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Research fund ceases after 13 years

New source of funding sought by science faculty

Janelle Flory

News Editor

The Stine Research Fund, set up by Harry Stine to support undergraduate research in the science department, was discontinued last week. Midwest Oilseeds, a subsidiary of Stine Seeds, has donated \$12,000 to the program every year since 1986.

The undergraduate research program began in the early 1980s and was initially funded by a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation. However, when the grant ended, the faculty didn't know how to fund the program. Stine's initial support came at a critical time for the science department.

"It's really been very important in maintaining the kind of equipment and facilities needed to help students with their research," said Gilford Ikenberry, professor emeritus of biology.

For the past 13 and a half years, the science department has received money from Midwest Oilseeds every three months. In return the faculty compiled a quarterly report, summarizing the progress of the research conducted by junior and senior science majors. The

reports also included extra literature and bibliographic information on selective breeding, in which Stine's company specializes.

According to Al Dutrow, agriculture, one-third of the money was designated each year to buy any materials needed for research. Each student was entitled to up to \$300 and could request more if necessary. One-third of the fund was intended to help maintain the program, bring in speakers and send students to state and national science events. The last third was saved to pay for new equipment.

"It's been very beneficial to our overall program, not just the research program," Dutrow said.

The fund also included the Burkholder Research Award, which recognized one

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—Al Dutrow

or two students each year for excellence in research.

Because of the continuous support from Midwest Oilseeds, the undergraduate research program has been a contributing factor in drawing students and faculty to McPherson College.

"The undergraduate research program here and the security of that funding was very attractive," said Jonathan Frye, biology. "It's allowed me to help students do the things that I learned to do

in graduate school."

There is still enough money in the account to fund research for this year and to buy new equipment or fund research for the next year or two. Until a new source of funding is established, the science department will need to cut back on spending by taking fewer trips.

The issue of finding support for undergraduate research concerns the entire campus community, according to Gary Dill, president. Dill suggests that the faculty, students, and administration work together to determine whether funding is needed for research in all departments, not just science.

Faculty "are accustomed to dealing with challenge," Dill said. "I have no doubt that they will respond creatively and enthusiastically to this challenge."

Hess Fine Arts Center to be completed; classes scheduled to begin during interterm

Chris Curran

Spectator Staff

Hess Fine Arts Center will be completed on Dec. 22, with the first classes being taught in the new building during interterm. The art department has already begun to move to the new building, as freshman seminar groups worked last week to move materials that aren't currently being used.

The new building includes both an art section and a music section, with classrooms and faculty office space in-between. The art section has four studios, three classrooms, and all new equipment, including a new kiln.

The music section consists of an orchestra room, a choir room, six practice rooms, and a state-of-the-art recording studio.

"The choir rehearsal room is specially designed for sound," said Alan Gumm, music. "The recording equipment can be set up to allow for an open room recorded sound in both the orchestra room and the choir room. Then the curtains can be drawn to create 'dead sound' recordings or solo tracks."

In addition to the new art and music facilities, the completed building includes a computer lab that is equipped with graphic art software and MIDI keyboards, allowing students to create computer art or digitally mastered sound.

"It [moving into the new building]



Andy Wagoner and Anna Arasmith move art materials from Frantz Hall to Hess Fine Arts Center. Freshman seminar groups and art students helped faculty begin the moving process on Tuesday.

will be like going from a Yugo to a BMW," said Wayne Conyers, art. "Everything will be new, the first space specifically designed for art. Frantz was built with art curriculum in mind, not a complete art department."

Preparations have already been made

to clear the area where Frantz now stands. The fencing that at one point surrounded Hess has been moved over to Frantz. Demolition of Frantz is scheduled to begin as soon as the art department vacates that building.

The music department will vacate

Beeghly in January, but the fate of that building is still uncertain.

"Beeghly might be used for offices, for alumni services, or as temporary working space during the Mohler remodel," said Gumm. "The building is sound, with some minor termite dam-

age. It only needs the funding and interest for someone to do something with it."

The completion of the Hess Fine Arts Center marks the joining of three departments—art, music and theatre—in one building. Rick Tyler, theatre, will be moving his office to the new building, along with Conyers and Kelly Frigard, art, and Gumm, Stephanie Brunelli, Misty Sothers, Julianne Davis, and Larry Kitzel, music.

"I'm looking forward to having people around," Tyler said. "The faculty offices are between the art studios and the music rooms, allowing people to see and be seen by students and other faculty. A concern I have is the sound proofing, as the practice rooms are near the faculty offices."

"It will be interesting to see how the people fit into the new space," said Conyers. "Everyone has been used to having their own bathroom. Now we have to share."

All spring semester art classes will be held in Hess, with the possible exception of Graphic Arts and Photography (never offered in spring anyway). Music classes taught in Hess will begin during interterm. Tyler will juggle his schedule so that his classroom courses are in the mornings, leaving his afternoons free for the theatre.

The dedication of the new building is scheduled to coincide with the March meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Editorials

EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

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Research funding needs campus-wide solution

With the termination of funding for undergraduate scientific research, faculty and students alike will be forced to examine the research program's importance and determine if it is a loss McPherson College can withstand. For at least the last 16 years, science students have been able to depend on college funding to assist in the completion of their senior research projects. The security of this program and its guaranteed funding has been one of the science department's major drawing cards—for both students and faculty. In the psychology, sociology, biology, chemistry, and physics departments, senior laboratory research is a graduation requirement. McPherson College is one of the few private colleges that allows students to prepare and conduct research over a two-year period. Most colleges do not require students to go through the process of independent research: creating their own research proposal, conducting the appropriate experiments, presenting the results in a symposium, and writing a paper suitable to be published in a scientific journal. Undergraduates get valuable experience that can be utilized during graduate research and learn responsibility that is vital in any professional laboratory setting. While senior laboratory research has traditionally been exclusive to the sciences, the recent withdrawal of funding will bring up questions about research in other fields. Should any new funds be split more evenly to encourage more extensive research in non-science fields? The loss of a substantial undergraduate research program could potentially weaken the science program and hurt enrollment. New buildings aren't much good if they can't be used to their full potential. With only one year of funding remaining for current research, faculty and students need to voice their opinions as to what is best for the college concerning undergraduate research.

