

is week kicks o
homecoming at Sterling
College.
e celebration of
homecoming is an age-
old tradition that will be
celebrated on most college
campus's around the coun-
try this fall.
Homecoming brings

e start of the 2019-
2020 school year came
with a new chaplain, Paul
Brandes.

Brandes is originally
from a suburb North of
the city of Chicago. He
attended Sterling College
from 2007-2011, where he
met his wife Ashley, who
was born and raised in
Sterling.

His favorite memory
from Sterling is his fresh-
man year, when a massive
ice storm struck campus
and caused classes to be
cancelled for an ice day.

"I just have this memory
of waking [my roommate]
up and chanting ice day
at the top of my lungs,"
he said. "It was fun just
spending the day outside
in the freezing cold, slip-
ping and sliding every-
where."

He and his wife moved
back to Chicago for him to
earn his seminary degree,
and then he worked as a
youth pastor at the church
he grew up in.

"It was a really unique

experience working with
middle schoolers that
were me ten years earlier,"
he said.

Brandes and his wife
then moved to Kansas
City, where he got a job as
a pastor.

e couple then decided
to have kids. ey have
a 4-year-old boy named
Beaven and a 2-year-old
boy named Owen.

Brandes said he then
decided to come back to
Sterling to be the chaplain
because it is a place that
made a deep and positive
impact on his life.

Brandes enjoyed the
Sterling College theology
and ministry department
because it prepared him
for his masters degree and
ministry in the future.

"I can give back to the
next generation of college
students at the same place
that I received so many
blessings and bene ts, so
that was really appealing
to me," he said.

Brandes said he strives
to make chapel com-
pelling, engaging and
relevant to the student
body, seeing this as an op-
portunity to help students
follow Jesus.

The Wilson Post

Local coffee shops serve uniqueness

Sterling was introduced to a new coffee shop known as Clive's Staples – Coffee Shop and Bakery on April 24.

This new coffee shop has started to infringe on the already established Point at Broadway Market.

Clive's begs the question – which coffee shop will claim the title of "best in town"?

In order to determine this, this reporter set out to try different drinks at the local coffee shops.

There were several different components that were considered while deciding which coffee shop was the best. These factors include shop atmosphere, menu variety, service, price and drink quality.

In the first aspect of shop atmosphere, both coffee houses were very similar.

Both shops went for more of a classic, rustic, older look, and they had excellent studying spots, along with spots to simply hang out.

As far as decorations go, I appreciated how Clive's features art from local artists, and its other décor highlights the work of C.S. (Clive's Staples) Lewis.

Variety is where these two coffee shops are very similar and different at the same time.

Both shops serve relatively the same thing as far as drinks go, but as far as food goes, these places differ tremendously.

Clive's is more focused on baked goods, such as cookies, donuts, bagels and more.

Broadway Market's menu is more soups, salads, and sandwich based.

Service wise, Clive's takes the cake. Not that Broadway Market wasn't welcoming, pleasant or fast, but Clive's seemed to be more genuinely happy to see and serve people.

Price is a very important piece of the coffee shop selection puzzle, especially for college students.

However, there was not a large enough difference between prices to impact



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the ultimate decision.

Clive's does offer smaller drink sizes, which are then less expensive, but, comparing sizes and prices, basically all the drinks are the same price.

Food wise, Clive's has cheaper food because it's more snack food, and Broadway Market has more meal-time food.

On our outing we tried two different drinks recommended by the cashier, one hot and one cold.

Clive's strawberry smoothie was thick, sweet and full of flavor, while Broadway Market's vanilla frappe, although it was sweet, didn't have a very definite flavor, vanilla or otherwise.

Therefore, Clive's is the winner of the cold beverage.

On the other hand, Broadway Market had a hot chia tea that was very good, sweet and had a hint of autumn flavor, while Clive's coffee – even with creamer – was very bitter, even for coffee.

Therefore, Broadway Market is the winner of the hot beverage.

Overall, it is very difficult to give a definite "best" to one of the coffee shops, as both are very similar with their own highlights and problems.

