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Debaters undefeated in Winston Churchill history debates

In 1946, the President of Westminster college sent an invitation to Winston Churchill via Dwight Eisenhower, asking him to make an appearance in Fulton Missouri.

Churchill not only accepted the invitation, but travelling by train along with President Dwight Eisenhower, he rode a train across the United States to reach Westminster College in Fulton, MO.

It was at that time and at that location that Churchill delivered perhaps his greatest oration, the "Iron Curtain" speech.

The SC Debate team recreated the same trek, albeit by automobile, in accepting an invitation to appear and compete in a debate tournament to honor the legacy of Winston Churchill and his historic address 64 years ago.

Sterling College was one of five schools selected and invited to compete at the tournament.

Along with SC, Webster University, Illinois State Uni-

versity, John Brown University and Arkansas State University were also involved in the tournament.

The Sterling College team of Emily Graham, David Bowers, Fay Carey and Jason Phillips emerged from the preliminary rounds of competition undefeated, setting up a final round against Arkansas State University.

The final round, held in the Westminster Auditorium to accommodate spectators, centered on the resolution of "Whether the United States should withdraw from Afghanistan?" Sterling affirmed the resolution with Arkansas State in opposition.

In the end the seniors from Sterling were no match for Arkansas State, with SC winning the overall title of Champion of the 2nd Annual Winston Churchill Debates.

In addition, Emily Graham was also named the top debater/speaker at the tournament, receiving an engraved pen and plaque to commemorate the experience.



Senior debater David Bowers gives a speech during the final round at the 2nd Annual Winston Churchill Debates held last weekend at Westminster College. Photo courtesy Ken Troyer

The tournament was preceded by a tour of the Winston Churchill Museum, a campus tour which included 8 sections of the Berlin Wall

and the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury (shipped from England brick by brick and reassembled in the US).

Following the tournament, the awards ceremony was preceded by a formal banquet hosted by the President of Westminster College.

THISWEEK

Today.
Love Sterling @ 8 p.m.
Surprised by Faith @ 8:30 p.m.
A205 Bible Study @ 10 p.m.

Friday.
Dorms Close @ 5 p.m.

Saturday.
Thanksgiving Break

Sunday.
Thanksgiving Break

NEWSBITES

Flu Vaccination Clinic

Nurse Connie Carey will be offering flu shots free to any student who would like to get vaccinated before they head home for Thanksgiving on Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m..

Staff and faculty can also receive a flu shot at this time for a \$10 fee.

Dorms Close

Remember, the dorms will close tomorrow at 5 p.m. All students who need to stay past that time must contact the Student Life office immediately. This includes athletes who are staying as well.

Prospective students invade campus in large quantity



For the largest visit weekend Sterling College has ever seen, the admissions department invited 50 high school students and around 20 parents to campus last Sunday for two days of the SC experience.

Vice President of Enrollment Dennis Dutton said he was very pleased with the turnout, noting that there has never been this large of a group for a visit weekend. In fact, the customary pizza party at the President's house had to be moved to CrossPoint church to accommodate the nearly 120 people, admissions department and student ambassadors included, who were invited.

Along with a pizza party, the students also went to Sunday night's chapel service and to a Kahvista night hosted by the Campus Activities Board.

"CAB's leadership in the Kahvista was appreciated," Dutton said. "That event went well."

Though a handful of students came from out of state, the furthest traveling from Minnesota and Michigan, 39 of the visiting students were from Kansas.

Dutton said visit weekends are very important to the enrollment process, as students who visit are much more likely to attend SC the following Fall.

The next visit weekend is scheduled for January 16 and 17.



Clockwise from top: Prospective students wait in line for pizza at CrossPoint Church.

Track and field head coach Jack Dillard chats with a prospective student and parent during visit weekend registration on Sunday afternoon.

Sophomore Grant Brintnall performs at the Kahvista night after chapel. Prospective students were invited to have coffee and hear SC students show-off their talent.

