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Goodbye to a mascot

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Since the early 1980s, Abbedale and her trainer, L.W. Chaney, have participated in parades and attended the Mules home football games.

A
fter years of leading Homecoming parades and garnering attention at Central’s home football games, Abbedale the mule has retired as mascot. An announcement concerning her retirement was made Tuesday, Oct. 21, at a press conference that included administrators, representatives of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and the university farm.

Although her exact age is unknown, Abbedale is believed to be more than 30 years old, and is hampered by arthritis and other age-related health problems. To make her as comfortable as possible, she will be retired from service and given a permanent home on university owned pasture.

“This is the end of an era. Abbedale was a great mascot for our athletic teams, as well as for the university as a whole,” said Jerry Hughes, director of Intercollegiate Athletics. “Her distinctive red and black coat fit perfectly with our school colors. She will be greatly missed for her loyal service.”

Dave Ewing, manager of the university research farm, said Abbedale has been housed at farm property located on Mitchell Street, east of campus. She is being moved to the Prussing Research Farm, a recently acquired property a few miles east of Warrensburg on Division Road.

“The barn and pasture at the Prussing Research Farm is a great facility where we can keep her comfortable and well fed,” Ewing said.

Alice Greife, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Technology, said the university is beginning a search for a new mule mascot.

“Having a live mascot at Central is important. It is something we’d like to continue,” Greife said.

Abbedale was donated to the university in the early 1980s by Sam Smiser, a 1938 alumnus who owned the Smiser Mule Ranch in Newhall, Calif. He was a well-known mule producer and promoter. She was trained by rural Warrensburg resident L.W. Chaney, who formerly worked for Smiser, and accompanied her to parades and Mules’ home football games.

Central retires Abbedale, the mascot
Central bestows honorary doctorate on renowned psychologist

Best known for his influential book Assessment of Children, which has trained over 250,000 students and professionals, Jerome M. Sattler received the honorary Doctor of Science degree during Central’s 2003 Winter Commencement exercises.

The award presentation to Sattler was part of the university’s first Graduate Commencement ceremony Dec. 12. Central’s Board of Governors approved the honorary doctorate in October. It is bestowed upon individuals who have distinguished themselves through outstanding service and exemplary achievements within their fields of endeavor.

Sattler, who has used his knowledge and skills for the benefit of Central’s Department of Psychology and Counselor Education, exemplifies the type of individual for whom the award is intended. The son of Polish immigrants to the United States, he grew up in East Bronx of New York City in the 1930s and 1940s, and went on to make many contributions from leading corporations and institutions on an adjunct basis.

His formal education provided the background he needed to develop into a master teacher. In addition to his work at San Diego State University, where he retired as professor emeritus in 1994. He continues to serve that institution on an adjunct basis.

Sattler’s 1998 test, Clinical and Forensic Interviewing of Children and Families, is the most comprehensive treatise on the practice of psychological interviewing ever published. He also co-authored the fourth edition of the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale.

Sattler has helped improve the national visibility of Central’s Department of Psychology. In 2001, he conducted two well-attended workshops attended by individuals from three states, and assisted in establishing an endowment in his name. He donated profits from both workshops and provided a personal contribution to the Jerome M. Sattler Endowment to support psychology students’ research and scholarly activity on campus.

The endowment has since received contributions from leading corporations and individual psychologists from coast to coast.
Award recognizes Pendletons’ untiring support for Central

Longtime supporters of Central, James H. (Jim) and Carol Pendleton, Leawood, Kan., were honored by their alma mater as recipients of the Distinguished Service Award.

The award presentation took place during the 2003 Winter Commencement Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Multipurpose Building. Formal recognition of the Pendletons was part of the morning ceremony that included graduates from the Harmon College of Business Administration and the College of Education and Human Services, Graduates of the College of Applied Sciences and Technology and the College of Arts and Sciences participated in the afternoon commencement exercises.

The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed by the authority of Central’s Board of Governors and honors individuals who have rendered exemplary and extended service to the human race, society and/or the university. Recipients are people of such integrity, stature, demonstrated ability and renown that Central’s faculty, staff, students and alumni take pride in and are inspired by their recognition.

The Pendletons have demonstrated such qualities. Both have enjoyed successful professional careers since graduating from Central, and have given countless hours of their time and resources in support of the institution, its students, programs and services.

A former Mules basketball player and 1982 recipient of Central’s Distinguished Alumni Award, Jim graduated from Central in 1955 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and major in accounting. He joined Arthur Andersen and Company soon after graduation, and became a partner in 1969. He coordinated the firm’s work for utility companies in the Midwest and served as a member of the regulated industries program team, prior to his retirement in 1994. During his career, he gained extensive experience in auditing the financial statements of regulated industry companies and in dealing with rate-making and operational problems of those companies.

Carol came to the institution in 1940 as a second grader at the lab school. A former Rhetor Queen, she received her bachelor’s degree in music education from Central in 1954. After graduation she enjoyed a career as a flight attendant for TWA, in addition to teaching at schools in places such as Leawood, Kan., and Baltimore, Md. For 11 years, she owned her own business, Ladybug Gifts, in Prairie Village, Kan. In the 1980s, she joined her husband and their three children to form Pendleton Enterprises, a company they continue to operate that specializes in investments and property management.

The Pendletons have maintained strong ties to the university since their graduations, and have been particularly supportive of the university’s athletics and accounting programs. Many of the contributions to Central’s Foundation, of which Jim is a charter member and past board president, have been matched by the Arthur Andersen Foundation. Jim played a key role in obtaining matching gifts from Central alumni who work for Arthur Andersen, as well as for stimulating matching gift donations from alumni in many other businesses. He has also given his time as an advisory board member for athletics and the business college. In addition, he has served as a member of the Charter School Hearing Board, worked with campus personnel on the proposal to bring the Kansas City Chiefs Training Camp to Central, and volunteered to help Alumni Relations and Development staff members evaluate their computer records system. His wife was active in Central’s “Golden Chorus” 1950s music alumni reunion held on campus two years ago, and is a strong supporter of the university’s Department of Music and other fine and performing arts at Central.

Active community volunteers in the Kansas City area, the Pendletons are involved in many civic and service organizations, in addition to volunteer work with the community’s professional sports teams. Jim was named Kansas City Volunteer of the Year for his work with American Humane Inc. Carol has served for 31 years as a city council member in Prairie Village, Kan.

Central sweeps AUSA conference awards in Washington, D.C.

Matching last year’s record-setting award total, Central’s Army Reserve Officers Training Corps captured the top awards in all four categories in the recent Association of the United States Army awards program.

Awards were presented during AUSA’s national convention Oct. 3-6 in Washington, D.C. Central was honored for the Largest Company, Best Activities to Assist the Institution, Most Active Company, and Best Activities to Enhance the Community a year ago, Central’s ROTC became the first battalion to receive up to three awards in the same competition.

Central ROTC representatives visiting with a general at the AUSA event were, left to right: Maj. Therese Carmack, recruiter and executive officer; Jamie Hovis, Rolla; Luke Basler, St. Louis; Gen. Alan Thrasher, Commanding General, Cadet Command; Kyle Hossington, Albuquerque, NM; Kristen Dodds, Kansas City.
NEWS BRIEFS

Visit Central’s new Web site

Want to learn quickly and easily about how to apply at Central or find out what’s happening on campus if you plan to visit Warrensburg? Then take a look at Central’s new Web site at www.cmsu.edu.

Launched this fall, the new Web site is designed with prospective students and alumni in mind. You’ll easily and quickly find links for prospective students, recently accepted students, current students, alumni, parents, community, and faculty and staff. Each gateway offers a specific set of links especially useful for that audience.

Want to learn more about university happenings? Visit the newly designed news and events page. Want to find out if a specific academic program is offered? There’s an alphabetical list of all our majors and minors across the disciplines.

Sure about how to get to campus? There are detailed instructions and a new interactive campus map that shows actual photos of the buildings.

University administrators identified the Web as a priority last year, given the Internet’s increasingly vital role as an information source for prospective students. With the help of one of the nation’s leading higher-education Web developers, mStoner of Chicago, a university committee worked since September 2002 to launch the site.

Since the site’s Sept. 17 launch, visitors have complimented the ease and convenience of finding information about Central. The new site features photos that refresh on the homepage as well as rotating features about Central places, faces and stories. In addition, you’ll read about our students and be able to chat live on the admissions link.

Two CMSU alumni, John Kennedy ’92 and Trent White ’02, are the latest additions to the university’s Web team. White provides design and technical expertise, while Kennedy manages content and coordinates the efforts of the campus’ 25 Web editors. The two are leading efforts to complete the redesign project within the next year as well as to add more features, such as a semester course plan for every major and minor.

Visit our new Web site and let us know what you think by emailing Kennedy at jekennedy@cmsu1.cmsu.edu. Please pass the word along to prospective students to check us out at www.cmsu.edu.

Sundberg receives Governor’s Excellence in Teaching Award

Joining professional colleagues from across the state, Sue Sundberg, professor of mathematics at Central, was recognized Dec. 4 as a recipient of the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The ceremony was part of the 2003 Governor’s Conference on Missouri Higher Education, hosted by the state’s Coordinating Board for Higher Education and the Department of Higher Education. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the importance of teaching and to recognize and honor outstanding faculty.

Honorees are selected by the institutions they represent based on criteria that include effective teaching, innovation in course design and delivery, effective advising, service to the college or university community, commitment to high standards of excellence, and success in nurturing student achievement. Awards were presented in Jefferson City.

Described as a “talented teacher” and “leader in mathematics education” by peers in Central’s Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Sundberg has served the institution since 1989. Her professional expertise and hard work have earned her a reputation as someone who contributes significantly to the mathematics education of Central students, as well as K-12 students across the state.

