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## Attendance policy adapted to encourage faculty intervention

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News Editor

New attendance goals are in effect for the 2000-2001 academic year. The Dean's council mandated the policy stating goals of 93 percent campus-wide attendance and more faculty intervention. Students will notice a big change this year when they are absent. Faculty will be in contact with students when they are absent and the Center for Academic Development will be keeping track of students' absences and looking for patterns.

"The point is to help students do well. I've felt that some students weren't succeeding because they weren't coming to class," said Kim Stanley, English.

"Attendance is the baseline to be successful," said Susan Taylor, dean of academic resources.

Faculty will report students' absences every Friday. These reports are submitted to the Center for Academic Development where they will be checked for patterns in absences. These patterns could be days of the week, whether certain students miss a disproportionate number of classes, the time

of the year, particular classes or times that classes meet.

Faculty will also be checking on students who miss classes even if just once, to see what is going on and if the student is having trouble.

While the goal for campus-wide attendance is 93 percent, each faculty can have his or her own attendance policy.

"We want faculty to have academic freedom. We arrived at the figure of 93 percent because that would mean missing a three-hour class only three times," Taylor said.

Stanley noted that most faculty already had attendance policies. Most faculty have generally been in favor of the new plan, according to Stanley. The college and faculty have always believed in the importance of consistent attendance.

"Regular class and convocation attendance is expected of all students. Each professor will outline his or her class attendance policy at the beginning of each term. Students with excessive absences from class or private lessons may be failed or dropped from the class and/or the college." Reads the McPherson College Catalog.

## Convo offers choices

Dennis Pfeiff  
Spectator Staff

Requirements for convocations have changed for the 2000-2001 academic year. The new policy offers a wider variety of activities available for convocations credit.

According to Ken Yohn, history, chair of the Convocations Committee, "the students wanted something better." The new program also "provides a broader range of activities for students to participate in," he said.

"I like the fact that we have more freedom. I like it better than last year. I do wish that the school met as a whole more often," said Laina McKellip, soph. Nampa, Idaho.

Students were required to attend convocations every week last year, alternating between majors' meetings and all-campus gatherings in Brown Auditorium. The new policy requires students to attend ten events, five of which still require the attendance of every student. After all is said and done, students get to choose five out of 24 events to attend.

"I think it's a good idea but I'm not sure how it is going to work out at sporting events. The student has to find the faculty member taking the cards," said Heather Schooley, jr, Denver.

Being Chair of the Convocations Committee is an "awesome opportunity to locate speakers and provide other educational opportunities to enhance the McPherson College experience," Yohn said. Students will "get more out of it."

It's a "good idea" but it was "poorly applied. I like not having to go to all of the convocations but don't like that I am required to attend half" of the 10 required, said Bill Sroufe, sr., Winona.

## Prison volunteering program offered

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Visiting prisons and communicating with inmates will be the topic of Monday September 18's convo held in Brown Auditorium. Bek Linsenmeyer will be presenting students with the opportunity to volunteer to visit with inmates at the Hutchinson prison.

The program is designed to be a humanitarian approach to inmates' rehabilitation.

"I owe my sponsors so much. My family wants to meet them so they can thank them for turning my life around," wrote an inmate describing his experience with students.

The goal is to set up the first student visits by Nov. Students who agree to volunteer are asked to visit once a month for an hour and 15 minutes each visit.

"They don't put you in an unsafe position," said Ocie Kilgus, modern languages. It made me appreciate freedom. Most importantly I see this as a social responsibility. We all live here together".

## Melhorn plans revised as construction continues ahead of schedule



Bob Neufeld, Al Dutrow, and Steven Boese discuss the plans for Melhorn, the new science building.  
photo by Genelle Wine

LeAnn Wine  
Editor in Chief

Science faculty continue to refine plans for the interior spaces in Melhorn Science Hall even as the construction advances two weeks ahead of schedule.

Tim Hubin and Allan van Asselt, chemistry, have reviewed the casework plans and made changes, according to Bob Neufeld, project shepherd. The science faculty will meet Sept. 25 and 26 with the lab architect Roger Stephens and Jim McCall of Hicks/Ashby, casework supplier, to go over the casework plans.

Structural plans also underwent changes during the summer, according to Dale Minnich, chief financial officer. The central stairwell was originally open from the lower level to a skylight in the roof. The plans were adjusted so that the stairs to the lower level of Melhorn are accessible only through a set of doors. The stairwell will remain open from the main level to the skylight.

"That's the one disappointment," said Neufeld, concerning the change in the stairwell. The new plan meets with State Board of Education regulations.

A fire-rated door in front of the elevator was added to the building plans. This door will close automatically if the fire alarm goes off. The entire building will

also have a complete sprinkler system for fire protection.

Metal roof decking will be installed in the next two weeks and the exterior studs will be finished this week. Gyp sheathing will be installed within next week on the outer walls closing them in.

Mason work on the central interior wall, featuring a Fibonacci curves pattern, is complete. Other mason work has begun on the east side of the building for the greenhouse. The stairs have been installed as well as the elevator shaft. Exterior brickwork should be completed by October.

Also, Minnich, Phil Hudson, plant operations, Neufeld, David Haines, architect, and representatives from Hutton construction will meet next week with representatives of the McPherson Alternative Center to determine if MAC, which is currently housed in Harnly Hall, will lease space in the new building.

If the center chooses to move to Melhorn, it would move into the lower level. Just over half the space on the lower level is currently planned for.

Updates on Melhorn construction can be viewed on the Internet. The "Melhorn Cam" takes a picture of the construction site every two minutes and uploads it to the Website. [www.mcpherson.edu/melhorn/scripts/melhorn.html](http://www.mcpherson.edu/melhorn/scripts/melhorn.html)

EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

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McPherson college will benefit from convocations changes

Students can now attend a variety of campus events and departmental meetings for convocations credit. Convocations is required for graduation and previously entailed attending a one-hour presentation every other week. Now students can supplement the traditional presentations with athletic events, choir concerts and plays for credit. This change is positive and will benefit the campus community as a whole.

