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Dorm hour proposal sent to trustees

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McPherson College's Board of Trustees is hearing a student proposal to extend dorm hours, among other agenda items, at its fall meeting which began yesterday.

Other items on the agenda include a proposal restructuring the board, the budget for the 1998-99 academic year and a proposal for renovating the campus infrastructure.

Information items on the agenda include reports on student enrollment and an update on campus ministry. The board will also listen to student feedback on campus activities.

Associate Dean of Students, Kathryn Whitacre, presented the students' proposal concerning visitation hours to the board at yesterday's session.

Last March students voted for one of three visitation options. The most popular option, with 187 votes, favored changing visitation hours to the following: Sunday-Thursday: 11 a.m.- midnight and 11 a.m. Friday through midnight Sunday.

Fifty students voted for the following hours: Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-midnight; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-3 a.m. Seventeen students voted to have visitation hours from 11 a.m.-midnight on Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

"The board acts to affirm or question these items," said Gary Dill, president of the college. However, trustees will not make the final decision about the visitation proposal.

"Due to administrative changes and restructuring of the board, the decision to change visitation hours will be made by the Administrative Team of the college," Whitacre said.

Whitacre will take the proposal to the Campus Life Committee, Dean's Council and finally the Administrative Team. The decision concerning visitation hours will be made within the next month.

"The new visitation hours could be one of the three choices students voted on, a combination of the three, or a new option," Whitacre said. "Whatever the decision is, visitation hours will change in January."

Enrollment up despite freshman exodus

■ Freshman retention drops 10 percent, from 62 to 52 percent, in most recent year

LeAnn Wine

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Despite an increase in enrollment over the past three years, student retention continues to concern McPherson College.

Enrollment of full-time students from 1996 to 1998 has increased by a total of 103 students: 47 students in 1996, 64 students in 1997 and 12 students in 1998. Full-time enrollment for the 1998-99 academic year totals 442 students as compared with a total of 430 students in the 1997-98 academic year.

According to President Gary Dill McPherson College is one of two ACCK colleges with an increase in enrollment for the 1998-99 academic year.

But as enrollment has increased, the retention rate has fallen. Last year's freshman class had a retention rate of 52 percent from fall 1997 to fall 1998. This compares with a 72 percent retention rate for all classes from fall 1997 to fall 1998.

These statistics may seem low, but according to President Dill, retention rates across the country are low.

"We sometimes forget to compare ourselves with national statistics," Dill said.

He feels McPherson College's retention rate is not out of the ordinary. However, the college plans to improve student retention as an individual institution.

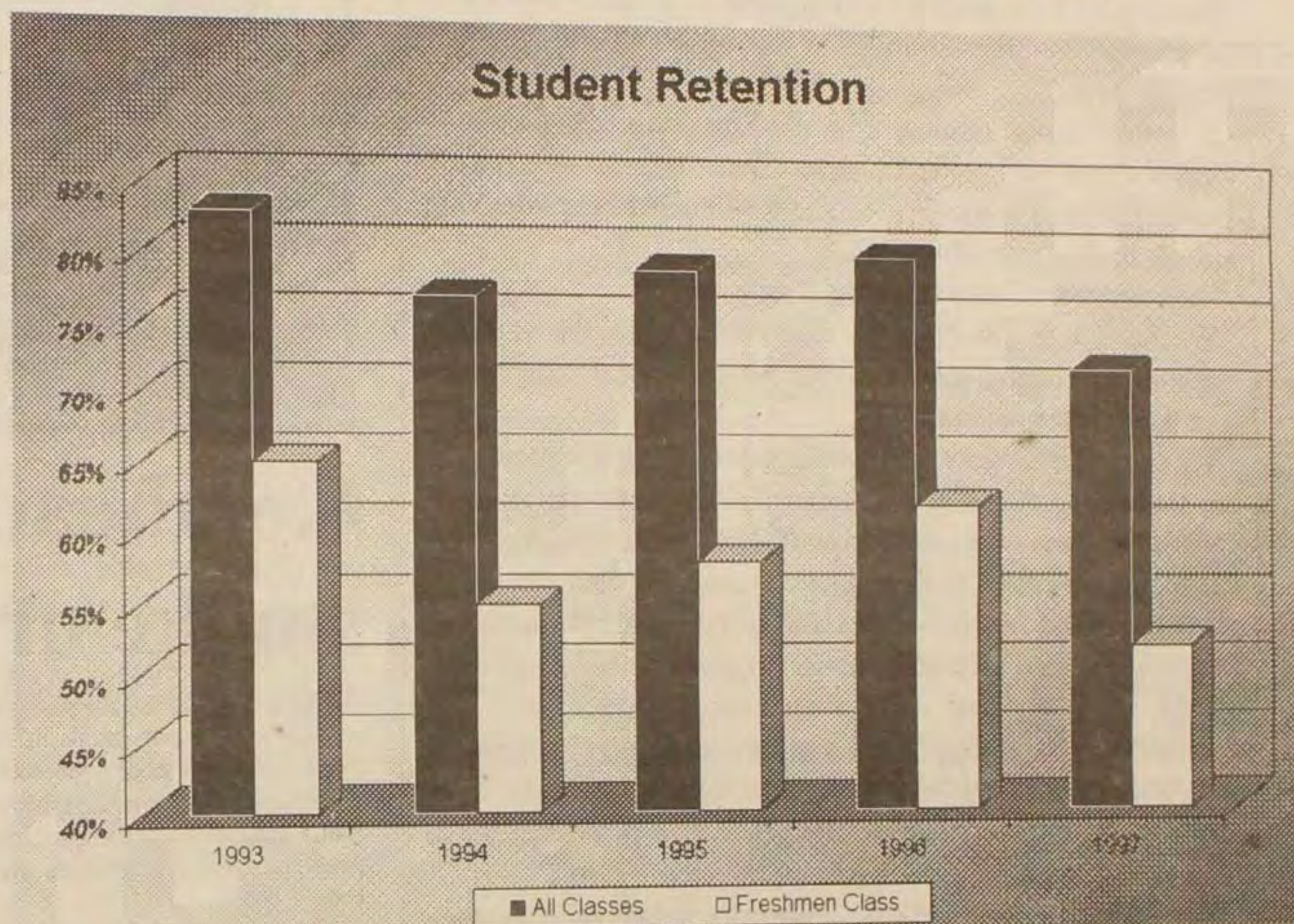
The Dean's Council believes it has identified some reasons student retention has been low and has developed some strategies to deal with these problems.

