

CORRECTIONS

Michael Van Stipdonk is an assistant professor of chemistry. The Fall 2000 LAS newsletter incorrectly spelled his name and misidentified his department affiliation.

Connie Van Zandt, photographer, shot the photo of the Glickmans in the Fall 2000 LAS newsletter and was not credited.

We regret any inconvenience caused by these errors.

FACULTY HONORS

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• **Victor Isakov**, mathematics and statistics, won the Excellence in Research Award, which recognizes a faculty member who is advancing the University's research mission with their exemplary record of research.

LAS Summer Fellowships

Fairmount College recently awarded \$4,000 fellowships for scholarly work during Summer 2001. These are competitive fellowships that support faculty research and scholarly activity, creative endeavor, and curriculum development. Some of the projects include "Word, Image and the New Negro: Representation and Identity in the Harlem Renaissance," "Hobbes's 'Leviathan' as a Liberal 'Mirror' to the Sovereign," and "The Periclean Citizenship Law in Context." The recipients and their area of study are: **Anne Carroll**, English; **David Ericson**, political science; **Kevin Hager**, communication; **Bill Hays** and **Mary Corrigan**, gerontology; **Jeffrey Hershfield**, philosophy; **Twyla Hill**, sociology; **Ariel Loftus**, history; **Chunsheng Ma**, mathematics; **Anne Tarver**, philosophy

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• The Fairmount Center for Science and Mathematics Education connects the scientists at the University with the science teachers and science classrooms in the region's primary and secondary schools. In so doing, the center touches the lives of hundreds of teachers and thousands of students.

• We invite practitioners from many fields to our classrooms, as resource people and as teachers. They bring an understanding that is important to our students as they build bridges between classroom learning and the world of work and application.

• The Self-Help Network of Kansas, housed in the Department of Psychology, coordinates the efforts of several thousand self-help groups across the state.

• Both the public history and museum studies programs take advantage of the museums, archives, and other cultural resources of the region to educate students who are interested in interpreting history and culture for the public.

• The Women's Writing Series brings distinguished authors to Wichita for readings, master classes, and workshops for the benefit not only of our students, but also of area residents.

• The Cooperative Education Internship Program places more Fairmount College students in integrated work and learning experiences than any other college at the

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sites such as the National Homestead Monument (Beatrice, Nebraska), Fort Robinson (Nebraska), and Wounded Knee (South Dakota), as well as to nature preserves and significant literary, historic, and prehistoric sites across the Great Plains region.

Readings by such authors as Willa Cather, Ian Frazier, Langston Hughes, Zitkala-Sa, and Laura Ingalls Wilder will enrich participants' understanding of the region.

The certificate requires 20 credit hours. Three classes are required (an introductory course, field experience, and a capstone seminar), and 11-13 hours of electives allow participants to tailor the certificate to their interests and needs. The electives include coursework from anthropology, biology, English, geology, history, and ethnic studies. Most of the elective courses also satisfy general education or major field requirements for students pursuing an undergraduate degree.

University. The Co-Op program, the largest in Kansas, is one of the most successful programs in the entire country.

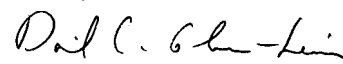
• The Kansas Outreach School of Mathematics provides supplemental and enriched mathematics education to more than 100 public and private K-12 students in the state.

• The Kansas Writing Project, housed in the Department of English, improves the composition skills of students in the K-12 system, preparing them to be more successful in either college or the work place.

• Because of their expertise and ability, many faculty and staff participate, voluntarily, on advisory or governing boards of city, county, and state agencies and institutions. The reverse is also true; residents of the region serve on advisory boards for departments or programs in the college.

The University, and Fairmount College, are not just educational institutions in the City of Wichita, they are truly of the City of Wichita. Our ties with our community are vital, enriching the education of our students, improving the life of the city and region, and solving problems for the many people who come to us with questions.

Sincerely,



David C. Glenn-Lewin
Dean, Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

The coursework may be completed for graduate or undergraduate credit. Students seeking graduate credit will need to be admitted to the Graduate School.

For more information about this certificate program, contact the LAS Dean's Office, (316) 978-7900.