Photos by Jon VanVeldhuizen



English Blend poetry slam opens new doors for expression

By **TIM LUISI**
Staff Writer

Kahvista, it looks like you have some competition. On Tuesday the English Blend held its first ever Poetry Slam, a campus-wide event which saw approximately 15 people, including both students and faculty, read original poetry in front of an audience of close to 40 students.

"I think it went better than we could have hoped for," English Blend secretary Brian Allen said. "It turned out almost perfect."

The Poetry Slam provided a chance for students across campus to present their poetry in a non judgmental environment and also to share some of themselves with others.

"Getting to hear original

poetry, getting to hear what people were actually feeling and hearing the stories behind them, will help you really get to know the reader or writer," Jon Faulkner, one of the readers at the event, said.

Additionally, the event allowed some students to see poetry in a different light.

"I think a lot of times people have an idea of what poetry is like in their mind," Allen said. "Hopefully if people attended and saw that there are a lot of ways to write a poem, hopefully it will show them that poetry is not just this stuffy thing full of symbolism. Hopefully it will show them that there a lot of different styles of poetry and encourage those who think poems are boring to start writing their own poetry and see that it is not a static thing."

Perhaps even more impor-



Jon Ewert, Andrew Gray and Jon Faulkner watch a performer at the first English Blend Poetry Slam on Tuesday. All three men also performed original pieces at the event.

Photo by Alex Lawhon-Bush

tantly than anything mentioned so far, according to English Blend officer Joshua Matthews, the event represented a chance for healing.

"That release is almost like a healing, and I think that was seen tonight in a lot of people's poetry and felt by the audience: a sense of healing, a sense of release," Matthews

said. "And I think that's why this is our servant hood, what we want to do for the campuses."

The English Blend will next be hosting a Christmas party at Dr. Felicia Squires' house on December 3rd. This event is open to all members of the English Blend and all English Majors.



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Warriors win again Hastings in first pre-season home game

By KARINA NOAH
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team showed up to Gleason last Tuesday with the intention of proving a point; the team came out with a lot of energy carried over from previous practices as well as an excited crowd.

The junior varsity team kicked off the night with a very close game against Hastings College.

With the score tied up at 35 in the second half, Marcus Shaw put a three-point shot into the hoop and the Warriors were able to stay in the lead for the remainder of the game.

"I believe the Sterling JV program will continue to build off last season's success," senior Zach Goodrich said. "The program is basically getting guys' reps and preparing them for varsity; Sterling players do not see JV and varsity as two separate squads but both teams as one, a family."

Varsity immediately stepped onto

the court and took the lead with a basketball by Cody Brazelton, and Warriors continued to dominate.

"Brazelton had a strong performance with a double-double and two other Warriors in double figures (Adam Brown and Trent Stutzman)," Goodrich said.

The Warrior varsity team was also victorious over Hastings College, with a final score of 82-68.

With a record of 1-3 in the first two weeks of the season, the Warriors have showcased some great play, yet they've had to battle to get started.

All their games thus far have been on the road, which can pose a great disadvantage to their style and speed of play.

"The Warriors will look to build from this game," Goodrich said, "and use it as momentum towards the Warriors Classic."

The Warrior Classic tournament will take place this weekend here at Sterling College.



Above: The Warrior men's defense traps a Hastings College player on the wrong side of the court during the first home game of the year last Tuesday. Photo by Jon Van Veldzhuizen

Women's basketball gearing up for championship

By JARON HENSLEY
Staff Writer

After last season's loss to Northwestern in the second round of the playoffs, Sterling College women's basketball team looks to bounce back with vengeance.

Sterling College will start the season off ranked top in the conference and tenth in the nation. For the past four years they have been a dominate presence in the KCAC and at the national level where they've been to the KCAC championship game four years in a row and to the national tournament the last four years.

Last year, Sterling beat Southwestern in a high scoring game to become conference champions for the second time in three years. They now start off this year looking for a second consecutive conference championship as well as to go deeper into the national post season.

Sterling is counting on the leadership of all conference players junior forward Megan Patrick, senior forward Britney Gasper and senior guard Erica Herman.

Aside from those notable women, the whole team is ready to contribute and bring home another championship.

