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On the Wings of Tradition

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Home coming is on the horizon and everyone is so excited! Scout Hale said that he was "excited to see

everyone's War Hawk spirit on display." A swimmer, Sarah Hernandez, said that she "can't wait to paint up for the football game and run across the bleachers on every touch down! For once I'm looking forward

to a good run!" We all are excited about our boys going up to play their exciting game, but in order to get everyone riled up for that Saturday night, there are so many events coming up to get everyone ready for this

awesome game.

To show off our War Hawk pride, Thursday night we have the Tipi raising. Every social group has their own Tipi to raise and it is a competition. The Social Group who gets their Tipi up the fastest wins the race and that starts Thursday night at six o'clock. These Social Clubs have been practicing nonstop to try and win this competition. Craig Bell, a member of Kiva, said that he is "most looking forward to setting up the Tipis and sitting around the bon fire with all the Kiva guys." Another student, Jamie Chitty, said that she "can't wait to see the Tipis go up at Waa Waa Tacy and the community we have all being together." This Tipi competition is going to be an intense night for anyone who is on the Wah Wah Tay See field. Speaking of Social Clubs, Theta Chi Lambda is selling Homecoming shirts in the campus center. Brandi Wall, a sophomore in the Theta Chi Lambda Social Club, told me "We will be selling these t-shirts for twelve dollars, or you can get a deal with our double shirt deal. It is one of this year's homecoming shirts along with one of last year's homecoming shirts for only fifteen dollars. It's a real steal and both shirts



HOME COMING 2013

look so great!"

An inclusive event for Freshman class is the beating of the drum, starting Friday afternoon at two o'clock the beating of the drum to Ala Cumba. Freshmen continue to beat this drum all through the night until two o'clock Saturday afternoon at kick off. A lot of pressure is on the new students because if you drop the beat then, legend and tradition say, that we will not win our game. Kristen DeFrance, a freshman at McMurry, said that she is "excited to beat the drum! I signed up for a sun rise shift so I can watch the sun come up while I'm getting pumped up for the game and get some awesome pictures!" You can sign up and join Kirsten in beating the drum with McMurry Student Government for any time slot that works for you and does not get in the way of your classes.

Another tradition that comes along with homecoming is the alumni competition. Past athletes of the school come back to compete against the current athletes in a battle of who is better, the young and proud or the bold and old. Swimming has a swim meet against their alumni on October fourth at seven p.m. and it is sure to be an intense set of events. Kelly McNamee says "I am excited to compete against past back strokes! I am certain that they will give me a run for my money and help to make me better!" Other events coming up with homecoming are The Super Fan of the Game Contest, Mark Miller-Edward Jones Faculty and Staff Raffle, United Supermarket Trivia Challenge, McMurry Bookstore Boogie for Your Books, and so much more!



Will Cooper and the rest of Chi Omicron construct their tipi during Homecoming 2013. This year's sunset ceremony and tipi raising is this Thursday, October 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Breaking Records

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At four o'clock in the afternoon, in the deep south, on an unfamiliar grass field, our Lady War Hawk soccer team earned a huge win for our school against Alcorn State. Alcorn State is a Division 1 school, making this the biggest win in this program's history - and it was a hard-fought win. Hot and tired, but with nothing to lose, our women's soccer team defeated Alcorn's Lady Braves with an overtime goal. The score was 2-1 at the end of the match.

Competitiveness and nerves ran high as the only goal in the first half went to Alcorn State. Going into the second half, our team, as Chanel Felder, McMurry's goalkeeper and a third year business major, says, "We just tried to calm down our nerves... [we] just needed to relax and play the way we know how to play." Whatever



pep talk McMurry soccer coach Alan Riches gave at halftime had the desired effect. The Lady War Hawks tied the game with a goal from Shelby (Holiday) Williams, a forward. Savannah Whitaker, another forward and a junior, laments on how the team "had so many opportunities and we just weren't able to put it away." So, all in all, it was a frustrating game from beginning to end. But our Lady War Hawks battled through it by getting the overtime goal within the first six to seven minutes, which was scored by Aleria Luna, McMurry's midfielder and a sophomore.

