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Cafeteria concerns lead to student forum

By NATHAN WEST
Staff Writer

Throughout the semester, students have noticed things in the cafeteria that could use some fixing. One of those issues is the amount of time that food is left out for students, particularly those who arrive at the very end of lunch.

"It would be nicer if they had the food out longer past 1 p.m., especially for kids in choir," freshmen Brittany Westerman said.

Another problem according to some students is the amount of food that is offered if they want more than one serving.

"Most of the time there is enough food, but whenever you want to have seconds, most of the food has been taken up," freshmen Calvin Allen said.

Students are not short on recommendations to offer to the café.

"It would be nice if they had more food choices, particularly the sandwich bar when the students could make the sandwiches themselves," sophomore Jarrett Stanton

said.

While the main meals cannot be kept out long for students that arrive late, director of Dining Services Sherri Gayman helps provide other kinds of meals.

"In our contract we are told to leave the main meals out from 11-1," Gayman said. "But from 1-4, we have the soup, salad bar, and cooked to order grill out."

For students that would like more than one serving of food, there is a limit as to how many they can receive.

"We prepare plenty of food based on our budget amount," Gayman said. "But we do have to limit the number of servings per each student so that there can be enough for everyone."

With the sandwich bar already brought back, Gayman is more than ready to hear feedback on other recommendations students have concerning the café.

"The best thing to do is use the comment cards or e-mail myself at sgrayman@sterling.edu or our head chef, Quentin Eason at qeason@sterling.edu," Gayman said.



Despite efforts to keep up with the noon rush, students still find empty containers and long lines a part of their dining experience. Photo by Alex Lawhon-Bush

Ineffective sprinkler system turns campus into water park

By TIM LUISI
Assistant Editor

In increasing numbers students and faculty have found the walk across campus to be interrupted by an unexpected enemy: the Sterling College sprinkler system.

Due to poor design by SSI in 2003 the sprinklers hit the sidewalks seemingly as much as the grass, making walking from one side of the campus to the other without getting wet an impressive feat of athleticism.

Some students have found that the sprinkler issue causes more problems than simple inconvenience. Junior Melzora Towne was attacked by the sprinklers between Cooper and Kelsey, and casualties resulted.

"I had dodged one sprinkler that was already on and working, when out of no where, the sprinkler heads pops on," Towne said. "It was aimed at the sidewalk and the angle was such that it hit me in the face, and it actually really hurt since they're pressurized. It bruised my eye. But, more costly, the water also hit the back of my laptop."

While the laptop was not fully destroyed, the wireless adapter was hit, resulting in over sixty dollars worth of damage.

Fortunately, the Sterling College maintenance department recognizes the issue and is working to keep the water off the sidewalks.

"The plan to fix the sidewalk watering will hopefully begin this winter," grounds keeper Michael Kaffrey said. "The reason for most of the watering is because some of the sidewalks were not yet on the plans during design, and the wrong sprinkler heads have been used and lack the ability to adjust."

Though the problem as been clearly identified, fixing the sprinklers won't happen overnight.

"The solution to the problem will be to replace the old sprinkler heads with new ones that are fully adjustable," Kaffrey said.

Additionally, this will become less of an issue as the fall semester draws to close, as after the first freeze of the year, which should happen very soon, the sprinklers will be shut off.

"Sterling College works very hard to offer a clean, well groomed park-like setting for all students," Kaffrey said. "In the spring we will resume watering but on a normal schedule that I am working to make hassle free for students navigating their way to class."

THISWEEK

Today.

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

Friday.

Heritage Convocation @ 10 a.m.
Ballet @ 7 p.m. - Upper Wilson
The Quality of Life @ 8 p.m.

Saturday.

The Quality of Life @ 8 p.m.

Sunday.

Chapel @ 8 p.m. - Christian Dashiell "Life on the Road"
Water Aerobics @ 3 p.m.
Foundations for Life @ 4 p.m.
Love, Sex, Relationships @ 7 p.m.

NEWSBITES

Karaoke Mocktail Night

The campus activities board is hosting a karaoke and mocktail night this evening in Upper Wilson beginning at 8:30.

There will be an open mic for all of those wishing to show off their talent, and mocktails for those who wish to sit back and relax.

Gambino's Fundraiser

The Cultural Diversity class is raising money for its soup kitchen project. Show your support by grabbing one of the flyers around campus and eating at Gambino's tonight where %20 of your purchase will go to the soup kitchen.



The cast of *The Quality of Life* rehearses a scene during the final week of practice. From left: junior Samantha Davison, junior Kaedra Dixon, senior Marcus Mull and senior Stuart Parman. Photo by Alex Lawhon-Bush

Senior show season begins with *Quality of Life*

By TAYLOR LIBBY
Editor-in-Chief

Tomorrow evening *The Quality of Life*, directed by senior David Ireland, will premiere in Culbertson auditorium at 8 p.m.

