Student Government looks to start year strong

By Austin Ward
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With the beginning of a new school year, members of Student Government are already working to make MACC the best it can be. One early goal is getting more students at Greyhound games, according to Student Government President Emily Van Jura.

Student Government represents students on all MACC campuses: Moberly, Columbia, Edina, Hannibal, Kirksville, Macon, and Mexico. Officers are President Emily Van Jura, Vice-President Cara Brokes, and council members Eric Johnston, Jessica Black, and Jose Olalde.

“We have a budget, and it’s basically mine and the council’s job to think of something that could use work and/or would be beneficial to the school and students,” Van Jura said. "The goal is to improve MACC to better accommodate the wants and needs of students. We have a bigger role than some might expect."

“I am definitely open to ideas, suggestions, and any information students think would be helpful. I just think it’s important for students to realize that they have a say and effect on this school, and student government is a great way to express any concerns or ideas,” Van Jura said.

Students who have ideas on improvements should talk with a student government member. They are open to suggestions and will do their best to get the desired results. What would you like to see or do at MACC? Your suggestion might help others who want the same.

"I want to thank you for making this day necessary."

- Yogi Berra
Three cheers for Marina Fiegener, new U.S. citizen!

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On the morning of Wednesday, August 26, 2015, journalist Alison Parker and Adam Ward, were broadcasting live on WDBJ TV in Roanoke, Virginia. Ward stood behind the camera while Parker interviewed Vicki Gardner, administrator of the local Chamber of Commerce, at a shopping center in Moneta.

NBC News reported that at 6:45 a.m. Vester Lee Flanagan, a former employee of the WDBJ station, interrupted the interview by appearing on camera wearing dark apparel and carrying a gun. Within the next few moments of the live feed, Flanagan took the lives of both Parker and Ward and injured Gardner through open gunfire.

When you think this horrific act cannot get any darker, it does. After leaving Parker and Ward for dead, Flanagan posted videos of the shooting on his social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter. A few hours later Flanagan decided to take his own life.

Hearts could not help but break for the two lives lost and everyone who was affected by this devastation. I am writing this tribute as a mere college student with a heart for studying journalism and the dream of making an impact in the world of news. Though my resume is not filled with years of experience, and my portfolio is not stacked full with the stories I have covered, I feel I have a great connection with Parker and Ward. I felt an extra ache when I heard about the Roanoke shooting.

These words are not spoken with anger, but out of complete sadness when I say that we live in a world where everyday life is becoming a potential nightmare. We should not have to fear crossing the finish line of a marathon, sitting in a moving theatre, or watching TV. I am still reeling and in utter shock about what has happened.

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West Caldwell, NJ- The world bid farwell to Hall of Fame Yankee catcher, Yogi Berra, on Sept. 22, 2015. He passed away at age 90 and left the legacy of his achievements in Major League Baseball and memorable quotes.

Washington D.C.- Pope Francis traveled to the United States, Sept. 22. He spoke with President Obama and Congress.

United Kingdom - Twenty thousand Syrian refugees were allowed resettlement in September. Other refugees will move to the UK during 2020.

Ballotpedia reports there are 16 Republican candidates for the 2016 Presidential Election. The Democratic party have narrowed their declared candidate list down to six candidates.

ABC's talk show The View, lost five sponsors and many viewers after their on air jokes about Miss Colorado, Kelly Johnson.
ΦΘΚ’s College Project

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ΦΘΚ (Phi Theta Kappa) is the international honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs, particularly for community colleges and junior colleges.

An early activity for the club this year is called the College Project. It is not a secret that students who transfer from MACC to a four-year college or university are often asked to provide a resume. Many students do not know how to make one or how it is supposed to look.

ΦΘΚ has also prepared a great presentation about inside and outside scholarship resources. Scholarships are an important part of getting an education for many students. That is why they want to help students find the best resources to continue their education.

The goal of the ΦΘΚ’s College Project is to show and teach students how to build a professional, good-looking, presentable resume. ΦΘΚ students are not just going to show how to write a resume but also work with students to help them practice writing their own.

Our MACC ΦΘΚ students were trained by Jackie Fisher, dean of Academic Affairs, on how to build a professional and student resume.

The college project is going to take place October 23 at Moberly and Columbia campuses.

College Project

a workshop on resume writing and scholarship research

Date: October 23
Place: Library Academic Resource Center
Time: 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Presented by Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Tau Chapter
Presented for all interested MACC students

Auditorium receives facelift

By Kohlie Stock
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The closed doors, smell of fresh paint, and posted “Auditorium Reconstruction” signs are evidence of work being done on the main campus of Moberly Area Community College. Renovation of the Auditorium began this summer and is expected to be completed before Christmas break. Eric Ross, director of Plant Operations, oversees all construction, renovation, purchasing, transportation, and key control of the six MACC campuses.