It is possible that the college community could be weakened under the new format because students are infrequently required to be in one place at one time. Last year's format provided a venue for campus issues and announcements. However, forced community-building is counter productive. Students can't be expected to respond positively to subject matter that doesn't interest them. Now, students have options. They can choose events that appeal to them.

Students have been given a chance to prove their maturity. To earn full credit, they must keep track of the amount and type of convo activity they've attended. Responsibility for the "convo card" also falls to the student.

When speakers come to campus this year, their impression of the college may improve. They will no longer be subjected to lowered cowboy hats and noisy audience members. Audience members at large convocations will have chosen to be in attendance and will therefore present a more positive image of our school.

The most important aspect of the new format is increased support for campus activities. Convo credit for attending a volleyball game or choir concert will encourage more students to attend and become involved on campus. The participants and spectators will mutually benefit from attendance at events. Support at fellow students' activities could also be a way of increasing the interaction between students with different social interests.

The new convocations design will benefit McPherson College by means of increased responsibility and participation from students. The student body's response, positive or negative, will determine the success of the changes.

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MAC OPINIONS

What do you think about the changes on campus?



"I like the picnic tables in front of the S.U. I also like the benches outside. They make the campus look more friendly."
—Christine Sheller, soph. Eldora, Iowa



"More Squirells and less cats."
—Eddie Monte, soph. Austin, Texas



"I think some of the improvements to the buildings are really nice, but I sort of miss the way it was."
—Lacey Funk, Jr., Quinter

"I think it's unfair that they changed the policy on having freshmen in the coed dorms."
—Dan Jennings, soph. Lamar, Mo



"I like having more fun events on campus so we can get more involved."
—Ebony Williams, soph. Kansas City, Mo



"I think everything is awesome this year."
—Tim Haydn, Jr. Rangely, Co



Faith proves stronger than family ties



Cornerstone

ERIC GUSTAFSON

When someone asks you what you believe, what is the first thing that comes to mind? Some people immediately are drawn to religion; others tend to focus on practical values for life. I for one find myself thinking of a combination of both. It is far from simple to put the core of one's thoughts down for all to see. However, that is the task that Cornerstone sets.

First to mind comes the question of religion. Simply put, I believe in God the father almighty and his only son Jesus who died for our sins on the cross. In our current society what does that really say? Do I believe in a wrathful

God who punishes with fire and brimstone and that Christianity is the only way to the light of the Lord? Not in the least.

To the contrary, I believe in a forgiving Lord who pardons the sins of all mankind. He alone can judge mankind; we as humans are inadequate to the task. God has many names, and I believe that Buddha or Zeus might be alternative names for one God above all mankind.

Since I have now alienated the followers of most religions, I will endeavor to focus on the other values that are a part of my life. I have been told since I was a child to follow my heart wherever it might lead. But does that mean that I should do so even when I risk losing the respect of my friends and family? Yes is my answer to that question.

The pressures of society and peers are not enough to deter me from the path that I choose. True happiness can

only be found when I do what I think is right. If I bow to the will of others, I will never find that happiness. If this means that I lose my friends and alienate my family, I am prepared to accept those consequences.

Finally, I believe that it is important to share what little I know and help those who are less fortunate than myself. Many people spend their entire life in poverty, loneliness, and depression. If it is in my power to help prevent this, I will try to do so. It could be anything from helping a fellow student study for an exam to giving money and time to someone in need. Actions such as these give me a feeling that can be found nowhere else: I can make a difference!

When I look back in my older years and see that I may have helped someone in the darkest hour of their life, I will feel the same way that I feel today—content in who I am and what I stand for.

Absence of vending machines and endless enrollment lines cause hunger and frustration



Aaron's Mac Minute

AARON ELLSWORTH

Oh yeah! Here we go... the 2000-2001 school year is officially underway. And you know that means the student body will once again need a strong voice to interpret its concerns and complaints. Don't get me wrong, it's gonna be a great year and all, but my column will remain the same, baby—honest, to the point, and occasionally funnier than hell.

Like I was saying, it is going to be a really good year here at Mac. All sorts of great things are happening and have been modified to represent the new millennium for Mac College. For starters, enrollment was changed to accommodate... actually I don't know what that was all about. Did anybody actu-

ally get through the whole thing or what? That was straight madness!

So you've waited in line for hours for a pile of crap. The way the hold up in the line was you'd think that there would have been some great prize or event waiting at the end. Instead, all you got was, "Congratulations! Your enrollment is complete. You now owe us a butt load of money! Would you like to pay us now or can we set you up with a payment plan that we know you aren't going to stick to?"

Then as you walk exhaustedly back to your unpacked dorm room, you notice that everyone in the line is getting ice cream bars handed to them. You run over there thinking ice cream would suffice as a reward for standing in a line for two hours to sign an Internet account form! Then as soon as you get there the ice cream is all gone. Then you're stuck there with your butt-load-of-money-bill and no TASTY ICE CREAM TREAT FOR YOU! Oh yeah! That's a great way to start the year.

Hey, but there is hope yet. You can

go back to the dorms, sorry "residence halls," to get yourself some sugar to revive yourself. But as soon as you get there you realize, "Hey! There's no vending machine! WHAT THE...?!" Then somebody says there are no more vending machines in the dorms 'cause they are going to make a 24-hour snack bar and computer lab in the SU. But apparently that is being built by Hutton construction, so we'll see that complete by spring of 2001.

But you still need your sugar! So you decide to buy a nice soda pop with only fifty cents. But that isn't gonna get you a pop here, my friend, not anymore. It's now 60 cents for a pop. I mean who carries 60 cents with them in case they feel like a pop? Coming up with 50 cents is bad enough. I know it's only a dime more, but do you know how hard it is to find that one dime lying around? It's communism I tell ya! But what can you do?

Man, the beginning of the year is rough. But hey, let's make the best of it and have a great one. See you in Fred Schmidt's office.

# McPherson students discuss political integrity issues



## Political Platform

CALEB MAY

In this, the first edition of the political section of McPherson's Spectator for the 2000-2001 school year, I felt it best to begin with inspiration taken from America's first President.