Sundberg has worked with Missouri educators to develop the K-12 mathematics expectations, and has been part of state-wide teacher education projects to improve student learning in Missouri’s schools. She has been involved in curriculum development and revision projects sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and currently serves as a lead consultant with the Missouri Mathematics Academy summer workshops for the state’s middle school mathematics teachers.

For the past four years, Sundberg has co-directed Central’s annual Sonia Kovalevsky High School Mathematics Day, an event designed to encourage young women to continue their mathematics studies. She served on the project steering committee for the Missouri Undergraduate Mathematics Faculty Enhancement project, was a content and bias reviewer for the Missouri Show Me Standards Assessment, and a document reviewer of mathematics competencies for the New Standards for Teacher Education Programs.

Sundberg is the president of Central’s Faculty Senate, and has served on numerous committees at the department, college and university levels. She served on the Graduate Council for five years and the Teacher Education Council for six years, which she chaired for three of those years.

Her education includes a bachelor’s degree from State University of New York, Stony Brook, N.Y., 1967; master’s degree in education from the University of Missouri, Columbia, 1971; master’s degree in business administration, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, 1984; and doctorate from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

University President Bobby Patton is proud of his ever-expanding shelves of faculty members’ works. Carol Heming, assistant professor of history, left, and Mary Ellen Row, professor of history, right, presented copies of their recently published books to Patton Oct. 6. Reviews of the new books, Heming’s Protestants and the Cult of the Saints in German-Speaking Europe, 1517-1531 and Rowe’s Bulwark of the Republic: The American Mafia in Antebellum West, are available at Amazon.com.
Texas educator chosen as Arts and Sciences dean

Bringing more than 30 years of higher education experience to campus, Virginia Eman Wheeless, Krum, Texas, was named dean of Central’s College of Arts and Sciences following a national search.

Wheeless, associate vice president for institutional research and accreditation for the University of North Texas, Denton, begins her new duties Feb. 16. She was appointed to a post held for many years by Robert Schwartz, who retired as dean during the 2003 summer. Charles McAdams has served as acting dean while the search took place, and will continue to serve in that capacity until the new dean’s arrival. After that, McAdams will serve through June 30 as an associate dean to help with the transition, and may then return to his position as chair of the Department of Music. Wheeless is expected to appoint an associate dean after June 30.

Kyle Carter, provost and vice president of academic affairs, announced the appointment of Wheeless, noting that she was well received in 1971. She completed her doctorate in arts at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, and her master’s degree in speech and theatre in 1969 at Kearney State College, Kearney, Neb., and graduated in 1967 as an associate in education from Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky., in 1989 as an associate professor of speech, but later entered the administrative arena, serving as a former director of the Office of Planning and assistant vice president for Academic Affairs. The next stop on her long career in education was at the University of North Texas, where she became associate vice president for planning in 1992. She held that position concurrently with posts within the UNT System, including serving as interim director of the UNT System Center at Dallas, 1999-2001; associate vice chancellor/special assistant to the chancellor, 1992-2002, and vice chancellor for planning, 2001-2003.

Travel with CMSU alumni for twice the fun

The Alumni Association is pleased to offer an exciting schedule of travel opportunities this spring. Three U.S. trips are planned for 2004 with international destinations being added for 2005 and 2006. The schedule is outlined three years in advance to allow travelers adequate planning and preparation time for the desired trip. Each trip is designed with flexible departure dates and cities, and several include functions with regional chapters of the CMSU Alumni Association. Check our website at www.cmsu.edu/alumni for updates or call the CMSU Travel Desk at 800-383-7000.

FUN IN SAN SAN DIEGO

Wednesday, April 26 to Sunday, May 2, 2004

There’s plenty to do in San San Diego and when you’re traveling with fellow Central alumni, it’s all fun. This trip includes:

- Pacific Beach Tour
- Field of Flowers
- Old San San Diego Spanish Missions
- Sunday-Allum Brunch at del Coronado Hotel
- Balboa Park Day
- Wild Animal Park
- Shopping/Freetime
- Pre/Post Stayover Options
- "While You’re There” Alumni Cruise Option, Mexican Riviera Cruise – Sunday, May 2 - Sunday, May 9

CHICAGOLAND ALUMNI SUMMER

Summer dates available Feb. 1, 2004

- Navy Pier, Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, Grant Park Concerts, Museum of Science and Industry
- White Sox/Cubs (U.S. Cellular Field and Wrigley Field)
- Special Alumni Package Includes Hotel Accommodations, Alumni Brunch and Optional AMTRAK Station Departures in Five States
- Family Options for All
- Shopping/Theatre Options
- Lake Michigan Cruise
- Pre/Post Stayover Options

NAPA VALLEY WINE COUNTRY

September dates available Feb. 1, 2004

- San Francisco Bay Area Attractions
- Alumni Wine Country Banquet
- Redwood Tours
- Sacramento River Cruise
- Shopping/Theatre Options
- Pre/Post Stayover Options

These travel opportunities afford CMSU alumni the chance to travel with new and old friends who share a common experience. Each trip includes a seasoned travel professional as well as representatives of the university and Alumni Association. Information regarding any scheduled trip is available by calling the CMSU Travel Desk at 800-383-7000.
Mules football wins share of MIAA title for first time in 15 years

The gridiron Mules did something this season no other Central Missouri State football team has done since 1988: claim a share of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association title.

For the third consecutive season, Central's Mules won nine games, finishing 9-2 overall and 7-2 in conference action.

Going into the final week of the season, Coach Willie Fritz and his team knew they needed a win at MIAA co-leader Emporia State University to have a shot at the league crown and the playoffs. And defeat the Hornets they did, 28-18, by employing an impressive power running scheme in the second half that rattled off 21-unanswered points.

The Mules were denied their second consecutive playoff berth, but with the impressive win, gained some momentum heading into the 2004 campaign.

Several Mules were honored for their efforts during the 2003 season. First-team All-MIAA honors went to junior running back Kegan Coleman, junior offensive tackle Darryl Grace, senior defensive end Roderick Green, and junior linebacker Jason Vanloo. Second-team accolades went to junior offensive lineman Jay Fleeman, junior placekicker Brandon Starks, junior kick returner Jimmy Conner, senior free safety Colin Johnson, junior cornerback John McPherson, and junior punter Jason Brown.

Six Mules also were tabbed for honorable mention All-MIAA honors: junior running back Lee Thompson, Conner at wide receiver, junior wide receiver Jarrion Haskel, sophomore tight end Tad Maxwell, junior defensive end Jeremy Wooden.

With 1,215 yards rushing and 102 points scored on 17 touchdowns, Coleman moved into second in school history in rushing yards and took over the team lead in scoring.

Green, meanwhile, was selected to play in the Cactus Bowl and the Las Vegas All-Star Classic after earning unanimous first-team All-MIAA honors.
Volleyball Jennies take second at regional, Potthast and Mohme named All-Americans

Coach Peggy Martin picked up career win No. 900 in leading her CMSU Jennies volleyball team to yet another South Central Regional Tournament. The Jens finished the season with a record of 26-11, 11-5 and second in the MIAA.

After opening the season 3-3, Central rattled off seven straight wins heading into the conference season. There it was proven the MIAA continues to climb into the elite of NCAA Division II volleyball leagues, as the Jens once easy walk through the conference has given way to a nightly battle.

Some record setting performances highlighted the season. Coach Martin’s 900th win came on September 13 vs. Alabama-Huntsville, and made her the first coach in NCAA Division II history to reach that plateau. Senior outside hitter Carrie Potthast climbed into the Jennies’ record books in several categories, including career kills, total attempts, digs, double-doubles, and 20+ kill matches.

Freshman libero Katie Tarka made her presence felt as she set a new school record for digs per game in a season (5.44), moved into second in single-season digs (642), and sixth in single-season double-figure dig matches (30). Potthast, with 639 kills and 607 digs, and junior middle hitter Elyse Mohme (469 kills, 136 blocks, .333 hitting percentage) were named All-Americans by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Potthast was a second-team honoree, while Mohme gained honorable mention kudos.

Potthast and Tarka were both first-team All-MIAA picks, Mohme was a second-team all-conference selection, and senior rightside hitter Trudy Carter, sophomore middle hitter Betsy Haug, and sophomore setter Kaci Young were honorable mention picks.

Roger Denker enters wrestling hall of fame

Former CMSU wrestling coach, Professor Emeritus Roger Denker, accrued another honor Oct. 26 when he was inducted into the Missouri Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Denker, part of the chapter’s first class of honorees, received the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award during an inaugural Hall of Fame Day banquet in Blue Springs, Mo.

Denker was Mules’ head wrestling coach for 17 seasons (1963-1968 and 1969-1981) and posted a record of 143-106-4. He coached 11 All-Americans including CMSU’s first national champion Mike Garcia. He led the Mules to seven MIAA championships and was named MIAA coach of the year three times. He was inducted into the CMSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

March brings blues, barbecue and basketball for K.C. area alumni

Cheer on the Mules and Jennies throughout the basketball season, and start making plans to be in Kansas City from March 4-7 for some blues, barbecue and basketball.

That’s when the MIAA postseason tournament, featuring the theme of “Blues, Barbecue and Basketball” returns to downtown Kansas City. Also returning is the CMSU Alumni Association as one of its major sponsors.

For CMSU alumni and fans, that means more opportunities for blues, barbecue and basketball at one of the nation’s best NCAA Division II tournaments, which is being held again in the historic Municipal Auditorium.

As a tournament sponsor, the CMSU Alumni Association is planning numerous events, including a show-stopping late Friday afternoon Mardi Gras party in the Muelbach Room at the Marriott Hotel. Watch www.cmsu.edu or www.cmsu.edu/alumni for more details in early 2004.

