

Nonsensical “Nunsense”

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Raven Taylor and Abbey Pickering blew the roof off of Culbertson Auditorium with their stunning all-stops-pulled vocals in Sterling College’s last show of the theatre season- “Nunsense”. This production by Dan Coggin, directed by Mark Clark, was hailed by many Sterling students on social media as the best of the season, and for good reason.

The five ladies cast in “Nunsense” all brought their unique sense of humor and stunning vocals to the table, portraying the diversity and power of Sterling’s musical theatre students.

Darsha Bechard, cast as Sister Robert Anne, was able to utilize a skill that she is well known to the Sterling campus for- her aptitude for quirky comedy skits. Her brief stint as the Wicked Witch of the West, and shrieks of “I’m melting” caused the audience to dissolve into hysterical giggles.

I found Chloe Wootton the perfect choice for the role of Sister Mary Amnesia for a number of reasons. First, she was able to stay true to herself by playing a highly dramatic character- but it was fun to see her in so innocent and sweet of a role. Toward the end of the play, she stole a great moment with her country-croon song of



Jordan Himes, Darsha Bechard, Raven Taylor, Chloe Wootton, Abigail Pickering

longing for life as a country star. It revealed her vocal flexibility- she was able to sing country, sometimes a tricky genre, in such a way that it was comedic but not painful or overdone.

Jordan Himes, as always, reached stunning heights with her voice and was adorable as an aspiring ballerina. While her high vocal range was put on superb display, I enjoyed hearing a sweet low-range from her as well.

Raven Taylor was a divine choice to take the lead as Reverend Mother Mary Regina. The scene in which she

accidentally gets high is so hilarious and so well-done that at several points the audience was left to wonder whether she was seriously stuck to a barstool or not.

Abbey Pickering is always a powerful voice to hear, and her comically stifled but nonetheless evident distaste for being called Hubert, as well as being second in command, kept the audience snickering. Pickering is delightfully skilled at attacking roles that portray sassy but still loveable women.

The three-part song shared by Bechard, Wootton and Himes was chillingly lovely to hear, and ‘glorious’ is the only word for Taylor and Pickering’s final battle of power-house singing voices.

A few parts of this musical production featured a bit too much excited squealing or gasping from the sisters to be entirely sure who was saying what, or what was going on, but the audience was usually able to catch on as the scenes progressed. The audience interaction was a unique and entertaining facet of the play: the nuns wandered into the crowd to greet and exchange banter with the audience both before the play and during intermission, gave out prizes, and playfully picked on a few people as well, providing a unique viewing experience and fresh humor with every performance.

Come see the new face of Career Services

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Sterling students may have heard or noticed that Sterling College has a new face on campus. Director of Career Services Terry Ehresman is an upbeat personality, excited to help Sterling students explore their passions and skills and take steps toward finding their calling in life. The Stir asked Ehresman to introduce himself, and found that his story was tied with Sterling long before he came to work here.

In introduction, Ehresman said, “I’m from Wichita. Born and raised there. Most of my career has been in the aerospace industry, specifically engineering, the last 20 years or so in various management positions. My degree is in electrical engineering from Wichita State University.”

Ehresman has a wife named Joan, whom he has been married to for 31 years, and she is eager to move out to Sterling once she finishes her school year as a choir accompanist in Maize Kansas. Their introduction to Sterling came through their sons, who both graduated from Sterling. “Matt ’10 is married to Tillie (Wilbeck) ’13 and works as the media director at First Mennonite Brethren Church in Wichita. Ryan ’14 is currently a performing intern at Florida Studio Theater in Sarasota Florida.”

Outside of work and family, Ehresman loves spending time playing with his dog Cooper. “He is a two-year-old golden retriever. I hope everyone enjoys seeing him around campus beginning this summer.”

Ehresman is also an avid reader, and loves to jog the streets of Sterling in the morning. When asked what his favorite thing about Sterling is so far, Ehresman replied, “Easy, the people! Having been around campus some during our boys’ college days, we knew we liked and

were impressed by the people of Sterling! The students, faculty, and staff have all been very supportive and welcoming my first month here.”

Ehresman found his calling to serve in career services in a way that many people find their latest mission from God- with some searching and some praying. “In recent years, I found myself asking God, ‘God, what do you have in store next for me?’ I was growing increasingly restless at my job and was feeling that God was preparing me for something else. I was praying for something that I could do that could utilize my gifts, abilities, passions and experiences in a way that would have impact on people’s lives. Long story short, I was able to retire early from Learjet and began a search for what was next for me. In part of my networking efforts, I reached out to Scott Rich and Tina Wohler since I knew them from activities on campus. At the same time, my son Matt told me about the career services job at Sterling. ...He know how much I liked being on campus and thought it might be a career fit. So, I feel like God answered my prayers and led me here!”

