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Despite inconvenience, campus phone system may be worth wait

By Shannon Peters

Spectator Staff

Phone service will be available in all residence halls and for all faculty and staff by the end of September, according to Jim Dodson, vice president of financial services.

The new Resicom system is currently awaiting a few pieces of equipment and some cabling before it can be ready for use.

In the meantime, students in residence halls are making great

use of the small number of pay phones. "It's not convenient because the whole school has to use the pay phones," Garth Werner, sr. said.

The delay in hook-up may be an inconvenience for now, but free hook-up and no monthly charges could make the wait worth it for many students.

"Coming in, I wouldn't have been able to have a phone if it hadn't been for the system," said Jenni Buschbom, fr. "I wouldn't

be able to pay for the hook-up and monthly costs."

A number of systems were looked at, but the Resicom system was selected in June. Commissions that are made from the long distance calls will help pay for the system. Next year, room and board fees will contain an added fee to help pay for the approximated \$80,000 system.

A training session is scheduled for Sept. 27, when students and faculty will learn how to use their

calling cards, authorization codes, and voice mail. A telephone manual with features and billing information will be handed out for students' use. Students will also learn that only their individual codes will be used for billing, so students will only be billed for calls made with their code.

"As soon as the system is installed, I think we will benefit greatly. It will cut down cost and insure that we're not billed for someone else's calls," said Sandra

Strode, jr.

Some features of the system are the voice mail, a type of built-in answering machine, and a Sprint credit card that can be used anywhere. Some advantages of having this service are: convenience for students (no more pay phones), security in the halls (each room will be accessible for 911 calls), and upgraded facilities all around campus.

Ceremony to commemorate opening of fitness room

By Sue Werner

Spectator Staff

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled in the Sport Center Monday following convocations to celebrate the opening of the new fitness room.

The room will contain a stair-stepper, a treadmill, a Bow Flex and two stationary bicycles. The room is intended to give students a close, safe environment where they can get in shape and keep healthy.

"There is a trend across the nation that people are becoming much more aware of their physical fitness. This will allow students to take advantage of the opportunity to ensure their own physical fitness," said Roger Trimmell, athletic director.

Ideas for the room began two years ago when students became concerned with not having suitable equipment on campus that could be used to increase physical fitness. The Athletics Concerns Commit-

tee prepared surveys to evaluate what the students wanted, and presented Student Council and the Board of Trustees with the idea of a Fitness - Wellness Room.

The cost of the room, approximately \$10,000, was a big issue, as was the question of whether or not it would be used enough to justify the expense.

"We wanted something that fit the needs of everyone on campus," said Bertie Pfaltzgraff, sr., former chairperson of the Athletic Concerns Committee. "The fitness room helps everyone in the community on an individual basis."

The plan was finally put into action with the purchase of three pieces of equipment, with intentions to acquire more in the future. The fitness room has support from both the students and the faculty.

"The students felt really strongly about it and the administration realized that there was really a need for it," said Mysty Rusk-Clinage, sr., Stuco President.

New attendance policy begins

A new policy regulating class attendance went into effect Monday, Sept. 6.

Students must now contact their professors directly to arrange for anticipated absences. Previously, students could phone Academic Services, which then informed professors.

The new policy also states:

Each professor determines whether a student absence will be excused.

Students must explain absences to the professor as soon as possible if they cannot contact them prior to missing class.

Students received word of the new policy in a memorandum dated Sept. 3 from Ms. Ryn Deitz, interim vice president for student services.



Photo by Beverly Yeager

Michael Schneider, soph., and Heather Hughbanks announce the winners of the Talent Show, one of the many welcoming week activities sponsored by Student Council and Student Activities Board.

Welcome week filled with fun opportunities

By Shannon Peters

Spectator Staff

Fun started before classes had begun on the McPherson College campus last week. A full slate of activities arranged by Stuco and SAB kept a majority of students busy and provided many opportunities for getting to know others.

S.A.B. put together a scavenger hunt on the first day of activities, Sunday, Aug. 29.

Monday evening there was the third annual SIBS program. Turnout for SIBS was so overwhelming that some upperclassmen had to be

turned away without a SIB.

Tuesday night was the open Y.M.C.A. and bowling. Comparing all other activities, bowling had the most attendance.

Wednesday night contained the activities fair in the Student Union, followed by games.

Waterslide baseball was cancelled for Thursday, and replaced by volleyball in the Sport Center.

Faculty Follies and the talent show were Friday night's activities, followed by a midnight movie at the McPherson theatre. Students had a choice between the movies, "The Fugitive" or "Sleepless in Seattle."

"The movies were my favorite because I like to watch movies," said Molly LaPrad, fr. There was mud volleyball and a barbecue in Canton on Saturday. Attendance was high for the S.A.B. gazebo dance that evening. To wrap things up, a video of all the week's activities was shown on Sunday.

Kristin Gingrich, fr., added that she enjoyed the activities she attended and thought that the Welcome Week was a good idea.

"It's fun to get out with friends and get to know new people," commented So., Jarrod Miller.

EDITORIAL

Hats off to freshmen, who kept them on

A COLLEGE FRESHMAN ENTERS HIS OR HER FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE WITH HOPES AND DREAMS. College is a step up for most of them. It is a chance for them to be on their own as an adult.

Their expectations are high and then . . . orientation. There, each freshman was given a sailor's hat and told to wear it the first week of classes.