The tournament schedule features plenty of basketball action: March 4, women’s quarterfinals; March 5, men’s quarterfinals; March 6, women’s and men’s semifinals; and March 7, women’s and men’s finals.

In all, 14 games will be played in four days with the winners advancing to the NCAA Division II regional and a chance at the national championship.

Tickets, either tournament passes or individual sessions, may be purchased through Central’s Athletic Ticket Office at 660-543-4063.

Roger Denker during his coaching days at CMSU.

Roger Baldwin ’69 and Dwight Williams at last year’s tournament.

Brent Hoke, Denise Hoke ’91, and Chris Smith were among the many CMSU fans attending last year’s event.

Some photos from last year’s MIAA tournament.
Last season’s improvement not enough to satisfy basketball Mules

Twenty years ago the Central Missouri State University Mules cut down the nets in Springfield, Mass., as NCAA Division II national champions.

While the 2003-04 Mules realize matching that feat is a pretty lofty goal, it is no stretch to say they took a major step toward climbing back among the MIAA elite last season.

Want to talk improvement? In 2003-02, the Mules basketball team finished 12-15, 6-12 in the ultra-strong Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. In 2002-03, Central went 13-15, 7-11 in the MIAA. Similar records, but the manner in which the Mules got there in their first season under head coach Kim Anderson was vastly different.

In 2001-02, Central went 3-1 in games decided by six points or less. In 2002-03, the Mules were 6-5 in such games. In 2001-02, Central hit for 68.4 points per game. In 2002-03, the Mules averaged 73.8 points per contest.

The style of play was exciting for the fans, as average attendance more than doubled from 922 per game in 2001-02 to 1,852 per contest. The Mules averaged 73.8 points per game. In 2002-03, Central hit for 68.4 points per game. In 2001-02, Central hit for 68.4

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Defending national champs open strong at Arkansas Dual Classic

Central’s Jennies bowling team, 2003 Intercollegiate Bowling Champions, is off to a solid start, with a record of 32-10. Bowling will for the first time be competing as an NCAA championship sport, and has undergone some changes, including a new season record format and a more standardized method of competing in matches.

Whatever scoring or records keeping style is being used, the Jennies should again take on Pittsburg State University on Dec. 30. For the first time since 1999 the Mules won their first five games. That feat is a pretty lofty goal, it is no stretch to say they took a major step toward climbing back among the MIAA elite last season.

First year of VanDeusen era ends with 7-11-1 record

When Geoff VanDeusen took the reins of the Central Missouri State Jennies soccer program, he had to feel pretty good. After all, two of the most prolific scorers in MIAA women’s soccer history were returning for their senior seasons, another scoring threat who missed the 2002 campaign with an injury was finally healthy, and a slew of defenders returned.

But then the injury bug hit, and knocked six starters out of commission, including the MIAA career-scoring leader, April Reyes.

There is a famous saying, “Adversity doesn’t build character, it reveals it.” Such was the case for the Jennies, as they battled all season. At the mid-year point, the Jennies were 5-5-0. Through the season, they went 2-0-1 in overtime. But in the end the grind of a long season took its toll on the short-handed squad, and Central came home with a record of 7-11-1, 6-6-1 in the conference.

Senior forward Teleshia Joseph, junior midfielder Brittany De Mantler, and freshman defender Mallory Millburn were all honorable mention All-MIAA selections. Joseph had eight goals and five assists to tie Reyes’ CMSU career goals record (37) and extend her own five assists to tie Reyes’ CMSU career mark for assists (22). She also claimed the Jennies’ career scoring record with 96 points.

DeMantler stepped in to fill the void left by Reyes injury and came through with three goals and five assists.

Most successful auction yet

Celebrating Central III, the 2003 athletic auction, set new records with more participants, items donated and total dollars raised, said Jim Johnson, associate director of athletics for development.

He noted the third annual auction featured about 300 items for bid. Johnson said it was a great evening for the 700 or so participants who gave generously in support of Mules and Jennies athletics.

The Aug. 15 event, athletics’ largest athletic fund-raising activity, generated a net profit of $85,000 – another new record, said Johnson. He added Celebrating Central IV, has been set for Aug. 20.
Mules, Anderson advance to national cross country championships

The 2003 Central Missouri State University cross country season came to a close Nov. 22, at the NCAA Division II Championships in Raleigh, N.C. There the Jennies were represented by junior Kristin Anderson, who qualified by placing fifth in the regional meet.

The Richfield, Ohio native raced to a 42nd place finish at the D-II National meet, covering the 6K course in 22 minutes, 48.1 seconds (189 competitors ran in the women's race). The Mules qualified as a team by placing third in the regional race, but did not fare so well at nationals, placing 23rd out of 24 teams. Lead runner Jarod Wall was forced to withdraw during the race because of a foot injury suffered at the regional. Freshman Tony Payton was Central's top runner, coming in 110th over the 10K course.

The Mules cross country team was led by Wall's fourth place finish at the South Central Regional Cross Country Meet, held Nov. 8, in Commerce, Texas.

Basketball Jennies have something to prove in the MIAA

A young Jennies squad had its struggles in 2002-03, but gave its fans hope for the future. Ten underclassmen joined one junior and a trio of seniors (one who was lost for the year in the preseason) in making up last season's 3D-17 squad that lost nine games by six points or less. Central's youngsters learned quickly that life in the MIAA can be tough, but the resilient Jennies never folded. After losing a school-record seven games in a row, Central won three of its last six conference contests, including key games at Missouri-Rolla, Northwest Missouri, and Truman.

After a rough season last year, Ballard thinks this team is more focused and is hoping for redemption in the MIAA. He has very high expectations for this year's squad, assuming everybody stays healthy.

"We had a few key injuries that set us back last season and we were forced to play young players in key roles throughout the year," he said. "Our freshmen were put in some tough positions as they were expected to play at the sophomore and junior level, but it was a great learning process. "Our players have overcome adversity and their confidence is higher than ever."

Wall, who led the Mules all season, took fourth in the 10K race in 30 minutes, 58 seconds. Senior Mike Willis was 22nd and freshman Dennis Hill was 24th to give Central three finishers in the top 25.

The Jennies finished fifth as a team and as a result did not qualify (only the top two teams advanced to nationals). Anderson had an excellent race, finishing fifth over the 6K course in 22:08.12 to make it into the national field as an individual. Freshman Danielle Moul was 13th in the race.

At the MIAA Championships, Anderson and Wall represented Central Missouri State University by claiming the individual titles. Anderson won the women's championship by covering the 6K course in 22:20.96, while Wall was the men's champion, finishing the 8K race in 25:13.04.

The Jennies finished fourth in the team standings with 86 points, while the Mules were third with 87.

Since last season the Jennies have improved in almost every aspect of the game. That's crucial with the competition in the MIAA.

"The conference is going to be strong again and I would like to see us finish in the top four teams," Ballard is quick to point out. "In order for that to happen we have to get smarter and more physical."

One thing the Jennies' coaching staff has noticed since last spring is unselfishness from each player.

"The team unity is probably the best that I've ever seen," Ballard said. "They're all playing as one and it's an exciting thing to coach."

That might be the difference in a lot of ball games this season. Ballard also is pleased with how his team has worked on the little things that win big games.

"Our players have worked on their game since last March," the eight-year Jennies mentor said. "They have improved tremendously on free-throw shooting and taking care of the ball, key weaknesses in last year's squad."

Central is off to a 4-2 start, and has shown signs that last year's struggles are indeed a thing of the past.
Dreams take flight during 2003 Homecoming

Traditions and celebrations highlighted Central’s 2003 Homecoming. The biggest alumni gathering of the year sported the theme, “Where Dreams Take Flight” commemorating the 35th anniversary of Central’s aviation program and the 100th anniversary of the Wrights Brothers flight.

From the Mules on Parade competition, the Distinguished Alumni dinner and downtown parade to the halftime royalty crowning, Homecoming brought together Central alumni from throughout the nation and the world. Here are some of the results:

Crowned Homecoming king and queen were Michael Glickert, a senior psychology major from University City and Amanda Houser, a senior English major from Kearney. Their sponsors were Delta Chi fraternity, Glickert, and Alpha Phi International, Houser.

Grand champions in the Mules on Parade competition were Warrensburg Middle School, large mule category, and Warrensburg Manor Care Center, baby mule category. The competition featured entries from campus and the Warrensburg community.

The traditional Friday night pep rally’s Cheer and Banner Competition generated energy and spirit with first place awards for cheers going to Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Mulekickers, and for banners to Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Nu.

At the Homecoming Parade, awards were given for the top three entries among Greek organizations, campus and community entries. Placing first for Greek organizations were Delta Zeta and Lambda Chi Alpha. First in the campus category was the Society of Automotive Engineers. Center Stage Academy placed first in the community category.

The parade also featured 24 high school marching bands and two middle school bands. Awards were given in five classes, according to size, with first places won by Leeton, Class 1; Concordia, Class 2; Knob Noster, Class 3; Warrensburg, Class 4; and Raymore Peculiar, Class 5.

President of the Central Missouri State University Foundation Board of Directors, Vicki Terry Brady ’86, right, and her husband, Weldon Brady ’64, rode in the Homecoming Parade.

Aviation alumni turn out for panels and and presentations

After 35 years of producing graduates in aviation specialties, the new Department of Aviation held its first-ever reunion during Homecoming. The event began with an afternoon of presentations and panels discussing the future of aviation. Warren Wilkinson, vice president for Government Affairs and Communication for Chautauqua Airlines; Robert Dickens, the Midwest representative of the Aircraft Owners and Pilot’s Association; and Colonel Doug Raaberg, Whiteman Air Force Base, were guest speakers.

