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Dr. Terry L. Barnes

Reflections from the President

Since 1922, Mineral Area College has evolved into a highly valued institution, connecting students to career aspirations and communities to economic growth. From its Flat River Junior College roots, Mineral Area College blossomed into a comprehensive two-year community college that educates students of all ages in credit and non-credit classes for eventual employment opportunities as well as personal development. Also, it serves as an economic engine among the communities and a cultural and arts catalyst. Mineral Area College goals encompass social, economic, and civic responsibility while striving to stay abreast of the rapidly changing market for skills and services.

However, Mineral Area College's shrinking state aid appropriations pose a new set of concerns. During the past two years, the college's state aid has been reduced by a total of \$1.6 million in fiscal years 2001 and 2002,

\$121,000 in FY 2003, and projects to lose another \$600,000 in FY 2004 (starting July 1, 2003). Therefore, what are Mineral Area College's limits to delivering high-quality services and at what point does the weight of too many expectations signal diminishing returns with this financial picture?

Years ago, Flat River Junior College's purpose was simpler and more straightforward. It provided a convenient and economical gateway to a four-year degree for many rural youth. In the late 1960s and 1970s, "vocational education" was showcased, expanding the selection and availability of technical training and careers. The 1980s saw Mineral Area College expand its mission to include more vocational programs and adopt its new economic development mission. Special programs were designed for customized and non-credit training for employees of new and expanding industries. Currently, these efforts are recognized statewide in educational and industry circles. In the 1990s, Mineral Area College transitioned to a technology-based economy including the use of personal computers, the Internet, and distance education via television courses and Web-based learning. This created more flexible degrees via connections to the Universities of Missouri—Rolla, St. Louis, and Columbia, and other four-year and community colleges via interactive television. In addition, many employers in the area are so supportive of Mineral Area College that they encourage potential employees to train for our certification programs along with our associate degree programs.

Each transition has witnessed distinct changes in the composition of Mineral Area College's enrollment. The Spring 2003 semester brings Mineral Area College to an all-time high enrollment of over 3,400 students—with over 2,500 students on the Park Hills campus; 400 at the Perryville Higher Education Center; 200 at the Fredericktown Center; 350 at the Potosi Center; and 50 at the Winona Center. Mineral Area College students encompass all levels of educational interests, abilities, and needs. In addition, four-year college graduates are returning to Mineral Area College to explore new careers, as are workers who want to upgrade or learn new skills. About 70 percent of all MAC students indicate they are working toward a four-year degree. Many attend the Central Methodist College program, located on the Park Hills campus, working toward degrees in elementary education, business management and accounting.

Mineral Area College students are more diverse than you might think:

- 58 percent of students are women.
- More than half work part-time, and a third work full-time.
- 30 percent of all students enrolled full-time also work full-time.
- The average age of MAC students is 27 years.
- Almost 60 percent receive some federal or state financial aid.

Mineral Area College has proven to be very astute in meeting the challenges of the technology-based economy to become an entrepreneurial and innovative community college. However, we are facing some of the biggest challenges yet. The new landscape includes:

- Rising credential and skill needs of employers and academic aspirations of students
- High number of graduating high school seniors that do not go to college at all (about 52% in this region)
- Increasing competition from other colleges and universities for student applicants
- Increasing enrollment requiring more full-time faculty specialties
- Need for more private funds to shore up sagging state aid.

Rather than trying to meet all the needs requested in a period of declining resources, Mineral Area College will need to establish even more alliances with organizations that complement and supplement the college's own strengths. One of Mineral Area College's greatest strengths is the scope of its mission; however, one of its major challenges is to not overextend itself and lose focus on what we do best. These conflicting strategies reflect philosophies of the Board of Trustees and the college leadership, but also are derived from the state funding situations.

We are familiar with the slogan "Quality is Job One". The truth is that Mineral Area College is improving the quality of education without spending more money or undermining teaching and scholarship. We tend to equate "quality" with "excellence." To the MAC faculty and staff, excellence means great students, enough money to operate, and so on. The college has to focus on the elements that directly drive the quality of education. The public has a right to expect that MAC will do its best regarding what is important to its students and the public.

The Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff appreciate all that you, your families, and friends do to support Mineral Area College. If you are ever in the area and would like a tour of some of our remodeling projects currently in progress, please let us know. You are always welcome on campus.

With highest regards and best wishes,



Terry L. Barnes, Ph. D.
President

GOOD NEWS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES . . .

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT AND A+ STUDENTS

High school graduates who live outside the college taxing district or are A+ eligible have new scholarship opportunities for the 2003/2004 academic year. MAC announces two new scholarships to recruit quality students - the Presidential Scholarship and the Special Achievement Scholarship. Additional requirements and stipulations apply for these scholarships. For the specific scholarship details and stipulations, contact Financial Aid Director Denise Sebastian at (573) 518-2249.

★For the 2003/2004 academic year, **Presidential Scholarships** valued at \$2,000 each will be awarded to apply toward out-of-district tuition. The scholarship recipients will maintain residency in College Park, full-time enrollment at MAC and maintain a minimum 2.50 GPA at the end of the first semester. Students will primarily be recruited from outside the taxing district, but within the college's service region, including Cape Girardeau, Iron, Madison, Perry, Ste. Genevieve, Shannon, Texas and Washington counties.

