round online at missouriwestern.edu/alumni or you may obtain an application from the Alumni Relations Office, Spratt Hall 207. Along with the nomination form, a letter stating why you believe the person deserves this award must accompany the application. The deadline is March 1 each year.

Gator Rivers '73: It's all about the roundball

To know Larry “Gator” Rivers ’73 is to know basketball.

From the time he was an eighth-grader playing on a high school varsity team, to a college standout, to a 16-year career with the Harlem Globetrotters, to serving as a coach and a mentor; for Rivers, it’s always been about basketball.

“I play every day,” the 64-year-old said. “When God blesses you with a beautiful talent, you give it back.”

“One of the best ball handlers he’s ever seen”

Rivers, a native of Savannah, Ga., was a 14 year-old outstanding ball handler (already known as “Gator”) when he caught the attention of Russell Ellington, Savannah’s Alfred Ely Beach High School coach. He wanted Rivers to play on his high school team, but Rivers had other ideas. “I was just as good at pool as I was at basketball, so I quit school and was running a pool room,” he said with a laugh.

The coach convinced Rivers’ mom to let the youth live with him for his high school years, and Ellington got him

back in school and on the basketball team. “He changed my life,” Rivers says today.

Rivers was a star player at Moberly Junior College in Moberly, Mo., a national basketball championship contender, when Gary Filbert was hired as men’s basketball coach for the new four-year Missouri Western. The coach wanted to make a name for the new college and thought Rivers would be a good addition to the team.

Harlem Globetrotter Gator Rivers, #11, entertained audiences across the country in his 16 years on the team.

But again, Rivers had other ideas. “I did not want to go to Missouri Western; in my mind it was still a junior college,” he said. “If I got something in the mail from Missouri Western, I threw it away.”

Filbert didn’t give up. He found out that, from the time Rivers saw the Harlem Globetrotters perform when he was 7 years old, his dream was to play for the team. When Rivers finally came for a campus visit, Filbert introduced him to the man who promoted the Harlem Globetrotters in the Midwest. “He told me, ‘Gary (Filbert) tells me you’re one of the best ball handlers he’s ever seen. If you come to Missouri Western, I’ll do everything in my power to get you a tryout with the Harlem Globetrotters,’” Rivers said.

He transferred to Missouri Western in the spring of 1971 and got invited to the Globetrotters summer camp before he had even dribbled a basketball for the Griffons. But Rivers had two more years of college eligibility and he wanted to use them, so he stayed and helped the Griffons make a name for the new four-year college.

The team went 27-2 in the 1972-73 season. “It was fun experience. We all got along extremely well,” Rivers says. “We had a tremendous team – the tallest team in the nation.”

Rivers says the sweetest victory in his Missouri Western career was beating Loyola University in Chicago by one point.

“I will always hold Missouri Western in my heart,” he said. “It helped me reach my goals.”

The Harlem Globetrotters

Rivers played two years at Missouri Western, although the Globetrotters again invited him to try out after his first year as a Griffon. He finally joined the famous team in 1973.

After two years, he was cut from the Globetrotters and returned to Missouri Western to work. Then the Globetrotters called again, and Rivers played with them another 14 years.

“It was the greatest experience I ever had; it was a dream come true,” he says. “There’s no greater education than touring the world. God blessed me with that opportunity.”

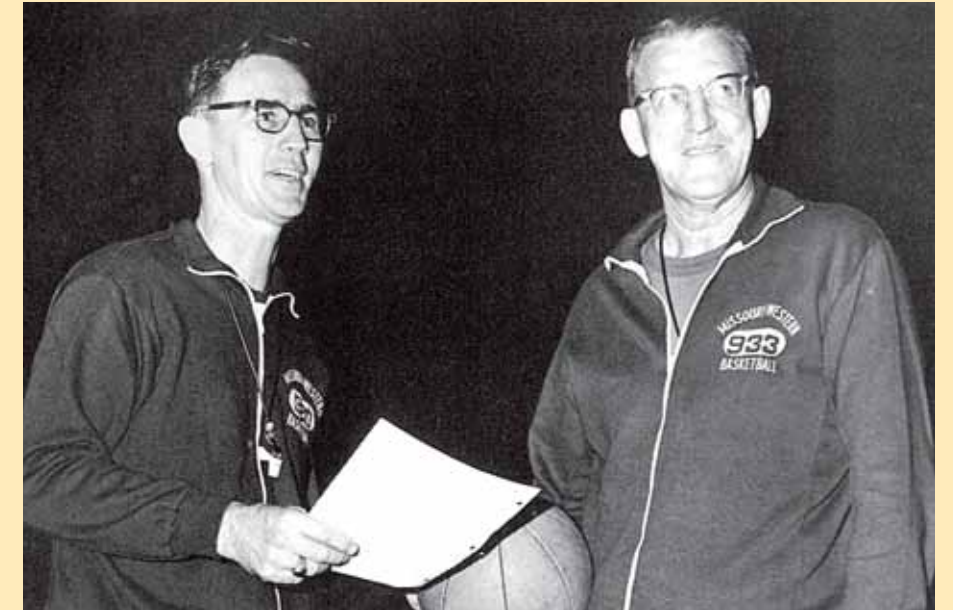
He played in China and all over the United States, including Madison Square Garden in New York City; and he appeared on several television shows with the team.