Panelists included Angela Brooks ’91, the Transportation Security Administration; Jeff Daniels ’94, Universal Underwriters; Shannon Jipsen ’88, United Parcel Service; Mark Paolucci ’79, vice president, Jet Sales, Cessna Aircraft Company; and Dennis Roberts ’76, Louisville Regional Airport.
Recognizing the positive impact Central had on her family, a Toledo, Ohio woman recently donated several items reminiscent of her parents’ college experiences to the university’s Archives/Museum. The gift was made by Ann Lieder with her husband, Donald, during a visit to Central in November. They stopped by the James C. Kirkpatrick Library, arms loaded with books, original oil paintings, hand-stitched materials, and many other items her parents collected in pursuit of their college degrees at Central.

Mrs. Lieder’s parents began their higher education on campus in the 1920s, after both spent time studying at the Training School. Her mother, the former Thelma Blue, grew up in Bellflower, and married Charles A. Reichle, Jr., Warrensburg, in 1927. Charles graduated in 1925 with an industrial arts education degree from what was then Central Missouri State Teachers College. Thelma, who became a freshman the previous year, took a break from her studies after three years, and finished her education degree in home economics in 1953.

“They both wanted to break out of the agriculture cycle and do something different,” Mrs. Lieder said. She credits the education they received from Central in providing them with the tools they needed to enjoy successful careers as educators. Her father taught high school industrial arts for 38 years in Norwood, Ohio, and her mother taught for 16 years in the Cincinnati Public School District. Both are deceased. She noted that with the current year representing the 50th anniversary of her mother’s graduation from Central, it seems like an excellent opportunity to give back to the school that meant so much to her parents and other family members who studied on campus.

“They were very good teachers and got a very good education here,” Mrs. Lieder said. Sorting through the boxes upon her visit, she unveiled some of the memories of Central her parents are reminiscent of her parents’ experiences as students at Central during the 1920s.
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Alumni respond generously to Central’s student callers

The fall phonathon ended Nov. 21 on a record-setting note. “Alumni responded to our students’ calls with generosity,” said Sarah Thompson, annual giving coordinator. “We hit our goal and then some.” In all, the phonathon raised $142,000. More than 3,000 alumni made pledges and gifts during the 10-week campaign.

“We called CMSU alumni throughout the country. They really appreciated the opportunity to talk with students,” said Thompson. “A significant part of our success, though, was offering alumni a chance to make payments. Giving them the opportunity to break down their gifts into more manageable monthly payments seemed to be a real hit.”

Thompson noted that the Spring Phonathon begins in February. Compared to the fall activity, which targets unrestricted giving to the Central Annual Fund, the spring event focuses on gifts designated for various colleges and departments. The goal is $100,000.

CMSU Foundation elects new board members

At its annual meeting in October, the CMSU Foundation elected new officers for its board of directors. Vidi Terry Brady ’86 of Warrensburg was reelected to a second term as president; Joe Good ’82, Warrensburg, was elected first vice president and Gordon Stahl ’60, Clive, Iowa, as second vice president. Jim Tivis ’65, Warrensburg, will be secretary and Jack Dillingham ’74, Warrensburg, as treasurer. Terms begin in January.

Reelected as directors were Brady as well as Jeanne Crane ’79, Chesterfield, Mo., and Tom King, ’44, Warrensburg.

Elected as new directors-at-large were Glen Carter ’81, Warrensburg; Timothy Doke ’74, Austin, Texas; William Rankin ’82, Sammamish, Wash.; and Susie Wetzel, Clinton, Mo.

John Rombo ’69, Leawood, Kan., and James Hooker ’58, Lake Ozark, Mo., were given director emeritus status.

Denham creates scholarship to honor her husband

Trudy Denham of Las Vegas, Nev., has established a scholarship in honor of her husband with a $20,000 gift to Central.

The Edward and Trudy Denham Scholarship will benefit a junior or senior pursuing a major or minor in agriculture who has a grade point average of at least 3.0.

Edward and Trudy Denham

Power-generating company Aquila has made a $10,000 gift to help energize Central’s Harmon College of Business Administration.

Dean George Wilson says the gift “will be used to support and enhance opportunities in the college that move us to the cutting edge of business excellence. We are grateful to Aquila for the strong support it has given over the years to young adults and for the partnership that we have established between the university and the company.”

Ronda Watts, district manager of network operations for Aquila, is equally pleased. “We are pleased to assist Central Missouri State University with the Harmon College and annually supports the scholarship programs. Aquila provides electric service to more than 9,700 customers in Warrensburg and 285,000 customers in western Missouri. Based in Kansas City, the company owns and operates power generation assets and electric and natural gas distribution networks in seven states. In Missouri, Aquila has more than 1,000 employees and serves more than 338,000 electric and natural gas customers in 217 communities.”

Aquila contributes $10,000 to Harmon College of Business Administration

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shared. Contributing to this are many books in exceptional condition that were used by her parents at the Training School. It is a bounty of quality literature that includes works such as: Fenimore Cooper’s The Spy, O’Henry’s Sixes and Sevens, and Charles Dickens’ A Tale of Two Cities.

Amidst the literary materials, yearbooks, written correspondence and other memorabilia, are some finely detailed embroidery and hand-crocheted items that Thelma created as a requirement to graduate with a home economics degree. In addition, there are oil paintings created by Thelma and her friend, Pearl Six, who attended Central at the same time, plus the largest item, a walnut writing desk. Made by Mrs. Lieder’s uncle, Perry Blue, class of 1933, the desk demonstrates the pride and craftsmanship that went into industrial arts student projects more than 70 years ago.

Vivian Richardson, assistant director of the Archives/Museum, said the gift will become a permanent part of the facility’s collection, allowing many others to get a glimpse of campus life as Mrs. Lieder’s family knew it. “The Archives and Museum appreciate this and other donations we receive which help present the history of the university,” Richardson said.
Golf tourney benefits scholarship

A scholarship benefiting students in Central’s school administration program is $2,500 stronger, thanks to the 37 participants playing in the Fall Educators Golf Tournament held Sept. 23 at Keith Memorial Golf Course and the tournament sponsors.

It was the first tournament organized to benefit the scholarship fund. Suggesting the idea and planning the day was CMSU alum Gene Vinson ’69, ’72, ’83 and director of Central’s regional professional development center.

Finishing in first place was the Blue Springs school district team of Tim Crone, Ted Lewman, Jim Finley and Paul Kinder. Second place went to the First Community Bank team of Quade Wood, Jim Ragan, Ryan Krause and Sandra Rice. Longest drive was to Paul Pitchford and Jim Finley got closest to the hole.

Joining the participants were CMSU head coaches Tim Poe, golf; Kim Anderson, basketball; and Darin Hendrickson, baseball coaches Tim Poe, golf; Kim Anderson, basketball; and Darin Hendrickson, baseball.

The tournament was a huge success. We had good participation and great sponsorship support,” Vinson said. “It was a fun day and it raised money for a cause in which we strongly believe.”

The scholarship was started in 2002 with contributions from school administrators in Missouri and several other states. Their goal was to create a scholarship that could be awarded immediately as well as to establish an endowment creating a permanent source of funding. To date, they have given five scholarships with new recipients being announced for the 2004 semester.

“The tournament was a great boost to the scholarship fund, which continues to grow also through individual private donations,” said Ted Garten, professor emeritus and development officer for the College of Education and Human Services. He encouraged individuals interested in making a gift to the fund to contact him at the Central Missouri State Foundation, 660-543-8000 or at garten@cmu1.cmsu.edu.

Fashion show yields experience, dollars

Four decades of vintage designer clothing, part of the legacy of a beloved Central art teacher, gave Central students hands-on experience and scholarship funds for the future.

The Louise Sims Pret-a-Porter Collection trunk show and reception, sponsored by the First Community Bank of Warrensburg, drew more than 100 individuals on Sept. 25. It raised $1,900, which the bank matched, generating $3,800 for the Central’s fashion and apparel merchandising department.

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“This really turned out to be a fantastic event for everyone involved,” said Daric Elwell ’71, executive vice president, First Community Bank. “Our guests enjoyed a lovely fashion show. The students gained some valuable knowledge by coordinating and modeling for the show. Plus, the fashion merchandising department was able to keep the clothing for future study. And, First Community Bank demonstrated our support of the university with this donation.”

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First Community Bank representatives Linda North, vice president, left, and Daric Elwell ’71, second from left, executive vice president, presented a check for $3,800 to Central representatives M. Lynn Alkire ’85, ’88, associate professor of Fashion and Apparel Merchandising, and Casey Lund ’02, development officer.
Small family enjoys rare CMSU tradition

They come every year – as consistent as the floats, the marching bands, and the thousands of spectators who line the streets of downtown Warrensburg in the cool autumn air. The Stan Small family has made the annual Homecoming Parade as much a tradition as getting an education at Central Missouri State University.

Arriving early on Homecoming Saturday, a few family members always stake out their favorite spot on the northwest corner of a campus parking lot overlooking Holden Street. Then comes the rest of the family – uncles and aunts, brothers and sisters, cousins, as well as friends and children, “future Mules and Jennies.” Armed with a small buffet, they are well prepared for a mini reunion and an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and alumni at the institution that has woven a common generational thread.

“This is just a great time to socialize. The college atmosphere in a small town is really hard to beat,” said Greg Small, a 1979 graduate who currently serves as athletic director at the Warrensburg R-VI School District.

For the Smalls, Homecoming is just one more way to show their Central spirit. Such support runs deep. Five generations of the family have chosen the university to pursue college degrees.

Generations have attended CMSU

Although members of the first two generations are now deceased, third generation member Stan continues to celebrate Homecoming and his other favorite Central traditions with his wife, Barbara, also an alumna. Their two sons, Greg ’79, Warrensburg, and Chris ’87, ’89, ’92, Grain Valley, represent a fourth generation of campus grads. Their grandson, Brad, who is Greg’s oldest son, will become the first fifth generation member to receive a CMSU degree. He will graduate in 2004.

