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Antiques show class



photo by Cheri Norsworthy

The first C.A.R.S. show took place on the lawn just east of the Gazebo Saturday, May 6. Only a few cars were pre-registered, but by mid-morning, approximately 40 antiques and muscle cars were parked on the campus lawn.

Dill responds to campus concerns

Sarah Stover

OpEd Editor

President Dill dispensed with the speech he had planned for closing convocation on May 8 to systematically address issues raised in the April 28 issue of the Spectator.

The last issue of the Spectator carried a story about the unusual number of faculty resignations this spring, as well as an editorial and a letter from students, expressing concerns about those resignations and the future of the college.

Dill responded to concerns expressed in the letter about lack of institutional direction, about the college's relationship to the Church of the Brethren, and about the quality of new students.

Dill said that the strategic planning process has been a success.

"The process has reaffirmed the direction of McPherson College. McPherson College knows clearly where it is going," Dill said.

Dill reminded students that the Board of Trustees "accepted fully" the document presented by the Strategic Planning Committee.

"The only changes in the document presented by the Strategic Planning committee was a requested summary statement of the plan, a request for continuing work on indicators of progress, and the insistence that increasing faculty and staff salaries be a part of the plan," Dill said.

According to Dill, "This college does have a vision-we know where we are going-we remain committed to the legacy that has been given to us-we intend to become even stronger tomorrow than we are today."

Dill took issue with "a conjecture...made by a faculty member who has resigned" about the

college's expectations of students and of its relationship to be Church of the Brethren.

"This college does have challenging expectations of faculty and of students," Dill said. "This college is very proud of its heritage and relationship with the Church of the Brethren. This college is firmly committed to that relationship continuing."

Dill responded firmly to the concern that the quality of students at McPherson College is poor.

"That is simply false. The quality of students here is very good," Dill said. He told the student body that "the best professors at this college can enable you to succeed."

Efforts to increase retention that left professors with less time in the classroom were also a concern raised by students in the April 28 issue of the Spectator. Dill recognized that "the most helpful retention efforts are those which involve professors dealing directly with students."

"Retention efforts do not take professors away from students," Dill said. "Rather, in such efforts, professors help each other to discover ways in which they can spend time more fruitfully engaged with students."

Dill explained that professors spend time in committees "because professors design a committee structure that requires their involvement."

He expressed empathy for students who are discouraged and frustrated with the recent faculty resignations and encouraged the college community to "communicate openly with each other," to "be willing to ask questions, be willing to dialogue."

He challenged students in their "quest for truth": "Do not stop at half-truths," Dill said. "Do not be satisfied with gossip.... Do not settle for rhetorical questions, implications, inferences or innuendo."

Campus-wide technology plan drafted

LeAnn Wine

Editor in Chief

The Instructional Resource Committee will vote today on a technology plan the committee has developed during the spring semester. The plan is tentative at this point, but if approved, implementation could begin as early as next fall.

The plan includes specifications and policies for purchasing equipment and software, projects included that can be accomplished with existing resources, projects included that could be accomplished with resources beyond present levels, and a timeline for implementation. The plan is "the things we'd like to do, that we think are most important based on funding limitations," said

"Technology, defined broadly, involves all aspects of the instructional environment including chairs, tables and boards."

—Ryn Deitz

Ryn Deitz, chair of IRC.

IRC received a list of technology needs/wants created by the strategic planning process early this semester and was asked to draft a technology plan. One of the first steps the committee took was to clarify the task. According to Deitz, the administrative team asked the committee to do a campus-wide plan that would involve resources for fac-

ulty, staff, students and administration.

Next, the committee decided to define technology. They determined that technology "involves all aspects of the instructional environment including chairs, tables and boards," Deitz said. It is "technology defined broadly."

IRC then looked at the items on the list and determined which ones fit in the same category and whether anything was missing from the list. The members of the committee gathered price information about individual items to help the committee draft the plan.

"Pending approval, plans for fall already have funding at this point," Deitz said.

Computer Services has already begun implementation of an equipment rotation plan because funding was cur-

rently available. The plan is to replace one-third of the computers on campus each year. Software also needs to be upgraded regularly.

"I'm anticipating implementing a Microsoft campus agreement to put Windows Millennium or 2000 Pro and Office 2000 Pro on all computers on campus," said Dave Gitchell, computer services. "With the same operating system and office suite on all computers, when upgrades come, we can do them all."

Computer services is also looking into changing the Internet connectivity for the McPherson College campus. Gitchell has been in contact with Cox Cable, which expects to have cable modems available in McPherson in the third quarter of this year. Currently

Gitchell is trying to determine the impact of such a change on connection speed. If he determines that a slow down will not occur, he will enter an agreement with Cox Cable as soon as the modems are available.

If IRC approves the plan, it will be sent to the Strategic Planning Committee. SPC will then decide how it fits into the overall plan and may change it, accept it or send it back to IRC for more work.

The plan is a work in progress based on a three- to five-year window. It will be revisited and updated every year, according to Deitz.

"It's been a very exciting committee that has worked hard," Deitz said. "It's exciting to see this kind of project come together."

Editorials

EDITORIALS

THE SPECTATOR

Editorial Staff: LeAnn Wine, Sarah Stover, Janelle Flory, Elizabeth Stover, Rachel Gross, Cheri Norsworthy.

Yearbook staff needs committed students

The yearbook is having problems finding staff for next year. The deadline for applications has been extended to next fall because all the positions have not been filled. Campus life editor, people section editor and editor in chief are still available.

Several years ago the Spectator was also having problems finding staff. Fortunately several students stepped up and the paper did not die. Today the paper is doing very well. So why is its sister publication struggling? Is the new lay-out intimidating? Or is the idea of a yearly review simply out-dated?

The idea of an annual review with pictures is not outdated. Students will miss it if it's gone, as evidenced by their reaction to the change in format from a book to magazine this year. Students were vocal about their displeasure with the change. If students are so attached to the yearbook, why are so few willing to make it a priority?

The skills needed to put a yearbook together are current and marketable, especially under the new format. For communication majors, in particular, experience in a publication is incredibly valuable. Sure, internships provide similar experience, but they do not provide opportunities to hold leadership positions, such as editor in chief.

Communications majors, English majors, art majors and graphic design majors would all benefit from experience putting together a yearbook. The experience is available for credit towards graduation, and employers will benefit from employees with previous hands-on knowledge.

Remember, programs are easier to keep up than to start up. If the yearbook discontinues, re-instating it will require extra effort from students dedicated to organizing and re-creating a program. If you are interested in keeping the tradition of a yearbook alive, talk to Kris Boyer in the communications office, ext. 1130.

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MAC OPINIONS

What did you think of the psychic fair sponsored by SGA?



"I thought it was great. I really don't believe in it, but I thought it was great."

—Dana Cordova, Trinidad, Colo.



wasn't 'Christian.'"
—Busola Grillo, Nigeria



"I didn't go to it. Personally I don't believe in it. If other people want to do it it's up to them."

—Billy Smith, Houston

"I thought it was hypocritical for the college to have such activities. I remember dances when we've not been able to listen to music because it



"I didn't do it cause the line was too long. I stood in line for 15 minutes."

—Chris Phillips, Riverside, Calif.



"I liked it. It was for entertainment. I don't take it personally, but other people might."

—Beth Barkley, Overbrook



"I didn't want to go. I didn't think it was real so I disregarded it."

—Dallas Blacklock, Houston

BCAer destroys stereotypes

I come from Xalapa, Mexico and I have been in the United States since the beginning of this semester. In the short time I've been here, I have learned much about this country and its people.

Above all, I have realized that sometimes we have misconceptions and wrong ideas about countries.

