Pizza with the President

MACC President Dr. Jeff Lashley visited Mexico and Columbia campuses. He brought pizza and got a chance to talk to students. This was a great opportunity for students to ask questions, give feedback and receive Dr. Lashley's ideas on education and MACC as a whole.

By Kayla Drebenstedt
Express Staff

Dr. Jeff Lashley, president of MACC, has been visiting MACC campuses across north central Missouri for pizza and banter with students.

He visited Mexico campus on Tuesday, Feb. 24 and the Columbia campus Thursday, Feb. 26. He will visit with Moberly students on March 10. Other campuses that have hosted this event with the president include Kirksville and Hannibal. The events attract large, lively crowds of students eager to fill their tummies and collect nuggets of wisdom from Dr. Lashley.

President Lashley took some time to answer a few questions: Do you prefer thin, hand-tossed, or stuffed crust? What are some topics you’ve discussed with students at Pizza with the President gatherings? Do you believe you have a better understanding of the MACC student personality as a whole by spending time eating and talking with students?

Dr. Lashley likes pepperoni pizza, thin or Chicago style. He has discussed a wide variety of topics with students, such as student services, classes, MACC faculty, financial aid, textbooks, programs of study, and the school’s strengths and weaknesses. He values learning from students how the MACC experience can be improved.

Dr. Lashley attended MACC in Moberly for two years after high school and returned as a psychology instructor before moving into administration. He misses the personal connection he had with students as an instructor and loves the opportunity to talk with students during Pizza with the President.

Lashley plans to continue lunching with students in the future. MACC students are blessed to have such a witty, charismatic and eager-to-help school president.
**International education day**

By Guzel Tuhbatullina

Express Staff

International Education Day is an event that happens every year and is hosted by the Study Missouri Consortium. Students participating in the competition have the opportunity to learn more about the legislative process, to communicate with other international and study abroad students from around the state.

Last year, more than 450 international students from 26 different colleges and universities in Missouri participated. Representatives from Moberly Area Community College were Hui-Chen (Julie) Huang and international students from Turkmenistan Shemshat Durdyyeva and Merjen Nurberdiyeva.

The day was full of surprises. They met Senator Brian Munzlinger and spent some time with him. Later they had a lunch at the Capital Plaza Hotel. They also had a chance to meet other international students from different colleges. They met an international exchange student from Turkmenistan, Maral. After a long conversation with them, she is now planning to transfer to MACC. Another memorable and exciting moment was when the senator introduced them as special guests in front of all international students.

The group toured the dome of the Capitol Building and met Rep – Tim Remole. He made our students feel special by inviting them to his office and taking a picture with them. Mr. Remole also escorted them onto the floor of the House of Representatives.

The day was special and unforgettable for our international students. Shemshat said, “That day has motivated me to be more active at school and participate in school events so that I would be involved in our school life and could share on my own experience. It is very good that our college takes international students to this kind of event. I am honored to represent my college this year too. My friends from my country and I, who are also students at MACC, are planning to bring our flag and dress up in traditional clothes.”

As for Merjen, this event related to the fulfillment of her long-held dream. She is majoring in International relationships and diplomacy; for her, it was interesting to see how the government of Missouri works.

"I always wanted to attend a conference or an event with lots of international students and to see the detailed work of Missouri’s government, and I got that,” said Merjen.

International Education Day will be on March 31 this year. Rep. Tim Remole expects to introduce our MACC students as special guests. He was so impressed and interested in our students last year that his office is planning some wonderful activities for the MACC representatives this year.

All this is thanks to international advisor Michael Johnson. He did a good job preparing students for the event and communicating with the International Education department.

As he said, “As an advisor for international students, I enjoy watching excitement on the students' faces as they experience the capital and the events of International Education day. It is one of the best parts of my job.”

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A burn to learn

**MACC’s first Fire Academy began March 3. The program prepares individuals who are interested in pursuing a career as a firefighter.**

By Kassandra Heaton

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Firefighters save people trapped in burning buildings, aid victims of car accidents, earthquakes, and floods, and clean up hazardous spills. Despite risking their lives, firefighters will most likely be on the scene when others need help. Individuals who are interested in gaining the skills and knowledge of becoming a firefighter join the Fire Academy.

The first MACC Fire Academy began training sessions at the Kirksville Higher Learning Center on March 3. These non-credit program classes are for students interested in pursuing a career as a firefighter. These classes will also allow current volunteer firefighters to gain the training for certification for a full time position within a fire department.