★For the 2003/2004 academic year, **Special Achievement Scholarships** valued at \$1,200 each will reward superior high school academic achievement and citizenship by offering A+ School eligible graduates from within the college's taxing district, and outside the college's taxing district to access and promote an affordable, safe living/learning environment in College Park. Recipients must be certified as an A+ school eligible graduate from an A+ high school in Missouri and maintain residence in College Park.

GERWITZ AT HELM OF MAC BASEBALL

Jim Gerwitz is Mineral Area College's new Head Baseball Coach for the 2003-2004 season. Jim served as the assistant baseball coach from 1997-2001. Mineral Area College President Terry Barnes said, "The college had a couple of choices – to look outside or go inside for the search and the selection. After evaluating many qualified applicants, we decided to go with Jim, given his background and experience with Mineral Area College. Knowing the uncertainty of the state's finances gave us a chance to advance the college's baseball program, keep Jim as a criminal justice instructor, and remain financially responsible. Jim possesses the necessary background, experiences, and credentials to run a sound, honest, and winning baseball program. He is well-liked and respected by his colleagues and the other area coaches." Jim replaces the position vacated by the resignation of 14-year veteran Jim Komar.



Jim Gerwitz served as the team's assistant coach for several years. He returns to the field as the Cardinals head coach for next season.

Coach Gerwitz took a year hiatus from baseball to pursue his teaching dream and reshape his academic credentials for his teaching role in the college's Criminal Justice program.

Of his coaching style, Jim says, "Players are motivated in many different ways, and a coach has to make the necessary adjustments. It's important the players are motivated in the classroom as well as on the baseball field. Part of my philosophy is the classroom work must be done before work on the baseball field is started. Baseball is temporary, but an education is forever."

Regarding recruiting, Jim emphasizes, "Recruiting in our immediate region from local high schools offers some of the best imaginable baseball talent. We have great youth baseball programs through Babe Ruth as well as a great network of high school coaches. Getting local kids to play at Mineral Area College is my first priority. I want the players' parents, grandparents, and friends to be in the bleachers of the new baseball field to support the Cardinals. Our local players and their parents support this college, pay taxes, and recommend Mineral Area College as a place to get a great education."

Jim announced that he has named Mark Hutchings as his assistant baseball coach for the 2003-2004 season. "Mr. Hutchings and I have our work cut out for us, as we will be recruiting our first freshman class ballplayers for next season. We are especially pleased to be able to play baseball here on the MAC campus. I am so appreciative of the voters and their support for the new field. Coach Hutchings and I invite everyone to come and watch one of the games at the new field."

BASEBALL BROUGHT THEM TO MAC, BUT THEY FOUND MORE

Sophomores Justin Holmes (Farmington) and Roberto Pastrana (St. Louis) agree there is no better place than MAC to spend your first two years of college. The baseball program and scholarships enticed the two to choose MAC. However, both believe MAC has offered them much more than they expected.

Roberto, a pre-architecture major, enthusiastically says, "When I visited MAC to discuss baseball, I thought it was a pretty cool place. Now, I realize it's cooler than I thought. Everyone is so nice and friendly. I've made lots of new friends—not just from the baseball team . . . but from all my classes. I especially like the fact that classes are small and you get to know everyone in your class." Roberto thinks so highly of MAC, he is encouraging his younger brother to come.

"Attending MAC has been really great!" explains Justin. "Of course, I expected baseball to be good. But, there are so

many other good things here. The teachers are great, too. They are always willing to help in some way if you need it. Everyone is friendly. I've made friends and we 'hang out' together at basketball games and other campus activities. MAC has been a great place to get my foot in the door for a great college experience. I'd recommend it to anyone."

Both players plan to continue their baseball endeavors. Justin will major in business and play baseball at Northern State University of Oklahoma.



Pitcher Jason Holmes (left) joins middle infielder Roberto Pastrana for a strength workout.

SEASON HIGHLIGHT:

LADY CARDINALS TOP JEFFCO

The Lady Cardinal women's basketball team had a season with some great accomplishments as well as some disappointments. The biggest victory came in January with an overtime victory against Jefferson College, a team that was ranked 18th in the country. The Lady Cardinals also had a couple of nice victories over Crowder College and John A. Logan College, champions of Region 16 and Region 24, respectively.

Mineral Area College was well-represented on the All-Conference Team. All-conference honors were earned by Sara Borgmeyer, a unanimous selection, as well as Cristian Foston and Amanda Berry. Sara Borgmeyer was also a unanimous All-Region selection. "Although our season was not what we hoped, the ladies worked hard and had some bright spots during the season," comments Coach Lana LaBruyere. "It's always nice to see our players receive honors to reward their hard work all year long."

With some key returning freshmen and bright prospects for next year, the Lady Cardinals will continue to be competitive in the conference and region. The Lady Cardinals finished 13-18 on the season.

COACH GRAY EARNS 400TH VICTORY

CARDS HAVE OUTSTANDING SEASON

The men's Cardinals basketball team completed a tremendous season at 25-7. They were co-champs of the regular season Region 16. They played these 32 games against opponents who compiled a season ending composite record of 605-343. "With only two returning players from last season, this record is remarkable," praises Coach Gray. "This demonstrates an incredible recruiting effort by assistant coach, Corey Tate."

The Cards were victorious over Three Rivers, Meramec, and Lincoln who advanced to play as regional champions in the national tournament, and Bellevue, WA who won the Washington State JUCO championship with a 30-4 record. The Cardinals never had a two-game losing streak all season.