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in American criminal justice education," said Paul Cromwell, professor of criminal justice and director, School of Community Affairs. "Early in her career she has distinguished herself through her work as director of the RCPI and for her teaching and research here at WSU. We are extremely fortunate to have a person of her energy, intelligence, and ability on our faculty."

Bannister, whose PhD is from Michigan State University, earned an MA from the University of Indiana and a BS from the University of Illinois. She is married and has one daughter.



Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

A PUBLICATION FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

NEWS

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Alumni and Friends:

One of the most significant distinguishing characteristics of Wichita State University is our urban setting. Because of our location, there are many resources, both human and physical, that we can draw upon to enhance our students' education. At the same time, the community is served by the intellectual capabilities and knowledge base that the University represents. Over time, the University and its community have become closely tied.

Fairmount College has played a large role in building connections with the greater Wichita community.



David C. Glenn-Lewin

Indeed, these are too numerous to list in one space, so let me illustrate with a few examples, some large, some small.

• Our Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs serves

local governments in the region through training, advice, and research directed to specific governmental problems.

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Certificate in Great Plains Studies now available

BY CHERYL K. MILLER

Stories about the Great Plains are told in many ways, among them fiction, personal letters, archaeological findings, historical writings, and biological studies. Now there's a non-degree interdisciplinary certificate program dedicated to telling the story of our Great Plains.

Beginning fall 2001, a Certificate in Great Plains Studies will be offered. "The certificate is really for anyone who deals with issues affected by the Great Plains region. It's for professional and personal enrichment. Response from the area museums, nature centers, and school districts has been very enthusiastic," said Professor Diane Quantic, English, acting coordinator for the program.

"Participants will gain an in-depth knowledge of the Great Plains' natural, social, and cultural environment that will provide a context for careers in education, law, cultural and environmental sites, museums, and other fields where a knowledge of the region is useful," said Quantic. "Participants who are not pursuing

degrees but who may work as volunteers in various Great Plains museums and other attractions will have the opportunity to gain abundant knowledge of the Great Plains for personal enrichment."

"This is a way for us to offer something to the community. Wichita can benefit from something like this. The program will enhance our regional outreach," said Quantic.

A certificate is a group of related courses that address a special topic, and program completion indicates achievement in a specialized area. Although not a degree or minor, the certificate and each of the 20 hours of coursework will be recorded on the student's transcript. Students also may apply any of the courses toward a WSU degree.

In addition to traditional classroom instruction, students in the program will take advantage of the rich Great Plains resources in the region. This may include day trips to Maxwell Game Preserve, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, Dyck Arboretum, and Pawnee Village. Extended trips may take students to

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Departmental Commencement Activities

School of Social Work 3-5 p.m., Tuesday, May 8

The School of Social Work will host an All School Assembly in the Rhatigan Student Center Ballroom. All social work students, their friends and family members, alumni, and friends of the School of Social Work are invited. Graduates will be honored. The convocation is from 3-4 p.m., followed by a reception from 4-5 p.m. For further information, contact the School of Social Work, (316) 978-7250.

Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 12

The Hugo Wall School will host a "Celebration of Excellence" brunch honoring its Master of Public Administration graduates. The Alumni Award for Outstanding Public Service will be presented at this event. For more information, contact Jo Turner, (316) 978-6688.

Elliott School of Communication Saturday, May 12

The Elliott School of Communication will host a reception for ESC graduates immediately following the Fairmount College commencement. The reception will take place in the lobby of Elliott Hall. For more information, contact Jan Toth, (316) 978-3185.

FAIRMOUNT COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Fairmount College will hold its own commencement at 1:30 p.m., on Saturday, May 12, in Henry Levitt arena. This program replaces the all-University commencement of past years.

Fairmount College graduates will be individually recognized. Students earning doctoral and master's degrees will receive their hoods from their dissertation advisor or college dean, respectively. Bachelor's and associate's degree candidates will receive their diplomas on stage.

The recipient of the John R. Barrier Teaching Award will also be honored. This award is based upon peer recognition of a faculty member with outstanding teaching in the humanities or social sciences.

Individual departments may hold receptions after the Fairmount College ceremony; contact departments directly for information.

For more information about commencement, contact the LAS Dean's Office, (316) 978-7900.