A U.S. friend of mine thought for example that in Mexico people walk in the street wearing big hats and guns. I told him that he would see these kinds of people only at a party, playing songs as a band of mariachi. Common people wear the same clothes as here. Still other people have the image of the Mexican lying under a cactus with a big hat covered by a sarape.

The images we sometimes have about other countries are false and funny. But stereotypes go further; they can be negative and offensive.

For example, many of the Americans who have traveled only to the border of Mexico think that all the



International Perspective

ONOFRE I. CARRILLO

country is like the border: poor, dry and depressive. I always tell people that they should visit the most traditional places in my country. There they can find many kinds of expression of the culture and the language.

Before coming to Kansas I thought the state had many cities like Kansas City, but now I realized that most of the land is flat. There are many towns and few urban zones. I also thought all people in the United States were cold individualists, but I have discovered that is a really wrong idea.

Another false idea I had was with teachers. Many people told me that

American teachers were distant, and that they didn't have friendships with their students because in the U.S. the law is so strict in this respect that a teacher can be accused of sexual harassment only for talking with one of his students closely. I think many teachers in this college are as friendly and polite as they are in the place I come from.

My experience in the United States has helped me to understand its culture, and to discover many misconceptions I had. Now I know that not all Americans are racist and cold, and that here there are people who are disposed to help and to be friendly with foreigners.

The world has many different countries, but we are all human beings. No country has the right to criticize the other because every country has its own magic. I can say I don't believe in stereotypes anymore because they only keep us away from others. This world was made to share, and to be friendly with our neighbors.

Man desperately needs gods

People who know me know that I'm not exactly the most normal of guys. My oddities don't stop in the physical world, but stretch into the spiritual as well.

I'm writing this article to present a belief that differs from the usual. For most of you, it differs a lot.

It was through my reading that I came upon my ideas, not just in historical and religious texts, but also in my leisure reading. I'm an avid science fiction and fantasy fan, and I read whenever I have a good book and some spare time.

The ideas I find aren't from the stories, but from the authors. When they write a creative piece of literature, a piece of them goes into it. Disguised behind the spaceships and sword fights are ideas and opinions. Science fiction writers have a lot to say about religion because they are creative thinkers persecuted by a dominant religion.

Explaining my belief is difficult, but



Cornerstone

LEE HARPER

the easiest way is to start with the beginning.

Man created the gods. Don't think for a second that this means man doesn't need the gods. The sheer fact that man came together in collective consciousness to do this says that man desperately needs the gods.

At the same time, the gods need man. They need him to continue to believe to maintain their existence. I don't think monotheism killed them off. They are greater beings, after all. How hard is it for them to change their identity a little, to adapt to changes in belief?

It doesn't matter what you call a being, it is still the same being. The

name humans use doesn't matter, as long as they still think of you when they call out their choice of name. For example, the Christians believe in one God, but the different sects can't agree on what this god is, let alone individual Christians.

I believe in a very personal relationship with the gods. I think they take an active interest in our lives. As some of you may have noticed, I speak with my goddess on a regular basis. And no, I don't hear voices speaking back. They are always there, so it is simply a matter of taking the time to converse.

As for living up to a creed, that is easy to explain. Follow the Golden Rule. It was around before the Bible, and will be around long after, which indicates that there's something to it.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It is simple, without jargon or loopholes, so it leaves no room for quibbling. The trick is to follow the Golden Rule at all times.

Try your best; no one can ask any more of you.

Your playing small does not serve the world



On Her Orange Crate

SARAH STOVER

In ten days I will walk across the stage of Brown Auditorium not as Dainty June or as Elmire, but as myself. I'll take my diploma and be on my way. Finished.

In the tradition of reflective endings, here's "what I learned at McPherson College." It's not what you might expect.

- I can fit in a clothes dryer.
- Depending on the architect, sometimes gray is the only option.
- Respecting your professors as people is worth at least ten percent of your final grade.
- People will be more willing to listen to what I say if I talk less.
- Speaking honestly is one of the hardest and most important things to do in every situation.
- I do not believe Christianity has a monopoly on truth, but I am not going to turn away from the truth it does

contain in an effort to prove I am "above" religion.

- I learned to yo-yo.
- (Speaking of yo-yos), serving on Educational Policies Committee has taught me why meetings take so long, why finding the right word is important, and how campus politics affect the way proposals move through our committee structure. I also realized how vital student involvement on faculty committees can be. Because we are not "politically aligned," we can say and do things no one else wants to do.

We get to leave.

■ Ramen tastes best when all the water is drained and the seasoning is dumped directly on the noodles.

■ Cream-cheese frosting, Cheetos, and peanut-butter M&Ms are best-appreciated in moderation.

■ Asking questions to people in the cafeteria for the Mac Opinion box has taught me that most of the people on this campus are friendly. They shouldn't intimidate me. People like to be asked for their opinion, and some will be offended if they aren't asked.

■ Some people will be offended no matter what happens.

■ People can't help how they feel.

■ I discriminate on the basis of speech, but I'm learning that grammar and usage isn't important as long as meaning is still clear. (Unless of course you are trying to get a job, applying for a loan, selling your product. . .)

■ I don't have to do everything myself, and I don't have to do everything.

■ I learned to spell *psychic*, *Medieval*, and *Renaissance*.

■ Most importantly I learned that I do not need to apologize for being me. I do not have to apologize for not drinking, for not smoking, for caring about learning, or for following the rules. I do not have to complain about the cafeteria food, about my professors, or about getting up early for morning class. (That isn't to say I never do.)

■ I also learned the lyrics to a song based on Nelson Mandela's 1994 Inaugural Address. I don't usually include quotes in my column. I figure that if you want to read what someone else has to say you'd read their column, but this issue I'm making an exception. The message is important, and applies to everyone.

"Our deepest fear is not that we are

inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It's our light, not our Darkness, that frightens us.

We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you NOT to be? You are a child of God.

There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so other people won't feel insecure around you.

Your playing small does not serve the world.

As we let our own Light shine we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

It's not just in some, it's in everyone."

If you learn nothing else, I hope you leave McPherson empowered to be a positive influence on the people around you, wherever you go.

CAMPUS FORUM

Mac College's star is rising

The last issue of the Spectator contained an article and a letter about the faculty and students who will be gone from McPherson College next year. In response, we'd like to draw your attention to the people who will be part of the college next year.

Our college continues to attract quality students. According to ACT scores, our entering students are just as capable as their older peers. In fact, compared to the entering classes of 1995 and 1996 (when the current financial aid system was first put in place), this year's freshman ACT scores are higher, on average.

But our aim is not just to get students who are already good; we aim to help people become better students (part of the college's historical mission).

Our college has also succeeded in attracting more students from diverse backgrounds. Since 1995, enrollment has increased by more than 12 percent, and student diversity has increased by as much as 35 percent. We want to do better, but this is a good start.

We want to become more diverse while staying close to our traditions. Since 1991, the percentage of our students who come from the Brethren tradition has increased by a couple of points—at a time when the church's membership nationally has been shrinking.

College traditions also depend on faculty. Next fall, more than a third (35 percent) of faculty will have taught at the college for at least ten years. The average tenure among these faculty is almost 19 years at the college.

Equally impressive, our newest faculty have clearly demonstrated that they are well-qualified to teach both their subjects and the values of the college.

Of those who've been here a year or two, Prof. Kelly Frigård, Dr. Ken Yohn, Dr. Gary Entz, and Prof. Ocie

Kilgus have extensive international experience. Dr. Yohn has a major in Peace Studies; Prof. Kilgus has a record of service to people in prison, both in Pennsylvania and (soon) in Kansas.