The Smalls are a large family, and at university events, the contingent usually includes more CMSU alumni such as Stan’s brother Phil ’59, and wife, Karen, Kingsville; their son, Stuart, ’96, Lee’s Summit; daughter Susan (Small) Bradt ’84, McKinney, Texas; and son, Tim ’89, Lee’s Summit. Adding to that rich university heritage is a host of spouses, cousins and others who have degrees from the same institution.

Each generation’s fond memories of Central inspired the next to attend

FROM FAMILY ALBUMS:

Above, Alva Welpman in the 1920s, left, and two of her roommates. The woman on the right is Naomi Small, who later became Alva’s sister-in-law.

Above left, Alva in front of Dockery.

Left: H.K. Welpman circa 1895

The Smalls today: left to right, Stuart Small (kneeling), Phil Small, Stan Small, Greg Small, Chris Small, Brad Small (kneeling). The portrait is of H.K. Welpman and his wife, Georgia.

Chris Small, president-elect of the CMSU Alumni Association (story on page 18), estimates that his extended family has obtained up to 40 academic degrees from Central.

“I think the tradition feeds upon itself. It’s an institution that meets a lot of people’s needs,” Chris said, noting that word-of-mouth among family has contributed to a string of diplomas that spans more than 100 years, and four institutional name changes.

“All started with my grandfather and it seems to grow with every generation,” Stan said.

Tradition began in the 1890s

The family tradition of Central grads began with Henry Kasper Welpman, who immigrated as a boy from Germany to the United States. He attended the institution in the 1890s when it was known as State Normal School, No. 2.

At the time, Central had established a reputation as an excellent teacher education school. Henry finished an education degree, and went on to teach in a one-room school in Montserrat, as well as at other small rural schools throughout central Missouri.

“It so happened that his wife-to-be, Georgia (Myer) Welpman, came to America on a ship with her parents, but the two did not meet until they got to this country,” Stan said.

The couple eventually moved to Stover, where Henry switched careers, becoming the community’s first postmaster and eventually the mayor. The Welpman’s daughter, Alva, was born in 1905. When it came time to choose a place to pursue her education, she followed her parents’ lead.

She studied in the late 1920s at Central Missouri State Teachers College and earned a degree in education prior to her marriage to Herschel LeRoy Small in 1925.

Their sons, Stan and Phil, have not forgotten some of the fond memories their mother shared about life in Warrensburg as a young girl and student at Central.

“I remember my mother talking about the dummy train (street car) that went from downtown to Pertle Springs. It’s ironic that CMSU now owns that area,” Stan remarked.

Alva also shared her passion for teaching with her two sons. They both Smalls, continued on page 18
Student first in family to receive degree

While some Central Missouri State University students are continuing a tradition set by previous generations of their families who attended Central, others hope to be the one to start the tradition. That is the case for Tina Logan, a junior and the first generation of her family to blaze an education trail at CMSU.

Logan always knew she would be going to college. A college education was a common goal for the student and her parents, Ricky Logan's father is an events coordinator for the city of Kansas City, Mo., and her mother operates a daycare center. Logan also has an older stepbrother with a family of his own.

Following high school graduation, Logan was ready to attend Central, where she felt she could get the degree she desired in computer information systems. Planning by Logan's parents provided some of the funding for her college tuition, and she has utilized student loan programs. She also received a $250 student achievement award from Central's Department of Computer and Information Systems.

In addition to her coursework at Central, Logan already has found a practical application for the skills she is acquiring through an internship at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas City. She worked through Christmas break and summer vacation last year and is anxious to return during the coming Christmas break.

"It's a great opportunity to utilize the programming skills I have learned in my classes here at Central," said Logan. Her decision to attend Central was based upon its proximity to home and the chance to attain the degree she wanted.

"I was going to go to school, but this was just far enough away," said Logan. She added that her parents have remained involved in her education at Central, making frequent visits to campus.

In addition to her studies, Logan is a member of the Association of Black Collegians and the ABC Gospel Choir. She also is active in the Central chapter of Association of Information Technology Professionals.

Logan's recommendation to high school juniors considering their futures is to attend college and earn a degree.

"That's what it takes to succeed in today's world," she said. "It's not all that difficult if you have the dedication to stay with it, but you have to be willing to set goals and work for them."

Logan also is considering graduate school.

Seevers writes a tale of six families

Gene F. Seevers, St. Alexander, Va., wrote us a letter about his CMSU family connections. He talks proudly as he remembers many of his relatives who have attended or received degrees here. However, as he traces his CMSU ties, the story becomes complicated quickly. Amidst this extended family saga, a four-generation direct descendnet CMSU story emerges.

This is a tale of six families: the Faulkner, Grays, Harts, Seevers, Wheatons and Parkers. Without tracing all the degrees obtained by uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, here are some pertinent highlights:

His mother, Fannie Mae Faulkner, and her younger sister, Jennie Ruth Faulkner Hart, were the first Faulkner girls to attend Central, graduating in 1914 and 1925, respectively. Gene notes that his mother's graduating class was the first to wear cap and gown at commencement.

The second generation to attend began with the daughter of Fannie's and Jennie's brother, LeFrances Faulkner Wheaton. LeFrances persuaded her cousin, Fannie's daughter, Lillian Seevers Parker, to attend. Gene says he followed his sister after he served in World War II, graduating later, in 1951.

That brings us to the third generation - LeFrances' oldest son, Thomas P. Wheaton of Atlanta, Ga., and Lillian's son, Philip C. Parker, who graduated in 1972. Philip's daughter, Jana, currently a student pursuing a criminal justice major, is the fourth generation.

Then there is the Gray side of the family. John Gray of Warrensburg is Fannie's cousin. He didn't attend Central but his brother, Hiram Willard, did. So did two of John and Miriam Gray's sons, Robert B. and John R., graduating in 1973 and 1977, respectively. Gene adds that many people know Miriam because she worked on campus for more than 20 years.

Counting only direct descendants that makes John R.'s son, Jayson, who graduated in 2003, the second generation of the Gray family to get a CMSU degree. (The family proudly notes he received the Charmo Award.)

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What's your CMSU lineage?

Attending Central is often a family point of pride, a tradition. Shared experiences. Bragging rights. Families whose ties to a university extend through multiple generations. How many generations of your family attended Central and received degrees? While many alumni boast of extended family ties, we're interested in direct descendants like the great-great-grandparent, great-grandparent, grandparent, parent, child, etc. Share your CMSU genealogy with us! We'll publish as many as space allows in future issues of Central Today or on our web site, email us at alumni@cmsu1.cmsu.edu or write to us at Central Missouri State University, Office of Alumni Relations and Development, Swisse Alumni Center, Warrensburg, MO 64093.
Small named new vice president of Alumni Association

Christopher Small, who has three degrees from Central, has been elected new vice president and president-elect of the CMSU Alumni Association. His term becomes effective Jan. 1.

Small takes over from Richard Phillips '65, Lake Ozark, Mo., who will become the association’s president in January. Current president Larry Keisler '61, Lees Summit, will become past president. Tim Murdock '71, becomes a director emeritus.

Small’s degrees from Central include a bachelor’s in 1987, master’s in 1989 and education specialist in 1992. He has taught in the Dritik and Appleton City schools and held administration positions in the LaMonte and Calhoun districts. He joined the Grain Valley R-V school district as assistant superintendent in 1999 and three years later was named superintendent.

Active in community and professional organizations, he is a member of the Grain Valley Optimist Club, Missouri Association of School Administrators and National Association of School Administrators. He has served on the executive board of the Missouri National Association of Rural Education and has been editor of the School Safety Journal.

“It’s an exciting time right now for the Alumni Association, and I’m looking forward to serving the wide and varied needs of our alumni,” Small said.

have degrees in music education from Central Missouri State College, and spent time as teachers before pursuing other careers. Stan, who has bachelor’s and master’s degrees, taught in Parsonsburg and Sweet Springs but later went to work in educational publishing. He retired from McGraw-Hill in 1995. Earning a bachelor’s degree in music education, Phil taught and served as an administrator at small rural schools in communities such as Eugene, Licking, Oskelola and Stover. He retired as a State Farm Insurance agent in 2001, after more than 20 years.

In addition to getting a good education, the family has seen romance blossom on campus. Stan recalled meeting his future wife, Barbara, while he was a fraternity member.

“I was in Sigma Tau Gamma, and we were having a play to raise money for the fraternity. So, the drama department had to put makeup on us. We didn’t have any idea how to do that, so Barbara put makeup on me. That was how we first met,” Stan said.

Their son, Chris, had similar good fortune when he met his future wife, Kelli ‘89, as a CMSU student. He earned three education degrees from Central, including the education specialist degree, and is now enjoying a successful career as superintendent for Grain Valley School District. It is one of the fastest growing districts in the state.

As an administrator, Chris said he is impressed with the quality of teachers that his district hires from Central. They comprise about half the faculty. He also doesn’t mind spreading the good word about Central to his students.

“I think one way I can give back to the institution is that I have 2,200 students. I tell them that for someone who wants to broaden their horizons, they can’t go wrong looking at the depth and breadth of programs here at CMSU. Certainly, I don’t say it’s the only institution. I just say it’s worked for me and I think it’ll work for you,” Chris remarked.

His brother, Greg, who earned a bachelor’s degree in education, is serving his second year as athletic director. His wife, Ruthane, earned an associate degree in 1979, and is currently Johnson County collector. Greg speaks about Central with the same enthusiasm as his brother, noting that he lets students know that a CMSU education is a great value.

“I think the quality of education for the dollar is as good as you can find,” he said.

The oldest of their three sons, Brad, is pursuing a degree in automotive technology. He believes the close-connection his family has with the Central community made his educational experience easier.

