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Cordova, Gregg reign as Homecoming royalty



photo by Cheri Noraworky

Dana Cordova, sr., Trinidad, Colo. and Dustin Gregg, sr., Nickerson, were elected by the student body as the 1999 Homecoming Queen and King.

Future of modern language programs being considered

LeAnn Wine
Editor in Chief

A recommendation to discontinue the German program and to enhance the Spanish program came to the Educational Policies Committee on Oct. 27. The committee voted unanimously in favor of discontinuing the German program.

The Modern Language Program Review Committee, that was formed last spring, brought the proposal concerning the German program to EPC. The review committee researched national trends in both German and Spanish studies as well as the history of the German program at McPherson College.

The committee found that nationally few high school students are studying German and few high school students express interest in majoring in German. At McPherson, few students wish to study German and even fewer wish to major in it. Also, Bethel College and Kansas Wesleyan, both ACCK schools, offer a major in German. Bethel's program is very strong.

The committee also took into consideration the heritage and tradition of modern language instruction at McPherson. The college's connection with Germany made the decision difficult.

"[The decision] was dreadful to make," said Kim Stanley, committee member. "The college has an historical connection with German and Germany."

EPC considered all the information provided by the Modern Language Program Review Committee. According to Steve Gustafson, provost, EPC had a difficult decision to make as well.

"What makes the decision tough, is the Brethren background in Schwarzenau. There is a strong tie with the German language," Gustafson said.

The proposal brought to EPC consisted of three points, the first being to discontinue the German program. The second and third parts of the proposal focused on maintaining the Spanish program and building an Hispanic Studies program. Both proposals concerning Spanish studies included hiring full-time professors and will be decided on next Wednesday.

Currently one student at McPherson plans to major in German. Janelle Flory, soph., has studied German in high school as well as both years at McPherson College. Next year she plans to study in Marburg, Germany, through Brethren Colleges Abroad.

According to Flory, taking away one of the foreign languages offered at the college would be "limiting."

"I understand that the growing Hispanic population in the U.S. makes

Spanish a very marketable program," Flory said. "However, I think students need more than one option. Some very exciting things are happening in Europe right now and Germany is right at the center of it."

Since the review committee began its work in February of 1999, the proposal is not part of the large Strategic Planning process currently underway. Even though EPC will make a decision concerning both the German and Spanish programs apart from Strategic Planning, the committee may consider some of the Strategic Planning goals, according to Gustafson.

"EPC won't look at it in total isolation, but as part of Strategic Planning as well," Gustafson said.

Gustafson also noted that EPC has the power to pass all three proposals or individual proposals and can amend any part of the proposals.

Once all three items have been voted on, the proposal will go to the full faculty. If the faculty pass the change, President Dill will then have the final decision.

The process of reviewing the modern languages at McPherson College began when Dr. Jan van Asselt submitted his resignation last spring. Any time a professor leaves the college, his/her program may be reviewed to determine if it should be continued as it has been, according to Gustafson.

Interterm 2000 offers variety of courses

Chris Curran
Spectator Staff

More than 50 classes are being offered during interterm this January, including several unique opportunities that are not offered during full semesters. Credit hours range from 1.0 to 4.0 with students being required to take at least 3.0 credit hours to remain a full-time student for the term.

"I highly recommend that students utilize the interterm courses being offered," said Lowell Flory, business. "The cost of interterm is added into the fall semester, and most students can't find employment equal to the \$1,500 dollar investment they have already put toward interterm."

In addition to being a good opportunity for students to fulfill general education requirements or to explore a particular area of interest, several travel courses are available.

This year students can take the Investments course, which includes a trip

to New York City and Washington, D.C. The course will include two weeks of focused instruction in investments, followed by a 13-day trip to the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, and several companies and brokerage houses. The trip ends with a visit to several investment highlights in Washington, D.C., including NASDAQ and the Federal Reserve. The group will also visit the offices of Congressman Moran, Sen. Brownback and Sen. Roberts.

The registration deadline for the investment trip is during November. Interested students may contact Flory or David O'Dell, business.

Another travel course offered during interterm is the service trip to Culebra, Puerto Rico. McPherson College and the Church of the Brethren Emergency Response Service Ministries (ER/SM) are sponsoring this trip.

This course fulfills the Global/Intercultural Experience general education requirement, as well as being an oppor-

tunity to serve others and experience a different culture.

"It isn't required that a person speak Spanish," said Ocie Kilgus, Spanish. "We are going to work during the day and have regular meetings at night to reflect on the day's events and to discuss reading assignments. There will be free time during the day and on the weekends to go sightseeing."

Another unique interterm opportunity is the one-time course in African American Women's Literature being team-taught by Carolyn Coon, dean of students, and Kim Stanley, English.

Other courses that may be of particular interest this interterm include Script in Production, taught by Rick Tyler, theater, and Evolution, which will be taught by Jonathan Frye, biology.

Students considering a certain course for Interterm should register as soon as possible as classes are kept small and fill quickly. Students can contact their faculty advisor or Student Enrollment Services for more information.

Interterm makes "cents"

Janelle Flory
News Editor

Many students view interterm as a time to go home and earn extra money. However, choosing not to take a class during interterm is actually financially wasteful, according to Susan Taylor, dean for academic resources.

A student who does not take advantage of interterm will have to overload during the semesters or wait an extra semester to graduate in order to fulfill all requirements. Financially this requires \$250 per overload credit or another semester of tuition.

Some students may not know that interterm costs are included in the tuition and meal plan costs for the fall semester.

Four interterm credits are worth approximately \$1,358 of tuition and the meal plan is about \$300 for the month. Students may receive a partial

refund of \$125 for the 14-meal plan or \$150 for the 19-meal plan if they choose not to stay in McPherson during interterm.

Interterm also provides a more relaxed atmosphere on campus. Faculty and students have more fun with their courses, according to Taylor.

"Interterm was designed to give students opportunities that they don't get during the regular semester," Taylor said.

Many professors use field trips and interesting class projects to illustrate the course material.

Al Dutrow's Food Production Technology class includes baking bread in class and several field trips around the state.

This year's Script in Production class will be building sets, sewing costumes and rehearsing for *Beauty and the Beast*, which will be presented on Jan. 28 and 29 and Feb. 4 and 5.

EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

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Consider past and future for modern language program

When a program is brought under review, students other than those involved in the program are affected by the outcome. The review of the modern language programs resulted in a recommendation to discontinue the German program and build a program in Hispanic studies. Educational Policies Committee passed the first part of the proposal to discontinue the German Program. The committee has not voted on the remaining two proposals concerning an Hispanic studies program.

The discontinuation of the German program and building an Hispanic program could have both positive and negative effects on students at McPherson College.

The building of an Hispanic program would make the college more marketable. Because more students nationally are interested in studying Spanish, a major in the language is more in demand. The Hispanic population of the United States, Kansas and McPherson College continues to grow, increasing demand for such a program.

The proposed Hispanic program would be a unique program, including studies in all areas of the Hispanic culture. Course topics might include history of the Spanish culture, social, political and economical issues and modern trends in the culture. Some of the courses offered could meet general education requirements for students outside the major.

Building an Hispanic program would directly influence other programs currently offered at McPherson College. The teacher education curriculum would be enhanced. As more teachers pursue an English as a Second Language certification, taking courses about the Hispanic culture would be valuable.

The downfalls of the proposal at hand concern the discontinuation of the German program. McPherson College has an historical connection with Germany through the Church of the Brethren. The college's tie with the BCA site at Philipps Universität in Marburg, Germany, would also be weakened. Student exchange between the two schools will decrease with the termination of the German program.

Though discontinuing the German program has its drawbacks, the college has the responsibility to offer those programs which benefit the institution as a whole.

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Challenge to find the good on campus is met



Aaron's Mac Minute

AARON ELLSWORTH

Hello, again, my fellow students. Yes, I am quite sure you all missed Campus Minute last issue. I'm sure you all were in sheer panic when you looked to the normal spot and did not see my goofy picture in last week's issue. But have no fear, do not fret, I am back and am full of complaints from the "consensus" of the campus.

