

College Chronicle

September 2009



Director's Cut

From the Desk of Tracy Terrill

On Sunday, September 27, a group from the college had the privilege of participating in the Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin Awareness Walk. A total of people affiliated with Shepherds College attended the event and most participated in the walk, which took place at the Milwaukee County Zoo. It was a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about the college. Among other things, this event was a celebration of life and I am pleased our students had the chance to contribute to this special cause.



Welcome Brian Canright to Shepherds College



Our newest staff member, Brian Canright, has joined Shepherds College as one of our evening Residential Life Managers. He was born in Arlington, Texas, where he spent the majority of his life. Brian also spent 10 years in

Brazil with his grandparents who were missionaries with New Tribes Mission. He became a Christian at the age of 18 through their testimony, and subsequently moved to Wisconsin to study at New Tribes Bible Institute. There he met his wife, Lucy, and two years later they were married. They have

two boys, Jack, three-years-old and Gavin, seven-months-old.

Brian is currently a Criminal Justice student at Waukesha County Technical College. He heard about Shepherds College from College Dean, Angela Houk, with whom he once worked at *CrossTrainers* Youth Ministries in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

At Shepherds College, Brian works alongside Jenna Patton, also a Res Life Manager, to help implement what the students learn throughout the day, both practically and spiritually. Brian helps tutor the students, oversees residential life, and helps students establish and maintain healthy routines. He also organizes outings and activities that promote social interaction. Brian says he is very thankful for God's provision in allowing him to work at Shepherds College.



Angela's Angle

First Year Academic Update

Computer Skills – Students have been learning more about e-mail; including e-mail etiquette, exploring free internet based e-mail (such as Yahoo, Hotmail, etc.), and going more in-depth in Microsoft Outlook (how to create folders to organize e-mails, etc.) They also explored some other Outlook features such as the calendar and task list.

Cooking – Students are learning about kitchen safety and how to assemble cookbooks. They are trying new recipes as well.

Daily Living Skills – Jenna Patton is teaching about time management and self-medication.

Firm Foundations – In this class, students have been learning about the choices of Satan, Adam and Eve, Cain, Abel, Seth, and Noah. Many of these choices rejected God's ways and brought destruction upon the human race. Students learned that choices made in faith lead to eternal life and forgiveness. The students realized that God's way is best.

Students focused on Cain's choices and his lack of repentance despite murdering his brother. They contrasted Cain's attitude regarding sacrifices to God with Abel's and also considered how God's plan for redemption through the promised Deliverer of Genesis 3:15 was not thwarted by Cain's sin. God raised another line through Seth, and people at large began to call upon the name of the Lord.

Students looked at how people eventually left God, and the earth's population was consumed with sin, bringing God's judgment of the great flood. Students discussed God's plan in saving Noah and his family and representatives of the animal kingdom.

Introduction to Culinary Arts – The first year students' culinary experience was kicked off to a great start. Students made brownies from scratch using King Arthur's Flour Best Brownies Ever recipe. These brownies have 2 ½ cups of sugar, ½ pound of butter, and a full bag of chocolate chips per pan! The brownies turned out great and the students learned organizational skills, teamwork, and how to measure properly. Many of the students made brownies for the first time that were not from a box, and that was an experience in itself. Congratulations to the first year students for their good performance and effort!

Introduction to Horticulture - First year students are participating in three horticulture classes this semester. During the first class on September 4, students learned the five basic needs of a plant and then did a propagation (multiplying) experiment with Coleus cuttings. Students are currently caring for their Coleus cuttings in hopes of a root system by the next class. In the second class held on October 2, students discussed the function of leaves, identified leaf shapes, and discussed why leaves

change colors. Students made leaf rubbings on white paper and wrote about something they enjoy at SC. These will be placed on display in the Shepherds College hallway with their photo. Students then read the Bible verse Daniel 4:12 and created leaf book Bibles.