George Washington was unanimously elected president by the Second Continental Congress. He was reluctant to accept the position for many reasons. One, of course, was because he realized the great responsibility of the President, both to the American people and to the operation of the new government. As the first President, he realized that he would be setting precedent for all time. Or so he might have assumed.

When Washington left office at the end of his second term, the Union had been, to a great degree, stabilized. However, it was still very possible for one man to assume office and undo all that had been accomplished to that point. Washington understood this all too well, as one can see by reading his farewell address to the Union. He wished to admonish the American people to choose a certain kind of leader to assume the presidency.

Among other things, Washington admonished Americans to choose wisely because, "It is substantially true that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government. The rule indeed extends with more or less force to every species of free government." By reading his writings, one realizes that Washington fully believed that apart from a national and public morality, America would perish.

Certainly anyone with the courage to look around can see that today's slogan of "It doesn't matter what (insert name

of any public official) does in private, as long as the economy is good," is destructive to the nation as a whole. Morality it would seem has been disregarded in the "modern" world as something of an oddity — as something much more measurable for the confines of a cloister than for the everyday workings of our nation's public offices. And oh, how we are paying for it.



## Political Platform

SONYA JOHNSON

The political system in the United States is a unique one. Where else can lucrative businessmen run circles around issues and use the personal lives of others to spiral themselves into a

political office? Politics is no longer about who has the most integrity or knowledge about a particular issue. Instead, it is about voting for the lesser of two evils.

The American public has become so completely blinded by the mud slinging of political candidates that the real issues facing our country fall through the cracks. But it isn't the general public's fault. The media loves to expose any type of scandal and generally, most politicians who lack integrity have more skeletons in their closet than the regular Joe.

Being a politician is a tough job, I'll give them that. But since when do fame and fortune give an individual the right to walk all over innocent people? I, along with many people in the general public have become completely disenchanted with the American political system and the Republican and Democratic parties. Politicians have lied to us over and over again. There is no perfect party or happy ending and nothing will

ever change that if the public doesn't show up at the polls.

I do believe in the power of our political system and I have come to the conclusion that there will never be a president in office who doesn't have something to hide. Instead of concentrating on the person, I see politicians as businessmen and politics as a business deal they are trying to make. Who can give me the best resources for my money?

I could honestly care less about what goes on behind the President's closed door. Instead I want to see results and work being done on the issues that are important to me.

As for integrity within the political system, it is a fantasy. How can it be expected that people play fair when there are so many individuals fighting for the same occupation and in turn the responsibility and status it holds? Politicians have a difficult job to do, and it is much easier to criticize an institution when you are on the outside looking in.

## CAMPUS FORUM

### Student upset with cafeteria

I have a hard time understanding why we continuously shell out a significant amount of money to different institutions on campus and yet they hire people that cannot competently perform their job or do not know the duties assigned to that job.

Everyone that lives on this campus has to pay for a meal plan. There is no way around it, no way to get out of eating in the very dreaded eating facility, the caf. I'm not here to bash the caf but I am here to say to its student employees, "You have a job. You get paid to do it, so do it!"

I know that working in the food service is not always easy work. I've been there. I've done that. I know that Richard and Louise work very hard at pleasing the students that speak up and voice their concerns. I have been a student employee here on campus and I know how boring it can get, but that does not stop me from doing the task at hand.

If you were us, which you are, you would appreciate fully cooked food at every meal, milk and other supplies stocked at the start of the meal and most importantly clean plates and utensils. I am all for having fun on the job, but do not get to the point where you forget what your duty is.

In the real world people count on you to open on time or perform your best work. If they did not believe that you were capable of that work, your customers would not come back.

In this case, we do not have much of a choice of where we can eat with the money we spend on food here at school. A little hard work and effort would go a long way. I know many would agree with me on that point. I am more than willing to suggest pointers where needed.

Think about this when you go to your job each day no matter how dragging it may be: people are looking for your best work. One day your work will be rewarded and you will be thankful for the effort you put forth.

In a nutshell, it would be greatly appreciated if the caf's student employees used the time they spend joking around with each other before meals towards their job.

—Laura L. Morgan

### Thank You

Plant operations would like to express appreciation to all of the thoughtful people who have recently donated time to help us out.

The Advancement Office personnel, (Bob Knechel, Carol Swenson, Cyril Russell, Jenny Williams, Marcia Walters, Darcy Mausolf, Kris Boyer and Donna Swenson) helped by cleaning the outside windows at Beeghly Hall and working with the flowers.

Bud Mounts and Jen Williams trimmed the bushes at Templeton Hall and the Sports center.

Fred Schmidt and his wife Beverly spent time working in the flower beds in front of Beeghly Hall.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped!

—Plant Operations staff

### 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.

## Upperclassmen welcome energetic new students



### Courtney's Kaleidoscope

COURTNEY IRWIN

Welcome back!

I'm glad to see everyone who returned and especially happy to see the group of freshmen and transfer students that has come to Mac this year.

I was fortunate enough to be on campus during freshmen orientation. I saw new students walking around campus confident, enthusiastic and ready to start school. I was blown away with the amount of energy I felt throughout the entire weekend.

This class seems very mature and is

a welcome entity when compared to last year's freshmen football flunkies who trashed the campus for a semester and then left the rest of their class with a bad reputation and a mess to clean up. (Both of which were completely undeserved).

Since I and many other upperclassmen are glad to have this group on campus, we want to see you succeed. Therefore, I asked some students to give you, the class of 2004, some advice on how to stay afloat in this life we call college.

"Don't procrastinate! You'll suffer for it later." Kate Smith, oph. San Antonio, Texas

"Have fun and don't get too stressed out." Sarah Hoffman, soph. McPherson

"Get to class and avoid the second freshman year." Jim Rails, soph. McPherson

"Manage your time." Staci Horton, Jr. Inman

"Don't go home every weekend." Nichole Williams, soph. Centralia

"Do what is right rather than what you want to be right." Ryan Mackey, sr. Hutchinson

"This is the best time of your life; try to make the best of it." Busola Grillo, Sr. Nigeria

I hope this advice is helpful. Just because it is free does not mean it is worth taking. But like myself, the students, staff and faculty of McPherson college want to see you succeed. Heed the advice given by one of my dearest friends and one of the wisest men on campus.