Imagine yourself as a freshman and it is the first week of classes. How are you supposed to make an impression with a silly hat on your head?

Although it was not mandatory for the students, most of them did wear their hats. They did not wear them shamefully, but rather decorated them up and had fun with the idea.

By looking on the bright side the freshman turned a humiliating situation into a successful one. This is truly a credit to the kind of people our newcomers are.

To tell you the truth, if we would have been given those hats when we were freshman the trash can would have been full of them.

The freshman did something we would have never done. By wearing the hats, they set an example for everyone on campus to follow. Perhaps the upper classes should take a lesson, throw out their vanity, get involved, and show a little school spirit.

Michael P. Schneider for the Editorial Staff

Maintenance deserves thanks for rewards

During the first convocation of the year on Monday, Jim Dodson, vice-president of financial services, recognized a handful of returning students for checking in clean rooms last spring. As well as being recognized, each student received fifty dollars and a note of appreciation from the maintenance department.

This was the maintenance department's way of saying thanks to the students for putting forth a little extra effort and making their job a little easier. Some could argue that it is maintenances' job to clean anyway. Sure, if you don't vacuum your carpet or dust your shelves at the end of the year, they will do it for you. But, isn't it our job as students to return our rooms in the condition in which we received them?

For students who did realize this responsibility, maintenance awarded them fifty dollars. Maybe this gesture on the part of maintenance will encourage others to be more courteous by taking responsibility for their own residences.

Many thanks are due to the maintenance department for such a positive gesture.

Are security measures needed, appropriate?

The concern for our safety grows everyday as more and more crime and violence becomes part of our lives.

The college campus was touched by this issue last February after an intruder was spotted in Dotzour Hall. This incident provoked the administration to take measures to insure student safety.

A security committee, formed to respond to the incident, decided to lock all doors to dormitories. A campus phone system is also being installed to provide each dorm room with local access. This year, resident assistants are stationed three afternoons a week at the front desk of each dormitory to observe who comes and goes in order to provide students with another measure of security.

The question is whether these additional security precautions necessary or whether we are overreacting to one isolated incident. Perhaps because intrusions like the one that occurred last semester happen less frequently on our



Michele McMillan

Editor in Chief

smaller campus they sometimes become blown out of proportion and lead some to overreact. One of the advantages of residing in a smaller community is the greater sense of security and freedom it allows us.

Yet in no way am I suggesting that the incident be overlooked. Crime may not occur on the grand scale that it does in bigger cities, but it can and does occur. If stationing resident assistants at front desks is viewed as an important and necessary measure, then why only three afternoons a week? Why not every day, all day?

However, if campus security is a

priority, is stationing resident assistants at front desks the most effective way to insure safety? The reality is, probably not. While they can call the police or an administrator, they simply do not have the background and the training that would allow them to deal with a serious security incident if occurred.

Other possibilities include hiring trained security guards, installing alarms in dormitories or placing closed-circuit cameras in dorm lobbies. The financial support for these alternatives require is, of course, a factor, but if providing students with the most secure environment possible is important, a way to acquire these forms of protection should be found. Students themselves also need to take responsibility and be alert to the surroundings.

The idea is not to turn the campus into a prison. But while we can't let our fears control us, neither can we ignore the reality of the society we live in.

Two cents says that ringing's not your phone

When you've been away from something for a long time, you start to forget what it was like. I once spent three weeks in Guatemala and began to forget what a hot shower was like. I had a buddy who, after three weeks in the field at bootcamp, couldn't quite remember the smell of a freshly washed arm-pit.

Well, McPherson College has given us a similar experience.

Resicom, the telecommunications corporation that was supposed to install an illustrious new phone system, didn't because it had to back order some mysterious parts. More simply put, it will be another couple of weeks until we have a functional phone system.

So, after only two weeks of school none of us can recall the sound of a dial-tone. (For those of you who have lost the sensation quicker than I, a dial-tone is the noise a phone should make when plugged into the jack in your wall.)

Yes, every student here has a phone jack. It is included in your tuition! You can do anything you want with your jack. . . except turn it on, that is. No, that would be way too convenient!

Aw, what's the matter? Do you miss your boyfriend in Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, or your parents in Oklahoma? Then go buy two tin cans and 500 miles of kite string,

Garth's Two Cents



Garth Werner

Staff Writer

and you won't have a problem. Or, maybe you could brush up on your mental telepathy.

The point being, solve your own problems, because remember that these McPherson College phone jacks are just for show!

Remember when you were little, and you used to shove a banana in

your ear and pretend to talk to a friend? Well, we're all grown up now, and Mac College thinks it is high time you begin putting your phone in your ear and start talking to a friend!

With the simple purchase of a fifteen dollar phone, you can transform your dead-phone jack into a beautiful dead-phone jack/dead phone combination!

I set my phone beside my Bulldog bank. I don't expect my bulldog to one day bark, so why expect the phone to one day ring?

Hey, if they are far enough away they can't hear you yelling, then sit down and ink 'em out a letter.

And if you wake up tomorrow to a real loud ringing, I have two cents that says it's your clock, 'cause god knows it ain't your phone!

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PROVOCATIVE WORDS

If you take too long in deciding what to do with your life, you'll find that you've done it.

-Pam Shaw

Wally's World

by Wallace Moore



JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE DAYS

McPherson College is not isolated from domestic and global problems

Along with a new year comes new hopes and dreams. I look around and see all the potential McPherson College has to offer the world. You can see the gleam in everyone's eyes, as they are ready to embark on yet another journey of knowledge.