In the third class, students will learn which parts of a plant are edible (flowers, seeds, stalk, leaves and roots). After discussing facial expressions and emotions, they will then use edible plant parts to create unique expressive pumpkin faces to put on display.

Language Arts – Visualizing and Verbalizing, a program designed by Lindamood Bell, has been incorporated into the Language Arts class as a way to help students with reading, comprehension, and writing. Students have progressed from imaging words to imaging sentences. Karli Luchterhand has been teaching parts of speech. Second year students will present the part of speech power point they designed last year to the first year students in the upcoming weeks.

Math – Students have been studying time and reading schedules and story problems to work on elapsed time.

Personal Development 1 – Students are learning the basics about friendship and boundaries. They spent time reflecting on how to be a good friend, along with learning about appropriate relationships with people they see every day like a sales associate, post man, neighbor, or casual acquaintance.

Study Skills – Students have been researching information for their state reports.

Second Year Academic Update

Church History – Students completed studying the book of Acts. They learned that prayer was the most important ingredient of the early church and an essential part of Christians' lives today. They gained an understanding of Paul's missionary

journeys and saw how the Gospel went from Jerusalem to Rome which at that time was “the outer most parts of the earth.”

Communications – Students have been learning about intrapersonal communication by journaling, designing a personal flag, and recognizing emotions.

Computer Review – This class has allowed students to review Microsoft Outlook and Word, as well as computer troubleshooting and maintenance.

Culinary Arts – The tantalizing aroma of made-from-scratch soups and pumpkin cheesecake wafted down the hallway this month. Staff enjoyed taste testing the students’ creations. Knife safety and other foundational skills for the culinary industry have also been the focus of their studies.



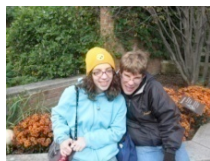
Firm Foundations – First and second year students take this class together; see academic update under first year update.

Horticulture – The horticulture students have been working on insect identification and which ones are



beneficial to plants. They have improved their landscape maintenance skills by learning about tools and using the right tool for the right job. During landscape maintenance, they identified nine common weeds. Students have butterfly experiments in progress. They

have been watching their monarch caterpillars change into a chrysalis and calculate when it will become a butterfly. The students were inspired to do these experiments after volunteering in the butterfly exhibit with master gardeners at the Walworth County Fair in Elkhorn, WI. On September 30, students participated in their first professional work study day with a



horticulturist at the Janesville Rotary Botanical Garden. On October 4, students visited the



Chicago Botanical Gardens.

Money Skills Review –

Students have demonstrated a high level of recall on items they learned last year with regards to

managing a checkbook register. They have demonstrated a high level of understanding and attention to detail.

Personal Development 2 - Last year the students learned about how to set **Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound** (S.M.A.R.T.) goals. They are putting that knowledge into action by working in groups to find ways to teach S.M.A.R.T. goals to the first year students. They used skits, posters, examples, and worksheets to get their message across. Each group presented their teaching methods for their Midterm.

Residential Life

Apartment Life – Students continue to learn how to plan meals, grocery shop, and cook. They have enjoyed trying new recipes.

Grocery Shopping – Shepherds College received a donation of colored cloth bags from an anonymous donor to assist with grocery shopping. The bags are colored and each apartment has been assigned a color. This will help tremendously with keeping groceries organized by apartments.

Special Olympics – Seven students will participate in the first bowling competition on October 18 in Kenosha, WI. Gloria Pavuk and Melissa Holm recently played in volleyball tournaments.

Shepherds Game Day – Midterm week ended with a Kickball Tournament for residents, students, and staff on Friday, October 9. Congratulations to the orange team for winning the tournament. Everyone had a blast.