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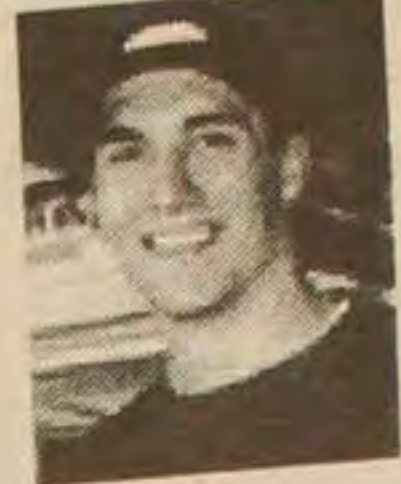
MAC OPINIONS

What do you think of the millenium hype?



"I think it's just another year. I think it's neat that it's the year 2000. I just hope people stay safe and don't do anything stupid."

-Dan Holtry, Nampa



"Actually the millenium doesn't start till 2001, so they should wait a year. And as for all the computers going out, we'll have to see what happens when we get there."

-Eric Reichert, Vinita, Okla.



"I don't really pay attention. It's just another year to me."

-Jana Switzer, Logan

"If I hear the word millenium one more time I will take somebody's head off for sure, and besides, it's next year."



-Clyde Jones, Tulsa

"There's nothing wrong with being cautious but I think everything is under control. If the electricity goes out, it will only be for a few hours."



-Alicia Burns, Newton

"I think it's annoying, but I am going to Vegas for one of the biggest parties of the millenium."



-Summer Snodgrass, Dighton

Prejudice lurks beneath the surface of U.S. education

Imagine being abducted at the age of four from your home planet, a place named Ebony. The year before you were born, a global war started after a treaty between your planet and a planet from the farthest solar system from the sun had been broken. This planet was called Olusho. Imagine, too, that the Olushoans are a race of clear-skinned, passive-aggressive conquistadors who have thrived by seizing the valuable intangibles from other cultures to add to the name of their own dynasty.

Also imagine the leader of this planet has raised you. The truth of death, hate at its highest level, torture, the howl of freedom, and heaven's pain are all frequent visitors. They come in the form of nightmares, movies, and bad rap songs (a relic from your lost Ebonese culture of hieroglyphics), but your new alien parents comfort you and remind you that you are loved and your dreams have no meaning.

These imaginary people of Ebony are walking among you in the real world of today. They are children raised in a system that has no sincere representation of the origin of their respected culture.

The American educational system is based upon European dominance (hegemony). While some agree that the system has changed in recent decades, the truth is that minorities are forced into old forms of oppression with a new type of chain and whip which stresses and bleeds the mind instead of the body, an invisible chain that cripples the soul and hinders individual esteem levels.

This epic problem has been downplayed by the masses and made into a racial issue. The fact that it's racial is a given, but the issue is also about class level, money, and power.

The struggles of American minorities are lost in capitalist pop culture. Minorities fight for equality in education and life has been stripped down to a taboo. The legendary Civil Rights move-



Guest Columnist

KEN COTTON

ment of the 50s and the 60s is a meaningless relic to the children born in the late 70s and the early 80s, kept alive only in the tales of an old drunk in the family or in short paragraphs from history books that provide a vague sweep of the minority people's plight in America.

Centuries of minority accomplishments, discoveries, and creations are squeezed into single lines in his-story books about Africa—a line about slavery and the infamous line of a mighty man with a mighty dream.

Or into lines about empty plains overrun by ungodly savages that needed the peaceful loving ways of "civil" people with a mannered god in their life. The history book spills more fables of the running crazy horse, a line about reservations (concentration camps and a Ford truck), a line about Thanksgiving, a Trail of Tears and blood that bleeds from east to west.

Meanwhile Black Americans live in a ghetto (concentration camp) and the elders of your Native American clan drink themselves into submission on daily bases.

Why does Christopher Columbus have a day for the pillaging of a culture? Why don't we learn about African mathematics (before Rome took them) or the "back to Africa" tours done by Marcus Garvey and Earl Little? What happened to my forty acres and my mule? What about George W. Carver and the creation of peanut oil for cars? Or the black physician that invented blood transfusion but did not receive one when he needed one?

The contradiction of school and home

reality become different faces to the same coin. The youth see life in its purest form. School lies are seen by minority youth quickly, and the results can cause a pain and resentment that can last a lifetime—hell on earth.

Katherine Whitacare, associate dean of students, said "The educational system is a small box, so if you don't fit in for whatever reason, then your education is being compromised. Everything that is outside the box of Judeo Christian...religion, female, everything."

"I'm used to being in a European education system," said Kyronna Sumral, an open-hearted Native American on campus. "You have to live in a European society. I was banned from speaking my native tough from elementary school to high school. I went to a Catholic school, Saint Michael in Northern Arizona."

Dr. Gary Entz, history, takes in my 10 questions of education and minorities with twirling thumbs and a raised eyebrow. After a long pause he says, "Within society the dominating power does not like to feel or admit to guilt, nor are they willing to admit responsibility because that implies the need for reparations. When things get entrenched it is hard to make immediate changes. But those changes will come in time if the people rise up and demand them. History is one rather than two separate histories. It can't help but get better in the future and continues to change on all levels."

The truth is like the sun sometimes—dark gloomy clouds hide the fulfilling and nurturing light that it gives. The clouds might hide the sun for 500 years, but one day the clouds will vanish, because nothing can stop the sun from shining forever. Someday in the distant future when that day comes, I will be alive, vigorously living young and smiling in the sparkle of one of my descendant's eyes as they look up to the sky and thank God for one more day in a FREE, truthfully educated America.

Forgetting to celebrate Christ is vanity

"Vanity of vanities, thus saith the Preacher... all is vanity." Ecclesiastes 1:2.