"Our entire bench is ready to come in and keep the same intensity as the starters," Herman said.

The journey to another title will not be easy and the women's basketball team will have many challenges in conference.

Kansas Wesleyan is ranked inside the top 15 in the country along with Southwestern College and Bethel College, both of whom are right on the outside of the top 25.

"The competition is going to be hard so we can't get ahead of ourselves and just take one game at a time," Herman.

The coaches' poll has Sterling winning the conference this year and the women believe they can do it.

"We just have to keep working hard and continue building team unity," Herman said.

Currently the team has 3-1 record in pre-season play and will hopefully continue to win on into regular play. The women's basketball team plays this Friday against Southwestern Assemblies of God and again on Saturday against the University of Science and Arts in this year's Warrior Classic.

Warrior's fall in KCAC semi-final match

By NATHAN WEST
Staff Writer

The Sterling College women's soccer team ended their season on November 9 with a loss to Ottawa University in the semi-final round of the 2010 KCAC Women's Soccer Tournament.

The final score ended in an Ottawa win 2-0, with Ottawa scoring in the 39th minute in the first half and late in the second half.

Upon finishing the season with a 10-8-2 record, Coach Justin Morris had high praise for the team.

"I can't say enough about how great the team got along and competed day in and day out," Morris said.

Morris also spoke well of the individual contributions that seniors Kylie Yates, Emily Gloschen, Yesenia Garcia and Paige Farmer made for the team. In regards to next season, Morris knows there are a few things the team could build upon.

"We have some recruiting to do. We have to be a lot deeper and continue to improve our team speed," Morris said.

With this being her favorite season at Sterling, Yates shared some advice for next year's group of seniors.

"Never forget the times you had and set the best example you can for your teammates, for those are the friendships you'll never forget," Yates



The Warrior women's soccer team celebrates after scoring the first goal against McPherson in the KCAC quarter-final match. The team's shoot-out victory advanced them to the semi-final round against Ottawa. Photo by Jon Van Veldzhuizen

said. Other pieces of advice included playing every game as if it was the last one and to always be strong and positive no matter what happens.

Younger players on the team, such as freshmen Kelli Schneider, each have favorite things from this year, but know that there is a lot of hard work in the season that lies ahead.

"My favorite memory for this year was making it to the

semi-finals in the conference playoffs," Schneider said. "The team had a rough year last year and coming out this year with a strong team and 1 game away from the conference championship is really good."

As new players come in, Schneider hopes that a strong connection between the team will remain.

"Like our motto for this season was, 'all in'," Schneider said.

Volleyball team reflects on 'rebuilding' season

By CHRIS HALCROMB
Staff Writer

The Warrior volleyball team fell 0-3 in the first round of the KCAC tournament to Ottawa University on Tuesday, November 9.

Coach John Harding explained that despite having a few troubles in the beginning of the match, the team played hard overall.

"We did not have our best passing night," Harding said. "In spite of the off passing night we continued to work hard and compete throughout the match."

Playing hard was something the team had been practicing the whole season.

"One of our goals from early on in the season was to play well in November as the season culminated," Harding said.

The volleyball team is a fairly young team, and this

is Harding's first year at SC. Outside hitter sophomore Rachel Ediger said she thought the team came together rather well in spite of not having had a lot of time to develop chemistry with each other.

"This season was a rebuilding season for us," Ediger said. "Half of our team was new so it took awhile for us all to get used to playing with each other."

Despite a 11-21 record, Ediger still feels positive about how the season went as a whole.

"We worked really hard and improved immensely from the beginning of the season to the end," Ediger said.

Harding agreed with Ediger and said he was proud of the team's progress.

"I am pleased with our season," Harding said. "We played better and the season went along and ended up 6th in the conference."

With the ground the team has made this season, Harding said he is ready to look toward the future.

"I am looking forward to the gains we will make in the spring as we prepare for next fall," Harding said.



Congratulations to senior Brooke Denton who earned First-Team KCAC honors this season. Denton was one of three SC players to receive KCAC recognition. Photo courtesy SC Marketing

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