This class was established because of the need for firefighter training in northeastern Missouri. MACC and the Kirksville Fire Department have teamed up to provide this training to interested students and residents in the Kirksville, Hannibal, Macon, and Moberly MACC areas.

According to Rebecca Riley, a MACC Fire Academy correspondent, “The students will learn the basics of firefighting, public relation skills, report writing, team communication, among the practical skills needed to perform the job of a firefighter in a safe manner in order to help those in need.”

This course is 232 hours of skills training to ready students for certification as a firefighter. After completing the MACC fire academy and evaluation by the state Missouri Department of Public Safety, individuals can opt to complete the Firefighter I and II certification tests if they wish to become future firefighters.

To apply for this program, individuals pay a $1,200 fee to cover all equipment and materials used for the class. For more information, contact the MACC Fire Academy: (660) 263-5865 or email: EBDC@macc.edu. Seating is limited, and registration is required for enrollment.
Study Away

By Kayla Drebenstedt
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This month, MACC students are invited to apply to join MU’s Study Away trip to India. The class will depart for India July 9 and will return July 24.

The course counts for three credit hours and will focus on social, political, economic and cultural development in a country with clashing policies and traditions.

Students will explore Buddhist monasteries, sample city street food, visit elephant and crocodile rehabilitation centers, and experience New Delhi’s theatrical groups. Students will visit the Taj Mahal and the Kashmir Himalayas and will stay in the homes of local families whenever possible for a thoroughly immersive experience.

Program Director Rajiv Thakur, Ph.D, Assistant Professor and Chair of MU’s Department of Geosciences, lived in New Delhi and worked as an Assistant Manager of Business Development for India’s federal government for several years before coming to the U.S. in 2002. Dr. Thakur hopes students will see how in India, the community is valued over the individual.

His favorite Indian dish is “Malai Kofta,” and he is inspired by Indian spiritual ideas: “Spirituality for me is a way of life. It guides your actions and visions.”

The program fee is $4,430; this is due by June 19. Federal financial aid may be applied toward this class, as long as the student is enrolled in 6 credit hours for the summer. Online applications are due by Feb. 20 and will require a deposit of $665.

All-Collegiate Choir: the spotlight to learn and perform

By Guzel Tuhbatullina
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All-Collegiate Choir is an in-service workshop/conference that happens once in four years. The idea is to gather the best college choir students, and after a day’s work and rehearsal to give a performance. It is sponsored by Missouri Music Educators Association. MMEA is composed of music teachers in the state of Missouri.

All-Collegiate Choir students are selected from all colleges throughout the state. MACC was one of five community colleges that participated. Doctor Dale Kruse, who was conductor of this event, was at one time an opera singer, so he chose everything from choruses of operas.

This one-time chance to represent our college was given to Aaron Nelson, Trinity Dixon, Cortney Franklin and Justas Miles.

For them, this event was very exciting and helpful.

Aaron Nelson said, “The first day we came into practice I walked in, and I saw all these singers everywhere! I was stunned! I’ve never been in a room full of so many amazing singers that were all there because they wanted to be there.”

For each of our representatives, this workshop impressed them differently. For example, Trinity Dixon met up with her old friends from her high school while Nelson met and became friends with people from the school that he is interested in attending after MACC.

The conductor has an important and demanding role at this conference. Dixon said that the conductor definitely had a big impact on her. He conducted in a different manner than she was accustomed to and encouraged them to use some of his operatic techniques rather than sing chorally.

Nelson said, “The director was fantastic and really helped us all to open up and find our own voice in the music.”

Of course, the emotions that a person experiences at the time of performance is not the same as another person’s experiences.

“I guess nervous isn’t a good word to describe what I was feeling emotionally; I was just very excited to sing with such talented singers,” said Dixon.

“Participating in the choir stirred a lot of emotions. I was happy that I made it, but I was also very nervous. I was very calm and focused in rehearsal, and I was also anxious to perform the concert. So I was a little conflicted emotionally,” said Cortney Franklin.

Two MACC representatives are music majors. For them, it was a very good chance to show themselves and an opportunity to visit with teachers from different schools.
Art on the Block: A hands-on experience

MACC’s Art on the Block project wins the prestigious Missouri Community College Association Award of Distinction.

By Dylan Blackwell
Express Staff

MACC was awarded The Missouri Community College Association’s Award of Distinction on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014. The award is one of the highest honors that the Missouri Community College Association presents; it was presented in gratitude of the Art on the Block project and its long lasting impact on the college community. Jackie Fisher, dean of Academic Affairs, and Michele McCall, dean of Off-campus programs, accepted the award.