"Don't take this stuff too seriously. It's important, but not important enough to make your life miserable." Bill Sroufe, sr. Winona

By Val Ebersole



# Biking BACK to MAC

Elissa Thompson  
Features Editor

Nights of rain, sleeping in abandoned cars and biking down the road in extreme heat may sound like hard work and sore muscles to some people. However, to Peter Samland, and Wes Hoffert it was a challenge they were ready to face. Coasting into McPherson on their bicycles, these two Colorado natives caused more of a stir than either of them could have imagined.

"I don't know why we actually did it," Samland, soph., Edwater, Colo., said. "We just did it."

The two cyclists had the idea last year, but Hoffert, soph., Golden, Colo., chose to go to school at Manchester College. With Hoffert's transfer to McPherson this year, there was no reason to put it off again.

"It was a challenge to get here. It was a collective decision and we followed through on it," Hoffert said.

Hoffert and Samland decided to begin their journey in Franktown, Colo., a small town 30 miles south of Denver.

"We wanted to beat city traffic," Hoffert said.

Averaging just under 90 miles a day, Samland and Hoffert covered the 440 miles in only five days. The most miles they traveled in a day were 99, missing 100 due to a technical difficulty.

"I got thorns in my front and back tires. I didn't get it fixed until it was dark," Samland said.

Technical problems were not the only obstacles these two had



photo contributed by Wes Hoffert

Wes Hoffert (left) and Pete Samland (right) pause for a picture on their way to McPherson. The two had sought refuge from the rain in a station wagon. They were able to travel 440 miles in just five days.

to master. They were also exposed to some new sleeping locations.

"On the first night we slept in a station wagon that we found in a junk yard," Samland said.

Other nights they chose to sleep in city parks.

"We would ride along and say,

"Wow! That's a nice park. I'm sick of riding, it's dark... let's sleep there," Samland said.

Hoffert had wondered if there would be trouble, since he was sleeping in a public place. He was pleasantly surprised.

"I worried that we would have run-ins with the law. It made me

appreciate a nice, warm bed," Hoffert said.

One of the most surprising [surprising?] things about this ride is the stir that it caused. Five newspapers, including the Wichita Eagle, The McPherson Sentinel, The Salina Journal, The Rocky Mountain News and the

Hutchinson News covered their story.

"I am enormously surprised," Hoffert said, "I thought that it might come up in casual conversation."

Area papers became involved when Donna Swenson, college communications, sent out a press release. The two say they enjoyed the coverage, but they would feel the same way about their trip even if no one ever knew about it.

"I didn't do it for publicity. I just wanted to ride my bike," Samland said.

Of all the things they have experienced, they still maintain the best part of the adventure was the nice people that they met along the way.

"People were friendly. It was hot outside and this big RV from California gave us some ice water," Hoffert said.

Samland remembers another moment of kindness.

"In Sheridan Lake, Kan., we had slept in the park and a guy gave us breakfast and cookies for the road. It was totally out of the blue," Samland said.

All in all, these two cyclists agree that it was a good experience.

"It went smoothly," Hoffert said.

Samland agrees and looks forward to telling the story again.

"It'll be a good story to tell my grandkids," Samland said.

## Hutchinson bank profits from El-Halabi's practicum

Corin Blickenstaff  
staff writer

Rana El-Halabi spent her summer making a difference. To fulfill her practicum for communications, El-Halabi worked at First National Bank of Hutchinson.

"I went in wanting to make a difference. I wanted to do something that made me distinct from other people," El-Halabi, sr., Hutchinson, Kan., said.

El-Halabi worked on several projects at the bank. Her first job was to be a mystery shopper at other banks in Hutchinson. While using various names, El-Halabi spoke to customer service representatives noting their strengths, weaknesses, and overall etiquette. She rated their customer service, products, and Internet banking.

"I researched banks across the nation, and from this I obtained data about their senior citizen accounts. I made

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—Rana El-Halabi

charts showing which banks had accounts for age 60 and over and which for age 50 and over," El-Halabi said.

Afterwards, El-Halabi wrote a two-page summary report about each bank. At the end of this project, El-Halabi presented all of her findings via html web presentation to the executive product committee at First National Bank of Hutchinson.

"From this data the CEO was convinced that we needed a change in our senior citizen account. I think the reason that the ceo took my suggestion was because I was objective," El-Halabi said.

The second major project El-Halabi worked on was redesigning the

company's web page. At 5 p.m. every day, El-Halabi would meet with executive vice president Carol Berger. At this time the two reviewed the day and discussed any ideas for the future. Berger took her ideas up to the next level.

"Carol taught me to have faith and believe in myself. Through her, I now know that I can accomplish my dreams," El-Halabi said.

El-Halabi suggested to Berger that the Web page be upgraded. She first got the okay to research so she could show why the current Web page needed upgrading and how it could be done. One step in her research included calling various Web page designers around the nation to evaluate the bank's current Web page. She also spent long hours reading about other Web pages to discover the weaknesses of the company's Web page.

El-Halabi's goal was to develop a faster and more user-friendly Web page. After researching, El-Halabi presented her findings many times to the

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company's CEO in order to perfect it. It was her job to convince the bank to spend the money required to complete this project. The proposal was accepted after she presented a mock web page to the bank's vice president, CEO, and CFO.

"I achieved my goal because the web page was a success. By working really hard, I gained respect from many people. I gained confidence and realized that nothing in life will be handed to me," El-Halabi said.