Prof. Jennifer Williams is an alumna of McPherson College, as are Dr. Allan van Asselt and Prof. Ronald Hovis, both of whom will join us next year. Dr. van Asselt, fluent in German, spent his junior year abroad. Prof. Hovis, now a managing director at Southwestern Bell and a former member of our Board of Trustees, was SGA president when he was a student here.

Also joining us is Prof. Barbara Cole, who has a long record of service to the McPherson community, and to the state and the nation as an officer of KNEA and NEA.

These new and returning faculty live their commitment to values like intercultural understanding, peace-making, service, intellectual integrity, and the search for truth.

There will be some changes in the people of the college next year, and change is always hard to accept. But change is opportunity, too, and the college's star is rising.

For our friends who are leaving, we wish new experiences and exciting careers. For our friends who are staying or joining us for the first time, we wish the same.

—Dr. Kim Stanley, English Dept., Dr. Marilyn Kimbrell, Curriculum & Instruction Dept.

SGA says thanks

As SGA president I have truly had a wonderful year. We've dealt with a lot of crap from people who like to make themselves feel better by putting other people down, but we've dealt with it and moved on. For what we as a group hoped to achieve, I think this year was a success, but opinions vary.

I really want to give a big thanks to Rachel Gross and LeAnn Wine, who helped make this year run as smoothly as possible. With everything that happened, it was no small feat.

Thanks also go to Kathryn Whitacre,

who gave more time than she should have to cover our trails.

The biggest thanks of all goes to Janice Haldi. She did all of the dirty work none of us wanted to do.

Activity planning was approached from a different angle this year. If you weren't happy with the activities we planned, I'm sorry. I also apologize for bringing "Satan" on campus. Criticism of the psychic fair really rings of some closed-mindedness if you ask me, but I am sure someone else wrote an editorial on that.

What I really want people to know is this. If you are unhappy, tell someone on SGA. Tell them you want change. Get yourself on the agenda and go to an SGA meeting to express your opinion. SGA is for students. We are here to address your needs. You pay activities fees every semester—that's what pays for activities. It is your money and your school, so be a part of it. Don't just sit around and gripe all the time. If you don't like the way your money is being spent, do something about it.

I wish the new SGA board the best of luck next year.

—Jessica Miller, SGA President 1999-2000

President Dill's speech leaves prof bewildered

President Dill's convocations address this past Monday left me feeling bewildered. President Dill dispensed with his prepared text and chose instead to address concerns raised in the April 28 issue of the Spectator.

Students had reported feeling upset, scared, afraid, frustrated, disappointed, and incredulous at the recent faculty resignations and at President Dill's response to them. I have shared all of those feelings and would add troubled, saddened, and angered. Over the years I have developed friendships with many of the faculty who are leaving this spring. I know them

well and respect their integrity. I feel the loss both personally and professionally.

President Dill's response to those who feel this way left me feeling confused. I heard our feelings acknowledged, and then in the next breath devalued. President Dill agreed with the statements in reference to the recent faculty resignations "I think it's more a positive," and "We've been able to employ people who bring significant life and teaching experiences. Students will benefit from that." The message that President Dill communicated was that our concerns have no real basis.

President Dill took issue with statements concerning a lack of shared vision for the institution and its relationship to the Church of the Brethren. Although he assured us that we have a shared vision, he didn't share what it is. Although he assured us that we have a strong relationship to the church, he didn't articulate what that is either. I left feeling as though the answer is: "If you have to ask, don't bother."

President Dill chose instead to attack the statements, and by implication, the person, a "professor who has recently resigned."

That professor is Lowell Flory. The statement quoted in the Spectator is: "I was here to be an instructor, setting clearer, more challenging expectations and making the church a more meaningful part of the life of the college. It appears to me at this time, the college may not feel this is the way to go."

I agree wholeheartedly with Professor Flory's statement, but my credentials for making it don't hold a candle to his: Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, 17 years on the faculty, denominational Moderator of the Church of the Brethren, and son of Raymond Flory, who has served McPherson College since 1947.

President Dill's remarks made it quite clear that he rejects Professor Flory's statement. President Dill maintained that all students are capable of high achievement, and the real failures are professors like Flory (and myself and others) who set high academic standards that some students fail to meet. I am left feeling like a student who was overheard on the way

out of convo saying: "I feel like I've just been reprimanded, but I don't know what I have done wrong."

I pray that this community values freedom and diversity of opinion sufficiently so that openly sharing my feelings is safe. We will see.

—Dr. Jonathan Frye, Assistant Professor of Natural Science

Technology prof dispels rumors

I would like to express my appreciation to the students and personnel of McPherson College as we have journeyed together for the past two academic years.

My decision not to renew my teaching contract was a difficult one. Many factors intertwined to influence my decision.

In order to dispel rumors I felt the need to express myself in this forum.

Yes, I have many responsibilities with the church I pastor, but that is not the main reason I'm leaving. I made the conscious choice to be a bivocational pastor.

Yes, I have my own restoration business, but I am not being enticed away by business opportunities. I've been there, done that. It is not a lifestyle I want to return to on a full-time basis.

The main reason I chose not to return as a faculty member relates to the great amount of external pressure currently focused on the technology faculty. As we have sought to work through these pressures, the technology faculty spent much time interacting with all levels of the administration. During the process of meetings I lost respect for the current leadership style. I do not function well under this style of leadership.

For me to lead a more peaceful and healthful lifestyle, I needed to withdraw.

—Gary Martin, Assistant Professor of Technology, Auto Restoration Coordinator

4 More than just a day out of class

McPherson residents celebrate community with holiday

Rana El-Halabi
Spectator Staff

Every second Friday of May for the last 87 years, McPherson County has celebrated All School's Day. This unique event climaxes tomorrow with a day full of activities, including the parade, the centerpiece of the celebration.

"All School's Day started in 1914," said Cyril Russell, alumni and development, and this year's All School's Day chairperson. "At that time, the superintendent went around to every school in the county for eighth grade graduations, but that was too much. They decided to do one celebration for these graduates, and that started with the parade."

What began as a parade is now a week-long celebration filled with many different activities. During this holiday, schools and some businesses across town take a break and join the fun.

"There are many events," Russell said. "There's the carnival that starts Monday night. There's also an event called May Fete. Each of the county school districts selects a royalty king or queen. Then later, at the Lakeside Park, we crown a king and queen."

Along with May Fete, All School's Day brings in

All School's Day Events

Event	Location	Time
Carnival	Wickersham Park	10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Book Sale	Community Building	8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Plant Sale	Community Building	8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Food Court	100 block W. Marlin	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Pre-Parade	Main Street	9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
87th Annual Parade	Main Street	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Aircraft Display	McPherson Airport	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Military Display	Park School	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Model Train Display	Belli Bros.	1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Classic Car Show	Commons Area	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

formers from across the county. But for many people, the favorite part of the holiday is the parade. It is the symbol of unity among the members of the community, according to Russell.

"The parade starts at about 10:30," Russell said "That parade will draw about 30-40 thousand people from across Kansas, mostly McPherson County. Literally when the

parade starts, there are people sitting on the street. You can hardly walk down the sidewalk."

The parade features 34 floats. The

"All School's Day is popular because of its tradition and because of the pride in McPherson County."

presenters range from kindergartners to adults, and they are judged for cash prizes. Accompanying the floats are 22 bands from across the county. Once the parade is over, more activities begin: an air show at the airport, a carnival across town, and a sampling of food.

"All School's Day is popular because of its tradition," Russell said,

"and because of the pride in McPherson County."

According to Russell, during this holiday everyone gets involved. Dozen of businesses and organizations have volunteered time and money, and some have even given grants to help with costs.

