

## CHEATING.....

Cheating is prevalent, said Pam Midgett, director of the counseling center.

"We have people come in here feeling hurt, angry, rejected, betrayed, worthless, guilty and stupid for not knowing what was going on," she said.

Not only do people go into the counseling center to find help in a cheating relationship, they also seek advice if they are the ones who cheated.

"We see both sides," Midgett said. "Sometimes people come in because they are the ones who cheated. They have such a guilty conscience they need to talk about it because they want to keep the relationship they are in."

The key to maintaining a healthy relationship is communication, Midgett said.

"It's important to be selective in who you date and to choose an honorable and respectable person today because your heart is on the line. Don't set yourself up for sadness."

Once the magic in a relationship dies, couples tend to get bored, Midgett explained. Their

eyes start to wander, looking for something better.

In Norman's case, his ex- was simply bored. Although they had a four-year relationship and were living together, they gradually grew apart. Communication between them had dwindled.

Norman now realizes he should have seen the breakup coming. One night he phoned her to discover she was watching a movie with another guy. They were in his apartment. Questions began to stir.

"Who is he? Why is he in my apartment? Is she alone with him in my bed?"

He confronted her. She burst into tears and explained he was just a friend. She asked Norman why he didn't trust her.

"So I thought to myself, if he's just a friend, why is she so upset right now?" he said.

She never answered any of Norman's questions. Instead, she turned the tables and began asking him questions.

"Suspicious cheaters tend to distance themselves," Midgett said.

"They begin to feel guilty so

they push themselves away from the person they are with."

Midgett said many people in these situation resort to prayer. Norman, however, got angry.

"When you're betrayed in a relationship it can be damaging. It makes a person question their ability to choose someone to be faithful to them," Midgett said. "Questions will be asked like if they're worth being loyal to, and what's wrong with them if not?"

People who cheat are clearly unhappy with their relationship, Midgett said. They continue the affair, not realizing they are hurting along the way.

MSU freshman Kelly Ojara said she cheated because she was unhappy. The relationship lacked communication and the chemistry was gone. He began to treat her with disrespect, which caused a lot of fights, Ojara explained.

"It was two years too long," Ojara said with a sigh. "He didn't treat me the way I deserve, even through it's not an excuse. I should have just broken up with him. But it was hard because we had been together for so long

and knew everything about each other."

Midgett said people are often scared of ending their relationship because of those comfortable feelings. She explained, however, it's many times not marriage. If someone feels the relationship is unhealthy, then the best bet is to get out while he or she still can.

Ojara's boyfriend at the time attended school at another university, making it a long distance relationship. Meanwhile, she met another guy, Eric, and they began to date.

"The only smart thing I think I did was stay true to Eric. I never lied to him," Ojara said. "I feel horrible on how it turned out and cheating on my boyfriend but I just wasn't happy."

"Once a cheater, always a cheater" is a popular saying.

"I don't believe it one bit," Ojara said. "I believe everyone makes mistakes and they learn from them."

Youth and immaturity make it difficult for college students to make the right decisions, Midgett said.

## CLIMATE.....

was at the end of the Ice Age about 8,000 years ago," Leakey said. "Before the Ice Age ended, humans had not domesticated animals or plants."

He said that the massive-scale climate change made their nomadic hunter/gatherer lifestyles less effective, leading to the creation of settlements and development of distinct cultures.

Leakey said that if current climate change progresses as quickly as predicted, planetary calamity will be widespread.

"The volume of the sea will increase," he said. "Sea level will rise over the next 30 to 50 years at least a meter or a meter and a half."

Millions of people living in coastal areas would find their homes uninhabitable, he said.

"The number of people likely to be affected is around 750 million," Leakey said. "It will have a dramatic impact on us. Even in this little town, there will be an impact 30 to 50 years

from now."

He proposed that action be taken now.

"Despite the evidence for climate change, we still elect governments that operate as if there is no accountability for their stupid ways," Leakey said. Overpopulation adds to the problem, he said.

"Six billion is too many," he said. "We need to bring populations down."

Leakey said raising the standard of living for people in developing countries would be a place to start.

"People with a reasonable standard of living tend to restrict the number of children that they have in order to preserve that standard."

People with no money or prospects, however, tend to have larger families, he noted.

He termed the amount of waste western countries produce as "unreasonable."

"I'm struck by the willingness to throw things away," Leakey

said.

Instead, he believes people should allow themselves to have what they want and need, but not enough to discard.

"I don't think we can expect developing countries to remain developing, or developed countries to become less developed," he said. "But I don't think it's too much to ask for two-thirds of the planet to have clean water and one meal a day."

Although human impact on climate change is disputed, Leakey said people should do all they can to alleviate the possible causes.

"There is a high probability we've had an impact," he said. "There is a certainty that it will affect us."

He stressed that although the survival of the human species as a whole isn't threatened by climate change, global warming is putting stress on other organisms.

"Because of antibiotics and

pesticides, we are producing infections that cannot be cured," Leakey said. "There is every chance that within the next 10 years, there will be a pandemic that could kill hundreds of millions of people. It is not going to kill all of humanity, but it will put a big knock on the population."

Responsibility is key when it comes to use of antibiotics especially, he said. The misuse of them is not good for humans or for biodiversity.

The world is also too dependent on three crops, Leakey said. Corn, wheat and rice are crucial to the well-being of many societies.

"For a disease to develop that could wipe out modern farming is something we should consider," he said. "It is not theoretically possible to survive a drop in the supply (of one of these crops) by 90 percent."