Not since 1988 have the Cards earned a 25-win season. The team finished the season ranked in the top 25 in the nation, the eighth such ranking for MAC since 1993. In addition to a fine season, Coach Gray reached a coaching landmark—winning the 400th game of his career on February 25 against Forest Park Community College.

Five Cardinals were named to the All-MCCAC conference team – Armend Kahrmanovic, Nedzad Biberovic, Norman Prather – Honorable Mention; Erick Hubbard and Joel Shelton, First Team. Norman Prather and Joel Shelton were voted to the All-Region 16 team with Joel Shelton being named Player of the Year. Coach Gray reports that Joel was named the First Team NJCAA All-American, an honor a MAC player has not received since 1978. Norman Prather will be attending Southeast Missouri State University next season.

HEY, KIDS! SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

■ Mineral Area College will again host a series of summer sports camps for student athletes. For specific camp information, please contact the respective coach at the numbers listed here.

BASEBALL

July 7-11

\$60 per player; 9 a.m. until noon; ages 5-15 years old; Contact Coach Jim Gerwitz at (573) 518-2224 for more information.

BOYS BASKETBALL

June 23-27

\$60 per player
8-10 a.m. for grades 2-5
10 a.m. -noon for grades 6-8
1-3 p.m. for grades 9-12
Contact Coach Corey Tate at (573) 518-2229 for more information.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

June 16-19

\$50 per player
8-10 a.m. for grades 4-6
10 a.m.-noon for grades 7-9
Contact Coach Lana LaBryuere at (573) 518-2348 for more information

VOLLEYBALL

June 9-11

Individual Camp

\$70 per player
9-11 a.m. for grades 5 & 6
noon-2 p.m. for grades 7 & 8
2-4 p.m. for grades 9-12

June 12 & 13

Setter/Hitter Camp

\$40 per player
9-11 a.m. for grades 7-12

July 28 & 29

JV & Varsity Team Camp

\$125 per team 8-10 a.m.
(tournament play)
Contact Coach Cindy Martin at (573) 431-431-5442 or 6211 for more information.

PERRYVILLE AREA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER NEW DIRECTOR AND LOCATION

Perryville native Sally Werner is Perryville Area Higher Education Center's new director. The higher education center offers Mineral Area College and Southeast Missouri State University classes.

"I am pleased and excited to have been chosen as the director," says Sally. "I look forward to being a part of this vision and cooperation which provides quality higher education for our local residents." As director, Sally reports to both Southeast Missouri University and Mineral Area College in overseeing the delivery of the center's classes. She leaves her position as coordinator of the Region 7 Regional Technical Education Council. Sally joined the MAC faculty in 1999 as the vocational division's marketing coordinator at Mineral Area College.

"Sally brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and organizational abilities that will help the programs grow and attract students who want to go to college," said Mineral Area College President, Terry Barnes. "As a local person who has achieved much success in her own right, Sally is well-connected and will be well-received by residents in Perry and surrounding counties."



Perryville Higher Education

In August 2002, the Perryville Area Higher Education Center left its original location at Sereno and relocated to St. Mary of the Barrens, a former Vincentian Seminary. Mineral Area College offers freshman and sophomore classes that apply toward associate degrees, while Southeast offers junior, senior and graduate-level courses toward bachelor, graduate and specialist degrees.



In her new position, Sally serves as a campus liaison between the administration, faculty and processing departments, and will oversee all of the Perryville center's functions. As a one-stop shop, she schedules classes, hires instructors, conducts registration and placement testing, sells textbooks, coordinates building safety and maintenance, manages budgets, and advises students.

Currently, 225 students attend classes at the Perryville Higher Education Center. Sally welcomes inquiries about course offerings and degree programs. For additional information, contact Sally Werner at (573) 547-4143.

FREDERICKTOWN OUTREACH CENTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Having classes close-to-home is an attraction for many of the 165 students who are enrolled for Mineral Area College classes in Fredericktown. Soon, residents in Madison and neighboring counties will have access to higher education at the new Fredericktown Outreach Center. Over 60 area residents, business people, Black River Electric employees and college personnel attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new center.

“If the weather cooperates, we hope our first MAC classes in the new building will be in the Fall 2003 semester,” states Jean Merrill-Doss, Community & Workforce Development Dean. “We are excited and feel very fortunate to be opening the new outreach center in Fredericktown. Plans are to expand the number of course offerings each semester, as well as begin a summer program in 2004. Another important aspect of our offerings will be in the area of continuing education. We will be offering a wide variety of non-credit courses to provide career and job enhancement, certification courses in some areas, and just-for-fun courses for those who just want to expand their horizons.”

For over 10 years, a partnership with the Fredericktown R-1 School District has allowed Mineral Area College to offer classes in the Madison County area. Now, according to Dean Merrill-Doss, the new facility enables MAC to offer an expanded class schedule of 12 afternoon classes and 24 evening classes. The office hours are planned from noon until 9:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. New for the fall are some afternoon course offerings beginning at 1:00 p.m. and an expanded list of courses for the Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday-Thursday format.

The mother-daughter pair of Joyce Torrez and Shannon Rehkop is enrolled in Fredericktown. According to Marcy McDaniel, the Fredericktown campus coordinator, “Originally, only Shannon was going to enroll. Since they own a family business, Shannon and I eventually talked Joyce into at least trying a class.”