"There are people that have been part of this committee for years," Russell said, "and they keep coming back each year eager to do more. I enjoy being around these people."

Russell got involved in All School's Day three years ago, representing McPherson College. When he was asked to be the chairperson of the event, Russell said that he jumped at the opportunity.

"I started going to these meetings and realized what a tradition this is and what an important part of McPherson County this event is," Russell said. "I wanted to be involved in it."

As the chairperson of the All School's Day events in McPherson, Russell is

responsible for organizing and assigning chairs for various sub-committees, holding meetings, and speaking on behalf of the committee members.

"There are many activities planned, and as chair, I have to make sure that there are people in place to do all these things," Russell said.

"This is a big event."

There are a variety of events and activities that

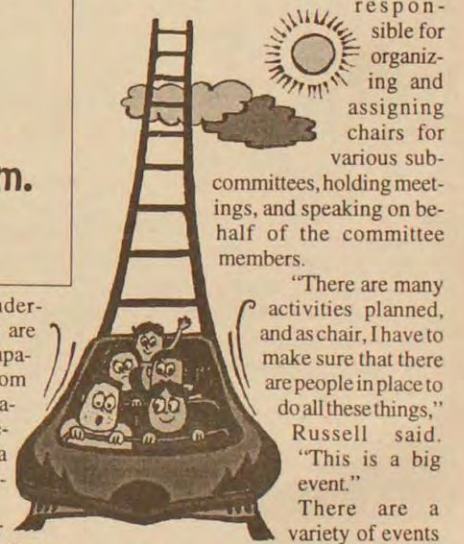
are planned throughout the All School's Day weekend. Most of these activities are free, or offered at a reduced price, to those people who are wearing an All School's Day button. The buttons are \$1, and can be purchased from any Button Brigade member of Button Booster, which includes many area retail merchants, grocery stores, and local banks and financial institutions.

As big as All Schools Day is, many McPherson College students don't attend. According to Russell many students typically take that extra time to study for finals

"I've never really attended," said Sarah Constien, sr., El Reno, Okla., "but I helped paint the back drop that goes into the outdoor stage."

With 40 thousand people expecting to check out these activities, McPherson County is getting ready to open its doors for a weekend of community celebration.

"I know it's fun for the community to get together," Clay Porter, sr., Fall Church, Va., said. "I go there just to check it out."



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Dance troupe mixes exercise and culture

Sarah Marie Hendricks
Spectator Staff

"Please do the figure-eight hips. Now, change to figure-eight arms."

During what activity would you hear these instructions? The answer? Belly dancing.

Students and community members saw these moves in action this past week at a spring belly dance demonstration in Mingenback Theatre. The McPherson belly dance troupe was formed after a discussion that the troupe's leader, Mary Flagg, computer science, had with Rana El Halabi, jr., Hutchinson, and Denise Norsworthy, jr., Clovis, N.M.

"Last semester, Rana was telling Denise and I how the women in Lebanon, where she lived, used to do belly dancing in the bomb shelters for fun. It was a way of entertaining themselves," explained Flagg.

Flagg studied belly dancing while in graduate school in Texas and became interested in teaching the dance to students at McPherson.

"We started asking around and soon we had enough to start a class over interterm," said Flagg.

Traditionally, belly dancing was done in ancient culture by women to entertain



photo by Genelle Wine

Members of the belly dance troupe perform during Monday's demonstration in Mingenback. Troupe members prepared for this recital during weekly practice sessions.

other women and their immediate family. The women involved in the interterm class enjoyed performing the moves so much that the course was extended.

"Originally, we planned on just having a class over interterm, but we were having so much fun that we decided to continue into the spring," Flagg said.

The group originally began by learning the movements individually. Belly dancing is a series of isolated muscle movements. When put together, these movements produce an exotic and graceful dance.

"The hardest part [of belly dancing] is trying to look graceful," said

Norsworthy. "Some of the movements are really difficult to master."

"I think the most difficult part is the flexibility," commented Connie Pucket, soph., Ulysses. "We have to be able to move in all these different directions."

Isolated muscle movements are not an easy task, according to troupe members. The dancers agree that after an hour of practice they feel as though they have had a workout.

On top of learning each individual movement, dancers have also learned to manipulate a valero, which is a large piece of fabric that is commonly used while people are dancing. The valero may be used as part of the costume or as piece of cloth, which they move through the air during their arm movements. The valero helps to create the exotic aura that surrounds the dancers while they move.

Another part of the aura is created through the music that is played during the dances. The music is Arabian and is a combination of instrumentals and vocals.

"I am using the same artist who was used when I took lessons," Flagg said. "I've been able to order music off of Amazon.com. One interesting note was that belly dancing music is ranked on that Web site as one of the most popular

types of music."

In addition to the hard work that the dancers put into practice, they have also spent a significant amount of time sewing their costumes, which consist of a short vest top and a long hip skirt made out of sheath material. Dancers have added different types of ornaments, such as bells, beads and gold jewelry, to make their costumes unique.

The group is intergenerational, including an elementary student, college students and older adults from the campus community.

"It has been really exciting to see our numbers double after interterm," Flagg said.

Students said that they learned more about themselves by taking part in the class.

"I've really appreciated what I've learned in belly dancing," shared Norsworthy. "I've learned a new dance and I have become more accepting of my body."

Belly dancing has provided McPherson College with a new and exciting activity. Flagg said that she is looking forward to next semester and an all new set of dancers. She welcomes anybody, male or female, to join the troupe in the fall.

Mother's Day prompts giving

Elissa Thompson
Spectator Staff

Mother's Day is the one special day of the year for children to celebrate everything that their mother does for them, and for mothers to get the attention they deserve. This Sunday is the big day for mothers everywhere.

While the day has been commercialized and over-sentimentalized by Hallmark and FTD, Mother's Day is important, judging from the way children and mothers across campus treasure their Mother's Day memories.

Brenda George, plant operations, has been remembered every Mother's Day present her children have ever given her, including doing things like making her favorite dessert and cooking her a full-blown dinner. She recalls a special Mother's Day when her son saved his allowance for two months to buy her a necklace with a diamond pendant.

"I couldn't figure out where all his money was going," George said, "and then he showed me this necklace. I was surprised."

Homemade Mother's Day treats also serve as memories for some mothers. Cindy Rundle, plant operations, remembers an adventure her kids had cooking. Rundle recalls her daughters baking her a cake from scratch with a few difficulties.

"My two daughters, eight and 10, wanted to make me my favorite cake," Rundle said. "Waldorf Astoria red cake is pretty hard to make."

The girls were supposed to use butter-milk, but they used regular milk. They also substituted green food color for the red that is normally used. This made the cake Waldorf Astoria green cake.

"They cried because they thought I

wouldn't like it," Rundle said.

Rundle's reaction was not what the girls had imagined.

"It was so cute, and it tasted pretty good. I was very proud of them," Rundle said.

Karlene Tyler, associate dean for student enrollment services, remembers a Mother's Day barbecue. Her husband, Rick Tyler, theatre, and some friends got together to barbecue kabobs, but they had no skewers.

"They had to improvise and use gardening tools in place of the skewers," Tyler said.

Tyler also received breakfast in bed one year. She felt everything worked out nice, but the coffee needed a little help.

"The coffee was quite strong," Tyler said.

Vikki Trimmell, student enrollment services, defined Mother's Day in 1987. She spent her Mother's Day weekend in the hospital after she gave birth to her daughter, Allison. Trimmell's daughter came six weeks early. The Trimmells were amazed by their four-pound surprise.

"We were pretty shocked," Trimmell said.