COMMENCEMENT SYMBOLS — UNRAVELING THE MYSTERY

Commencement is the official recognition of graduates who have completed the academic requirements for degrees in their fields of study. It celebrates students' accomplishments and acknowledges the involvement of the faculty in reaching this goal.

One of the traditions of commencement is the colorful procession of graduates and faculty in academic dress. This attire evolved from caps and gowns worn in daily classes at medieval universities. In modern times, the university selects the color of the gown. Black is the most common choice, but other universities, such as Cornell University, select red for the doctoral robe. For those earning advanced degrees, a hood accompanies the gown. Lined with silk of the official colors of the wearer's *alma mater*, it is edged with the color representing the

discipline of learning. Baccalaureate candidates wear a square cap called a mortarboard. The color of its tassel designates the student's college of major. The Fairmount College tassel is black, denoting liberal arts and sciences.

As the faculty and graduates enter the arena, the faculty marshal leads the procession carrying the University mace. In the Middle Ages, a mace was a kind of war club, but here it symbolizes the University's authority and power. Donald L. Beggs, University president, wears the presidential medallion as a symbol of his role and responsibilities as WSU's chief leader.

The college banner is carried by a Fairmount College junior with a 4.0 grade point average. The banner features the lamp of learning, which symbolizes the college's

philosophy of lifelong learning and preparation for careers.

Graduates also wear personalized symbols of distinction. Many wear gold cords over their shoulder, signifying they are graduating with honors. Other students wear cloth stoles representing their heritage. For example, several African American graduates wear stoles of Kente cloth woven of red, green, black, and gold threads.



Holmes Anthropology Museum to open soon

The renovation of the Lowell D. Holmes Anthropology Museum is almost complete. Now located in Neff Hall, the museum's grand opening will be 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, on the first floor.

"The entire building will be a museum, not just the main enclosed gallery," said Jerry Martin, museum director. "All hallways and stairwells will be exhibit galleries." For example, one stairwell will feature a child's canoe from Samoa and another will showcase a world map of faculty and student research projects.

Students' Roles in the Museum

Students in the museum studies exhibit classes are designing and creating the exhibit space. Walls, platforms, and storage areas are built and painted by students, who then select and arrange the artifacts for display. "This is a good opportunity for our students to receive training and experience here and then move on to local museums in a professional capacity," said Martin.

There is a demand for museum studies graduates, and WSU is one of the leaders in providing this type of program. "Museums are a big business, and big industries need to be run by professionals. They (museum staff) are the guardians of millions and billions of dollars worth of collections," said Martin. Students in WSU's program learn the different aspects of museum management, from preparing collections to exhibit to maintaining museum facilities. Since Wichita State is a repository for the

archaeology collections of a number of divisions of the U.S. Department of the Interior, students also work with non-WSU collections.

The Exhibit Galleries

There are two major galleries in the museum, the Mary Lynn Oliver Gallery and the David and Sally Jackman Gallery. The Oliver gallery features a Japanese tearoom, a Hindu temple, and Guatemalan textiles. A life size replica of the tearoom allows visitors to sense the intimacy of the facility and its importance in Japanese history and culture. The temple exhibit includes traditional Indian dress and woodcarvings of masks. Woven textiles of brilliant colors are featured in the Guatemalan collection.

Adjacent to the Oliver Gallery is the Jackman Gallery, "Ancient Peoples of Mexico." These ancient cultures still exist; their survival makes it easier for research and documentation of their histories and legends.

Upon entering the gallery, visitors will see a large collection of Casas Grandes pottery and jewelry, contemporary clothing from Oaxaca, and pottery/figurines from Western Mexico, Vera Cruz, and Central Mexico. A replica disc of a Mexico City temple covering is a focal point on the east wall. This disc, a significant find from Aztec archaeology, commemorates an important founding goddess of the Aztecs, Coyolxauhqui. Found during the rewiring of a bookstore basement in the central part of Mexico City, the disc represents the



Jerry Martin, director of the Lowell D. Holmes Museum of Anthropology, adjusts an item in the Japanese teahouse display in the museum's Mary Lynn Oliver Gallery. The display was constructed by students in Martin's Museum Exhibition class.

creation of the moon and the stars. Because of its cultural and religious significance, the disc was excavated and preserved.