However, MAC college is not an isolated spot on the globe. All you need to do is pick up a paper and see the same hopes and fears throughout the world. Even with the tremendous leaps we have made in the past few years, there are just as many setbacks countering the progress.

You can see it in our own country as well. Vice-President Gore just released his plan on ways to cut the endless bureaucracy which aids some of our own inefficient government.

However, on the flip side, we

Around the World



Dan Marchewka

Staff Writer

have taken a "good guy/bad guy" approach to the remaining Communist countries. President Clinton has chosen to keep intact an embargo against Cuba, while keeping the commerce lines open to China. Just think of what the economic possibilities could be if companies would be able to expand into Cuba.

Elsewhere, in the Middle East,

Israel and Palestine are ready to sign a very significant peace treaty. This would be the first of its kind to ever be signed. Instead of the citizens of these countries being ecstatic, they are on the verge of revolution because of it. How long must racism remain in the world today? Why can we not see that cultural diversity is a blessing, and not an enemy?

In addition, nine more U.N. peacekeeping members were killed in Somalia. Acts of help have turned into thoughts of despair. As walls and barriers are broken down, new obstacles take the former ones' place.

As the leaders of tomorrow, we will have to deal with and solve these various problems. This is not an age for apathy. We all need to put in a hand and make the world a truly smaller place.

Memo on attendance provokes thoughts about student responsibility

By Christine Hauschildt

Spectator Staff

After Convocations on Monday, I, along with most of the McPherson College students, went to see what I had in the mail. I was hoping for a few letters from friends or by chance a check from my parents. What I found was a memo that made me think about something that some students tend to overlook: responsibility.

The memo was from Ryn Deitz, acting vice president for student services. If you miss a class or anticipate missing a class, the memo said, you should contact your professor and student services. In other words, it is your responsibility to notify your professor.

According to the New Webster's Dictionary, the word responsible means "answerable," "account-

able," and "important." These three words sum up what it means to be a responsible student.

First of all, we all must answer to our actions throughout our life, whether it was when we were small and forgot to pick up our room, or when we miss an important meeting at work. But when we answer to our actions, we have to remember not to blame others or make excuses. Being responsible means admitting when we're wrong and then correcting the mistake.

Next, we each are accountable for our actions. We all make choices in our lives which are good and bad. Choosing to belittle the college for lack of activities is a bad choice. Instead, we should get involved to make the necessary changes. Instead of sitting in our rooms and complaining, we should take time to get to know a wide

variety of people.

Last, being responsible is important. We learn to be self-sufficient and self-reliant. Also, we become more mature adults.

College is a time of changes, both good and bad. Our ideas and opinions will change, sometimes from one perspective to another. It is important to remember that being responsible is up to each individual.

We are no longer children in our parents' homes. We are adults converging on the real world. It is best to learn and implement responsible behavior now in college.

The real world won't wait for us and it won't accept any excuses. It is up to us to learn responsibility and act responsibly.

THE PUZZLE

By H. Kermit Jackson

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MEDITATION MOMENT

Neither the hair shirt nor the soft berth will do. The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep need meet.

-Frederick Buechner

Modern man's greatest problems stem from his loss of any sense of meaningful participation with God in His purposes for mankind.

--Clarence Jordan

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Bienvenidos a McPherson

Para España a Oregon a Kansas, la profesora espanol nueva viene enseñando una cultura diferente

(From Spain to Oregon to Kansas, the new Spanish professor comes sharing a different culture)

By Emilita Huston

Feature Editor

A way out on the western coast of the United States, is a little college known for its biology department and the radio personality it produced: Dr. Demento. That little school is Reed College and from it now comes one of the newest professors to join the McPherson College faculty.

Monica Cantero was born and raised in Barcelona, Spain. In 1991, she received a fellowship to teach Spanish at Reed. After two years she began looking for a new school. Through the tri-yearly list the Modern Language Association puts out, she came to find out about McPherson. She applied with several other schools but was accepted here.

But even though Reed is a small private college with a good biology department, it is still very different from McPherson College.

"Reed students concentrate in academics. They are very brilliant and very strange. The spirit of the 60's was very strong there...A lot of homosexual clubs and

men wearing skirts. The mission of the college is different [than Reed]. It's a Christian college and the people reflect those ideals," she said. Life in the U.S. is different as well.

"In Spain, children live with their parents till 30 or more," she said. "Here, alcohol...sex...these issues are very different."

Even so, she's not planning on returning to Spain to live, despite the fact that her family is still there.

"If I have a job like I have here, I want to be here to teach. That's what I always wanted to do...I love teaching, any- place...I will do anything to be the best, what I think is the best."

And teach she does. This year she has three classes: Primer ano, segundo ano, and el seminario. That's first year, second year, and a seminar on Spanish, and Central and South American literature.

And the student reaction?

"I had two years of Spanish in high school and I didn't learn very much. I think her teaching style is wonderful," said Jessica Boothe. "I think I'm gonna learn a lot."



Photo by Beverly Yeager

New Spanish professor Monica Cantero add a spice of Spain to life at McPherson College.

"A Thing Called Love"

Rated PG-13

Hollywood goes country? Again? Well, sort of. In the movie "A Thing Called Love", Samantha Mathis ("Pump Up the Volume") plays Miranda "no relation" Presley trying to make it big as a songwriter in Nashville.