The third project that El-Halabi worked on was to read and research long articles about banks from various magazines. She then summarized the articles by writing reports and presented

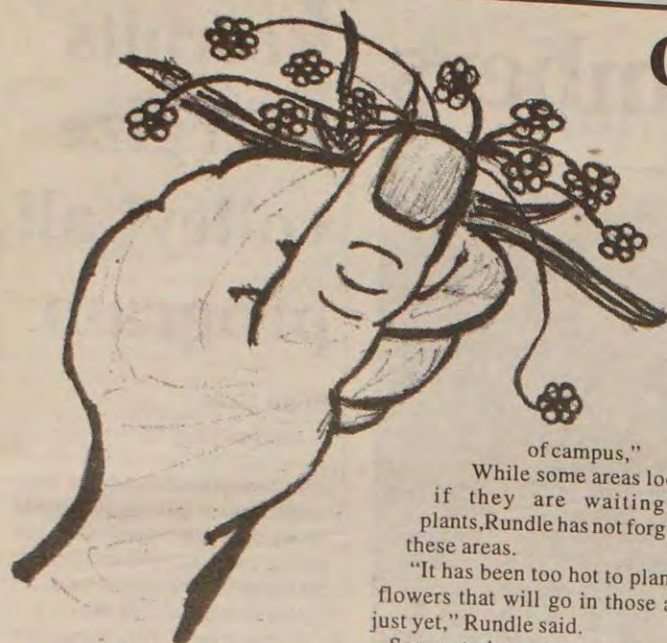
them to the CEO. She included interesting points and highlights from the articles.

"This bank changed two significant parts of its operation because of Rana's well-informed recommendations. That's remarkable," said Bruce Clary, Rana's faculty practicum supervisor.

Practicums are opportune times to gain life skills. El-Halabi feels that she learned how to talk and interact with corporate leaders, how to work under stress, and how to work with others. To complete her various projects, El-Halabi moved around a lot and worked with different departments getting suggestions and feedback. First National Bank of Hutchinson responded to El-Halabi in a positive way. They respected her as an adult and valued her opinion.

"Working at the bank strengthened my values because I not only learned tangible skills, but also life lessons," El-Halabi said.

# Campus beauty flourishes with the touch of Rundle's green thumb



of campus,"

While some areas look as if they are waiting for plants, Rundle has not forgotten these areas.

"It has been too hot to plant the flowers that will go in those areas just yet," Rundle said.

Some students may wonder why we have an influx of butterflies this year.

"I deliberately chose plants that were attractive to butterflies," Rundle said.

She loves to watch them and is happy to find others observing their beauty.

"It makes my day to see a student or faculty member stop to admire a butterfly hover above the flowers," Rundle said.

According to Cindy, the weeks to come should be beautiful as the Monarchs migrate almost right through campus.

Students agree that the new look of the campus is enjoyable.

"I think they [the new flowers] are more vibrant. They are well maintained and add pizzazz to the campus," Chris Rice, sr., Wilson, said.

Brenda Jansen, jr., Wichita, also likes the look of our landscape, especially in the midst of construction.

"I think the flowers this year add more life to the campus. With the new construction it helps the campus look not so dingy," Jansen said.

Heather Schooley, jr., Denver, Colo., adds a different perspective as she helped plant some of the flowers and worked with Cindy first-hand this summer.

"Cindy did a good of getting all the flowers planted and keeping all the weeds

Taking a stroll on campus has improved since last spring. Due to the green thumb of Cindy Rundle, assistant groundskeeper, students can now enjoy colorful flowers and butterflies, who are also attracted to the new look of the campus.

In the past, green seemed to dominate the campus landscape. Only a few flowers broke the monotony of the trees and shrubs. Thanks to some personnel changes, the hard work of Plant Operations and Rundle in particular, all this is changing. Rundle was hired to her position last year. Her job encompasses many areas and duties.

Rundle has a Master Gardener Degree and takes classes every fall to

**"Cindy did a good of getting all the flowers planted and keeping all the weeds out."**

—Heather Schooley

keep up to date on different techniques and ideas in her field. Cindy has a lot of experience working with plants, gardens and large landscaping.

"I grew up in a home where my parents had three greenhouses," Rundle said.

Later, Cindy went on to assistant manage a nursery for over seven years.

Cindy's love for plants is not something that she uses just in her career. It's also reflected in her home. Her backyard is centered around all the plants and flowers.

"I baby [the flowers] with lot's of extra time and attention," Rundle said.

Using a variety of new plants, Cindy has made a positive change in the look of the campus. She is using perennials, plants that have to be replanted every year, and annuals, plants that can be used from year to year to ensure beauty everyday.

"I'm trying to introduce a varied use of both perennials and annuals so that the campus can look gorgeous from frost to frost."

Rundle also suggested some changes to the landscaper's plans for the area affectionately called, 'the eyeball' in front of Hess Fine Arts Center.