Students have Mother's Day stories, too. Tom Newman, fr., Bullhead City, Ariz., said that he tries to do something nice for his mother for Mother's Day every year.

"I have gotten her flowers and cooked her breakfast," Newman said.

Just because Newman is away from his mom this year won't stop his giving traditions. "This year I'm calling home and sending her flowers," Newman said.

Newman has good reason for giving his mom what he can for Mother's Day. "That's my mom," Newman said.

"I've got to take care of her. I only have one."

Greg Mendez, jr., Mesa, Ariz., remembers giving his mom an all-day cleaning pass and cooking her breakfast one year.

"This year, my fiancée and I are ordering flowers and giving them to our moms from both of us," Mendez said.

Staci Horton, soph., is giving her mom a unique gift this year.

"I'm giving her a baby ewe lamb," Horton said, "She gets to pick the age."

Horton's mother is also getting kitchen chairs from her children.

"She bought a table," Horton said. "Now we have to buy chairs, so we can sit at our own table."

Elizabeth Stover, soph., Quinter, can remember giving her mother breakfast in bed on several Mother's Days.

"We always made her breakfast in bed. We put fresh-cut flowers on a tray and served it to her like they would in a fancy hotel," Stover said.

Joni Boynton, fr., went all out for Mother's Day.

"We made breakfast in bed, and then we went to go see Grandma," Boynton said. "After that all of us girls went out to eat."

Boynton said the celebration would continue throughout the day.

"We would go home and celebrate with our mom. Sometimes that was planting the roses that she got," Boynton said.

This Mother's Day is sure to create future memories.

Marcia Walters, secretary for alumni services and church relations, is curious about what her children are planning for this year.

"My daughter is excited for what I'm getting this year," Walters said. "She's already told me I'm going to love it."

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Personal records abound at KCAC

Chris Curran
Spectator Staff

The women's track team surpassed its best times of the season in four races during the KCAC conference track meet at Bethel on May 5 and 6. Competition was stiff as Southwestern and Ottawa dominated both the women and men's races. The women finished with an unofficial overall score of 10, significantly higher than in years past.

The women's relay team, comprised of Erin Marshall, Marisol Sanchez, Melissa McAllister, and Elizabeth Stover, finished fifth in the 4x800 meter race on Friday. The women were able to take 51 seconds off their previous time, to finish with a season best of 10:51 minutes.

On Saturday, the first event for the women's team was the 4x100m relay. They finished seventh with a time of 54.7 seconds, exceeding their own expectations for the race.

"I was surprised we could run the race," McAllister said. "We only practiced a couple of days, and I was glad we pulled it together."

Christine Sheller ran the open 1500-meter race and finished with an unofficial time of 6:39 minutes. Stover ran in the second heat of the women's open 800-meter race. She finished fourth at the tape behind three Southwestern runners with a time of 2:27* minutes, four seconds under her season best.

"I expected tough competition from Southwestern so I tried to stay with the front pack. I'm disappointed I couldn't catch third place, but 2:27 is a respectable time," Stover said.

The women's 4x400 meter relay team finished strongly in fourth place with a time of 4:22 minutes.

"Erin ran a great split, passing the KW runner just before the handoff. She put me in great position to pass Tabor," Stover said.

On Friday, the men's 4x800-meter relay team, consisting of Shane

Netherton, Lynn Walter, Russell Williams, and Heath Garner, had a time of 9:09. Williams also ran the open 400-meter race, completing the single lap around the track in 56 seconds.

On Saturday, Netherton ran the open 1500-meter race in 4:35 minutes, knocking 19 seconds off his previous time.

"I've only been training for three weeks," Netherton said. "I feel really good about my time." Netherton, Garner, and Williams also ran the men's open 800-meter race on Saturday. Garner finished with a time of 2:08 minutes, while Netherton and Williams crossed the finish line 2:14 minutes after the starter's gun had gone off.

"I still need to improve, since the first place guy ran a 1:56," Garner said.

The conference track meet was the last meet of an eventful year for McPherson College Track. Young talent dominated the track team this year. Both the men and women's team found this year to be an enjoyable and productive learning experience.

"Overall I think we improved a lot," McAllister said.

"I'm glad I went out this year," said Sheller. "I had fun."

Several runners are already looking forward to next year, and one runner has even begun training for long distance

events this spring and summer.

"I'm going to train for an up coming 10K, then I'm going to get ready for summer running," said Netherton.

"I think it was a good learning experience," said Williams. "Most of the runners were freshmen, so next year it

will be better. I think next year I'll run sprints."

"I hope we have more people next year," Garner said. "We need numbers in order to be competitive."

All times included are unofficial.



Erin Marshall hands off to Elizabeth Stover during the 4x400m relay at the KCAC track meet. Stover anchored the team to a fourth place finish.

photo by Cheri Norworthy

"Athletes mean people" for life



Time and Again

GUY HAYES '34

After 65 years of coaching, officiating (34 years) in high school and college, and playing a bit of tennis, volleyball, and softball for recreational values, my column is from retrospect—not just as a successful participating student.

Competitive athletic participation does impact who you are and what you become—for your entire life! The discipline, knowledge and understanding of the game, the respect for the rules and supervision, the objective sportsmanship, and the respect and friendships of other players who compete well (and probably beat you most of the time) can help you "look back happily" that you played and "knew" the game—even the risks and abuses that can go with athletic participation. The proliferation and professionalism of sports—the dollar-sign dimension, including the entire TV and broadcasting arena—all impact our family and social time in the home, the use of the Sabbath, the control of gambling, and ultimate healthy citizenship.

The above paragraph is pretty heavy—but read it again! Values and principles must be maintained—and sports must contribute, not degrade!

Sure, I can tell you that in my senior year, McPherson College beat Bethany 39 to 0; that we beat Kansas Wesleyan 6-0 (Sid Smith was a sophomore at KWU); that we beat Baker U. 7-0 (and that yours truly was credited by the Topeka Daily Capital the next day as having made 85 percent of the tackles); but we lost to the Ottawa Braves 0 to 13.

These are just the statistics; the details of why and how it happened are remembered by the coaches, Melvin Binford and Bud Selves, and especially by the 11 "starters" who played 80-90 percent of the minutes on both offense and defense. (That tends to make you versatile and adaptable—and that is usable for your life!) Of that first 11 starters were two freshman—Mike Vasquez and Lee Haun. Mike gave his life in WWII (and is entombed in Luxembourg), and Lee competes in the U.S. Senior Olympics. You see, athletes mean "people" for a long life.

Gender balance may be remedied by increased recruiting of female athletes

Russell Williams
Spectator Staff

The number of women on campus has been a concern for the college for several years. Next year, gender balance may be reality with an increased effort to recruit women for the 2000-2001 school year.

According to Carolyn Coon, dean of students, recruiting more female athletes is an important part of the college's strategy to increase the number of women on campus. The college has just recently approved athletic scholarships for volleyball and women's basketball. The college has not awarded athletic scholarships in recent years.

"Having more women on campus will make the college a more fun place to be and make it a better place all around," Coon said.

Increasing the female population will

not only increase the student population overall and bring balance to the male/female ratio. It will also fulfill the diversity aspect of the school mission.

"The college doesn't want people to think we aren't concerned with male students. We just need a balance at the college," Coon said.

Jen Williams, head volleyball coach, has been working intensely to attract more female athletes. Williams has taken off from teaching this semester to travel and recruit. She has signed seven prospects from Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming.

Scholarships, according to Williams, give athletes more of an incentive to come to McPherson and allow the college to compete more evenly with other KCAC colleges.

"I think the college is going in the right direction with regards to the athletic program," said Williams.

Women's soccer coach, Dane Straight, is also recruiting for next year.