While there, she meets James Wright (River Phoenix) and Kyle Davidson (Dermot Mulroney), two budding musicians who fall in love with her. Does all this sound familiar? It is and there are no novel new twists added. But the plot and storyline are not the real problem. Casting is.

River Phoenix just does not cut it as a country singer. Watching him sing country is like watching Eddie Vedder (Pearl Jam) sing Hank Williams. At least Mathis's character has the excuse of being from New York. She gets away with her over-

ly black clothes and flailing dancing. River Phoenix can't even get away with cowboy boots, much less the Billy Ray Cyrus hair.

What makes this movie redemable are the supporting actor and actress. Mulroney is a lovable, hard-drinkin' cowboy. With sideburns, cowboy hat and jeep, he is every bit the songwriter he wants to be. And he is a gentleman, fighting James when he "insults" Miranda, and standing humiliated in the parking lot after he loses.

The other great performance is put in by Sandra Bullock, who plays Miranda's roommate Linda Lue.

REVIEW

Carrie Foster
Emilita Huston

She's a dark haired southern belle who's learning to think for herself, while pursuing a career in acting.

Besides these two, there are two other pluses. One is all the guest appearances by various country stars. It gives the movie a taste of realism, that it is missing all too much of anyways.

The second is the way Nashville (and the South in general) is portrayed. People are nice, in a real way. Miranda and ? (GUESS!) get married in an all-night supermarket in Memphis. One of the clerks brings the preacher and the other brings the music.

This isn't a great movie, but there are a lot of good one liners. (Watch for the changing marquee; it's got some of the best.) If you're in the mood for a slow-movin' relationship movie, this one would be worth the two hours spent watching it, and the \$2 it would cost to rent it.

Boy meets girl, country style, in "A Thing Called Love"



Courtesy Photos
Left: McPherson College students Mike Schneider and Shannon Martin share a warm moment with the future owners of Habitat homes they helped build this summer in Homestead, Fla. The women have invited Schneider and Martin to their housewarming when the projects are complete.

Above: Martin and Schneider on the work site. The background shows the tremendous devastation inflicted upon the Homestead area by Hurricane Andrew.

Hammering for Habitat is rewarding experience for students

Two students spend part of their summer building on behalf of Florida victims of Hurricane Andrew

By Christine Hauschildt

Spectator Staff

It's summer vacation. Finals are over and it's time to hit the road. Time to take a trip to Florida and experience the beautiful beaches and relax in summer sun, right?

Hardly. At least, not for two McPherson College sophomores who used part of their summer to help victims of Hurricane Andrew.

Mike Schneider and Shannon Martin participated in a week-long Habitat for Humanity workcamp in Homestead, Fla. Homestead was one of the areas hardest hit last August by Andrew.

The group which Schneider and Martin traveled with was one of eight workgroups sponsored this past summer by the Church of the

Brethren. Martin found out about the program through his home church in Indiana. In the subdivision Schneider and Martin worked, 40 homes were under construction.

When they arrived in Florida, Schneider and Martin and the rest of their group stayed in the Manfred Retreat Center. The quarters resembled a tent. The showers were solar-heated. On their first day, Schneider and Martin helped construct two more tents to house 30 volunteers each.

Their days began at about 7 a.m. and ended around 3:30 in the afternoon. "It got so hot by 4:00 p.m. that we were ready to stop for the day," Martin said.

Schneider and Martin spent a fun day in Key Largo, Fla., enjoying

the beach and sailing in a glass bottom boat.

Schneider and Martin did meet two of the people they were building homes for. Both women have invited them to come back to their housewarming parties when their homes are completed sometime next spring.

"It was a very rewarding experience," Schneider said.

"It feels good to help those in need, but even better when we got to meet the people we were helping," Martin added.

Habitat for Humanity is an international, non-demoninational organization that builds homes for lower income persons. Habitat uses donated materials and volunteer labor to construct the homes.

College Habitat Work Day Tomorrow

Does the thought of helping a needy but deserving family strike a responsive chord in you? Then this is your lucky weekend.

Tomorrow is the McPherson College Habitat for Humanity Work Day at the local home site at 614 N. Oak. Work begins at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until about 4 p.m. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to come spend the day or an hour.

Students on food service who participate in the work day may get a free brown bag lunch by signing the signup sheet near the entrance to the cafeteria.

Those who have hammers are encouraged to bring them to the work site.

The local Habitat project originated with the campus chapter started on the McPherson College campus in 1990-91. Since organizing, McPherson College students have raised approximately \$25,000 to build a home in McPherson.

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Young soccer team looks to mature after Southern Nazarene loss



Photo by Tim Woodcock

Junior Garrick Green fights for the ball against a Southern Nazarene player in Monday night's soccer action. Jim Post, sr., looks on. The Bulldogs lost 0-9.

By Jessica Boothe

Spectator Staff

The McPherson College men's soccer team fell to nationally ranked Southern Nazarene University 0-9 Monday night on Bulldog field.

The youth showed for the Bulldogs as they faced a more experienced and mature Southern Nazarene team, but they still showed a lot of desire. The Dogs started eight underclassmen so a lot was expected of the upperclassmen.

"We played with a lot of heart," Head Coach Jerry Malone said. "I'm very encouraged that we moved the ball on a nationally ranked team and I expect even more improvement in the coming weeks."