"I decided to overrun that small area and put in some color on that side

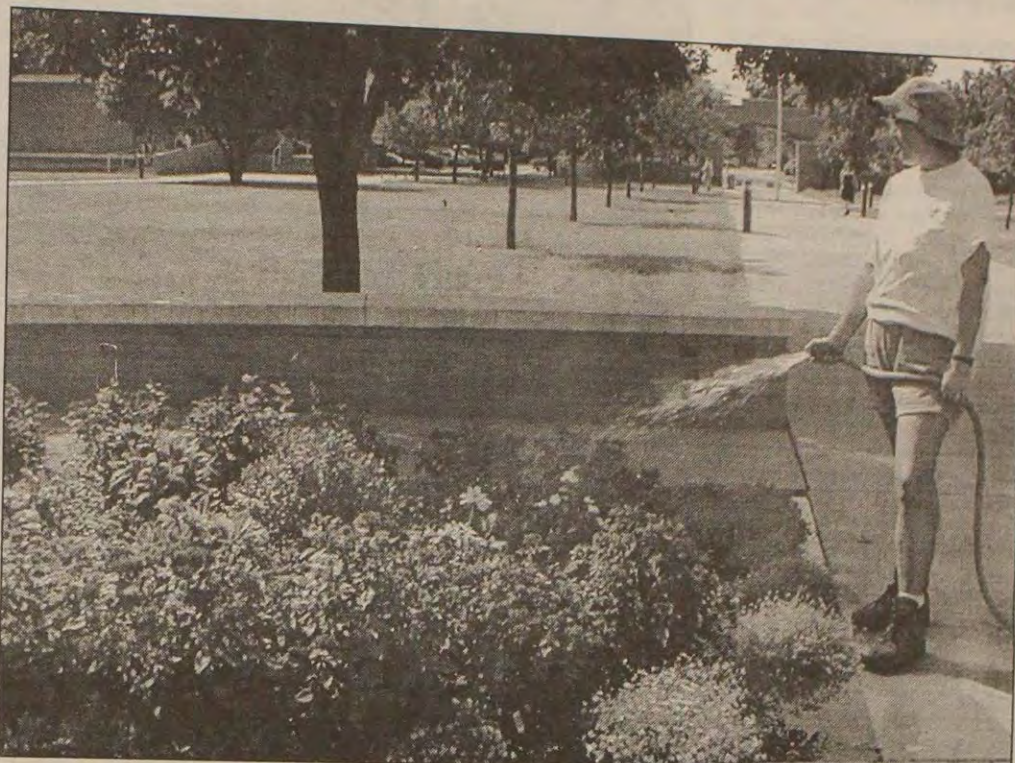


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Cindy Rundle, assistant groundskeeper waters the flowers by the circle drive. Keeping the plants hydrated has been a challenge for Rundle, and other maintenance workers due to the extended heat and low amount of rainfall.

out," Schooley said.

Cindy does take her job seriously. She even comes to work on the weekends to check up on the flowers and shrubs.

"I love to come out and check up on the plants to make sure they are doing okay, and I like to bring my grandson with me. We have our time together then," Rundle said.

From the bright floral landscapes she helped design, to the tidy look the campus now displays, Cindy has made positive changes to the general atmosphere of campus.

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# Defense shaken by low numbers

Elizabeth Stover  
Sports Editor

The McPherson College men's soccer team is struggling to keep up with changes in a roster that lists only two substitutes. Recently, five players became unable to play due to ineligibility and injuries.

"We've moved a lot of people around the field so far. If we hold out from any more injuries, we should be good," said head coach Dan Marchewka.

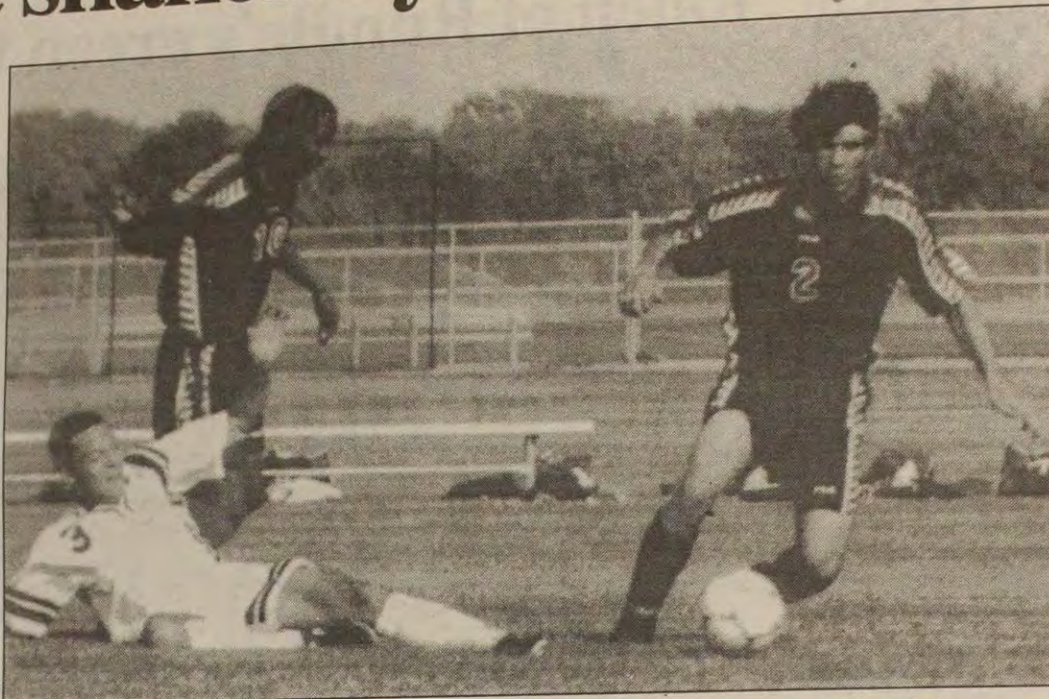
In last night's contest against Bethel, the Bulldogs came out uninjured, although their pride may have suffered from the 1-7 final score.

"We needed to mark up. We let them have too many looks at the goal," Marchewka said.

With marking-back Nic Westerman out with a red-card, McPherson's defense struggled to fend off the Threshers' offense. Players played several positions to fill in the gaps left by missing team members. Mac went scoreless until the last ten minutes of the second half when Mike Buum was able to score.

Despite having to juggle positions, the 13 men competing for Mac have so far proven their worth. In their Sept. 8 match-up, the Bulldogs came back from half-time to hold Greenville scoreless the remainder of the game.

"Tenacity is our strength. We play hard. These guys give everything they



Simeon Russell avoids the slide tackle by a Greenville defender while LeRon Byrd-Dixon follows.

have," Marchewka said.

Coming back from a 1-4 loss against Greenville, the men struggled against Sterling, losing 2-6 on Sept. 9 with goals coming from Buum and Simeon Russell.

"I got a good cross from [Mike] Sanchez for a header. It went in the right corner. My first header ever," Russell said. He

also scored the lone goal against Greenville. "I was just in the right place at the right time."

"The team works great together and everybody connects well. We're getting better and better each game," said Adam Stagman. Stagman is the only goalie for the Bulldogs this season.

The men travel to South Nazarene this Sat., Sept. 16.

"Scoring goals is our biggest problem. We need to work on finishing," Marchewka said. "[South Nazarene] is a talented team. They can really move the ball around."

photo by Genelle Wine

# Recruits energize volleyball program

Brian Cole  
Spectator Staff

Volleyball head coach Jen Williams is expecting a competitive year. After suffering a disappointing 3-21 season last year, Williams expects the Lady Bulldogs to be one of the top teams in the conference.