"The prospect of getting scholarships is great because we can't even think of competing without them," Straight said.

Two soccer prospects have officially signed with McPherson, two have paid their initial deposits, and one has verbally committed to sign.

So far, Mel Wright, head of women's basketball, has received strong commitments from 12 players from such states as Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

"We have to start with students that want to get a good education, have outstanding ability, have been able to develop their skills, and will give basketball a high priority in their schedules," Wright said.

Women's track and field coach Rob Lyon has also been working on getting more female athletes as well. To date, four women have signed letters of intent

and two who have verbally committed to run at McPherson. Several of these athletes may also participate in cross country.

Mike McCormick, head softball coach, is actively seeking players. Seven incoming women have signed to play softball and more are expected.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Brent Johnson, a senior from Kiefer, Okla., is the only returning member to the men's tennis squad from the team two years ago. This season, Johnson is 4-2 in singles and 4-2 in doubles.

"I think Brent defines the student athlete. He has been a great leader for the team," Coach Robin Johnson said.



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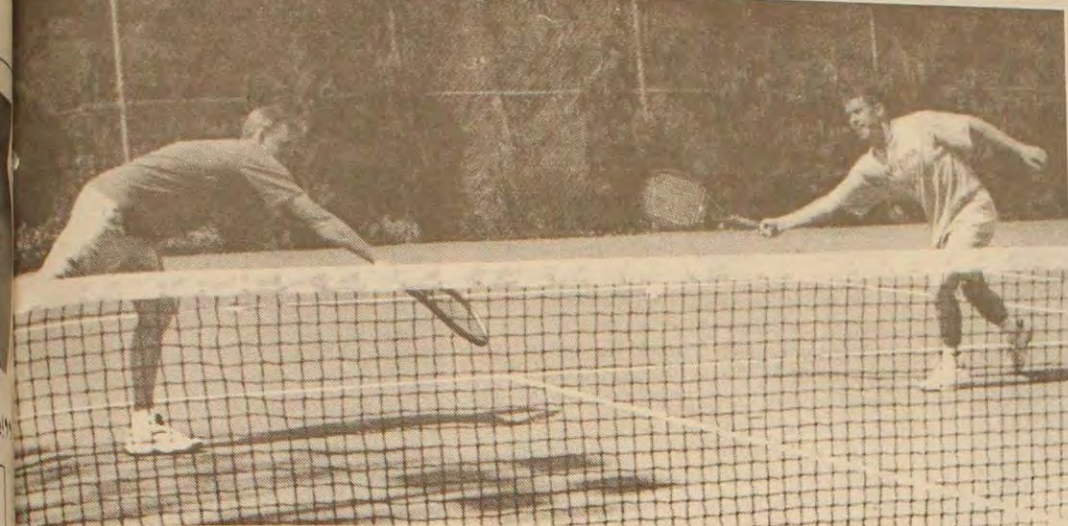


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John Ingelhart and Brent Johnson anticipate a drop shot during practice before the Tabor tournament.

Tennis closes with even split

Elizabeth Stover
Sports Editor

With results showing an even split between wins and losses, the McPherson men's tennis team wrapped up this spring's season in tournament play against Tabor College and Central Christian College on Monday, May 1, at Tabor. The tournament proved to be representative of the season as a whole.

Each of the five men singles players came out with one win and one loss. Those competing in singles included Craig Ryan, Brent Johnson, Ben Proctor, Chris O' Cain, and Brian Pfeiffer. "My match against Tabor was my toughest competition this season. I think I gave him a good match," Johnson said. Johnson fell to his opponent 3-6, 4-6, but won over Central 6-0, 6-1.

The doubles bracket produced a similar outcome for the Bulldogs: each team ended with a 1-1 record. Teams included John Ingelhart and Proctor, O' Cain and Johnson, and Ryan and

Pfeiffer.

Criag and I "played well together," Pfeiffer said. "It was an easy match at that point because we were clicking." Pfeiffer and Ryan, No. 1, beat Central's No. 2 seed but fell to their No. 1 seed.

Despite the season being cut short by a canceled match with Sterling, the men were still satisfied with their performance.

"We had a pretty even amount of wins and losses. I was pleased with the whole season. We were competitive but we still had fun," Coach Robin Johnson said. This was Johnson's first opportunity to serve as tennis coach.

"He learned very fast what was involved in being a good tennis coach," said Brent Johnson.

"I think I learned a lot about the game along with the guys," Coach Johnson said.

With Johnson back as head coach, next year's season will bring new elements of both consistency and change. Coach Johnson expects the team to be

even more competitive with at least six returning players and the hope of new recruits. This will be crucial as McPherson gains varsity status in the KCAC. Joining the conference will boost the number of matches from six to at least nine.

A major change will be the loss of seniors Johnson and Proctor. Ingelhart will also be absent from the squad studying abroad in Barcelona, Spain.

"The whole season was a real positive experience," Ingelhart said.

Despite changes, returning members are confident about next season.

"We were amateurs at the league this season, but next year we'll take it all," Ryan said.

New coach and players optimistic about upcoming football season

Courtney Irwin
Spectator Staff

This spring has been time for new head coach Dan Davis and the returning team members to get acquainted. Although recruiting for the next season keeps the coaches busy, they still devote time to current players.

In a letter to players, Davis shared his expectations that they be dedicated and work hard next fall. Davis anticipates having a decent number of returning players for the 2000-2001 season. Davis also expects the returning players to show the new players what it takes to have a winning season. "He seems to be doing a good job recruiting so far, and he really seems to care for the well-being of his players, both on and off the field," said Tom Newman, cornerback.

Likewise, Davis is impressed with the team so far. "They know how to win," Davis said.

Davis is focusing on recruiting quarterbacks and offensive and defensive linemen. The coaches have 10 players committed for next season and predict

signing 25 to 35 players before August. They are looking heavily at junior college transfers and anticipate signing 10 to 15 players from junior colleges around the nation.

"We lost a good player in Mendez this year," said Davis, "and we're looking for a good replacement."

So far, Davis has at least four quarterback possibilities and is excited about their prospects.

While the coaching staff has hopes for next season, some of the returning players have expectations as well.

"I expect three things out of you for next season," Davis told the team. "That you go to class, play hard, and you respect your team, your college and your opponents. And anyone who is willing to sweat and put out hard work is accepted on this football team."

The team will prove whether it is up to challenge next fall. The team's first home game is against Friends University on Sept. 23.

"We have a good team and McPherson should come out and watch us next season," Newman said.

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Kirchner to give address

The annual Alumni Banquet and Awards Ceremony, at which five alumni will receive the Citation of Merit, and the commencement ceremony will highlight this year's alumni weekend.

Shannan Kirchner, M.D., will deliver the commencement address. She was selected to speak by representatives of the 92 graduating seniors. Her address is entitled "Fruits of the Spirit...are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Kirchner is a 1992 graduate in biology from McPherson College. She was an active member of Alpha Psi Omega, the national drama fraternity, and the Peace Awareness Club. She earned her doctorate at the University of Iowa College of Medicine in 1996 and served her medical residency in family practice in Boise, Idaho, in 1999. Since then, she has been filling in for various physicians on two- to six-month sabbatical leaves.

During the alumni banquet on Saturday, five alumni will be recognized with the Citation of Merit award. These awardees include John L. Colyn, Sabetha, Kan.; Jackie Oelrich Engel, McPherson; Lowell Flory, McPherson, Kan.; Kathy Kendall Freed, Wichita, Kan.; and Elaine Flory Stefany, Lyons, Kan.