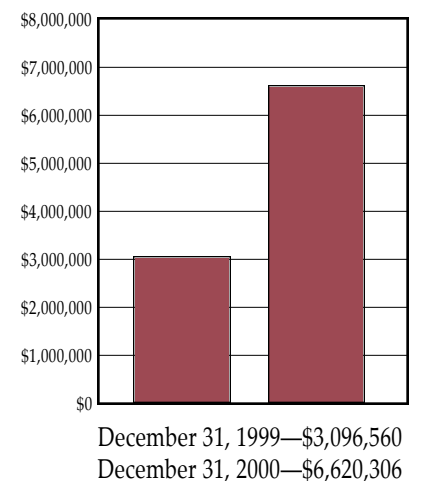
For more information about the museum and its collections, call the anthropology department, (316) 978-7900. There is no charge for admission, but donations are accepted.

College grant activity sets another record

Fairmount College established a funding record for external grants and contracts this past fiscal year (FY 2000) with \$6,155,488 in grant money awarded to faculty in the college. This was an increase of 18 percent over the previous year.

As of December 31, 2000, the college has received \$6,620,306 in grants and contracts for the current fiscal year (FY 2001). This is 114 percent greater than the mid-point of FY 2000

(\$3,096,560 on December 31, 1999), and already exceeds the total for FY 2000 by 7.5 percent. Teaching, research, and community service are integral pieces of WSU's mission and are part of all faculty members' duties. External funds support educational efforts, research projects, and campus programs, or provide assistance with community initiatives. Successful funding is critical to the creation and implementation of these activities.



Gore recipients consider LAS programs

The recently announced Gore Scholarship winners are considering programs in Fairmount College.

Seniors Jennifer Holthaus of Osage City High School and Myca Stitt of Clearwater High School each won WSU's \$40,000 Harry Gore Memorial Scholarship. Aubry Tracy of Towanda Circle High, as a Gore runner-up, will receive a \$15,000 scholarship.

Ron Kopita, vice president of student affairs, introduced the students at a December press conference. He said, "The Gore Scholarship has a long tradition of recognizing academic talent as well as leadership potential. These students represent the best of what we seek in Gore Scholarship winners. They will gain much from the University and they will contribute a great deal to WSU as well."

Holthaus' involvement record includes serving as Osage City High School's yearbook editor, varsity cheerleading captain, National Honor Society president, and Students Against Destructive Decisions vice-president. A recipient of the National History and Government Award and recognized in Who's Who Among High School Students, she has received high ratings for solo performances in band and has served as a legislative page for the state of Kansas since the sixth grade. She is considering a degree in psychology or sociology.

When accepting the honor, Holthaus said, "It's a wonderful honor to receive this scholarship. Thanks to everyone for their hard work, and thanks to the Gore family for their award."

Stitt, from Clearwater, has competed in Odyssey of the Mind tournaments and track and field events. A member of the select vocal choir and the National Honor Society, she is

listed in Who's Who Among High School Students and has participated in the Scholar's Bowl and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She received a National Foreign Language Award last year, and is currently participating in the local School to Career Program. The experience she has gained as a dental assistant through the career program is leading her toward pre-dentistry at WSU, with a dream to own a dental office someday. The pre-dentistry program, coordinated through Fairmount College, prepares students for dentistry colleges.

At the press conference, Stitt said, "I want to thank my family and friends—and my entire hometown—who've been so supportive. I met the finalists and I don't know how they were able to select the three of us. Jennifer and I are blessed. I also thank the Gore family; without their generosity, none of this would be possible."

Aubry Tracy, runner-up, has been involved with Wichita Warriors basketball, the Art Club, Towanda High School Blue Roll, and her church youth group. With experience as a dog obedience instructor, she is a member of Therapy Dogs International. Her experience at a veterinary clinic coupled with her love of animals is leading her toward the pre-veterinary program at WSU. She said, "Some people think runner-up is just runner-up, but I am so proud and honored to be in this position now. I feel very honored and very blessed."

The Gore award, the second largest in Kansas, recognizes leadership and academic skills in high school seniors planning to attend Wichita State University.

