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1999 Homecoming Court Back: Tony Segovia, sr., Tipton, Okla., Clay Haggard, sr., Lebanon, Mo., Dan Holtry, sr., Nampa, Idaho, Justin Fisher, jr., Limon, Colo. Front: Genelle Wine, jr., Emperial, Neb., Krissy Williams, sr., Centralia, Sarah Stover, sr., Quinter, Nikki Unruh-Carey, sr., Cedar Falls, Iowa, Dana Cordova, sr., Trinidad, Colo.

1999 Homecoming court to be crowned

Genelle Wine, jr., is a biology/pre-med major and has participated in volleyball, theatre, choir and women's quartet.

"I believe in taking advantage of the opportunities that come my way because with them come the greatest rewards in life."

Sarah Stover, sr., is an English major and has been involved in theatre, choir, women's quartet and the Spectator.

"You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. It's not just in some; it's in everyone."

Krissy Williams, sr., is majoring in elementary education and minoring in theatre. Over the past four years, she's participated in Today's educators, cheerleading, APO, SGA, SAB and Teacher Education committee.

"Imagination is more important than knowledge." *Einstein*

Dana Cordova, sr., is a history/education major and has participated in volleyball and basketball.

"Hasta La Pasta."

Nikki Unruh-Carey, sr., is a phys ed major and has played soccer and intramurals.

"What is right for one soul may not be right for another. It may mean having to stand on your

own and do something strange in the eyes of others."

Justin Fisher, jr., is majoring in ag business and business admin and has participated in football, band and trombone group.

"Laughter is the best medicine."

Dustin "Buddha" Gregg, sr., is a theatre major, with a philosophy/technology minor. He's involved in theatre, band, choir and improv group.

"Never yet have I experienced from the fair sex such energetic rejection of all advances; or if I have, never from so many at once." *Einstein*

Dan Holtry, sr., is a history/education major and has participated in football and improv group and has served as Metzler dorm president and senior Metzler representative.

"Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there." *John Wooden*

Clay Haggard, sr., is a phys ed/health major and plays basketball.

"If you don't go hard, don't go at all. Live life to its fullest."

Antonio Segovia, sr., is a phys ed major and enjoys playing sports and watching TV.

"Love, peace, and harmony; that's what I'm about."

Bach, Leland, Tyler honored as young alumni

McPherson College honored three graduates as recipients of the 1999 Young Alumni Award during Honors Convocation in Brown Auditorium this morning. This year's recipients were Dr. Jeffery Bach '79, Richmond, Ind.; Carol White Leland '74, Eldora, Iowa; and Dr. Rick Tyler '74, McPherson.

Bach earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education and German and master of divinity degree at Bethany Theological Seminary. After serving as pastor at the Prairie City, Iowa, Church of the Brethren, Bach received his doctorate from Duke University in 1997. Bach is currently assistant professor of Brethren and Historical Studies at Bethany.

Recognized for his teaching and pastoring skills, Bach has participated in the Symposium for International Young Scholars of Pietism in Switzerland in 1997 and has spoken at district conferences of the Church of the Brethren. He has convened committees for conflict resolution and written articles on the history of the Church of the Brethren.

Leland graduated from McPherson with a philosophy and religion degree and earned her master of science degree at Fort Hays State University in 1978.

In the past 25 years, Leland has integrated her studies into her work with childhood mental health disorders, attachment disorders and adoption and foster care preservation. Leland currently serves as a family therapist at Quakerdale Homes.

In the Church of the Brethren, Leland has served as deacon, Sunday school teacher, chair of the Christian education committee and member of the Northern Plains District ethics committee.

After earning his bachelor's degree in theatre, Tyler received his master's from Emporia State University in 1977 and completed his doctorate at Michigan State University in 1995. In the past 23 years, Tyler has contributed to all 138 theatre productions at McPherson College. He also developed the First Nighters program.

In recognition of his teaching and directing abilities, Tyler was included in "Who's Who Among University and College Professors" and was selected twice as McPherson College Professor of the Year. He has participated in the McPherson Theatre Guild Board and designer of sets and costumes for 25 productions outside of the college.

In the Church of the Brethren, Tyler has served as a Sunday School teacher, on church board, in vacation Bible school, as children's illustrator and designer for church-wide programs and chancel decorations.



Leland



Bach



Tyler

1999 Homecoming Schedule

Friday, October 22

11 a.m. Honors Convocation
6 p.m. Alumni Challenge Cup Tennis College Tennis Courts
8 p.m. "Tartuffe", Brown Auditorium

Saturday, October 23

All Day Dorm Open House
10 a.m. Inaugural Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Sport Center
11 a.m. Coronation, Miller Library
1 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Bethel College, Grant Sports Complex

1 p.m. Homecoming Football Game vs. Kansas Wesleyan
3 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Bethel Grant Sports Complex
5 p.m. Luau, Cafeteria
6 p.m. Women's Alumni Basketball Sport Center
8 p.m. Men's Alumni Basketball Sport Center
8 p.m. "Tartuffe", Brown Auditorium

Sunday, October 24

1:30 p.m. Choral Concert Mingenback Theatre

EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

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

Mac community proves flexible and committed

After only two months of class, students, staff and faculty have been called upon to perform beyond the regular call of duty. As a campus community we've had to deal with problems concerning faculty and staff changes and inconveniences of torn-up grass and loud machinery.

Professors Ryn Deitz and Laura Eells deserve a round of applause. These professors have taken on extra classes and advisees when John Burden went on leave. They have made every effort to prevent student schedule disruption.

Similar appreciation is due to Professors Jonathan Frye and Kent Noffsinger, who agreed to teach the chemistry courses previously taught by Clifford Schulz.

Students have also done well under these circumstances. They have been flexible to allow the professor to adjust to classes of different subject matter. The changes have affected a large percentage of the student body, and it has done a commendable job of taking the changes in stride.

Staff changes have also kept the campus community in transition. Recently, the admissions office welcomed Carol Williams as the new assistant admissions director. Williams has done well to fill the shoes of former assistant director, Anne Kirchner. For many of us, it would be difficult to say a change took place at all. The staff in admissions should be recognized for making this staff change as smooth as possible.

Faculty and staff alike have shown their great dedication to McPherson College through their efforts in the strategic planning process. Representatives from all departments on campus volunteered their time to sit in on multiple taskforce meetings. The faculty and staff worked these meetings into their already busy schedules because they care about the college's future.

The campus community continues to adjust its daily routine to the inconveniences of construction. All of us have become experts at avoiding muddy sidewalks and newly seeded grass.

The challenges of this semester have been met and overcome by the McPherson College community. Faculty, staff and students alike have stepped up and shown their muster. Congratulations to McPherson College!

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MAC OPINIONS

What do you think about not having a Homecoming Dance?



"It's crap. I've never been at such a backward place in my life. They have midnight madness for basketball, but no Homecoming Dance."

—Danny Williams
Corpus Christi



"If there's another dance, I guess it doesn't matter much, but I do feel badly for my friend, because she had a date."

—Julie Scheef,
Bennington



"I don't care. I'm always working, so it doesn't matter much."

—Jacob Hudson,
Macksville.

"I don't think it's a big deal, since we're having a Halloween Dance."



—Lacey Funk, Quinter

"I think it sucks pretty bad."



—Shaun Fisher, Houston, Texas

"I didn't even go to last year's, so it doesn't make a difference either way. I think they should think of an alternative."