Yes, I am back as the campus complainer and negative columnist. And I have a lot on the agenda to discuss.

This issue I would like to accept a challenge given to me in a letter-to-the editor in the last issue by an alumna of the school. I shan't tell you her name (Sarah W. Hendricks, class of 1998), but I shall tell you what the challenge was.

Mrs. Hendricks challenged me to "find some positive aspects of the college and campus life." Before I begin I must say in my defense, Mrs. Hendricks, that I have never discussed how I hated "standing in line for the dryers."

Now that I have cleared that up, we shall begin with positive things about the school.

Let's see here...ah yes, here's one. I enjoy living in Bittinger. I very much enjoy the fact that the walls are so thin that I don't even have to leave my room to talk to my neighbors.

I think it's really cool that when I need to ask my neighbors to turn down their stereo, I don't have to go to the

trouble of getting out of my bed, finding my sandals in the dark, walking out my door, stepping next door, knocking on their door and waiting for them to answer. It's a heck of a lot simpler to just yell at my wall. 'Cause frankly, they can probably hear me even if I whisper at the wall. Ain't that right Reed and Sanchez? So that's pretty cool.

Let's see...um...ah here's another one. I do appreciate that as a resident of Bittinger Hall, I am held safe from the world of calories and unhealthy snacks.

All that can be credited to the fact that our vending machine never gets filled. Thus, we are warm-heartedly deprived of unhealthy snacks, and in doing so, we all get to keep our lovely figures. Ain't that right, Herm?

So let's see, gosh, I'm thinking so hard. How about...no that's not good...ooh how about...naw, that wouldn't work either. Oh, yes, I forgot a major positive aspect of college life. The friendly construction workers.

Wow, it's like we have a whole new set of faculty. And they've been here so long that they just feel like family. I hope that they never complete those buildings, so we can have them around forever. Fortunately, from the looks of things, I don't think that they will be leaving us anytime soon.

Another thing that I think of as a positive aspect is "new grass." I was beginning to think that all the dirt around campus was there for a reason. Nothing like a good Homecoming weekend full of alumni to get grass in those spots. I must say that it does look better than the dirt, so good choice.

There, I have dedicated a whole column to finding positive aspects to college and campus life. I was faced with a challenge and came out victorious.

I would like to remind those who are feeling the "urge" to write a response to my column to be prepared. I accept all challenges, but I hope that anyone who reads this column has their sense of humor sitting on their shoulders when they do. I will respond the only way I can, which is to hold true to the purpose of my column.

No, no—do not applaud. I merely speak for the people. And do keep sending the responses, because I would feel as if I had failed my column and the students if I had no response.

Enough! I must go and smell the flowers in the circle drive. Hey! Another positive aspect!

Have you heard her story?



On Her Orange Crate

SARAH STOVER

Maybe you heard her scream. Maybe you saw her sobbing on the bench outside the cafeteria. Maybe you read the memos posted around Dotzour.

I want to tell you the story of an amazing person I met at McPherson College. She is strong and courageous and has a sense of humor that boggles my mind.

Her Mom died this June after a year-long battle with cancer. Her mom was her best friend, her biggest supporter, her confidante.

She asked herself, "How could things get any worse?" and her question was answered. Her father died unexpectedly last week. How many 20-year-olds have to say that both their parents have died?

I attended the funeral and spoke with her after the service. She was exhausted, but still extending support to those who had come to support her.

I had a hunch that she was amazing the first time I met Jennifer Goetz, and was completely assured last year as Jennifer's RA.

Jennifer has a vision impairment, and occasionally has to use a wheelchair because of a condition called cloness, which makes her arms and leg shake uncontrollably.

She has chosen to develop a spirit of determination that has taken her through the petty cruelty of grade school, junior high and high school. She is fighting her

way through college, and I have no doubt that she will make an excellent teacher when she graduates, but that's not the real reason I admire Jennifer.

I admire Jennifer because she laughs as easily as she cries. She is honest and open and I love her. She is a Christian, and can easily say that God, and the prayers of her church and family community have sustained her during this difficult time. Jennifer gives herself to everything she does, and when she has exhausted herself and still hasn't reached her goal, she is not afraid to ask for help.

I hope that Jennifer's story can be a reminder for all of us. A reminder to appreciate the presence of the ones we love, and to value our parents, even when they are annoying.

Jennifer is not the only amazing person on campus, but she is a story I know. Scan the faces of the people you know and you will discover that you know several.

Connection is a human necessity. It is not necessary for you to extend



The Goetz Family—Adam, Jennifer, George and Alexis. August 1998

yourself to everyone, or to open yourself to everyone, but it is important for you to open yourself to at least a few.

McPherson College is a community that reaches out to people who ask for help, but cannot offer support if it doesn't know support is needed. Do not be ashamed to ask.

And when you see someone who needs support, wrap your arms around them. Do not hesitate to show them your care.

CAMPUS FORUM

Chewing tobacco is gross and rude

9: 20 a.m., Monday. I walk into Miller Library to go to Ethics class. As I stroll downstairs to the basement, I realize I'm rather thirsty, so I go to the water fountain, only to find a huge mass of chewed tobacco on top of the drain. GROSS! I have not only almost lost my breakfast, but am so disgusted that I can never use that water fountain again.

Okay, maybe I'm being a little melodramatic, but come on. I know I'm not the only one who has seen that revolting display, and seen students who sit in class spitting excess juice into pop cans and water bottles.

It honestly makes me sick to my stomach, and it takes a lot to make me sick. I can only imagine the feelings of those with more sensitive stomachs than I.

Not only is chewing tobacco abhorrent, but it is rude, inconsiderate, and in this case, against school policy. (See Student Handbook under Tobacco and Community Code Summary, #2)

I am not writing this to stop people from using smokeless tobacco. I'm sure those of you who use it have heard of all of the consequences, and I, at 5'2", 140 pounds, am obviously not going to stop you.

My reason for writing this is to ask for consideration. Please be considerate of those of us who have to sit in class and watch you kill your mouth, taste-buds, and body by chewing on a plant. Also remember that although you may be enjoying yourself, the rest of us who spend \$25 a year on Tums are having a hard time enjoying watching you spit into cafeteria cups and water fountain drains.

One final request is simply to wait. How hard is it to sit in class for 50 minutes and not chew tobacco?

Please do the campus community a favor and try Wrigley's for an hour. It will not only prevent stomachs from being overturned, but might also be a cure for some types of halitosis.

—Courtney Irwin

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.

UK pubs create quaint atmosphere

What's the only word that is the same in 14 different languages? Don't skip ahead, you'll find out at the end.

I went to Cheltenham, England, last semester with the BCA study abroad program. Forty Americans were in our group, and most of them were from the East Coast.

Our semester began Feb. 2 and ended in mid-May. Each of us lived with a host family who furnished a bedroom and who was responsible for feeding us breakfast. Although a few students ran into problems with this living arrangement, I fortunately lived with a wonderful lady and her 15-year-old daughter. Few people are as hospitable and as giving as Shirley and her family.

As the bus rolled into Cheltenham to drop each of us off at our new homes, the first thing that caught my attention was the car that flew by just inches from me. It took a couple of weeks to



International Perspective

RAQUELLE BANTER

get used to looking the other way for oncoming traffic. We quickly learned that pedestrians do NOT have the right of way—if you're lucky they may honk to avoid hitting you, but you'll never get a swerve.

England, like much of Europe, has a quite different educational structure from that in the United States. By age 15, English students have narrowed their choice of subjects to study down to three, one of which will eventually become their focus (much like a college major). The system stresses depth ver-

sus breadth. As they proceed with their education, they're required to take classes only in the one area, as compared to a college like McPherson where perspectives must be met from several areas of study.

English terminology regarding the levels of school was initially confusing. The British refer to our high school level as college and our college level as university. A couple of us received some strange looks when we said we were in our 20s and still in college.

