



Newspapers and Nominations



Generally I share news in this column with you, but this month I have three requests for you instead.

The first is a request for missing issues of the *Stir*. While the Sterling College Mabee Library houses the archives of all past SC yearbooks and copies of the Sterling *Stir* and *Cooper Courier*

(student papers that have been published throughout the years.), there is a significant gap in the archives of the *Stir*. The issues from 1922 through 1929 are missing. Dr. Arn Froese, Sterling College professor of psychology since 1974, is preparing some material for a sociology class for the coming school year and is specifically hoping to find copies from the fall of 1926. If you have old copies of the *Stir* in your possession, would you be willing to part with these to enhance the Sterling archives?

Secondly, the Alumni Office is seeking nominations for the 2010 Alumni Awards. If you would like to nominate a Sterling College alumnus for the Alumni Award (graduated fewer than 15 years ago), the Alumni Citation (graduated 15 or more years ago) or for the Distinguished Service Award (a lifetime achievement honor), please contact the Alumni Office at 620-278-4228 or dearle@sterling.edu. You can also go to <http://www.sterling.edu/node/1490>, print a copy of the nomination form, fill it out and mail it to the Alumni Office at 125 W. Cooper, Sterling, KS 67579.

The third request is for nominations for the Sterling College Fine Arts Hall of Fame, established in 2008 to recognize individuals associated with Sterling College who have excelled in the areas of theatre, music, art and communications.

The first induction of recipients will take place at the Fall 2009 Homecoming, Saturday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Culbertson Auditorium before the musical begins. The inductions are sponsored by C.A.S.T. (College Alumni of Sterling Theatre), an alumni-based, non-profit organization that supports the fine arts at Sterling College.

Nominations will be accepted in three categories:

Alumnus: An SC graduate who has been out of school for at least five years who has distinguished him/herself in the area of fine arts.

Contributor: A community volunteer who has given of his or her time and resources for the betterment of the Fine Arts at Sterling College.

Mentor: A retired Sterling College staff member or administrator who has supported, inspired, and motivated the Sterling community in the area of Fine Arts.

Nomination forms for the Fine Arts Hall of Fame candidates will be accepted through August 15. Nomination forms may be obtained through the alumni office [dearle@sterling.edu] or by emailing Greg McGlynn, Coordinator of C.A.S.T., at gjmcmglynn@sbcglobal.net.

Have a great July!

David Earle, Director of Alumni Relations

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Upcoming Events:

- July 5 - Mission Team in Thailand
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- July 15 - Mission Team in East Asia
- July 30
- Aug 8 N. Colorado Alumni and Friends Event in Estes Park
- Aug 25 Fall Semester Begins
- Aug 29 Alumni Soccer Game, 3 p.m.
- Oct 22 Fall Homecoming Musical
- Oct 23 Presidential Inauguration
Fall Homecoming Musical
Class of '59, '79', '04 reunions
- Oct 24 Dedication of Stadium
Warrior Athletic Celebration
Homecoming
- Oct 31 Men's and Women's Basketball Alumni Games

Alumni Author – Kissman Pens Autobiography



Looking for a great summer read that is full of rich history and has a unique tie to Sterling? Check out *Views From The Road I Traveled* by Henry Kissman '44.

In this autobiography, Kissman describes how he journeyed from prewar Austria to America, how he survived the displacements and losses of wartime, and how he built a life devoted to scientific inquiry and public service.

As a prosperous Jewish family in the city of Graz, the Kissmans became Nazi targets immediately after the German takeover of Austria in 1938. Henry's parents were both jailed, and the family was stripped of everything they owned, including their successful lumber business. Henry, age 15 at the time, was able to flee to England where he lived and worked throughout the war.

Henry was able to immigrate to the U.S. in 1939, where he lived with relatives in New York City and worked various factory jobs while he completed his high school education at night. Through a group that found openings for refugees to attend college, Henry landed in Sterling. Henry's tales of the Sterling community and college circa 1941-44 are fascinating. He shares stories of friends, faculty and faith—he converted to Christianity during his time at Sterling.

Upon graduation, Henry was drafted into the Army where he served first as a combat medic with the Tenth Mountain Division in northern Italy, and later served as a counter-intelligence agent with the U.S. occupation forces in Germany. After his discharge, he obtained advanced degrees in organic chemistry and joined a research group at a pharmaceutical company working on biologically active substances such as antibiotics and steroids. In the mid-1960s he transitioned from research to developing innovative ways to manage scientific information, eventually directing such projects at the U.S. Food & Drug Administration and the National Library of Medicine.