“For most people coming out of high school, going to college is scary. Growing up in this town has made it a whole lot easier,” Brad remarked.

Intent on a career in automotive design, Brad may stay from the family’s tradition as educators. But, with a number of young cousins, the possibilities for many new careers backed by a Central education are endless.

Stan certainly has no doubt.

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at some point in her future, with hopes of furthering her studies in web design.

The Logans also are proud of their daughter’s achievement as the first member of the family to receive a college degree.

“There are younger members of the family who look up to Tina, and we hope she will be an example they will follow,” Cynthia said.
**University Women Cookbook benefits scholarship fund**

Imagine your cooking success if you had favorite family recipes from more than 100 years of grandmothers, mothers and daughters. The newly printed cookbook, *Generations of Women, Generations of Cooking*, by University Women of Central Missouri State University provides hundreds of recipes from women — many considered CMSU legends — who share their family traditions and favorites. Proceeds from the cookbook will benefit the group’s nontraditional student scholarship fund.

Want to try recipes that CMSU presidential partners consider long-time favorites? Then try the angel food cake handed down from Lizzie Caebolt, the mother of Mrs. George Diemer. George Diemer was Central president from 1937-1956. Below the recipe is Lizzie’s comment: “Years before anyone had electric mixers, my grandmother was beating the eggs by hand and making this special cake for every birthday of family and friends. She was delighted when we could buy a mixer.”

These types of personal notations appear alongside recipes throughout the book. Trivia about some of Central’s most notable women is included, as well as an historic overview about University Women of Central, and interesting tidbits about social standards, dress codes and dorm hours.

The overview describes the evolution of the University Women from its founding as the Faculty Dames in 1916 by then first lady, Frances Viola Hendricks. In 1968, the group changed its name to Faculty Wives and admitted emeriti faculty spouses as members. In 1987, the group adopted its current name University Women, and in 2001, opened up its membership to all CMSU female employees.

The group started a scholarship in the 1980s to help nontraditional students struggling to balance family, job and college demands. To date, it has awarded 37 scholarships totaling more than $16,000. The contributions of Central women are acknowledged in the cookbook. “In this cookbook, University Women present short biographical acknowledgments to some of the women who have contributed so significantly to the development and the excellence of Central. They are only a small number of the many outstanding women who have played an important part in Central’s history and although not all can be named, the honor is meant to extend to each one. Our salute is sprinkled like salt among the recipes.”

Cookbooks sell for $15 and may be ordered through the Office of Alumni Relations and Development, Central Missouri State University, Smiser Alumni Center, Warrensburg, MO 64093. Individuals also may place orders by calling the office at 660-543-8000 or by emailing alumni@cmsu1.cmsu.edu.

**University Women Awards benefit four students**

Four nontraditional students at Central will find it easier to balance their finances between family and college demands, thanks to $750 scholarships they received from University Women of Central Missouri State University.

The fall 2003 recipients include two women from Warrensburg: Shannon Courville, a 32-year-old mother of two, is a sophomore majoring in speech pathology, and Janet Tarlton, a 42-year-old mother of five and grandmother of two, is pursuing a double major in computer information systems and accounting. Her goal is to earn a PhD and become a college professor.

A third recipient, Robin Eissler of Holden realized she wanted to become a teacher when she worked as a teacher’s aide after she and her husband switched from a dairy farm to beef operation. The 44-year-old mother of three has completed more than 60 hours toward her elementary education degree with a science concentration. She wants to teach fourth or fifth grade.

“As an aide, I found that I enjoyed working with the students very much and decided to become a teacher,” she said in her application essay. “The teaching experiences I have encountered in my education classes have shown me that a teaching career will be well suited to my personality. I have always known that there is no greater accomplishment than making a difference in a child’s life,” she said.

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New scholarship recipients, left to right, include Janet Tarlton, Robin Eissler and Shannon Courville. Not pictured is Cheryl Longhofer.

Working toward a bachelor of science in business administration degree, Longhofer is majoring in computer information systems. She juggles her full-time class load with working part time and raising a niece who lives with her.

After completing her degree, Longhofer says she hopes to utilize her computer skills in a job that allows her to work from home. The women were chosen to receive the scholarship from 88 applicants. They were announced at the University’s Women benefit luncheon held Oct. 31 in the Ed Elliott Union. The luncheon is held annually to raise money for the scholarship.
Laatsch honors former teacher with scholarship gift

Central alumnus Richard G. Laatsch ’53 has established a scholarship to honor a former teacher who inspired him, in turn, to become a college professor.

A gift from Laatsch, professor emeritus of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, created the Claude Brown Memorial Scholarship.

Brown, who joined the Central faculty in 1943, was chair of the mathematics department in the 1950s when Laatsch was a student at Central. In 1969, Brown became the first dean of Central’s College of Arts and Sciences.

By making the gift, Laatsch said he wanted to remember Brown for his support and encouragement, which inspired him to become a college professor.

Claude Brown

He added that Brown generously shared his time with all his students.

To apply for the $1,000 per semester scholarship, a student must:

• attend full time and be in his or her second or third year of study,
• be pursuing an undergraduate degree in mathematics,
• have a cumulative 3.5 GPA in mathematics and 3.3 in all other course work,
• show promise but not necessarily intent, in pursuing post-graduate study, and
• demonstrate financial need.

For more information, please contact the CMSU Foundation, Smiser Alumni Center, Warrensburg, MO 64093, phone 660-543-8000.

Year end is perfect time for giving

In the crazy pace of the holidays, the end of the calendar year often sneaks by as one of the most beneficial times to make a charitable gift. The final days of 2003 can be an excellent time for you to improve your financial standings. By carefully planning your charitable gifts and completing them by Dec. 31, you may reduce the taxes that you owe next April.

Here are some giving tips to consider:

• Amounts contributed to Central are not generally subject to federal income taxes.
• Cash gifts up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income may be deducted if you itemize. In May this year, Congress reduced income, dividend and capital gains tax rates for many taxpayers, which may leave many individuals with more cash available to make contributions.
• Gifts of appreciated securities and other assets may be deducted at full value in amounts up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income.
• Gifts of property such as a residence, vacation home, farm, acreage or vacant lot may help avoid capital gains tax, especially if their value has appreciated through the years. Such a gift also provides a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the property.

While you think about the method to make a gift, the timing is also important. Gifts of cash must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31. If you deliver your gift personally, bring it by before Dec. 24 (the university closes from Dec. 24-Jan. 4).

For gifts of securities, send a signed stock power and the unendorsed stock certificate in separate envelopes. Your gift is considered complete on the date of the later postmark. If the envelopes are not postmarked on the same day. For other securities or mutual funds, please consult your financial advisor.

For individuals age 59 1/2 and older, retirement accounts can be convenient pockets for charitable gifts. Recent and proposed legislation may make such gifts even more attractive. Check with your tax advisor for more information.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must:

• have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
• be a full-time student in good standing,
• be pursuing a major or minor within the Department of Communication, and
• be an undergraduate or graduate student involved in the forensics program, and
• have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). For more information, please contact the CMSU Foundation, Smiser Alumni Center, Warrensburg, MO 64093, phone 660-543-8000.

RECENT DONATIONS

Beebes start debate scholarship

A scholarship endowment for debate students, started by Susan and Steven Beebe of San Marcos, Texas, brings back memories of their own Central experience.

The couple met in 1970 as students attending Central; they were members of the forensics squad and were assigned as debate partners for the 1971-72 school year.

After Susan completed a bachelor’s degree in communication and Steven, a bachelor’s and master’s degree in communication, the two married and moved to Columbia, Mo. There, Steven completed a PhD in communication in 1976 while Susan taught debate and drama at Moberly High School.

Both are now faculty members at Texas State University in San Marcos. Susan is an English professor. Steven is professor and chair of the Department of Communication Studies and associate dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

The Beebes are coauthors of three leading textbooks in communication studies, including Public Speaking: An Audience-Centered Approach, a book they talked about writing together as debate partners at Central.

They credit much of their professional success to their experiences and training as Central debaters and to the outstanding Central faculty members who taught them.

Through a gift of $20,000, they have established the Susan and Steven Beebe Debate Scholarship to offer support to future Central communication majors involved in forensics.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must:

• have a cumulative 3.5 GPA in mathematics,
• be an undergraduate or graduate student involved in the forensics program, and
• have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
• demonstrate financial need.

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Alumna focuses on homeless in award-winning documentary

For Kerri Yost ’01, life takes amazing twists. Early one Saturday, setting out to film a documentary about why people choose the clothes they wear, she startled awake a homeless man sleeping behind a building. Billy Kubart — a 50-something Vietnam veteran — had an “entertaining response” about his wardrobe. They started talking and he suggested Yost do a film about him, but she hesitated. “Oh God, another film about homeless people,” she thought.

Kubart didn’t give up, and the result is a film that has earned audience praise and inspired people throughout the United States.

“Billy” won the Audience Award at the inaugural Silverdocs documentary film festival. The American Film Institute and the Discovery Channel sponsor the festival, held in Silver Springs, Md.

“Billy” was one of 70 films selected out of more than 1,000 entries submitted from more than 68 countries. It tells one man’s story of surviving on the streets. Suddenly cast into the limelight, Yost, 31, Columbia, Mo., went from being unknown to being the target of interviews and questions.

But there is one person who hasn’t seen it — Billy Kubart.

The National Coalition for the Homeless is helping Yost search for Kubart. They directed her to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ office in St. Louis, which has sent copies of the 21-minute film and pictures of its star to communities to help find him and create awareness about homelessness.

Having achieved such success with her first film, Yost has started work on another short film, this time depicting a father-son garden tractor pulling team. She’s also directing a feature-length film about Bosnian refugees who have built a community in Columbia.