Rivers moved back to St. Joseph after he retired from the Globetrotters and coached at area high schools for several years before moving to his hometown in 2008.

While in St. Joseph, he began Gatorball Academy, where he gave lessons in both basketball and life. He continues to mentor and coach youth at Gatorball Academy in Savannah, Ga. today. Rivers says he does it to keep himself sharp in ball handling, but he also enjoys being a mentor for the youth.

“Legacy Forgotten”

His love of the game led him to his latest project – he is executive producer of a documentary about his high school, Alfred Ely Beach High School, a black high school that opened its doors in 1867. Rivers is working with Miller Barger Jr., of We Came to Conquer Entertainment and also an alumnus of Beach, on



Coach Gary Filbert, left, and Assistant Coach Howard Iba in a photo from the 1970 yearbook. The 1969-70 season was Filbert’s first year as coach, and Missouri Western’s first season as a four-year college.

Gary Filbert: Four-year Missouri Western’s first basketball coach

When Gary Filbert was hired as the first basketball coach for the four-year Missouri Western College, he had to work extra hard to make Missouri Western known.

“No one knew who we were and we had to recruit,” said Athletic Director Charlie Burri ’55. “Even the conferences didn’t know us.”

So Burri hired Filbert, a St. Joseph native who had played basketball for the University of Missouri-Columbia and was currently coaching high school basketball in Mexico, Mo. “He was well known in the state, active in basketball organizations, and we knew he could recruit in the area and the state,” Burri said.

At the end of the first season as a four-year college, 1969-70, the team had compiled an 11-14 record, but the next season, the team finished 14-13 and earned a berth in the NAIA regional.

Filbert coached at Missouri Western until he was hired as assistant coach at University of Missouri-Columbia in 1981. He compiled a 196-174 record.

“Gary did a tremendous job; he was a good coach,” Burri said. “He was our first coach at the four-year level, and that is a tough row to hoe.”

After leaving Missouri Western, Filbert became known for his role in starting the Show-Me State Games and the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association. He also helped start the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, and he was inducted into the Hall and has an award named in his honor.

Larry “Gator” Rivers ’73, who played for Filbert in the early 1970s, said one of the things the coach taught him was that basketball could be a lifetime sport. Indeed, Filbert played the game his entire life, even being named Senior All-American in 2000. He passed away in April 2011 at the age of 81.

“Coach Filbert did a lot for us,” Rivers said. “He worked hard to get Missouri Western on the map.” ■



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film that has a working title of “Legacy Forgotten.”

Barger on said they wanted to tell the story of Beach because of all the prominent alumni, including the last two mayors of Savannah, a university president, and several doctors, lawyers and ministers. Throughout most of its history, the school was the center of the black community, and many of the teachers there were alumni.

The documentary is about the school environment that produced the successful alumni, and Barger on and Rivers decided that its basketball history made a great focal point for the film. “At the heart of it, is the basketball story,” Barger on said.

And what a story it is.

Beach had always had great basketball teams, even making it to the black high schools’ national tournament many years. But in the 1966-67 school year, the white high school state basketball tournament in

Georgia became integrated, and black high schools now competed for the championship with the white high schools.

When the state tournament was down to the championship game, the two teams playing were from black high schools, both from Savannah. One was Beach, and Rivers was a sophomore on the team. The Beach team that year, which Rivers calls “the greatest high school team in Georgia history,” finished with a 29-1 record and took home the trophy with a 39-point win over the second-place team.