—Nancy LaPrad, Pratt

Evolution debate rages on
Magical theories have no scientific significance

Tom Halliburton
Guest Writer

The article "Evolution is the doctrine of humanism," (Spectator, 8 Oct.) is in error in many different ways. Since correcting errors is longer work than committing them, I can address only three of its many mistakes here.

The article confuses "the big bang" with terrestrial "evolution"—these have no necessary connection to scientific accounts.

The article also misrepresents scientific method. A scientist needn't witness or produce a big bang in order to find evidence suggesting that such a thing happened, or to formulate testable hypotheses about the presently observable consequences of such a now-unwitnessable event.

It is untrue that "the big bang" can "be neither proven nor disproven." Various versions of the "big bang" are certainly "disprovable" hypotheses. Gamow's pioneering version, for example, was shown to be impossible because (i) the very high uniformity of the cosmic background radiation, (ii) the size of the observable cosmos, and (iii) the speed of recession of objects at cosmic distances could not be made into a consistent physical account given what we know about how objects behave. (See John Gribben, "Inflation for Beginners," epunix.biols.susx.ac.uk/home/John_Gribben/cosmo.htm; para. 2, where he explains the "horizon problem.")

All that would be required to "disprove" the whole class of "big bang" type hypotheses would be to point out some unambiguous prediction, which

all hypotheses make, and which is clearly contradicted by observation.

A "theory" is "neither provable nor disprovable" if it has no significant and systematic implications about observable phenomena. Thus the theory of creation of the cosmos by Jehovah or Orgelmir the Frost Giant 6,000 years ago, or by leprechauns five minutes ago, makes no significant systematic predictions (since all these beings work by magic unrestrained by any physical laws). Or else it makes wrong ones.

For example, it might be taken to imply that radiometric dating of the rocks of the Canadian Shield would show it to be about 6,000 years old or five minutes old; but radiometric dating shows it to be more nearly three billion years old. Such magical theories are of no scientific significance.

No reason for intellectual and Biblical to conflict

Sara Myers
Guest Writer

I want to address an open letter to Caleb May, author of "Evolution is doctrine of humanism" in the Oct. 8 issue of the Spectator.

Dearest Caleb,
 Upon reading your article, I thought about running to the library to find as many examples of evolution in the twenty-first century as I possibly could. I wanted to define evolution to convey again, as so many others have already done, that Darwin's theory of evolution doesn't state that human beings come from apes. Nor does it include the big bang theory. (See, for example, "Biology: An Exploration of Life," by Carol H. McFadden and William T. Keeton, pp. 7-13, available from most any biology major.)

It seems to me that biology majors, or any other intelligent persons (like yourself), will put themselves in great pain trying to hold a literal translation of the Bible and a study of science in the same brain.

Here are some things you will not be able to accept if you continue to interpret the Bible literally:

1) Geology—since it depends on the idea that rocks are millions of years old.
 2) Carbon dating, the technique used to date the earth's rock—because it consistently dates things more than 6,000 years old.

3) Archaeology, a science that depends on carbon dating; volcanic activity; continental shelves; and rifts, fault lines, and many other things that imply that the world is older than 6,000 years.

If we wanted to get absurd, I could also say that you might as well throw out a belief in carbon itself because carbon does have a half life, and as a result causes the Bible a lot of problems. Throwing out a belief in carbon means no more beliefs in organic and inorganic molecules, which makes microbiology, a class in which you are now enrolled, totally pointless.

What disturbs me most is that your faith is so stirred by evolution. If Jesus's lesson's about loving one another and giving to each other are no longer valid because we may have a common ances-

tor with apes, you have missed the point of everything Jesus said!

If you take away the miracles, if you even disregard the whole damn book save what one very loving man said, the Bible still has a very important message...love one another. It's the hardest thing to do.

And it was a powerful message. One strong enough to make people guard that book, to pass it down through generations because they believed in the sanctity of it. I don't begrudge them that; I don't begrudge you that. However, let's not set the world back or put it on hold by putting intellect at war with the Bible. And let us not plunge loving, believing, intellectual people into peril by forcing them to choose between the two.

Be at peace, dear Caleb. If God is so amazing as to create a universe, then God certainly has the understanding and intelligence to know that times change. That people learn things that they didn't know before, like carbon dating, and find out that they were wrong.

U.S. products and ideals choke Mexican culture

In order to form a more perfect...heterogeneous North American community, we gotta wise up.

Before I started my year abroad here in Mexico, I had never really explored the meaning of the phrase "North American community." Sure, I know that approximately half of Canada's imports are from the U.S., and I know that U.S. companies have exploited cheap labor in Mexico. I also know that the beaches and resorts in Mexico are popular destinations for tourists.

What do you know about Canada and Mexico? Take a moment to really stop and think. When was the last time you thought about being part of a community that includes our neighbors to the north and the south?

In the three months that I have been here in Xalapa, Mexico, I have begun to realize that we are a community, by default of geography if nothing else. Still, I think a lot of U.S. citizens (myself included) are ill-informed about the relationships that exist between the U.S. and Mexico.

Migrant workers and others look-



BECKY ULLOM

International Perspective

ing for a "better" life are flooding to the U.S. At the same time, products, music, movies, lifestyles, and classic American-style apathy are smacking Mexican culture right and left. So what does that mean?

Basically, it means that it is high time our nations started behaving like neighbors, because our impact on each other is HUGE, and is only going to increase in the coming years.

The word "neighbors" implies a two-way relationship. If you burn popcorn in the kitchen in the dorm, your neighbors will be affected. If the U.S. government continues to train professional killers at The School of the Americas, the citizens of Mexico and other Latin American countries will be affected. If the Mexican government continues to ignore the reasons that cause its citi-

zens to move to the U.S., the United States will be affected.

The U.S. plays a dominant role in its neighborly relationship with Mexico. Here in Xalapa, I can go to the mall and buy a pair of Nike shoes, go to Sears and buy a pair of Levi's, then go to Blockbuster Video and rent a movie to watch while I eat Domino's Pizza. And I would probably hear either Brittany Spears or the Backstreet Boys on the radio.

It scares me that so much U.S. culture has seeped into Mexican culture. Often, U.S. products and ideals choke out those native to Mexico.

In my mind, it is essential that Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. work harder at being respectful neighbors. Cross-cultural interaction is incredibly beneficial and necessary; imposing on another culture is not.

I hope that Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. will learn how to keep their native cultures strong while embracing cultural interaction. We need a heterogeneous North American community that allows us to share with each other instead of dominating one another. We need to wise up.

You gotta have faith

Fall is my favorite time of year. I love watching the leaves turn striking shades of red and orange. I love the crisp air at a football game. Everything is so laid back, and eventually we will get an extra hour of sleep. God is here through all of it.

I know that I'm not the best Christian on this campus. In fact I am far from it. But I think it's great to take time and look at things that surround me. I have always thanked God for it all, but I have never wondered why I thank him. It's just something I've always done.

Some people feel naked without a watch; I feel naked without church. I have been in church since I was six days old. Going to church is habitual for me.

Growing up this way has presented difficulties to me. I don't feel that I have ever had the opportunity to totally stand up for what I believe. I have never questioned it myself, but I think it's important for people to question what they believe and why they believe it.

Why do I believe there is a God?

That question makes me stutter. I believe in God for a plethora of reasons. The first one is that I am so happy when I am able to talk about him. It's a feeling I don't have when I'm just talking about the time of day.