The Dog kickers had eight shots on goal, but were unable to convert. One reason might have been the amount of defense they were forced to play.

"We didn't play good man to man in the first half, but had much better team defense the second half," Coach Malone said.

Just like the improved second half, the team looks to play consistently better as the season progresses. With the amount of underclassmen things can only get better for the Bulldogs in the future.

The lone senior on the team is sweeper Jim Post. Juniors are former KCAC Honorable-Mention selection Garrick Green and Dan Marchewka.

Sophomores are goalkeeper Gilbert Moore, Marcus Nielsen, John Novak, Jeff Cole, Jason Sumpter.

The freshmen include Matt Hepler, Joe Deshazo, Colin Shenefield, Tor Olson, Karl Schrader, Gavin Anderson, Nic Nixon, Lance Lugafet, Brian Davis and Pete Petrovski.

The Bulldog's next soccer game is tomorrow at 3 p.m. against Nebraska Wesleyan here in Mc-

The annual football picks are in--no surprises here

It sure is great to be back and get the school and sport year started off right. For those of you who have never read my column, that's too bad. But now that you get the pleasure, you should know that when it comes to sports I am the expert. Whatever is say here can be taken to the bank (and usually is).

The beginning of school means a lot of things to a lot of people, but the beginning of school means one thing and one thing only to me: FOOTBALL SEASON.

The college and pro seasons are already off the ground which means it's time for my predictions. (You may not agree with all my selections but remember: I am the expert.)

■ College Football: There is no better parity in the world of sports than in college athletics. So much so that picking a 1994 national champion could be one of the hardest picks I've ever had to make.

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Coach's Corner

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Every year you always think of the top seven teams in football and then the rest. This year you could do the same and pick any one of them to win it all. In my mind there are three teams that have a shot at the championship.

Alabama: Just going to keep on keeping on. They lost a lot from both sides of the ball last year but have several underclassmen to step right in and take their place. If they play every week like last week you will be seeing the 'Tide in New Orleans on January 1.

Michigan: Ok, I'll admit it. In

recent history the Wolverines have constantly been the bridesmaids but never the bride. This year will be no different. Due to their weak schedule-(their toughest games are against Notre Dame and Penn State (sit down Grizzell and Noyes) the Big Blue will once again win the Rose Bowl but have to watch someone else play for the title they want so much.

Florida State: The Seminoles have got the total package. You want to talk about bad luck. How about losing two of the biggest games in school history on a wide right field goal. Well, they now have a high school All American kicker, and an All-American quarterback in Charlie Ward who will lead their attack. After scoring almost 90 points the first two weeks, including a 42-0 pasting of the Kansas Jayhawks, (sit down again Grizz), the Seminoles look unstoppable. Look for the Seminoles to go "waltzing" into New Orleans undefeated and leaving town a perfect 13-0 with their first national championship belt around their waist.

■ Pro Football (NFL): For the first time in a long time the parity in the NFL may be at an all-time high as well. So many things affect the pro game: injuries, holdouts, and retirements. It makes for an interesting, if not sometimes long, season. With all of these factors involved I still see two teams that stand out above the rest.

AFC: This conference is going to come down to the Buffalo Bills and the Kansas City Chiefs. It has been a fun three years for the Bills but

you have to think they are getting sick of losing in the Super Bowl and would rather have three more weeks off in the off-season. That's why I pick the Kansas City Chiefs to go to the Super Bowl. With the acquisition of Joe Montana and Marcus Allen, the Chiefs have the veteran leadership they have been waiting for. The defense has always been there but they were lacking on the offensive line. If Montana can stay healthy the Chiefs' season looks very bright. Dark Horse: Houston Oilers-However they will find a way to lose you've got to think their luck will change sometime.

NFC: Despite getting started 35-16 by the Washington Redskins, the Dallas Cowboys will repeat as NFC champions. Some say that one person doesn't make a difference. This journalist says that's bologna. The Cowboys aren't even close to the same team without Emmitt Smith. Jerry Jones must come to terms with Emmitt because the people in Dallas will get very testy, very fast. The Redskins and the San Francisco 49ers will be very strong but in the end the Cowboys will find a way to get back to their second straight Super Bowl. Dark Horse: Green Bay- They're young and cocky-Two traits that I like. They could surprise a lot of people.

SUPER BOWL: The Cowboys will walk over the Chiefs just like they did the Bills last year. The NFC is simply too strong for the finesse teams from the AFC to come and compete. It will be over before it gets started.

Women's soccer showing heart

By Tim Woodcock

Sports Editor

The McPherson women's soccer team began their season Monday night against Southern Nazarene University.

Mac, with only 11 players and no subs lost the match 0-14.

"We played a very good team and are only going to get better," Coach Dave Barrett said. "I was really proud of those eleven girls and the way they hung in there for 90 minutes."

Team members are seniors Kimber McCune and Amy Diaz; junior Heather Hughbanks; sophomores Emilita Huston, Sylvia Hays, and Kristen Cossaart; and freshmen Jackie Baker, Kimberly Ebersole, Melisa Martens, Jenny Stover, and Tiffany Tubbs.

The women had no shots on goal, but Kimber McCune did have 25 saves.

The women had their second game of the season Wednesday night at Sterling. They again lost 0-14, but played much better. For the first 35 minutes of the game, Mac held the Warriors to just two points and were down just 0-5 at the half.