“Right now it is kind of getting a face lift. We are putting in all new flooring. We are repainting the walls, putting in some new ceilings in the foyer and main entry way. We are also installing doors into the long hallway right outside the auditorium,” said Ross about the renovation.

The doors that are being installed will be used as a block so that students and visitors will be denied access to the main auditorium. This is an extra precaution for safety purposes. The doors will be opened for events.

Ross claims the renovation is not considered a major construction, which makes it harder for him to manage. With the auditorium being used so frequently, the design work and waiting for supplies to come in takes extra time to complete it.

“There are a number of pieces that we have to work in because the auditorium is used so often. It seems like we have something in there every week. Right now we are trying to get the bulk of it done because we have a few weeks’ time with nothing in there, but from now on, we pretty much have an event in there, at least one every single week,” said Ross.

Ross also claims that the reconstruction should not affect the MACC choir or drama department. Events should take place as normal. In fact, there will be an event held there as early as Saturday, September 12. By then, the flooring will be completed, as will most of the painting.

Other remodeling projects, overseen by Plant Operations, will be taking place on the main campus: projects such as the remodeling of all the restrooms, transforming the old Student Commons into a large conference center, and the removal of the lockers in the hallways.

“We hope to give it more of the collegiate look and not the high school look,” added Ross.

Until then, students, faculty, and guests of the college can gaze at sparkling chandeliers in the lobby, walk on freshly laid carpet, and enjoy a “facelifted” Auditorium.
Nice Day For A Picnic

MACC Fall Picnics A Success

During the last two weeks of September, the Moberly, Hannibal, Columbia, Mexico, and Kirksville campuses hosted picnics for the students that attend classes on campus. Burgers, hotdogs, soda, and chips were on the menu. There were plenty of good friends, good conversation, and good times to go around. Dr. James Grant, dean of Student Services, and other staff cooked for the crowd of hungry students and staff at the Moberly campus. Several booths were set up for students to visit with different organizations. Representatives from Phi Theta Kappa, Columbia College, National Guard, and MACC student government were there with freebies and to talk with students. The picnic was met with sunny weather great for a barbecue!

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As we remember Missouri native Yogi Berra, we also remember him for his famous "Yogisms". Here are some of his more famous quotes.

"It's deja vu all over again."

"It gets late early out here."

"If the people don't want to come out to the ball park, nobody's going to stop them."

"When you come to a fork in the road... take it."

-Yogi Berra
MACC Alumni Museum welcomes students...

Moberly Area Community College’s Alumni Museum offers students the opportunity to reflect upon the past and discover their roots.

By Kohlie E. Stock
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Monday through Friday the Moberly main campus parking lot is completely filled. Faculty and students file in and out of buildings bustling to work and class. However, what many of them do not realize as they are meandering about is that there is history right beneath their feet. Little do they know that the lot they use every day was once the Moberly Junior College football field. It’s not only the history of the football field that MACC inhabitants are unaware. There are also many other interesting stories about the college that are often left unknown.

Susan Arment, MACC Director of Institutional Development & Alumni Services, is trying to change that. Her goal is to bring the deeply woven history of the college to the attention of the students. Not only does she manage the Alumni Association, but she also administers the Alumni Museum and offers tours to students.

“My main purpose for being here is to show them the room. It’s a great quiet room if they want to come in and visit and sit down for a minute. They are welcome to do that.”

Visitors feel the authenticity and the rich history surround them when entering the museum. The black and white photographs, collection of yearbooks, and vintage red school sweaters bring back the school spirit of a different era. It’s the perfect place to escape the present and dig deep into the roots of what was once Moberly Junior College.

Arment shared that the idea for the museum came from former MACC President Dr. Evelyn Jorgenson in 2007. She wanted to dedicate a room to showcase the tradition and spirit of the college. In fact, all the memorabilia in the museum has been donated from the collections of staff and faculty who have worked at the college.

It is here in the museum that one can view the original floor plans of the MACC building, see the white uniform dress all nursing students were required to wear, and learn about successful former Greyhounds, including Mabel McCormick, the mother of Greyhound Basketball. McCormick has estimated that she has attended over 2,000 MACC basketball games. Today at age 103, she has stopped counting.

Though Arment only began her employment at MACC this past January, her dedication to the college is evident. On behalf of herself and the Alumni Association, she hopes that students will know how much the alumni care and want the students to be interested in the history of the college.

“Whatever we can do to increase that level of interest, whatever we can do to engage with them, because as they leave here even though at the time they may not realize what an impact this institution has on their life, I think in later years they will realize it,” said Arment.

The museum is located in the Main Building in former classroom #16 neighboring the auditorium. Hours run Monday thru Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Students should feel free to stop by or schedule a free tour. Next time you are trekking across the former football field, take a moment, visit the MACC Alumni Museum. You will be surprised at all that you learn and discover.