It was the first time in 20 years that a team from Savannah had won the state championship. Beach was even featured in a “Sports Illustrated” article.

“This was a great place to start the documentary,” Barger on said. “Gator’s team stood on the shoulders of all teams before them.”

The documentary is scheduled for release this summer. “It’s been great working with Gator,” Barger on said. “He has so many stories, and he has turned his life experiences into helping others.”

And Rivers’ plans for the future? He hopes to open a Gullah restaurant and continue to expand the community garden that was started several years ago. He is also involved in a neighborhood renovation project. Oh, and play basketball. Every day.

After our interview, Rivers walked me to my car and we visited a little more. Then he turned around and walked back to his office. Dribbling and handlin’ the roundball the entire way. ■

Gator Rivers ’73, shows off his Missouri Western Athletics Hall of Fame ring.



1970s

Michael Poland ’72, president of Farmers State Bank in Cameron, Mo., was appointed to a two-year term as co-chair of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors Bankers Advisory Board. The group provides industry input on a number of policies shaping the financial services industry.

Paul Lewis ’79 published “Toward Human Flourishing: Character, Practical Wisdom, and Professional Formation,” a collection of essays and other materials from a series of interdisciplinary initiatives undertaken between 2005 and 2010 at Mercer University in Macon, Ga. Lewis is an associate professor at Mercer in the Roberts Department of Christianity. He is also the director of the Senior Capstone Program, the co-lead faculty on The Phronesis (practical wisdom) Project and the general editor of “Tradition and Discovery.”

1980s

Julie (Powell) Casey ’83 recently published “How I Became a Teenage Survivalist,” her third book. The book, published by Pants on Fire Press, can be purchased online from Amazon and Barnes and Noble. It is a post-apocalyptic tale of survival, family and hope. She is currently working on a sequel to the book.

Dr. Mark D. Woodhull ’83 is the director of Graduate Business Studies at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas.

Andy Jezak ’85 is a district manager with Oncor, the largest electric utility in Texas. He is the manager of the Temple transmission office.

Col. Ralph L. Schwader ’86 is the commander of the 139th Airlift Wing at Rosecrans Airport in St. Joseph, Mo. He received his commission through the Air National Guard in 1987.

Melody (Moss) Smith ’87 received the 2013 YWCA Women of Excellence Woman in the Workplace Award. Smith retired as the superintendent of the St. Joseph School District in 2013 and was recently hired as the program development liaison for Missouri Western’s Western Institute.

1990s

James T. Bryan ’91 was appointed Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police for Butler Community College.



Dirk Allsbury ’93 and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of a son, Hudson Slade, born July 31, 2013. The couple also has a son, Truman.

Brent Anderson ’93 received a perfect score in the 2013 Purple Dragonfly Book Awards, a children’s book contest, for his book, “Wee Three Kings.” Additionally, the book was a winner in the 2013 Christian Choice Book Awards, taking second place in the children’s book category.

Greg Gildersleeve ’93 is teaching full time at Grantham University, an online institution headquartered in Kansas City, Mo.

2000s

Julie Chaney-Faughn ’02 and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of a son, Isaac, born June 20, 2013. Isaac has an older sister, Charlotte.

Andrew Richmond ’03 has been promoted to shareholder with the law firm of Poole Mahoney PC. He was elected by his peers to be included in Virginia Business Magazine’s Legal Elite in the category of Young Lawyer and was selected as the 2013 Virginia Rising Star by Richmond magazine, Virginia Super Lawyers, in the category of Family Law.



Jeff ’05 and Megan (Mosser) ’08 Huff announce the birth of a son, Mason Jeffrey, born June 23, 2013.

Melissa Smith ’05 and David Schubert were married June 8, 2013. The couple resides in St. Joseph, Mo.



Luke Gorham ’06 and his wife, Alissa, announce the birth of a daughter, Bella NoylInn, born June 23, 2013.

Therese Hand ’06 and Michael DeBenedette were married Aug. 4, 2012. The couple resides in Arvada, Colo.



Natalie (Bailey) ’08 and Kenney Newville ’09 announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine Marie, born Sept. 13, 2013.

Katy Schwartz Drowns ’08 was honored as Star of the Classroom by the Missouri Lottery and Kansas City Chiefs, and was recognized at the Oct. 27 Chiefs home game. She also received the National Forensics League’s “Diamond Award,” which recognizes a professional career that combines excellence and longevity. Schwartz Drowns teaches at Central High School in St. Joseph, Mo.