Everyone knows it is easy to learn from a loss,

because there is not much more you can take out of it without the joy of a win. But our soccer team sees this match as more than a "W" on their roster. This match turned out to be huge lesson for the team also. Anytime the opposing team has the advantage from the start, whether it is because they are Division 1 or because they scored early in the game, it is hard to keep a winner's mentality. But our team discovered, as proof from this match, that it doesn't matter how far one is down, it isn't over till everyone has left the field. Felder explains this hard-earned resolution, "if we do make a mistake [or] if we do give up a goal early, we

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A, B, C, ZZZZZZ... To Sleep or Not to Sleep?

Candace Boehm
STAFF WRITER

It is 6 a.m. and the monotonous drone of your alarm clock jolts you awake. You have two hours before your first class starts—what do you do? If you are like most college students of today, the answer to that question is represented by the pressing of the "snooze" button. Startling new research by the National Sleep Foundation has shown that college students are among the most prevalent group of sleep deprived Americans in the U.S.

Whether it is a 2 a.m. study session before a big biology exam or an impromptu night-out with the gang, the decision of sleep seems to rank at the very end of many students' lists of priorities. A group of McMurry freshman ad-



mitted that they "at most, get four hours a sleep a night." According to the National Sleep Foundation, adolescents typically need between 8-9 hours a night. Now, we all can do the math here: 4 hours is

HALF of the minimum average requirement needed for an adolescent body to function properly. Yikes!

On the other hand, not all students are sleep deprived by choice. Many

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Books: Society's Biggest Threat?

A COMMENTARY BY
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EDITOR

When one is required to take evasive action from a national threat, that danger probably does not come in the form of a glossy paper sleeve protecting a vulnerable compressed card board cover underneath which there are thin leaflets of paper bound together at a single point with glue and string. This inanimate object, constructed with some of the most fragile components in our world, is one of the most concerning threats to the country that conservative parents, pastors and librarians across the country are wiping off of shelves and censoring. These objects can infiltrate the minds of children provoking free thought and glorify, in their tainted pages, the corrupt differences of society. These dangerous entities are also known as banned books.

On Friday on the steps of the Jay-Rollins Library the students of Sigma Tau Delta, also known as McMurry English Club, dared to read aloud passages from their favorite banned books. In attempt to convince onlookers that these books should stay on library and bookstore shelves, each student began their reading with a personal introduction explaining why they chose the book they read and the reasons given for banning the book, paralleled with reasons that the book is a valuable contribution to society. As the wind battled the microphone in attempt to mute these students' free speech, from across the



quad came another interruption to their speech, the construction workers on Old Main turned their power tools on what seemed like their highest setting and ground at concrete with a mighty sound that echoed against the library walls. Undeterred, the students continued reading from their bold books, only louder, determined to make their uncensored literature heard.

Throughout the event Alex Auch, the historian for English Club, was taking pictures for the scrapbook he is compiling of the club's events this year. He said that this event was "a gathering of kind souls to read passages from literature that have been banned or censored. We didn't read only to each other this year, we had a small audience as

well, which was absolutely wonderful." Students from Mr. Andrew's freshman English class as well as Dr. Bond's Shakespeare course composed the majority of the audience as they piled on the ramp of the library patio throughout the reading, listening intently to this literature that they were surprised to learn was being actively kept from them. When Alex took the microphone the audience was full of questioning whispers when he announced that he would be reading passages from *The Hunger Games* trilogy by Suzanne Collins, which is one of the most popular books of this day and age. "Our goal [is] to spread awareness that book banning, even burning, is still prevalent today." Alex said "In the year 2013, we are

still surrounded by trivial and ignorant beliefs that inhibit some of what our society should stand for: individuality, imagination, and free expression." In order to sway some of these ignorant beliefs Alex was having the event filmed so he could post it on YouTube for the Banned Books Virtual Read-Out which is a movement by The American Library Association to celebrate the reading of banned books nationwide.

Keith Wagner, the secretary for English Club, said that he was reading from *A Brave New World* by Adolus Huxley for the event because he was "Trying to affect some positive change, or, at the very least, [bring] some awareness to the huddled masses who otherwise couldn't care less. Without English Club, I don't think anyone would have done anything, leaving those who are in the dark on such matters left to their own ignorance." This idea of letting individuals of society have access to all information and decide for themselves what to retain and what to reject is a main theme not only in Keith's book, but in many books on the banned book list. It is interesting to note that all members of English Club specifically used the word

ignorance when pinpointing what they were battling through reading these books. The chief purpose of the International Honor Society Sigma Tau Delta is the promotion of literacy and that is exactly what the members of McMurry University English Club accomplished.