The Great Race – Weekly mileage totals between the student and faculty teams proved to be not only a “great” race, but also a close one! Students won The Great Race by collectively walking/biking 1,357

miles. Faculty, having less team members, collectively walked/biked 1,311 miles. Students will go to Madison on October 24; they will visit Olbrich Gardens, eat a picnic lunch, and tour the capital. The next fitness challenge won't be a race but collectively students and staff will bike/walk their way to Bethlehem. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

Extra-Curricular Activities – Brian Canright plans three activity nights each week for the students. Monday night is exercise night where students focus on specific areas of physical education, such as stretching, upper and lower body workouts, etc. The goal of exercise night is to educate students about physical fitness.

Wednesday night is sport night. Students recently played floor hockey, soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, and basketball. The goal of sport night is to get the students exercising and having fun.

Thursday night is TBA night (also known as team building activities). Students recently played get-to-know each other games like "Across the Line" (you step across the line if you can answer yes to the questions asked). The goal of this night is to encourage positive social interactions, develop team skills, and provide opportunities for physical activity.

Service Opportunities – In September, students volunteered at a local church. They removed tree stumps and tilled-up flower beds to prepare for winter. Students transplanted Hosta plants, watered flowers, and cleaned the inside of the church. Everyone worked hard.

Brian Meyers and David Ellenberger are volunteering with the AWANA program at Fellowship Baptist Church. Below is Brian's report of a ministry experience:

I helped the kids with their Bible memory verses. The coach blows the whistle and gives us instructions. The kids play games and I help out with whatever needs to be done. After game time, there are announcements and pledges. Next, the kids say their memory verses. This time the students get points for saying the verses. Points are turned in for AWANA money. The kids buy

things from the store such as candy, stuffed animals, t-shirts, pencils, and cameras. After shopping, there is a Bible story and then we go home. The Bible story recently was about the Apostle Paul when he was converted to Christ. I felt like God was calling me to the AWA NA Program.

Appropriate Independence Awards

Each month, Shepherds College staff select students who have made strides in reaching Appropriate Independence. We look for students who have taken responsibility for their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual independence. The September Appropriate Independence awards go to Nikki Martin and Rachel Ames. Nikki did a great job on her fruit and vegetable vase creation during Culinary Arts, and she took the initiative to study for mid-term exams. Rachel Ames has been caught on numerous occasions using "Please" and "Thank you" appropriately. The students as a whole are growing and learning so much. Great job to each student on your hard work!

Travel Plans

Please communicate Thanksgiving travel plans to Cathy Harvey by October 30, 2009.

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Guest Rooms in Findley Center

Make arrangements through Pam Alby
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Student Book Report

By: Gloria Pavuk

I recently read Set-Apart Femininity by Leslie Ludy. This book is one of the many books that have helped me change into the woman God designed me to be. Leslie Ludy is the author of many books including Authentic Beauty and When God Writes Your Love Story (with co-author Eric Ludy). This book focuses on many key issues women face today such as the plan and purpose God has for your life, living a poured-out life, and captivating the heart of a Christ-like guy. God says in His Word that He designed women on and for a purpose. He has called women to live the set-apart

femininity life. What does it mean to live a set-apart life for Christ? It means to abandon or give up everything for the sake of Christ. Yes, it is good to have nice things and to live in a nice home, but those are just blessings He gives us. Living a set-apart life for Christ is not easy and you cannot do it overnight. It takes a lifetime! You need to examine your heart and see what is hindering your relationship with Christ. Things like movies, music, friends, text messages, phone, T.V., and the like, can hinder or replace the position God has in your life.

Once you get rid of everything that celebrates darkness, then you can really focus on your relationship with Christ. Prayer and time with God are also the keys to grow in your relationship with God. No relationship can grow without spending time with that person. God desires to spend time with you. I have really grown. I realized I want to be a set-apart woman for God. Before I read this book, my prayer life was not really that great but now I have increased the time I spend with God in His Word and in prayer. Sometimes I am not always consistent with my time with Him, but I strive to make time for Him every morning and every night. I have committed to be a set-apart woman for Christ and not be a typical modern Christian. I hope all women who read this book will be inspired and actually live it!