Mac also had two shots on goal which is a first for the women's team.

"We made a lot of improvement from Southern Nazarene but still have a long way to go," senior goalie Kimber McCune said. "We just need to communicate better on the field."

Football team under new leadership

By Eric Escudero
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College Bulldog football team has begun practicing for the upcoming season under the direction of new head coach, Bruce Grose.

A 1982 McPherson College graduate, Grose comes from Hotchkiss, Colo. where he led Hotchkiss High to its best season in 23 years.

The task at hand for Grose this year is rebuilding the Bulldog football team. A large number of

players were lost to graduation and several others transferred leaving the Bulldogs shorthanded.

"Our goal is to finish the season, keep everyone healthy, and play every game one at a time, while trying to improve in fundamentals," Coach Grose said.

The Bulldogs must stay healthy because there are only 35 players out this season.

Joining the five seniors and eleven other returners is an impressive transfer and freshmen group that are going to be asked to step up and play major roles on this

year's team.

"Our main strength is that the team is working extra hard to get in great condition so we can pull together," Coach Grose said.

Conditioning will be very important because many players will be seeing action on both sides of the ball.

Coach Grose is joined by assistant Tom Ferguson and defensive coordinator Dan Davis.

They are busy preparing the Bulldogs for their season opener Sept. 18 against Bethany here.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Moore receives coaching honor for track

Coach Deb Moore received District 10 women's Track Coach of the Year. The honor was voted on by her coaching peers in the district for her exemplary coaching last season.

Moore is also head volleyball coach. She first came to McPherson College in 1990.

Intramurals needs student support

Intramurals is having a softball tournament Sunday at Light Capitol Field at 1:00 p.m. Teams have been chosen so everyone show up.

Intramural flag football is still looking for people that want to play. The last day to sign up is Sept. 15.

Mac Bulldog spikers anxious for first tournament of the year

By Tim Woodcock
Sports Editor

Coach Deb Moore is excited about this year's Mac volleyball team.

"I see us starting out strong," Coach Moore said. "Even with the small numbers, we still feel we have a good solid base of players all who are anxious for the season to begin."

Lost from last year's team, which went 6-10 in the KCAC, is hitter Darci Hass. She was an All-Conference KCAC selection as well as being Honorable-Mention District

10.

But the Bulldogs are not dwelling on the past, but looking toward the future and setting a goal of being in the top three teams in the KCAC. This young team is being led by three seniors Shannon Peters, Jenny Gutsch and Lisa Sturgeon.

All three were starters on last year's team and look to provide the leadership for this year's team. Gutsch was an honorable mention KCAC selection two years ago.

The juniors on this year's team are Sandra Strode, setter Tonya Shriner and transfer Ali Stuf-

flebean.

The two sophomores are Sarah Adams and Tiffany Hall, both of who will be big contributors to this year's team.

The freshmen are Jenni Buschbom, Trisha Young, Amy Schreoder, foreign exchange student Renate Hirning and Kerri Kobberman.

"Practice is going super," Moore said. "The girls have a lot of enthusiasm. Even though we have a young team, we will be a tough one to beat."

There is a Mac Invite tentatively scheduled this Saturday against St.

Mary's Leavenworth. Starting time is 11 a.m. at the Sports Center.

Coach Moore is being assisted by Marlys Gwaltney, the new athletic trainer and head basketball coach. Gwaltney was an All-American volleyball player at Fort Hays so she brings a lot of experience and enthusiasm to the girls. She is also the head junior varsity coach.

The JV was the first to get the season underway Tuesday evening at the Brown Mackie Invite.

In the first game against Colby, Mac started out slow, but hung

right with Colby, losing in two sets 9-15 and 7-15.

In the second game versus Brown Mackie, the girls turned the table and won in three sets, 15-10, 5-15 and 15-12.

"For a first game, I thought they worked really well as a team," Gwaltney said. "They really picked up on conceptions and moved well. They looked like a team that had been playing for six games."

The JV has their first conference game here Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. The varsity follows at 7 p.m.

Women's tennis team learning the basics as improving each match

By Eric Escudero
Spectator Staff

The McPherson women's team got their season into full swing Sept. 8 at a meet with Southwestern in Winfield.

The Bulldogs came up on the short side of the score dropping all matches to the Moundbuilders, but played well at their first meet.

"The matches were a lot closer than the score indicates," Mark Harris, first-year women's coach said. "I felt it was a good first match and was against one of the better teams we are going to play."

Lone senior, Jan Fairchild, played No. 1 singles and faced Janci Long, the most valuable KCAC player from last year. She played tough, but dropped the match 2-6, 3-6.

"We played really well for our first and one of the toughest matches of the season," Fairchild said. "I think we've got a good team to work with this year."

Junior Sarah McLallen played No. 2 and lost 0-6, 2-6. No. 3 player was Jessica Boothe, soph., who lost 4-6, 2-6. Freshman Tani Jian- noni was No. 4 and was defeated 1-6, 0-6. No. 5 player Shelley

Cruse, jr., lost 1-6, 2-6 and Beth Kiester, jr., lost 2-6, 0-6.

No. 1 doubles team of Fairchild and McLallen lost 2-6, 0-6. Jian- noni and Cruse, the No. 2 team dropped their match 1-6, 3-6. No. 3 doubles team of Boothe and Kiester fought hard but lost 3-6, 2-6.