As a Christian, I find that I am in need of reminding every now and then that what I do should not glorify myself, but should glorify God, my Lord, Savior, and Creator.

Men pursue great works that magnify themselves. The greatest cathedrals are built not to glorify God, but as one-upmanship. "We have more stained glass than any church in town." "My family has worked on completing this Cathedral for 700 years."

Cathedrals are buildings. They will crumble in time; no new generation will appreciate them. To build works, or to do deeds that don't glorify the Lord is vanity. We are all guilty of being vain; myself, I'm very guilty.

Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us that we are not saved by works, lest any man boasts, but by grace through faith, which



Cornerstone

SAM GOODIN

is a gift of God. Together with Jesus as the cornerstone, we grow into the holy temple of the Lord. Each believer is himself a part, distinct unto himself, but also a member of the whole.

No believer is anything without faith. Through my faith in Christ I can do all things. To grow closer to Him we need to surrender all of ourselves to His will. That does not deny our own free will, but rather gives us the ability to make ourselves part of the Church, able to give freely of ourselves to make the best use of our gifts.

Faith has another side: without it we

can deny the will of God in our lives and refuse Him. He has the greatest of all gifts for us: salvation. But He also has love, both for our friends and for our enemies, and gives us strength, wisdom, and joy through Him.

The flip side is this principle, that faith without works is nothing. To say I feel for the poor, but to be cheap to the poor man is hypocrisy. What profit is there? None. James chapter two gives a very good lesson on the subject, which boils down to this: it is hypocritical to claim faith and a Christian life if you don't exercise it. Works that glorify Him, and help perfect the faith are how a man is justified.

You may ask how this relates to vanity. We are approaching the Christmas season. Some would daresay we are in it. Yet during this season we forget that we are celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. This is vanity.

We place the realm of the physical

world, with its frailties, above our glorification of God. This is also vanity.

Finally, we call upon him not in glory, praising him for the things he has done, but in jest. We say "Thank God the turkey was done on time." Or perhaps, "Thank God that we didn't get stuck in the horrible holiday traffic." These are insidious; they could be praises, but are never said as such. This is vanity too, for it is vexation of the spirit.

Now, you might ask what I believe that motivates me to write this. I am the uniquely created, born-again, son of the most high God. I am an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven with the Son and Savior Jesus Christ. I am his servant on this world. He is my joy, my strength, and my provider. I believe in the Resurrection, and His Second Coming. I pray that I may glorify Him in every thing I do, including this article.

Enjoy the simplicity of Christmas



Guest Columnist

ELISSA THOMPSON

Christmas is right around the corner, and I would feel like a big goof if I didn't address the holiday. So let me just start by saying, "I love Christmas!"

The coolest part about Christmas is that everyone is nice for no reason at all—well, almost everyone. There are a few holiday shoppers who are out for blood. Going to the mall in the midst of this holiday season is about as safe as walking around in metal shoes when it's lightning.

It cracks me up because people take the gift giving part of Christmas so seriously nowadays. Whatever happened to giving the kids a paperclip and some string and telling them to go nuts? Oh, those days are far behind us now. We have Furby's and other psycho-toys to spend money on.

I'm sorry, but I think things are getting out of hand. Kids should be taught to enjoy the simplicity of a holiday that is geared toward making people feel better. It's ok to get a toy that doesn't talk, eat, cry or fight with another toy. What about a good, old-fashioned pair of socks?

I guess that it's cliché to say that Christmas has become commercial. It's been said for a long time, and even though it gets crazy, I like it.

I like singing Christmas carols, and I like smelling the pies and turkey. I like going to my aunt's house and talking to my cousins. I enjoy the genuine happiness that everyone seems to display. It's cool that once a year people put all of their cares aside for a little while. It's just a shame that we have to wait so long to be nice to people.

In my book, one of the best things about Christmas is singing "O Holy Night." In Abilene, Kan., we sang that song at every Christmas program we ever did. Call me stuck in my ways, but I fully enjoyed every minute of it. It is a good song. I don't think there is any way to mess it up.

I realize that some people are annoyed by carols. Not me. They're fun. I would love to get the whole campus around the flagpole and sing some good Christmas songs. McPherson College sings "Holly Jolly Christmas"—tell me that wouldn't put a grin on your face!

Speaking of smiles. Have you seen the dancing Santas in stores around the nation? These, I love. The best part is that Santa has better moves than I do.

Well, from a dancing Santa Claus to the hustle and bustle of Christmas, we've covered a lot of ground. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

CAMPUS FORUM

Student expresses gratitude

To everyone who worked on the Millenium Dance, I was impressed. Furthermore, I was thrilled with the attendance.

I have not forgotten our sponsors; without your help, we could not have had our fab dance. And a huge smile and thanks go to Kelly Frigard and Ken Yohn for coming to the dance just because.

I would also like to thank Phyllis Schmidt, the lady who takes the numbers at lunch in the cafeteria. She always has a smile and something nice to say. Thank you for always being so pleasant.

Thanks to the people who helped Manny put on convo last Monday. It was a wonderful presentation. I enjoyed seeing a number of students on stage that normally would not have been up there. MacApella you did a beautiful job, as always.

Also thanks to the maintenance department for braving the cold to put up Christmas decorations on campus. They look great.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has been positive during this Christmas season. To everyone who

played in the snow instead of griping about it, thanks! And to everyone, who has done something nice for no reason, thanks!

—Krissey Williams

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.

Aaron's wish list

Right about now, everyone is impatient for the last final to be over and for that nice long Christmas break to be here. There's nothing like Christmas break to ease the pain of the hardships that you have encountered over this fall semester.

Maybe it was classes and homework, the countless hours spent on papers and reports, the pain from tiffs with our peers, or the hard work you put into your fall sport season. Maybe it was all the hard work you put into the theater, the labs, the library, the cafeteria, the sports center, or the admissions office. Maybe it's your job as an RA. Or maybe it was the hours and hours you spent driving to Hutch to observe punk high school kids. (Personally I think that's the worst one.)