Tosha Loyd ’09 is a marketing coordinator in the Missouri office of King Fresh Produce of Dinuba, Calif. The office is located in Trenton, Mo.

2010s

Laura Lawson ’13 joined Value Stream Consulting in St. Joseph, Mo. as the strategic marketing and communications manager. ■

Check out this video as St. Joseph Junior College alumni reminisce:
www.missouriwestern.edu/alumni
If you want to share your memories on video, call (816) 217-5651 or email holtz@missouriwestern.edu.

Faithful, proud and true: Jeanetta, Dan and Chris Danford

The connections between the Danford family and Missouri Western are many and enduring.

Jeannetta Danford '51 & '72 and her late husband, Thad '73, both graduated from the St. Joseph Junior College and returned to Missouri Western as soon as it became a four-year college to earn bachelor's degrees. Dan '78, their son, and Chris (Killen) '78 Danford met as students, and one of their daughters is a graduate, as well. Jeannetta, Dan and Chris have been supportive of Missouri Western through all those years.

"We have always looked for opportunities to stay involved in the community," Dan says, "and Missouri Western has remained a priority over the years."

Jeannetta is a member of the Missouri Western Arts Society and Missouri Western League for Excellence. Dan was a member of Missouri Western's Board of Governors for five years, served as Alumni Association president and has been an adjunct instructor for business classes. Chris helped with strategic planning for the Alumni Association, and she and Dan are members of the

Missouri Western Arts Society and the Gold Coat Club. Both Dan and Chris received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award.

They all attend several University events each year. Jeannetta said she has enjoyed the theatre productions and she attends the Junior College Reunion every year. "If I don't know anyone there, I get acquainted," she said.

Recently, Dan, Chris, and Dan's sister, Sally, established an endowed scholarship for nontraditional students in honor of Jeanetta's 80th birthday, the Thad and Jeannetta Danford Scholarship.

"Sally and I watched our parents go back to college as we were growing up. Graduation for them had a profound impact on our family. Part of it was their professional success after graduation, but part of it was their ambition and perseverance," Dan said.

Jeannetta graduated with an elementary education degree in 1972 and spent her 21-year teaching career at John Glenn Elementary School.

After high school, Chris spent one year at Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University) before transferring to Missouri Western. "I was thrilled to have the education classes here," Chris said. "It was the best decision ever."

She graduated with her elementary education degree and spent many years in the classroom before earning a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Northwest Missouri State University and becoming a high school counselor at Central High School in St. Joseph and Parkville High School in Parkville, Mo. She currently is a counselor at Bishop LeBlond High School in St. Joseph.

"Missouri Western taught students how to think, not what to think. We learned how to problem solve and to be better teachers and better persons," Chris said. "Now I help students think outside the traditional box."

Dan said he had a lot of opportunities to go to other colleges, but he and his high school friends decided to go to Missouri Western and pledge to the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He graduated with a business degree with a marketing emphasis, but he additionally credits Missouri Western for teaching him life skills such as time management, and the oral and written communication skills that have led to his success. Dan founded the Family Investment Center in St. Joseph in 1998.

And what comes to mind when they think about their college days? All three remember the cold walks across campus in the winter.

"There was never a colder place on earth than Missouri Western in January or February," Dan said.

"There were only three buildings and they weren't close together, but we made it," Jeannetta said. "And the campus gradually got prettier and prettier." ■



Jeannetta Danford '51 & '72



Dan '78 and Chris (Killen) '78 Danford

In Memory

We honor those who have passed away. If you want to include someone in this listing, please call (816) 271-5651, mail the information to Diane Holtz, Missouri Western State University, 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507, or email holtz@missouriwestern.edu.

Stacy Anderson '01, Faucett, Mo., Dec. 14, 2012.

Ernestine Babcock '73, St. Joseph, Mo., July 28, 2013.

Joyce L. (Crockett) Byrd '85, St. Joseph, Mo., July 26, 2013.

Cara Clark '04, Savannah, Mo., Oct. 20, 2013.

Patricia Lee Jacobs '84, St. Joseph, Mo., June 11, 2013.

Michael Magoon, Osprey, Fla., Aug. 4, 2013. Magoon taught German at Missouri Western for 30 years.