Both women compliment the teaching faculty, “All the instructors are very friendly and nice. They make themselves available to help us.” Shannon, who is undecided about her educational path, is taking classes to improve her job skills, “The reasonable tuition and a wide variety of classes are other reasons I’m attending MAC.” Like many adults, Joyce has been out of school for a few years and was frightened about the thought of college. She is feeling more comfortable and says, “The terminology I am learning in accounting class has been beneficial to our business. The teachers are helpful and MAC has many choices of degrees.”

The outreach center is located just off of Highway 67 north of Fredericktown adjacent to Black River Electric Cooperative. To help make the Fredericktown campus a reality, Black River Electric Cooperative donated the parcel of land on which the building is located. In addition, they provided infrastructure and a grant for an in-ground heat source. Brockmiller Construction, Inc. earned the bid for the 10,000 square foot building.

ART OPENS IDEAS AND SHAPES LIVES

According to sophomores Lisa Whitt and Shane Flottman, MAC’s art classes have opened their eyes and minds to see the world in a different way. The college’s Fine Arts Department is taking an interdisciplinary studies approach to projects. The art students designed and painted the sets for the drama department’s Wizard of Oz production. Shane and Lisa compliment art instructor Jim Wilson for his encouragement and personal attention to both their work and them as students.

Lisa, of Pilot Knob, plans to pursue a teaching degree in elementary education and art. She says MAC was close to home and an art scholarship helped her with her college choice. “MAC is really different than high school. It offers a great chance to meet new people. I meet a new friend nearly everyday. You’ll have a college experience you will never forget,” says the Art Club member. “What I really like about Mr. Wilson is the way he taught me to look at life in a new way—as a combination of shapes and spaces. He has helped me to develop my art skills.”

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COLLEGE PARK: YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

College Park, Mineral Area College's on-campus student housing complex, offers students the best of both worlds combining on-campus convenience with the benefits of off-campus apartment-style floor plans and flexibility. College

AT COLLEGE PARK...



YOU WILL HAVE A GOOD TIME

Park is more than an apartment complex—it's a student community sharing common goals of academic and personal success. College Park's live-in staff—director and resident assistants—are available to help student residents successfully achieve academic success along with enjoying a safe collegiate experience.

College Park has 68 total units 28 two-bedroom, two-bath and 40 four-bedroom, two-bath units-housing a total of 216 students. All units are furnished, include kitchenettes, and are wired for Internet access. Residents have access to centralized laundry facilities, computer terminals, clubhouse, sand volleyball court, swimming pool, outdoor barbecue grills and picnic pavilion. This student community is handicapped accessible and meets ADA regulations.

WHY LIVE ON CAMPUS?

- ◆Close to campus and studies
- ◆Living on my own in a safe environment
- ◆Having friends over
- ◆Meeting new friends

Obvious advantages of campus living include being close to campus for classes and extracurricular activities such as theatre, sports, and student events; meeting new students and forming friendships; and having a more complete collegiate experience. Since student safety is a Mineral Area College priority, College Park is patrolled by the campus police. It offers privacy of apartment living.



YOU'VE GOT MAIL!

Research studies indicate that students living on campus actually have a better opportunity for growth and success. According to one researcher, "Living in a student community with shared similar goals enhances the learning process and better prepares students for the real world."

And, don't forget the fun! College Park is the pulse of the collegiate living experience offering planned activities for campus fun. Classmates become roommates or neighbors.

APARTMENT-STYLE LIVING

College Park offers **individual leases**. Costs are based on a *per student* basis rather than a per apartment basis. So, a student will not be responsible for a roommate's unpaid portion of bills.

All apartments have **limited furnishings** - a full kitchen equipped with refrigerator, stove, garbage disposal and dishwasher. All four- and two-bedroom apartments have furniture packages. The bedroom package has a bed with mattress and frame, night stand, student desk and chair, and chest of drawers. The common area is shared by all roommates and includes a couch, chair, coffee



4-BEDROOM APARTMENT



table and end table and dinette chairs for the built-in table.

Utilities - water, sewer, trash and gas for the hot water system—are included in the lease agreement. Residents pay electricity for their units only. Apartments are energy-efficient and have individual thermostats to control central air conditioning and heating. Phone service and cable television are available through local providers at an additional cost.

TWO APARTMENT STYLES

◆The **4-bedroom, 2-bath style** is the most popular unit for first year students. Many students have friends with whom they wish to be roommates. Others opt to use the College Park roommate matching service. The 4-bedroom, 2-bath is the most economical accommodation.

◆The **2-bedroom, 2-bath style** is very popular with students who want a little more privacy but still want a roommate. Many consider this option the ideal combination for academic and social success.

LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

College Park offers 12-month and 9-month leases. The complex does not close during the academic breaks and students are welcome to stay in their apartments throughout their lease term. Contact College Park to learn about the lease agreements specifics.

EXPLORE FINANCIAL OPTIONS & EVALUATE ON-CAMPUS LIVING V.S. DRIVING

Did you know many scholarships and the Pell Grant funds can be used to pay for living in College Park? For financial and safety reasons many parents consider on-campus living as the ideal solution to driving. MAC encourages parents to discuss how student financial aid can be used for College Park. Contact MAC's Financial Aid Director Denise Sebastian at (573) 518-2249 to discuss your individual situation.