When asked for some career services resources that students tend not to know about or take advantage of, Ehresman elaborated, “Our career services office provides assistance in: career assessment and exploration, resume and cover letter preparation, internship and job searching, and interview preparation. So, I can be involved in just about anything career-related for our students. Don’t know what career you’re interested in? Come see me. Looking for an internship? Come see me. Preparing your first resume and want another set of eyes to look it over and offer advice (since I’ve seen literally hundreds of resumes over the years)? Come see me. My office is in the student life portion of the Student Union. Also, I would like for our students to know that we have a lot of good information for them on our web

page: <https://www.sterling.edu/student-life/career-services>.”

There is also an active Sterling College Career Services Facebook page that Ehresman hopes will become a one-stop-shop for students to go to for tips on interviews, resumes, jobs, careers, networking, social media, etc., with a few “just for fun” posts every once in a while. “Check it out and Like us!”

For SC students who are desperately searching for the right major and/or career, he said, “Start by taking some time to understand how God has created you. What knowledge and abilities do you have? What kinds of things do you love to do? What types of jobs seem interesting to you? How would you describe your personality? I have access to some online assessments to help answer these questions. Then we can meet together to put the pieces together to identify potential careers to explore.”

He added, “Two verses that have meant a lot to me lately: 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV): ‘So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.’ I think it is important to have the proper focus and to remember why we do what we do (at school, at home, at our jobs, everywhere). ...We are to do everything to bring glory to God! Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV): ‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’ This is a good reminder for all of us. I find it especially helpful to remind those in the somewhat-stressful situation of looking for an internship or job.

Be sure to stop in and meet Ehresman and look out for events such as the annual Networking Night and useful workshops.

SC Mens Soccer Team Kicking it into Gear for Next Year

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The Sterling College Men’s Soccer Team is looking to rebuild after a disappointing season filled with many close games. Although the Warriors did not have many marks in the win column last season, the team experienced more accomplishments than their record revealed. The Warriors finished with a draw against Ottawa University in the second half of the season, one of the best teams in the KCAC, and thus proved that they were good enough to compete with top teams when firing on all cylinders. The Warriors are also eager to learn from last season and improve, and are looking

forward to showing the rest of the conference what they are capable of accomplishing in the season to come. Many players are returning and have already started sacrificing their time to work and continue to improve. Informal practices for the spring have already started, and the team is continuing to build chemistry. Head Coach Brandon Ponchak said, “Training is a lot more focused on individual player development, especially in terms of intent on playing within the system and how an individual’s roles/responsibilities affect the team. ...No one is happy with the performance of the fall, so the guys have been real intentional in demanding and expecting more out of

themselves individually and collectively.”

The Warriors have played in some 6v6 tournaments during the off-season to get some game-preparatory experience, and the team will also travel to Hutchinson to take on Northwest Kansas Technical College on April 25 to help prepare for the regular season. The Warriors will lose some key players to graduation this spring but are returning with a great amount of experience and skilled players.

“We’ve returned as many players this spring as the program has had in several years. That’s important in building a culture and program. We’ll have more depth and competitiveness on the team.

We don’t lose many to graduation, so returning players know what is expected and incoming players will have a good group to learn from. I expect to play a little more high-intensity with better fitness and better decision making on/off the ball,” said Ponchak of his expectations for the upcoming season.

The Warriors will have a few positions to fill next season, but Coach Ponchak believes that some new faces in the program will come in willing to step up and make some big contributions. The Warriors will be working hard all off-season to continue to grow as individuals and as a team and look to improve as a unit for the fall season.

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	Softball April 11 W– Sterling 7 Southwestern College 6 W– Sterling 5 Southwestern College 4	Softball April 11, 1 p.m. vs. Southwestern College April 25, 1 p.m. @ Oklahoma Wesleyan University	
	April 15 L– Sterling 4 Bethel College5 W– Sterling 8 Bethel College 0	Outdoor Track and Field April 23, TBA, NAIA Championships, Gulf Shores, AL April 25, TBA, Southwestern Relays, Winfield, KS	
	April 18 W– Sterling 1 Tabor College 0	Golf April 27-28, Men’s KCAC Championship, Garden City, KS	
	April 20 W– Sterling 8 Tabor College 3		
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