Donald Moss '45, St. Joseph, Mo., July 6, 2013.

Steve Poage '71, St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 20, 2013.

Nancy (Krauss) Rosenthal '75, Boulder, Colo., July 28, 2013.

Donald Silcott '51, St. Joseph, Mo., June 8, 2013.

Linda Weitlich '89, DeKalb, Mo., Aug. 11, 2013. Weitlich worked in Missouri Western's Athletic Department.

Charles Wilcox, St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 10, 2013. Wilcox was the first attorney to represent Missouri Western State College and served in that capacity for more than 31 years.

Remembering a loved one

Missouri Western offers several ways to remember a loved one who has passed away.

Gifts in memory of a person may be made in any amount to the Foundation. Acknowledgment is sent to each donor and the names of donors are sent to an appropriate member of the family unless the donors request that this not be done.

Other options include creating a scholarship in the deceased person's name, having a brick engraved at the Missouri Western clock tower or a memorial bench.

A named endowed scholarship requires a gift of at least \$10,000 to establish it, but an annual scholarship can be created with a pledge of at least \$1,000 per year for four years.

The Foundation also offers engraved bricks at the campus' clock tower, and the cost is \$250.

A memorial bench is another option. Each bench is a 6 ft. cast-iron bench with recycled plastic slats in a cedar finish and a black frame that is bolted to a cement pad, and up to two bronze-cast plaques. The cost is \$4,000 and plaques are \$225 each.

For more information on any of these memorial opportunities, call (816) 271-5647 or go online to missouriwestern.edu/givingtowestern and click on Memorial Gifts. ■

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Name _____ Maiden _____ Class of _____

Spouse _____ Class of _____ Alum's Birthday _____

Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ email _____

What's New _____

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Submit your news online at www.missouriwestern.edu/alumni/alumnote.asp or email mwalumni@missouriwestern.edu.

Serving each other at the St. Joseph Death Café

Coffee with a side of a conversation about dying, please. Cake and a “Before I Die” list with a little compassion added, and hold the judgment and preaching. That’s what is on the menu at the Death Café, a place to talk about death.

St. Joseph’s Death Café was founded last spring by Megan Mooney, a 2010

social work graduate. About 20-25 people of all ages and backgrounds, some from as far away as a two-hour drive, gather each month for the event at the Café Pony Espresso downtown, and newcomers are always welcome.

“The purpose of Death Café is to open the conversation about death and reduce the taboo that surrounds it,” Mooney said. “There’s a dialogue that goes on (at Death Café) that is very cathartic.”

Death Café provides a safe, nonjudgmental environment where participants talk openly about dying, their fears and hopes, and what they want to accomplish before they die.

“Death Café is not a setting for bereavement support or grief counseling. It doesn’t work for people who, for whatever reason, aren’t able to discuss death comfortably and openly,” she said.

The meetings last about two hours, and Mooney always starts them off with an icebreaker question: “What is the first word that comes to mind when you

hear the word ‘death?’” She then breaks the attendees into small groups and tells them that they can talk about whatever it is that brought them there that night or anything that deals with death. She provides them with a list of conversation starters in case they get stuck or aren’t sure what to talk about.

At one meeting, she set up a Before I Die wall, and each person was invited to write on it.

Mooney’s Death Café is part of an international movement, founded by John Underwood in the United Kingdom and based on the work of Bernad Crettaz. When Mooney was interested in starting a local Café, she contacted Lizzy Miles, the first person to offer a Death Café in the United States. Mooney’s St. Joseph Café is the first one in the Midwest, but there are groups in about 45-50 cities in the United States. She follows the tenets of the international Death Café movement: The purpose is to increase awareness of death while helping people make the most of their finite life; the Café should be free from ideology, safe and nurturing, respectful of all, and confidential.

The recent deaths of her aunt and uncle provided the impetus for Mooney

to start a Death Café. “My family was let down by the health care system. I had to fight really, really hard for my uncle and family, and it was one of the hardest things I had to do in my life,” Mooney said. “If more people are educated about end-of-life decisions, it will help caregivers a lot.”

Mooney, a native of St. Joseph, earned her Master of Social Work from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is currently working for the University of Missouri, conducting end-of-life research as part of a four-year National Institutes of Health grant.

She works in collaboration with a local hospice, talking to family members who are caring for those with a terminal illness. The purpose of the study is to investigate ways to improve hospice care by including patients and caregivers in the hospice interdisciplinary team meeting.