The best thing about believing in God is the hope that it gives me. We all have bad days. We all wonder why we are put through the paces. I find it so comforting to know that I have the promise of Heaven awaiting me. This isn't all there is. There is so much more,



ELISSA THOMPSON

Cornerstone

and perfection is waiting for all of us there.

It's nice to know that when life gets me down I have faith. Just like George Michael, everybody knows that you "gotta have faith."

Seriously though, I think that sometimes I get caught up in the problems of the here and now, and forget that I have something to look forward to.

I guess I'm trying to say that the best part of my belief in God is the peace I have. I know that not everyone believes what I do. I don't think that they need to.

I can't answer all of the questions. I don't know why we have to suffer. I know suffering hurts, but the problems that we face make us stronger. Maybe it sounds like bunk, but looking at my personal experience I definitely feel that.

Consider the arguments against your beliefs, and consider why you believe in the first place. Know what you are all about. People should question what they believe, but in the end, it all boils down to faith.

CAMPUS FORUM

Alumna reminds columnist to focus on the good

Congratulations to the Spectator staff on your completion of the first two issues of the year. As a past editor of the paper, I know how much time and energy is put into every issue, but especially into those first few. I continue to be impressed with the quality of stories and depth of information that the paper shares with its campus and alumni communities.

I am writing in response to Mr. Aaron Ellsworth's column in the Oct. 8 issue of the Spectator. I appreciate Ellsworth's opinions and can relate to his frustrations, having been at Mac only a few years ago. As a student, there are many things that happen on campus that students do not understand,

or do not try to understand.

Every Mac college columnist has the urge to use their column space to gripe and complain about what is wrong with the administration, student leadership, computers, Resicom, the cafeteria, etc. (I speak from experience.) However, I would challenge Mr. Ellsworth to now find some positive aspects of the college and campus life.

Present students won't realize until they leave campus and are away from college life how much there was to appreciate about their years at the college. Little did you ever think that you would actually miss living in the dorms, standing in line for the dryers, waiting for those darn computers to print, or even eating in the cafeteria.

College is a wonderful chance to experiment and experience what you want out of life. Most likely the friends you meet and interact with at McPherson will be the friends you keep for life.

So sure, Mr. Ellsworth, there are things to complain about. But how about now focusing on the good students find at McPherson College? I'm sure you would even admit that you have had some fun in your years as a student. Don't spend all your time degrading your experiences. Enjoy!

—Sarah W. Hendricks,
Class of 1998

Theft could spread campus-wide

I have a problem. You see, the VCR that was in my lobby is gone, and, frankly, I would like it back.

I know what you are saying. "Ok, new dorm boy here is complaining about nothing."

Hardly. This is your problem as well as mine. I remember my freshman year, when a TV was stolen from Metzler. This wasn't a lobby TV, it was out of someone's room.

Now he never got his TV back. And I don't suppose that Morrison will get its VCR back either, which really isn't that big of a thing. Even if we had a really good VCR, it wouldn't have been that expensive of a loss. This leads me to a question.

If a VCR really isn't that expensive, what is the point of stealing one? Have we become such a base society

that we have to steal things from the very college that we go to?

Also, if stuff gets stolen out of someone's room, or stolen out of the lobby of what we like to consider a friendly dorm, what is going to keep someone from stealing something from your room or your lobby? And if nothing is ever done about these thefts, what is the likelihood that they are ever going to stop?

Frankly, I am at a total loss for what to do. Perhaps all of you could come up with some plan as to how to keep these thefts from occurring.

(I am tired of having to find ways to get a VCR into the lobby, when whoever took ours is out there using it to watch what is probably a stupid movie.)

—Bill Sroufe

LETTER POLICY

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

The following policy guides the publication of all letters to the editor:

■ 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.

Tradition gasps for air

Homecoming is a day full of tradition, when alumni return to their *alma mater* to see how their beloved college has grown. Because my parents are both alumni, I've attended homecoming at McPherson College since I was born.

Homecoming used to be a day of activities for the entire campus. As a child, I remember watching students pay money to put each other in "jail." They used sledgehammers to bash cars to pieces, dunked their favorite profs, and threw pies in their coaches' faces. I had my face painted before the football game and spent the day visiting the booths that lined the sidewalks.

Honors convo was a serious event, with marbles and curtains pinned full of underwear, smoke bombs and mock professionals. In the evening, the Doghouse was packed for coffee-house, where "Six by four, we nail them to the floor," made its debut.

Times have changed, and it seems Homecoming is changing too.

Here's my proposal. Let's redesign homecoming, eliminating all tradition. The football team will give us a good start by winning their game (not exactly Mac tradition).

The first change will be to serve the Board of Trustees the same food students eat in the cafeteria on a regular basis. The quality and variety of the food this year is a real improvement, and there's no reason the board can't live like the rest of us.

While we're re-doing things, forget about the activities fair, the coffee-house, honors convo pranks, and the traditional homecoming dance. And



SARAH STOVER

On Her Orange Crate

for kicks, let's not have the homecoming coronation ceremony at the football game, or even at the stadium.

Wait! From the looks of the this year's Homecoming schedule, it seems that someone has already taken my advice.

Fortunately, they missed the one homecoming tradition—we will always depend on, the pre-homecoming campus face-lift. Maybe the trustees should come to campus more often. The landscapers could have the new science building done in time for Thanksgiving.

The tradition that leaves the biggest gap in this year's homecoming line-up is the dance. The way I understand things, because Halloween is so close to homecoming, SGA has opted to sponsor a Halloween dance. This makes me extremely sad.

I realize that this late in the game, throwing together an official Homecoming is not going to happen. But why not have an unofficial homecoming dance?

The gazebo is available to shelter a sound system. All it takes is someone to volunteer the use of their sound system, and someone willing to keep music playing. Homecoming just won't be homecoming without a dance.

"Trick-or-treat..."

Local haunted houses provide students with a good scare

Rachel Gross
Features Editor

Halloween is typically seen as a holiday for children. Kids get to dress up in scary costumes, go from house-to-house getting sugary treats, and bob for apples at carnivals. Some college students have not outgrown celebrating Halloween. Many have found a way to celebrate the holiday: with a good, old fashioned scare at a spooky haunted house.

Danny Williams, fr., said that he has enjoyed attending haunted houses in the past, and has even helped to arrange some.

"I've seen lots of haunted houses at carnivals, and I used to put them together with STUCO (student council) in high school," he said. "I love them, because it's fun to watch other people get scared."

Morrison and Bittinger Hall will be conducting the annual haunted house inside Morrison Hall. The haunted house is now in its second year in Morrison Hall, after taking place for many years in the Fahnestock Hall. Ben Matthaei,

