



CenterStage The Rhatigan Student Center Newsletter

Before the Building, There was a Building Movement...

The following article is excerpted from the first of a multi-part, Rhatigan Student Center history that will be available on our website www.wichita.edu/RSC starting Thursday, May 11 - the RSC's 47th Anniversary on campus.

Prior to 1959, University of Wichita students used meeting rooms, lounge space and the Alibi Room snack bar in the Commons Building for student organization meetings, informal gatherings, and leisure time. The Henrion Gymnasium basketball court served as the site of many organization and University dances. By the mid-1940s, the Commons could not comfortably fit the space needs for a campus of 2,800 students.

During the Fall 1946 WU Student Council election, the Shocker Coalition campaigned to construct a Student Union building. This coalition was formed by student members of Alpha Gamma Gamma, the Men of Webster, Sorosis, Pi Kappa Psi, and Delta Omega.

After the election, the Student Council passed a resolution to build the student union. They began collecting a \$3 per student, per semester fee to fund the project. It would take over a decade to raise enough funds to begin construction.

On July 22, 1955, WU President Harry F. Corbin sent an official correspondence to Dean of Students Dr. James "Jim" K. Sours encouraging him to proceed "without delay to the preliminary planning of a Student Union Center. A year for preliminary studies and planning, a year for detailed preparation of plans and 2 years for the Revenue Bond Financing and Building will be required. We must proceed now if we are to have such a facility by 1959."

In 1956, a group of WU students and administrators began meeting, researching and designing the "Campus Activities Center" - a "building to emphasize the very activities that are scheduled to be offered." In October 1958, the WU Board of Regents formally approved the group's two years of research for a \$1,850,000 building.

Construction on the CAC began on the cold and blustery day of February 14, 1958. Student Council President Ron Eeles, WU President Harry F. Corbin, WU Regents Chairman Henry Amsden and CAC Director Bill Glenn dug gold-colored shovels into the frozen ground while the pep



February 14, 1958 Groundbreaking Ceremony
(Left to right: Corbin, Amsden, Eeles & Glenn)

band played. Afterwards, WU students were invited to take turns in the ceremonial dig. The construction timeline called for completion in September 1959.

Meanwhile, the new student coordinators of the CAC Program Board hosted the Chris Barber Jazz Concert in the Commons Auditorium and a "Queen-less" Dance in the Henrion Gymnasium to get ready for campus-wide programming.

In the coming months, the opening date changed many times. What was for certain was that the CAC project would be completed well ahead of the original September 1959 date.

RSC Welcomes 5 New Full-Time Employees

Consider the modern adage that the lifeblood of any organization is its people.

This truth especially applies to the Rhatigan Student Center as we are a group of people who serve students and many others connected to Wichita State University.

Our staff are the “lifeblood” of a Student Center that serves the “lifeblood” of the University.

Since our last issue, 5 full-staff members have joined our operation. All have made significant impacts to our operation that serve our students and campus well.



Karen Swank
Sr. Administrative Assistant
Director's Office



Chris Miller
Head Chef
WSU Dining Services



Ambar Roller
Gift / Softgoods Buyer
University Bookstore



Rick Ramseyer
General Maintenance & Repair Technician
Plant Operations



Michael Lacy
Electronics/Technology Coordinator
University Bookstore

RSC Employment Facts:

About 50 Full-time employees, 5 part-time employees and 50 student employees keep the building and services operational.

Employees work throughout the RSC in the: Activities Office, University Bookstore, Business Office, Director's Office, Marketing/Graphics, Shocker Card Center, Plant Operations, Rec Center, University Information Center, University Reservations Office, and Shocker Bowling Office.

With our partners from the Center for Student Leadership, Commerce Bank, WSU Campus Ministries, Lords & Ladys Salon, the Student Government and Student Advocate Office, WSU Dining Services and University Catering, and Air Capital Building Maintenance, we stand ready to assist the campus community with over 200 staff and student volunteer leaders.

“Campus Activities Center” or “CAC” to be the center of activities on campus.