Whether I mentioned your position or not, everyone is in need of a nice break. A nice, long break. But as we all know, Christmas break is only two weeks long, then it's back to school.

Since Christmas is right around the corner, I thought I would share some Christmas wishes. I hope Jolly ol' Saint Nick might consider granting these for me and my friends here at Mac College.

1. Santa, could you be so gracious this year to talk to motha nature and ask her to keep it above -5 degrees this interterm. I'm not too hip with Kansas' wind when it's below freezing.

2. Santa, could you talk to the people who paint our parking lot lines? Tell them that in order for the yellow paint to stay, they have to wipe the dirt away first. You can't really paint dirt and expect it to stay.

3. Santa, do you think that we could all get NEW COMPUTERS THAT WORK?!! Just asking...

4. Do you think it would maybe be possible to put some insulation in the walls at Bitt and Morrison before we get back? That would be great. Thanks.

5. How about a nice new building to start construction on so that our friends at Hutton Construction don't have to leave so soon. I miss them.

6. For me personally, Santa, I would like a new DVD system and Tyra



Aaron's Mac Minute

AARON ELLSWORTH

Banks as my personal tutor. The subject doesn't matter... on second thought all of my courses would be just dandy... and see if she teaches CPR certification, I do have to renew mine. Last but certainly not least, I would like a larger... vertical incline. (Jump! I would like to jump higher, perverts!)

7. Santa, I think it's safe to say that everyone here at Mac College would like food. That's all I'm going to say about that.

8. Please, Santa, could you, for the sake of our basketball season, make Todd's foot get better over the break? I know miracles aren't your bag, but if you could somehow talk to your superior, that would be appreciated.

9. And a win for the Lady Dawgs would be nice.

10. If you could keep the population of the school from dropping in half this spring semester, like it always does, that would be nice too.

11. Last but not least, Santa, if anything is going to happen with this Y2K thing, could you please let it happen to only the following places...

- Resicom
- Our accounts in the Business office
- Columbia House records (Cause I still owe them for CD's they sent me that I never ordered.)
- Resicom
- The White House
- Bill Gates' house
- Bethany, Bethel, Tabor, Ottawa, and Southwestern colleges.
- Resicom

That should do it. Please be safe and very careful this New Year's Eve. Not because of Y2K. You should be safe just because. And don't worry about the end of the world hype. I say it's bunk. If I'm wrong, I'll give you my candles or something.

POETRY CORNER

Pulselinez

Pain is evident
 Hell in this dimension is dominant
 When I analyze society
 The ill taste left in mouth makes me vomit
 I fear for us as humans
 What the hell are we doing
 Our souls we are not using
 Pain can only dwell in the flesh this has been proven
 We should integrate the spirit and soul
 But we abandon this
 The flesh is what we hold
 Life is warm but the world cold
 The contradiction forces
 The youth in a bad mold

I feel like a Sunday's paper
 I'm bout to fold
 I'm feelin pressure at all anglez
 With satan's hands around my neck
 I feel the strangle
 So I fight on in spiritual war
 With an abyssful heavy soul
 With God in my bones I don't fear life
 When the dice roll
 I represent my spirit
 Pass the illusion of old
 I'm a be Hip-Hop, compassion, love, war
 And peace till the Earth Blow

—Ken Cotton

1999 at McPherson

January

Students return to campus from Christmas Break to find that visitation hours in the dorm halls have been changed. Weekday visitation hours have gone from 12 p.m.-11 p.m. to 11 a.m.-12 a.m., and weekend visitation hours have gone from 12 p.m.-2 a.m. to 11 a.m.-2 a.m.

Interterm trips abound. Classes make trips ranging from the Dominican Republic to Greece, from New York City to Belize.

February

On Friday, Feb. 5, over 100 students and community members attend an organized protest in support of Professor John Burden, then-associate professor of psychology. The rally developed from a controversy surrounding Burden's being found to have acted in an unprofessional manner towards two students. Media representatives from all over the state covered the rally.

Fire alarms woke residents of Dotzour and Metzler from their sleep on at least five occasions in one month. Dorm residents shared in the charge of \$500, the cost of having the fire department sent to investigate the hall following the sounding of a fire alarm.

The McPherson Bulldog's men's basketball team advances to the KCAC playoffs. The men make it to the second round before losing to Bethany College, ending their season with a 13-7 record.

March

Student Government begins the process of remodeling the Doghouse area of the Hoffman Student Union. As a first step, new carpet is laid, walls are painted, and new game room equipment is installed.

Educational Policies Committee decides to close the college's interior design major. The major will not appear as a prospective degree in the 1999-2000 catalogue. Current interior design majors will be allowed to finish their degree.

April

The first McPherson College women's fast pitch softball team plays its first game against Sterling College. The team, which shares practice space with Central College, lost in its first game.

May

President Gary Dill honors 87 students with degrees in the 1999 commencement exercises in Brown Auditorium. Dr. Mark Melhorn, a 1975 graduate, presents the commencement address, in which he encourages graduates to build on the foundation of scholarship, participation, and service that they experienced at McPherson College.

June, July, and August

Thirty-five student members of the concert choir participate in a four-week European choir tour. The concert choir, the women's ensemble, and the women's barbershop quartet, Macpella [check this for spelling/capitalization], and a trombone quartet perform in eight different cities in four different countries.

McPherson College introduces a new logo featuring a capital M with a Greek column as the right-hand vertical stroke. The logo, created by a local artist, began to be printed on the college's official documents in July.

September

Mingenback Theatre opens. Mingenback is an open, flexible performance space, referred to as a "black box." The first play performed in the space, "Agnes of God," opened Sept. 17.

Dotzour Hall houses men for the first time. The men are limited to the third floor of Dotzour and are permitted to use only one of the building's doors after visitation hours.

October

McPherson College inducts nine alumni into its first ever Athletic Hall of Fame. The alumni, whose graduation years ranged from 1928 to 1987, were honored at a ceremony in the Sports Center.

