Professor files federal lawsuit against WSU, administrators

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The Founder of the Center for Combating Human Trafficking, Karen Countryman-Roswurm, filed a federal lawsuit Monday against Wichita State University and several administrators citing “years of harassment, discrimination, and retaliation.” The 115-page lawsuit details allegations of male colleagues in the department of social work spreading falsehoods that she traded sexual favors for advancement in the university and of administrators failing to follow university policy regarding discrimination and harassment. The lawsuit also claims she received negative statements regarding her Native American heritage and faced retaliations from the university when the instances were reported, among other allegations.

When asked about the lawsuit Wednesday afternoon, President Rick Muma had no comment. Countryman-Roswurm, associate professor of social work, talked about her experiences in February zoom during her opening remarks at a local conference on combating human trafficking. The harassment allegedly started in 2015, when she was an assistant professor, and continued through power time. The lawsuit argues Fred Besthorn, professor of social work, defama
tion of character, alleging that false statements made by him caused Countryman-Roswurm harm, including her termination as the executive director of the Center for Combating Human Trafficking.

Besthorn allegedly suggested that Countryman-Roswurm had sex with dean-level administrators to advance in the school, saying that “Native women are known for trading sex to get what they want.” The lawsuit details that Countryman-Roswurm frequently reported the harassment to then-Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences Rick Muma, who suggested the

### Wichita State experiencing supply chain issues

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Wichita State’s auxiliary services are facing a backlog of products due to supply shortages and are expecting it to last up until 2023.

Abbey said now is the time for people to change their habits. “I don’t think people are really aware and not thinking ahead,” Abbey said. “It’s just a problem that’s compounded.”

Abbey said the auxiliary services has changed the way they order to combat the issues. “We have changed the way we are doing ordering with auxiliary services,” Abbey said. “So that would include, you know, the post offices and Chicago printing and some other areas, our office supplies, but so we’ve just decided with paper for example, you find a vendor that has the paper that you use more regularly.”

Abbey said since the start of the pandemic, supply shortages have been a common occurrence. “When COVID began a lot of our raw materials and a lot of parts — Are made in China, and that’s where COVID originates so that’s a lot of businesses that were affected by that,” Abbey said. “They’re trying to catch up with your business and all of the back orders that you have. And so now you’ve got tons of stuff that needs to ship but there’s only so many shipping contain- ers... it’s just a problem that’s compounded.”

Abbey said not enough of the campus community knows of the significant problems that the supply chain is causing.

“Don’t think people are really aware and not thinking ahead,” Abbey said. “And you know, if you’re ordering binders to put on a workshop or something, you might not be able to get those binders. Especially if you have a large order and that’s what we’re experiencing in that things are trickling in.”

“If you want binders, you’re probably going to Amazon and I’ll bet there in a day or two,” she said. “You really need to be buying your Christmas presents right now.”

**SELECTED SHOWCASES**

- **2021 Senior Musical Theatre Showcase**

Wichita State University Musical Theatre Program’s graduating seniors held a dress rehearsal for their showcase at Wilner Auditorium on Oct. 21. Fall 2021 senior Musical Theatre Showcase was hosted the next day with songs from Wicked, She Loves Me, Once, Into the Woods, Big Fish, The Bridges of Madison County, and others.

**SENIOR SHOWCASE**

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To connect and meet more people and also made some sunflowers in majoring in electrical engineering, parade,” Muma said. “I’ve been going to have for the homecoming week so far and is looking forward to more events.

“I thought it would be fun to move forward, as well as the to the President and first Gentleman of print and online advertisment sales and student fees who will have the final authority over what is published. The Sunflower is funded by a combination of print and online sales. The Sunflower is founded on the premise that the news is a public resource to be made available to the public.

“President Rick Muma said that he has been planning homecoming week so far and is looking forward to more events. He said that he is enjoying getting more involved with campus activities, academics and athletics, in addition to offering timely resource of information about the Wichita State University family behind.”

“President so I just do whatever I do, because I am the Student Body President.”

“Khan is graduating with her bachelor’s degree this upcoming Dec. & Further failure to comply may result in suspension, according to the university statement. The University is asking for the anonymous workers to report their first dose immediately. “At the end of the day, before you can be effective in the fight, you have to be strategic with your time,” said President Rick Muma. “Our top priority has been and remains the safety of students, faculty and staff.”

“President Rick Muma and First Lady Muma on photo booth during Pizza with the President at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20 in the KCC.”

“Students get involved with homecoming week.”

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President of the Municipal University of Wichita and University of Wichita — The first alumnus to be appointed president, enrollment dropped 500,000 in 1956 after World War II ended. A battle to include the school in the state system began after the city could not support the university without imposing a higher tuition. The university also continued to develop, with new buildings, dorms, and research becoming part of the

Richard Muma (2021-)

Muma has been at the university since 1984, when he was hired as a Physician’s Assistant Program professor. He became the associate vice president for strategic enrollment management in 2016 and was promoted to provost in 2018. When former President John Bardo died in 2016, Muma served as acting president until 2016, when Golden resigned last year. Muma became acting president again and was later named interim president.