Henry has traveled an amazing road. His book can be purchased via most on-line booksellers.

If you have had a book published, or you know of another SC alumnus who has, please contact dearle@sterling.edu

Alumni Shine at Jester Awards



Jester Award winners (L to R) Rachel Prochaska '01, Greg McGlynn '87, Betsy (Halloran '82) Dutton, Sasha Hildebrand '03 and Sarah (Kohen '03) Tucker

The prolific Sterling College Theatre Department made another statement as six SC alumni picked up hardware at the 2009 Jester Awards Ceremony.

The Music Theatre of Wichita annually hosts the Jester Awards, which recognizes exceptional accomplishments in the production and performance of musical theatre in central Kansas high schools. The Jester Award program honors the extraordinary amount of work, creativity and devotion that faculty and students pour into their high school theatrical productions.

From Andover High School, Sarah (Kohen '03) Tucker was honored for Outstanding Cameo Performer and Outstanding Orchestra for the production of *Cinderella*.

Greg McGlynn '87 of Campus High School picked up four awards: Outstanding Instrumentalist, Musical Staging, and Scenic Design and Lighting for the production of *Brigadoon*.

For the production of *A Year with Frog and Toad* at Sterling High School, Betsy (Halloran '82) Dutton was honored with seven awards: Outstanding Overall Production, Direction, Leading Actors, Small Ensemble, Production Number, and Choreography/Musical Staging and Lighting.

For the same production at Sterling High School, honors were received by Clark Comley '88 for Outstanding Musical Direction; Rachel Prochaska '01 for Outstanding Scenic Design; and Sasha Hildebrand '03 for Outstanding Costume Design.

Congratulations to all the honorees. Sterling College and its alumni continue to make exceptional contributions to theatre within the region and around the country.

Hoops Panama Mission

Thirteen basketball clinics, five church services, four basketball games, and over a thousand miles traveled by van in only ten days: such was the schedule for 12 members of the Sterling College men's and women's basketball teams during a mission trip to Panama. The primary focus of the mission was evangelistic clinics in various schools, community centers, and parks. A typical clinic included a basketball demonstration, stations for the youth to learn basketball skills, a player testimony and gospel presentation, and then more basketball.

The mission team worked with two indigenous people groups of Panama: the Kuna Indians and the Embera Indians. Both groups still live in traditional villages along the river. The team also ministered to elementary, junior high, and high school students at schools

in Panama City and the surrounding communities of San Miguelito, Arraijan, Curundu, and Cardenas.

The mission team was hosted by Crossroads Bible Church in Panama City, which is pastored by Sterling College alums Bob Gunn '65 and his wife Mary (Bower '65). The mission team was led by men's coach Dean Jaderston, his wife Julie, and Christy Herzog, a resident assistant at SC. Student athletes participating in the mission were Jonathan Woods, Zach Goodrich, Adam Brown, Trent Stutzman, Mark Swiontek, Cecil Smart, Diego Ferro (a native of Panama), K.C. Bassett, Ashley Kraft, Ashley Gasper, Erica Herman, and Erin Thiessen. The players were hosted by families from Panama City who had teenage sons or daughters. This allowed wonderful relationships to be built, both with these families and with the local Christian school where team members started each morning in prayer with their fifth-grade prayer partners.



Erin Thiessen and a Panaminian girl play with a basketball. -photo courtesy of Dean Jaderston.

The men's team took to the floor against the Panamanian National Team for a three-game series. All three games were close, but the Warriors lost their big men due to foul trouble in each contest, and the superior size and experience of the Panamanian team wore the Warriors down. The team also participated in a benefit for a missionary family that was leaving for Africa. As part of this benefit, the Lady Warriors played the high school boys' team and won. The highlight of the night was when K.C. Basset hit a half-court shot that earned \$1000 for the missionary family.

More information, pictures, and players' perspectives can be found on the team's blog at spanama.blogspot.com.

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Just as we share life at Sterling College with you, we want you to share your life with us as well. Please let us know your recent life events so we can rejoice with you, pray with you, and share your updates with other alumni who want to do the same. Here are some specific kinds of information that will help us stay up-to-date:

- New phone number, address, or email
- Birth or marital/family changes
- Illness, injury or death
- Change in careers
- Accomplishments
- Prayer Requests

At your request, we will publish any updates in the Alumni News and Classnotes section of the *Sterling* magazine to keep your college friends updated as well. Email David Earle at dearle@sterling.edu with your latest news today or call him at 620-278-4228.

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