Colyn earned a bachelor's degree in biology from McPherson in 1950 and his master's degree in biology from Emporia State University. His many achievements include teaching the first conservation class in the Midwest, which received national attention, appearing in the August 1969 issue of National Geographic and writing an autobiography, "Corn Cobs and Skunk Skins."



Shannan Kirchner

Engel, a 1965 graduate in English, eventually earned her master's degree in mass communication from the University of Kansas. She taught English and journalism on the junior high, senior high and university levels. While serving as adviser of student publications at McPherson High School, she was named Kansas Journalism Teacher

of the Year and the Newspaper Fund National Journalism Teacher of the Year.

Flory, also a 1965 graduate, earned his bachelor's in history and then completed his master's degree in organizational communication at the University of Kansas. He earned a juris doctorate degree in 1980, also at the University of Kansas. He began teaching business and economics courses at McPherson College in 1983. He was selected Professor of the Year in 1989, and in 1998-99 he served as the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference moderator.

Freed, a 1960 graduate in history, earned a master's degree in student personnel and guidance at Wichita State University in 1972. Following her teaching career, she served as coordinator of ministries for the First Church of the Brethren in Wichita. She is currently administrative assistant to the executive director for Inter-Faith Ministries.

Stefany earned her bachelor's degree in philosophy and religion from McPherson College in 1965 and her master's degree in school psychology from Emporia State University in 1970. After 25 years as a school psychologist, she earned her doctorate in that field from the University of Kansas. Stefany is a published author and the chair for research for the Kansas Association of School Psychologists.

The alumni banquet will be in Mingenback Theatre at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20. Commencement will take place on Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. A reception will follow in the Quadrangle.

Students honored during convocation

Cliff Bell was honored twice during Honors Convocation on Monday, May 1, first as the Outstanding Business Management Student and then as Male Athlete of the Year.

Bell, sr., Liberty Lake, Wash., shared the latter award with Antonio Rael, sr., McPherson. Nikki Unruh-Carey, sr., Cedar Falls, Iowa, was named Female Athlete of the Year. Breana Jacobs, sr., McPherson, was recognized as the Outstanding Physical Education Major.

Bell was joined in the business/economics category by Brandy Duell, sr., Goodland, as Outstanding Finance Student and Grant Clowers, sr., Englewood, Colo., as Outstanding Accounting Student.

From the natural science department, Jeff McPherson, sr., Hotchkiss, Colo., received the Research Merit award and Nate McLaughlin, sr., Scottsdale, Ariz., received the Burkholder Research award.

Brad Martin was named the Psychology Student of the Year and Angela Sweigart was recognized as the Sociology Student of the Year.

Sarah Marie Hendricks, sr., South Bend, Ind., was named Model Educator of the Year and Eric Gustafson, jr., McPherson, was named as the Leland L. Lengel history scholar.

In auto restoration, Rex Rogers, soph., Channing, Texas, received the Julian H. "Pop" Rice Craftsmanship award. Adam Martin, fr., Bloomington, Minn., was recognized as the Jay Leno/Popular Mechanics scholar.

Finally, the Who's Who scholars selected Bruce Clary, English, as Professor of the Year. To close the ceremony, SGA president, Jessica Miller, sr., Bartlesville, Okla., announced the new cabinet members and passed the president's gavel to Scott McDearmon, jr., Milledgeville, Ind.

New faculty and staff hired

Barbara Cole was hired to the position in curriculum and instruction. She has extensive experience on the secondary education level and has served as president of the Kansas National Education Association.

Timothy Hubin will join the natural sciences faculty as a specialist in inorganic chemistry. He earned his doctorate at the University of Kansas.

Ronald Hovis, a McPherson graduate, was hired to the department of business and economics. He is a former college trustee and currently serves as the managing director of human resources with Southwestern Bell.

Robert Vaughn will fill the newly created position of director of restoration technology operations and assistant professor of technology. He has 25 years experience in technology instruction and 30 years experience in auto restoration. He has a master's degree in Industrial Education.

Robert H. Vesely was hired as the new director of planned giving. He holds a juris doctorate from the University of Maine. He moved to McPherson last year with his wife, Ocie Kilgus, modern languages, and daughter, Sydney.

Carol Swenson was hired as director of annual giving and sports information and will begin his duties on Aug. 15. He has been a coach, teacher and administrator in the local school system since 1970. He is married to Donna Swenson, communications.

Jean Hendricks has resigned as director of church relations and grant writing specialist. She has served in this position for 3 years.

Quadrangle needs dedication

Kim Steinert

Spectator Staff

The future of the Quadrangle, the college's yearbook, is unstable, due to the apparent lack of support from students. A people section editor, campus life editor and editor in chief are needed for a full staff next year. This year's staff operated without an editor in chief.

"I really don't know what might happen if their isn't an editor in chief. It is so critical to the structure of the publication. It would take a very unique group of students to be able to pull it off without someone willing to be in charge," said Kris Boyer, Quadrangle advisor. "I really feel that if we can't get a staff together for next year, the future of the publication is in question."

The Quadrangle staff experimented with a new format this year. Instead of producing one hard-back issue of the yearbook, the staff split the book up into two soft cover issues. This allows students to look at the first issue and make suggestions for the second issue.

The first issue of the yearzine highlighted fall activities and people, and was distributed to students after fall semester. The change in the yearbook format has had mixed reactions, according to Boyer. "Students liked seeing color back in the yearbook, but there was some concern about the soft cover not lasting as long," Boyer said.

The second issue will be finished a little later than originally expected. It will cover spring semester and will be mailed to students in June. Amanda Dagen, soph., Spring, Texas, handled the ads and

index section of the book and feels that the staff "did a good job this year. I don't think the staff was used to doing the yearbook in two sections, but I think we pulled it off well. Next year I'm hoping to branch out and get more money for the section."

"It's been a difficult year with the transition of going from a hardback to a magazine and then not having someone in charge. It's difficult for people to feel like they are really part of a staff. It's definitely been a challenge," Boyer said.

Anyone interested in being part of the Quadrangle staff may contact Kris Boyer at extension 1130. Staff members are paid and may also receive one hour of practicum credit for work on the Quadrangle. Applications will be accepted through the end of the first week of fall semester.

Construction to alter campus exterior

Janelle Flory

News Editor

The renovation of Mohler Hall and construction on Melhorn Science Hall should change the campus appearance considerably during the summer months. Student Government Association is also working with plant operations on several smaller projects that will improve campus appearance next year.

The renovation of Mohler will affect college staff this summer, forcing the offices on first floor to move temporarily to Beeghly. However, most of the offices will be back in Mohler before students arrive for enrollment. The renovation will open the south hallway and make it more accessible.

"The plan is that all of admissions, student enrollment services and the business office will be in their new quarters by fall semester," said Dale Minnich, chief financial officer. Because they are second priority, the president's and deans' offices may still be under construction at that time. The

advancement office will stay in Beeghly semi-permanently, along with the communications office, until the future of Beeghly is decided.

Construction on Melhorn should also move along quickly, if weather allows. The crew is currently putting up the structural steel and pouring concrete for the basement exterior walls. According to Brandon Wilson, on-site project manager, the steel frame and walls for the entire building should be done within the next five or six weeks.

"Weather will be about the only thing that'll impact us the next few months," said Dennis Preston, job superintendent. Students can view the progress on Melhorn during the summer via the "Melhorn Cam," which loads a picture of the construction onto the Internet every two minutes. Students can find pictures at www.mcpherson.edu/melhorn/scripts/melhorn.html.

Brick work on Melhorn should be half done when students return in August and roofing will go up mid-October. Minnich will be working with science faculty in the fall to make decisions about

furnishings and classroom and lab equipment.