It would be impossible to speak of the English culture and not mention alcohol. The university I attended had five different campuses, each with a fully stocked bar (and, I might add, better than any of the bars around here). This provided a quaint little atmosphere to do some homework, relax, or throw down a couple before the next class.

Drinking in moderation is a way of

life for the average Englishman. Pubs are located around practically every corner where the 'locals' congregate daily. Compared to most Americans, their outlook on life is much more easygoing and laid-back. They also tend to be very friendly. It's not difficult to find a new friend at the pub that would love to have a drink with you and chat about soccer.

Going to England was one of the best decisions I've ever made. Not only did I have the chance to go to a different country, I went by myself. This gave me an opportunity for personal growth, reflection, and if nothing else, a chance to meet several people that have positively influenced my life. I would encourage anyone to capitalize on an opportunity such as this.

The question I asked at the beginning was asked at a pub I was at once. The answer—"taxi."

Hopes and dreams do not fade

Recently I had a conversation with a person about my dreams and some of the things I want for my life. Instead of being encouraged, I was told that "dreams fade fast."

My dreams weren't shattered, because I'm secure in the direction my life is going, but my heart ached for this person. I have heard this person discourage and upset other people, and it broke my heart that this person has given up their own dreams.

The Bible says to "Delight yourselves in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Are not our hopes and dreams our desires? Anyone who believes the Bible is true must believe the previous statement, so why don't they believe in dreams?

Hope is one of the three greatest



Cornerstone

BETINA ESTRADA

commandments. (Faith, hope and love.) I can't speak for everyone, but my life would be miserable without the hope that my dreams will be fulfilled in one way or another!

Some people are truly blessed, but all they can see are the thorns. Are we so blind and unhappy that we forget our blessings?

Even if some people do see their own

lives as "miserable," how can they assume that everyone's life will be the same? What if one person's view of what makes life successful is different from another's? We shouldn't judge anyone else's dreams, but rather encourage them.

Sometimes, people who have given up on their own dreams tell other people their dreams are impossible. Why? Do they truly believe this, or does misery just love company?

So the question becomes how can we give people their dreams back. I pray that this person who discouraged me sees their own blessings and finds hope again.

Of course, God has to be the one to completely reveal the truth, but we should be vessels to assist Him.

MAC OPINIONS

Does the college need a place on campus that serves food 24 hours a day?



"Yes, 'cause usually around midnight, if you're up studying late, you need study food, and the vending machines are usually half empty."

—Sydney White, Topeka



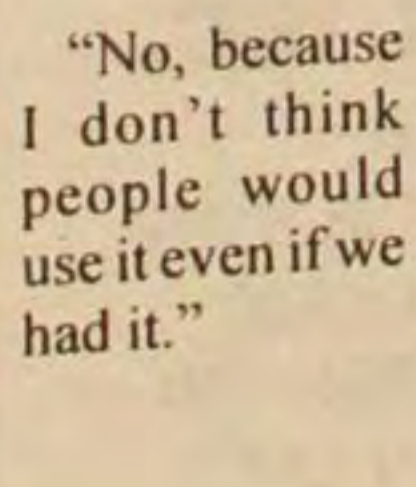
"I think we should, and not just that. I think there should be a shop where we can go and get whatever—milk, bread, necessities."

—Brent Johnson, Tulsa



"No not really. We have a convenience store just down the street that's open 24 hours, so we don't really need a place on campus."

—Lee Harper, Scott City



"No, because I don't think people would use it even if we had it."

—Valoree Ebersole, Wichita



"Some students that don't have vehicles can't go off campus, and they need a place to go. They could put a Taco Bell in the gazebo. (LOL) Something else in the vending machines besides chips and candy would be nice."

—Cheri Ouellette, Washington



"Heck yeah! That would be fricken sweet. Everything around here closes around 9 o'clock, and a brother like me needs soul food—know what I mean?"

—Timothy Watson Simpson, Independence



POETRY CORNER

Manhood in Miami

Greyed and moustached men sit at tables filled with dominoes. 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 offer me my first Cohiba. I hold the brown roll of leaves. My fingers, smooth and soft, know what to do. I roll the cigar, listening for cracks and snaps. I snip the head, then light two matches. I watch the flames 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.

—Manny Diaz

Because this poem, which was part of a feature on campus minister Manny Diaz, was illegible in the Oct. 22 issue of The Spectator, it is being reprinted here.

4 Nine-year old stars in next theatrical performance

Rachel Gross
Features Editor

Little girls often dream of becoming famous Hollywood rock stars or actresses. Nine-year-old Alysha Kay Mapes is making that dream come true with her leading role in the theater department's next show, "The Bad Seed."

"The Bad Seed" is a psychological drama in which Alysha plays Rhoda Penmark, an eight-year-old girl, a perfect little girl, who turns out to be too good to be true.

"The Bad Seed" is not Alysha's first performance on a stage.

"I have been in two Hesston College plays, where my Mom went to school," Alysha said.

In addition to Alysha, the cast of "Bad Seed" is composed of nine other college students. Alysha said that she loved being able to become acquainted with and perform with the other people who are involved with the production of the show.

"I like getting to meet college students," she said. "I like acting with them and getting to know them."

Those college students that are in the show, many of whom have not worked on stage with someone so young, said that they enjoyed working with Alysha.

Krissy Williams, sr., Centralia, who plays Alysha's mother in "Bad Seed", said that she was learning from the experience.

"I want to teach theater to little kids some day, so I've learned a lot from being able to work with Alysha," she said. "She just adds a child-like energy which is really fun."

Anna Arasmith, jr., Topeka, who is student directing "Bad Seed," said that although it is difficult to direct someone so young, she was enjoying the experience.

"It's challenging to direct her, because she's a little kid, but she's also an actress," Arasmith said. "But it's been really nice these past few days to just sit back and watch while Alysha is on stage. It's been very interesting for me

to watch."

Alysha said that she loves being the smallest cast member in the show. According to Alysha, there is always someone around to play with her.

"I love getting picked up and twirled around," she said. "In this show, that happens all the time."

A fourth grader at Roosevelt Elementary School, Alysha's favorite activities include recess, math, art, and writing stories, as well as acting. Although being on stage is fun for Alysha, she said that she does not want to act when she grows up.

"I don't really want to be an actress," she said. "I want to be a nurse and to help people get better. I've wanted to be a nurse ever since I was four, because my Mom is a nurse."

Alysha said that acting in front of a large audience doesn't scare her. In fact, she said, she loves the attention that she receives after giving a good performance.

"I get nervous at first," she said, "but once I get in front of people, and I act,



photo by Cheri Norsworthy

Rachel Sittig, McPherson alumni, and Krissy Williams, sr., Centralia, act with nine-year-old Alysha Mapes in "Bad Seed". Mapes has acted in two plays at Hesston College, but her performance in "Bad Seed" will be her first at McPherson College.

they start clapping. Then I love it. I love being in front of people."

"Bad Seed" will be performed on

Nov. 19 and 20, at 8 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. For ticket information, call the theater box office, ext. 1211.

Students discover ways to prevent winter illnesses

Elissa Thompson
Spectator Staff

Cold and flu season has hit McPherson College students square in the face. However, they are learning from past experiences, and finding the keys to preventing sickness.

Charlie Shamburg, fr., Austin, Texas, has had bronchitis for almost three and a half weeks. He believes that his sickness worsened because the climate is very different here than it was at his home in Texas.

"I'm used to humidity, and the air is really dry here," Shamburg said.

Campus nurse, Jeanette Hodson agrees that students are more likely to get sick in a new environment. Hodson also said that homesickness and dorm-

life can help to infect people with colds and the flu.

"There is a lot of sickness in the first few months because of homesickness, and being contact with other people," Hodson said.

Some students, like Shamburg, have been forced to go to the doctor. This can be a scary experience. Several freshman remembered their past experiences at the doctor's office.

"The lady stabbed me in the rumpus, and I jumped sky high! My mom said she had never seen me jump that high," said Dawn De La Torre, fr.,

Las Vegas.