One issue is the large number of new faculty and staff at McPherson. This year alone, 20 percent of the faculty on campus is new. This includes new positions as well as old positions that are now filled.

"A student in an area with new faculty lacks the consistency of having the same professor year after year," said Kathryn Whitacre, associate dean of students.

To help minimize this issue, the college is hiring fewer one-year appointments. Also, the college is adding faculty in areas of study with larger enrollments, such as business, teacher education and English.

Two other retention issues deal with residence life. The Dean's Council believes that having RAs double as freshman mentors last year placed too



Where did the Class of 2001 go? That's what McPherson College administrators are trying to determine. Fewer sophomore returned this fall to continue their education at Mac than in any other recent year.

much responsibility on the RAs. To help the situation, separate RAs and mentors were hired this year.

The council also felt it was difficult to provide programming for the freshmen. This year the freshmen live in one area of the dorm, so RAs can provide better programming.

In general, the college is also trying to provide more and higher quality services to students. The college has hired a full-time academic counselor to assist students. Dave Barrett has taken this position. According to Whitacre, Barrett will also help students choose a different major if their chosen one should not work out.

"We have students who come to do one thing," Whitacre said. "If they don't like that one thing, they don't want to stay."

For some students, the only reason they return to Mac every year is to play sports or sing in the choir or act on the stage.

"I came back to play basketball," said Dana Cordova, sr., Trinidad, Colo. "I came to play football and further my education," said Jason Chalastari, soph., Mancos, Colo.

Whitacre hopes the academic counselor will be a factor in encouraging such students to stay even if they should stop playing sports or singing for one reason or another.

Other students come back because of the people they meet at college.

"I came back because of Alan

Gumm," said Danny Ramsey, jr., Houston, Texas. "He has supported me as a faculty advisor, instructor and friend."

"Last year I met some real incredible people," said Corey Becquette, soph., St. Louis, Mo. "I've never been treated with such respect in any other school I've attended. The faculty seem to care."

"Having the option of an interdisciplinary major was appealing to me," said Marie Gimbel, jr., Carbondale, Colo.

The college hopes student retention will increase as a result of improving student facilities. These improvements include installing computers in dormitory labs, upgrading the phone system, building new residence halls and purchasing new equipment in the physics lab.

"I'm most proud of the computing system," Dill said. "I'm also happy that with the completion of the new dorms, every student now lives in an air conditioned room."

Dill was also encouraged by the progress on the new buildings and he noted that more classrooms will be available for professors' use now that Mohler is handicapped accessible.

The issue of student retention will come before the Board of Trustees when it meets today. Trustees will see the retention numbers and hear the solutions that the Dean's Council has

developed.

"Most likely, the board will hear what we're doing to improve student retention," Dill said. "Then they may ask questions for clarification and offer further suggestions."

Dill doesn't think retention will always be a problem at McPherson College.

"I think retention will improve as progress on campus continues," Dill said.

UNDERCOVER

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Listen to yourself

Dear Soul,
They will tell you that you have no power. They will tell that you are stupid. They will tell you who to love, worship, and obey.

You will be told that your natural tendencies are evil, dangerous, beastly! They will tell you to deny yourself drink, sex, cigarettes, food, play, work... They will try to suffocate you with their rules, laws, do's and don't's.

Your head will be bogged; you will try to yell out, to beg for release. You can only hope that you will be able to survive.

You will thrive on the moments when you cut loose; when you throw back your head and laugh from your belly; when the day is beautiful and you can breathe for one minute without being suffocated by the worries of the day; when you hear a child's laugh and remember... cold toes, rainy days, cuts and scrapes and gentle kisses.

You will wonder if you'll ever see the day where you do the things you love and you don't care what anyone else thinks. You will wonder if you have to live your whole life inhibited... how many things will pass you by before you will speak out, before you break, before you dare to step outside the mold that you have let them cast you in and scream, "I AM



Cornerstone

SARA MYERS

MY OWN!" Life is short. Our time here is precious. There is no time to wait until tomorrow to love, to live, to tell the world to piss off because you have a date with life.

Take back your power; erase all the rules; embrace every embarrassing and scary thought that passes through your mind, because that is when you breathe, dear soul.

Have the courage to be honest with yourself, to love what you love, and to show yourself to the world. Not for anything as trivial as non-conformity, but for something as vital as self-discovery.

Who are you without all the rules? Who are you without any other input? Who are you without the voices defining you? Without the preacher, the parents, the teachers, the traditions, the expectations, the fear... silence them.

Listen to yourself.

Flaming Bagels answers burning questions on Mac's campus



Flaming Bagels

JEN TAYLOR

There is something about being a columnist! Sometimes when I'm standing up straight, people will look up at me, and, if no one else is around, they will seek my opinion to help in their quest for knowledge and truth. In this issue, Flaming Bagels is dedicated to all those burning questions I've been asked lately.

What exactly is that orange stuff in the caff?

Although they may try to market it as "food," be wary of the orange stuff. It is not edible in any form. Also watch out for sprinkles. If it's got sprinkles on it you know something is generally wrong with the item. Especially when the sprinkles are topping tater tot casserole.

What's the deal with visitation hours?

This is a frequently asked question. Apparently in 1887, when the college was founded, people decided that males turn into some form of evil after 11 p.m. on week nights and 2 a.m. on weekends, so they came up with a trusty solution.

If a girl leaves a boy's room right before the sacred and holy times of 11

and 2, then no bad can happen. But if she doesn't, horrible, horrible things (like studying or having meaningful discussions) could occur.

It is to be noted that all of these so-called horrible things that occur before the noon hour couldn't possibly happen during open visitation hours.

It can also be noted that when the co-ed dorms were constructed, a conspiracy against the female residents took place. It was determined that if the halls had visitation hours, then the girls would not be able to use the most convenient entrance to the hall. After visitation hours on extremely hot or cold days, girls are required to by-pass the nearest door in order to enter the door through the main lobby.

This weekend, the trustees are looking at changing these time-honored rules. Hopefully an almost unanimous

vote from last year's student body to change those rules will not persuade the trustees into thinking liberally (gasp!) and changing the hallowed ways of our institution.

Where have all the cowboys gone? Apparently here. That might explain the loud rallies of "HEEEEEEE-HAWWWW" heard throughout the campus late at night.

How much beer can the freshman class drink?

Judging by this class, the world may never know. However, remember folks, recycling makes the world go round!