"I think we are just as talented as they are," Coach Harris said. "However, they are a more experienced team than we are."

Coach Harris knows his team will gain that much needed experience as the season progresses. He is stressing three things in practice.

First, they are working on their basic groundstroke by working with the ball machine. Second, they are getting in good physical condition and last they are working on mental preparation.

"Since our first match is so soon most of our conditioning and mental match play," Coach Harris said.

Harris also has been integrating the use of videotape with practice. He also is trying to get sponsorships for shoes and racquets.

Harris believes the keys for being successful involves consistent

serving and performing at the same level in games as in practice.

"My main stress is for the girls to have a lot of fun in this building year and start a foundation for the women's tennis program.

The next meet for the women is today at 3 p.m. at Wall Park against Sterling. Then tomorrow the women travel to Hillsboro to face Tabor at 9:30 a.m.

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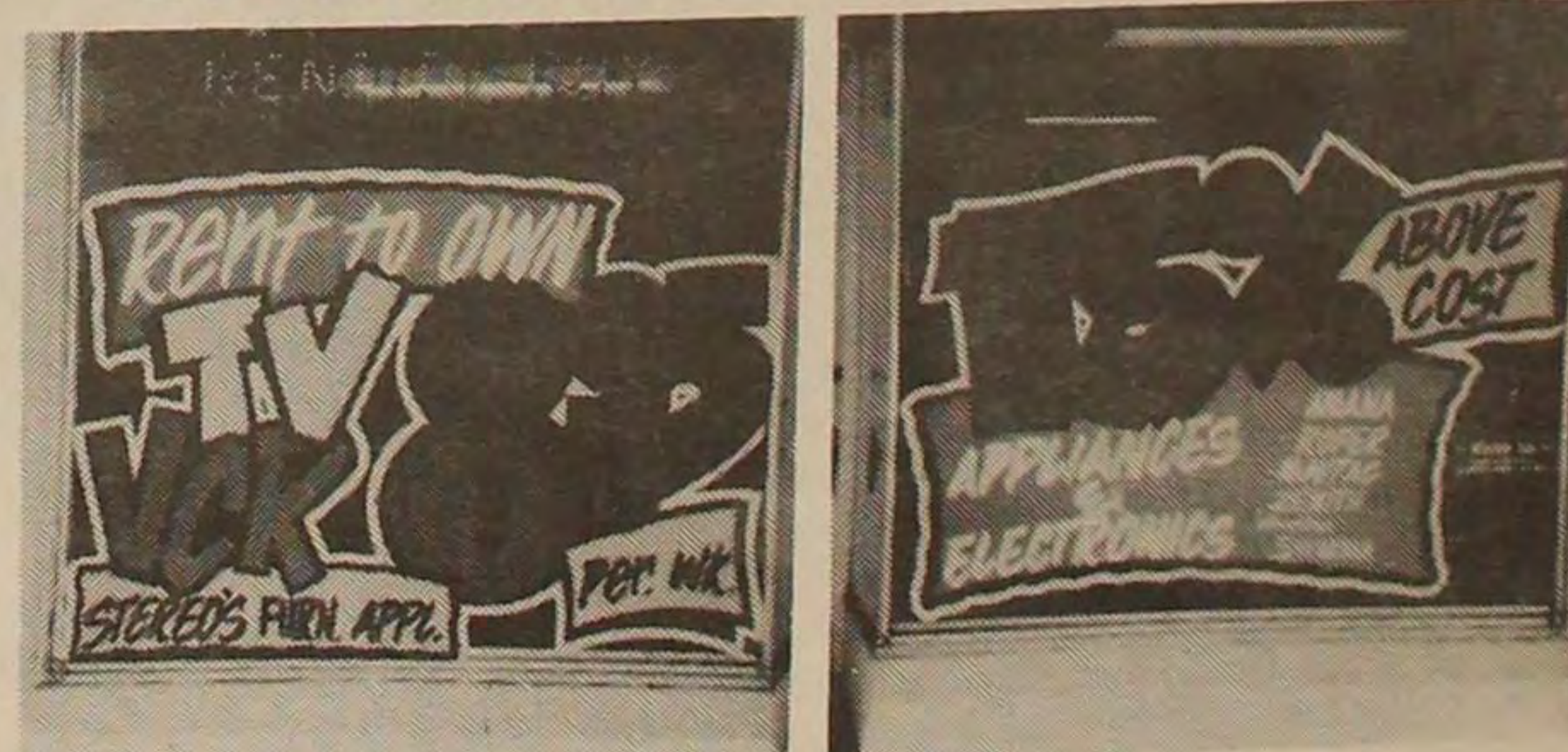
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Revival of RA desk duty receives mixed reactions on campus

By Jessica Boothe

Spectator Staff

With the opening of the 1993 school year came the renewal of a practice that has not been used at McPherson College for approximately six years--the placement of residence assistants at front desks of dormitories.

This practice has been reinstated for several reasons: to help outsiders, promote safety, sell stamps, make change and above all allow R.A.'s to make themselves easily accessible to the students. The R.A.'s are required to put in eight hours of desk duty per week, along

with the twelve hours required for them to be on duty.

There have been mixed feelings from the students and staff about desk duty. Most people are confused about why the R.A.'s are there.

"Desk duty may be helpful to outsiders but the majority of people here are students and they can go to the R.A. on duty, or the R.D.," said Jenny Stover, fr.