Counselor Mike Easter also encourages students and parents to compare the cost of driving to the MAC campus to the cost of living in College Park. "Some say the College Park lease rates sound high. But, once you calculate the cost of driving to campus, it shows the economic value of College Park. Combined with the "non-financial" benefits, College Park is a great option for students who live outside the immediate Park Hills area." See the comparison on page 11.

WHAT IS AN RA?

MAC students can work as College Park RAs—that's short for *resident assistant*. RAs are MAC students who are committed to making the MAC experience a great one. Each RA has specific College Park duties and assists with social, educational, and recreational activities. RAs are ambassadors for both College Park and MAC. In exchange for work as an RA, students receive free student housing.



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

College Park is open to Mineral Area College, CMC and UMSL students who attend classes held at Mineral Area College. More information about College Park can be obtained by contacting College Park management at (573) 518-1330, fax (573) 518-1336 or email macmgr@hotmail.com. You may also contact the MAC Admissions Office at (573) 518-2206 or 518-2228. Or send inquires to 112 Dixie Kohn Drive, Park Hills, MO 63601.

COLLEGE PARK: MAC'S UNIQUE STUDENT COMMUNITY

COLLEGE PARK

RESIDENT'S VOICE

DEVELOPING RESPONSIBILITY & LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Perryville sophomore Justin Klobe is an RA and enjoys the student community environment. He says, "Living on campus enables me to be more active in Student Government and MAC Ambassador activities. I've made new friends that I probably wouldn't have met. The College Park work is more than a financial trade-off for me. I have also developed my leadership skills and have taken responsibility for some college projects. College Park is a great place to live." Justin is in the radiology program and has his sights on Mizzou after he completes his course work at MAC.



MANY, MANY FRIENDS

"I just love MAC," asserts freshman Christina Merritt. "It's a really great place to learn and everyone is so nice—teachers and students. I chose MAC because I was ready for a change and it's away from Poplar Bluff but not too far. College Park is a cool place to live and meet people. There's always something going on and plenty of things to do. But, the really best thing is that I've made best friends here. Friends I know I will keep in touch with over the years. That's something really special about the College Park experience!"

LIVING ON MY OWN

Potosi freshman and education major Megan Portell says, "Living in College Park has been a great opportunity to learn to live on my own. It's a different and fun experience. I need to be responsible for things I really didn't worry about before. But, it's all worth it. Being close to campus let's me get involved in all the campus activities and with all the new friends I've made in the dorms."



ART OPENS IDEAS AND SHAPES LIVES (Continued from page 7)

"I searched around and found MAC had more to offer than other community colleges," remarks Shane. "MAC offers lots of opportunities for growth. The Art Department and Mr. Wilson have allowed me to grow as an artist while being myself at the same time." This DeSoto resident is president of the Art Club and involved in I.O.S. set designs. Shane plans to earn his degree in fine arts. He offers some advice to students who are making college choices, "If you are looking for an atmosphere with more 'one-on-one' attention with instructors, MAC is the place. It has a great traditional college atmosphere and helps you achieve your goals."

Lisa and Shane spent countless hours on the set design for the Wizard of Oz and taught art classes for the Girls Scouts to earn badges. They will be teaching in the College For Kids program this summer. Both agree their work in real life situations helps them apply what they have learned in the classroom.

Jim Wilson joined the college's faculty four years ago. His work prior to MAC included a variety of experiences as living and painting in Mexico and Europe. Jim enjoys doing portrait work and paints professionally from his home studio. His artwork has appeared in galleries across the United States including New York, Colorado, and the Southwest. For information about the college's art department, contact Jim at (573) 518-2303.

MAC NURSING DEPARTMENT

EARNS TOP MARKS

Mineral Area College's Allied Health Department recently had its Five Year Site Visit from the Missouri State Board of Nursing. Two members from the Missouri State Board of Nursing spent two days reviewing the Associate Degree Nursing Program (RN) and the Program in Practical Nursing (LPN). During the exit interview, evaluators noted the program was well organized, the program administrator and faculty were well qualified, the physical facilities and technology were state of the art. She expressed satisfaction with both the classroom and clinical aspects of the programs. It was recommended Mineral Area College receive continued Full Approval for both nursing programs.

Minimum Standards for Programs of Nursing in the State of Missouri require schools to maintain an 80% pass rate on the State Board Licensing Exam. The Associate Degree Nursing Program graduated 28 students in May 2002. The State Board pass rate was 93.1%. Forty-six students are expected to graduate in May 2003. Twenty-seven students graduated from the Program in Practical Nursing in August 2002. The class had a 100% pass rate on the State Board Exam. Twenty-two students are expected to graduate in August 2003.



Left to right: Constance Thomas, Mary Louise Gajdosik, Suzane Kohn, Kay Nicholson, Thelma Gwaltney, Jean F. Bach, Bernice G. Thomas, Doris H. Murphy. (1976)

Teri Douglas, RN, MSN, Director of the Allied Health Department, reported the nursing classes for the Fall Semester 2002 were at maximum capacity (116 students). She is very pleased with the number of applicants for the nursing programs, especially since statistics show fewer nurses entering the nursing profession, the current nursing shortage is expected to intensify and Teri believes this has played a role in the increased number of applications to the nursing programs. In Missouri alone, the nursing shortage was -8% in 2000 and it is predicted to be a -25.2% by the year 2020. The current and projected shortage of nurses has led to numerous job opportunities for graduates of nursing programs. Teri states that local health care facilities as well as hospitals from St. Louis to Cape Girardeau actively recruit nursing students from Mineral Area College. For information concerning any of the college's Allied Health programs, contact Teri Douglas at (573) 518-2103.