Where's that five bucks you owe me?

This is a silly, irrelevant question which I refuse to answer.

What rhymes with orange?

Oh, look at the space! There's none left! Looks like that's about it for this week's column, folks! If you find yourself plagued with a problem, just write Dear Flaming Bagels c/o Jen Taylor through campus mail. If your question highly amuses me or is worthy of being made fun of, I might possibly answer it.

OVERHEARD

"A male tickling club will meet every third Tuesday of the month in Harnly 413. No tickling will occur at these meetings, just discussion of tickling. Everyone is welcome to attend, but only males will be allowed to vote."
—John Ingelhart

MC TRIVIA

On Sept. 5, 1888, McPherson College's President Sharp and six faculty members welcomed area visitors and 70 students at Mac's first official convo. In what building was this convo held? Leave your answer in The Spectator's voice mail box, etc. 1115.

POETRY CORNER

Inside I feel dead, empty, drained
I lost my happiness when it rained
I'm battling myself to be of good cheer
The end of this war is not very near
Why don't I take the joy God gives me
Use it to battle my sad spirit strongly
Eaten up inside I want to scream
Will I ever be a part of his team
Give up, give in, go on with our life
How is that possible with all this strife
Lean on your Father, hold Him tight
Fight off this sadness with all your might
I will trust His word that promised to
Take the best care of me in all I do
—Denise Norsworthy

North Americans distance themselves

Studying abroad is one of the most exciting things that anyone can do. It represents the ideal opportunity to learn about another culture and to make friends. For me, it is also the ideal way to find independence.

Anyone who goes to live in another country will have great experiences, and will be exposed to customs that could seem strange. This is because living in another country is another way of life.

All the experiences that I have had since I came to the United States have been new and exciting. I took a plane by myself and suddenly began to speak a foreign language. I arrived in a city



International Perspective

VANESSA ALAMILLA

that is very different than mine. However, McPherson is beautiful, and I've met some very nice people that have made my stay nice.

The cultural shock that I'm experiencing is due to the relationship between people. In Mexico people are

very friendly and we treat others with trust from the first time that we meet them. We kiss others on the cheek to say hello and good bye. We keep a very close relationship between friends.

North Americans never do this. They don't ever touch and they keep a considerable distance while they talk.

I feel their relationships are very cold. Here people keep their space. This is very strange for me, and I miss the contact that we have in Mexico.

Another thing that I miss about my country is the food. Mexico has many delicious dishes, and the food has a special flavor. Here the food doesn't

have flavor—not even with salt.

One thing that is great for me is that at McPherson College there are specific places for smoking. In Mexico everybody smokes. The students can do this in any place at the university, even in classrooms. At McPherson College there are few smokers.

I hope that studying in McPherson College and living in the United States will be great experiences. And I hope to learn many useful things.

BY ANDY WAGONER

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LETTER POLICY

The Spectator's editorial pages provide a public forum for the campus community.

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- All letters must be signed. Unless sufficient reason is given, the signature must accompany the letter when it is published.

- Everything will be published within the limits of space, good taste, and the laws of libel.

- To submit a letter to The Spectator, drop it in campus mail. The final deadline is Monday before the Friday on which a paper is published.



The 1998 Homecoming Court from left to right: Paul Prose, Kori McGowan, Andres Ruiz, Hillary Schubert, Damian Harris, Jessica Miller, Cliff Bell, Jen Bosserman, Nathan McLaughlin and Shay Maclin.

by Corin Blickenstaff

Roll out the red carpet because royalty is coming! The 1998 Homecoming King and Queen will be announced after the football game on Saturday, Oct. 10. Reigning King, James Lopez, sr., Denver, Colo., and reigning Queen Shelly Hendricks, sr., Eudora, will hand over their title to the 1998 King and Queen. The 10 candidates have a wide range of interests, extra curricular activities and dreams for the future - let's meet them!

Damian Harris, sr., Houston, Texas, is double majoring in biology and philosophy and religion.

Career goals include graduating from Mac and then attending graduate school for either biological ethics or political ethics.

During his time at McPherson, he has been involved with football, track, pep band, Student Awareness Committee and Residence Life Staff. Harris spends his free time writing, playing sports, hanging out with his friends and listening to music.

He values the friendships he has made at Mac, as well as opportunities to find himself and to be happy.

Harris wanted to leave this thought with the student body: "Diamonds deserve diamonds."

Jessica Miller, jr., Bartlesville, Okla., is majoring in sociology and minoring in religion.

Miller is the SGA junior class representative and has been a resident assistant in the past.

Miller plans to graduate and go on to graduate school to earn her masters degree in social work.

When not studying, she can be found hanging out with friends, supporting her Tommy Hilfiger fetish, working with children, playing softball or watching wrestling.

Miller values the strong bonds that she has made and the education she has received.

"My time at Mac has made me a

1998 Royalty displays diversity

Thespians, athletes, resident life staff assistants, writers, artists, poets and teachers are descriptive of a few of the talents and the skills possessed by McPherson College's 1998 Homecoming Court. Diversity strengthens this group instead of weakening it.

better person because of the close community and caring teachers. Most people don't give it a chance, but I think it has been the best time of my life," Miller said.

Kori McGowan, sr., Dighton, is an elementary education major who plans to teach immediately after graduation.

McGowan has served as a class representative for SGA, the Dotzour dorm council president and a resident assistant. She enjoys working out and being with her friends.

McGowan strongly values her education because she knows that she can achieve a great deal more with her education than without it.

McGowan's advises students to "practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others. Don't worry about making a good impression on them but be ready to suffer quietly and patiently. Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Most of all, let love guide your life."

Paul Prose, jr., Dighton, is a biology major who plans to go into graduate studies.

While at McPherson, Prose has been a proud Bulldog football player. His hobbies include hunting and outdoor activities.

Prose values the friends and the education that Mac gave him.

Prose leaves this piece of advice: "You paid 14 and a half to go to school here, you better make the most of it."

Nathan McLaughlin, sr., Scottsdale, Ariz., is majoring in biology and mi-

norning in chemistry.

McLaughlin has been busy while at McPherson. He was an athletic council student representative, a selection committee student representative and a representative at large for SGA.

After graduation, McLaughlin plans to be a heart surgeon. He would also like to have a happy family. While not enjoying the outdoors, McLaughlin likes to play football, lift weights, watch movies, cook, read and work with science.