Theodore and Ralph Gore established the Harry Gore Memorial Scholarship in 1952. Harry Gore, a fervent admirer of Kansas, believed deeply in its young people and provided counsel and financial assistance to them.



Jennifer Holthaus, left, who attends Osage City High School, and Myca Stitt, center, from Clearwater High School, recently received the \$40,000 Harry Gore Scholarships. Circle High School senior Aubry Tracy, right, received a \$15,000 runner-up scholarship.

Elliott School of Communication Outstanding Alumnus Award

Nominations for the first WSU Elliott School of Communication Outstanding Alumnus Award are being accepted. This award is open to graduates from the Elliott School of Communication or the previous departments of speech or journalism and includes the following:

- print journalism
- speech communication
- advertising
- broadcast journalism
- public relations
- electronic media

Deadline for nominations is May 1, 2001. The award will be presented during the fall semester 2001.

Criteria for nominations:

- WSU communication graduate
- Outstanding achievement in the field of communication
- Professional reference list submitted with nomination
- Vitae/resume of nominee submitted with nomination
- Additional letters of support welcome

Submit your nomination by mail, fax, or e-mail to:

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of Communication
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Cathy Green, ESC alumna '89
LaTricia Harper, ESC alumna '95
Al Higdon, ESC alumnus '61 and faculty
Connie Morris, ESC alumna '66/'71 and faculty
Susan Pompeo, ESC alumna '79

FACULTY HONORS

Fairmount College faculty have received recognition on and off campus for many achievements this year. We have a very strong faculty, and that strength is the basis for the success of our academic programs and our graduates.

National Science Foundation

Two LAS faculty won National Science Foundation "First Awards," designed to stimulate competitive research in new areas of exploration. These awards provide approximately \$50,000 to each recipient for one year. Fairmount College faculty won two of the three awards given to WSU this year.

Jason Ferguson, physics, will examine the life cycle of stars by comparing computer models of dying stars with actual telescopic observations. **Chris Rogers**, biological sciences, will conduct an experimental test of competing models of body mass (fat) among birds.

Vassar Miller Prize

The Self as Constellation, a poetry collection by **Jeanine Hathaway**, English, has been selected as the winner of the 2001 Vassar Miller Prize in Poetry. Hathaway's collection will be published by the University of North Texas Press.

University Recognition

Many LAS faculty have received significant University honors and awards this academic year.

- The Academy for Effective Teaching Award is based upon surveys of past students, conversations with current students, and review of the nominee's teaching portfolio. **Paul Cromwell**, criminal justice, and **Kathleen Perez**, sociology, are this year's LAS recipients.
- **Glenna VanMetre**, sociology, won the Board of Trustees Excellence in Teaching Award. Acknowledging exceptional teaching methods, it is based upon nominations from students and faculty colleagues.
- The Board of Trustees Leadership in the Advancement of Teaching Award honors those who make notable contributions to the advancement of teaching. **Ben Rogers**, philosophy, is this year's honoree.
- The Young Faculty Scholar Award recognizes outstanding young faculty considered as rising stars in their field of study. **Keith Pickus**, history, was nominated for this prestigious recognition.

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Photo courtesy of the WSU Alumni Association.

Explore the universe with the Lake Afton Public Observatory

Curious about our universe? Looking for something fun for the kids?

The Lake Afton Public Observatory, operated by WSU's Fairmount Center for Science and Mathematics Education, is open Friday and Saturday evenings throughout the year.

The observatory, located at MacArthur Road (39th Street South) and 247th Street West in Lake Afton County Park, posts current program information on their website at <http://webs.wichita.edu/lapo/>. The schedule is also available in a recorded message at (316) WSU-STAR (316-978-7827). Although cloudy weather prevents visitors from viewing objects through the telescope, all of the observatory's exhibits are available as well as a tour of the telescope and an explanation of how it works. In case of severe weather, programs may be cancelled.

Some of the programs offered during April-June at the observatory include:

Our Changing Universe

April 20-21, 8:30 p.m. Although it may appear that the sky is the same from night to night, things do change. Some of these changes are sudden, some are gradual; others seem to take "forever." During this program, we will look at a young gas cloud, a very old star, and an ancient galaxy as we talk about our changing universe.