November

EPC votes unanimously to discontinue the German program. At the same time, EPC, together with the Modern Languages Program Review Committee, decides to consider enhancing the Spanish program.

The Bulldog football team ends its season with a 73-9 win over Tabor, finishing with a 7-3 overall record. The record was the team's best since 1980.

December

Hess Fine Arts Center is finally complete. The art and music departments begin moving their equipment into the new space, which is to be home to several classes offered over the 2000 interterm.

The staff of the new yearbook magazine, the first soft-cover yearbook to be published at McPherson, completes its first issue. The magazine staff will also produce another issue in the spring semester.

Give the perfect present by making your own gifts

Elissa Thompson

Spectator Staff

Before too long Christmas will be here. Families will be found sitting in front of their tree opening gifts ranging from expensive electronic equipment and the newest gadgets, to fun, creative, and cheaper, gifts.

College students often have difficulty coming up with money for pricey Christmas gifts. Because of this, inexpensive gift ideas have become very popular.

"One time I got a bunch of pictures copied on a color copier. Then, I cut them out, and I made a huge collage," said Laina McKellip, fr., Nampa, Idaho.

She didn't stop there. She framed the piece of art, but instead of buying a frame, she made her own. She then had glass sized to it. However, this project was not complete until she super glued anything from miniature cars to make-up brushes on it.

"They loved it because I put so much time into it," McKellip said. "They were very surprised."

"I baked bread and made taco sauce for my family and friends."

Beth Barkley, fr., Ottawa, has also had fun making her own Christmas gifts. However, Beth had to give her

hand-made gift in bulk.

"We bought candles for 30 people at my mom's work and decorated them," Barkley said. "It was fun! I liked it."

"They loved it because I put so much time in it. They were very surprised."

Dustin Gregg, sr., Nickerson, also tried his hand at craftiness. He did his best to get his friends in the mood for Christmas by making reindeer out of pipe cleaners. Yet, Gregg believes that he had something more impor-



tant to give his friends for Christmas.

"It was really my beautiful smile that they liked," Gregg said.

Paul Liepelt, jr., McPherson, had the idea to make a warming sack with popcorn. The sack is placed in the microwave, and the popcorn doesn't melt. This type of a gift is good for anyone who is having a problem with sore muscles. Liepelt also recommends baked goods for an inexpensive gift.

"Cookies are good, especially for college students," said Liepelt.

Manny Diaz, campus minister, also suggested food items as a Christmas gift. He had an interesting take on the idea, however.

"I went and picked wild herbs, and I made teas," Diaz said.

Mindy Stegman, jr., Salina, has also made inexpensive presents for her friends.

"I baked bread and made taco sauce for my family and friends," said Stegman.

Other students choose to give inexpensive gifts that are not homemade. Several students admitted to giving gifts to their family that they had already received.

"I stole a pair of pants from my sister in November, and I wrapped them up and gave them to her for Christmas," Bryan Wave, fr., Kaleva, Mich., said.

Kylie Funk, jr., Quinter, had the same idea.

"I used to find my mom's old stuff around the house and wrap it up and give it back to her," Funk said.

No matter what the gift, the cheap way to buy it is the best way to buy it, especially for those people who are in college.

"Cookies are good, especially for college students."

"Maybe I should make my own Christmas presents," Laura Parks, soph., Wichita, said. "I'm very broke."

Unique gifts available at McPherson businesses

Tracy Firch

Spectator Staff

The time for holiday shopping has begun and several stores in McPherson carry gifts for a wide variety of people on your shopping list.

For the typically poor college student, Wal-Mart always has lots of presents to choose from. This year the biggest sellers have been the Pokemon trading cards and George Foreman grills. The grills range in price from \$20-\$56 for the top of the line models.

Compact discs are always popular gifts that can be picked up at Wal-Mart.

Scharf's Hallmark is a good choice for the Christmas ornament collectors on your shopping list. Ornaments range in price from \$6-\$25 and come in

a wide variety. Scharf's also has a wide selection of other types of gifts.

For the gourmet chef on your gift list, the Cook's Nook is the place to shop. The Cook's Nook carries gourmet pastas, candies and a huge selection of the newest cooking utensils and gadgets, as well as many colorful coffee mugs. The mugs cost between \$7 and \$30. The candy comes in gift tins in two different sizes, costing \$20 and \$30, respectively.

Raleigh's Drug Store is another charming store in McPherson that has many interesting gifts available. The most popular item at Raleigh's for gift-giving this year are Snow Betties. Snow Betties are decorative blue snowmen, ranging in price from \$2.95-\$79.95. The Snow Betties have

become so popular that they are almost sold out. Raleigh's also has a wide stock of scented candles costing \$1.50-\$17.95 and a wide selection of perfume and cologne.

If you're having trouble finding a cheap gift that doesn't look cheap, try Kathy's Candles and Gifts. This store has a selection of fun presents like candles, candle holders, and glass figurines, in a variety of styles and colors. Coffee cups with characters on them are among the biggest sellers in this store. Beanie babies and Puffkins are also popular inexpensive Christmas gifts items. Most of these gifts are \$10 or under.

So, before you head home for the holidays, make some time to check out the stores in McPherson. You are sure to find gifts for not only your friends here at college but also friends and family at home.



Student caterers serve others with style and a smile

Brenda Jansen

Spectator Staff

Three McPherson College students are at your service. Students such as Beth Kidder, Tracy Firch, and Munira Hamud-Socoro, are all part of the catering service provided by Sodexo-Mariott, the campus food service company.

The catering students are trained to set up events and dinners as a server would be expected to in a restaurant. They strive to produce a magazine-like atmosphere, complete with the service of quality food.

These three students provide campus groups, alumni, the Board of Trustees, local clubs, organizations and schools, Convocation speakers, and the president of the college with delicious meals in style.

"One of my favorite parts about my job is being able to serve at the President's house," said Firch, fr., Des Moines, Iowa. "I get to eat good food and I like the people I work with."