Former MACC president, Dr. Evelyn Jorginson started Art on the Block in 2010 to aid in promoting the art programs and to increase community involvement.

The people who lend an artistic hand at this event are primarily staff and their family as well as some students.

Many activities are planned for Art on the Block: a tie-dye booth, sidewalk chalk, live music, and many other artistic hands-on experiences. Art on the Block is free except for a fee for tie-dye shirts and food. The event is open to the public.

Last year 700-800 people attended and were of all age groups. Kids were able to take the fun home with some projects.

Shannon Crist, coordinator of Off-campus programs, said she enjoys “seeing all the people out here.”

Judges determine whose art is the best, and the grand prizewinner chooses between an art party, an art piece or a free MACC fine arts class.

Art on the Block 2015 is June 13 at the Moberly campus.
It’s not HOLLYWOOD...

It's BOLLYWOOD

By Guzel Tuhbatullina
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Since the beginning of the semester, college life is in full swing, and plans for future activities are being created. One of the successes of the Multicultural Club, an active social organization at MACC, was The International Tasting Day last semester. The Multicultural Club is open to American and international students and staff. Karen Werner, club advisor, has worked with this club and international students for the past year.

Werner stated, “They seem to be bringing a rich vitality to this campus. Everybody is a worker.”

The International Tasting Day was so well attended that the event organizers decided to prepare a new entertainment – Bollywood night.

"Bollywood is one of the biggest film industries all over the world, and it is something that is more multicultural than our Hollywood movies," said Karen Werner, Multicultural Club advisor.

The purpose of MACC’s Bollywood night was to show the Indian movie, Lagaan: Once upon a time in India, allowing American students to see the quality of the movie and what other cultures offer. Bollywood actors not only have to act, but they have to be able to dance and sing; they have to be multitalented.

This movie is known as one of the classics and has won many critic awards and film festivals. The film shows the era when India was still a colony of Britain. The action takes place in a small village under the pressure of British rule, and the villagers are forced to pay taxes. They are given the opportunity avoid paying taxes under the condition that they win a game of Crickit, a game with which they were unfamiliar.

Another upcoming event this semester is Taco Night. It is a chance not only to eat tacos but to also go to the concert that night provided by the Moberly Area Council of the Arts. Brazilian and Mexican dance will be performed by the “Los Grupos Axe Capoeira & Folklorico Atonilco”.

Bollywood Night provided entertainment and a cultural experience for MACC students Virginia Boyles, Eric Boyles, Bhumika Patel, Jessica Black, Merjen Nurbereidiyeva, and Kholie Stock. They watched the movie Lagaan: Once upon a time in India.
This month in MACC History

By Clay Ames
Express Staff

1960:

Freshman Diane Paybe was awarded March’s BPW “Girl of the Month.”

Tom Marshall was crowned Mathematics Contest Champion of the Mathematics Association of America and the Society of Actuaries.

Six boys and four girls became members of Quill and Scroll (Moberly Mirror).

1998:

Director Michael Kaye and Assistant Sarah Schneider planned the opening for the new Activity Center.

2002:

March: The Greyhounds placed fifth in the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, KS.

The Lady Greyhounds finished sixth in the NJCAA National Tournament in Salina, KS.

Around Campus...

Favorite place to hang out in Moberly?

Chelsey Batye
Freshman- Nursing
"Bowling alley"

David Bromagen
Freshman
Nowhere. Just home.

Darion Brown

Shalynn Heetland
Soph - General Liberal Arts
"At my house"

Taylor Leonard
Soph - Biology
"Gliks"

Jill Sunderland-Fuemmler,
Freshman
"Law'te Coffee House"

Merjen Nurbanidiev
Freshman, International

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The Lady Greyhounds with Coach Chad Killinger and family raffled a quilt, designed and sewn by Rachel Killinger, and other items during the Pink Night special event at the last regular home game. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Cancer Awareness Foundation.

Lady Greyhounds Beat Down the JV Lady Vikings

By Clay Ames
Express Staff

The Lady Greyhounds destroyed another JV team in an exhibition game on February 4. This time they sent the Lady Vikings back home to Marshall with a staggering loss. The exhibition was uncompetitive, but it gave the Lady Hounds a boost of confidence for their next games.

The Lady Hounds got off to a quick start by creating turnovers on defense, which led to easy buckets offensively. At half, the Lady Hounds were up 40-20.

With only seven players, the Lady Hounds still dominated in every aspect of the game. The Lady Hounds have lost almost half of their players from the first half of the season.

This has caused the team to struggle to compete with top teams. Players such as Kre’Ana Henry will not use this as an excuse though.