Astronomy of the Future

April 27-28, 8:30 p.m.; May 4-5, 25-26, 9 p.m.; and June 1-2, 9 p.m. From ever-faster computers to large earth-based telescopes to a telescope in space, the tools astronomers use to study the universe have changed dramatically over the last twenty years. What changes do the next twenty years hold? As you observe the moon and a double star, we will explore the answer to that question.

Worlds of Science and Imagination

May 11-12, 18-19; June 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 9 p.m. Science fiction depicts many astronomical objects, but how accurate is it? During this program you will observe Mars, the star Vega, and a multiple star system as we discuss the place each of these objects has in science and fiction.

Colonizing Space

June 29-30, 9 p.m. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live on the moon or Mars? How about a planet around a nearby star? During this program, explore these three objects through the observatory's telescope and decide for yourself which might be the best home for a future colony.

Policing institute benefits Kansas and Nebraska

When you look at a map of Kansas and Nebraska, one thing is immediately noticeable. The western two-thirds of each state is sparsely populated.

Even so, crime exists, and police officers have a training resource through Wichita State University to help them handle it.

The Regional Community Policing Institute, led by Andra Bannister, assistant professor of criminal justice, provides exclusive training for community policing in Kansas and Nebraska.

"The institute has been in place 3 1/2 years and has received about \$4 million of funding," said Bannister. Funding is provided through

the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). "We built the program from nothing. There was no infrastructure, and we had a very small staff. It has taken a lot of hard work to do things right, to not cut corners and to be good to our word."

Policing needs were assessed through focus groups and surveys in both states. To ensure a community partnership, law enforcement agencies and community organizations participated on the advisory board. Participants included the Nebraska/Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Wichita State University,

and the Wichita Crime Commission.

Several training needs surfaced during the information gathering process. Community policing officers requested sessions on such issues as handling school violence, ethics and integrity in law enforcement, methamphetamine labs, and domestic violence.

Bannister is confident the institute will remain a strong fixture in the region. "The affiliation between RCPI and Wichita State is well known. It's provided a lot of good public relations for WSU and we market it well," she said.

For more information about RCPI, visit their website at <http://www.wsurcpi.org/>

Faculty Profile: Andra Bannister

When Andra Bannister came to WSU, it was to be a professor. However, she also wanted to be a police officer, and she now serves in the reserves for the Wichita



Police Department. Reserve officers are commissioned by the State of Kansas and complete the same training as full-time officers in the force. She volunteers

20 hours a month in this capacity—in addition to her full-time work with Wichita State.

Fall 2000 was a rewarding time for Bannister. She was selected as the Wichita Crime Commission Criminal Justice Professional of the Year. She also was invited to attend a national conference with former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and four other community policing directors to discuss programs such as the Regional Community Policing Institute.

Bannister also has international experience in training officers. She has trained high level administrators of Thailand's national police force on issues of community policing and computer crimes. She has done similar work in England, training officers to handle increases in criminal activity.

Her uniqueness and ability are highly praised among her colleagues. "Andi Bannister is one of the new young superstars

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No, it is not the anthropology department, but we have been... Unearthing artifacts during ongoing renovation

By LYNETTE MURPHY

If you were in one of Professor Worth Fletcher's classes, it would be risky to overinflate your grades while reminiscing about Wichita State. You could be found out! During the renovation of the north half of McKinley Hall, crews discovered not only Fletcher's old grade books, but also pictures of him and a bellows camera in the safe where alcohol was stored.

Also uncovered was an old diploma press imprinted with the words "Bachelor Degree in Chemistry" used when sheepskins were presented. In the attic were several old analytical swinging balances, one of which had been modified for weighing samples introduced through a hole in the top rather than through the sash located in the front.

Currently, faculty are packed into the north part of McKinley Hall as jackhammers vibrate the building and walls fall as the renovation of the south side progresses. Work is proceeding from the ground floor up as sixty-five workers scurry around.

The work has not been totally without fault, as those occupying the building learned. One day, the unit supplying the make-up air for the forty-four operating fume hoods failed, but the fume hoods



The ongoing McKinley Hall renovations have yielded some interesting discoveries of old artifacts, tucked away in an unused vault and attic space. Paul Rillema, chemistry department chair, holds an antique bellows camera found in the building.

continued to expel air. This act generated a vacuum in the building, making the doors to the laboratories difficult to open and water from pipes with safety releases start to pour out.