Some people don't have to deal with the doctor because they have found good ways to prevent sickness. Hodson suggests that students practice good oral hygiene and exercise. Hodson also advises that students attempt to not drink from cups which someone has already drunk out of.

"Good common sense is a lot of it," Hodson said.

While some complain of sickness, others just deal with it.

"I take lots and lots of Tylenol," said Paul Liepelt, jr., McPherson.

Other students say that sickness is never a problem for them.

"I just don't get sick," Tony Segovia,

Chris Mikos, fr., Lake Zurich, Ill., also had a problem with needles.

"I was scared of needles, and I didn't want the nurse to catch me. I ran away from the nurse, and it took my mom and the nurse to stop me," Mikos said.

New nurse offers experienced care

Campus nurse Jeanette Hodson is a new addition to the McPherson College staff, but she is not new to nursing on the college campus. Hodson has been the campus nurse at Central College for three years. Hodson's first day on the McPherson campus was Nov. 1.

Hodson has hours in Dotzour Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and in Metzler Hall on Tuesday and Thursday at the same times. Her extension is 1133 and she can be reached anytime during her office hours.

"Pop in anytime or call my extension," Hodson said.

Hodson advises that students take care of medical needs at the college. She is in contact with Dr. Dewitt at the local health clinic, and if needed, she will set students up with appointments through him.

Hodson recommends students not go to the Emergency Room unless absolutely needed since it costs \$50 a visit without any treatment.

If you must see the doctor be sure to have your medical information ready. Have your insurance number and company. Be sure you have numbers at which your parents can be reached. Have any other pertinent information ready, like allergies and your local doctor.

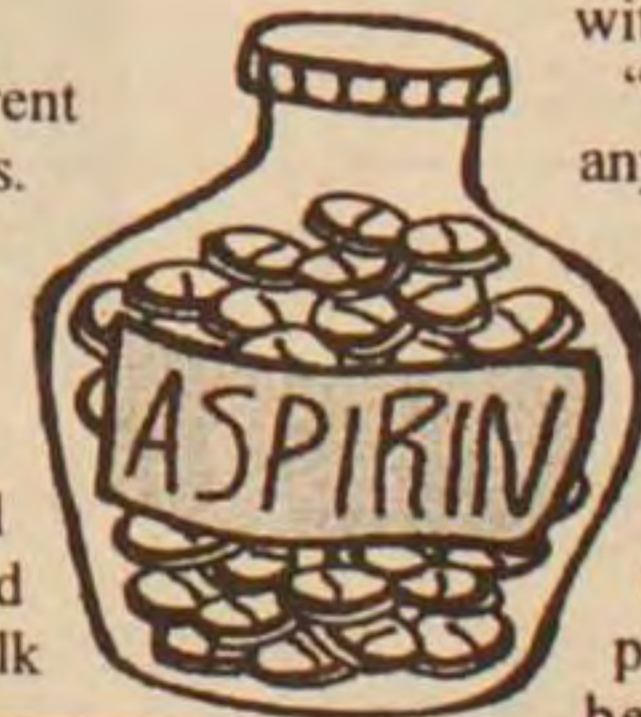
"This will cut down time in the office," Hodson said.

Hodson hopes that students take care of ailments when they first experience them rather than waiting until the weekend when it's too late.

"If you don't feel well on Friday, see the nurse or call the doctor and don't wait until the weekend. This will prevent weekend calls," Hodson said.

sr., Tipton, OK., said.

Students are taking different steps to overcome their ailments. Shamburg said that she went to the nurse and was directed to a doctor. Hodson said that this was definitely a good practice for students to follow, and she said that everyone should feel that they could come and talk



with her.

"Feel free to come in at any time. No question is too stupid to ask," Hodson said.

Early prevention of the flu is also possible in Hodson's office. Although she can only supply medications that can be obtained over the counter, she does have flu shots. The shots are \$4, and are available to all students who want one, excepting those students who are allergic to eggs.

Hodson encourages students to visit her if they are not feeling well. She said that she feels better about students' conditions when they come and talk with her.

"I prefer them to come here, rather than I go to them because my supplies are more accessible in my office," Hodson said.

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Safe, painless procedure helps students to give blood

Brenda Jansen
Spectator Staff

Have you ever dreamed of being a hero? If so, now is your chance. The American Red Cross Donor Express is coming to McPherson College on Nov. 10, 1999.

The donation of blood helps many people. Because blood is separated into components, each donation could help burn patients in need of plasma, leukemia patients in need of platelets, and those undergoing replacement surgery in need of red blood cells. These people depend on donations to survive.

"Giving blood is an easy way to help people," said Renata Lichty, soph., Quinter. "I feel it is an easy way to contribute to a good cause."

"I think giving blood is a worthy cause because it provides others a chance to continue living when, without the blood, they would otherwise

not have a chance" said Nancy LaPrad, soph., Pratt.

Sam Goodwin of Norman, Okla., shares some of the same thoughts.

"I believe that a lot of donating comes from a sense of community. You give knowing you can help save someone's life and hope that they would do the same for you," Goodwin said.

What is it really like to sit in the chair knowing you are voluntarily waiting for a needle to be placed in your vein?

"The first time I gave blood was at a blood drive at my high school" said Corin Blickenstaff, soph., Nampa, Idaho. "I passed out when they took the needle out, but I decided to try again be-

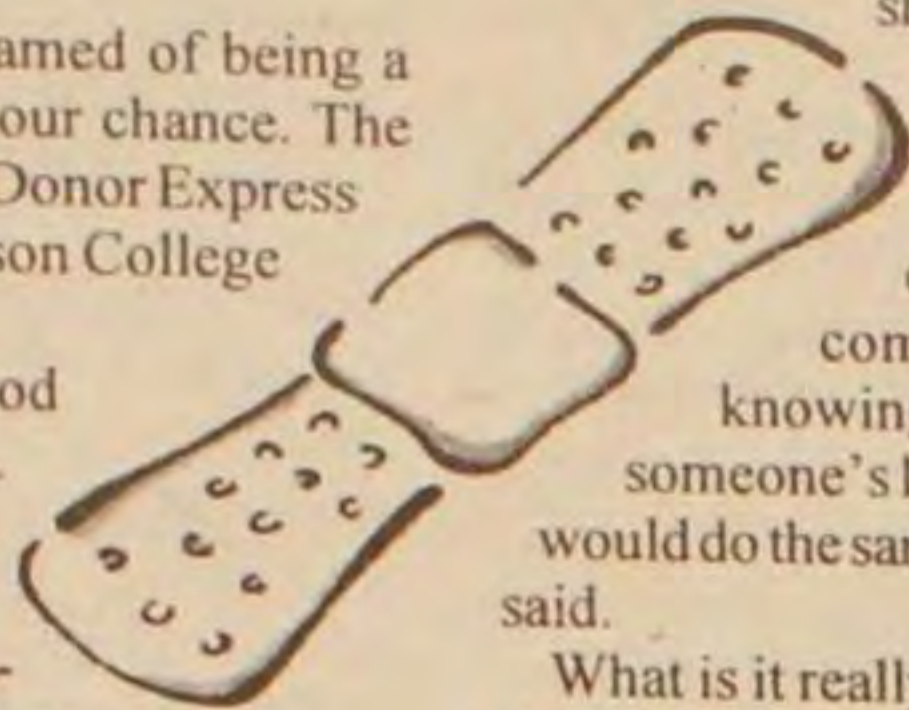
cause I feel it is a worthy cause that I should participate in. The second time I did fine and now I give regularly."

The Donor Express will be open from 10:30-11:15 and 12:30-5:30. Laura Morgan, activities director for Student Government and campus coordinator of the blood drive, reminds all those signed up to donate to be on time.

"The Donor Express has 25 donor slots. We currently have six open slots and would like to fill them. The goal is to have 25 pints of blood donated," Morgan said.

For those who unable to give at this time, the Donor Express will be on the McPherson campus again spring semester.