Awareness is the key to preserving the environment, according to Leakey.

## ANNIVERSARY.....

Department.

Guests will be able to enjoy a variety of activities throughout the evening.

The event schedule includes a musical performance in the Theatre Atrium at 6 p.m. followed by a "Gallery Talk." Another musical performance will take place in the pit area of the School of

Visual Arts at 7:10 p.m.

The Mass Communications Department will host a viewing of student documentaries in Lecture Hall C111 for the last event of the evening.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the opening ceremony (which is free) and are encouraged to wear their Hal-

loween costumes.

"We just want everyone to come out and have fun before they start their Halloween festivities," Prose said. "Just enjoy the artwork and have some refreshments. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Selected artists are Mark Anderson, Corpus Christi; Joe

Ed Barrington, Throckmorton; Ken Dixon, Lubbock; John Fincher, Santa Fe, N.M.; Barbara Frey, Commerce; David Gibson, Dallas; Frank Gohlke, Tucson, Ariz.; Maurice Gray, Moreno Valley, Calif.; Kenneth J. Hale, Austin; Douglas Kent Hall, Albuquerque, N.M.; Dan Hammett, Irving; Gary Hatcher

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son, Nev.; Thomas Seawell, Commerce; Luther Smith, Fort Worth; Gisela-Heidi and Juer-gen Strunck, both of Southlake; Warren Taylor, Midland; Richard Thompson, Dayton, Ore., and Karl Umlauf, Lorena.

The exhibition will run through Jan. 29, Monday through Friday during normal gallery hours.

## SKATEBOARD.....

ans, Hagy said.

"You can't walk as fast as a guy can skate," he said. "It's more of a liability for the university."

Hagy anticipates the ban on skateboarding will change, but the wording will be very specific as to what's allowed.

"It's not going to be difficult to get changed, but we have to go through the right channels," said Keith Lamb, associate vice president of student affairs, during an SGA meeting Oct. 7.

"It's been like this as long as I've been here, but I suspect it

has something to do with people doing rails and damaging the property," he said. "To use them for transportation should be just fine."

The current MSU policy on alternate transportation - skateboards, bicycles, rollerblades and others - is inconsistent.

The Police Department Ordinance Booklet states it is unlawful for any student to skateboard on campus. Bikes and rollerblades are considered legitimate forms of transportation, though there are certain areas where their use is

prohibited, such as on porches, walking tracks or rails.

Also, rollerblades are not allowed on the sidewalks, though bicycles are.

"There's just as much danger with bikes as skates," said junior Robert McDowell. "Half the time bikes are in the road impeding traffic when they could be on the sidewalk."

McDowell, a radiologic technology major, rollerblades to his classes in Bridwell Hall. He enjoys skating to class even though it isn't a long walk from his Sunwatcher apartment.

"There's no parking, so driv-

ing's just not an option," he said. "All the mass parking is on the other side of campus."

McDowell was stopped by MSU police while skating to class on Louis J. Rodriguez Monday morning. He said police told him he wasn't allowed to rollerblade on campus.

The skates came off.

Later that day, McDowell approached two MSU policemen by the entrance of the Dillard building. He was wearing his rollerblades again.

He told the officers he had gone to the student government and had been told rollerblading should be okay.

"Nothing has changed," one officer said to him.

The skates came off again. McDowell walked to the MSU Police Department, determined to settle the issue. He could be seen walking back down Louis J. at about 1 p.m., a copy of the Police Department Ordinance Booklet in one hand, the pair of heavy

black rollerblades in the other. "It makes you feel like you're doing something wrong when you're just skating down the street," he said. "If you were jumping stuff and causing harm to people that's one thing, but there's no harm in skating to class."

McDowell has received no tickets for skating on campus.

"It's that old mentality, 'do things my way or not at all,'" he said. "They just don't understand."

Freshman Cori Bobbett would also like skating to be permitted on campus, but doesn't think it's that important.

"I just like to ride around for fun every once in a while," she said. "I don't really care because my classes are too far apart."

She rides a longboard, a longer, wider, more maneuverable skateboard. She has used it for about a year.

Bobbett was teaching a

friend how to ride on the sidewalk near her Killingsworth dorm when police told her it was prohibited.

"They let people ride bikes," she said. "That takes up a lot of space and it's harder to control. People get run over with bikes, but with a skateboard you can just jump off."

Parking has been a major concern for students this semester, especially since construction began where the Mercantile building stood.

"They should get behind this, especially with all the parking problems," Marsh said.

Hagy disagrees that allowing skateboarding on campus will alleviate any parking woes. Most of the people who skate, he said, live on campus anyway.

"I don't think people are going to be skateboarding two miles to get to class," he said.

## Campus briefs

• **Oct. 22** Imagine Graduation; CSC Atrium; 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

• **SECC Dunking Booth; Daniel Building; 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.; \$1 for 3 throws**

• **Oct. 23** Athletics luncheon; Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU; video replays, coach updates; Thurs. 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; cost \$6

• **Mole Day Contest; third floor chemistry office in Bolin; Thurs. 6:02 a.m. - 6:02 p.m.; Entry deadline is Oct. 22, 5 p.m.**

• **Multicultural Services: Racial Vocabulary; CSC Wichita I and II; Thurs. 11:30 a.m.**

• **Speakers and Issues Series: Poetic Visions; Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU; Thurs. 7 p.m.**

• **SGA and Multicultural Services: What's at Stake?; CSC Wichita; Thurs. 8 p.m.**

• **Oct. 28** Majors Fair; CSC Commerce Suites; Tues. 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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