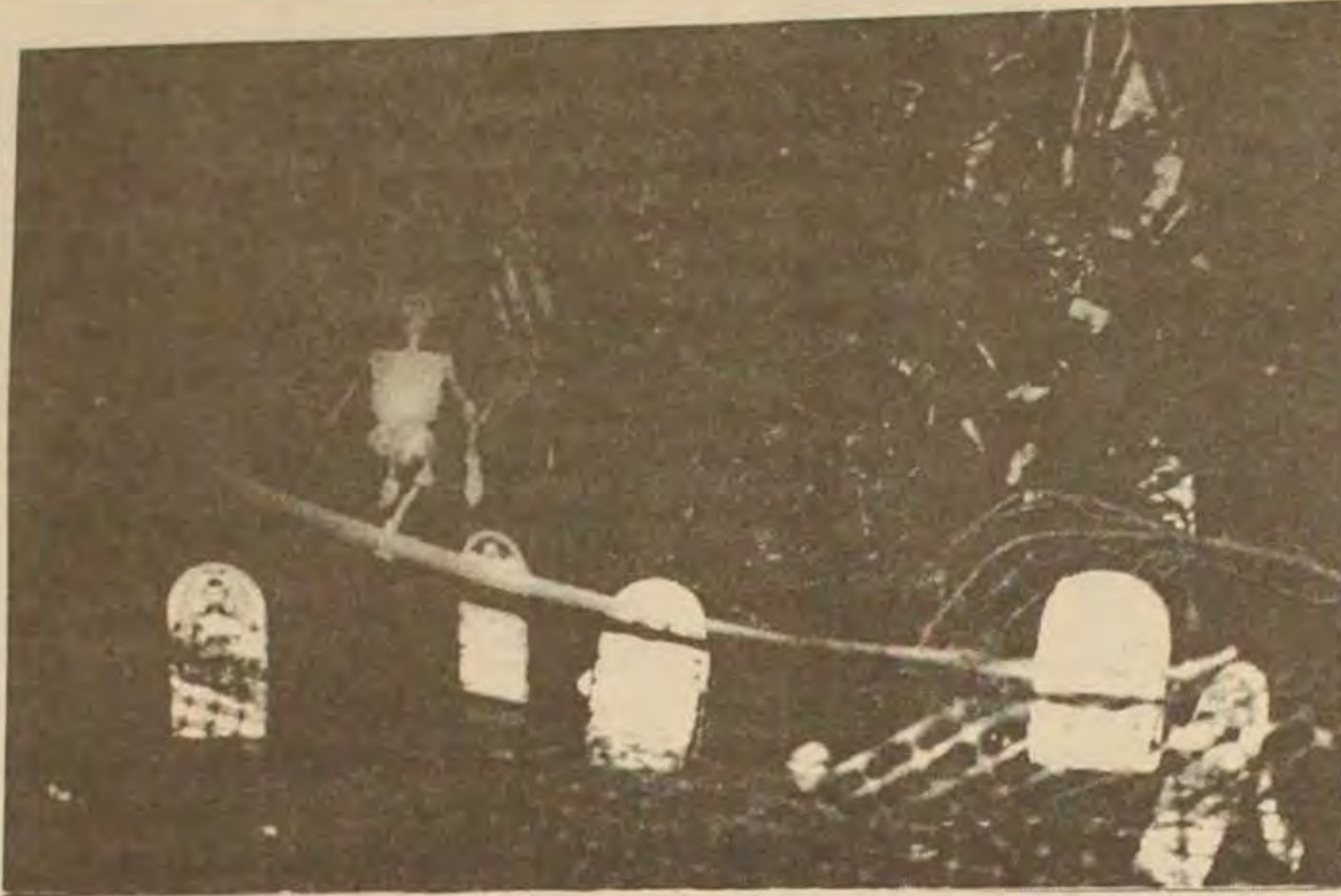


photo by Cheri Norsworthy

A graveyard was one of the highlights of last year's Morrison/Bittinger Haunted House. The haunted house will take place in Morrison again this year on Oct. 29 and 30, from 8-12 p.m. and Oct. 31 from 7-10 p.m.

president of Morrison Hall, said that the new home for the haunted house has helped students control the groups coming in and out.

"Fanny had a much better atmosphere,

because it was so old," Matthaei said, "But Morrison is much more conducive to the flow of traffic."

Anna Arasmith, jr., Topeka, student government representative to Morrison

Hall, said that those who are taking part in the haunted house have been enthusiastic about planning the event.

"We have a lot of blood, guts, and gore planned," Arasmith said. "We are planning on having around 11 rooms in the haunted house, so it will be really big."

The Morrison/Bittinger Haunted House will take place on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, from 8-12 p.m., and on Sunday from 7-10 p.m. Admission is \$3 with a McPherson College ID, and \$2 with a canned food item.

Many other haunted houses are just around the corner from students as well, in Hutchinson and Wichita.

The Darkness Haunted House in Wichita will be open every day until Oct. 31. This house is located at 159th East and Kellogg. Admission is \$12 for adults. Discounted tickets are available at Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, and Blockbuster locations. For more information on Darkness Haunted House, call 733-4044.

Radio stations T-95 and Kan 98.7 are sponsoring Terror in Old Town, a haunted house located at 242 North Moore.

Terror in Old Town will be open from 7-midnight Oct. 22-24, and 27-31. Admission is \$7, and benefits the Wichita Shock Aquatic Scholarship Fund.

Terror Visions is also open daily through the end of October. This haunted house can be found on Hunter Road and K-254, and admission is \$12. Get more information about this Haunted House by calling 733-4044.

Terrifying Timbers, located at 6400 North Meridian, will be open after dark and close at midnight, every night for the remainder of the month. Admission is \$10, with discounts available for groups. Every 13th person entering on Halloween will be admitted free. Call 943-1701 for information about the Terrifying Timbers.

Nature's Fury, a haunted trail, is perfect for those who prefer to be scared from the safety of an automobile. This winding trail of terror is at the Sedgwick County Park, Windmill entrance, and will be open for the rest of the month on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Admission into the park is \$7 each. For more information, call 942-2212.

Movie buffs recall favorite horror flicks

Tom Newman
Spectator Staff

Freddy. Jason. Chucky. The names alone have the power to instill fear in the hearts of horror film fans. And the wide recognition of these characters' names attest to the popularity of horror movies. The creative minds behind the best horror films are considered to be some of the best in the movie business. Directors such as Alfred Hitchcock, Wes Craven, Stephen King and John Carpenter are among those who have done their best work in the horror genre.

College students and staff of McPherson College have their own opinion of horror movies.

Joe Salopek, fr., said that he loves "Pumpkinhead."

"This movie is a guaranteed scare for everyone," Salopek said.

Doyle Trankina, fr., recommends "An American Werewolf in England."

"It was pretty cool," he said, "but not too gory to watch."

Clyde Jones, fr., likes more classic horror. Jones picked "Nosferatu" as a favorite.

"Since it was a silent film and had little special effects, you had to use suspense to scare people," he said.

Many people have a favorite hor-

The Best Scores

1. "The Exorcist"
2. "The Shining"
3. "A Nightmare on Elm Street"
4. "Alien"
5. "Sawyer"

ror flick. Tom Halliburton, English, said his favorite is "Blade Runner" because, "it's just like my own hometown." Wibke Wojanowski, German professor, picked "Silence of the Lambs" as her favorite horror movie.

"It's pretty much the only horror movie I've seen because I really don't care for horror movies," Wojanowski said.

Denise Kriesel's, soph., Ludington, MI., favorite movie is "Carrie" because she "loves it when they spill the pigs blood all over her."

Not everybody likes these movies, including Mary Flagg, computer science. "I don't really like horror movies. I like suspense but not horror," she said.



Candy, costumes, and TV specials all part of the fun of Halloween

Nichole Williams
Spectator Staff

Can you feel it? Halloween fever is in the air! The stores are putting out costumes and the isles are full of individually wrapped candies. It is trick or treat time. The excitement of dressing up as your favorite hero or superstar was the highlight of October. The whole month is spent deciding what or who you will be this year for Halloween.

In my search for the perfect costume I heard many interesting ideas. Adelina Cripe told me a tale of when she was young. She dressed as a ball of yarn. She did not simply wrap herself in yarn as you might think.

"My mom bought striped fabric for the body and my dad made long wooden needles for the back," said Adelina. "The body was stuffed so that it looked round," she added. This was not a small costume.

