New semester and new student leaders at MACC

Fall picnics at all MACC campuses and election of Student Government representatives get students into the new Fall semester at MACC.

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Fall 2014 has brought with it the old and the new: fall picnics to enjoy, new classes to attend, organizations to join, new friends to get to know. MACC students were welcomed back with a traditional fall picnic.

Every MACC campus hosted a picnic but with various activities at each. All campuses provided hamburgers, hotdogs, snacks and drinks with outside music to enliven the atmosphere. Activities, however, varied at each location: students climbed walls or were fired on with T-shirts from the Army national guard, won prizes, or received lunch boxes from the Council of the Arts.

New student government representatives were also elected: Angie Menzel, representative; and Jillian Wojcik, representative.

Student Government officers, elected last spring, are Shalynn Heetland, president; Mallory Belt, vice-president; Katie Matheis, secretary-treasurer.

"My aim for this school year is to involve more students in school events and boost support for our Greyhound basketball teams," stated Shay Heetland.

Student Government hosts several activities during the school year including the fall picnic. Other events have been Battle of the Bands and Halloween parties.

Fall 2014 student body has a new stride. President Shay Heetland has set her eyes on striding for more student involvement. MACC President Jeff Lashley is supporting that stride with an incentive. If there are more than 20 students at a basketball game (student section), he will buy those students pizza. To find out more, like MACC's Facebook page to receive notifications for events.

MACC Student Gov. President,
Shalynn Heetland
Effective transportation options for MACC students

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One hour, 20 minutes, or 14 seconds? The amount of time it takes for a student to get to college depends on distance traveled and the type of transportation used. Students worry about required classes, their schedules, and cost of college, but may overlook the cost of travel and whether they need a backup plan. Travel options include driving their own car, carpooling with a friend, or using public transportation.

MACC students participated in a survey about college transportation. In a random survey of more than 50 students, approximately 90 percent drive and park on campus. On the Columbia campus, nearly every parking space is filled. Few students have a backup plan if the weather is bad.

Carpooling is an option. In Columbia, students have posted on the bulletin board near the bookstore to find other students interested in carpooling. Students can even start a Facebook group with the intent of finding carpooling options.

The local Columbia Transit stops near by the MACC campus.

Columbia MACC student Isaiah Jones, who car pools to MACC, has experience riding the city bus.

“Make sure you stay up-to-date on the bus schedule and tickets.”

The city bus is an alternative for students who live in Columbia and don’t want to worry about gas prices.

Students are presented with many options to get to classes; the only way for a student to find the best method is to consider the options or try them all.

Students may see change in A+

By JT Belmar
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A MACC student, already gearing up for his second semester, goes to register for classes. He doesn’t worry about the cost of each class because he has A+ and will only pay for books. He completes the steps to register, goes to pay for his books, but he discovers that not all of his costs for classes is covered.

The A+ program has become a victim of state budget cuts by Governor of Missouri, Jay Nixon. Cuts are minimal, but students should learn how the cuts will affect them.

The A+ Program is a state program that helps students pay for college. Students apply for A+ while in middle school. Requirements for A+ are listed on the Missouri Department of Higher Education Website. To qualify, students must graduate with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, have at least a 95% attendance record overall for grades 9-12 and perform at least 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring, of which up to 25% may include job shadowing.

Cuts are minimal. Many students will only be required to pay for four of their credit hours. For example, a student who registers for 16 credit hours will pay for four hours. Twelve of those hours would be paid for with A+.

MACC students were encouraged to attend one of the A+ Scholarship information meetings offered at MACC. Students will be impacted differently based upon their unique financial aid situations and should attend a meeting or speak with a financial aid officer.

The state budget officially goes into effect in the Spring semester.

MACC Student Seth Markley is going to MACC because of the A+ Program. “I kind of picked this college because of A+,” said Markley.

Student reactions to the cuts vary.

“It is frustrating having to do all this work in high school and then just having it dropped out of nowhere onto us,” said Markley. “It is still worth it to get.”

The A+ program still helps students when it comes to paying for college, even with the recent changes. Students who have questions about the budget cut or want advice on dealing with the changes should ask their financial advisor.
Turn it in

By Holden Goryl
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A new anti-plagiarism software is in use at MACC. Turnitin, and other software like it, is an efficient tool for instructors to detect plagiarism in an essay or paper. The use of technology makes finding and using many sources easy. Because of the ease of access to much information and many sources, students can intentionally or unintentionally plagiarize. It becomes increasingly difficult for instructors to pin-point whether part or all of a student’s work contains copyrighted material.

Using Turnitin, instructors, with a click of a button, can identify whether a student copied an online source.

According to MACC instructor Cindy Droege, there haven’t been any problems with the software so far, but this is the first year the software has been used at the school.

MACC freshman Madison Manson said, “My mom is a teacher. I’m well aware of the growing plagiarism problems in all schools. I think this will be a big step towards stopping it.”