Richard Sabatos, catering coordinator, said that his student workers enjoy their job, and he encourages others to join them.



photo by Cheri Narzwarthy

Munira Hamud-Socoro, fr., sets the table for a dinner at President Dill's house. Sodexo's catering staff have been busy this month, because of the number of Christmas banquets that are scheduled.

"The staff seems to have a good time," Sabatos said. "They work really well together and make the meals look really nice for our guests."

Sabatos is responsible for setting the menu. He works from a catering menu and in order to provide the best service, requires about a month notice in advance.

Kidder, a junior, said that she was one

of the first student caterers hired by the school. She currently holds the responsibility of training all new staff members.

"I was the only student who served when I was a freshman," she said. "I was kind of thrown into it, but I get to meet a lot of interesting people that I would not normally get to meet, so my job has some benefits."

Students are trained to set a table properly, how to garnish a plate, and, most importantly, to serve from the right and remove from the left.

Despite her expertise, Beth recalls a beginner's mistake.

"The first time I served at the president's house, I dumped ice water in a girl's lap while attempting to fill her glass. I don't hold that responsibility anymore."

One common misconception students hold is that the catering service and the cafeteria are one in the same. That is untrue.

"I often have students come up to me and ask me to relay their comments to the cafeteria workers, but we have nothing to do with the cafeteria service," said Kidder.

Hamud-Socoro, fr., said that both the staff of the cafeteria and the caterers are hard workers.

"Students need to realize that there are two main cooks at the cafeteria," said Hamud-Socoro. "They work very hard and deserve a little recognition. Until you serve others, you don't understand how much effort it takes to please everyone."

Hamud-Socoro, Firch, and Kidder shared one complaint. They work very

hard to prepare a nice dinner for the freshman seminar groups but the attendance is not always what it is supposed to be. Their efforts are sometimes overlooked.

"There is usually a low participation for the scheduled catering events," Firch said. "For the seminar groups, we set for 12 to 14, and 10 to 8 actually show up."

Sabatos encouraged other students who would be interested in a campus job as a caterer to contact him, at ext. 1128.

"There are some available positions if any students are interested," Sabatos said.

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Jessica Miller

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With the Christmas season rapidly approaching, people get caught up in the yearly rituals of buying present for friends and loved ones, decorating the tree just right, and spending time with the family. But imagine if you were thousands of miles away from the families that you spend every Christmas with.

Some students here at McPherson College are experiencing this same phenomena. Being from a different country and in the United States for Christmas is a new experience for many students.

Busola Grillo, soph., Ibadan, Nigeria, will not be spending this Christmas at her home, but with her sister in Maryland. However, she did say that Christmas in Nigeria is very similar to the American holiday.

"Christmas is the same way in Nigeria," Grillo said. "One difference is that Thanksgiving in America is almost bigger than Christmas. In Nigeria, we don't have Thanksgiving, and our Christmas is much bigger than Christmas here."

According to Marcelo Arguello, fr., Quito, Ecuador, Christmas in America and Ecuador is also very similar.

"It's a lot of the same things," he said. "We eat a turkey, and we have a tree and Santa, just like in America."

Wibke Wojanowski, German professor, and native of Germany, feels that people from America are more obsessed with the giving and receiving part of Christmas than people from other countries.

"I think America is losing its Christmas spirit," she said. "[For Americans,] it's all about consumption."

Like many people, Wojanowski will be spending her Christmas with friends. She has, however, realized the importance of having family around you during the holidays.

"For me, Christmas is all about family and being with friends," she said. "As a foreigner, that's even more obvious this year than it has ever been before."

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Bulldogs battle for 7-3 record

Doug Hague
Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs picked up their first conference win of the season on Dec. 1 against Southwestern. The Bulldogs rolled to a convincing 88-63 victory at the Sport Center with five players scoring in double figures. Josh Alexander led the way with 28 points and 13 rebounds, and Ryan Hargitt chipped in with 16 points, including hitting three of five from three-point range.

"I felt that the defense played exceptionally well," said Coach Roger Trimmell. "It's important for us to get out to a good start in conference."

Over the weekend, the Bulldogs traveled to Leavenworth for the St. Mary's Classic. Friday night the Bulldogs took on St. Mary's, and it was nothing short of spectacular. After falling behind by 12 early in the first half, the Bulldogs came back and cut the lead to one by halftime. The second half ended with St. Mary's nailing a three to send the game into overtime.

The Bulldogs could have put the game away in overtime, but St. Mary's continued to hit huge shots, and the game went into a second overtime. As the clock ticked down the Bulldogs trailed by one point. Hargitt's shot from the baseline missed off the front of the rim, but Josh Alexander picked the ball up and nailed a turn-around jump shot from 30 feet with 6 seconds left.

"I can't remember hitting a bigger shot," said Alexander, who finished the game with 29 points. The game ended with a 102-100 victory for the 'Dogs.

The Saturday afternoon game featured the Bulldogs against Mt. Mercy College out of Iowa. The Bulldogs played sluggishly, trailing by as many as 17 points at halftime. The Bulldogs ended up losing, 82-75. Hargitt led the Bulldogs with 16 points, and Alexander and Antonio Ford scored 15 a piece. Not only did the Bulldogs lose the game, they also lost starting center Todd Hague to a broken foot.

"He's not a big scorer, but Todd does a lot of good things," said assistant coach Glenn Gayer. "We're going to miss his presence."

Tuesday night the Bulldogs traveled to Hays to take on NCAA Division II Fort Hays State. Most people would not have given the Bulldogs a chance against Fort Hays. However, Mac hung tight the first half until Hays went on a run to go into the locker room up 14, 42-26.

Instead of rolling over and playing dead, the Bulldogs came out in the second half and quickly cut the lead to single digits. They were in the game until the end, but finally fell by a score of 77-66.

The Bulldogs were led in scoring by Proctor, who had 23 points and 15 rebounds, and Hargitt, with 21 points on 6 of 9 shooting from three point range.