Jessica Kozicki & Dani Soria Named RSC Student Employees of the Month for March & April

Jessica Kozicki (Plant Operations) was named RSC Student Employee for the Month for March while Dani Soria (Activities Office) was named RSC Student Employee of the Month for April. Both students received a recognition certificate, a \$25 gift certificate



Don Burris and Jessica Kozicki posing in the Plant Operations office after her award announcement

to the University Bookstore and their name and photo on the “Student Employee of the Month” plaque at the Information Desk.

Award criteria is based on individual achievement and accomplishments

in Customer Service, Contributions to RSC and/or their respective Department, Professionalism/Attitude, Quality of Work and Reliability.

Jessica’s nomination noted her help with the RSC Days

and Shocker Nights program before and during the event and for the volunteer work she performed during the Shocker Card exchange. Jessica modeled clothing for the University Bookstore webpages. Her work is always accurate and completed in a timely manner. Jessica is a



Dani Soria and Carrie Crownover in front of their favorite grilled cheese sandwich stop - Copperfields' Diner

self starter and her work always shows her professionalism.

Dani’s nomination noted her taking on many tasks to help prepare the staff for the ACUI College Bowl tournament and her willingness to work additional

hours to cover ticket sales for the April 24 Yellowcard concert. Dani is someone who recognizes a need and works hard to get things done.

Congratulations to both of you!

18 “RSC Graduates” to be honored Tuesday, May 9th

One of the happiest times in the life of a University is when students receive their diplomas after years of hard work and academic achievement.

In the case of RSC student employees, Student Activities Council volunteer student leaders and members of the Men’s and Women’s Shocker Bowling teams, we in the RSC share their joy and want to recognize them for the work they have done to make our Student Center the best student-centered operation on campus.

On Tuesday, May 9, RSC staff and students are invited to recognize 18 RSC Graduates - current and recent student employees, volunteers and athletes who are graduating in May 2006 or who have graduated in December 2005. A Recognition Reception from 9:30am - 11:00am will be held in their honor in the RSC Regents Room 203.

Those being honored include:

Activities Office and Student Activities Council:
AAaron Davis, Patrice McConnell, Yetunde Olukanni, Ashley Soye, Morgan Stuewe, and Keith Talbert

RSC Gallery: **Jason Decker**

RSC Graphics: **Andy Moore**

Shocker Bowling Team: **Mandy Etem, Jay Futrell, Clara Guerrero, Caroline Lagrange, Joe Keltner, Diana Leal, Kevin Tabron, Samantha Wong, and Cathy Westberg**

University Bookstore: **Satpreet Singh**

Commons Building and held dances in Henrion Gym.

WSU West Campus opens with new classrooms for students and new location for University Bookstore



President Beggs (third from left) and other WSU, local and Kansas dignitaries cut the ribbon on the new West Campus building at 37th and Maize Road on Friday, March 31.



Mallory Jennings and Humayun Ashraf were among the many Student Activities Council members who served as volunteer hosts.



The University Bookstore supplies textbooks, school supplies, candy and Shocker gear for the 2,000 students taking classes at the new West Campus Building.

Herrman leads staff in service to host 2006 ACUI Conference in KC



When the Association of College Unions International needed help with its Conference Host Team, RSC Assistant Director Jim Herrman volunteered because he wanted to show great, midwestern hospitality to the members of this international, professional association for college union staff. Jim worked for over a year to plan for and coordinate volunteers

from throughout the regional area to help staff conference activities.

Jim's peers on the ACUI Conference Program and Host Teams had a lot to share about him:

"Jim's positive attitude is infectious! As a member of ACUI's annual conference planning team, he served as the ultimate "host" for delegates in Kansas City." - *Mandy Ellertson, Portland Community College-Rock Creek*

"Jim was friendly, approachable, pragmatic and capable, he generously contributed to decisions and efforts across both Host and Program areas." - *David Mucci, University of Kansas*

"Jim as integral to finding volunteers to help run the conference. He also covered the 'Fountain of Information Desk' many times, so that I could run to lunch or attend a session. He is a nice, positive guy who is a joy to be around!" - *Beth Bailey, Kansas State University*

"I don't know how many times he dropped whatever he was doing (and forgoing lunch at times) to help me with last minute details for the conference activities. He did it with a warm heart and contagious smile." - *Trish Gresnick, Plattsburgh State University*