The procedure is basically painless and is extremely safe. Set aside needle-phobia and do the good deed of donating blood.



Making travel plans becomes fun, easier

Tracy Firch
Spectator Staff

Thanksgiving break is less than a month away, Christmas break starts less than a month after that—holiday travel season is upon us! While McPherson College students have a variety of options for travelling home, the most commonly used are driving and flying.

The cheapest of these options is car pooling. Carolyn Coon, dean of students, has set up a giant map across from the mailboxes in the basement in the Student Union. That will be an area where students can fill out destination cards or put notes up telling where they need rides.

"Somebody brought the idea up at one of our deans' meetings and I thought it was a good idea," Coon said. "I'd seen something like this when I was visiting another school. It will be helpful for students who don't know people from their area."

Although many students fly home for vacations, finding airline flights has become a challenge for some. Terri Robinson, of McPherson Travel said that flights are filling up much faster this year, especially around Christmas due to the millennium.

"Students should make their arrangements now for Christmas or plan on paying more. Thanksgiving travel is booked pretty full. The 24th and 28th of November are pretty much wiped out in this area," Robinson said. Alternate modes of travel, such as buses or cars, cost less money, but, are inconvenient, students said.

CoRee Kennon, fr., Dallas, traveled to McPherson at the beginning of the year by Greyhound bus, and said the trip as, "long, painful and aching." "Never take Greyhound when

you're going to a different state," Kennon said. "It's cheap, but it takes forever!"

For Thanksgiving CoRee plans on going to Kansas City, Kan. with Ebony Williams and Lovie Pace. CoRee will fly home for Christmas although she hasn't bought the ticket yet.

Cliff Bell, sr., Kaliispell, Mont., will be traveling to Des Moines, Iowa, to visit a friend over Thanksgiving break. He will be getting a ride to Iowa with other students.

"I want to see the rolling hills of green and the cows," Bell said.

For Christmas, Bell will fly home to Montana. He bought his ticket at the end of September and noticed that ticket prices were more expensive this year.

Cher Hermann, fr., Prescott Valley, Ariz., will fly home for Thanksgiving. She drove to school at the beginning of the year and spent 17 hours driving, an experience she termed, "kind of ugly."

For Christmas she will drive home with her roommate, and is looking forward to, "making it a fun roadtrip. We're going to have a blast."

Brent Johnson, sr., Tulsa, Okla., is going to Dallas over Thanksgiving to visit family members.

He says, "I'm not that excited about going home. I just love it so much here in McPherson."

Flying home for Thanksgiving is too expensive for Kealii Aguiar, fr., because home for him is Wiame, Hawaii; he will be staying with Mao Niko at the college courts.

"I've already made and paid for my plane ticket home for Christmas. If we make it to the football playoffs I'll have to cancel and make other flight arrangements," Kealii said.

Finding food and fun after midnight

Dennis Pfeiff
Spectator Staff

It's midnight, you and a few friends are sitting around talking about sports and all of the sudden the conversation stops. No one knows why but there is nothing else to say, and you don't feel like hitting the sack quite yet. What do you do, in such a small town that only has two convenience stores that are open 24-7?

First, take a look at what the college itself has to offer students late at night. Every dorm has a TV and VCR (except Morrison, whose VCR has been missing for almost four weeks now) in at least one lobby (and if not, one of your friends do). Since the lobbies allow for anyone to be there, you can have as many of your friends, of either sex, as can be packed into the lobby watching movies, eating food, or hanging out with you.

Of course, you don't need to rent movies. Someone you know has at least a few. But keep the noise down, because at this time of night, quiet hours are enforced.

As for what McPherson has to offer to students late at night, there isn't really anything anymore. Last year students, at least those who took advantage of it, had Happy Chef, a 24-hour restaurant. But Happy Chef closed its doors over the summer, leaving students with no all-night alternatives except convenience stores. Students may also leave the city to go to truck stops and all night restaurants in places like Salina, Hutchinson, or Wichita.

However the pleas of the students for all-night entertainment haven't gone without notice. The school is looking into making a few changes that would allow the students a gathering place that not only has no visitation hours but no quiet hours as well. Kathryn Whitacre, associate dean of students, along with the members of student

government association, have been considering different ideas which may solve this problem.

"Student government realizes the need for a 24-hour space on campus where students can eat, study, relax, and hang out," Whitacre said. "We have realized that there are currently no sites in McPherson where this is available."

Among those ideas proposed are a small remodeling of the Student Union that would provide a place for students to spend those late nights or an update to the vending area in the dorms. Details are still elusive, but the general idea is that the school would provide a place, in or out of the dorms, for students to gather, talk, play games, watch movies, listen to music and, in general, be students.

Though there is no place for the


students to go to "hang out" or have a good time, that doesn't mean that the students can do nothing.

"I stay up and watch the Disney channel," says Faith Christiansen, jr., Columbus.

Now not everyone would find that to be enjoyable but I'm sure if you toss in a few friends, you could find something to do.

"I celebrate Happy Hour," says Anna Arasmith, jr., Topeka. "Especially during a production week."

Students with ideas or comments about the above mentioned proposal should contact SGA, which meets every Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the meeting room at the basement of the Student Union. Meetings are open to all McPherson College students.



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Bulldogs need victory over Tabor

Russel Wilson
Spectator Staff

With two football games remaining in conference play, the Bulldogs must win both to have any hopes of making the playoffs. The team travels to Ottawa tomorrow for a crucial game, and wraps up the season at home against Tabor on Nov. 13.

Ottawa is fourth overall in the KCAC; McPherson is third behind Southwestern and Bethany. A win against Ottawa tomorrow will secure a third place conference finish, barring a major upset by Tabor next week.

Tomorrow's game may turn out to be a passing competition, pitting Ottawa's Jay Alexander, against Greg Mendez, both nationally ranked.

In total passing offense, Ottawa and McPherson are ranked sixth and seventh, respectively. However, the Bulldogs' running game has recently come to life enough to keep the defense guessing.

Oct. 23, the 'Dogs pleased a large homecoming crowd with a 21-7 win over Kansas Wesleyan. The game was a defensive battle, but the Coyote defense tired first, enabling Bobby