"I am excited," Williams said.

Fourteen players add depth to the bench. Coach Williams sees this as the first bright point of the team, considering that last year's squad consisted of only seven players. The team returns two seniors and welcomes three transfers and seven freshmen.

Leading the way this year will be returning setter, Melinda Trevino, and seniors Nicole Phillips and Summer Snodgrass. With her experience at the collegiate level, Trevino will serve as the on-court captain. Williams and Snodgrass will switch off as team captain. Other strong points on the court this year will be middle blocker Erica Alvarez, joined by Lisa Salazar, an outside hitter with college-level experience.

This year's varsity team "looks promising. With plenty of youth on the team, all that is left to do is gain experience," said Ashley Anderson, middle hitter.

Team unity is one of the strong points for the team. After dealing with several three-a-day practices, the women have grown closer with each other even though mild frustrations have occurred, according to Williams.

The Bulldogs play tonight in the Sport Center as part of the MAC Early Bird tournament. The women take on Central Christian at 5 p.m. Teams competing in the round robin tournament include Central Christian College, Central Bible College, Haskell College, and McPherson College.

"The tournament should position where we are in the conference. Every team in the conference has a solid core of returners except us. We'll be ready though," said assistant coach Damian Harris.

Other upcoming games include home matches against Bethel on Sept. 19 and Ottawa on Sept. 21. The junior varsity takes on Hesston at home on Sept. 25. All games will begin at 7 p.m.

"We have a good team, but it is going to take hard work," said Vicki Ericson. Ericson feels that the junior varsity team is very strong, but needs more time to work together at practice.

"I hope we get support from the community. It makes us play better when people are watching," Anderson said.

# Davis' era underway with opener at Bethany

Tim Hayden  
Spectator Staff

Returning to action after a 7-3 finish last season, the Bulldogs are back with a new coach and approximately 35 recruits. Dan Davis has taken over the reins as head coach of the Bulldogs as he returns to Mac for the first time since the 1993 season when he was an assistant to Coach Bruce Gross.

Losing several key players from last year's team, such as All-American quarterback Greg Mendez and receiver Antonio Rael, the Bulldogs could have gone with the quick fix by bringing in a cast of junior college transfers. Instead, the coaching staff chose to bring in a majority of freshman with the hope of building a more dominant, long-lasting program.

Defensively, the Bulldogs return several key players from last year's team. Expect to see Jason Swartz, Ryan Ben-David, and Travis Sears mixing things up for the opposing offense. Dallas Blacklock and returning free safety David Snodgrass bring speed and agility to combat the pass attack.

Snodgrass, a senior, is optimistic about the season.

"It will be a challenge this year with so many new faces on the field, but we do bring back a pretty strong crew



The 2000 football coaching staff (from left to right): Cunningham, Rael, McCormick, Davis, Fickert, Claussen.

defensively. Nobody in our conference is expecting us to do anything this year, but I am out to prove them wrong," Snodgrass said.

Offensively, the Bulldogs will see a lot of play from newcomers. Justin Fisher returns to the line-up after a season-ending knee injury last season joining fellow senior Jason Chalashtari. While the Bulldogs lack game experience, they are young and quick and should improve throughout the season.

Mac kicks off the season this Saturday in Lindsborg against the pre-season conference favorite Bethany Swedes. The Swedes return a large number of last year's squad and are picked to win the conference out-right. Offensively, the

Swedes bring a potent pass attack and a strong running game. Defensively they possess size and strength, but the Swede's largest advantage will be their "game experience."

"They are a great football team and are going to be tough. We hope they overlook us a little bit and we can catch them off guard. We plan on going out and playing our game," Davis said.

The Bulldogs expect to utilize a more balanced attack on offense this season, combining more running plays with the pass attack. Defensively, the 'Dogs are fast and have good strength and experience. They should be able to mix things up for the opposing teams and cause some frustration in the backfield.

## 2000 Football Staff

Head coach Dan Davis returns to McPherson College for the first time since the 1993 season. He brings experience and a strong work ethic to the Bulldog program.

Craig Claussen is the defensive coordinator. He spent last year as the defensive coordinator at McPherson High School, but decided to take his experience to the next level.

Steve Fickert brings head coaching experience to his defensive line position. Coach Fickert has held head coaching jobs at Western New Mexico University, Upper Iowa University, and Fort Wayne State University.

David Cunningham is in charge of the offensive line. Cunningham also brings to the program head coaching experience as he was in command of Sioux Bennet College in Kentucky and defensive coordinator at Kentucky Wesleyan.

Antonio Rael returns to the Bulldogs for the 2000 season as receiver and quarterback coach. Rael comes off an All-American season last year as a wide receiver and a season in the Arena Football League where he played for the Wichita Warlords.

Coach Mike McCormick is back from last season and helps in all areas of coaching. He is also in charge of the grounds crew that is responsible for prepping the field for all home games.

photo by Kris Boyer

# New coach shares excitement for running

Despite high temperatures and low numbers, the cross country teams have good reason to be enthusiastic. New head coach, Eric Dickkut, has brought new training techniques and coaching strategies to the program.

The harriers made their first season appearance at the Maple Leaf Invitational hosted by Baker University on Sept. 2. Only four women and three men were able to compete for the Bulldogs. The invitational consisted of a two-mile race for women and a 5K race for men.

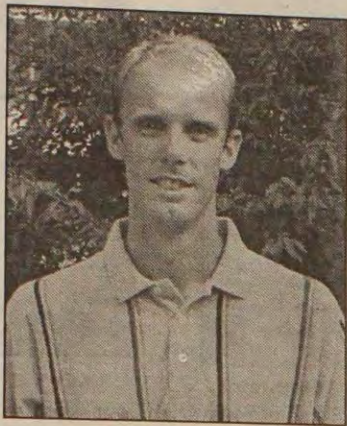
Michelle Schulz (33rd, 14:47.6) feels that the new coaching is definitely a positive change for the team.

