

# THE @ STIR

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## Great Plains Review Poem of the Week

### Dreamwalker

Last night I dreamed, so far away  
Of shining waves and coral plains.  
Caught in the net of ocean scent  
Led by stars, my heart’s heart went  
To midnight-blue depths.

Borne away on moonlight’s path  
Asleep in ocean’s heartfelt grasp  
My waking mind whispers return  
As nighttime brings the chance to learn  
Of dreaming aware.

-- Senior Athalee Pate,  
Majoring in English and Writing & Editing

## Fun on a College Budget!

BY KERRY BALCH  
Co-Editor

### Thursday, May 7

National Day of Prayer

Senior Flute Recital: Taylor Stucky — United Pres-  
byterian Church 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 8

**LAST DAY OF REGULAR CLASSES!!**

The Gordons — Culbertson Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Campbell 24 Hour Dance Rave — Sputnik in front  
of Mabee Library, midnight Friday to midnight  
Saturday

### Saturday, May 9

Last Blast — Sputnik in front of Mabee Library. 11  
a.m.

Senior Vocal Recital: Raven Taylor — Culbertson  
Auditorium, 7 p.m.

### Sunday, May 10

Mother’s Day Bruch — Cafeteria 10 a.m.\*

### Tuesday, May 12

Pet-A-Pup — between Cooper and the Student  
Union, 11 a.m.– 1p.m.

One: Father, Spirit, Son, Body, a worship experi-  
ence — Studio 96, 7 p.m.

### Finals Study Snacks are back!

Sunday, May 10 – Pan Bread with CAB

Monday, May 11 – Wendy’s & Veggies with  
Student Senate

Tuesday, May 12 – Donuts & Milk with SGA  
Wednesday, May 13 – Sliders with Dr. Kerr

\*\* All study snacks will occure in Cornerstone at 10 p.m.

**Every evening Sonic has half priced shakes after 8  
p.m.**

If you have any fun and free events or local deals to  
point out, e-mail Kerry at stir@sterling.edu with the  
subject line Fun on a College Budget.

## Senior Spotlight

BY THE STIR STAFF

Sterling College seniors are gearing up for the pinnacle of their academic year. Commencement will take place on Saturday, May 16, at 9:45 a.m. in front of Cooper and approximately 120 SC seniors will walk across the stage and receive the title “Graduate.” The caps, gowns, cords and tassels will add excitement to the day as the seniors will march in behind the bagpipes, a Sterling College tradition. Anticipation will mount as they wait for their name to be called and shake the hand of President Scott Rich as they embark on a new chapter of life. The long-standing tradition of graduation will bring tears, memories and more school for many Sterling College seniors.

Sterling College student Lori Dauer, has had the chance to shine academically and athletically in her four years. Dauer has received numerous awards while here at Sterling College: Gleason Scholarship Recipient of 2013, named KCAC Scholar Athlete three times, NAIA Scholar Athlete twice and is an Alpha Chi National College Honor Society member. Dauer scored her 1000th point on the Warrior basketball court and considers her time at Sterling College to be very rewarding. When asked her future plans Dauer stated she wouldn’t be going very far. She has accepted a position right here at Sterling as a graduate assistant athletic trainer.

The Sterling College Athletic Training Program had five students pass their Board of Certification exam this past semester. “College isn’t always easy. The advice I would give to upcoming student who may not know what they want to do or feel hopeless or lost would be: Be patient and don’t be afraid to be yourself. God has a funny way of making things work out and you will eventually find your path at Sterling,” said Dauer.

Brandon Hoesli, who will be graduating with a history degree has decided to pursue law school. “I’ve always known I wanted to be a lawyer — being an advocate never goes out of style.” Brandon has had a very successful debate and forensics career while at Sterling College. His presentations have been described as smooth and focused. Hoesli is one of the students on the debate team who place fourth in the nation in April. “Sterling College has helped me realize just how important it is to make sure everyone has access to their rights in an environment that is accessible to everyone. It is also helped me instill



Divine Servant sculpture in front of Cooper Hall

values that I hope to portray while pursuing a career in the legal system,” said Hoesli.

Suzanna Melton is ‘going to Disney’ as she finishes her academic career at Sterling. She has a seasonal job at Disney World as a performer. Melton will be one of the nine graduates from the Department of Theology and Ministry. “I want to do whatever God leads me to do. My main goal in life is to love Jesus, and Sterling has given me many opportunities to learn more about Him and love Him more.” Melton has led worship in chapel, been in numerous theatre productions and is easily identified on campus by her kind smile and unique sense of style. Graduation will bring a move to Orlando, family weddings and a chance to chip away at debt. “One of my first goals is to become debt-free...so I can do ministry wherever God calls me next.”