Elissa Thompson told of an October long ago when she and her older brother dressed as their favorite Star Wars characters.

"One of my favorite Halloweens was when my bother dressed as Chubaka and I was an Ewok." Said Elissa. I'm sure some of you were Luke Skywalker

or Princess Laya, but being an Ewok is pretty unique. This year Elissa is thinking of dressing as her favorite superstar, her mom, or maybe a hippie.

Dawn DeLaTorre said her favorite costume was a fairy costume. "I really loved those big sparkly wings," Dawn remarked. Dawn also recalled on Halloween that her two older brothers trick or treated as mummies.

"They stole all the toilet paper in the house and wrapped themselves in it," she said. "Now that is an inexpensive yet creative costume idea."

This year Miss DeLaTorre is planning to dress as a lunchbox while her roommate, Laina McKellip, has plans to be Mrs. Potatohead.

Many others have offered suggestions for costumes such as clowns, Spiderman, and the princess of power herself, SheRa. However, Halloween is not just about finding the perfect costume for trick-or-treating. It is also about candy, parties, and the televised Halloween specials. Every-

one has a favorite Halloween candy. Candy corn, miniature chocolate bars, and suckers are always popular.

Carmel apples and popcorn balls are also loved treats that are often served at Halloween parties.

How long has it been since you told ghost stories, bobbed for apples, or drank witch's brew punch? These are just a few of the highlights from any average Halloween gathering.

If you are trapped at home on this night of tricks, handing out candy to kiddies in costumes, don't fret. You can always watch those fabulous Halloween specials. The old classics, such as *Charlie Brown* and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* will be shown on television. There

is nothing like a good holiday special to get you into a Halloween spirit.

If you do go trick-or-treating remember not to eat any treats that are unwrapped, wear brightly colored costumes, and stay in well lighted areas. The ghosts and goblins will definitely be out on this Halloween night.



Campus minister publishes poem in journal

Tracy Firch
Spectator Staff

Manny Diaz, campus minister, recently had his first poem accepted for publication. *Fresh Ground*, an annual out of Illinois, chose Diaz's poem as one of 30 to be published with 900 entries.

Diaz started writing poetry about two and a half years ago when he majored in creative writing with an emphasis on poetry for his MFA. Inspiration for Diaz comes from, "things I've lived through, experiences I've had, people I've known, especially Kevin Haddock (who has had sixty poems published)."

Diaz said his poetry is concerned with three main subjects, "love, God, and death." Having his work published is something Diaz has wanted since he started writing poetry.

Diaz said that now he doesn't get to write as much poetry as he would like because, he says, writing poetry is about discipline and something you have to make time for. Although Diaz doesn't have very much time, he still loves to write whenever he can.



photo by Cheri Norsworty

Campus minister Manny Diaz's poem "A Man Remembers Sister Bridget" was selected to be published in the annual "Fresh Ground".

"It gives me a sense of creativity," Diaz said. "I enjoy creating. I am an artsy-type."

The poem that *Fresh Ground* will be publishing is entitled "A Man Remembers Sister Bridget."

"It is about a man is in a situation where he is remembering an experience from parochial school," Diaz said.

The issue of *Fresh Ground* that includes Diaz's poem will be out in the spring of next year.

Manhood in Miami

by Manny Diaz

Grayed and moustached men
sit at tables filled with dominos.
Cigars and cigarettes
burn amber with every breath.
The smoke spirals
and rises above their heads
settling in the door where I sit.
The smell of burning
Cuban tobacco
rings my nostrils.
The smell of manhood
the heat of machismo
as sweat baptizes me
and flows down my face.

My grandfather calls me,

Come here, hurry!
His fingers brown
and stained by years
of tobacco juice.

now offers me my first Cuban
I hold the brown roll of leaves
my fingers, smooth and soft,
know what to do.
I roll the cigar, listening
for cracks and traps
I snip the head,
then light two matches.
I watch the flame
fondle and kiss the open foot
Smoke ribbons as I turn
this cylinder of manhood
between my fingers.

The smell of earth, spice,
cocoa beans, and leather
surround my head.

And I take my place
at my grandfather's table
no longer a child.

"Tartuffe" exhibits classic humor with modern flair

"Tartuffe", the classic 17th-century play by Molière, is a comedy built around religious hypocrisy and the depths of deception a single man can go through before he realizes he has been duped. The McPherson College Theatre Department's production opened last weekend and continues with two Homecoming weekend performances tonight and tomorrow night.

The opening scene depicts the typical mother-in-law condemning her son's family for their lack of respect for the holy and pious guest of the house, the infamous Tartuffe (Dustin Gregg, sr., Nickerson). Madame Pernelle (Mary Hughes, McPherson) lauds the many aspects of Tartuffe while the servant girl Dorine (Katie Sue Nicklos, soph., La Junta, Colo.) matches each point with a damaging and witty counter-point.

Orgon (Bryan Wave), the master of the house, returns shortly thereafter from

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CHRIS CURRAN

a business trip and his unconditional dedication to Tartuffe is soon revealed. Orgon withdraws his blessing upon the marriage of his daughter Mariane (Jody Ferrer, jr., McPherson) to Valère (Chris Rice, jr., Wilson) and instead gives her hand to Tartuffe, thereby insuring Tartuffe a share of the family wealth and infuriating his son, Damis (Chris Bisceglia, soph. Las Vegas).

The wool is over Orgon's eyes in more ways than one as he fails to see Tartuffe's passes at his wife, Elmire (Sarah Stover, sr., Quinter), his underhanded attempts to secure Orgon's wealth, and his wanton abuse of reli-

gious authority to influence people. But all is brought to light in a combination of scenes that quickly turns the tables toward the righteous and just, including a surprise performance by Eli Bainbridge, soph., Omaha, Neb.

While Molière didn't know about the musical prowess of R.E.M. or have access to martial arts video games when

he wrote this timeless piece, the essence of play isn't lost in the interpretation chosen by director Sara Myers, sr., Oklahoma City.

Rather, the bright neon colors, the use of two rolling desk chairs and a style of physical comedy adds to the comedy and aids in expressing the meaning contained in Molière's script.

The entire cast is great, but Katie Sue Nicklos and Aaron Ellsworth, jr., McPherson, (Cléante) are stand outs. There are also two quiet but impressive performances by newcomers Nichole Williams, fr., Centrailia, and Dan Jennings, fr.

The final two showings of this production will be tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.



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Sports

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Mac conquers Sterling; looks to KW

Russell Wilson
Spectator Staff

After two emotional games, the Bulldog football team is at home again this week against Kansas Wesleyan in their homecoming game. McPherson is currently third in the KCAC with a 3-2 conference mark. KWU is tied for fourth with Sterling, having a 2-2 record.

Two weeks ago, the 'Dogs lost a heartbreaker, nearly upsetting nationally-ranked Southwestern in Wjfield. Both teams went into the locker room at halftime knotted at 20 apiece. Freshman Tyler Thibodeaux kicked a critical field goal in the third quarter to give McPherson its first lead of the game. However, an interception late in the fourth quarter doomed the Bulldogs. Southwestern drove down and scored the winning TD with 10 seconds left on a quarterback bootleg by their quarterback. McPherson was unable to score before time expired, making the final 27-23.

Last week, it was the Bulldogs who were doing the heartbreaking, beating Sterling 28-21 in a comeback that will be talked about around here for quite a while.