If I were playing the \$10,000 Pyramid and my subject was 'Jim Herrman,' here are some clues I'd give: Friendly. Sincere. Thoughtful. Great sense of humor. Dedicated. Big smile. All around nice guy. We were all fortunate to work with and learn from him. - *Eric Tammes, Roosevelt University*



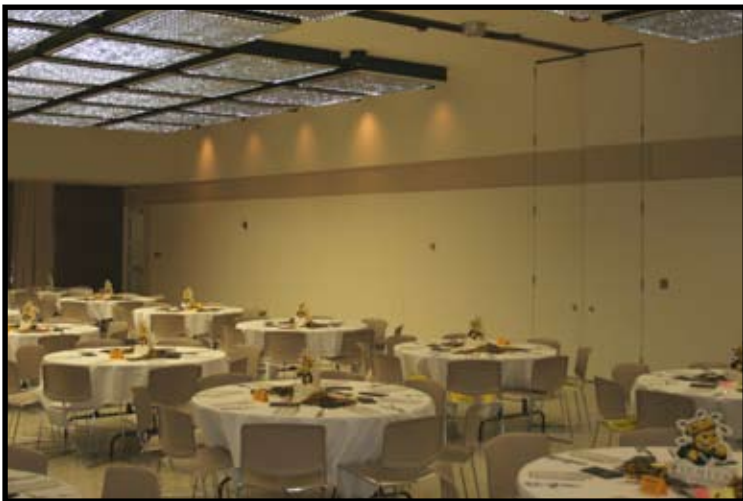
Spring makeover for Ballroom curtains, walls and doors

When students are away and the campus pace slows, the Plant Operations and other RSC staff work on many behind-the-scenes maintenance, repair and remodel projects. Many of the repairs involve areas our customers and many of our staff members seldom see.

During Spring Break this year, they tackled a major project in plain view of everyone who attends a major event in our building: the RSC Ballroom.

The project's results resembled popular makeover shows in its simple approach to give new energy to a familiar space.

"The new look is designed to update and freshen the Ballroom's look without costly remodeling," said Cindy David, University Reservations Manager and part of the group that remodeled the Ballroom. "With the new curtain and vertical blind system, we can keep out unwanted sunlight and dress up the Ballroom. Or, we can open the curtains and give the room a more casual feel."



Summer-long project will upgrade Copperfields' dining area and infuse with more Shocker Spirit

While the furnishing from the 1984 remodel of Copperfields has worn well, the RSC staff will continue the cosmetic improvements to the Dining Area. New black carpeting, lighter oak stain and newly-upholstered bench seats will complement the black and light oak chairs placed there last December.

Work will begin in the Dining Area on May 9 and will take place in three stages over the summer. The bench seating units will be removed and reupholstered off-site, while the tables will be stripped, sanded and stained in the Dining Area.

The Book and Bean opens at Ablah Library on April 10

On feedback of customers, WSU Dining Services changed the product mix at their Ablah Library location - formerly called Jazzman's. The new Book and Bean offers similar coffees and lite fare popular at Fast Break.

The RSC Plant Operations staff worked with WSU Dining Services to find the right equipment, create the new cabinets, and install the equipment prior to opening.



Hail, Hail



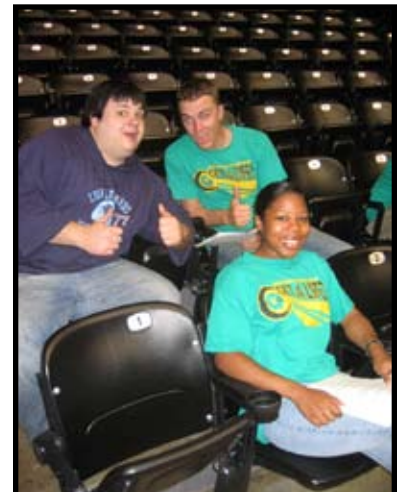
Monday, April 24, 2006

The Virgin College Mega Tour hits Wichita with bands: Yellowcard, MAE, and Over It. The Wichita weather hits back.