COST OF DRIVING TO MAC VS. LIVING ON CAMPUS PER YEAR

Living at College Park		24 HOURS	30 HOURS
Tuition Out of District - \$90 per credit	24 X \$90	\$2,160.00	30 X \$90 \$2,700.00
Cost of Housing Fall & Spring - 9 Month Lease		\$2,962.00	\$2,962.00
Utilities		\$180.00	\$180.00
Total Cost		\$5,302.00	\$5,842.00

Living at College Park with Scholarship	Scholarship	(see page 3 for scholarship info)	
With Special Achievement Scholarship (Sas)	\$1,200	\$4,102.00	\$4,642.00
With Presidential Scholarship (Ps)	\$2,000	\$3,302.00	\$3,842.00

Cost of Driving 3 Days Per Week	Miles X Days X Cost/mile	
Driving Cost 60 Miles Per Day	60x96x.365 =	\$2,102.00
Driving Cost 80 Miles Per Day	80x96x.365 =	\$2,803.00

Total Cost of Out of District Tuition & Driving			
Total Off Campus(60mi)	2102+2160 =	\$4,262.00	2102+2700 = \$4,802.00
Total Off Campus(80mi)	2803+2160 =	\$4,963.00	2803+2700 = \$5,503.00

Total Savings Living On Campus v.s. Driving	24 Hr Sas*	24 Hr Ps*	30 Hr Sas	30 Hr Ps
60 Miles Round Trip	\$160	\$960	\$160	\$1,310
80 Miles Round Trip	\$861	\$1,661	\$861	\$1,661

EXAMPLE 1:

Mary lives in Annapolis, MO and takes 30 hours at MAC. If she drives round trip three days per week, her cost would be \$3153 for driving plus \$2700 for tuition and fees, for a total of \$5853 for the year. If she receives the Presidential Scholarship and lives on campus her cost would be \$3842, a savings of \$2011.

EXAMPLE 2:

John lives in Lesterville, MO and takes 24 hours at MAC. If he drives round trip two days per week, his cost would be \$2009 for driving plus \$2160 for tuition and fees, for a total of \$4169 for the year. If he receives the Special Achievement Scholarship and lives on campus his cost would be \$4102, a savings of \$67.

*Sas - Special Achievement Scholarship; Ps - Presidential Scholarship

ALUMNI... WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

ALUMNI “EYE” HEALTH CARE WITH SENATOR TALENT

Local optometrists Shelton Sago and Jason Street greeted U.S. Senator Jim Talent in their Farmington office and shared their ideas concerning health care issues. The visit was a segment of the senator’s legislative inquiry into the increasing costs of health care for small businesses. Senator Talent introduced health care access legislation that would reduce the number of uninsured Americans by millions by creating Association Health Plans (AHPs). Association Health Plans would allow small businesses to join together with their trade associations to buy affordable health care coverage while reducing administrative costs. Senator Talent introduced the Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003 (S.545) with Senator Kit Bond and Senate Small Business Committee Chairwoman Olympia Snowe.

Shelton, a 1977 MAC graduate, earned his B.S. from SEMO in 1979 and his Doctorate of Optometry from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1984. He is a Mineral Area College Foundation Board member and helps to organize the Foundation’s annual golf tournament fundraiser. Jason attended MAC in the mid-90s. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management and Organizational Behavior (and minor in chemistry) and a Doctorate of Optometry. Both degrees are from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

BRIGADIER GENERAL LAWRENCE H. STEVENSON RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS

After 30 years of service in the Air Force, Lawrence H. Stevenson and his wife Mary Lou (Sutton) make plans for retirement. Brigadier General Lawrence H. Stevenson retired as Vice Commander, Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins Air Force Base, Ga. In this position, General Stevenson was responsible for worldwide logistics support of most transport aircraft, F-15 fighters, support for remotely piloted vehicles, all Air Force helicopters, air-to-air missiles, surface motor vehicles, high-technology airborne electronics, as well as avionics and electronic warfare requirements. The center is one of three Air Force air logistics centers and the largest industrial complex in the state of Georgia.

In 1966-68, Larry began his college career at Mineral Area College; earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from SEMO in 1971 and a Master of Arts from Central Michigan University in 1976.

He was commissioned upon graduation from Officer Training School in May 1973. He has served in various rated positions involving KC-135, B-52 and T-1 aircraft, and in positions at major command and joint command levels. His military career is an elaborate one—ranging from Squadron Officer Training School (1976) to the Program for Senior Executives in National and International Security, Johns Hopkins School of Government (1995). Before assuming his current position, he was Director of Plans and Programs at Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas. His military assignments began as a student undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Texas in 1973. As a command pilot he has logged more than 3800 flight hours. Aircraft he has flown include: B-1, B-52, C-5, C-12, C-17, C-141, E-8, F-15, F-16, KC-135, T-1, T-33, T-37 and T-38. His numerous awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal, and Air Force Achievement Medal .