The McPherson offense sputtered much of the first half, with starting QB Greg Mendez, the number three passer in the nation, out with a dislocated finger on his throwing hand. Kevin Steiner managed the lone TD of the first half, scoring from close to midfield on a perfectly blocked draw play. However, the Warriors still led 21-7 at the half.

Midway through the third quarter, after going three-and-out several times, head coach Steve Kazor made a risky

move of bringing in the injured Mendez. Doubts were eased once the offense started moving.

On the 'Dogs next possession, Mendez lofted an 82-yard TD pass to Antonio Rael on the first play of the drive, bringing the stadium back to life. The extra point was blocked, making it a 21-13 ball game late in the third.

In the fourth quarter, Brandon Born made a big defensive interception, running 76 yards to score, thanks in part to David Snodgrass, who made a key block to open up the return. The Bulldogs added two points on the PAT, with a perfect fade to Rael, who managed to keep the tips of his toes in bounds, tying the score 21-21.

The Warriors drove deep into McPherson territory on their next possession, but the defense held firm. Then

Sterling botched the fourth-down snap on a chip-shot field goal, sacrificing their holderto the mercy of the defensive line.

The Bulldogs took over on their own three-yard line and proceeded to chew up 97 yards and lots of clock time with a drive that ended with scrappy touchdown run by A.J. Wilson. The Bulldogs finally had the advantage 28-21.

Driving inside the five yard line, Sterling was set to score. The defense held the first two downs, leaving :04 for one final play. However, the Bulldogs forced an early throw and Ryan Ben-David got the interception on the one-inch line, sealing the McPherson victory.

The 'Dogs are looking for another victory against Kansas Wesleyan. Kick-off for tomorrow's homecoming game is 1:30 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium.



The football coaching staff includes from left to right: Douglas Elisaia, Kevin McFadden, Danny Ramsey, Chris Laidlaw, Josh Stephenson, Steve Kazor, Mike McCormick, and Ron Ponciano.

Cross country teams struggle at Mid-States; look toward Ottawa

Dennis L. Pfeiff Jr.
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College men's and women's cross country teams met with a tough course and fast competition at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., for the NAIA Mid-State Championships on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Approximately 155 men and 148 women representing teams from five states registered to run in the races.

Of the seven members of the cross-country team who traveled to Liberty, only five participated. Landon Porter, one of the team's strongest runners, decided not to risk heatstroke and therefore didn't compete. Heath Garner did not finish the course. Shane

Netherton finished the race in 111th place with an unofficial time of 33:11.

The women made a good showing but came up short of their goals for the meet. Marisol Sanchez placed 51st with a time of 23:24. Michelle Schulz finished the race in 76th with a time of 26:31. Elizabeth Stover began the race but pulled out due to injury. Marcie Bollinger also attended but did not compete.

"[At Ottawa] I expect everyone to run thier fastest times, assuming injuries aren't a problem," said Coach Rob Lyon.

Two meets remain for the harriers. The Ottawa University will host its invitation Saturday, Oct. 23. The KCAC Championships will be run at Marion Reservoir on Nov. 6.

BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

Men's Soccer

- 1-2 v. Bethany
- 0-6 v. Concordia
- 1-5 v. Bethel
- 1-4 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 1-5 v. Doane
- 1-3 v. St. Mary's
- 3-1 v. Lincoln U.
- 1-5 v. USAO
- 1-7 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 2-3OT v. Bartlesville, OK
- 2-3 v. Southwestern
- 2-1 v. Ottawa
- 0-1 v. Friends
- 7-0 v. Sterling
- 1-1 v. Southwestern
- 2-5 v. Tabor

Women's Soccer

- 0-10 v. Concordia
- 0-9 v. Bethel
- 0-4 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 0-12 v. Friends
- 0-12 v. Doane
- forfiet v. St. Mary's
- 0-21 v. USAO
- 0-0 v. Tabor
- 0-9 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- forfiet v. Dana
- 1-6 v. Southwestern
- 0-6 v. Ottawa
- 0-6 v. Graceland
- 0-3 v. Sterling
- 0-7 v. Southwestern
- 0-7 v. Tabor

Football

- 34-13 v. Texas Lutheran
- 41-17 v. Bethel
- 28-48 v. Bethany
- 26-15 v. Friends University
- 23-27 v. Southwestern
- 28-21 v. Sterling

Volleyball

- 0-3 v. Bethany
- 0-3 v. Central/Hesston
- 0-3 v. Sterling
- 0-3 v. Ottawa
- 3-1 v. Central
- 0-3 v. Mid-America
- 0-3 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 1-3 v. Bethany
- 0-0 v. Bethel
- 0-3 v. Southwestern
- 3-2 v. Central
- 0-3 v. Friends
- Mid-America Tourn.
- 0-3 v. Sterling
- 0-3 v. Ottawa

Inaugural Hall of Famers to be inducted

Elizabeth Stover
Sports Editor

McPherson College will induct its first ever Athletic Hall of Fame members in a 10 a.m. ceremony tomorrow in the Sport Center.

Nine alumni, spanning graduation years nearly 60 year apart will be honored. They include:



Holman '79

■ Dr. Earl Kinzie '28, played tennis and basketball for the Bulldogs during the 1926-27 and 1927-28 seasons. The team won the Kansas Conference Championship and placed third in the national AAU tournament in Kansas City. Kinzie was offered a professional contract to play basketball with the Firestone Rubber Co. team, but chose to coach instead. Dr. Kinzie practiced medicine in Lindale, TX from 1941-1990.

■ Guy Hayes '34, was a football letterman twice, earning the honors of All-Conference lineman and third team All-State for the 1933 season. Hayes was a three-year letterman in track and field as a sprinter.

In 1950, Hayes became a McPherson College faculty member and taught rural life, speech, debate and oratory until 1970. He was also director of admissions and financial aid.

■ Dr. Doris Coppock '48 participated in divided court basketball and softball at McPherson College before there were many organized sports for women. She joined the McPherson College faculty as a coach and professor in 1950 and taught until 1992.

Coppock has been involved in the Kansas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women and the National

Association for Physical Education of College Women.

■ Sid Smith served at McPherson College as the coach for football, basketball, tennis and golf from 1953 to 1973 and served as Athletic Director.

Coach Smith led the basketball teams that placed second in the conference five times and the tennis team to a conference championship. Following retirement as a physical education professor at McPherson, Smith worked in the development office at the college.

■ George Keim '54 was all-conference in football all four years of his college career at McPherson College. As an underclassman, Keim was selected to the Little All-American football team and was a letterman on the track team during the 1952 and '53 seasons.

After graduation, Keim served five years at the college as an assistant coach for football, basketball and track.

■ Ed Delk '59, excelled in football and basketball at McPherson. He was selected three times to the KCAC football all-conference team as well as to the All-American First Team. In basketball, Delk was selected three times to the KCAC basketball all-conference team and to the NAIA All-American First Team in 1959.

During his three-year career, Delk set records for the most points scored, field goals scored, and free throws scored.

■ Jeanne (Suellentrop) Boucek '77, lettered four years in volleyball, three years in basketball, and three years in track and field. She was named Outstanding Female Athlete of the college as well as All-KCAC in basketball during the 1975-76 and 1976-77 seasons.

In track and field, she starred in the pentathlon, competing at the national level in 1975 and '76. Boucek also played slow-pitch softball, competing on two championship teams. Presently, she is a facilities engineer at Illuminet in Overland Park, Kan.

■ Craig Holman '79 (pictured) was three-time KCAC tennis singles champion, three-time District 10 tennis singles champion, and four-time selection to the All-Conference tennis team.