Many might not think that what English Club did on Friday, reading books on library stairs, was an act of audacity or bravery in this progressive day and age where burning books is a thing of the past, supposedly wiped out with the Nazi's in World War II. But even on the Jay Rollins Library steps a banned book received controversy. *Annie on My Mind* by Nancy Garden is a young adult novel detailing the love story between two girls, which has been banned and even burned for the glorifying of a same-sex relationship, which nowadays is a present controversy. As if to prove this immediacy of censorship, while passages from *Annie On My Mind* were being read, a passerby exiting the library behind the reader held up his hand against the words signifying a protest of the honest themes being voiced and his desire to stay ignorant to them.



Don Cain Named McMurry Distinguished Alumnus

McMurry University has named telecommunications leader Don Cain '76 as its Distinguished Alumnus for 2013.

Cain will be honored at the Distinguished Alumni Dinner Thursday, Oct. 3, as part of McMurry's Homecoming festivities.

Since 2010, Cain has been senior vice president for state regulatory initiatives for AT&T in Texas. Before that, he was president of AT&T Texas for two years.

Cain previously was president of AT&T Oklahoma and AT&T's (formerly SBC) managing director of federal regulatory policy in the company's Washington, D.C. office.

Before his Washington assignment, Cain headed the legislative and regulatory team for three years

in South Africa, representing the company's interest in Telkom South Africa. While there, he worked with the South African Parliament to help establish a new law that opened the market to competition. One of his proudest career accomplishments is helping bring phone service to over 3,200 villages that previously had limited or no service. He continues to be a strong advocate for using technology to improve productivity, economic conditions and the quality of life for consumers and businesses.

Cain started with AT&T in 1979 in Dallas in the company's customer-focused network services organization.

While at McMurry, Cain was involved in student government, a fratern-



nity, athletics, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, public speaking, and a number of other activities.

Cain is a former member of the McMurry University Board of Trustees. He has served in a variety of community and state or-

ganizations involving business, education, the United Way and other civic activities.

Cain grew up in the Texas Panhandle city of Pampa. He and his wife, Kathy, have two daughters.

McMurry Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band to present free concert Oct. 10th

The McMurry University Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, in Radford Auditorium. Admission to the concert is free.

The Wind Ensemble, directed by David Robinson, will feature a wide variety of music from an assortment of American composers, including *Homage to Perotin* by Ron Nelson; *Introit* by Fisher Tull; *English Folk Song Salute* by Ralph Vaughan Williams; and *Scramble* by Todd Stalter.

The Jazz Band, directed by Mark Wilcox, will feature *Big Dipper* by Thad Jones, *But Beautiful* by Jimmy Van Heusen, and *Four* by Miles Davis.

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don't let that get to us. We keep playing all the way. With this overtime win in Mississippi and the overtime [loss] against Northeastern... we know that we can still turn it around at any point. So going forward, [we will] just stay positive the whole game, and believe that we can win."

And yet, this does not, and cannot, take away from the fact that this is a record-breaking win for our Lady War Hawks. It must feel amazing to beat a school that has the advantage of merely uttering their name and having all of the weighty connotations that come with it crash upon their opponents, just because there is a 1 next to their title. Whitaker explains her take on the win and what playing a Division 1 team means, "it's very nerve-wracking playing

a team that is set in that Division 1 idol ... [but] we [had] something to play for and they [had] everything to lose. We have nothing to lose playing someone [who is] on top... we [were] the better team and if we would have lost it would have been an unfortunate team because we knew we were better than that." But they didn't lose, and everything they could have gained from this match, they did. We can only applaud the women's soccer team on this record-breaking win and continue to give them our support as McMurry War Hawks, as they work toward their ultimate goal of playing in nationals at Florida. Next on their schedule will be a home game against Dallas Baptist University on October 5 at 7:30 p.m. Congratulations women's soccer!

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people simply cannot sleep. We toss and turn all night with our minds racing until we hear the roosters crowing us a "good morning." College students can find that they have quite the load of stress; juggling school, work, and sometimes even a family or serious relationship adds up—and fast. This stress, inevitably, is what keeps many students up at night counting sheep instead of chasing them in dreamland.

Despite the reason, the truth of the matter is that sleep deprivation is a serious and potentially harmful condition. Hitting snooze thirty times, sleeping all day on the weekends, or even falling asleep in class are all signs that you are not getting enough sleep for your body and you have accumulated yourself a nice "sleep debt," as researchers call it. The less sleep we get, the more the debt builds and the more serious the

situation becomes.