He values his time at McPherson College, especially the chances to make life long friends, to get an education and to play football.

"Always think things through before you do anything. Everything you can be or will be is in your attitude and effort," McLaughlin advises.

Shay Maclin, jr., Oklahoma City, plans to double major in early childhood special education and elementary education.

Maclin has been very active in SGA. During her freshman year, she was the class representative and later became the vice-president. She is currently serving her second term as President of SGA.

Maclin has also been on the honor roll for five semesters.

After Maclin graduates she plans to pursue her career in education by attending graduate school to earn her doctorate. Her ultimate goal is to be a Dean of Students at a higher education institution and to settle down and have a family.

Maclin loves to take midnight rides,

work with others and relax with close friends.

She values the opportunities of growth and improvement she's found at Mac. By interacting with the campus community, she has enhanced her internal wisdom, which she will cherish for a lifetime.

"Never get to comfortable in your mind, environment, or life. Change is a good thing," Maclin reminds.

Cliff Bell, jr., Columbia Falls, Mont., is majoring in business management and administration. He hopes to move back to his home town and work for Plum Creek after graduation.

While at McPherson, he has played for the men's soccer team, has been a member of the business club and has been a freshman mentor.

Bell's future goal is to travel the world. During his free time he enjoys hiking, rafting and playing soccer.

Bell most values the friends that he has made here most and has this advice: "Do not leave your door unlocked."

Andres Ruiz, sr., McAllen, Texas, is a physical education major. He hopes to graduate from McPherson, get a steady job and have a good family.

During his time at McPherson, he has been involved in football, basketball, SGA, Metzler hall council and a residents life staff. Ruiz enjoys watching movies, playing basketball and listening to music during his spare time.

"You'll come by many obstacles throughout life, just stick with it and

you'll overcome them," Ruiz advises.

Hillary Schubert, jr., Crescent, Okla., is majoring in mathematics.

Her goals are to graduate from college and coach basketball. Schubert was involved in SAB, is currently the vice-president of Today's Educators, and has also received KCAC All Conference honors for two consecutive years. Schubert's hobbies include: going to the lake, making clay pots, spending time with friends and picking on certain freshman.

The friends she has made and all of her experiences are what she values most from her time at Mac.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams," Schubert said.

Jen Bosserman, sr., Peace Valley, Mo., is a secondary English education major.

Her goals are to enter Brethren Volunteer Service and then teach middle school or high school English. Later, she plans to work on her masters degree and to possibly attend seminary.

While at McPherson, she has been involved in many things, including: Peace Awareness, cross country, soccer, choir, Habitat for Humanity, Today's Educators, student government, dorm council, strategic planning committee and theater. Bosserman has also served as a Spectator reporter for three years, co-editor-in-chief for one year and news editor for half a year. Her interests include running, hiking, canoeing, camping in the mountains, construction work, singing and sewing.

Bosserman values close relationships with students, faculty/staff, bathroom chats and cafeteria talk.

"McPherson College has had a big impact on my life, whether sitting in a classroom or throwing a Frisbee on the ultimate field and I hope that other people will allow the college to influence their lives," Bosserman said.

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Sibling Camaraderie—necessary or annoying?

For most, going away to college equals distancing one's self from family. For a few students on Mac's campus, however, this statement doesn't hold true.

Siblings are interesting groupings. Brother/brother pairs report watching out for one another. Brother/sister pairs talk about friendship and sharing things. Sister/sister pairs borrow clothes from one another.

One thing is certain about siblings, however. Family bonds are strong on Mac's campus, even within the fabric of the student body.

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Kevin (fr.) and Kelly (soph.) Steiner, Lincolnville, are two years apart.

☉ Kelly: "Because we're rooming together, every now and then we get on each other's nerves. Overall, it's better rooming with someone you know than someone you don't."



Renata (fr.) and Jonas (soph.) Lichty, Quinter, are eighteen months apart.

☉ Renata: "It was like having a best friend already here when I arrived to campus."

☉ Renata: "The worst thing about going here is being known as Jonas's sister and Shelly's cousin."

☉ Jonas: "Renata is my best friend, and it's nice to have my best friend at school with me."

Liberty (soph.) and Amy (sr.) Levinski, Emmett, Idaho, and Litchfield, Minn., are four years apart.

☉ Liberty: "No matter what I do, she'll always be there for me, and she's always going to love me. There are no bad things; it's wonderful."

☉ Amy: "The best thing is having inside jokes that no one else knows and being able to go up to her and say one word, and she'll know the entire story I'm talking about, like buttermutterfutter. There isn't anything bad. She's like a make-believe friend with perks because I can see her. Because Liberty is four years younger than I am, and I came to school first, sometimes she feels like this is 'my' school, but I never ever was expecting Liberty to be 'my little sister.' It's important for me for her to be herself. But, having me for her sister is just a bonus on her half."

Matt (fr.) and Dan (jr.) Holtry, Nampa, Idaho, are two years apart.

☉ Dan: "It's great. The best part is seeing him grow from being a high school student to a college student and begin able to be with him, playing football. It's fun experiencing this whole process with him. I get to help him with the new experience of being a freshman."

☉ Dan: "You've got to watch your p's and q's. You want to make sure you're setting a good example for him."

Chris (fr.) and Mike (sr.) Biscaglia, Las Vegas, Nevada, are four years apart.

☉ Chris: "Mike would talk with me about coming out here. I wanted to leave Vegas, and it was a lot easier for me to come here instead of someplace where I didn't know anyone."

☉ Mike: "This will be the first time we've been able to perform together on-stage. I can't think of anything bad about it. The only thing that might be bad is that if anything goes wrong with his experience, I feel like I should take the blame."

☉ Chris: "Hanging out with him and [having] the opportunity to perform with him. I've never gone to school with him before."

☉ Chris: "The only drawback is when I hear negativity toward Mike."

☉ Mike: "The best thing is that I don't feel as far away from home because I have some family here."

☉ You've got to watch your p's and q's. You want to make sure you're setting a good example for him.



Staci (fr.) and Allison (soph.) Horton, Inman, are one year apart.

☉ Allison: "I'm enjoying it. It's really different having her in the same building as me, but not being able to room with her. It's a lot of fun. We still get to hang out."

☉ Allison: "The fact that I can't room with her."

☉ The best thing is that I get to see him a lot. The worst thing is that I get to see him a lot.

Brent (fr.), Brett (sr.), and Brandon (fifth year sr.) Johnson, Kiefer, Okla.