The best answers this reporter can give is it depends on what the customer wants from their coffee shop because they are both similar, but at the same time have different elements to offer each of their customers.

Canvas proves superior to MySterling

Over the years at Sterling, the students have been using MySterling for submitting assignments, checking grades, and communicating with their professors.

Canvas has all changed this 2019-2020 school year when Canvas was introduced.

Canvas has the same tools as MySterling, except it is more technologically advanced.

Canvas offers an app that can be downloaded on iPhone and Android. This app helps the students stay up to date on their assignments because the app sends out notifications for upcoming assignments that are due, graded assignments and messages from the professors.

As I looked into each site more closely, I found a lot more flaws in MySterling than I did in Canvas.

While working in MySterling, it was hard to navigate to the assignments and the due dates of those assignments because of the miscommunication throughout the different areas of MySterling.

MySterling is also flawed in the fact that there was no app that could be downloaded to see your grades or do the assignments. MySterling could only be logged onto effectively from a computer. This was inconvenient to many of the students because some students did not have their own personal computers, and the access to the computers on campus is limited.

Last school year I found that MySterling would have a problem with crashing or needing maintenance work during the times that assignments were due.

This was very frustrating because there was nothing that could be done about except to just wait until it would work again.

Sometimes it would be hours when it was down, and

other times it would be days at a time.

MySterling was a good system until Canvas was introduced to Sterling College.

Canvas proves to be better than MySterling, according to many students around campus.

With Canvas having an app, it is easy for the students to stay up-to-date on their assignments, quizzes, and papers in each class because of the notifications that are available.

Every time a professor adds an assignment to the course, grades an assignment or sends a message, there is an alert that is sent to your phone.

There is also a unique feature on the Canvas app that lets the student see their "what if" grade. This is when the students can put in a grade on an assignment to see what they need to get on it for the overall course grade to go up.

Overall, the comparison between MySterling and Canvas proves that Canvas has more positive attributes and a better system for the students to work with rather than what was provided with MySterling. The switch was a good one.



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• Movie Review

'It' tries to be funny instead of scary

BY PATTI DELGADILLO
SC Observer

Last week I went to see "It Chapter 2," and it was, to say the least, just not a very well done film.

Personally, I did not think the previous "It" movie from 2017 was necessarily that scary; however, it was a very well-done movie with an intriguing story.

The sequel did not live up to that at all. The two biggest flaws that stuck out to me were that half the time the movie seemed like it was meant to be a comedy, and that it was simply too long.

Bill Hader was very good playing adult Richie, but his best moments just added to this identity crisis between a horror film thinking it is a comedy.

In addition, the jokes were just better than the attempts at being scary.

Every scary scene was telegraphed horribly, so the audience could see them coming from a mile away.

In my experience, the best horror films utilized unexpected surprises and suspense, which "It Chapter 2" lacked.

All that being said the biggest issue was the length. It wasn't just the sheer length of the film, which was far too long at nearly three hours, but it was the length of every scene.

At times it seemed like this film was released while still in the editing process, in the sense that every scene could

Grade:

D+

have been cut in half and still gotten the point across. Another issue the film had was that it follows a storyline that is children but is done with adults.

This was obviously necessary because it is a sequel; however, it just did not do the same way the first movie did with the classic narrative of children being terrorized by a clown. Full grown adults fighting a clown turned out to be clunky.

While there was good acting, solid cinematography and a promising storyline, "It Chapter 2" fell flat on its clown-painted face.

I give the movie a D+.

"It Chapter 2" has a total runtime of 169 minutes, which is 2 hours and 49 minutes.

It is rated R because it contains violent content and bloody images, as well as crude language and crude sexual material.

The film is directed by Andy Muschietti and stars Bill Skarsgard as Pennywise.



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Gleason construction project staying on schedule

BY TAYA WILSON

SC Observer

The Gleason Center at Sterling College has been undergoing construction since its ground-breaking ceremony on May 11. The construction will be

providing many new additions that will be available for all students.