Tate Strasner is well-known and well-loved on the Sterling campus for his heart for God and passion to serve. A powerful witness to the Sterling community, Tate will be the senior class representative speaking on behalf of his class at this year’s commencement, a huge honor. As a Christian ministries: youth major, Strasner is looking for a job in his area, and will know by Saturday if he has received a position as youth and family pastor at a church in Wichita. His advice to other SC students is, “Out of all the things I would say— take time to invest in people. They are gonna show you all kinds of things about God and about yourself, and you can never go wrong with investing in people.” His parting words to the Sterling community are, “Don’t be afraid to accept grace from others and accept grace from God. Know that his grace is big enough for you, and that it’s beautiful thing to get to receive.”

May God bless all of Sterling’s graduates as they embark on the exciting new adventures He has for them!

## RDs and RAs announced for 2015

BY RACHEL PADRO  
Co-Editor

This year’s RA retreat gave the resident assistants of 2015-16 a chance to practice perseverance and practically prepare for a life of servant leadership on their respective halls.

McCreery RA Rebecca (Becca) Knauss said, “I had a wonderful time at the RA retreat. I returned feeling closer to God and my fellow RAs, but I also came back feeling very, very sore!”

RAs were tested to their limits and required to run their legs off in a long game of hustleball while keeping up enthusiasm and encouragement for their teams. They were required to think on their feet and deal with suddenly imposed frustrations and handicaps during an in-the-dark game of capture the flag.

After a day of intense running, future RAs were given more contemplative time to pray with their dorm teams for their future halls, pick the brains of the current resident directors, and get to know the new incoming RDs. The speaker addressed the Kingdom of God: defining it as a reality that we are to start living in here on earth, describing how RAs can bring it to bear in their own lives, and then brainstorming how RAs can spread

this Kingdom in the lives of others around them—including on their halls.

McCreery RA Amanda Hood says, “The RA retreat was such an awesome time to get away and spend time focusing on God and the new RA team. It was so amazing to bond with everyone. Each dorm team is uniquely bonded and put together by God. I can’t wait to see what the new year holds for each of us! God’s got an amazing plan in store.”

This year’s RA lineup is a power-packed team with a heart to love, give, plan fun events, and serve their residents like Christ would. Following is a list of 2015-16 RAs and their respective dorms. This list is not yet complete, as a few Kilbourn positions are not yet finalized.

**Kilbourn**—Kendall Smith, Joseph Douglas, John Olmsted, Cedrick Somsack-Phillips, Josh Hood  
**Campbell**—Brandon Peterson, Josh Hoover, Dayton Winter, Justin Pitschmann, Micah Black  
**Douglas**—Missy Jackson, Beth Doerksen, Jacob Spleiss, Joel Fowler  
**Evans**—Jenna Pierce, Jennifer Calderwood, Nicole Stockton, Michaela Moore  
**McCreery**—Maria Perrett, Rachel Padro, Amanda Hood, Cassidy Eisenmann, Rebecca Knauss

## Sterling College Film Festival Winners

BY IVY SIZEMORE  
Staff Writer

Sterling College’s Annual Film Festival was a huge hit! The turnout for this year’s event was greater than it has ever been. Dr. Anderson, also known as ‘P-Ray’ put together an exciting event

that lasted over two hours, thanks to all of the quality entries submitted by students for each category. There were scary films, tragic films and hilarious films, portraying everything from quirky everyday happenings, to real life struggles and blood-covered zombies.

The categories included: mockumentaries, documentaries, short narratives, long narratives, 120 hour pieces, twisted trailers, and mood pieces.

Two students reigned supreme on this night, producing a large amount of quality work and taking home multiple awards: Freshman Micah Black and Junior Andy Michell.

Not only did Black win best Campus Story piece for his short film *Stuffed Love*, but it also won Judge’s Pick. *Stuffed Love* is about the relationship between a boy, Andy Michell, and his stuffed giraffe who betrays him with a stuffed dolphin. In the end though, all is well when the giraffe returns to the boy and they lived happily ever after.



Black also won Best Mood Piece, a film he created for the musical *Jane Eyre*, and is based on the song *Painting her Portrait*. Black, on a team with Bradey Couture and Cody Campbell, collaborated with Micah Oelze, Kerry Balch and Darren Kootz-Eades on two hilarious companion Mockumentaries that were among audience favorites.

Michell took home a handful of awards, including Best Long Narrative and Best Actor for his appearance in *Stuffed Love*. Michell’s long narrative

was titled *State Harm* and depicted a State Farm agent who was used and abused by his lazy client to do the most menial tasks, thus resulting in a ruined life and job.

The most surprising moment of the night came when a Freshman, Brad Johnson, released an impressive post-apocalyptic production for the 120-hour competition called Consecration Day. Blood, guts, and zombies aside, this film was hugely popular with the audience, and in the end, won the vote for Audience Choice Award.

The Film Festival yet again proves an exciting way to bring together Sterling students and community, directors and actors, friends and family. Keep an eye out for the Sixth Annual Sterling Film Festival next year!

If you missed out on the debut of the Sterling Film Festival you can visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/SterlingFilmFest> to view this years entries and past winners.

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