In the fall, new outdoor lighting should be in place. Due to past vandalism, the college will install "higher, more indestructible lights, possibly by next fall" according to Minnich. The taller light fixtures will also illuminate a larger area, making campus more secure.

Hoffman Student Union, Dotzour Hall, Metzler Hall, Brown Auditorium and Friendship Hall, Miller Library and the president's house will all be re-roofed. Although repairs have been made in the past, Gary Dill, president, hopes that with the "comprehensive job done, students won't have to deal with the nuisance of leaking."

SGA and plant operations are working to place benches and picnic tables around the student union and basketball hoops in the circle drive by Metzler. Plant operations will continue to work on campus landscaping, especially in front of Hess Fine Arts Center. In addition, removable seating for 500 people will be added to the stadium. This project is partly funded by the local school district.

Congratulations, class of 2000!

"May the road rise to meet you..."



Lisa Easter

"After graduation and soon thereafter I will take a job with Southwestern Bell and work on my masters in Strategic Planning and Communication from Seton Hall."



ShaRhonda Maclin

"I am moving back to Oklahoma City and accepting a job as a 4th grade teacher in a magnet school. For the summer, I plan on returning to Puerto Rico. Job wise, I'll work at youth camps."



Sara Myers

"I'll be in Wichita for a year with Casey, my fiancé. Then I'll get married next summer. Hopefully, I'll be admitted to NYU. If so, Casey and I will be off to New York so that I can pursue theater."



Allison Sheets

"On August 15, 2000, I will be getting married! Afterwards we will go on our honeymoon. I am currently working at Youthville in Newton and plan to work full time there after my wedding."



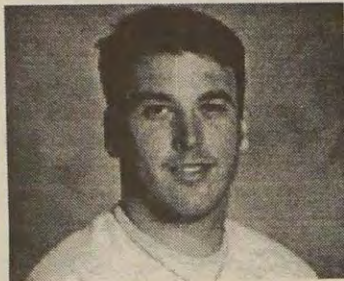
Oscar Delgado

"Party in Spain with my friends after my hard work at Mac as a student and also as the ISO President! My future plans are to have a good job and apply to get an MBA in a business school."



Dustin Gregg

"I plan to come back to Mac in the fall to finish a second major. I then plan to go to Urban Life Center, for theatre."



Bobby Hill

"Starting June 1, 2000 I will be working at Yeager and Boyd, LLC, a small CPA firm in Birmingham, Alabama."



Cheri Norsworthy

"Attending OSU School of Osteopathic Medicine. Long range goals: family practice, doctor."



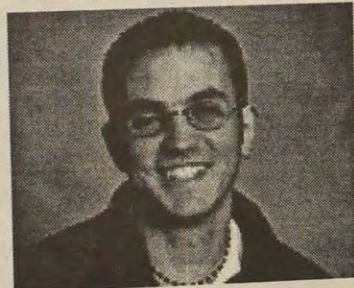
Frank Diaz

"I'll be moving to Denver and working for the Colorado Department of Justice in a juvenile corrections facility."



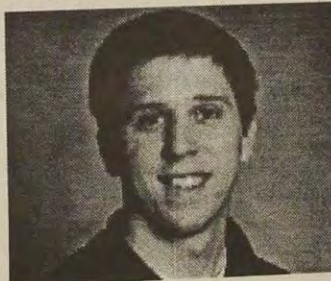
Krissy Williams

"My plans are to get married and hopefully find a good teaching position."



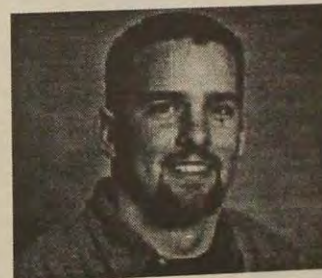
Scott Cole

"Working at SafeCo. After a couple of years, I'll go after my MBA."



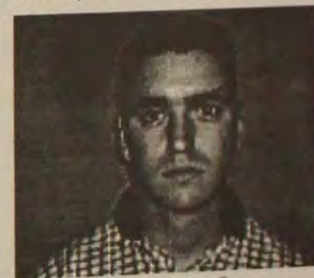
Andy Wagoner

"Get married, honeymoon, work, have kids, retire, and die."



Thomas Lewis

"Working at American Tower Corporation. Starting a Christian family."



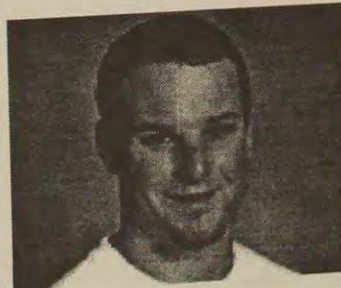
Rex Rogers

"I will be moving to Troy, Mich., to work as a motor fabricator on vintage racecars."



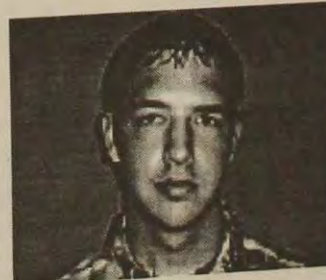
Sarah Marie Hendricks

"I am getting married, moving to South Bend, Ind., and looking for an elementary education/ESL teaching position."



Brad Martin

"I will be going to Washburn University in the fall, where I will be in the clinical psychology program. I hope to be a prison psychologist."



Jason Mayginnes

"I will be continuing towards a Master's in Management, while selling cars for Scholfield Bros. Pontiac, GMC, and Hyundai."

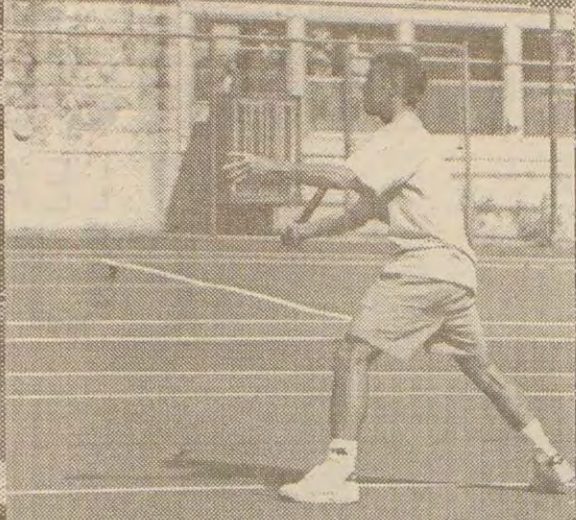


Dan Holtry

"I will be student teaching next fall. I will then explore my options. I will most likely go back to Idaho and become coach of the year."

Special Section





Seniors (from special section p.1)



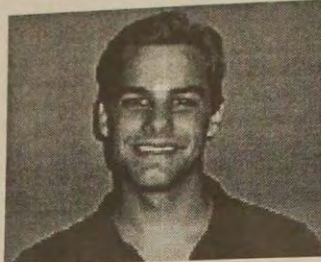
Sarah Stover

“This summer I’ll counsel four weeks for the college and spend time travelling with my family. Next September I’ll go to California for Brethren Volunteer Service Orientation. From there I’d like to be placed at a community mediation center in Virginia, but our projects aren’t assigned until orientation.”



Pete Brubaker

“Start working.”



Chris Phillips

“Continue my education.”



Breanna Jacobs

“Go to PTA school at WSU!”



April Benne

“I’ll be back at the college!”



Cliff Bell

“I originally hoped for a unique position herding goats in Antigua. Unfortunately, I am settling for a Sales Engineering position with Edify Corporation in Santa Clara, California.”



Jen Taylor

“After graduation, I’m going to Michigan State University to get my master’s degree in theatre. After that, I’m moving to a small Eastern European country to find a prince to marry so that I can become a princess. Or something like that.”

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