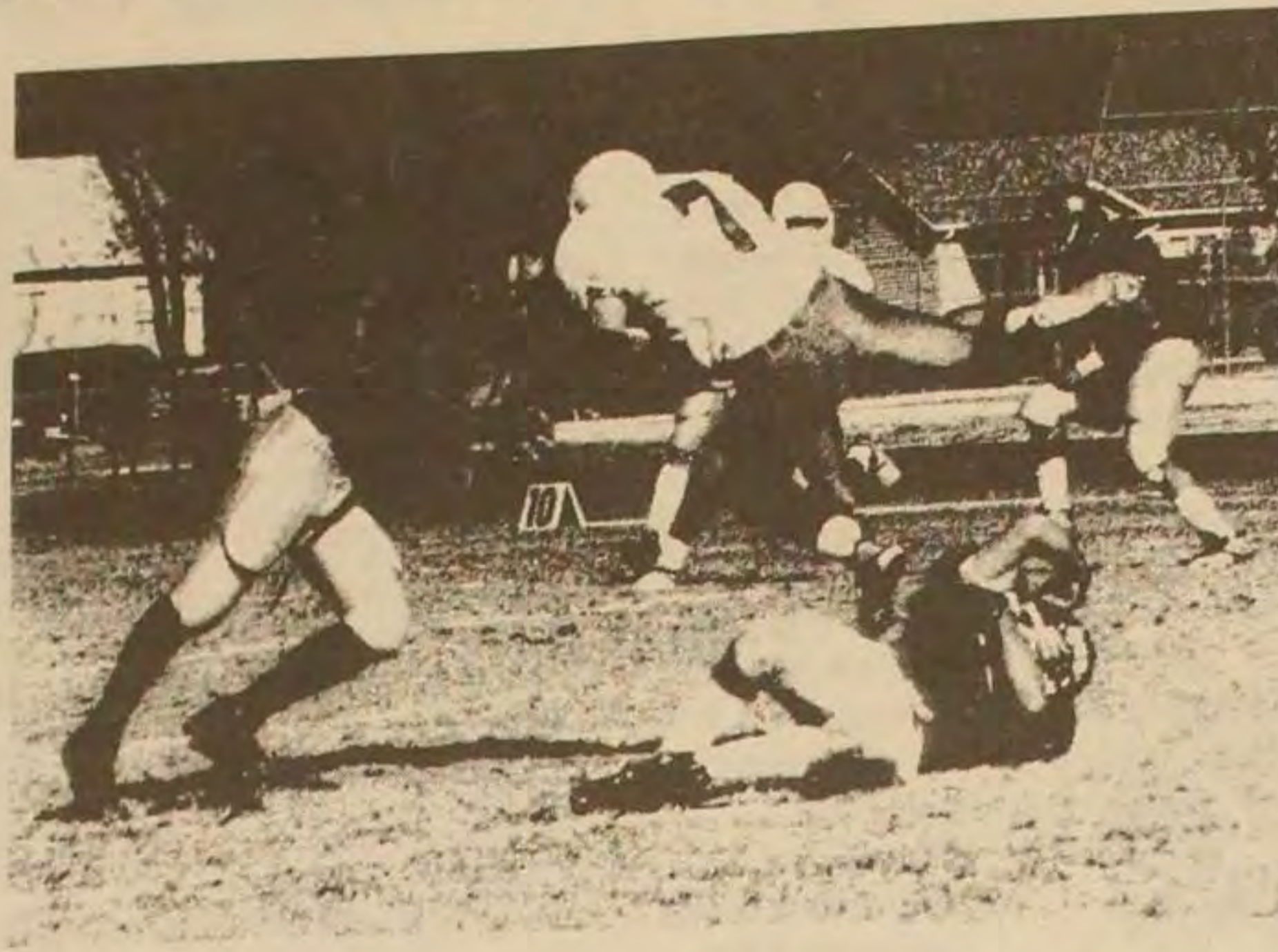


Photo by Cheri Norsworthy

A.J. Wilson muscles through several KWU defenders for extra yards.

Hill to score. Ma'o Niko had a big sack, blind-siding the KW quarterback on an attempted run.

Last week, the Bulldogs embarrassed Haskell at Lawrence 62-6. Heavy rain left the field soggy, but the Bulldogs still rolled up over 500 total yards in the quagmire. By half time, the score was 48-0, with five passing touchdowns and

two on the ground.

Matt Holtry (WR) took over the kicking duties, missing only one attempt, after kicker Tyler Thibodeaux was injured on an extra point attempt. The Indians' score came on a fumbled return from a Mac punt return.

Kick off against Ottawa is 1:30 p.m., Sat., Nov. 6.

Growth expected in women's soccer team

Elizabeth Stover
Sports Editor

The women's soccer team learned some powerful lessons this season—remaining competitive in a losing season, sticking together, and supporting each other. The Bulldogs were unable to field a full team for the majority of their games. Most teams fall victim to dissension and finger pointing when faced with a similar position. However, this team is an exception.

"It was important for us to stay positive in every game. Our team captain was very good at keeping me and the team motivated. Nikki [Unruh-Carey] is a great leader," Christine Sheller said.

Unruh-Carey served as team captain this season. Christy Wymore and Khanasha Benjamin join her as the players the Bulldogs will lose to gradu-

ation this year.

"We had a lot of fun even though we didn't win. Improvement was difficult because we had to play without a full team. But [the team] will keep improving in the next years. I'm just sad I can't take part in that," Unruh-Carey said.

Head coach Dane Straight plans to be a part of that improvement. It will be the first time in three years that the women's soccer will have a returning coach.

"I've spent the last few nights recruiting. I want to have a full team next year. I think we can take the title," Straight said.

The Bulldogs have good reason to be optimistic. Despite losses against Bethany and Sterling last week, the team can expect more goals next season with the skill of returning players such as sophomore Renata Lichty.

Thirty minutes into the first half of the Bethany game, Lichty scored the

lone goal of the game off a free kick 35 to 40 yards out. The women were able to hold the lead for 10 minutes before Bethany scored. The final score was 1-4.

Because of the low number of players, the women were often forced to take a defensive stance, eliminating their scoring power.

"The scores didn't reflect how we played. After [playing] Graceland, we really started passing together and playing as a team. Other coaches and referees noticed we played with a lot of heart," Coach Straight said.

"[We played with] NO subs. We played the whole 90 minutes and did well," Munira Hamud-Socoro said.

"We improved a lot, doing the best we could. I am happy with the season's effort," Sheller said.

Staffwriter Kenneth A. Cotton Jr., contributed to this report.

Men's soccer season ends on good note

Jessica Miller
Spectator Staff

The men's soccer team ended the season with a 4-2 victory over Sterling Sat., Oct. 30, bringing their overall record to 5-12-1. Goals were scored by Russell Matschull, Mike Sanchez, Aaron Cain, and David Beach. John Ingelhart had one assist, and Aaron Koehn had two.

The win over Sterling was a refreshing rally after a critical loss against Bethany that prevented the 'Dogs from claiming a berth in the playoffs. Key defensive plays by Brian Turner and Jason Bivens helped to make up for the absence of injured sweeper Clay Porter.

A beautiful bicycle kick by Turner and fancy footwork by Cliff Bell and

Ingelhart along with steady offensive pressure helped seal the victory. Although they were unable to hold Sterling to the expected shut-out, the men seemed to have found their groove. They finished sixth in the KCAC with a record of 3-4-1.

Head coach Dan Marchewka felt the team made a complete turn-around during the season.

"We improved one thousand percent this year and turned our team completely around," Marchewka said. "We didn't accomplish our team goal of ranking in the top four and making the playoffs, but I was proud of where the team started the year and where they ended."

"It was a tough year, but we went through the troubled times as a team and took care of the problems as a team," said Chris Curran, soph.

Three players on the team made All-Conference. Cliff Bell was named first team defense for the second year in a row. Jason Bivens was named second team defense and Aaron Cain made second team midfield.

Many players on the team are now focusing on next season. Seniors Bell and Porter will not be returning; Ingelhart will be studying abroad next year.

"Next year, we should have a real good shot as long as everyone stays around and continue to build the [soccer] program. Our crop of young players is incredibly good. We already have two guys from Houston coming at semester to help the effort of strengthening the team," Marchewka said.

"We had a lot of potential, but we didn't come through. Next year we will," said Sanchez.

Coach William's first season draws to a close

Michelle Schulz
Spectator Staff

The volleyball team capped off its season with a (2-16) record with a disappointing loss to Friends University Thurs. night holding out for four games. Despite a losing record, the Bulldogs have gained ground throughout the season.

By avoiding a shutout season, the Bulldogs achieved a feat that has not occurred in the Mac volleyball program for two years. Two women on the team were ranked in the conference during the season. All of this was accomplished with only seven players.

"I think it was a lot of fun. The diversity of the players made it fun. We definitely improved from last year," said Emily Lewis.

"The team never gave up. It was hard to have practice and play with

only seven girls. Most of the players were injured and couldn't heal because they had to play, but they hung in there," said Coach Jen Williams.

After completing her first season as head coach, Williams sees this season as a building block. She feels that this was a hard way to start out, but it provided a good test for her. Goals for next year's team include recruiting at least 15 new players from the high school and junior college levels.

Mel Trevino, fr., is looking forward to next year's season and plans to return to the volleyball team as a setter.

"I think that this year was a good experience, and it will help us a lot in the future," Trevino said.

"It was better than I expected, considering the fact that we only had seven players. We had great players and a great coach, which made a huge difference," said Lucy Rivera, fr.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Melinda Trevino, a freshman out of Brownsville, Texas, is the setter for the volleyball team. This season she has averaged 90 percent serving per game and 96.4 percent assists per game. Trevino is ranked fifth in the conference for assists. Despite being the only setter for the Bulldogs, Trevino also averages six kills per game.