Having a so-called "sleep debt" is not just bad for your attention span during a long lecture, but it also can have more serious consequences. In fact, a 2007 article by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine revealed that there is a high correlation between academic performance and adequate sleep. Students who have less sleep debt are generally not only more focused, but in fact have better memory skills and more advanced brain function. Additionally, those who get enough sleep at night are also healthier, as insufficient sleep schedules are linked to an increased risk for heart and lung disease, obesity, and even high blood pressure.

Now, you may be thinking: "Okay, but what's a college student to do?" Getting enough sleep at night does not mean you have to become an anti-social hermit who never leaves their

dorm, studies all day, and goes to bed before sundown after taking out your dentures and taking a sponge-bath. In fact, you can have fun, do well in school, AND get enough sleep—the key is balance.

Start slowly. For instance, if you tend to sacrifice sleeping for going out, try staying home one or two times this next week and get some rest, slowly switching to healthier schedule of sleep and adventures. Or, if you are the type who studies until 2 a.m., start by looking at your entire day and how you can maybe adjust activities or obligations in your life in order to be able to study, live, and get to bed at a decent time. On the other hand, if stress is the culprit, try finding a healthy way to deal with releasing it such as meditation, exercise, or simply just some relaxing music in order to clear your mind before lying down.

After making changes in

your life, you may find that your body does not feel like it wants to sleep when you should—it is not used to it. No worries; there is hope! Researchers have found that certain foods, if consumed within an hour or so before climbing into bed, have special sleep-inducing chemicals that have proven effective in not only inducing sleep but also in improving the quality of sleep. Chamomile tea, valerian root, dairy, almonds, and cherries are just a few of the foods with excellent sources of this sleep chemical.

So next time you are faced with the choice of cramming for a test, hanging out with buddies, or worrying about next week's tasks versus catching some z's, listen to your body and what it needs. Can you afford to rack up some sleep debt or should you warm up some milk and hit the hay? Your body (and brain) will thank you.

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McMurry Pride

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Just a few weekends ago McMurry University's own Gay-Straight Alliance took on their first ever adventure of Dallas' annual Pride Parade, which, if you don't know is for the LGBT community. It's events celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender or "LGBT" culture. The parade was full of good times, laughs, and a few very welcoming and exciting surprises for McMurry's GSA group.

McMurry students, Bari Pollard, Kathryn Elton, Lacey Reese, Evelyn Gonzalez, Hunter Hempling, Andrew Admire and Salome Block, walked first in the parade with the ROTC also known as the Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corps, as part of the preshow which proved to be an amazing experience for all who attended. The ROTC with GSA's help were the pep crew for the entire parade, to get all who attended excited and ready to celebrate. As GSA walked through the route people noticed their shirts and happily called out for McMurry. Fellow parade-goers were happy to note that we had a Gay-Straight Alliance at McMurry and the group received some well-deserved notice by simply attending Pride. After walking through the

route once the GSA doubled back and walked again with the ROTC in spot 49 of the parade, though that was not GSA's original intention. Still, the parade was an overall enjoyable and exhilarating experience.

Evelyn Gonzalez, a freshman here at McMurry, and first time attendee of Pride said, "Pride was a new experience for me. There were so many colors and different styles. People wore anything from normal clothes to Lady Gaga-like outfits. Everyone we passed just oozed confidence in who they were. It was beautiful." The parade proved to be an experience like no other and one Evelyn hopes to repeat again. Maybe without the miles and miles of walking it entailed for them.

Lacey Reece, another freshman described the pride parade as "one of the happiest parades of the year. Everybody is so welcoming of who you are. It was just overall amazing and I came back with some pretty funny stories to tell. I'm thankful for the opportunity to attend. Pride is one of those experiences everyone should have, and to me it feels like a family welcoming you home."

McMurry was welcomed with open arms by everyone involved in the Pride Parade. As GSA was wrapping up the long and final walk through

the parade they met some fellow McMurry alumni, who were not even aware of this wonderful group's existence on campus came up and asked, "McMurry? Like McMurry College in Abilene? My partner went there! He was Chief McMurry back in '87. I tried to get him to wear the headdress but he said no!" His partner then spoke up saying, "They don't let you keep it!" Tons of other people commented on just how incredible it was that McMurry University had a GSA. So, our wonderful McMurry GSA still got out there and was noticed by the people.