Also remedied were the too-sensitive motion detectors which shut lights off at inopportune times while faculty, staff, and students were at their desks.

Come fall of 2001, "A New Chemistry" will be a reality when McKinley Hall is completed.

O B I T U A R Y

Allan Cress, professor emeritus of German, died February 14, 2001. He joined the University of Wichita in 1953 and retired in 1989. He also served as department chair and president of the Faculty Senate.

Fondly remembered for his exceptional teaching and dedication to students, Cress also emphasized the importance of human relations and social services in his extensive volunteer endeavors. Former students may remember sampling German pastries and learning German family traditions at his home during the Christmas season.

Cress is survived by his wife, Margaret Jean "M.J.," a daughter, Nancy Alsawady, a son, Gary, and two grandchildren. Memorials have been established through the Allan M. Cress Scholarship, WSU Foundation; University United Methodist Church, Wichita; United Methodist Urban Ministry of Wichita; and American Diabetes Association, Kansas Affiliate.



Allan Cress

Wing Walker Award moves to WSU

By AMY GEISZLER-JONES

An award that honors Wichita women has found a new home at WSU.

When the local Forum for Executive Women disbanded last fall, it wanted its tradition of giving the Wing Walker Award to continue. Previous recipients have included philanthropists Olive Ann Beech and Velma Wallace and business owner Linda Weir-Enegren.

FEW, founded in the mid-1980s, also wanted to do something with its treasury of nearly \$7,500, so it established a scholarship with the WSU Foundation.

The Center for Women's Studies will now be the entity giving the Wing Walker Award, and students with a major or minor in women's studies will benefit from the Forum for Executive Women Scholarship. The fund was endowed at \$10,000 with a contribution from the center.

"This appears to be a happy solution," said FEW's last president Sally Dewey. "We're sad that this organization has folded, but it signifies something was achieved. The group will live on with the scholarship."

FEW's purpose was to provide networking and support to women in managerial or executive positions. When it disbanded, it had about 70 members. "The glass ceiling is higher and thinner now," Dewey said, "so we felt the organization had fulfilled its goal."

The Wing Walker Award sculpture depicts a woman on the wings of a pilotless biplane and symbolizes courage, daring and taking responsibility in times of great difficulty. It was awarded every two to three years.

Dorothy Miller, director of the Center for Women's Studies, said the award will continue on that basis. Women's studies faculty, the center's community advisory group, and former FEW members will determine the recipients.

"We're happy we're the organization to carry on the spirit of what the Forum for Executive Women has done," Miller said. "It's congruent with our support for women leadership in the community."

The first scholarship from the endowed fund will be given in fall 2002.

Student Achievements

Fulbright Scholar

Nathan Harper, a graduate student in anthropology, recently was named a Fulbright Scholar. Harper will travel to Cyprus this fall to study skeletal biology at a prehistoric site.

As an undergraduate at Wichita State, Harper performed research in Cyprus under the leadership of WSU anthropology professor Peer Moore-Jansen.

Language Scholars

Students from Japanese 111, 112, and 225 participated in a Japanese language contest at the Shawnee Mission Center of International Studies in Kansas on March 3.

Steve Coleman, Danielle Corne, Rafi James, Glen Sharp, and Jason Stepien participated in a poetry recitation contest. Corne won the first place (\$75) prize, and Coleman, the third place winner, received \$25.

Rafi James, Justin Lauzet, Glen Sharp, Aaron Turner won second place in a puppet play with their hand-made puppets.

Asian Philosophy

An article by Kris Duda, senior philosophy major, will be published in *Asian Philosophy*. The paper, which he wrote for Philosophy 350, Ancient Chinese Philosophy, was accepted for publication in the prestigious journal.

Debate Invitation

The WSU debate team has received an at-large bid to the National Debate Tournament. Senior communication major Tom O'Toole and sophomore women's studies major Sarah Fellows will represent WSU. This will be the third straight year—a record for WSU—that the debate team and O'Toole have been invited.