"We don't believe in moral victories, but this was as close as it gets to one," Trimmell said after the game.

The Bulldogs won't get any rest till Christmas break. They meet Friends University in Wichita tomorrow night for a conference game. Tipoff is at 8 p.m.



Todd Hague contributes to the Bulldogs' lead over Southwestern.

photo by Cheri Noraworthy

SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's soccer players named Academic All-American

Mandi Behnke and Nikki Unruh-Carey, members of the women's soccer team, were recently named to the Academic All-Americans. Honorees must maintain a 3.5 GPA throughout the season and be an upperclassman.

Intramural activity continues into interterm

The intramural volleyball season was wrapped up Tuesday, Dec. 5 with a single-elimination tournament. Eight teams participated in the tournament, including around 70 students and faculty. Team #8, captained by Jen Williams, won first place over team #5 with captain James Lopez.

Team #8 members included Danny Ramsey, Emmanuel Roland, Dane Straight, Doug Elisaia, and Dan Hoffman. Team #5 consisted of Tony Segovia, Artie Baker, Tim Hayden, Christa Livingston, Kimmi Hogan, and Andreas Ruiz.

Other intramural activity includes a racquetball ladder that will continue through Interterm. Three-on-three basketball and a ping-pong tournament will also begin at interterm.

KCAC Football Honors

First team offense- Tony Rael, (WR), Frank Diaz, (OL). First team defense-Mao Niko, (DL).

Second team offense-A.J. Wilson (RB), Matt Holtry (WR), Brandon Evans (OL), Tyler Thibodeaux (K), Tim Weaver (P). Second team defense-David Snodgrass (DB), Will Lewis (LB), Jason Schwartz (LB).

Victory falls just out of reach for women's basketball team



Yakeyda Strozier puts up a jump shot against a Southwestern defender.

photo by Cheri Noraworthy

Tom Newman
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs basketball season has started out on a rocky road due to some early injuries and a very tough pre-Conference schedule. However, the team still has a chance to achieve a winning season. With a healthy roster, the women are prepared for upcoming KCAC Conference play.

On Dec. 1, the team opened up conference play against a tough Southwestern team. From the opening tip Southwestern took control of the game and came away with a 69-82 loss against McPherson College. The Lady Bulldogs find themselves now 0-1 in Conference play.

The next test on the women's schedule was the Newman Classic held during the dates of Dec. 3-4 at Newman University. McPherson opened the tournament with a game against Concordia. The team found itself up against a much stronger, physical team but were able to play them close for the first half. Concordia's size started to wear them down in the second half and the contest ended with a loss for Mac.

The second game of the tournament pitted the Lady Bulldogs against the host team Newman University. The Lady Bulldogs lost a heartbreaker in overtime by a score of 66-64 in what Coach Wright believes to be the best game his team has played so far this season. The women held out through two overtimes before running out of time. Jaime Howell was the workhorse for the team, leading the team in total rebounds with 17 and five assists. Yakeyda Strozier paced the team in scoring with 18 points on 7 of 19 attempted shots.

Sophomore Jessica Rainey said, "It was a good game but turnovers and fouls killed us."

The Lady Bulldog's next game is a conference game against Friends University on Dec. 11 at Wichita. Coach Wright likes his team's chances.

"Newman University beat Friends a little while ago and with our play in the Newman game, I feel that we match up pretty well against Friends," said Wright.

He feels that the Bulldogs are starting to play more effectively and use their growth to their advantage.

"Beating Friends will give us a chance to win our first Conference game and would be a good early Christmas present for sure," said Wright.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Renata Lichty, soph., from Quinter, Kans., played stopper for the women's soccer team this fall. Coach Dane Straight said, "Renata is one of the most athletic people on the team. She always played hard." Despite the defensive nature of the team which often needed her in the backfield, Lichty was able to score a goal against Bethany. She was voted MVP by her teammates.



photo by Kristin Boyer



Mac cheerleading rejuvenated by new members

Tracy Firch
Spectator Staff

"Keep it up, keep it up, keep that Bulldog spirit up!"

Filled with spirit and Bulldog-pride, the McPherson College cheerleading squad is made up of six women.

The women are working hard to dispel the common misconception that cheerleading isn't a "real" sport. "We put in about ten hours a week plus games and we have to be at games a half-hour to an hour early," said Rhea Meyer-Riley, jr., Augusta.

Cheerleaders for football were Katherine Makelky (soph., Denver), Cheri Oullette (soph., Washington), Lovie Pace (fr., Kansas City, Kan.), Meyer-Riley and Ebony Williams (fr., Kansas City, Kan.).

The basketball cheerleaders (pictured above) are Makelky, Pace,

Meyer-Riley, Williams, and Sara Myers (sr., Oklahoma City). Tonia Rael sponsors both squads.

Besides practicing Monday through Friday the cheerleaders also make signs, lift weights, and are very active in other activities. Meyer-Riley described the effort she puts forth: "You use just about every muscle in your body cheering. It takes a lot of control and concentration."

"I lift weights on my own. The girls often work out together outside of [organized] practices," said Makelky, who serves as captain of the squad this year.

Cheerleading is a unique sport in that it is not confined to one season. Cheerleaders are active year-round. In the summer, cheerleaders attend cheerleading camps.

After cheering at the football game against Tabor, the last football game of

the season, the cheerleaders are switching gears and preparing for basketball season.

"[Cheering for basketball] will differ from football. The cheerleaders will be doing more half-time dances, some of the cheers will be different, and some of the football cheers will be converted so they can also be used for basketball," said Tonia Rael, cheerleading sponsor.

Williams and Pace said basketball cheering would also feature more stunts.

Most of the routines, stunts, and cheers performed by the cheerleaders are original. The details are hammered out during the daily practices held from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. This year the style of cheering has changed some, largely due to new ideas brought in by freshmen Pace and Williams.

"We've gotten a lot of compliments about the changes. We brought a different style of dancing, different cheers and attitude," said Pace.