Everyone who attended this event left with stories full of laughter to tell, ones they will be sharing with others in the years to come. But each person I talked to had smiles on their faces as they talked about their individual experiences at the Dallas Pride Parade. Just about every one of the GSA members who went to the parade are excited about going next year, though, they are planning on watching the parade this time to get the full effect and another experience for McMurry University to have. Pride was an exciting experience they hope to repeat again and again in the following years. Who knows maybe one year McMurry will have its own official part in Pride.


"The Story of God, the Story of us"

Based on "The story of God, the story of us" by Sean Galding

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McMurry Shareholders Business Club attends APRO Meeting

Twenty McMurry students from the Shareholders Business Club attended the meeting of the Abilene Public Relations Organization, on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at Hendrick Medical Center. Speakers at the event were the Sports Information Officers from the three Abilene universities.

Each SIO showed a short video and participated in a panel discussion on their respective NCAA divisions. Dave Beyer is the Sports In-

formation Officer for McMurry. Questions posed to the panel members included topics such as the issues presented by "re-branding," the role of alumni in athletic programs, and the use of marketing in recruiting.

APRO invites Business students from the three universities, so that the students can network with local professionals and ask them questions about their careers.

The McMurry student contingent was the largest

of the three local universities. Elizabeth "Muffy" Watson, faculty sponsor for the Shareholders Club, stated, "I am so proud of our students for taking advantage of this opportunity to network and learn from our Abilene business community. The Shareholders Business Club encourages each other, to see how professionals are applying what they learned in the classroom, to their profession."

Don't Let Them Slip through the Cracks of History

Michaela Pritchett
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, September 27, 2013, Harvard University awarded Malala Yousafzai, a young Pakistani activist for gender equality in education, the 2013 Peter J. Gomes Humanitarian Award, naming her Humanitarian of the Year. Last October, Malala suffered injuries in the neck and head after an assassination attempt by Taliban gunmen. She dared to stand up for what she believed in; few teenagers, or adults for that matter, can claim that kind of bravery. Women like Malala should not be forgotten. In honor of her, I would like to take a moment to remember a couple of other women in history who have also defied the authorities and norms of their times, seeking freedom and justice.

First up is Nanny of the Maroons. Nanny was responsible for saving the lives of slaves by providing a haven and fighting the British in Jamaica—while

she was in her 50s and 60s! In organizing the Maroon settlements in Jamaica, she is credited with being the single woman who united runaways and freepersons brought over from Africa all while preserving their cultural heritage.

Oral history of the island paints Nanny as an acute military tactician, genius in guerilla warfare, and a gifted mystic. She strategically placed most of the Maroon settlements in mountains, where incoming British soldiers were easily spotted approaching through the narrow pathways. In teaching the Maroons camouflage, she orchestrated successful battles against the British, her people picking off soldiers as they stumbled, unaware, through thickets of leaves, warriors, and branches.

Unfortunately, Nanny's monumental role in Jamaican history was largely ignored by Maroon historians who instead chose to focus on the men of the Maroons. Most of what we know of her comes from oral history

as well as the British, who hated her. Thankfully, the courageous woman is still remembered, even affectionately as "Grandy Nanny," in Maroon culture.

Next up is a Celtic woman who was forgotten for 1500 years until the works of Gaius Tacitus, a Roman senator and a prominent historian were discovered in the 1530s. The tyrannical Roman Emperor, Nero, nearly pulled his Roman soldiers out of Briton, abandoning the whole island, because of his fear of one Celtic woman: Boudicca of the Iceni.

As the story goes, when the Romans had conquered southern England, they allowed Boudicca's husband to keep ruling, promising the land ownership would be split between them and his daughters. Once he died, the Romans took the lands from Boudicca and her daughters and demanded payment for the husband's debts; they then raped Boudicca's daughters and nearly beat Boudicca to death. Furious at the Romans and



Malala Yousafzai, winner of the 2013 Peter J. Gomes Humanitarian Award

their behavior, she rallied the Iceni and other tribes and led a rebellion against the foreign forces.

Boudicca destroyed multiple Roman settlements before being defeated through the impediment of her tribe's own families as they were fleeing from the advancing Romans. Though the uprising was ultimately squashed, Boudicca displayed amazing bravery in leading her tribe against her people's oppressors and her daughters' attackers—the big, bad Roman Empire.