Holman had a career win-loss record of 67-15. He competed in the third round of the National Tennis Championships three out of four years. Currently, Holman is the director of the McPherson Youth Tennis Academy.

■ Denise Race '87, was named All-KCAC in track and field for four years. She set records in the high jump (5'7"), triple jump (36'7.5"), and long jump (18'1.5"). Race was named All-KCAC volleyball from 1984 to 1986.

Race lettered every year and led the team in kills during the 1986 season with 231. Currently, Denise Race lives in Pasco, Wash., and works in agricultural sales.

Goals needed to stay in contention

Elizabeth Stover
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team brought their record to 3-12-1 in the past two weeks of action. The Bulldogs beat Ottawa and Sterling, but were unable to fend off Friends and Tabor. Despite two grueling overtimes, the men ended the game against Southwestern with a tied score of 1-1.

Throughout the first half of the Southwestern game, the Bulldogs took many shots on goal and played well with strong passing. John Ingelhart scored the only goal of the game with the assist from Brian Turner.

"We caught [Southwestern] off guard. [Turner] gave a good through-ball and I just put it in [the goal]," Ingelhart said.

With only five minutes remaining in the second half, the Moundbuilders scored on a penalty kick to tie the score. Officials called the game after two scoreless overtimes.

The Bulldogs also suffered disap-



photo by Elizabeth Stover

John Ingelhart hustles to beat an Ottawa defender to the ball. The Bulldogs went on to win the game 2-1.

pointment against the Tabor Bluejays on Oct. 20. Mac started out strong, countering Tabor's opening goal with two goals by the end of the half. Brent Johnson, with a cross from Reed Hardgrave, and Brian Turner, off an assist from John Ingelhart, scored the

remaining games.

"It will be a tough game, but if we play well we can win," Marchewka said.

The Bulldogs' game against Bethel is scheduled for this Sat., Oct. 23 at the Udie Grant Complex. Game time is 3 p.m.

goals.

However, the men were unable to maintain momentum in the second half allowing the Bluejays to score two goals in less than five minutes. Tabor went on to clinch victory by a large margin.

"We played exceptionally well except finishing. We've done everything right. We just need to start scoring," said Coach Dan Marchewka.

The men's team needs to win the rest of their competitions in order to play in the conference play-offs. Bethel is the first opponent of three

Volleyball looks for strong finish

Michelle Schulz
Spectator Staff

As the season draws to a close, the McPherson College volleyball team is pursuing a common goal.

"We are still hoping to pull out a conference win," said Coach Jen Williams. The women have four conference games remaining in the season.

The team recently traveled to Oklamont. The Bulldogs played four games, winning against Central Bible.

"It was a long day in Oklahoma, but it was some of the best volleyball that we have played all year," Williams said.

Players on the team also reciprocated this thought. "We played as a team," setter Mel Trevino said. "It seemed to be the peak of our season." Trevino is ranked fifth in the conference for assists. Overall, the women's volleyball team is ranked first for passing percentage and third for blocking.

The Bulldogs play their next game at home against Bethel. The game will be Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.



photo by Cheri Norsworthy

Marie Rhoades works to regain possession of the ball against an Ottawa player in their Oct. 9 match-up.

Individuals aid team effort

Jessica Miller
Spectator Staff

Despite a final score of 7-0, the women's soccer team put up a fight Saturday against Southwestern.

"We have had a tough year. Playing with only eight people leaves no subs," said Coach Dane Straight. But the team had some incredible traps during the game.

Individual performances have been a bright spot for the women's team.

Heather Schooley, soph., from Denver, Colo., plays goalkeeper.

"[Heather] is an excellent instinctive keeper, and she has kept us in a lot of games with her aggressive play," Straight said.

Renata Lichty, soph. from Quinter plays the position of stopper or defender.

"Renata is an overall excellent athlete. She has great physical action," Straight said.

The Bulldogs' next game will be against Bethel at 1 p.m. tomorrow, Sat., Oct. 23, at the Udie Grant Complex in McPherson.

"Idaho boy" finds success at Mac



Time and Again

GEORGE KEIM '54

I will always remember my first college game. Our team was very young. We played Bethel College in Newton and the game itself was just a game. Although we made a lot of mistakes against a team with more experienced players, what I will always remember is that we won 20-19. When we returned to McPherson that night, we were so surprised to be greeted by the student body, the cheerleaders and the band. Even though I personally had experienced that type of success, the McPherson community had not. We went on to beat Bethany and Friends University that same season.

The opportunity to compete in collegiate athletics allowed me to obtain a quality education and help build a competitive football program. I was able to have lasting relationships with professors, coaches and especially with my great teammates. I was also able to participate in leadership roles in campus activities. Throughout my coaching and teaching career, I continued to draw on the inspiration and experiences that I had as a McPherson student-athlete. The choice I made to attend McPherson vs. a large state university was a good one.

When I was in high school in Nampa, Idaho, I had much success as a football player. Our team was undefeated and won the state championship. I was elected to the all-star team and played in the state all-star game in Boise.

As a child, I heard stories about the Idaho Keim boys that attended McPherson in the 20's and won the KCAC championship in 1923. My dad was the captain of that team. While I was growing up, my father was my hero and I wanted to be just like him. At that time, my brother and sister were both students at McPherson College, and it was assumed that I, too, would follow.

I went to visit McPherson College after my high school graduation. On that visit, I was totally impressed with the new excitement about athletics. Dr. Desmond Bittinger was the new president and Chalmer "Woody" Woodward was the new football coach. The town's people were excited about the possibility of having a winning program. Several local athletes and several Church of the Brethren athletes from Colorado and Iowa had already committed to McPherson. It was then that I thought I would rather be a "big duck in a little pond" than a "little duck in a big pond."

McPherson had been the "door-mat" of their conference for several years. Everyone associated with the college, the student body, the faculty and the community was excited about the new spirit and enthusiasm.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Jason Bivens, a freshman from Topeka, plays markingback for the men's soccer team. Coach Marchewka feels Bivens has "improved tremendously from the start of the season." Bivens has kept the forward he guards from scoring in the past seven games. He is the "most consistent" player on the team.



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Strategic planning focuses on growth

LeAnn Wine and Janelle Flory
Editor in chief and News Editor

The strategic planning process has entered a new phase as over 100 recommendations are being compiled into one proposal. Margaret Crowley, consultant, will draft the proposal by November 10.

As Crowley prepares the proposal, two taskforces and three committees continue performing tasks assigned by the consultant. The taskforces have been in place since August. The committees are newly formed.

The Vision/Identity/Mission taskforce continues to gather input from the college community about the mission statement. Throughout the strategic planning process, the mission statement is referred to as a common goal and vision for the college.

The Financial Taskforce began its work of refining the cost estimates included on the initial proposals. In general, the taskforce will assess the financial impact that would be imposed on the institution. This group, by design, was intended to begin its work after the recommendations had been submitted.

To determine more clearly the financial standing of the institution, Crowley's fellow consultant, Dean Buchanan prepared a report for the Board of Trustees' fall meeting.

The Enrollment Committee is determining enrollment projections for the next three to five years. The projections will include the anticipated demographics of the student body and how the staff, faculty and space on campus will be affected.

Many of the preliminary recommendations assume a significant increase in

enrollment. Therefore, the Enrollment Committee was formed to project more accurate enrollment numbers for the future. At this time, a realistic enrollment goal is not available.

The Programs Committee's task is to identify which of McPherson College's programs are marketable and which programs the college should add.