Rael serves as cheer sponsor

This is the first year Tonia Rael has sponsored the cheerleaders, although last year she helped the sponsor Pam Ramsey.

Rael said she really likes being the sponsor. "I've enjoyed it and the girls are fun to work with."

As sponsor, Rael attends all practices and makes sure that the cheerleaders are able to get to all of the games, as well as helping to organize the cheerleaders' raffles at the games.

Rael said that she will probably be the sponsor again. However her husband, Antonio Rael, is a senior at McPherson College this year and they are unsure of post graduation plans.

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Yearbook magazine debuts this spring

Jessica Miller
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College yearbook, the Quadrangle, has a new look this year. At the beginning of this year, Student Government voted to change the format to a magazine style.

The yearbook staff will produce two 48-page issues, one for fall semester and one for spring semester. The first issue, focusing on freshmen, sophomores, juniors, campus life, and fall sports, will be printed over Christmas break and will be distributed in early January. The second issue, focusing on seniors, clubs, organizations, and spring sports, will be printed in May and mailed sometime in June.

The decision to change formats was driven primarily by financial considerations. The traditional yearbook was costing SGA approximately \$15,000 per year to produce. The new magazine format will cost only \$3,500 per issue or about \$7,000 total—just under half of the original cost.

In addition, magazine production requires the staff to use more advanced equipment such as Adobe Photoshop and Pagemaker. Experience with these programs will give them a competitive advantage on the job market, if they plan to pursue journalism.

The Quadrangle magazines will have color covers and pages, which were too

costly with the old yearbooks.

"I appreciate SGA's willingness to try the new format for three reasons; one, cost savings are significant; two, the staff is able to get more immediate feedback from the first issue; and three, the staff is able to get more production in experience in the real world," said Kris Boyer, Quad advisor.

Some members of the college community are concerned about this change. Many people are worried about the permanence factor of a soft cover. The staff has addressed this issue and is going to try to arrange to have the two issues bound if students would like. Others feel that the tradition is being changed or destroyed.

All of these changes need time to grow and adjust but Boyer already has a bigger dream. She would one day like to see the yearbook format in a more multimedia form with audio and video clips on a CD or DVD disk.

The Quad staff for the 1999-2000 year includes Caleb May and Russell Wilson, campus life editors; Summer Snodgrass and Michelle Johnson, sports editors; Nancy LaPrad and Juna Keever, people editors for the fall and clubs and organizations editors for the spring; Amanda Dagen, ad sales and design; and Kimmi Hogan, photography.

"It's really exciting—with this new style not only are we making history but we are also recording it," Boyer said.

Millenium Dance rocks; students party like it's 1999



photo by Cheri Norsworthy

Students groove to the beat at the last dance of the 20th century on Friday, Dec. 3. The decorations for the dance doubled as Christmas decorations for the choir concert the following Sunday. "I liked the decorations, except the Christmas tree—it didn't seem to fit," said Angela Ulrich, soph., Garden City. "I liked the music too. It was a lot of fun. I had a blast!"

SPC proposes off-campus option for students

LeAnn Wine
Editor in Chief

The Strategic Planning Committee has recommended that students with senior status or age 21 or older have the option to live off campus next year. The recommendation will not become policy until being passed by the administration team and President Dill.

The recommendation from SPC concerning student housing is part of the strategic plan but has been sent ahead of the rest of the proposal.

"Rather than wait for the whole plan,

we wanted to present it in case it is passed," said Carolyn Coon, dean of students. "Then it would be in effect next year."

SPC continues to work on the majority of the strategic plan. The committee is finalizing a timeline for the plan and those parties responsible for the different parts of the proposal. According to Lowell Flory, chair of SPC, design and development work must be done for the programs included in the proposal.

The design and development work could include market research "to determine the feasibility of the programs

we've targeted," Flory said. Currently, five academic programs have been selected as possible programs for the college to feature.

SPC is also still working to determine the vision and identity of McPherson. "We need to focus on our identity," Flory said. "Who Mac is given its heritage and background and how our identity can best be presented as a mission that will be meaningful for the 21st century?"

The identity is needed according to Flory, so that other parts of the proposal can be "filtered" through the identity for

evaluation purposes.

SPC members' current work follows extensive meetings held on Dec. 3 and 4 with consultant Margaret Crowley. The meetings were in session both morning and afternoon in order to accomplish as much as possible. The committee revised the draft Crowley brought with her and determined the next set of tasks to be performed.

"We were pressed by time limitations which were somewhat detrimental," said Kevin Haddock, facilitator for strategic planning. "We have to refine what decisions we made."

NEWS BRIEFS

■ Cosmic bowling

The last cosmic bowling of 1999 will be tonight from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

■ Grand Canyon trip

Students interested in a field experience in geology and a trip to the Grand Canyon should enroll in NS 495 Field Experience in Natural Sciences for the summer of 2000. See Jonathan Frye for prerequisite information.

FINALS WEEK ACTIVITIES

Mingenback Coffeehouse

APO is hosting a coffeehouse in Mingenback Theatre from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sun. through Wed. Come for coffee, hot chocolate and open mic.

Quiet Hours

22-hour quiet hours begin tonight at midnight and last through Friday at 8 a.m. Non-quiet hours are from 5 to 7 p.m. every evening.

Evening Snacks

Food services is providing snacks every night from 10 to 11 p.m., Sunday through Wednesday. Sunday is Make your own sundae. Monday is breakfast--eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy. Tuesday is assorted cookies and beverages. Wednesday is 6' Italian hoagies.

Reminders to students--

■ Movie night goes through this Tuesday. Movies begin at 9:20 p.m.

■ The Quadrangle staff will not be selling finals week care packages.

■ Students not returning next semester need to ask an R.A. or the admissions office about formal withdrawal procedure.

■ The last regular meal of the semester is supper on Thursday, Dec. 16. The first meal of interterm will be breakfast on Monday, Jan. 3.

■ On the first day of interterm, students should go to class first and then enroll at Student Enrollment Services.

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