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BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

1-2 v. Bethany	0-7 v. Southwestern
0-6 v. Concordia	0-7 v. Tabor
1-5 v. Bethel	0-7 v. Bethel
1-4 v. Kansas Wesleyan	1-4 v. Bethany
1-5 v. Doane	0-6 v. Sterling
1-3 v. St. Mary's	
3-1 v. Lincoln U.	34-13 v. Texas Lutheran
1-5 v. USAO	41-17 v. Bethel
1-7 v. Kansas Wesleyan	28-48 v. Bethany
2-3OT v. Bartlesville, OK	26-15 v. Friends University
2-3 v. Southwestern	23-27 v. Southwestern
2-1 v. Ottawa	28-21 v. Sterling
0-1 v. Friends	21-7 v. Kansas Wesleyan
7-0 v. Sterling	62-6 v. Haskell
1-1 v. Southwestern	
2-5 v. Tabor	0-3 v. Bethany
3-2 v. Bethel	0-3 v. Central/Hesston
1-4 v. Bethany	0-3 v. Sterling
4-2 v. Sterling	0-3 v. Ottawa
	3-1 v. Central
	0-3 v. Mid-America
0-10 v. Concordia	0-3 v. Kansas Wesleyan
0-9 v. Bethel	1-3 v. Bethany
0-4 v. Kansas Wesleyan	0-0 v. Bethel
0-12 v. Friends	0-3 v. Southwestern
0-12 v. Doane	3-2 v. Central
forfeit v. St. Mary's	0-3 v. Friends
0-21 v. USAO	Mid-America Tourn.
0-0 v. Tabor	0-3 v. Sterling
0-9 v. Kansas Wesleyan	0-3 v. Ottawa
forfeit v. Dana	0-3 v. Kansas Wesleyan
1-6 v. Southwestern	0-3 v. Bethel
0-6 v. Ottawa	0-3 v. Tabor
0-6 v. Graceland	0-3 v. Southwestern
0-3 v. Sterling	0-3 v. Friends

Seniors add experience to men's hoops

Doug Hague
Spectator Staff

Expectations are riding high for this year's McPherson College men's basketball team. The Bulldogs are picked fourth by both the coaches and the media in the preseason KCAC polls, with a total of three first-place votes.

"Us being picked fourth shows that we have gained some respect and other teams will not take us lightly," said Todd Hague, sr.

Experience is one of the main reasons the Bulldogs are so optimistic about the upcoming season. The top four scorers return from last season's team.

Coach Roger Trimmell believes that the success of the team will depend on the leadership provided by the senior class. Seven seniors have varsity experience including Josh Alexander, Hague, Ben Proctor, Ryan Hargitt, Antonio Ford, Clay Haggard, and Eric Reichert. The one returning junior is sharp-shooting Lynn Walter.

The Bulldogs have looked impressive in their two preseason wins over the alumni team and Mortgage Plus. Against a very solid alumni team, Josh Alexander scored 27 points, leading the Bulldogs to an 86-68 victory. Against Mortgage Plus, Ben Proctor scored 21 points and Alexander had 18 as the Bulldogs pulled out a 92-87 win.

"After two exhibition games and a couple of weeks of practice, I think that this year's team is ahead of where we were last year at this time," Proctor said.

Along with a large number of returning players, there are some promising new faces on the Bulldog basketball team. Junior college transfers Tim Simpson and Brian Pfeiffer will provide much-needed depth for the varsity team.

Sophomore Greg Augustine will gain experience playing point guard for the junior varsity. The three freshmen who will also see action for the junior varsity this season are Matt Bulk, Scott Hayes, and James Prout. After two weeks of practice, the recruits have picked up the system pretty fast.

The varsity season gets into full swing tomorrow night as Newman University comes to town for the Mac Classic.

"Newman will be a huge test for us and will tell us where we are at right now," Coach Trimmell said.

Tues., Nov. 2, the junior varsity suffered a loss against Lamar, CO 85-58. The Bulldogs now look for improvement in their upcoming



photo by Cheri Norsworthy

Timothy Watson Simpson drives in for two against Mid-America. The Bulldogs went on to win 94-55.

games against Dodge City and Colby in the Dodge City Tournament this weekend.

"With more experience, we'll know how to play together better," said Jordan Long.

Five sophomores lead the junior varsity team, including Artie Baker, Jay Herbers, Long, Cameron Long, and Tim Hayden.

Women's basketball looks to upset polls with common goal

Tom Newman
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldog basketball team has high expectations for the upcoming 1999-2000 season. Head coach Mel Wright attributes these high expectations to "the experience our young players got last year and the outstanding recruiting we got this year."

The Bulldogs were picked to finish eighth this season in both the Coaches' Poll and the Preseason Media Poll in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC). However, the team has the common goal of finishing in at least fourth place in KCAC standings.

"If we can be in the top four then it will be to our advantage so we can have home advantage in the playoffs" Coach Wright said.

Last year's team got off to a 5-1 start but lost four starters midway through the season; the team struggled for the remainder of the season. The team lost the rest of their games and finished with a 5-23 record. The highlight of last year's season was the naming of Dana Cordova to the All-Conference team.

This year's team has some pretty high expectations and it is easy to understand why. "[The team has] more talent together than I have ever seen or even heard of this school having," said senior Jaime Howell.

Much of this talent is attributed to the valuable playing experience last year's team members received. The recruits also bring strong skills and an ability to bond with the returnees.

Sophomore Julie Scheef best sums up the recruits' positive impact on the team. "The new recruits have done very well adjusting to Coach Wright's program. Everyone has their own personality, but that's why coming together as a team and not individuals is a key factor to this year's season. I feel that everyone is getting along great."

The Lady Bulldogs first game of the season is a home contest on Nov. 5 versus St. Mary's. Scheduled time for tip-off is 6 p.m. in the Sport Center. According to Coach Wright, the team is optimistic about its chances for victory if everyone plays to their capabilities.

Harriers run for Conference honors, National berth

Elizabeth Stover
Sports Editor

The McPherson College men's and women's cross country teams made strong showings at the Ottawa University Bo Boucek Invitational Meet on Sat., Oct. 23. Despite a hilly course, the Bulldogs came home with some unusually quick times; however, it was discovered after the races that both the men's and women's courses were short. Instead of 8K, the men had run 3.85 miles. The women ran 2.85 miles instead of the usual 3K.

"I felt the individuals competing did an excellent job on a hilly course. Not knowing the race distances that we competed at [beforehand] was tough," Coach Rob Lyons said.

Seven members of the men's and women's cross-country teams traveled and participated at Ottawa. The lead runner for the women was Elizabeth Stover, who placed 16th with a time of 19:30. Michelle Schulz was close behind with a time of 20:15 in 18th place. Cheri Norsworthy (23:24, 22nd) and Marcie Bollinger (DNF) also ran.

Landon Porter was the first Bulldog to cross the finish line in 5th place in 21:01. Porter has consistently placed in the top 10 this season. He is currently one of the top ten runners in the conference with hopes of qualifying for the national meet. Other Mac runners included Shane Netherton (23.03, 21st), Heath Garner (25.05, 32nd), and Russell Williams (26.03/35th).



Photo by Amy Norsworthy

Heath Garner runs the course at Marion Reservoir earlier this fall.

Qualifications for the National Cross Country Meet, which will occur Nov. 20, have changed from the past. This year, runners can qualify as a member of the first-place team or finish in one of the top two individual places after the "team" runners are removed. Last year, the top five individual runners qualified. Qualifications will occur at the conference meet this weekend.

"I have worked hard and prepared well all year for [the conference race]. If I run the kind of race I'm capable of running, then I feel that I have a good chance of qualifying for nationals," Porter said.

The conference meet, hosted by Ta-

bor College, will be run at Marion Reservoir tomorrow morning, Nov. 6. It will be the last regular season meet for the team. Several harriers have hopes to finish with All-Conference honors. Stover is ranked in the top ten in the conference; Netherton is just out of the top 15. The Bulldogs will be running against tough competition from Southwestern for the first time this season.