☉ Brent: "No matter what, they're always here for me."

☉ Brett: "You automatically have somebody to talk to. You have an automatic friend on campus; it makes it easier to get in the flow."

☉ Brett: "You go to college to get away from your family, but you come here with them, and you never get away from them."

☉ Brandon: "We can look after Brent because we've already been through it; we can help him out. He definitely needs it (just kidding). With Brett, we've grown up together and always shared everything, and this has allowed us to keep doing that. It'll be really hard after this year when we go our separate ways because we have so many things we share."

☉ Brandon: "The bad thing. The things that I do might reflect upon my other brothers in a negative way even if it has nothing to do with them or vice versa. It is really hard for me to find a negative thing."



Lacey (fr.) and Kylie (soph.) Funk, Quinter, are one year apart.

☉ Lacey: "The best thing is you always have a friend."

☉ Lacey: "The worst thing is she takes my clothes."

☉ Kylie: "The best thing is that I can talk to her when I'm upset. We have fun together."

☉ Kylie: "Sometimes we can be a little competitive. There are more good aspects than bad in going to school with Lacey. She's like a natural friend."



Reuben and Tony Segovia, Tipton, Okla., are three years apart.

☉ Tony: "I'd probably say that it's nice to have some family around. We can talk about Mom and Dad."

☉ Tony: "Everybody wants to tell me if he does something good or bad."

☉ Reuben: "It has its disadvantages, but there are more positives than negatives. Everyday, someone asks me if I have a brother here because of the last name. Most say we don't look alike. It's kind of unique."

Denise (soph.) and Cheri (jr.) Norsworthy, Clovis, N.M., are thirteen months apart.

☉ Denise: "It's nice having a sister around but I can't think of other positives."

☉ Denise: "I'm always getting called Cheri. I'm expected to be as smart as Cheri."

☉ Cheri: "Carpool home. It's nice to be able to talk to someone who knows me well."

☉ Cheri: "She's always bugging me."

Cameron (fr.) and Candra (jr.) Coleman, Chase, are two years apart.

☉ Cameron: "Candra was part of the reason I came to school because she can help me with homework and stuff like that."

☉ Cameron: "You're not away from all of your family. I don't miss my family as much since part of it's here."

☉ Cameron: "She knows everything that you do, and she can tell everybody at home."

☉ Candra: "The best thing is having him in case I have car trouble or anything. We can talk about what's going on at home and stuff."

☉ Candra: "I think the worst thing for him is having to be known as Candra's little brother."

Elizabeth (fr.) and Sarah (jr.) Stover, Quinter, are seventeen months apart.

☉ Elizabeth: "Being able to talk to her whenever I want to more than if we were at separate colleges. She is someone who is more likely to do little favors, like getting me a glass of water or practicing play lines."

☉ Elizabeth: "People already know Sarah, so it affects the way they think about me."

☉ Sarah: "I get to see her a lot more often than I did. We talk more often."

☉ Sarah: "So far, there are no worst things. I think most people can tell we're sisters. I love my sister a whole, whole lot."

Jake (jr.) and Josh (fifth year sr.) Hofflinger, Nickerson, are two years apart.

☉ Jake: "I can borrow his CD's anytime I want, and I can borrow his I.D. whenever I want, he has cool stuff."

☉ Jake: "He tells my parents everything; he tells them when I mess up."

☉ Josh: "The best thing is that I get to see him a lot. The worst thing is that I get to see him a lot."

☉ It was like having a best friend already here when I arrived to campus.

BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

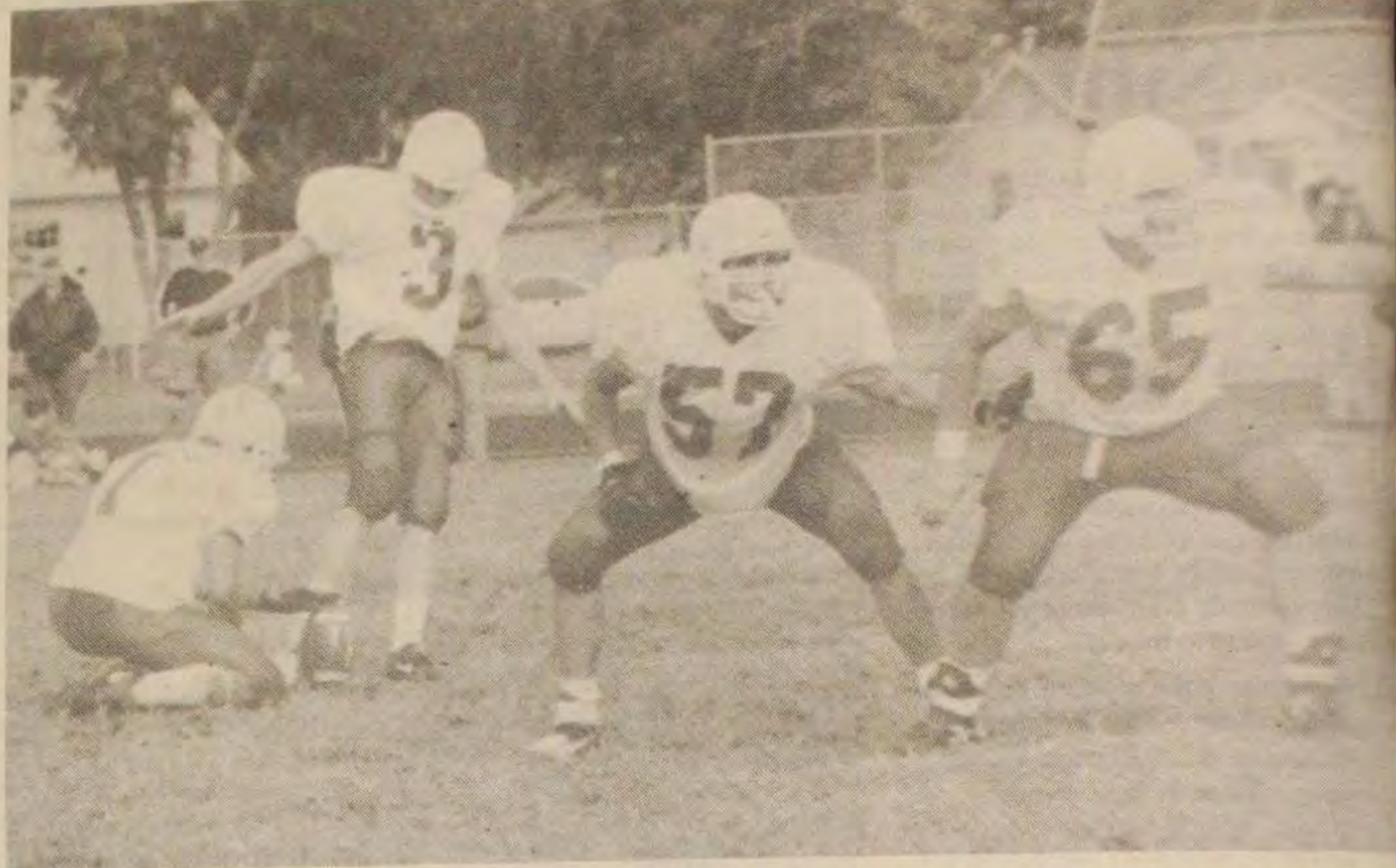
Men's Soccer		Football	
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1-3 v. Lincoln University		27-24 v. Bethany	
5-3 v. Southwestern		41-42 v. Friends	
1-4 v. Bartlesville Wesleyan			
1-3 v. Sterling			
Women's Soccer		Volleyball	
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1-2 v. Ottawa		0-3 v. Benedictine	
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0-2 v. Southwestern		0-3 v. Bethel	
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1-2 v. Sterling		0-3 v. Central Bible	