There are many, many, more incredible women in history, often far less significantly recorded in the annuals of history, who deserve to never be forgotten for their cultural contributions, wisdom, innovation and courage. Women like Sappho, the co-founder (along with Homer) of Western literature, and globally respected, wise Queen Elizabeth I who led the nation of England from harm and into a new era will never be forgotten—and neither should Malala Yousafzai.

Young Malala has become a leader for equality for the genders, for education—and will continue her fight, regardless of the danger which she has already faced. In her UN speech, she said, "...nothing changed in my life except this: weakness, fear, and hopelessness died. Strength, power, and courage was born..." These are brave words from an exceptionally brave woman. She will not be forgotten. We are all curious, present and past persons, to see where Malala goes.

McMurry computer science students get hands on experience developing in assembly language

McMurry computer science students taking Assembly Language and Computer Organization with Dr. Robert Watson are putting the material they are learning into practice using a custom lab kit developed specifically for this semester's course.

The kit consists of a custom designed printed circuit board along with a Microchip "PICkit 3" development system. With these kits students can write programs in assembly language that control the peripheral devices on the board to solidify their understanding of assembly language programming. The simplicity of the system provides a readily accessible example of computer architecture that is visible to the students as they study the architectural elements of



the course.

The printed circuit board features a Microchip PIC processor, numeric LED display, miniature joystick, and a temperature sensor. Among the applications students can create for this hardware are a thermometer, clock, random number generator, "clicker"

counter, stopwatch, and countdown timer. Other tools and games can be created, limited only by the imagination of the student. Students keep the lab kit after completing the course so that they can continue to develop their programming skills

McMurry Names Colby Stone '97 As 2013 Spirit of McMurry Award Winner



Thomas Colby Stone '97, a software engineer from Oklahoma City, OK, has been named the winner of the 2013 Spirit of McMurry Award given by the McMurry Alumni Association Board of Directors. The award is presented each year to alumni who have graduated within the last 20 years and who have shown excellence in their profession and in service to their community.

Stone began working as an Embedded Software Engineer for The Boeing Company immediately following his graduation from McMurry. In the 16 years since, he has worked in the B-1b Bomber avionics software group as well as the B-2 Bomber weapons software group. In 2000, he was named the lead of the B-1b executive software group. As the lead of this group he was in charge of the operating system used for the avionics software on the B-1b. In 2003, he moved to the B-2 program and became the B-2 Weapons Software Lead. In 2005, he was promoted to the B-2 Integrated Project Team Lead, with responsibilities including monitoring software, requirements and testing of the B-2 weapon system. In early 2011, he

was promoted to Software Manager and now manages the B-2 teams he previously worked on.

Stone has been very active with his church in Oklahoma City, United Methodist Church of the Servant. He was active with the Celebration Ringers hand bell choir and the Celebration Orchestra on tuba, trombone and percussion. When his son became old enough to attend WOW (Welcome on Wednesdays, the church's preschool-5th grade youth program), Stone took on the volunteer role of group leader and guides a group of 5-10 spirited preschool/ kindergarteners through the evening's activities. He has also served as the camp Games Leader for our church's Kidz Camp held for a weekend over the summer. Stone is an inaugural member of the Fit to Serve Car Seats for Kids program – a group of leaders in the church who took the time to become certified in car seat fittings. This group hosts events at Church of the Servant for car seat fittings and gives away car seats to those families who need them. This has been an outstanding new ministry in the church due to the commitment of

these individuals. Stone has also served on the church's Board of Advisors and is active with the 2x2 Sunday School class and Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study group.

Through his workplace, Stone has been the point person for his team for the Boeing Food Drive, the Books & Backpacks program and the Boeing Employee Community Fund. He also volunteers with his son's Cub Scout group.

Stone and his wife Martha, a 1998 McMurry graduate, continue to maintain a strong connection to McMurry. He has attended every homecoming since graduation and was one of the main reasons his niece (who will graduate this December) chose to attend McMurry. He has served on the Science and Math Advisory Board (SMAB) since 2004 and has served as co-chair of the Technology Committee of the Science Building Capital Campaign.

While at McMurry, Stone was involved in Makona Men's Social Club, the Indian Band, APO Service Fraternity, the Student Ambassador Board and St. Paul United Methodist Church.

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