"The future ain't what it used to be."
-Yogi Berra
Top of the Class Trends

Dresses are on demand at the start of Fall 2015 semester...

Music professor and MACC choir instructor, Karen Werner, shows off her culturally casual dress at MACC’s fall picnic. She bought up this multi-colored garb at Macy’s and enjoys wearing it to inspire her students studying African music.

Rebecca Tucker packs a punch with this perfect petite she pulled out of her closet. She is a nursing student and said she likes to “dress for success to pass all of her tests”. What a motto, what a wardrobe!

Mandy Auxier’s black and white dress makes transition from school to work a snap. She works as a bank teller while studying applied science and accounting. Mandy purchased this marvelous mixed print on sale at Walmart.

Pre nursing student, Alexis Wyatt, is fond of her vintage flowered dress she picked up at Rue21. We give it a “super cute” cue.

What's On Your Mind?

Student Profiles
By Ashley Williams
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Anaiah Boyles, Freshman
St Louis MO
Food "mainly chicken"

Allison Hodge, Freshman
Moberly - "School"

Kaitlyn Parks, Freshman
Moberly
"All the homework I"

Hilary Cerveny, Huntsville
"Helping people once I get my degree in nursing."

Sierra Everett, Freshman
Kansas City MO
"School work"
Greyhound Season Preview

By Austin Ward
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After a 22-10 record season last year and finishing as runner up in the Region XVI tournament, the Moberly Greyhounds are looking to have a very successful season this year. Going into the region tournament a season ago, the Greyhounds faced a tough task in the semi-finals against Three Rivers, a team that had beaten them in both previous matchups that season. The Hounds were able to pull off a 60-58 win to advance to the championship against a stout Mineral Area team but would fall 69-53.

“So many times it comes down to putting the ball in the basket, and we didn’t do it that night,” Pat Smith, head coach of the Greyhounds, said about the game.

“With that said, we’ve got five kids back from that team. I hope they’re as driven as I am to try to have a happier ending on a Saturday night in Joplin, Missouri this year,” Smith said about the upcoming season.

The veteran players on that team from last year are Rashad Lindsey, Chris Clark, Cecil Williams, Daniel Dzierzawski, Davin Maybin, and Wesley Nosakhare, who redshirted last season. Lindsey was named first team all region last season which Smith notes is really impressive for a freshman. However, one early setback is he was out all of September with a high ankle sprain. Clark underwent surgery as soon as the season ended last year but is back on track, and Smith expects a big sophomore year out of him. Williams didn’t have as much playing time at the start of last season but picked it up toward the end.

“I thought he was huge for us down the stretch, really played well,” Smith said of Williams. He is expected to have a successful campaign.

“Daniel Dzierzawski might just be pound for pound our best player,” Smith said, which comes as no surprise to Greyhound fans, but Smith says he has to develop a consistency. Expect a big year out of him. Davin Maybin only played the first semester last season, but Smith expects him to come back and have a big season this year. Nosakhare redshirted last season, and Smith notes he’ll do well once he can get into playing mode.

Jordan Arthur is one of the many names on the list of newcomers to the team. Smith says he’s a huge key for the team and gives the team a legitimate post guy; he’s expected to be a major inside go-to guy. Leonard-Harper Baker was at Quakerdale Prep last year. Smith notes that he plays extremely hard and with great effort and also expects him to be one of the top two or three rebounders on the team. Jalen David is a JUCO transfer who is expected to have a good year for the team.

“He gives us a lot of athleticism that I thought we really needed, so I thought he was a great late pickup,” Smith said of Dama.

The Greyhounds are going to need every bit of that successful roster, as Smith sees no letting up in region play this season.

"It ain't over 'til it's over."
- Yogi Berra

“I could see all five teams in this region this year winning 20 or more games. I think it’s going to be a real competitive year,” Smith said.

Smith believes this season will be no different when it comes to the impact of team chemistry.

“It’s the little things that make a difference. How much are they going to learn to play for each other? What’s going to be their level of unselfishness? Those things are a huge key,” Smith said.

This season should be really fun. The team has a ton of talent, and the region is full of talented teams. All games will be big games, all the makings of a great basketball season.

You can see the Greyhounds at home for the first time on October 21 when the Greyhounds take on Columbia College in a scrimmage. First regular season game will be on November 5 against Planet Academy.

Upcoming Schedules

Women's
11/6 - Vincennes
11/7 - Marshalltown
11/11 - Culver Stockton
11/15 - Southeastern Iowa
11/18 - at Illinois Central
11/24 - at Penn Valley
11/27 - Rock Valley
11/28 - Highland (IL)

Men's
11/5 - Planet Academy
11/6 - Cloud Co.
11/7 - Kennedy King
11/10 - John Wood CC
11/13 - Malcolm X
11/14 - Highland CC
11/21 - SE Iowa
11/24 - at Penn Valley