Yost became interested in making the Bosnian film...
It’s been a growth year for the CMSU Alumni Association

Renew, refresh, renovate, rejuvenate are strong verbs with slightly different meanings. Yet, all describe the efforts of the CMSU Alumni Association and its volunteer board of directors during this past calendar year.

Renew, the restoration of what has become aged.

With a history of more than 130 years, the association hasn’t become mired in the same annual activities. We have sponsored new events in the Kansas City metro area and central Missouri, where the majority of our alumni live. We’ve hosted new events for thousands of alumni and put many of you in touch with lost classmates and friends.

We’ve seen many of you at the MIAA Post-Season Tournament, Missouri State Fair, chapter events and our increasingly popular high school touchdown tents. The year has been especially exciting, with many first-time and younger alumni participating in our activities.

Refresh, supplying something necessary to restore lost strength.

Our goal is to build an even stronger alumni association with members who are fully involved with Central and care about its future. Tell us what you want from your association to keep you engaged with your alma mater and interested in staying in touch with your classmates.

Renovate, renewing by rebuilding.

This year, the university revamped its web site. As part of that project, you’ll soon see a renovated alumni site at www.cmsu.edu/alumni. Central’s new web site has received rave reviews, and we are anxious to get a new site going for our alumni. It will be easier for you to navigate, to access campus services (such as career networking and library databases) and to learn about new initiatives, such as our new travel program.

Rejuvenate: restoration of vigor or powers.

Much of these activities are outgrowths of a rejuvenated board. Board members are eager to become fully involved with Central and care about its future. Tell us what you want from your association to keep you engaged with your alma mater and interested in staying in touch with your classmates.

Renew, refresh, renovate, rejuvenate.

As I finish my term as association president, I hope you keep these four words in mind. It’s a great time to boast your CMSU allegiance and to sport your cardinal red and black colors!

Larry Keisker, ’61
President, Board of Directors
CMSU Alumni Association

Alumni Events for Spring 2004

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Yost, who works with a Panasonic AG-DVX100 digital camera, said filmmaking sometimes makes her feel like she has two lives — “my regular life and then the one I’m in while I’m filming.”

In addition to the actual filming, she spends a lot of time researching subjects and preparing for her films, and getting advice from other filmmakers about technique. But there are aspects of the craft that only experience teaches.

“The hardest part is the ethics. How much are you contributing to their life?” she said of her subjects. “There’s no one to talk to about that. You have to go with your gut feeling.”

(Note: Part of this article is excerpted from “An Unlikely Star” written by Danielle Stampley and published in the Aug. 14, 2003, Columbia Missourian.)

Yost, continued from page 21
helps refugees find jobs and access to education. She works there as a supervisor for the English as a Second Language programs and teaches ESL classes.

Yost grew up in Warrensburg and graduated in 1994 from the University of Missouri with an English degree. Soon after, she moved to London on a whim and started working in a coffee shop.

After two years there, she moved to Poland and taught English while making films. She returned to the United States in 1999 and spent a year in Chicago teaching English and working as a temp. She returned to Warrensburg and enrolled at CMSU, completing a master of arts degree in Teaching English as a Second Language in 2001. She then moved to Columbia.

Distinguished Alumni: Step Forward!

While you are thinking about highly successful CMSU graduates to nominate for the university’s Outstanding Recent Alumni Award (see page 29), consider nominating someone for the CMSU Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award or for our Distinguished International Alumni Award, which is presented at Homecoming 2004. April 1 is the deadline!

For more information about any of these awards, visit our web site at www.cmsu.edu/alumni.
Alumnnus gives keynote address at K.C. diversity gala

Don Kelsey, a 1968 Central chemistry graduate, considers being named “Texas Inventor of the Year” one of his greatest honors.

Kelsey, who has received the CMSU Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumnus Award as well as the American Chemical Society’s Team Innovation Award, says receiving this 2003 award was “a great honor. I was really surprised because the award covers all sorts of inventions for the whole state of Texas.”

Kelsey, 58, a research chemist at Shell Chemical LP in Houston, has received 54 patents in the United States and numerous international patents.

These achievements come as no surprise to Robert Zey, who began teaching at Central at the same time Kelsey started as a student.

“Little did I know that my best student would be one of my first,” said Zey, chemistry professor. “During Don’s senior year, I had him as a single student in an advanced organic class. It was all I could do to keep up with him. In fact, I’m not sure I did.”

Kelsey, who grew up in Clinton, Mo., received many awards as a student at Central, both for his science achievements as well as his musical talents (he comes from a family of educators, many of whom taught music). He also was recognized as one of 13 outstanding chemistry undergraduates nationwide by Chemical & Engineering News, the publication of the American Chemical Society.

His undergraduate work was crowned by receiving a full scholarship from the National Science Foundation to attend graduate school in chemistry. He chose CalTech, working for Robert Bergman, known at the time as one of the most creative and productive organic research chemists.

“Don’s incredible number of patents attests to the importance of his industrial research,” said Zey. “The number of times Don’s research has been cited in the literature shows the importance that other researchers place on his work.”

Kelsey’s latest honor as 2003 Texas Inventor of the Year acknowledges his groundbreaking work in developing Polytrimethylene Terephthalate (PTT) polymer used in carpets and textiles. Kelsey’s research into PTT has resulted in 11 U.S. patents since 1994.

The award, presented by the Intellectual Property Law section of the State Bar of Texas, recognizes Kelsey’s leading role in developing processes to produce PTT on a large scale with properties that make it attractive to customers. His inventions include a more stable composition for PTT that increases its durability and more efficient manufacturing processes. PTT polymer was originally patented in 1941, but not produced commercially for many years because of the high cost of raw materials.

Shell Chemical LP currently produces and sells PTT under the CORTERRA Polymer brand name. CORTERRA Polymer differs from standard polymers because its molecular structure has a built-in resilience and elasticity.

Kelsey also has focused on ways to reduce the environmental impact of manufacturing CORTERRA Polymer. His research has led to five patented processes that limit byproducts and address the recycling of raw materials.

“I feel I accepted the award on behalf of our PTT process team,” said Kelsey. “Nobody could do this by themselves. It takes a lot of cooperation, ideas and interaction and I just happened to be the lead investigator who helped guide the work.”
The Touchdown Tent had a lot of visitors for a barbecue dinner before the Grain Valley vs. Harrisonville game. There are 336 CMSU alumni living in Grain Valley and 332 alumni living in Harrisonville. More than 50 percent of the faculty at Grain Valley R-V and more than 25 percent of the faculty at Harrisonville R-IX have at least one degree from Central.

Little did all those alumni know Sept. 12 that the Harrisonville team would go on to become state champions at the end of November.

Below: Raymond ‘76, Steven and Kristen Hawley ‘78, and Susan Willard ‘98 chatted in the buffet line.

Right: Paul Page, left, vice president for university advancement, enjoyed an opportunity to talk to Marc Meier and Amanda Owen, who are currently involved in the ROTC program at Central.
Columbia Chapter hosts alumni event at Les Bourgeois Winery

An after-work reception Nov. 20 at Les Bourgeois Winery in Rocheport was extra special for one 1943 alumna. It was Fanita Marie McCubbin’s 90th birthday and Central President Bobby Patton presented her with a gift and a cake, right. The Columbia Alumni Chapter hosted the popular holiday event.

Columbia Alumni Chapter hosts alumni event at Les Bourgeois Winery

Odessa vs. Oak Grove tent event

The CMSU Alumni Association Touchdown Tent arrived in Oak Grove for a barbecue pregame tailgate and mid-season gridiron battle between Oak Grove and Odessa high schools. The many CMSU alumni enjoyed an opportunity to catch up with each other.

There are 329 CMSU alumni living in Oak Grove and 380 alumni living in Odessa. More than 50 percent of the faculty at Oak Grove R-VI and more than 75 percent of the faculty at Odessa R-VII have earned at least one degree from Central.

Odessa vs. Oak Grove tent event
Big turnout for Blue Springs vs. Blue Springs South

The Blue Springs CMSU Alumni Association Touchdown Tent drew the season’s largest turnout of alumni and families. No matter which high school team they cheered, the visitors enjoyed the barbecue and friendly atmosphere at the Nov. 7 event. Nearly 1,780 CMSU alumni live in Blue Springs and more than 50 percent of the faculty in the Blue Springs R-IV School District have at least one degree from Central.

Far left: Jayson Gray ’03, Jay Gray ’77, Meghan Sloan and Ryan Gray.
Left: The Anwanders, left to right, Paul ’87, Julie ’86, Christopher and Meagan.
Below: Bill ’81 and Judee ’73 Adair

Above: Lynne Marshall and Robert Marshall ’86
Below: Jace Lysinger, Kathryn Lysinger ’84 and Jackson Lysinger

CLINTON vs. WARSAW

The Touchdown Tent also visited Clinton Sept. 5 when Clinton played Warsaw. There are 520 alumni living in Clinton where 75 percent of the faculty hold at least one Central degree. Some 155 alumni live in Warsaw and more than 50 percent of the Warsaw R-IX faculty hold CMSU degrees.
Helen K. Hartwig '36 recently was named the Retired Teacher of the Year for Region 8 of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association. Hartwig taught for 41 years in Missouri schools, retiring in 1977 from the University City, Mo. Public Schools. She was selected as one of 12 regional finalists from a field of 31 individual MRTA unit nominees.

Showing persistence and dedication to his art, Dave Laughlin '50 has returned to the classroom and his work in watercolor after suffering a stroke on Dec. 31, 2001. Laughlin has worked as an Army illustrator, department store display specialist and college art instructor. He and his wife, Doris, have lived since 1980 in Tucson, Ariz., where he had taught watercolor classes through the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department. Several of his outdoor sculptures can be seen on the Central campus. “Generations” is a cluster of figures located near the Elliott Union and “Guardian” is located near the east side of Alumni Memorial Chapel.