Turnitin shows how much of the student’s submission matches turnitin.com databases, so instructors can quickly understand how much content is unoriginal.

This software does more than just detect copyright infringement; there are two other parts: online grading and peer review. When used for online grading, Turnitin.com gives feedback for any type of assignment, such as PowerPoint presentations, math calculations, science experiments, and graphic design comps. Instructors can also have students submit assignments for peer review using the software. Instructors have options such as anonymous review; students may feel less pressured and be more likely to give honest feedback.

MACC instructors use the software across the curriculum and in all class formats, such as ground classes and online classes.

The Activity Center: A place to get active

By Cameron Davidson
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The Moberly Area Community College Activity Center, built and opened in 1998, accommodates the needs of students, staff and community.

The Activity Center, located on the Main campus, hosts a number of events during the fall and spring semesters. Events include craft shows, cheerleading and basketball clinics, Battle of the Bands, district basketball games, and a variety of shows. It also houses John Fitzsimmons Arena, home to the Greyhounds and Lady Greyhounds.

Activity Center Director Pat Burke, who has been director at the Activity Center for 14 years, said, “There are classes, meeting rooms, a weight room, and a cooling center.” To use the weight room, students must have an ID.

Student Cleveland Hargis said, “It’s a great place to go blow off steam.”

MACC student Jeff Feltner also uses the weight room. “I would like to see more improvements in the weight room,” said Feltner. The weight room has many pieces of equipment, including tread mills, bicycles, weight machines, and free weights.

The students and community can also use the Activity Center indoor walking concourse, open throughout the year. The Activity Center is a student or community member’s place to get active or to go for action-packed, edge-of-your-seat entertainment.

Activity Center Upcoming Events

10/22 Blood Drive / Health Fair
10/22 Greyhounds vs. Columbia College, Home 7 p.m.
10/31 Rocktoberfest, 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.
11/1 Greyhounds vs. Hannibal JV, Home 7 p.m.
11/2 Dodgeball starts
11/3 Lady Greyhounds v. Culver-Stockton
11/4 Faculty Basketball starts (Tuesday Nights)
11/14 Craft Show / Quilt Show, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
11/15 Craft Show / Quilt Show continues, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Craft show - Johns-Fitzsimmons Arena
Quilt show- Activity Center meeting rooms
The Multicultural Club: A culture-rich experience

MACC student clubs and organizations offer students an opportunity to get involved and meet others with similar interests. The multicultural club is a social organization for all MACC students. International students learn American culture and share their cultures with others.

The club members participate in social gatherings and special weeks during the fall and spring semesters. Past events have included get-togethers, attending Greyhound games, dining out, and field trips.

Special events this semester are a Global Tasting event and dancing demonstration with instruction for all who want to participate.

According to Karen Werner, advisor on the Moberly campus, the date for the Global Tasting Event is Nov. 20 from 5-7 p.m. on the Moberly campus. Dates are being determined for the dance demonstration.

International student, Merjen, attends classes on the Main campus. Her country of origin is Turkmenistan, located in central Asia. Native traditions are a part of every culture. According to Merjen, Muslim traditions are an important part of her culture.

What does Merjen hope to get out of the multicultural club? According to Merjen, she looks forward to “gathering with international students and sharing cultures.”

Explore diverse cultures and share your own. Attend the Global Taste event on Nov 20.

At MACC

Learn more about events and important dates on MACC's home page MACC.edu. Banner listings provide information that students will want to know. On the banner now:

**Priority Enrollment**
Priority Enrollment for current students starts Wed. Oct. 22. See MACC.edu for more details about priority enrollment.

**Health Fair**
The Health Fair is Oct. 22 in the Activity Center

**Food Fight** MACC vs. City of Moberly
Join the Food fight. Food donations benefit the Buddy Pack Program.

Join others on MACC Facebook
Fall colors, Fall classes, Fall picnics and Fall baseball

The Royals have a record-breaking win streak of 8-0 in the post season. The Royals defeated the A’s in a 12-inning wild card game and swept the Angels to advance to the ALCS. They continued the sweep over the Orioles to win the American League pennant.
Evelyn E. Jorgenson Fine Arts Gallery will captivate students who want a creative edge in their education. Students attended the recent gallery reception with friends, family, and fellow students to enjoy an evening out with free drinks, snacks, and entertainment. The public met with some of the artists during the Contemporary Impressions from the Printmaking Matrix on October 9. The artwork will be in the art gallery through Nov. 13.

Printmaking is an old process that used to be done with woodcarvings to make multiples of a work. Today, artists use many mediums, such as monoprint, etching, silkscreen, 3-D (sculptural/book), photo, digital, relief (woodcut), and mezzotint.

In the printmaking room, an eclectic group of printmaking students work through different steps of the process. Students sketch, carve, and run the linoleum through the press to transfer their work onto paper.

“At first, I was really nervous, but now I’m getting comfortable and I’m given free reign to be creative.”