Muma is the first openly gay president of WSU. An advocate for the LGBTQ+ population during his time at WSU, with his husband, Muma established an equity scholarship for LGBTQ individuals.

“...in that his career, it’s important for Kansas,” Muma said at the presidential announcement in early fall of this year. “I think it’s a lot of things to a lot of different people in different ways about inclusion, diversity and just the way our society is...”

“...and focusing on the message around and the more that we model it, the better we will be as a society."

“In this time of need, it’s important to model that.”

Muma said in an interview with The Sunflower that the university focused on research and providing as much need-based aid to its students as possible. The board also made sure that students have post-graduation learning experiences and focus on reseaching at the university.

Inauguration ceremony for Richard Muma at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, in the Hughes Metropolitan Complex, located at 29th Street N. and Oliver.

The ceremony will be livestreamed on YouTube and WSU social media channels.
Opinion

What you feed your body with is important

Julia Nightengale

As a senior in the social work program at WSU, I couldn’t picture myself doing anything else other than moving into any other profession.

While I am very happy with my decision to major in social work, I didn’t figure out that this is what I want to do until my senior year of high school, when I was entering into my junior year of college.

Majoring in social work was completely my idea, with no outside influence. I believe that I wanted to switch my major and offer a lot of help to the future generations in a field that shines a positive light on the world.

May 9 was a national meal prep day. I spent a lot of time wondering why it was an event to figure out what I wanted to do.

When I was in my junior and senior year of high school, a lot of employers would come to classes and talk about a career path, but not once did I remember hearing someone tell me about the profession of social work. I had no clue that there were social workers, professors, teachers, psychologists and police officers working in prominent positions in the field. I knew that there weren’t exactly what I wanted to do.

Your own supervisor or mentor can lead you in the right direction. I was fortunate to have some mentors that helped me with my career path.

Many people hear the word social work and immediately picture a person who takes kids away from families. While child welfare is a huge sector of social work, it doesn’t even begin to describe the profession as a whole.

I don’t have enough space here to give in-depth overviews of social work, but all you really need to know are the core values of the profession, services, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence.

Social work is about people and fighting for the basic rights that we all deserve. It’s helping people build better lives, relationships, and giving them the tools to live the healthiest and happiest life that they deserve. It’s helping people build better lives, relationships, and giving them the tools to live the healthiest and happiest life that they deserve. We need social workers, and I am excited to be part of the next generation in a field that shines a positive light on the world.

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WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE CANDY?

ADAM MCELROY
JUNIOR, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Probably Reese’s, just because.

“Reese’s Pieces… just because it’s good and I like peanut butter.”

NATIVE FEILD
FRESHMAN, FORENSIC SCIENCE

“Your Patch Kids be- cause obviously first you scare them and then they’re sweet, but they’re just really good. If you want both types of candy, you can just take two.”

TAYLOR DAVIES
FRESHMAN, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

“Dune part one was a success.”

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As the SGAs most recent motion was debate on whether to allow the organ- ization “Turning Point USA” as a registered student organiza- tion. Many fearing “white nationalist” ideals are held by the organizat’s members, which could create a campus fraught with hate speech and violence.

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That’s why I believed they voted against the group. They believe in “diversity” as they aren’t looking at what the organization stands for. They want conservatives to give up their views of the world and accept one that is foreign. They believe there is “diversity,” as long as it is nothing to do with beliefs different from their own. Would you see the type of push- back for another group that had been in the same camp? This is injustice. This is bias. For patrons, we must meet group and we must speak out, we must take action and not let them believe their actions, simply for having them.

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“The ranch house has existing organizations, but doesn’t it have every organization possible? If there is an organization that can be made, you can create it. This is not something just at WSU, though it exists across the country — for every conserva- tive that wants to attain higher education at a university. They are looking for something that is not being offered. They aren’t looking at what the organization holds, but if they have their way it would allow them to deny the organization from having a voice.

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The American Athletic Conference announced the addition of six new universities — Florida Atlantic University, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, University of Texas at Dallas, Rice University, University of Texas at San Antonio and University of Alabama at Birmingham — to the conference on Thursday.

"Nine years ago (when the AAC formed), a lot of people doubted us," AAC commissioner Mike Aresco said. "But what we're doing here is building for the long-term future. We decided there was a lot of interest and that we could get back to that," Boatright said.

"I think it's been very positive," Boatright said. "We took a pretty hard blow but we've added some new universities that we think could help us get back to that."
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WT volleyball ends winning streak with pair of matches

Wichita State men’s basketball player Tyson Etienne became the latest student athlete to take advantage of the new name, image, and likeness rules, showcasing his photography skills in an exhibit at downtown Wichita on Saturday.

The exhibition titled, “What do you see from a different angle, everybody has a different perspective,” Etienne said. “I'm just here to show how I see in LeTope New York City during COVID-19, a city that always has people on the streets, empty and alive. I captured New York City during that time and I'm really appreciative. I'm glad to have seen those guys and I want to give back to the city.”