Mooney said a Grief and Loss class at Missouri Western “ignited a passion” within her. “Then I knew I wanted to be a social worker, obtain my master’s and work in the area of grief and loss.”

For more information about Death Cafés, check out deathcafe.com, search for “Death Café St. Joe” on Facebook, or email deathcafestjoe@gmail.com. ■



| Globe-trotting Max |

Left: Bill and Corinne Russell at Pisa, Italy. Bill is a faculty member at Missouri Western and Corinne took classes to become certified to teach in the St. Joseph School District. Right: Sandra East '97 and Max in Paris.

Centennial Notes: Singin’ our songs

A look through Griffon yearbooks during the St. Joseph Junior College years reveals that a variety of songs were created to be used as school songs, ranging from sentimental alma maters to rousing pep rally numbers.

The first mention of a college song is in the 1924 yearbook, which includes a song called, “To Alma Mater,” attributed to Louise Lacy ’20. That same song appeared in the 1925 and 1928 yearbooks, but the 1926 yearbook includes a song named “Junior College,” and Kathryn Penney ’26 receives credit for that.

The students attending in 1929-30 held a contest for not only a Junior College song, but for a pep song, as well. An excerpt from that yearbook states, “In the early part of the school year, the Senate had a Junior College song contest in which anyone in the College was allowed to submit the words and music for an official college song ... We wish to thank the writers for giving us these songs that carry with them lingering memories of old J.C.” The contest committee selected both an official pep song and an official school song.

The 1955 yearbook boasts that “another first this year was the adoption of a school song, written to the tune of “Auld Lang Syne.”

Although that is the last mention of a school song in a yearbook, a Missouri Western alma mater and fight song have been in use for many years.

The current alma mater was first sung at the 1982 Homecoming. The music is by Mike Mathews, who was a faculty member at the time, and the lyrics are by student Darryl McDermott, who won a contest.

The fight song, called “Fight on, Griffons,” was written by Carl E. Bolte, Jr., who also wrote the Mizzou fight song. Dr. M.O. Looney, Missouri Western’s president from 1967-1983, co-wrote some of the words with Bolte when they were on a trip to Rome. The song’s copyright date is 1979.

Another fight song, called “The M.W.S.C. Fight Song,” is credited to Wm. G. Mack, Missouri Western’s marching band director from 1977-87, for the music, and arrangements and words by Mike Mathews. Although the words have not been sung for awhile, the band has played it at games.

In 1990, Daniel E. Gawthrop was commissioned to write a special piece of music in honor of both Missouri Western’s 20th anniversary and the St. Joseph Symphony’s 30th anniversary. “And Still, Creation Sings” was sung at a concert as part of the anniversary celebration in April.

Check out our songs on the next two pages! ■

To Alma Mater
(Air, “Mid the Hills of old Missouri”)

I.
High above the broad Missouri
Stately on the hill-top’s crest,
Stands our dear old Junior College,
Looking toward the glowing west.
Shadowy dreams and aspirations,
Memories sweeter with each year,
Cling in misty golden streamers
‘Round her tower, to us so dear.

II.
Junior College, Alma Mater,
Though the days are long gone by
When we learned your noble lessons,
Beauty law, and service high,
Still we love you, Junior College;
Loyal sons and daughters true
Fill to you life’s brimming goblet,
Junior College, here’s to you!

Junior College
(To the tune of “Broken Dreams”)

I.
Junior College, Alma Mater,
How we all love you.
Tho’ we leave you we’ll remember
Happy work and play.
Thru’ the years that come and go
Your image will remain
Beauty, ideals, dreams, and courage
All we gained from you.

II.
From your lessons and your hopes
We take our standards high,
Books and lessons soon forgotten
Still out visions stay.
Old-time friends, just, tried, and
true friends,
Treasures manifold.
They are locked within our hearts,
And never to be lost.
--Kathryn Penney, ’26



J.C. GRIFFONS

Tune adapted Words by Mary J. Hane

Treasures were guarded by Griffons of old and the
 Griffons stand guard o'er the Black and the Gold, Those col-ors so
 treasured tri-umphs shall fly, as we make the hills ring with an
 old battle cry..... Go Griffons Go Griffons Go.....