Written by Jane Anderson, *The Quality of Life* follows two couples who are dealing with death in very different ways, one's only daughter was recently raped and murdered, while the other is dealing with terminal cancer and suicidal thoughts.

Ireland said he was drawn to this play because of the strong reaction he had when he first read it.

"It really impacted me emotionally and challenged me

intellectually," Ireland said. "I wanted to do something that would have some substance, that would be both nice to watch as well as make us all a little uncomfortable."

The content of the play is not suitable for young children, but Ireland said that the theme of death is countered by something much more powerful.

"I really hope everyone picks up on the theme of love as the sustaining force in our lives, that without it there is no *Quality of Life*," Ireland said.

This is Ireland's first time directing a full length production and said he was surprised by how many different things must come together at once.

"One of the most challenging things about directing an

entire play is trying to bring in all of the additional production values," Ireland said. "The set, lights, costumes, house personnel, techies, etc., all have to be organized and delegated."

Along with all of the production details that must be dealt with, Ireland said the cast's busy schedules and the limited time to rehearse was also a challenge.

"I know that there is a lot going on campus, but we started with less than a month anyway, so distractions were kind of bothersome," Ireland said.

After weeks of rehearsal, *The Quality of Life* will hit the stage tomorrow night at 8 p.m.

Blog site launched to reach prospective students

By EMILY GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The intent of social networking is to create community, so it should be no surprise that Sterling has been taking advantage of this trend.

Recently, a number of blogs have been popping up concerning life at Sterling College. The Tumblr blog site, "We are Sterling" is a marketing concept based on social networking. Web Marketing Manager Sarah Contrucci said the new blog site was created as another means of reaching prospective students,

"The main focus on this networking chan-

nel is for prospective students that are looking to get more of a feel of the SC life, whether they are learning about the College for the first time or they are seriously considering attending, or anywhere in between," Contrucci said.

A group of six Sterling students are using their skills of expression to tell prospective students about the SC community. Contrucci said she thinks that this is a great opportunity to "depict the college life in a new, fresh and honest way."

Check out the site, at <http://wearesterling.tumblr.com/> and find out if it is representative of your time at Sterling.

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Cross country preps for upcoming KCAC race

By JARON HENSLEY
Staff Writer

The Sterling College cross country team will compete this Saturday in the KCAC conference meet at Bill Burke Park in Salina.

Coach Jack Dillard said this meet carried a lot of importance

"This is the biggest meet of the year, this is what we train for all year and this is what counts," Dillard said.

This week in practice the team concentrated on basic principles and prepared to do its best this weekend.

"We're going to compete the best we can and beat who we can and should beat and shock one or two who aren't looking for us," Dillard said. "We have been training on focusing on being the aggressor and competing like we can and should to finish as high as possible."

Senior Whitney Dautel said she had a very good feeling about the team and its chances at conference.



The men's cross country team runs sprints on the track during an afternoon practice as part of its training for the KCAC meet this Saturday. Photo by Jon VanVeldhuizen

"We're going to do really well because it's conference," Dautel said. "Everybody should have their best time at this race."

More than just placing at the conference race, Dillard said he wants all of his runners to shave seconds off his or her time and run the best race possible.

"I hope we can have multiple runners finish All-

KCAC," Dillard said, "as well as have everyone set personal records and move a few more names up our school record board."

QUICKSTATS

Volleyball 11-19
10/23 SC 3, Bethany 2
10/27 Tabor 3, SC 1
10/29 SC 3, KWU 0
11/01 Bethel 3, SC 1

Men's Soccer 3-13-2
10/27 St. Mary 2, SC 1
10/30 SC 3, Bethel 1

Women's Soccer 10-7-1
10/27 SC 4, St. Mary 1
10/30 SC 4, Bethel 3

THISWEEK

Today.
Men's BB @ MidAmerica Christian University

Friday.
Women's soccer vs. McPherson @ 4 p.m. (KCAC tournament)

Saturday.
FB @ University of Saint Mary
Women's BB @ York College
Men's BB @ Langston University

Monday.
Women's BB vs. Doane @ 7 p.m.

Volleyball conference tournament begins Saturday

By TYLER HENOCH
Staff Writer

The Warrior Volleyball team travelled to Salina to hit conference foe Kansas Wesleyan last Friday.

In only three games the Warriors left the court with a victory under their belts.

The win against KWU brought the team's to 11 and 19 on the year and 7 and 10 in conference play.

Though the team has a losing record, Harding said he saw a lot of growth from the team.

"The team has grown and improved a tremendous amount from the beginning of the season," Head Coach John Harding said. "I am very excited by the improvement we have made as individuals and as a team."

Harding said one of the team's greatest strengths is its competitiveness and the



Sophomore setter Adriana Gonzales races to keep the ball of the floor during the match against Tabor on October 27. The Warriors fell 3-1 to the Bluejays. Photo by Jon VanVeldhuizen

willingness of the players to stay focused through anything.