Hail storms and severe weather delay the scheduled 8am load-in time for over an hour. Student Activities Council members weighed whether to cancel the outdoor portion of the major concert event of the year. SAC re-routes dozens of volunteers to new duties. More than 60 SAC members prep, host and tear down a major concert over the course of 19 hours. They make plans in case of a second tornado warning *during* the concert.

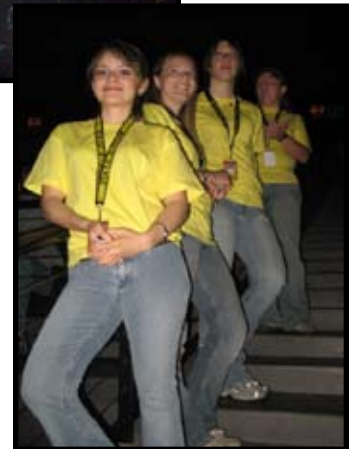
The concert went off with a hitch. SAC loaded the last tour and equipment trucks around 2am - ahead of schedule. Tour organizers thanked SAC for some of the best hospitality on this national tour.

It was another great event for SAC.



With over 100 members serving on 8 committees, the Student Activities Council weighs over

September 3, 1970. It measured 17.5 inches in circumference and weighed almost 2 pounds!



Rock and Roll

12,000 pounds combined. SAC packs more punch than hail.



Shockers Claim Sectional Title and Advance to National Championship to be held April 27-29

The following article was reprinted from a Wichita State Bowling Press Release. To receive these press releases by e-mail, send an e-mail to: rsc.marketing@wichita.edu

As Spring came so to did a refocused and rejuvenated Wichita State bowling squad. After the struggles faced in the final tournament of the season, the Shockers set their sights on winning the Midwest Regional and advancing to the 2006 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships. The Shockers traveled to St. Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights, IL March 25th and 26th to compete against the top 16 men's and women's teams in the Midwest.

The Shocker men and women began the tournament strong. The women led the field by a commanding 557 pin lead over second place Morehead St. University. The men also performed excellent finishing the day in first 75 pins ahead of Grand Valley St. Day two brought more of the same for each of the WSU teams. The women continued their dominant performance winning the tournament by an astounding 1014 pins with a total pin fall of 12,641 for the tournament. The Shocker women's score was good enough to qualify them for second place in the men's division, behind only the WSU men who shot 12,739. The men continued to bowl strong and finished the tournament with a 376 pin lead giving the Shockers the clean sweep in the Midwest Sectional Tournament.

Both teams finished in the top four qualifying them for the Intercollegiate Bowling National Championships scheduled to be held April 27-29 at The Cherry Bowl in Rockford, Illinois. The 16 qualifiers for the men's division featured nine past champions. The field consists of sectional champions Wichita State, Fresno State, Saginaw Valley State and Lindenwood, the defending National Champion. Also qualifying was Arizona State, Central Florida, Erie Community College, Kansas,

Michigan State, Morehead State, Nebraska, Newman, Purdue, St. John's, Vincennes and Western Illinois. The Wichita State men will advancing for the 21st consecutive year and record 26th time overall.

The 16 qualifiers for the women's division featured five former champions. The field consists of sectional champions Fresno State, Central Florida, Lindenwood and Wichita State, the defending National Champion. Also qualifying was Ball State, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Morehead State, Nebraska-Omaha, Newman, Penn State, Pikeville, Purdue, Shippensburg, South Florida, West Texas A&M and Western Illinois. The Lady Shockers will make a record 31st appearance, including 25 straight since 1982.

The Intercollegiate Bowling Championships is the pinnacle event of the college bowling season. This tournament brings together the top 16 men's and women's in the nation to compete for the national championship. The tournament will be

shown on College Sports Television. For more information on the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships visit www.USBCCollegiate.com

The Shocker Bowling program hosted a media day press conference Tuesday April, 25 to kickoff its road trip to the intercollegiate Bowling Championships. The press conference met on the Shocker Bowling Lanes, located in the lower level of the Rhatigan Student Center.

Men's National Championship Titles:

1980, 1987, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, and 2003

Women's National Championship Titles:

1975, 1977, 1978, 1986, 1990, 1994, and 2005

The RSC has been the major supporter of the Shocker Bowling program for the past 48 years.



overnight and won 7th place in the 9 team Oklahoma State University Invitational.