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

The Spectator Athlete of the Issue is Heather Schooley, goalie for the women's soccer team. Schooley, a freshman from Denver, Colo., has averaged 10 saves each game, according to head coach Dan Marchewka. She has kept the team in many games with her excellent saves. Despite the fact that the team is still seeking its first win, Schooley remains positive about her teammates and their efforts. "Our team keeps improving every game. We have started to step up and play tough," Schooley said.



Heather Schooley



Jonas Lichty, sophomore placekicker, came up just short on this 45-yard field goal attempt in the game against Friends University.

Homecoming game is key KCAC showdown

■ Bulldogs and 'Builders enter contest with identical 2-1 records

The McPherson College Bulldogs are one huge Homecoming victory away from what may be their best chance at a conference championship in 40 years.

The Bulldogs, 2-1 in KCAC standings, meet the Southwestern Moundbuilders, also 2-1 in league play, in a key showdown at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Bulldog Stadium.

The Moundbuilders loom more like a mountain than a mound between the Bulldogs and their championship hopes. Southwestern was a pre-season pick to dominate the KCAC, but they are beatable, as their loss to the Ottawa Braves last week in Winfield demonstrated.

Meanwhile, in McPherson, the Bulldogs were dropping a heartbreaker to Friends University, 41-42, in a game in which a win could have left them alone at the top of the standings. The Bulldogs drove the ball down the field for a touchdown in the closing moments of the game, but failed to make good on a two-point conversion with 17 seconds remaining.

"Southwestern is going to be a big

game for us," said junior linebacker, Thomas Lewis, Goliad, Texas. "We just need to bounce back from the loss against Friends. We still have a chance at conference champs, and that's what we plan on doing."

Greg Mendez, junior quarterback from Mesa, Ariz., has been scorching KCAC defenses in recent weeks. He is among the top passers in the nation in NAIA, having thrown for 1,302 yards in four games, completing 78 of 150 attempts.

Mendez has two targets with excel-

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—Matt Holtry

lent hands and moves. Matt Holtry, a freshman wide receiver from Nampa, Idaho, has 23 receptions for 431 yards and five touchdowns. Junior wide receiver Antonio Rael has 28 catches for 470 yards and three touchdowns.

The Bulldogs have put themselves in position to compete for the conference championship by nipping Bethel

College and intra-county rival Bethany College.

The Bulldogs escaped North Newton with a 34-30 victory when the Threshers ran out of time while threatening from inside the five-yard line. The Bulldogs took command early and then used good defense to hang on and prevail against Bethany, 27-24.

The import of tomorrow's game is not lost upon team members.

"This team shows great signs," Mendez said. "It is up to us on Saturday to decide where our season goes from here."

"Our game against Southwestern determines if we will be the conference champs," said Holtry. "If we lose, we will be out of luck. We need to come out hard on Saturday."

"We have been in close games every week," said Jonas Lichty, sophomore placekicker from Quinter. "We just couldn't pull out the win against Friends. Southwestern will be a tough game. We need to be ready to play."

"This year we show a lot more team unity than in years past," said Bobby Hill, jr., Panama City, Fla. "If we stick together, conference champs is in our reach."

Sports Editor Melanie Byrd contributed to this report.

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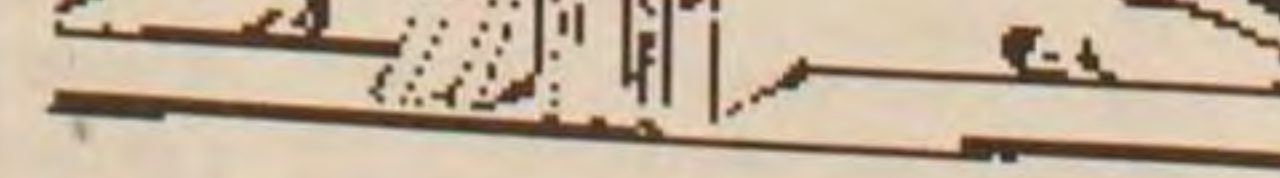
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Seth Good, soph., and James Helton, fr., pace one another in the recent Tabor College Cross Country Meet at Marion Reservoir.

Photo by Cheri Norworthy

Chicago bound runners

by Melanie Byrd
Sports Editor

McPherson College head coach Rob Lyon is proud of his "hard working runners" as they race against themselves to beat personal best times.

The cross country team does not have enough runners to make a full team this year, but individuals are competing at the races, trying to achieve personal goals.

"Most of the runners have little experience with cross country," Lyon said. None of them has had collegiate experience prior to this season. This serves as a small problem, according to Lyon.

Despite limited experience, the cross country team looks ahead to compet-

ing in Chicago at Olivette Nazarene College on October 24. The runners will fly out of Kansas City and spend the weekend in Chicago, Ill.

"The runners are really looking forward to this meet and so am I," Lyon said.

Coach Lyon feels that of his runners may have a chance at qualifying for the National Meet, which will be held in Wisconsin. According to Lyon, Seth Good, soph., Hershey, Pa., might be able to attain this goal if he continues to run the way he has been running.