"[McPherson College] needs something which makes us arguably distinctive," said Lowell Flory, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. Crowley pointed out the importance of featuring specific programs. However, McPherson College has been reluctant to initiate this process in the past, according to Flory.

The Technology Committee has the difficult task of condensing the recommendations dealing with technology into a unified statement. The statement will

reflect more realistic cost projections.

Several themes were evident in the 103 recommendations. The SPC is focusing on goals of higher and more diverse enrollment and more advanced technology on campus.

Besides identifying "flagship" programs, the importance of making McPherson College distinctive in other ways appeared repeatedly in the recommendations, including improving the physical appearance, revising the curriculum, strengthening ties to the community and enhancing the professionalism of the faculty and staff.

"The primary focus of strategic planning ought to be on identity, market niche and institutional distinctiveness," Flory said.

None of the existing recommendations constitute final plans, according to Kevin Hadduck, facilitator for strategic

planning.

"The faculty hope this process is definite and something will get done," Hadduck said.

The new committees will submit their recommendations and projections to Crowley by Nov. 3. She will consider all information gathered and all preliminary proposals submitted as she drafts a complete planning document.

Strategic Planning Committee, which is overseeing the entire strategic planning process, will review Crowley's proposal and revise it before her Dec. 2 visit. While she is on campus, one or more marathon sessions with the SPC might be necessary to complete the final planning document. It will then be presented to President Dill for approval.

New recommendations are no longer being accepted, but input to the currently active committees is welcome.

Student Government plans campus activities

Janelle Flory
News Editor

Student Government Association has assumed the duties of planning activities, a task previously performed by Student Activities Board. SGA now includes an activities director to oversee campus events.

The members of SGA hold mixed feelings about the new structure.

"The lack of participation is the hardest thing to deal with. We hear constant complaints that there's nothing to do on campus, but people don't want to participate," said SGA president Jessica Miller.

On the other hand, more responsibility requires more dedication on the part of SGA members. In the past, SGA has had the task of brainstorming ideas and then "sitting back and letting someone else follow through," according to Miller.

Katie Sue Nicklos, SGA vice-president, agrees that the new format requires more energy and attention.

"It gives people in SGA a better chance to participate in campus activities," Nicklos said.

This year's activities director, Laura Morgan, is pleased by the attendance at activities.

"I've been very impressed with the number of students who've come to activities and the great support we've

had from faculty," Morgan said. "I hope to see many more faculty and students attending as the year continues."

The bonfire on Thursday was well attended and provided an energetic beginning to the homecoming activities. The college band played an opening song and the football team and men and women's soccer teams were introduced. The bonfire was held in the circle drive outside Metzler Hall.

Since the beginning of school, SGA has met and considered several major projects. The council is brainstorming ideas for a memorial for history professor Leland Lengel, who died last October. Possibilities include a fountain or waterfall built into the wall facing the stairs to the Doghouse. They would also like to incorporate a globe into the design.

SGA has also contacted an interior decorator to assist in redecorating the Doghouse. SGA is contemplating placing a mural on one wall and ordering new booths. The interior decorator is also an alumna of the college and understands what's important to the students.

Finally, SGA is exploring the possibility of inviting a well-known musical group to give a concert on campus. SGA would attempt to find a group that many students would enjoy. SGA welcomes any feedback from students on these issues.

Voice mail system breaks down repeatedly, causing inconvenience

Brenda Jansen
Spectator Staff

Students and college staff have been losing messages in recent weeks due to repeated malfunctions of the voice mail system. MITEL, the company that supplies the system, is trying to fix the problem but future breakdowns are still possible, according to Brad Stucky maintenance systems technician.

The new voice mail system has been plagued with problems since it was installed just before students arrived on campus in August.

Once the system operates correctly, it should provide students with services and features superior to the system in place for the past four years.

"The new voice mail system was installed mainly because the old system was not Y2K compliant," Stucky said. "It was also very overloaded and required extensive programming every

year due to the students moving."

The new system answers quicker and has more capacity and extra features.

"The new system requires less maintenance, messages and prompts can be moved without re-recording, there are more options and there is room for an information center to be set up," Stucky said.

To correct the current problems, MITEL is keeping a log file of all voice mail usage, Stucky said. They are examining the logs hoping to pinpoint the glitch.

One probable solution, Stucky said, is the creation of new software. However, because the system is brand new, the only way MITEL can know how to redesign the software is to keep studying the logs until the glitch is found.

Kathryn Whitacre, dean of resident life, says it is important for students to understand that voice mail, the phone system and the long distance carrier are separate services. No changes have been

made with the phone system, except rewiring, for one and a half years. The voice mail system, on the other hand, has been newly installed.

McPherson College bought MITEL in January of 1994, according to Whitacre. At the same time, phones were wired to the rooms for the first time. "The voice mail was an added perk when the package was bought," Whitacre said.

The MITEL Corporation provides the phone system itself, voice mail is supplied by another company working under and in cooperation with MITEL and Resicom is the long distance provider.

"Because you need a code to access long distance, the college uses Resicom as the long distance carrier," Whitacre said.

Thus, Resicom, which students pay for their long distance phone service, has no responsibility for the voice mail system.

Board of trustees considers restoring Beeghly Hall to Carnegie library

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McPherson College's Board of Trustees is discussing several important issues in its first meeting of the year, including strategic planning and the destiny of Beeghly Hall. The board also has a new look this year after undergoing structural changes.

The board's agenda begins with routine fall meeting actions, including corporate resolution, establishment of tuition and fees for the following academic year and the approval of this year's budget.

Also on the agenda is a special proposal to consider retaining Beeghly Hall, which has termite damage. A structural engineer hired to investigate the damage recommends returning Beeghly to its original design as Carnegie Library.

The proposal mentions moving several administrative offices to Beeghly while Mohler Hall is renovated.

"During the current Capital Campaign, alumni have been very concerned that the college have an older building while construction is going on. Beeghly is the oldest building on campus and it feels good to know that we might be able to save it as a Carnegie Library like it was originally," said Dill.

The proposal will be passed on to the Budget and Facilities Committee for discussion. This committee can then decide whether to bring the issue to the entire board.

The three orders of the day include the presentation of the Young Alumni awards during honors convocation, a presentation by consultant Dean Buchanan on the financial aspect of strategic planning, and a strategic plan-

ning process update by SPC chair, Lowell Flory.

The board has been restructured "in a way that will have the most positive impact on the college. The previous structure did not parallel what it's trying to do under its current structure," said President Dill.

The board was previously set up to include 12 members in each of the following committees: Financial Services, Student Services and Academic Services, as well as an Executive Committee made up of 11 members.

Under the new structure, the board allows for 10 members on the Executive Committee and elects 7-8 members for each of the following committees: Membership and Development, Academic Program and Student Life, College Advancement, Budget and Facilities, and Endowment and Investments.

NEWS BRIEFS

Halloween dance

The Halloween dance will be held in Mingenback Theatre next Saturday, Oct. 30 from nine to midnight. Costumes are optional.

Staff changes

Dave Patterson has agreed to serve as grounds supervisor in addition to his responsibilities as Sports Center coordinator.

Deb Wagoner is switching positions to the student enrollment services office as an Admissions/Financial Aid secretary. This change will be effective starting Nov. 1.

Mike Chrislip, who currently serves as carpenter and lock specialist, has accepted the position of mechanical systems technician. Chrislip will be responsible for the maintenance of the boilers, chillers, cooling towers and related equipment.