Vote Coach Lewis into Wichita Sports Hall of Fame



WSU Shocker bowling assistant head coach Mark Lewis was nominated for induction into the third class at the Wichita Sports Hall of Fame. The Wichita Sports Hall of Fame recognizes individuals and teams who have achieved athletic excellence through a connection to Wichita, either as a hometown or though a Wichita related

sport or team. "Wichita has a strong sports tradition, it is truly an honor to be nominated for the Wichita Sports Hall of Fame," says Lewis.

Coach Mark Lewis has been a coach at WSU since 1985 and was a member of the 1980 Shocker Collegiate National Championship team, the WSU men's first national title. In 1987 Lewis finished first in qualifying for Team USA and was crowned National Amateur Champion. In 1988 Lewis represented the United States in the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. He was also named Amateur Bowler of the year by Bowling Digest. From 1995 to 1997 Lewis was the Head Coach of the United Arab Emirates national bowling team in the Persian Gulf.

We have an opportunity to show our support for this great member of our RSC staff. To cast your vote for Coach Lewis, visit the Wichita Hall Of Fame website at www.wichitahof.com. The third class of the Wichita Sports Hall of Fame will be announced in May.

Smith received Laura M. Cross Distinguished Service Award



On Thursday, January 26, 2006, the WSU Alumni Association presented the Laura Cross Distinguished Service Award to William H. "Bill" Smith, the 28-year veteran director of the Rhatigan Student Center (formerly the Campus Activities Center). The Laura M. Cross Distinguished Service Award is presented to an employee or retired employee of WSU who has given extraordinary service

to the University.

When introducing Bill, the Alumni Association noted one of "his key accomplishments of spearheading the complete remodeling of the RSC - without borrowing money, thus keeping student-fee support of the facility to a minimum."

Loosle finishes two years of volunteer service for College Bowl and ACUI Region 11



Nancy Loosle, Activities Advisor, recently finished two years of service as the College Bowl Coordinator for the Association of College Unions International's Region 11. Region 11 covers higher educational institutions in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

While serving as the College Bowl coordinator, Nancy supported member institutions while they hosted campus tournaments and sent qualifying teams to the regional tournament each February. She coordinated regional tournaments at Wichita State University and at Kansas State University.

Congratulations on a job well done, Nancy!

new WU CAC "Keglers" team in 1959.

A Flurry of Activities Cap Off a Great SAC Year

April always brings tremendous excitement for campus programming and great changes for leadership within the Student Activities Council (SAC).

This April was no different. SAC Volunteers and Committees:



- hosted three different RSC Gallery exhibitions, including one detailing the history of Hippodrome.
- interviewed Activities Advisor applicants and checked professional reference by telephone; hosted on-campus interviews for the position beginning April 19.
- interviewed and selected the 2005-06 SAC Welcomefest Chairperson: Charles "Chuck" Collins (April 7)
- held the annual Family Carnival to entertain the families of WSU students, faculty, staff and community members (April 8)
- hosted Hippodrome, the longest-running student tradition at Wichita State. This week-long event concluded months of preparation for stage productions and wacky, daily events (April 10 - 15)
- interviewed and selected the 2005-06 SAC Officers: Lindsey Kingsley, SAC President; Brad Thomison, SAC Vice-President for Promotions; and, Kendra Nguyen, SAC Vice-President for Membership (April 14)
- interviewed and selected the Fall 2006 student exhibitors for the RSC Gallery (April 18)
- whetted the campus' appetite for live music with WUstock, a five band evening concert on the RSC Patio (April 20)



- interviewed and selected the 2005-06 SAC Chairpersons: Amy Nickell, Arts; Jordan Wright, Family; Jerry Elmore, Live Entertainment; and, Jennifer Deabler, Special Events. They will be joined by Mallory Jennings, the Shocktoberfest Chair selected in February. (April 21)

- coordinated the biggest campus live music event of the year: the Virgin Mega Tour featuring the bands Yellowcard, MAE and Over It. (April 24)

- hosted the annual SAC "Appreciation Breakfast" to thank Wichita State community members who served SAC as competition judges, guest lecturers, or other roles that supported the nearly 150 annual SAC programs (April 28)

- treated the families of the WSU community to a mid-Saturday film "The Rescuers Down Under." (April 29)

May will bring a final RSC Gallery show, a final SAC Issues event "Fortune Finals," and the annual SAC Banquet. At this banquet that the previous years' SAC Officers, Chairpersons, and Committee members will be recognized for their efforts and the new Executive Board members are installed in office.