Mary Lou holds B.S. and M.S. degrees and has taught school in several states and Germany. The Stevensons have two daughters and two grandsons. They are planning a three month vacation to travel the U.S. and will settle in Montgomery, Alabama.

WORLD TRAVELER COMES HOME

Julie King, MAC 1994-96, earned her A.A. in General Business and completed her Bachelor in Communications degree with a double minor in advertising/marketing & international management at Southwest Missouri State University. Currently she is working toward a master's degree at Missouri Baptist University. In addition to work, Julie is active in volunteer activities and the Immaculate Conception Church.

"I went to MAC, against my wishes, but I thought it would be like a second high school," says this young career woman. "Instead MAC ended up being one of my most favorite times. I became friends with so many people since it was smaller than a university. I ended up with a great foundation to build the rest of my education on." While at MAC, Julie was the captain of the cheerleading squad and active in Phi Theta Kappa, Student Senate and the Ambassadors.

"For my last semester at SMSU, I studied abroad in Australia which was a fabulous learning experience where I truly immersed myself in another culture. After graduation, I became a Travel Director at Maritz Travel Company in Fenton where I traveled full-time for two and a half years. My Maritz work enabled me to travel the world including Egypt, Italy, Israel, Spain, Greece, France, Morocco, Turkey, Alaska, Hawaii, and much more. I've been to six of the seven continents. I even went to the Super Bowl and the Grammy Awards. After Maritz, I did mission trips in Mexico and Brazil. Then, hung up my traveling hat, moved back to the area, and became marketing manager for the City of Farmington. I worked at the Civic Center doing the marketing and advertising for the Water Park, Civic Center, Skate Park, and new Centene Center. I just recently accepted the marketing director's position at Lee Mechanical Contractors. I'm getting married in July to Aaron Meier of Minnesota whom I met at Maritz. I spend my "free" time planning the wedding!"



Business professional Julie and Cheerleader Julie

FORMER MAC STUDENT IS PROUD OF HER EDUCATIONAL HERITAGE

After returning home from the United States Air Force, Bonnie (DeGrant) Kinkead graduated from MAC in 1993 and earned a Bachelors of Public Administration degree from the CMC-MAC program in 1995. She earned her degrees as a night student who worked full-time. Her Masters of Business Administration and Masters of Management degrees are from Fontbonne University. Currently, she is the Administrator of the John A. Hartford Center of Geriatric Excellence at the University of Iowa, where she will soon receive a PhD in Public Health Administration.

"My entire experience at MAC and CMC was very positive. I appreciate the **quality** education that I received from both. My instructors truly cared about my education and goals, which encouraged me to continue my education. I am proud of this heritage and use it to serve my career and community. Congratulations and best wishes to Mineral Area College for many more years of success!"

She is married to David Kinkead (also formerly of Farmington) and has a two-year old daughter, Faith Adele. They live in Williamsburg, Iowa.



Spring Picnic 1976

AG & HORTICULTURE STUDENTS “GO NATIONAL”

Thirteen MAC Agri-business and Horticulture students journeyed to Lake of the Ozarks in November for the state Post-secondary Agriculture Student Organization (PAS) Conference. As a result of an exceptional showing at the state competition, the team earned the right to compete at the national level in March. For the second time in as many years a Mineral Area College student was elected to a national office.

Freshman Ericka Spacek, of Summersville, MO, was elected national vice president at the annual conference in Indianapolis. Ericka plans to transfer to Southwest Missouri State University and major in agriculture education. Last year, Amanda Middendorf, of Bonne Terre, served as national vice president. Amanda completed her Associate of Arts in Agribusiness at MAC and is attending Southeast Missouri State University and majoring in agriculture communications.

Ten MAC students and two advisors—Alan Bayless and Jeanne Holmes—attended the national conference. The Ornamental Horticulture-Floriculture Team of Joe Gibbs (Farmington) and Kendra Gibson (Bismarck) placed fourth. Other students participating in competitions include: Margate Rouissin, David Miller, Charlie Perkins (all of Farmington); Jesse Unverferth (Perryville); Jordon Naeger (Ste. Genevieve); and Shanna Lawson (Potosi).

Student organization competitions offer more than an opportunity to compete against their student peers from other schools. Students and instructors recognize the intangible benefits as well.

“PAS Conference was a good time to learn current events and make new connections with peers and future industry partners. This year will be an exciting one, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to represent our organization.” . . . Ericka Jeanne Spacek, National PAS Vice President, Missouri State PAS Vice President

“The students were very excited and busy the entire conference. I am proud of our students for the way they represented PAS and MAC with a professional attitude and effort. Amanda Middendorf, National PAS Vice President, did a fantastic job fulfilling all her responsibilities—attending officer and board meetings, planning events, and organizing activities to ensure that everyone had a terrific conference experience. Additionally, she managed to compete in College Bowl, Prepared Speaking, and the Soil Science Specialist Career Program Area. She deserves a special recognition and round of thanks. Ericka Spacek spent much of her conference in officer interviews and related activities. She emerged from three days of intensive selection process as National PAS Vice President. It is uncommon for a freshman to attain a position with so much responsibility at the national level. She is certainly an exceptional young woman and we are very proud of her.” . . . Alan Bayless, Agri-business Instructor and PAS Advisor, Mineral Area College

Grapewine



Webster Hawkins, attended FRJC from 1943 to 1945. After his FRJC graduation, he continued his education at the University of Missouri where he earned his B.J. degree in 1947. He married Gladys Ann Schmidt of Russell, Kansas in 1956. Webster is retired from the newspaper industry. He has been honored for his journalism work with the Honor Medal from UMC’s School of Journalism and the Clyde Reed Award from the Kansas Press Association. He is the past president of the National newspaper Association and Kansas Press Association. This Osawatomie, KS resident enjoys keeping current with the newspaper industry, politics and governmental issues.