The runners compete at Kansas Wesleyan in Salina on Saturday.

Men return to KCAC competition next week

■ Kickers getting experience with tough NCAA II schools in Colorado this weekend

by Shelly Hendricks
Spectator Staff

The men's soccer team won its first conference game of the season, beating Southwestern, 5-3, on Sept. 30.

"It's good to get a win early," said Dan Marchewka, head coach. "Clay Porter had a very good game. He finally scored his first two goals of the year, and he had a solid game."

According to Marchewka, the biggest positive from the Southwestern win was that the team came back from a 1-2 deficit at half-time.

"The guys played with a lot of heart and determination after being down," Marchewka said.

Against Bartlesville Wesleyan, the men lost, 1-6, on Oct. 3. However, the team arrived late and did not have proper warm-up time.

This weekend the men compete against two NCAA Division II

schools: Metro State and Southern Colorado.

"They're good schools," Marchewka said. "If we play well, we'll be on the same level."

Southern Colorado has an undergraduate student population of approximately 5,000 and Metro State has around 17,500 students.

"My goal is for us to play well and be ready for conference since our final six games will be conference games," Marchewka said.

The team will play its second game against Kansas Wesleyan on Oct. 13.

"We beat Kansas Wesleyan the first time, 2-1 in overtime, and we'll need to play better than we did the first time," Marchewka said.

"It will be a good, exciting game of soccer."

The men have their first game against Tabor on Oct. 17. According to Marchewka, Tabor is struggling with a record of 2-5. However, the men will still need to "show up to play in order to win."

"With five starting freshmen, we're a young team; they are making inexperienced mistakes. We'd like to work for 90 minutes to play mistake-free," Marchewka said. "If we can do that, we'll be in very good shape."

—Dan Marchewka

SPORTS BRIEFS

by Melanie Byrd
Sports Editor

■ Buchman scores low at tough Alvarado course

McPherson College golfers have two meets left in the fall season. They take on Kansas Wesleyan on Oct. 6. Their last meet will be at home on the Turkey Creek Golf Course against the Bethany Swedes.

Chet Buchmann, fr., McPherson, was the only Bulldog attend the Baker-Alvarado meet on Sept. 28; he finished with a score of 82.

The golf team's main season is in the spring, so the team considers this as a warm-up season, according to Brent See, sr., Leoti.

"This is when we are able to work out all the bugs and get ready to go for the spring season" See said.

■ Bainter and Herrera shine in Oklahoma play

The McPherson College spikers are having a rough season as they are consistently coming up short against their opponents.

The Bulldogs played well last weekend in Oklahoma against Mid-American Bible and Central Bible, despite losing, according to Coach Dan Hoffman.

"The girls continue to play hard, just not effectively," Hoffman said.

"Raquelle Bainter, soph., Hoxie, and Andrea Herrera, sr., Hesston, played quite well in Oklahoma," Hoffman said.

Women play Sterling tough, but lose; looking for elusive first win of season

by Shelly Hendricks
Spectator Staff

The soccer women took a tough loss at the hands of Sterling College, 1-2, Tuesday night. The offense and defense played together well, one team member said, but just couldn't pull the game out.

The women played Ottawa on Sept. 22, losing 1-2.

"They lost a heartbreaker," said Dan Marchewka, head coach. "Ottawa scored with 14 seconds left in the first half and two minutes left in the second half."

The women played Friends University and lost, 0-6, on Sept. 28.

"The girls played their best game of the year. Friends University had to earn their win. The girls held their heads up and never gave up," Marchewka said.

The women shut out Southwestern in the second half of their game on Sept. 30. This was their first shut out, but they still lost, 0-2.

According to Marchewka, the women played a good game against Bartlesville Wesleyan, even though they lost, 0-7.

Next week, the ladies will compete against Kansas Wesleyan and Tabor.

"The girls have a chance at winning. If they play the way they have been, they should win at least one of them," Marchewka said.

"They've been playing really well lately. They've just played a lot of tough teams recently, so they haven't seen the best results," Marchewka said. "They're definitely improving a lot."

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Renata Lichty, fr., Quinter, dribbles away from defenders in a recent home soccer match.



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From left to right, Steve Benne, Raechel Sittig, Sarah Stover and Sara Myers rehearse diligently in a house built on stage for Friday and Saturday's productions of "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

"Reminisce" during Homecoming

Back to back activities book the entire weekend at McPherson College as students, faculty, friends and alumni celebrate the 1998 Homecoming. The theme for this year's homecoming is "Reminiscence."

"We're hoping everyone will participate in and enjoy the homecoming activities," said Chris Curran, fr., Grand Junction, Colo., and member of the Homecoming Committee.

Homecoming weekend officially began with Honors Convocation this morning. During convocation, the college recognized recipients of the Young Alumni Award: Dr. Daryl Beam, Dr. Stewart M. Hoover and Garold Minns, M.D., and faculty members appointed to academic chairs: Dr. Leland Lengel and Dr. Herbert Smith.

Tonight is the McPherson Alumni Challenge Cup Tennis Tournament. The tournament will begin with mixed doubles at 6 p.m. on the college tennis courts.

The McPherson College theatre department welcomes all to their production of Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" at 8 p.m. in Brown Auditorium on both Friday and Saturday nights.

"I am amazed by how well this cast works together as an ensemble," said Dr. Rick Tyler, associate professor of speech and theatre. "A good portion of work, time and money has gone into this production. I don't

think students on campus realize the work that goes into producing a show or the talent their peers possess. It has also been wonderful to work with adjunct professor, Jesse Miller, director of the show."

Following the play, warm up the night as John Burden, associate professor of psychology, hosts a bonfire to rally good spirits and pump up the football team for the Homecoming game against Southwestern on Saturday.

Saturday's alumni activities will begin with registration, a tribute to Fahnestock Hall, cluster reunions and class photos at 9 a.m. in the Sport Center. Classes being honored this year include 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993 and the Golden Key group.

A Fahnestock reunion and silent auction of items from the building are scheduled from 9-11 a.m. in the small gym of the Sport Center. The main tribute starts at 10:30 a.m. with a Fahnestock open house immediately following.

McPherson College will dedicate Morrison and Bittinger Hall, the two new residence halls, at 1 p.m. Dedication of these new facilities will take place at the dorms which are located on Baer and Gordon Streets. Open hours will follow the dedication ceremony.