The RSC congratulates the SAC Officers, SAC Chairpersons, SAC members and the Activities Office staff for their work during this busy time of year. Your commitment to providing these quality, campus programs and to developing our student leaders is central to the mission of this Student Center and this University!

For more information about the Student Activities Council or to recommend a student join SAC, visit the Activities Office (RSC Room 219), call 978-3495 or visit www.wichita.edu/SAC

plan, promote, and host about 150 events a year - most of them held in the RSC!

Mike Madecky recipient of 2006 WSU Unclassified Professional Senate President's Award

From the April 2006 RSC Press Release by Ashley Archiopoli, Student Marketing Assistant

Mike Madecky has always said he will stay here at Wichita State University as long as he is doing three things: teaching, learning and having fun. That is why the five years he intended on spending at WSU have turned into almost 25. Madecky is the Activities Director for Student Activities Council and one the 2006 Shocker Pride Honorees receiving the WSU Unclassified Professional Senate President's Award.

Carmen Hytche, Director of Special Events and Community Relations, described Shocker Pride Honorees as those that go above and beyond their normal job descriptions. Honorees are nominated by a group of their peers who feel the candidates exemplify Shocker Spirit.

He said he was surprised when he found out that he was to be honored. He does not usually like to be associated with the word distinguished and he laughed when he read his letters of nomination because even his peers even recognized that fact.

Madecky graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh with a degree in Museology. He then decided to get his Masters in Guidance and Counseling so he could get a job in student activities. He finds the most rewarding thing about his job is watching a student who is nervous about something, grow and become confident in what they are doing. Madecky enjoys his job so much because it is a non-traditional university. "Here you have to work smarter

not harder," Madecky said. "I would be bored if I worked at a traditional university."

Madecky has worked with as many international students as ones that have lived in Wichita all of their lives.

Madecky said that he is proud to be Shocker because things don't necessarily come easy here and that you really need to prove yourself. Here,

you are accountable and you need to have real accomplishments.

"Quality education and an education outside of the classroom," is what Madecky wants people to think of when they think Wichita State. Madecky is above all proud of his job and proud to be associated with the Rhatigan Student Center.

For more information about Mike Madecky and all nine Shocker Pride honorees,

visit Inside WSU at the WSU Online Media Center: www.wichita.edu/insidewsu

A few quotes about Mike Madecky:

"Anyone who knows Mike or who has had the opportunity to work with him, knows of his sense of humor. He has had such a positive impact on so many lives at Wichita state University." - Cindy David

Walk through the Rhatigan Student Center, and you will meet countless students who will tell you how Mike Madecky got them involved on campus, helped them decide on a major, find a job, or counsel them on important personal matters. - Shan Rao



Mike Madecky in the RSC Gallery, March 2006

Photo courtesy David Dinell / Inside WSU

3 student coordinators and the CAC Assistant Director.

Upcoming Events in the RSC

For our RSC guests & customers... For our staff members in the RSC



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LUCKY?**

Last Qualifying Rounds for the
Spring 2006 Rec Center
Texas Hold 'Em Poker
Tournament: Friday, May 5

Playoff to be held:
11am, Tuesday, May 9

Copperfields Food
Court Hours will
change beginning
Tuesday, May 9
Visit

www.wichita.edu/RSC
for current Dining
Services Hours



Oleta Ewing and Linda Sims
University Reservations
Thanks for posing!

Save the Date:
Friday, August 25, 2006



RSC Day / Shocker Night

Colophon

Centerstage The Rhatigan Student Center newsletter
is a periodic newsletter spotlighting the staff and
events in the RSC.

To submit ideas, recognition/congratulation notices,
or upcoming RSC events of interest to our customers,
guests and employees, e-mail Jacob Brumfield at:
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