Beverly Hobbs Smith '52 and her husband, Robert, reside at 1 Certero Circle, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909. Bill Boyd '55 resides at The Fountains at Greenbriar 2100 Swope Dr., #D369, Independence, MO 64057 and can also be reached by email at willybill99@aol.com.

Norman Eckerle '64 retired as a teacher and municipal judge. He and his wife, Joan, have six children, 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. In their retirement, Norman and Joan have traveled to Alaska, Canada, Europe, Hawaii, and Mexico. They reside at 116 McArthur St., New Haven, MO 63068.

Anna Yourko '65 resides at 4080 Hancock #3108, San Diego, CA 92110-5172. Ellen Bowers '67 has had two books published, Feathers in the Lint Catcher and Notes from God. Ellen lives in Nevada and works full time as a freelance writer and researcher. She can be reached at ellenb145@hotmail.com.

Keith Hendrix '67, '72 and his wife, Ana Maria '69, '75, reside at 2008 Heartland Ridge, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Helen “Jeanette” (Crawford) Long '70 and her husband, Max, reside at 2028 Stoneridge Court, Stratford, MO 60737.

Rev. William Schultz '75 resides at 115 Spring St., Wartburg, TN 37887. Col. James A. Chen '78 is the new commander of Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point, Southport, N.C.

You never know who you’ll meet on vacation.

While on a cruise to Mexico in August, a couple of CMSU alumni met their favorite Department of Safety Sciences instructor. Steve Zink '82, '83 and Daryl Allegree '83, '84 ran into Esco Taylor. Taylor was on the cruise celebrating his 43rd wedding anniversary with his family. Zink and Allegree said that they had not seen Taylor in 20 years, but recognized him immediately. The moral of the story is, “You never know who you’ll meet on vacation.”

Tim Doke '74, a 2003 CMSU Distinguished Alumnus, has been named vice president for communications for Dell Computer. He will be based at Dell’s headquarters near Austin, Texas.

Rev. William Sass '71 is the pastor of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade, Minn. For the second time in three years, the church was recognized by the Northeastern Minnesota Synod for top world hunger donations. Sass, originally from Emma, Mo., majored in agriculture and mass communication at Central.

Tony Mercurio '72 has been nominated for the Media Wing of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. A St. Louis native, Mercurio received a bachelor’s degree in mass communications from Central. He currently is the program director and host of “The Tony Mercurio Show” at 3 p.m. on weekdays on ESPN Radio 1380 in Virginia Beach, Va. He also is the “Voice of the Old Dominion University Lady Monarchs” basketball team. He has been broadcasting ODU women’s basketball for 13 years.

Major Ray Bergman '84 is the education services officer for the Kansas City National Guard. He is in his 19th year of continuous service.
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Selfert named interim dean
at Texas A&M Commerce

Edward Selfert '63, has been named interim dean for the College of Education and Human Services at Texas A&M University-Commerce. A professor there since 1998, Selfert was named head of education administration in 2000 and assistant dean in 2003.

He began his career in higher education in 1978 at Southwest Texas State University, where he held various positions, including associate dean, department chair and professor. After earning his BS in Education degree from Central, Selfert taught for five years prior to serving as assistant principal, principal and superintendent in several districts. He also holds an education specialist degree from Central. In 2002, Selfert co-authored a book on principalship, The New School Leader for the 21st Century. The Principal, published by Sourcebook Press.

Stark retires from FBI

Bill Stark '69 has retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. His 25 years of service include 16 with the Chicago division and nine years in Phoenix.

In March 1997, Stark was honored at CJA headquarters and presented an award by CIA Director George Tenet for being an "Exceptional Human Intelligence Collector." The award was a result of Stark's four-year, undercover operation in numerous countries.

After Sept. 11, 2001, he worked out of the U.S. embassy in Ankara, Turkey, and the U.S. consulate in Istanbul. While there, he spent time on the Iranian border, helping the Turkish National Police apprehend several Al Qaeda suicide bomb attackers. He also aided in the interrogation of prisoners of war in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Several of Stark's former TKE fraternity brothers, including Steve Jenne '69, John M. G. Morgan '69 and spécialisé '72, respectively, traveled to Phoenix to celebrate his retirement.

Springfield, Ill., traveled to Phoenix to celebrate Smith's retirement. CMSU graduates from Kansas City, flew to Chicago headquarters and presented an award to Smith on May 31, his last day. His last official day of service was Feb. 15.

Stark credits much of his access to the law enforcement degree he received from Central with his parents and their friends, who live in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Witherington recognized by Who's Who in America

She previously had been listed in Who's Who Among Women, Who's Who in Education and 2001 Scholars in 2001. A native of Arkansas, Witherington recently retired from a 25-year career in music education. She holds a bachelor's degree in music education, master's degree in special education and a specialist degree in human services, all from Central. Her career also included the teaching and evaluation of special needs students, and she is a nationally certified school psychologist and a pioneer member of the Council of Exceptional Children.

Witherington's daughter, Martha Ellen (Bachus) Schmidt '80, received her bachelor's degree in education from Central, and her son, Scott Bachus, currently is enrolled in Central's graduate degree program in education. Witherington's granddaughter, Ashley Marie Moss, currently is a Central undergraduate in the nursing program and recently was a Central Homecoming queen candidate.

Witherington is a free lance writer and coordinator of the Mid-Mo Writers' Marketing Group. She also is a spokesperson for the scoliosis and spinal curvature network. She may be reached at melissawitherington@yahoo.com.

Ault promoted in U.S. Naval Reserve

Charles P. Ault, '78, recently was promoted to chief operations specialist in the U.S. Naval Reserve and currently serves the Commander, Amphibious Forces, 7th Fleet, Japan. He is the senior operations specialist at the chief petty officer's watch as the Naval Reserve Reserve. Ault was the ship's chief petty officer at the Naval Reserve Reserve. Ault also serves as the unit's drug and alcohol program advisor, unit career counselor and desk department office. Ault earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Central.

Ault advanced the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist designation while serving on the U.S.S. John Kennedy (CV-67) as combat direction center watch supervisor on its Millennium Cruise. During that cruise, the ship participated in Operation Southern Watch.

Ault, then a Petty Officer First Class, was responsible to the tactical actions officer for more than 600 sailors operating seven warships. He was the Commanding Officer's Tactical Plot, Surface Plot, Air Detection and Tracking, Air Intercept Controllers, Underwater Warfare Plot, Electronic Warfare Plot and Tactics Plot.

Ault recently returned from duty in Okinawa on the U.S.S. Blue Ridge (LCC 19), the flagship for the U.S. 7th Fleet, where he supervised the plotting of allied and hostile shipping, weapon systems,.land and air threat's to the fleet.

During his career he also received special forces training and additional training in the top-Asian littoral warfighting.
Ward honored as biology teacher

Daniel Ward ’83, ’86, recently was named the 2003 recipient of the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) Two-Year College Biology Teaching Award. He received the award at the NABT convention this fall in Portland, Ore.

Ward is an associate professor of biology at Waubonsee Community College, Sugar Grove, Ill., where he has been on the faculty since 1992 as a biology instructor, teaching principles of biology, field biology, anatomy, botany, physiology, microbiology, and zoology. Prior to joining the faculty at Waubonsee, Ward was a biology lab supervisor at Indiana University-Kokomo for six years. He has published articles in professional journals and presented papers at Indiana University, Morrisville College, the Missouri Academy of Science and Central Missouri State University. Ward currently is a member of the National Association of Biology Teachers, Illinois Association of Community College Biologists, Human Anatomy and Physiology Society, Chicago Area Anatomy and Physiology Society and Beta Beta Beta National Honor Society.

He currently is pursuing a doctorate in instructional technology at Northern Illinois University.

Dyson receives top safety award

Tom Dyson ’96 recently was named the Region V Safety Professional of the Year by the American Society of Safety Engineers. Selected for the honor among hundreds of candidates, the St. Louis, Mo., resident received the award at the ASSE’s annual conference held in Denver.

Dyson, who received a master’s degree in industrial safety management from Central, is manager of safety and workers compensation for Sunnen Products Co., St. Louis. He develops strategic safety and health programs for compliance and training, manages business insurance and monitors industrial hygiene.

The SPY Award, voted on by his peers, is given annually to the most outstanding safety professional for accomplishments and contributions in the field of safety, health and occupational engineering. Region V consists of 16 chapters in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

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alumni events

CMSU participates in world’s largest ballooning event

Central alumni and employees witnessed an unbelievable, magical spectacle in October when 700 hot air balloons ascended into the sky for the world’s largest ballooning event, the 2003 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Central was the only university corporate sponsor at this annual extravaganza. That put CMSU’s hot air balloon, featuring the Fighting Mulehead logo, in some very distinctive company.

The balloon’s trip to New Mexico was sponsored by the Office of Extended Campus and Distance Learning, which offers online courses and degree programs in Albuquerque. In addition, the CMSU Alumni Association hosted a gathering Oct. 10 in the Balloon Fiesta corporate village area.

When it was time for the balloons to fly, many volunteered to help pilot David Steidley and crew with the work.

“It’s a very complicated procedure,” said Joy Mistele ’76, ’82, “and when helping, you really appreciate how much effort it takes to get all the ropes and lines correctly placed so the balloon can take off properly.

“Alumni really enjoyed seeing these incredible balloons and how they were organized to fly in such precision. It’s a wonderful, breathtaking sight to see the liftoff early in the morning and one I will remember for a lifetime,” she added.

This was the 32nd year for the balloon fiesta, which featured the theme, “Great Motion Picture Show.” For 2004, the theme is “Freedom in the Air,” and the event is scheduled for Oct. 2–10.

See page 24 for a calendar of upcoming alumni events we hope you’ll attend.

Connie and John Hostetler ’63, Silver City, N.M.