"The dedication ceremony opens up a whole new chapter for the campus community. It's the end of the

Fahnestock era and the beginning of Bittinger and Morrison Halls," said Bob Knechel, executive director of the office of institutional development. "The financial support from alumni and friends that makes these projects possible is a wonderful testimony of their encouragement of students to attend Mac."

The McPherson Bulldogs kick off the game against the Southwestern Moundbuilders, at 2 p.m. The coronation of Homecoming king and queen will take place immediately following the game at the McPherson College stadium.

Upon crowning the king and queen, all are invited to play Ultimate Frisbee at Lakeside Park in honor of a Fahnestock pastime.

Alumni and students may dance the night away in the Hoffman Student Union. The Homecoming Dance will start at 10 p.m. and end at 1 a.m. when the music stops playing.

Activities will conclude with the Homecoming Choir Concert on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Church of the Brethren sanctuary. The concert is free of charge and open to the public.

"This is the best reading choir I've had at Mac," said Dr. Alan Gumm, choral director. "The group became a 'choir' much more quickly. I'm impressed with their tone quality."

Staff Writer Jill Clannin contributed to this report.

Lengel, Smith named chairs young alums recognized

The Young Alum Award presented to McPherson graduates Dr. Daryl Beam, Dr. Stewart Hoover and Dr. Garold Minns in Honors Convocation is intended to recognize the significant achievements of McPherson College alumni who have graduated within the last 25 years.

Dr. Beam is currently a periodontist in Hays, Kan. Beam graduated from McPherson College in 1984 with a bachelor of arts degree in biology. Beam earned his doctor of dental surgery in 1982, and his specialty degree in periodontics in 1984 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Beam received academic honors at all levels.

Beam has practiced periodontology since 1984 in Hays and maintains a very active stance in the community where he has been involved with his church, United Way fund raising, and coaching for the Hays Recreation Commission in the areas of soccer, baseball, wrestling and football.

Currently a professor at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Dr. Hoover teaches courses in Journalism and Mass Communication, Religious Studies and American Studies. Hoover is also widely published in the field of media and communications, and does seminars and consulting work around the world.

Hoover is a 1973 McPherson College graduate in philosophy and religion. He earned two masters of arts degrees, the first in ethics from Pacific School of Religion/GTU and the other in communications from the University of Pennsylvania. Hoover also earned his doctorate in philosophy degree in communications from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Minns is currently professor and chairman of the Internal Medicine Department at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Minns graduated from McPherson College in 1973 and earned his doctoral degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1979. Minns has taught at the Wichita branch of the University of Kansas School of medicine since 1980.

During his tenure at Wichita, Minns has gained additional professional recognition for his extensive work with infectious diseases, and has earned the distinction of being

named a Diplomate of both the National Board of Medical Examiners and the American Board of Internal Medicine. His various studies are widely published.

Honored faculty members, Dr. Leland Lengel and Dr. Herbert Smith were the first to be named to fill two now fully endowed academic chairs: the Maurice A. Hess Chair and the Burton Metzler Chair in Philosophy and Religion.

Filling the Maurice A. Hess Chair, Dr. Leland Lengel, currently professor of history and political science, carries on that legacy of discipline, teaching and motivating students to produce their best. Lengel requires that his students express themselves well, both in voice and on paper, and he begins his classes on time.

Now in his 36th year of teaching at McPherson College, Lengel received his bachelor of arts degree in history at McPherson College in 1956. He then completed a master of arts degree in American history at Duke University and went on to earn a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Oregon in 1968.

The Burton Metzler Chair was established by a person who deeply appreciated his life of service to the Church of the Brethren as a pastor, counselor, college professor and leader of youth.

Following closely in those footsteps is Dr. Herbert Smith. Now in his 17th year of teaching at McPherson College, Smith served the college as Campus Minister the first four of those years—encouraging, counseling, and guiding students.

Smith received his bachelor of arts degree from Elizabethtown College in 1965, his masters of divinity from Bethany Theological Seminary in 1968 and his doctor of philosophy degree from Claremont Graduate School in 1973.

In his teaching at McPherson College, Smith has exemplified enthusiasm. He helps students experience the depth and breadth of religion and philosophy while listening to music, talking about ancient and modern cosmologies, clowning, engaging in dramatic dialogues between famous personages, or possibly even participating in pantomime, Gregorian chants, or guided imagery.

Former Fannyites pay last tribute to Fahnestock Hall

Andy Ullom
Spectator Staff

The traditions of Fahnestock Hall will be honored as part of 1998 Homecoming activities this weekend.

McPherson College plans to demolish Fahnestock shortly after Homecoming to make room for the new fine arts center.

One Fahnestock Hall or another has existed on the McPherson College campus since the beginning of the college in 1888. The dorm has played an intricate role in the identity of the college. Fahnestock has done its best

to make people laugh and smile. The college will certainly miss the antics of those people that lived in the dorm.

During Homecoming weekend, a reunion for residents and friends of Fahnestock Hall will take place in the small gym located in the Sport Center, beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10.

A registration table will be set up to create a record of all persons who have been connected to Fahnestock Hall at one time or another. Along the east wall of the small gym, Fahnestock memorabilia will be displayed.

Tables along the west wall will dis-

play items to be sold in a silent auction. The items to be sold in the silent auction were collected from the dorm. Fahnestock Hall T-shirts will also be on sale. Proceeds from the silent auction and T-shirt sales will go towards a memorial to S.B. Fahnestock and the building.

The college will also be selling bricks taken from the building. More information about the sale of the bricks will be available during the reunion. The proceeds from the brick sales will also go towards the memorial.

Andy Ullom will be selling Ultimate Frisbees which were purchased

this past summer. The frisbees were custom printed with a Fahnestock symbol.

Some residents of the dorm hope to compile a memory book containing articles from archives, stories from residents and pictures and articles from local papers.

Forms will be available at the registration desk for people to fill out and return to the college. Reunion organizers are encouraging reunion participants to share stories and memories so that all can remember the days of Fahnestock Hall.

Beginning at 9:30, a microphone

will be open for people to share stories or memories of their time at McPherson College and Fahnestock Hall. The open mike will be emceed by Mr. Gary Vancil.

Following the open mike at 10 a.m. Dr. Ramond Flory, professor emeritus of history, will give a brief history of the dorm.

An open house at Fahnestock begins at 11 a.m.

The annual Ultimate Frisbee game at Lakeside Park immediately following the football game and Homecoming Coronation concludes the Fahnestock reunion activities.