This type of confusion has led to many misconceptions about the job of desk duty in general, therefore the negative side is what stands out the most. Several of the R.A.'s dislike desk duty. They feel

it consumes their time while also inconveniencing their already determined schedules.

Gwen McClenton, director of residence life, belief that the "commitment expected is appropriate for the compensation being given."

"We have only been in school for a week and already it is helping for the reasons it was implemented for," Ryn Deitz, interim vice president for student services, said. Deitz believes that the students are finding it helpful to have the R.A.'s there.

"It may be time consuming for the R.A.'s, but it is very beneficial

to the students," said senior Roger Burton.

Due to the intruder last year the desk duty makes Kim Ebersole, fr., feel "safer to know that there are people there if we need them."

"Although there are many bugs that still need to be worked out of the system, ideally this is going to be an excellent campus security measure," said Mysty Rusk-Clinage, sr.

Ultimately, McClenton has a vision that the R.A.'s "be seen as not only for their floor but also as resource persons for the whole residential campus community."

Theatre season opens with spirited melodrama

By Carrie Foster

Spectator Staff

Cheering on the hero and hissing at the villain, the theatre season at McPherson College opened last night with "Adrift in New York."

Director Rick Tyler describes the melodrama as "a lot fun, a fun way to start the year."

The play runs through Sunday. The cast had only eight days of rehearsal time. "I enjoy the challenge. It makes it more fun," said Erin Cassidente.

J.D. Bowman did not mind the short notice that much. "I feel honored, as a freshman, that I got a part." On the other hand, he added, "I wish I would have had one more week to get a homework schedule."

Dinner is served each night at 6:30 p.m. for five dollars. Tickets are free with a student I.D. Call extension 211 to make reservations.



Senior Steve Hoover and junior Kandee Krien rehearse a scene from "Adrift in New York" which opened last night in Brown Auditorium. The play runs through Sunday and is free with a student ID.

Photo by Beverly Yeager

Interim VP Deitz takes on challenges with new staff

By Dan Noyes

News Editor

Residence halls on the McPherson College campus have some new faces--and not just the ones of the freshmen.

All three of the housing facilities have new resident directors or resident hall advisors. Also new to the staff is interim vice president of student services, Ryn Deitz.

Deitz, a graduate of McPherson College, did her graduate work in psychology at the University of Iowa. After finishing her masters, she did a one-year clinical internship at Texas Tech.

Deitz is assuming large responsibilities normally cared for by Sharon Knechel, who is on a one-

year sabbatical at the University of Minnesota.

"I realize I have some big shoes to fill, but I really do not see myself as taking her job, just keeping her chair warm until she returns," Deitz said.

There are a few things Deitz would like to see happen while she is here.

"I really want to establish a sense of community," Deitz said. She has a formula that may aid her in doing so. "I think if we can give support



Ryn Deitz

to each other, such as athletes attending the theatre and vice versa, we will have a much greater chance of achieving this."

Deitz also realizes she will have to play the role of a disciplinarian. "I realize this is going to be a very difficult job, but I plan to pass the authority down the hierarchy to the R.A.'s and R.D.'s as much as possible," Deitz said.

Deitz will not be alone in her venture to keep law and order in residence halls.

New R.D.'s include Dan Davis in Metzler Hall, Barbi Harris in Dotzour Hall, and R.H.A.'s Frank Clinage and Mysty Rusk-Clinage, in Fahnestock Hall.

Davis attended Olivette College in Michigan and joins the staff after earning his master's in education at Chadron State in Nebraska. "I really like the college," Davis said. "It's been challenging so far, but the guys have been really great."

Harris is a native of McPherson and graduated from Bethany College in May. "I am taking on a lot of new responsibilities, but I really like the friendliness extended by everyone," Harris said.

Clinage and Rusk-Clinage are full-time students and are happy they got the chance to remain on campus.

"We really wanted to stay on campus and remain involved in residence life," Rusk-Clinage said.

NEWS BRIEFS

■ Workday.

Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring a workday tomorrow at the home they are constructing. Work on the house is going to be an all day event. The house is located at 614 N. Oak in McPherson.

■ Soccer.

The McPherson College men's soccer season is officially underway. Tomorrow, the Bulldogs take on Nebraska Wesleyan at 3 p.m. at the soccer field.

■ Exhibit.

The first art exhibition of the academic year in Friendship Hall Gallery is "Contemporary Tapestry," by fiber artist Leila Bloch. The exhibit will remain on display through Sept. 19. Other exhibits this month include Estelle Renberger's wheel-thrown stoneware and Julie Unruh's turquoise and carnelian jewelry design.

■ Library Grant.

McPherson College's Miller Library was awarded nearly \$2,000 to increase the library holdings in non-Western fine arts. Books and other materials in music, art, and theatre are all a part of the purchase plan.

■ College gets grant.

The college received a \$5,000 grant from The National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation in July. McPherson is one of only four colleges in the country selected to receive the grant this year. The money is to be used for emergency needs of college students. The money is made possible through a memorial fund in the name of Joseph Sanchez. Foundation chairman, Dr. Robert Mallon, visited the campus over the summer.

■ Student Council.

McPherson College's Student Council met for the first time Sunday, Sept. 5. Stuco conducts weekly meetings every Sunday night at 9 p.m. in the basement of Miller Library. Anyone interested in campus issues or in learning more about Stuco may attend Sunday's meeting.