J. Var-si-ty C. var-si-ty Dear old J.C. of St. Joe....

Dear Al-ma Ma-ter Mo-ther and Friend For Thee in this
 song loyal voices we blend To sing of your fame and your
 honor kept bright through years when your spirit was our guiding
 light

Go Griffons Go Griffons Go Griffons Go....

J. Var-si-ty C. var-si-ty Dear old J.C. of St. Joe....

J. C.

Centennial Notes: Singin' our songs

continued

Official Pep Song 1929 - JC St. Joe

We've a college in St. Joseph and it's
 old J. C.
 Our girls are fair, our men are square
 as anyone can see.
 The Griffon is our symbol, our colors
 black and gold.
 With all our hearts we strive each year
 to reach a higher goal.

When we leave our Alma Mater with its
 memories sweet.
 Our days will be the happier; our life
 the more complete.
 For having cherished standard high and
 loved tradition old.
 We'll truer son and daughter be, We've
 loved our old J.C.

Words by Raymond Clark; Music by F. Culver

Words by: Marvin G. Looney

Music by: Carl E. Bolte, Jr.

FIGHT ON, GRIFFONS!

FIGHT ON GRIF - FONS! you'll win the game. Vic - to - ry Mis - sou - ri Western
 State. FIGHT ON GRIF - FONS! you'll go on to fame. Vic - to - ry Mis - sou - ri Western
 State. Speed like the eagle, strong as a li-on; no other team could be
 half as great. So Fight On Grif-fons! and you'll win the game:
 Vic-to - ry Mis-sou-ri Western State. Go, Black (clap, clap) Go, Gold (clap, clap)
 Out front all the way. ("Hoorsy") Go, Black (clap, clap) Go, Gold (clap, clap)
 D.C. al Coda (+)
 Win for good ol' Mo West to - day. ("Hoorsy")
 + Coda
 State. ("Hoorsy")

Copyright 1929
 Marvin G. Looney
 Carl E. Bolte, Jr.

From the 1955 yearbook: A school
 song, written to the tune of
 "Auld Lang Syne."

To Junior College now we raise
 Our voices to acclaim
 Two years so full of high
 ideals
 Embodied in her name.

The college friendships we have made
 While roaming through your halls
 We'll cherish when another day
 Our college life recalls.

Refrain:

Our noble Griffon black
 and gold
 Our guide shall ever be
 We'll stand for you
 So staunch and true
 Our school, our own J.C.

Official School Song 1929 - J.C Griffons

Treasures were guarded by Griffons of
 old and the
 Griffons stand guard o'er the Black and
 the Gold,
 Those colors so treasured triumphant
 shall fly,
 As we make the hills ring with the old
 battle cry...

Go Griffons Go Griffons Go...
 J. varsity C. varsity Dear old J.C. of
 St. Joe...
 Dear Alma Mater Mother and Friend
 For Thee in this song loyal voices we
 blend,
 To sing of your fame and your honor
 kept bright
 through year when your spirit was our
 guiding light.
 Go Griffons Go Griffons Go Griffons Go .
 J varsity C varsity dear old J.C. of
 St. Joe...J.C

Words by Mary J. Hane

Missouri Western Alma Mater

Words by: DARYL McDERMOTT Music by: MICHAEL MATHEWS

Gent - ly flows the wide Mis - sou - ri, Search - ing for the sea.
 Take me to my al - ma mat - er, Where it waits for me.
 Though I leave and ev - er wan - der, This I know is true,
 When I dream of old Mis - sou - ri, I'll re - mem - ber you.
 Loy - al hearts to her re - turn - ing, Faith - ful, proud, and true, Mis -
 sou - ri West - ern live for - ev - er. We sing in praise of you.

J.C. St. Joe

Words by Raymond CLARK Music by F. CULVER

We've a col-lege in St. Jo- seph and it's old J. C. our
 When we leave our Al- ma Ma- ter with it's memories sweet our

girls are fair fur men are square as any one can see The
 days will be the hap- pi- er; our life the more complete For

Grif-fon is our symbol Our colors black and gold. With
 hav- ing cher- ished stand-ard high and loved tradi- tion old We'll

all our hearts we strive each year to reach a higher goal.
 truer son and daughter be we've loved our old J. C.



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Homecoming

A sunny fall day was part of the equation for a great Homecoming 2013. Large crowds enjoyed the parade, the post-parade party for families, tailgating and, of course, the game. The Griffons beat the Northeastern State University RiverHawks, 54-10.