Wichita State to require masks at sporting events

Masks will be required at sporting events in Wichita State’s campus stadium, a university spokesperson confirmed to The Sunflower.

The university announced yesterday that all university employees must receive the COVID-19 vaccine, following President Rock Myhre's statement.

All individuals also are required to wear masks on campus and to socially distance, according to the release.

The Sunflower initially reported earlier on Saturday that officials were unsure about the mask requirement and have yet to make an official announcement. There have been no restrictions at any sporting events this year, but starting with the men's basketball game against Missouri Southern State this weekend, masks will be required.

"We'd be in a better shape to see how things go on campus, but we have regulations to adhere to. When we open up our facilities and open up the university the more important thing is to keep going business as usual."

Last summer, Kansas games initially started with no fans allowed to attend, before it was increased to 15% capacity for men’s basketball games that was maintained.

Bourgeois said he viewed the university's returning to normal as a “gradual process, although it remains unclear what parameters will be taken by the athletic department.”

"We don’t want to minimize the business end of things, it's a game but I just think we’ve come back from a family COVID and we don’t want to be in," Bourgeois said. "It’s all about the safety of the players. We’re keeping the mandates, we’re following the mandates and we’re already using additional protocols for attending games following the university’s announcement.

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It was a brisk and lively morning as runners prepared for the annual 5k Pumpkin Run across campus. There was a various assortment of people, young children, high school students, Wichita State students, alumni, and small families that attended. A big blow up finish line banner waved in the wind as few people started to show up, stretching out, and doing small sprints to get their joints warmed up. Smiling families embraced and talked as their excited children were jumping around in anticipation for the race to start.

Registration started within Shocker Hall, as registered runners got their numbers and began to get ready, drinking their energy and power drinks. There was excitement in the air, with many people jumping on their social media to take a quick snapshot of their running attire for all their friends to see.

Wu Shock and the Pumpkin Man - a guy wearing a gigantic pumpkin suit - were running around posing for photos with children before the start of the race, as music sounded loud from the speakers near the starting line, and more people began to show up. As the racers got to the starting line there was a long line that stretched far back from Hubbard Hall to the dining area at the end of Shocker Hall. There was an assortment of serious runners that were trying to catch a PR, with all their fancy running gear, and also fathers and daughters, hands clasped together, running for the memories.

The race was led by a man on a bike that would show the rest of the runners the way, with yellow arrows on the ground showing the direction they were to travel across campus on their journey to the finish line (which was the same as where they started). Whistle countdown started runners get in their positions and then took off in the direction of Charles Koch Arena. Volunteers prepared at the Finish Line with drinks, and snacks, with craft tables full of Halloween themed crafts. There was even a pumpkin painting station for the children to engage in when they get done running the race.

This was not the only race going on, later on, there was a 1k that was packed with small children in costumes, many who had never participated in a race before. Overall, the event brought in everyone, creating a lively community and fun opportunity to get some exercise in before Halloween.
The best and worst candies to get on Halloween

Snickers

The best candy to get on Halloween. SNICKERS original. Plus they are festive.

The peanut butter to chocolate ratio is more balanced than the just makes them taste even better.

Butter Cup, the pumpkin shape with a normal Reese’s Peanut

REESE’S PUMPKINS is my list of the five best types of candy to get on Halloween.

In a fun comic style, Snysworth displayed a lively entertaining piece about being part of the Queen’s Navy.

After intermission, there was the presentation of Symphony No. 4 in C minor, by Johannes Brahms. A forty-five minute piece that took 14 years for Brahms to perfect before premiering it. The second and third movements were revised again and again, as Brahms could not find the right sound he wanted.

Overall, the presentation brought forth a rich exposé of beauty in introducing President Muma into his presidency.

“Not you when you’re hungry”? For many of us, that saying holds some truth.

Snickers are the perfect candy to satisfy your hunger and help you power through the Sunday Scaries you might get, since Halloween falls on a Sunday this year.

SOUR PATCH KIDS

The perfect combination of sour and sweet.

Sour Patch Kids give your teeth a kick from all the chocolate. But, your sugar level isn’t too high for fear of us all that can’t handle the extreme sour candies.

PEANUT M&M’S

With the addition of the peanut, these colorful candies take popular M&M’s to the next level. And, that sugar level isn’t too high for fear of us all that can’t handle the extreme sour candies.

CANDY CORN

This candy is always forgotten until found in the bottom of a candy bag, it’s a kind of trash but never appetizing.

If one is going to put licorice in these holidays, it’s tolerable.

GREEN APPLE EVERYTHING

This is a grandpa’s candy or something used to stop heart burn, it does not belong in a bag of candy, along with such amazing goodies such as Starbursts. The bitter yet sweet taste ruins the whole thing.

But I rank it last because I can see how this one is considered a good candy for a spooky holiday.
Congratulations to Rick Muma,
15TH PRESIDENT OF
Wichita State University.

Inauguration: October 29, 2021