"In almost every match we have played this year we have continued to compete no matter what the score might be," Harding said, "and it has helped us turn around after losing a set where we may not have played our best to win the next set and push many

matches to 4 and 5 sets."

Although the young team has come a long way from where it was at the beginning of the year, the Warriors still have much to prove.

The Warriors are currently ranked 6th in the KCAC standings and will begin the conference tournament on Saturday.

Women's soccer picks up two late season wins again Bethel, St. Mary's

By CHRIS HALCROMB
Staff Writer

The Sterling College women's soccer team regular season ended very much like the beginning of the season: on a high note as the Warriors traveled to North Newton to take on Bethel College this past Saturday.

Sterling College was involved in an offensive shootout against Bethel on Saturday, beating the Threshers 4-3.

The team was lead by top conference scorer, senior forward Kylie Yates, who scored in both halves, getting one to go in in the 8th minute as well as in the 78th.

Also getting in on the action were junior mid fielders Karina Noah and Anely Laguna, both of whom scored.

This win insured that the Warriors would have home field in the conference playoffs this post season.

The team has performed very well throughout the year and was able to do so

once again on Saturday.

"We can be very dangerous offensively when we pressure teams defensively," Coach Justin Morris said.

Last Wednesday the Sterling College women's soccer team played the University of St. Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sterling won by a comfortable margin against the Spires of St. Mary, beating them 4-1. Sterling was led by senior forward Yesenia Garcia who led the team with two goals.

Support was added by Yates and sophomore defender Ashley Redinger who both added one a piece.

Sterling started off a little slow, but picked it up in the second half Morris said.

"The first half wasn't anything to brag about, but like many games before we came out and played a better second half."

The Warriors look to continue their success tomorrow against McPherson College in their first playoff game this year.

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Men's soccer closes season with Bethel win

By TYLER HENOCH
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The last soccer game for the men's soccer team was held on Saturday, October 30 and the Warriors went out with a 3-1 victory over Bethel.

Following another victory by the women's soccer team, the men's team brought out as much power and finesse as they had left after a full season.

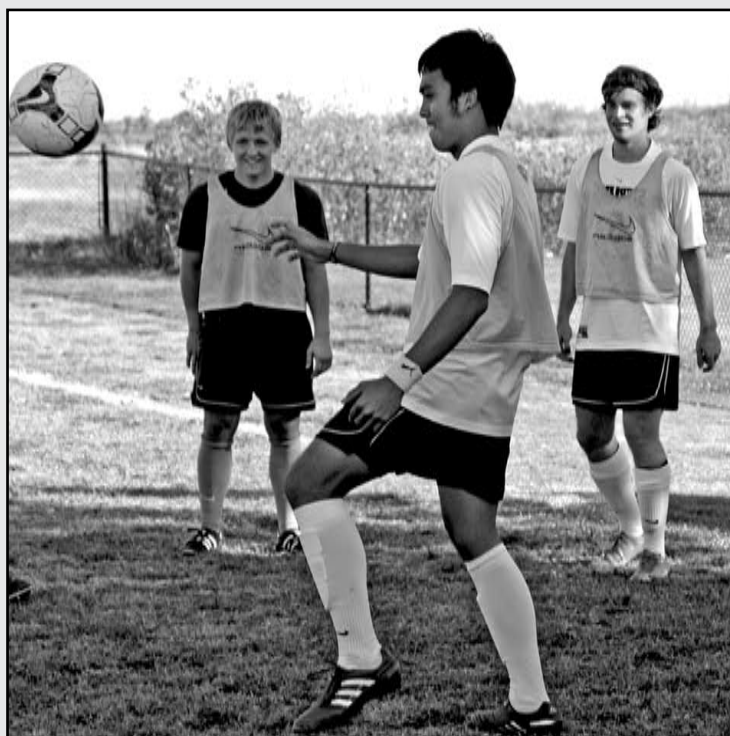
Each member of the team knew this would be the last game of the season and each senior his last game at Sterling College.

The Sterling Warriors had possession of the ball and an upper hand on the game the entire 1st half.

Although they had many shots on goal, they were not able to put anything in the net.

With head coach Dave Underwood absent from their last game, assistant coaches Aaron Lawless and Nick Martinez had to step forward.

The Warriors put their spin on the game and with a different line up in the 2nd half, Bryan Aguado assisted Michael Baxter,



Members of the men's JV team warm up on the sidelines during a game earlier this season. Photo by Karina Noah

scoring the first goal of the game in the 49th minute.

The game was immediately tied up by the Bethel College Threshers followed by an own goal bringing the Warriors ahead 2-1.

An insurance goal was scored by Daniel Karamoy in the 77th minute giving SC a 3-1 victory.

"We came out ready to play as a team, and we accomplished. It was the best game of the season" senior Dario Villatoro said. No doubt that it was the best way to end the 2010 soccer season."