Additions include a new auxiliary gym, new athletic training room, three new classrooms, conference room, 20 new offices for coaches, faculty and athletic training staff, a roughly 4,500 square foot weight

room, new concessions stand, athletic hall of fame area and new locker rooms.

Athletic director Justin Morris said, even with the rain this summer, the construction crew has been able to stay on schedule and has been working every day.

All this work has resulted in a concrete pad in front of

the entrance and beams up for the weight room, offices and classrooms.

The frame for the tornado shelter is also up and concreted.

With such a large project challenges are anticipated, but the construction crew and college have handled them well.

"There have been some leaks, and we've had to reroute the students to the backside, but that's just part of the construction process," Morris said. "There have also been some loud noises, but everyone has handled it really well."

The anticipated opening for the newly renovated

Gleason Center is set for Aug. 1, 2020.

"We are very blessed for the donors who have given to this project," Morris said. "It will give our student athletes a better experience, and we are looking forward to opening the new building next summer."

Cafeteria provides new options

BY JORDAN GRAHAM

SC Observer



As the school year is about to start, the students and faculty have noticed changes in the Sterling College cafeteria that have caused different opinions.

With the new food options and new smaller portioned plates, the students have seen major improvements in the cafeteria that hope to be better from past years.

The cafeteria staff has started the 2019-2020 school year by giving the students many options of food to choose from for each meal.

There is a salad bar that has an abundance of choices of vegetables to add to the salad.

The cafeteria also offers bagels, English muffins, bread and a waffle maker for every meal.

Some students said they are thrilled for the waffle maker.

"The waffle maker is a great appliance to have in the cafeteria because it's a quick way to make a fulfilling snack and to soothe your sweet tooth," junior Annie Connor said.

In the cafeteria there is also a pizza bar with different types of pizza for all the pizza lovers, burger and

fry bar and a sandwich bar, which has many choices to make a sandwich of their choosing.

Every meal there is also something different in the kitchen area, offering some type of protein, vegetables and grains for the students to choose from.

The food options are expanded from previous years, which should allow every student to find something they can enjoy.

Another addition to the cafeteria would be the smaller portioned plates.

The school brought in these smaller plates to help students pick the right amount of food for what they are getting. Having the smaller portioned plates helps the students not waste as much food compared to previous years when the plates have been larger.

The smaller portioned plates are designed to give the students a perspective on the amount of food they are eating in accordance to the food they are possibly wasting.

Also, the staff is updated.

"The staff this year is way nicer than it has been in past years. It is nice to have fresh faces in the cafeteria that actually like to do their job," junior Breanne Akiu said. "The cafeteria feels more welcoming, making me want to actually go there to eat."

Photo by Jordan Graham

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Men's soccer begins conference 1-1

BY HANNAH ABBATE

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The month of September was filled with six games for the Warriors, five of these being home events.

"We started out exceptionally, with a win against a nationally ranked team. And having a winning record coming into Conference," junior Joel Chavez said.

The program was 2-0 coming into September.

Continuing to do well in the preseason, the Warriors finished 4-2 heading into conference play.

They began with a match against Central Cristian College in McPherson.

Both teams scored in the first half, ending it tied 1-1.

The Warriors then scored twice in the second half, taking the lead 3-1. Central Christian only scored once more, giving Sterling a 3-2 victory.

The next two games at home were losses for the Warriors.

First against RV Mid American Christian 5-2.

While Sterling scored once in each half, it didn't match Mid American's five total goals.

Sterling then hosted Nebraska Wesleyan University.

The Prairie Wolves got ahead early with a 2-1 lead after the first.

Not willing to back down, the Warriors rallied back, jumping ahead and seizing a 4-2 lead.

The Prairie Wolves found a way to tie the game 4-4 with seconds left in the second half, forcing the teams into overtime.

Mid American scored first to win 5-4 over Sterling.

"[This season has] been a huge upgrade from the way [it] has gone in years past, but being realistic, it could be a lot better than it has been so far," junior Luis Iniguez said. "But it's a long season. We have the right players and the appropriate staff to improve as we move forward."