Crystal Clay said, “We learn how to make prints, how to mirror and hone in on our drawing skills.”

In printmaking, the students sketch and carve the linoleum backwards because the finished work will be like a stamp mark.

“I like how the local artists get the chance to show their art in the gallery, but many students don’t know about the art department, and I would like to see the art department grow,” said Lauren Hoffert.

MACC Student Art Exhibition will be Nov. 17 through Dec. 4, with the reception held on Nov. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Art Gallery Coordinator Andrew Glenn said, “You should come to the art gallery receptions because you have a general interest in art, which is culture. We live in different population groups in society, which have their own culture. Moberly has a culture, and the art that is in here either helps amplify that culture, or it will expose students to a new culture. This is one benefit for the students who don’t have that ability to go to a big gallery such as St. Louis or Kansas City.”
Making music

By Clay Ames
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An 11-year-old kid with the intention of doing nothing but watch a movie became inspired. The movie was School of Rock starring actor Jack Black. More importantly, that kid was Adam McPherson. McPherson, from Cairo, Missouri and a student at MACC, is also guitarist of his band, Integrow.

“The rock star dream that School of Rock displayed made me realize I want to do something like that and become noticed,” said McPherson.

McPherson has been a member of Integrow for about a year. The word, integrow, means rebirth. The band chose the name because they believed it fit what they were trying to accomplish as musicians: to give new life to music. He describes Integrow’s music as a mixture of blues, rock, and punk. The band has performed four shows together; they recently performed on the MU campus.

McPherson would love to make a career with music if he could make good money doing it. For now, he is majoring in Computer Information Systems at MACC and continues entertaining people with his band, Integrow.

Music has an endless amount of benefits.

“Music has an endless amount of benefits, I believe. Music is always there for me when I need it. It’s like another close friend of mine,” says McPherson.

Around campus...

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Season preview

By Clay Ames
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Jumping into a new season, the Greyhounds and Lady Greyhounds have started their race. The coaches, players, and fans are eager for the tip-off of the 2014-2015 season. New faces from around the country and even from around the world have accepted the challenge to become a Greyhound. The coaches have inspired the players to become successful student-athletes throughout the years and expect the same from the new players this year.

New players for the men’s and women’s basketball squads have bonded through countless hours of practice and time together off the court. The Sophomores who played for the Hounds last year understand what it takes, what sacrifices they have to make, and know what the coaches want. These Sophomores lead by example.

The Lady Greyhounds are looking forward to another successful season. They will be guided by Head Coach Chad Killinger who is entering his fourth season as the Lady Greyhounds Head Coach. With 18 years of collegiate basketball experience, he has the formula for success. Killinger expects the many new players to figure out their roles before the season starts in order to be successful again this year.

“My expectations and goals for the team this year are to compete for the regional championship and get into the national tournament. Off the court, our goal is to earn a team grade point average of 3.0 or higher,” said Coach Killinger.

The Lady Greyhounds have lost some size from last year, but they will make up for it with speed and athleticism. More shooters have been added to help boost their shooting percentage. The Lady Greyhounds will be in the best shape to run up and down the floor.

“Our conditioning program is intense, and the girls want to be in the best shape. I believe we will really shoot the ball well this season,” predicts Coach Killinger.

The Sophomores have established themselves as leaders: Kendra Gladbach, 5’7” guard; Kre’Ana Henry, 6’0” forward; and Dejoun Dennard, 5’6” guard. They have played a full season for Coach Killinger and know what he expects.

Pat Smith is entering his sixth season for the MACC Greyhounds. The Greyhounds roster has been wiped clean from last year as they return only one player from last year: Ron Lawton, 6’5” forward. Coach Smith would like to see Lawton become a leader this season.

“With so many new guys, it’s hard to tell who will be the leader(s) on this team. The coaching staff will lead as each guy learns the system,” said Smith.

Smith believes this team can get to the regional championship with goals set to help them get there. He wants his players to be good people and good students. He wants individual success for each player as each fits into his role and to be the best team they can be.

“If we achieve all these objectives, then everything else will take care of itself,” said Pat Smith.

This season their strengths will be their shooting, overall effort, work ethic, and their depth. Coach Smith is worried about their frontline, but he believes once their big Center, Donta Jones (6’11”), gets healthy and stays healthy that he will improve the frontline drastically. The Greyhounds have had just one player from overseas the past two seasons. This year, there are three: Freshman Daniel Dzierzawski, a 6’0” guard from Ontario, Canada; Sophomore Gustavs Puhovs, a 6’7” forward from Latvia; and Sophomore Stephen Strachan, a 6’3” guard from Nassau, Bahamas.

The first home games for the Greyhounds are vs. Columbia College on Oct 22 at 7 p.m. and vs. Hannibal LaGrange University JV on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

The Lady Greyhounds tip off their season at home on Nov. 3 against Culver Stockton at 6 p.m.