SC Scrapbook



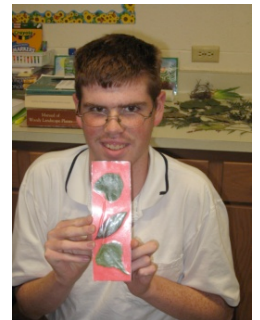
Recently in Church History, students completed studying the book of Acts. One assignment was to pick a person from this book and imagine what life was like in the early church through their eyes. Below is David Ellenberger's article about the first martyr Stephen.

Though Stephen's Eyes

Hi, my name is Stephen. I am going to tell you about one of the early churches. In those days, there was a lot a controversy in my church. My church was a mess. The Greek Jews have been complaining that their widows have been overlooked in the daily distribution of food. The twelve disciples heard about this conflict, so they gathered together in a room and said to one another, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the Word of God in order to wait on tables." (Acts 6:2) If they waited on tables, they would not have time to preach the word of God to all the unbelievers. So the disciples decided to choose seven men in the church that were full of the Holy Spirit and wise beyond measure. The seven men that they personally selected were Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, Nicolas from Antioch, and me, Stephen, a man of faith. We served and preached the Word of God. As the Word of God gradually spread, the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Then I went out and began to do wonders and miraculous signs with the help of God's grace and power. Then people from the Synagogue of the Freedmen began to argue with me. They could not stand up against my wisdom or the Spirit by whom I spoke, so they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak words of blasphemy against Moses and against God." (Acts 6:11) So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. Then they seized me and brought me in front of the Sanhedrin. They produced false witnesses against me. The false witnesses lied to the Sanhedrin by saying, "This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us." (Acts 6:13-14) Then the high priest said to me, "Are these charges true?" (Acts 7:1) I then told

them of how our forefathers spoke to God and listened to every command that God had instructed them to do. After I had said these things, the Holy Spirit came inside of me. Then I said to the Sanhedrin in a strong voice, "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears. You are just like your fathers. You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him, you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it." (Acts 7:51-53) When they heard what I was saying, they got mad and began to gnash their teeth at me. Then I looked up and saw the glory of God. Then I said in a loud voice, "Look, I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:56) Then they covered their ears and took me out of the city. They stripped their robes and began to stone me. While they were stoning me, I prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." (Acts 7:59) Then I fell on my knees and cried out, to my God in heaven, "Lord do not hold this sin against them." (Acts 7:60) Then I breathed for the last time. I may be dead, but I am alive in heaven with my Lord Savior. My physical being was destroyed, but my spiritual being was awaked into God's kingdom. The world is near the end and it is up to all the believers to witness to the unbelievers. If we don't, those who do not believe in God on the last day will be judged and put to death. This is my testimony. I hope you will take this story to heart and live it. See you in heaven some day. Good bye. ~ Stephen



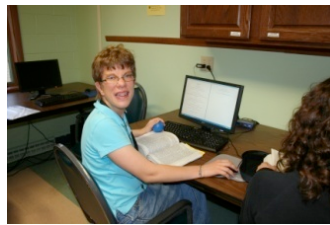


Karli's Corner

In Language Arts, the students have been learning about different parts of speech: nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, conjunctions, interjections, and prepositions. To practice using these parts of speech, the students started a research paper. Each student was given a different state and questions that they had to find the answers to regarding that state. Some of the information that the students had to find included the state capitol, the major industries, the land and climate, and a brief history.

Here is a small sample of one of the research papers on the state of New York written by Rachel Ames:

In 1664, the English took over New Netherland from the Dutch. They changed the name of the city and the colony to New York in honor of the Duke of York and Albany, who was the brother of England's king, Charles II. New York is often called the Empire State because of its large number of resources and wealth. New York gained the nickname Excelsior State from its motto. Early Dutch settlers often wore knee breeches, which led to New York's nickname the Knickerbocker State.



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