Warrior Fest weekend brought Kansas Cristian College to Warrior territory.

The Warriors jumped ahead in the first half with a 2-0 lead over the Falcons.

They continued to score throughout the second half, defeating the Falcons 5-2.

Their first conference game of the season hosted Ottawa University, a team they had lost to the past three seasons.

The Warriors again got ahead early with a 2-0 lead over the Braves.

The second half was silent except for a single additional score for the Warriors by Mauricio Cordone.

Sterling won 3-0, shutting out Ottawa and earning their first conference win.

"It was the way we wanted to start the conference, and it was special because it was a team that defeated us last year at their home, so it was kind of a revenge for us," junior Ramon Lopez said.



Photo by Hannah Abbate
Goalie Joel Chavez stops a shot on goal from opponent Kansas Christian College Sept. 21. The Warriors went on to win 5-1.

Sophomore Emilio Ruiz said the victory sent a special message to the team.

"We were really hyped after the [win]. It was more than the result. We played a great game," he said.

"Knowing that, on top of the result, we are doing things right feels incredible. It was an injection of motivation."

The last game of the month hosted the University of St. Mary.

The Spires took the lead after the first half 1-0. A goal by the Warriors tied it 1-1 in the second half.

The Spires scored again to take back the lead 2-1, but the Warriors tied it the game again with minutes left, forcing an overtime

where the Spires came out on top, 3-2.

"Now we're going to move forward. We are not going to let that loss bring us down," Chavez said. "I trust the team, and believe me when I say it. We are going to learn from our mistakes. We are going to improve, and we are going to get back to our winning ways. There's

no doubt about that."

Lopez agreed.

"October is going to be a good month," he said. "We know that what happened against Saint Mary was rough, but we cannot be stuck there. We have to keep working because we know good things will come."

Photo by Taya Wilson



Chance White - head secures a well-defended pass in the win over the Ottawa University Braves. White - head had seven receptions for 98 yards in the game.

Football starts 3-1, avenges past losses

BY HANNAH ABBATE
SC Observer

The Sterling College football program has not won its season opener since the 2016 season. In that game four years ago, Sterling defeated Northwestern College 28-21.

Last year's opener against new opponent Avila University ended in a last-second loss.

With 4.5 seconds left on the clock, Sterling's pass was thrown through the end zone. Avila defeated the Warriors 38-34 in their fourth quarter comeback.

"The Avila game last year was a huge disappointment on our part, and I believe is the reason to our record for last year," junior Janson Robeson said. "Opening the season to Avila again this year, I believe the players and coaches knew it was more than just payback."

This season, the Warriors overcame Avila University 34-21.

The following weekend brought another victory for the Warriors as they traveled to McPherson College and came away with a 29-19 win.

Game three brought Ottawa University back to Sterling.

Last seen celebrating their win against Sterling in 2018 on Homecoming, the Braves returned to play the Warriors on Warrior Fest weekend.

Sterling got ahead early, outscoring Ottawa 17-7 in the first half, eventually winning 37-29.

"This [win] meant more because I was unable to finish the game last year," senior Nick McGrew said, "and it was nice to beat them at home under similar circumstances. It gives us great momentum."

The final Saturday of the month took Sterling to North Newton to play Bethel College.

The Warriors got ahead early, but Bethel came out on top, winning 31-26 and handing Sterling their first loss of the season.

"The recent loss against Bethel was simple: us shooting ourselves in the foot," Robeson said. "We know our mistakes and will get back in the books and scripts and get ready."

Sterling will host Friends University Saturday for Homecoming and their only home game in October.



Photo by Hannah Abbate

Freshman Isabella Galvez celebrates with her teammates after scoring a goal on Sept. 24 against Ottawa University. The Lady Warriors came up short, losing 2-1.

Warriors' season starts with rough start

BY HANNAH ABBATE
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The women's soccer team headed into conference play 1-6 after their preseason games.

Their one win came against Randall University where the Warriors shut out the Saints 4-0 by scoring two goals in each half.