Vicki Beeson, a MAC graduate, is employed at Maloney, Wright, and Robbins. She compliments the accounting firm, “It’s an exciting and rewarding place to work. I enjoy the work and the people are terrific!” She plans to enroll in the CMC - MAC 2+2 program to work toward her bachelor’s degree in accounting.

Bill Lee, MAC 1978-1980, now resides in Cary, NC. After MAC, he attended the University of Missouri-Rolla and earned a BSEE in 1982; then, Florida Atlantic University where he earned his MSEE in 1986. He joined IBM in 1982. In 2000, Bill left IBM as a senior engineer with twelve patents. Currently, he is a VLSI Chip Designer at Cisco Systems Corporation in Research Triangle Park, NC.

Elaine Hogan, graduated with an A.A. degree in 1982. She continued her education at SEMO, graduated cum laude, and earned a B.S. in Secondary Education in 1984. Elaine taught in the West County School District for two years and worked

at Parkland Health Care Center. She currently works in the technical services department at Ozark Regional Library in Ironton, MO. She is married and has three children and six grandsons. The Bismarck resident says, "I was so glad to have John Watkins as a math teacher and I still am thankful that MAC awarded me a scholarship to attend Southeast Missouri State University." Elaine enjoys reading, yard work, and ballet classes.

Morris "Monroe" Stewart, a 1935 FRJC alumni, lives in Monroe, LA. Two of his passions are history and the Flat River Area. Monroe writes, "My 2003 winter project is the recording of the 1920 U.S. Census of Flat River Town, St. François Township from microfilm at Quachita Parish Library Genealogy. It is very pleasant to review the family history of the families that I knew as a laddie at five years of age. The Census records will eventually be given to the library at MAC, my alma mater, FRJC 1935."

Tadeu Souza, played on the basketball team and graduated with an Associate of Arts degree from MAC in 2000. Tadeu continued his basketball career at Long Beach State University and has received recognition for academic achievement as an athlete. He will graduate from LBSU in May 2003.

Dr. Robert E. Wann, attended FRJC from 1950-1952. He is married, has two sons, and is living in Bonne Terre, MO. He played varsity basketball at FRJC. He earned an A.B. in Chemistry from the University of Missouri, as well as a Ph.D. from Kansas State University. His career includes employment with Monsanto, Proctor and Gamble, Church and Dwight. Currently, Robert is a consultant for PUM-X Products, Inc. in Bonne Terre.

Fern Cole Kohler, a Farmington native, received her Associate of Arts degree from MAC in 1973, and her Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree in 1975 from Southwest Missouri State University. She and her husband, Robert Kohler, live in Blue Springs, MO. Fern is currently the Deputy General Manager of the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority.

Ronnie L. Gibbs, a 1994 computer and business graduate, married James E. Harper, and had two sons. They reside in Ironton, MO. He was a Dorothy Reese Scholarship recipient while at MAC. Ronnie works for American Family Insurance. His commitment to the community is demonstrated by his active participation on the Arcadia Valley School Board and Chamber of Commerce.

Floriece Horn LaBare, FRJC 1939, writes about her active retirement, "My husband and I are quite active. We regularly visit my brother in Desloge, usually en route to Michigan to visit my husband's relatives. We attended the 2000 Reunion of Desloge High School, and made an extended trip down the East coast. Although we have traveled since my husband's retirement, since September 11 our plane travel has been limited to visiting our children. We have one daughter in Connecticut, another in New York, and a son with four grandsons in California. My husband and I are very thankful for our health. We are still in the four-bedroom home that we built in 1978, after he retired from a thirty-year career with John Deere. We're active members of the First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, both as elders and as committee members. He's a Rotarian; I am a DAR and P.E.O. We've been doing family genealogy for 25 years, and belong to the local historical society, genealogy/computer association. Every time we come to Missouri and pass the 'new' MAC campus, I think I must stop for a tour sometime. What a change from my years at FRJC! Keep me on your mailing list, and next time I will stop."

Lemi Williams played basketball for the Mineral Area College Cardinals and earned his Associate of Arts degree in 2000. He continued his basketball career at Long Beach State University and will graduate in 2003. Lemi is married to **Angela Martin**, a former MAC student and cheerleader. The couple lives in Long Beach, CA.

Joe Wehmeyer, earned his A.A. in Speech and Drama from MAC in 1985 and a B.S. in Elementary Education from SEMO in 1988. He was an elementary teacher in the Rockwood School District in St. Louis for four years. Currently, Joe is employed as an Associate Editor at Scott Foresman in Glenview, IL.

Kenneth L. Beers, attended FRJC in 1953-54 and 1956-57 and graduated with an Associate in Engineering. He was a PTK member. He earned his M.S. in Mathematics and taught in the Brentwood School District (1959-1967). Ken was a member of the MAC faculty from 1967 to 1994. Ken keeps busy in retirement and is currently raising llamas and boer goats in the Fredericktown area.

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