“We have to stay mentally tough. If we get tired, we get a quick sub, but we can’t stay out long,” said Henry.

The Lady Hounds were mentally tough as they rolled over the Lady Vikings 87-37. Kre’Ana Henry and Aliya Ruffin were the stars of the night as they carried the scoring load for the Lady Hounds. Henry scored a game high 22 points and “Rough N’ Tough” Ruffin followed her with 21 points.

The win did not count toward their overall record since it was an exhibition game, but the Lady Hounds received a boost of confidence with the big blowout victory.

“This game gave us a boost of confidence because we not only won by 50, but we also won the right way as a team,” explained Henry.

Greyhounds defeat Three Rivers in Region play

In a tight race in the Region XVI semi-final game on Friday, March 27, aggressive offense and sound defense by the Greyhounds led to a 60-58 win. The Three Rivers Raiders’ Torry Butler made the last attempt to score, but the shot rimmed out as the final buzzer sounded. Just seconds before, Rashad Lindsey had tied the game on two free throws, and the Hounds added two to gain a thin 2-point lead.

The Hounds lost two close battles against Three Rivers in Region play this season. At home, the Hounds came up short 66-62. At Poplar Bluff, the Hounds took home a 60-56 loss. Not this time as the thrilling and hard-fought battle between two very good teams went in the Hounds’ favor.

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Greyhounds secure win over Grizzlies 71-66

By Dylan Blackwell
Express Staff

Sophomore guard Travon Williams and Freshman guard Daniel Dzierzawski earned a combined score of 30 points against Missouri State on January 31 at home.

The Grizzles scored the first point to start the game. It was a close first half; the Hounds trailed by two to four points until 10:17 left in the half when Freshman Chris Clark popped a three and put the Greyhounds ahead 17-14. The Hounds kept the lead all the way except for the last four minutes and ended the half, Missouri State ahead 33-30.

In the second half, the Greyhounds started to shine. Travon Williams scored 13 points in the last half with 3 three-pointers and 2 two-pointers. Williams was not the only Greyhound who excelled in the last half.

Daniel Dzierzawski also racked up 13 points with 5 two-pointers and three free throws. These two were the key players in this game; Williams had a total of 17 points with 3 three-pointers and 4 two’s. Dzierzawski had a total of 13 points through the game. He shot 5 two’s and three free throws.

Coach Pat Smith explained, “We’re obviously still a team trying to get there, but I believe we can be a very good team down the stretch of the season. We must be a more solid team on the defensive end and more efficient on offense. West Plains is a very good team and have definitely proven to be one of the favorites in the region at this time.”

The win over the Missouri State team put MACC at 16-7 overall and gave West Plains a loss making their record 17-7.

Top scorers were Rashad Lindsey, 15; Daniel Dzierzawski and Travon Williams, 14 points each. Gustavs Puhovs added five points; Donta Jones, four points; Stephen Strachan and Ron Lawton, three points each; Cecil Williams, two points.

In the championship game on Saturday, March 28, the Moberly Greyhounds fell to the top-seed Mineral Area College Cardinals 69-53. Top scorer for Moberly was Freshman Rashad Lindsey with 16 points. Donta Jones followed in scoring with eight points. Also contributing were Stephen Strachan, five points; Ron Lawton, four points, and Gustavs Puhovs and Travon Williams, with 3-pointers.

The nationally-ranked Cardinals will advance to a District playoff on March 8 on the home court of the Region IV champion. The winner of that match moves on to compete in the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, KS on March 16-21.

The Region XVI Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships were hosted by the Joplin Sports Authority in the first of a three-year agreement with NJCAA Region 16 Division I Men’s and Women’s. Games were played at Ozark Christian College.

Lady Greyhounds lose to Mineral Area

In the semifinal game earlier in the afternoon, The Lady Greyhounds faced No. 2-seed Mineral Area. Three offensive fouls called against the Lady Greyhounds and 16 unanswered points scored by Mineral Area plagued the Lady Hounds in the early going. Coach Chad Killinger was assessed two technical fouls and the Lady Hounds found themselves battling to make up ground.

The closest that the Lady Hounds could get to the Cardinals was 15 points early in the second half.

Aleyah Chivers led in scoring for the Lady Hounds with 15 points. Also scoring double digits was Kendra Gladbach with 12 points and KreAna Henry with 11 points. Dejoun Dennard finished with eight points, and Tamaya Carter added four. The Cardinals would go on to upset the tournament top-seed State Fair 71-61 on Saturday in the championship game.

Greyhound Box Scores Jan-Feb

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