"As of right now the season has had a rough start. But in all honesty, we have seen some great improvements throughout the pre-conference games and these past two conference games," junior Lauren Weiland said.

Sophomore Hannah Dort agreed. "Some areas of improvement would be working together as a team, playing the full 90 minutes with energy and confidence, and working together to score goals in the attack," she said.

Warrior Fest hosted the Warriors' first conference game at home against Ottawa University. Both teams held each other scoreless in the first half.

Dort scored the first goal of the game, helping the Warriors to take the lead.

But two subsequent goals by the Braves would go unmatched as Ottawa defeated Sterling, 2-1.

"Overall, in the last few games, we have been able to pick ourselves up from some losses," freshman Isabella Galvez said. "As each day [goes on], we are practicing harder and harder to reach our goal to win games in conference. Our mindset we have is to learn from our mistakes but also win and finish."

Their second conference game hosted the University of St. Mary Spires who took an early 1-0 lead in the first half.

Sterling scored one of their own in the second, but the Spires came out on top, 3-1.



Photo by Hannah Abbate

Senior Jacqueline Vargas drives past a Central Christian defender on Sept. 21 during the Warrior Fest game in Sterling. The Lady Warriors lost the match 6-1.

"This season has been a rebuilding season for us, as we got a new head coach," Dort said. "It has been a fun season so far, amidst our ups and downs and imperfect record. We will continue to grow together as a family."

Photo Courtesy of Will Dutton



Max Dutton runs past KCAC opponents at the Tabor College Invitational. Dutton ran a time of 28:14.67 to place sixth at WKH PHHW looking forward to challenging myself mentally and physically with a new race distance," Dutton said.

Cross country runners compete, work hard

BY TAYA WILSON
SC Observer

It was good to see where I was in comparison to others. I also thought I ran a smart race and didn't get out too fast."

On Sept. 27, the team traveled to Marion where they competed in the Tabor College XC Invitational.

On the women's side, Selzer finished 13th with a time of 21:33.48 and Travelsbee finished 30th with a time of 24:06.00.

For the men, Dutton finished sixth with a time of 28:14.67.

Nathan Jones ran a time of 35:19.92 to finish 34th.

Although the Warriors cross country team cannot technically compete as a team due to low numbers, new head coach Cameron Magnall is looking forward to seeing individuals compete and is very proud of the hard work that the group has put in.

The Warriors next meet will take place on Saturday, Oct. 12 at Fort Hays State University.

SC spikers show team growth

BY DARREN PORCHE
SC Observer

Coming into September, the Lady Warriors were 2-4.

To start the month the Warriors traveled to Oklahoma to face Randall University and Langston University.

They lost the first match to Randall 4-1, but in the next match against Langston, they rebounded and defeated them 3-0.

After the trip to Oklahoma the Warriors sat at a record of 3-5.

The next couple of games saw the Warriors go on a five-game losing streak.

One bright spot in this was junior Annie Connor had a combined total 32 kills in just five games, but the overall record of the Warriors dropped to 3-10.

The losing streak ended with four wins.

The first game coming out of the losing streak was against Wayland Baptist University on Sept. 14.

In this game the Warriors had 55 kills combined from

four players — Connor, Jordan Graham, Patti Delgadillo and Colleen Merritt.

Thanks to this performance by the four women, Sterling would win 4-1.

The first home game of the season brought Central Christian College to town on Sept. 17.

"Volleyball IQ is really important and that transfers, and older players have a better understanding of the game than the freshman," Connor said.

In that game, Connor had nine kills, but she said it wasn't her best game.

Her designation is reserved for when they played Wayland Baptist.

She had 13 kills.

Connor is the team leader in kills with 169 kills, but she hasn't reached her goal.

"I'm shooting for 350 kills," she said.

Sophomore Grace Chavez said September's play shows the squad has "grown so much as a team on and off the court, and so that's good to see."

The Lady Warriors ended September at 9-13.



Photo by Hannah Abbate

Junior Meghan Mickle goes up for a spike Sept. 28 against Randall University.