"Everyone has trained hard and seems to be peaking at the right time. Hopefully each will run their best times of the season," Coach Lyons said. Staff writer Laura L. Morgan contributed to this report.

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Students pay more than public for cafeteria services

Janelle Flory
News Editor

McPherson College students have recently inquired about the difference between what students pay and what the general public pays per meal at the campus cafeteria. Compared to the flat four dollar rate posted outside the cafeteria for the public, students on the 19-meal plan are paying \$4.13 per meal and those on the 14-meal plan pay \$5.36.

College officials say there is a reasonable explanation for the price difference. The amount students pay at the beginning of the semester covers more than the food and the salaries of the food service staff. In addition to paying Sodexo Marriott, the food service company, the college must also pay for

utilities and building maintenance.

"We have to guarantee Marriott so many students eating and they price that for the whole year," said Fred Schmidt, director of admissions and financial aid.

The cafeteria functions in a cost effective way, but always tries to meet everyone's needs, according to Richard Sabatos, food service manager. Extra profit from the public helps both the college and Sodexo's budgets.

According to Shirley Reissig, business manager, the McPherson College cafeteria is very competitive with other ACCK schools, both in terms of meal plan prices and quality of service.

"I think we've got the best food service in the ACCK," Reissig said.

The McPherson cafeteria has more variety and serves fewer students than other ACCK schools, raising the price of a meal plan per student.

Despite these explanations, some students still wish that some changes could be made to the system.

"I just wish we had the option to pay for less meals, rather than 14," said Faith Ann Christiansen, jr., Columbus. Christiansen said that some colleges give refunds to students who don't eat at the cafeteria for all 14 or 19 meals and issue coupons for the snack bar as a second option.

"Richard and I would welcome suggestions and/or criticism from students," Reissig said. Students are encouraged to use the suggestion box outside the cafeteria.

"Four seasons" appear for Halloween festivities



photo by Cheri Norsworthy

Sarah Stover (winter), Cheri Norsworthy (summer), Elizabeth Stover (spring) and Denise Norsworthy (fall) won the Halloween costume contest, receiving a bicycle. Dawn De La Torre won second place as a suicidal doctor, receiving a sports bag.

NEWS BRIEFS

■ Biology skeleton

The skeleton, which was stolen from the Biology department over Halloween weekend, has been returned. Jonathan Frye, biology, encourages anyone who wishes to use the department's resources for co-curricular activities to please contact the faculty first.

■ New Webmail option

McPherson College has purchased Webmail, allowing students to check their college e-mail from their rooms and off-campus. The college address for Webmail is "https://webmail.mcpherson.edu." The "s" in "https" ensures that the e-mail is secure.

■ Coyote Toss Contest winners

The winners of the Coyote Toss are Bill Finaulahi and Jennifer Williams in first place, Mark Godfrey and Deb Wagoner in second place and Keopeli Pedro and Heather Schooley in third place. Winners who have not picked up their prizes can do so in the Advancement office.

■ Cosmic bowling

SGA is sponsoring cosmic bowling at Starlite Lanes from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. tonight.

■ Pre-enrollment

Friday, Nov. 12 is the last day for students to pre-enroll for the Spring 2000 semester. Turn forms in to Student Enrollment Services.

■ Room changes

Sunday, Nov. 7 is the last chance to change rooms and/or roommates.

Freshman programming emphasizes group unity and adjustment to college environment

Staci Horton
Spectator Staff

Freshman programming has undergone changes for the second year in a row. Freshman programming is a mandatory program to help freshmen adjust to college and get to know other students more easily. It includes orientation, seminar groups, labs and evening programs.

This year's freshmen spend more time in labs and evening programs and less time in their weekly seminar groups than in the past. Freshmen must attend at least one lab in each of five areas: information literacy, computer literacy, learning strategies, career planning, and knowing the McPherson community. Freshmen must attend at least nine labs to pass seminar.

"I think the labs are good, but poorly planned," said Jana Switzer, fr., Logan. "By the time I had a lab on e-mail and MLA formatting, I had already been using them for classes."

"The information students are learning is helpful and we try to keep the

evenings short so students can participate in other activities," said Jenni Richardson, program coordinator. Seminar groups meet for a few minutes each week before moving to the labs. Evening programs are a half hour on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and address social issues on campus such as drugs, alcohol and racism.

The service part of the program reverted back to a single service project at the beginning of the year. During orientation weekend all of the groups were pulled together to pick up trash along the hiking trails, beaches, and camping grounds at Lake Kanopolis. Last year seminar groups were allowed to choose and arrange their own service projects.

"The switch back to having a service project during orientation weekend instead of during the year was influenced by the faculty and student's popular response to last year's trial run," said Susan Taylor, dean for academic resources.

"The orientation weekend seemed more focused toward larger group unity instead of only knowing your small

seminar group," said Laura Parks, soph., Wichita. Parks participated in orientation last year as an incoming freshman and this year as an RA and student mentor.

"I felt really scared being shoved into a group of students I had never met before, but by the end of the weekend I felt I knew more students than other freshmen from other colleges would have known," said Elissa Thompson, fr., Abilene.

"I liked it that we all went to one place as a big group. It allowed small seminar groups to interact with other groups and learn new faces," Scott McDearmon, a jr. from Milledgeville, Ill., commented. McDearmon is a Resident Assistant this year in Metzler and a mentor in the freshmen seminars.

While freshmen appreciated the chance to meet a wider range of students, some were disappointed by the service project.

"I think they should let us help out Habitat for Humanity and build a house or serve in a soup kitchen or something like that," said Jim Rails, fr., McPherson.

"I felt the service project was good and we got to know our fellow freshmen better, but there really wasn't enough for all of us to do."

Another addition to this year's program is the dual role of RAs as mentors.

"When deciding on where the funding would go, the faculty thought that more RAs for the dorms and using the RAs as mentors would be the best decision," Taylor said. Last year, mentors and RAs were two separate groups of upperclassmen. This new structure gives students a chance to learn about each other in a new setting, but makes RAs/mentors more accessible.

"I like being a mentor as well as an RA," said Sarah Stover, sr., Quinter. "It gives us a chance to interact with freshmen outside of dorm life. I think many of the areas addressed during the seminar times are about residence life, so with RA's as mentors we can really help students out."

The faculty is continuously reviewing the changes in freshman programming and will determine next year's agenda during the spring semester.

McPherson College Sunday serves to promote connection with Church of the Brethren heritage

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Several McPherson College musical groups will continue the tradition of McPherson College Sunday by traveling to Brethren churches this Sunday.

The women's quartet, SAGA, and Jean Hendricks, director of church relations will travel to a Baptist/Brethren church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the Women's Heritage Quartet will perform at the Monitor Church of the Brethren, just west of McPherson. The Trom-

bone Quartet will be traveling to the Topeka Church of the Brethren with Larry Kitzel.

Each semester one Sunday is designated McPherson College Sunday, a time for churches to support higher education and for McPherson students, staff, and faculty to make a connection with surrounding Brethren churches.

Students can participate in this program by sharing their musical talents, meeting with youth groups, preaching, or simply talking about their experiences at McPherson. There were similar programs in effect 30 to 40 years ago

that included more participation from students and faculty.

"The main goal of this program is to promote in the churches an understanding of what Mac College is about and to invite churches to set aside a time to focus on Christian higher education," Hendricks said.

The program is also an opportunity for students to contribute to the recruiting process, by connecting with Brethren youth in surrounding churches, according to Hendricks.

"This is definitely a tool to help get students involved in recruiting Brethren

students because those are the churches we have a connection with," said Kylie Funk, jr., Quinter. Funk went to the Quinter Church of the Brethren last spring with the women's double quartet.

"When I went I felt a sense of pride because I like to sing but also because I was doing something for the college," Funk said.

"This is a service to the college," Hendricks said. Students interested in participating in McPherson College Sunday may contact Jean Hendricks.