"Coach is making us do strength training and speed training. In my high school girls were not allowed to lift weights but I can see a noticeable difference in my performance," Schulz said.

Elizabeth Stover (23rd, 14:10.0), Yvette Segura (38th, 15:20.1) and Jodi Good (42nd, 15:47.0) also ran in the two-mile race. Yvonne Segura did not run due to a previous knee injury.

Shane Netherton and Seth Good represented Mac in the men's race finishing 67th (22:02.1) and 65th (21:21.4), respectively. Heath Garner did not finish due to the heat. Wesley Hoffert and Clay Benson did not compete.

"We have been practicing in the mornings due to the heat but the runners had to run in 95-100 degree temperatures in late-morning," Dickkut said. "Even with the tough conditions three of the four



Eric Dickkut

Mac women beat most of Tabor College's women runners."

With five returning runners, the addition of five freshmen and one transfer give McPherson two full teams for the first time in several years.

"I think we have great potential, and [he] will have a big part in helping us get there," Stover said.

The next meet for the cross country team is the Bethany Swede/Jim Kroh Invitational on Sept. 16 at Lake Kanapolis. The women's 5K at 10 a.m. and the men's 8K at 10:45 a.m.

The cross country team will compete in eight more meets before heading back to Lake Kanapolis for the KCAC Championships Nov. 4.

Contributed by Adelina Cripe

Wes Hoffert  
Spectator Staff

McPherson College women's soccer team found out how far they have to go as they fell short in their first match of the season. In a frustrating game against cross-town rival Central Christian College, the young Bulldogs wound up losing 8-0. Although the defense played well at times, communicating well and executing strong tackles, they still have some things to work on.

"We need to improve our team defense," said head coach Dane Straight. "A tough first half really wore us out. We need to be in better shape," said midfielder Renata Lichty.

The tired Bulldogs found little relief as they had only one active bench player for most of the game. Not only were the Bulldogs tired, injuries limited some of the players. Striker Tina Chavez played the whole game wearing a knee brace and seemed hindered when a scoring opportunity arose.

Late in the second half, goalkeeper Jessica Main came out with a wrist injury and third string goalie Becky Amiot, normally a midfielder, came in. Amiot did an admirable job, making one sparkling save while allowing two goals in 20 minutes of play. The team missed play by All-KCAC goalkeeper Heather Schooley, who was serving weekend duty with the National Guard.

"We've had several injuries this year, but so far most players have been able to continue playing," Straight said.

The next home game for the Bulldogs

comes the Tuesday, Sept. 19, versus Tabor College. While Tabor will be tough, the players all expect to be better by season's end.

"We'll definitely be better as we play more," said Marie Rhoades.

"Our goals for the season are to have fun, learn and improve on the game, and

win," Straight said.

Building on high points such as a 2-0 win over the alumni and scoring three goals in the preseason, the future for the Bulldogs looks bright.

"I believe we have a talented team, but with so many new, young players, we have yet to gel into a team," Straight said.



photo by Genelle Wine

Brisa Saks breaks away from Central defenders on Sept. 9.

# Alumna recalls advent of women's sports

In the early 70's, there were no athletic scholarships and the budget for women's sports was small. But I never felt slighted in any way because I was happy just to get the chance to compete. We played KU and K-State in basketball and often won. We were consistently one of the best teams in our conference.

Dr. Doris Coppock coached basically everything at the time. I really wonder how she did all this plus teaching a full load. And she was a good teacher. I thought many of my graduate level classes were easier than my undergraduate classes. Even more amazing, I'm pretty sure she spent her own money so we could compete.

When I was a senior, all five basketball starters were Catholic. Isn't that



Laura Sundahl Smysor '75

## Time and Again

something for a Church of the Brethren college? The really good athletes at the time knew Mac College was the place to go for women's sports—we didn't choose MC for its religious affiliation. We chose it because Dr. Coppock led the charge in women's sports. One night we played a weak team and Dr. Coppock didn't start the usual five. We kidded her that she was discriminating against the Catholics.

In tennis, I was had the same doubles partner all four years of school. Jan (Foley) Monahan and I played tennis, basketball, and softball together. We made each other better in singles and were a very good doubles team from our

freshman year on. We even had contests to see who could peg one of our opponents first.

I remember Converse Chuck Taylor All-Stars as being "the shoe." One tennis match, I had a blowout in one. My sister was watching and since we wore the same size I had her throw a shoe over the fence. I played in one red shoe and one blue shoe. Jan and I were invited to play at the collegiate national tournament during our senior year but were too busy finishing up school. We have remained friends and are planning to attend our 25-year reunion.

All my sports activities at McPherson College have served me well. I am married to a football/basketball referee, I am the mother of two boys that participate in many sports, and I coach at the school where I teach. And I still love to compete in sports.

Thanks McPherson College and Coach Coppock for the opportunities you gave me! Sports were truly a big part of my college education.

## BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

### Women's Soccer

- 1-6 v. Alumni
- 0-8 v. Central Christian
- 0-7 v. Southwestern

### Men's Soccer

- 1-4 v. Greenville
- 2-6 v. Sterling
- 0-3 v. Southwestern
- 0-0 v. Bethel

### Volleyball

- 0-5 v. Hesston
- 3-0 v. Mid-America
- 3-0 v. Haskell

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# New faculty bring experience and enthusiasm

**Kara Reiff**  
Spectator Staff

Thirteen new faculty members join the McPherson College community this fall. Getting to know the students and other faculty, being involved in the community and doing the job well are just a few of the goals on the minds of the new McPherson College faculty.

**Steven Boese**, biology, has accepted a one-year appointment that gives he and his wife the chance to re-locate closer to family and be associated with an institution that lifts up values of peace and social justice. Developing courses that will be challenging but exciting for students is one of Boese's goals.

"I tried to get this position because I wanted to get back to the Midwest and wanted some place where teaching is really valued," Boese said.

Meeting as many students as possible, getting acquainted with the faculty and programs offered at McPherson and developing her classes are among the goals of **Barbara Cole**, teacher education. Cole heard about the position opening from a college administrator while attending a meeting for a committee organization.

"I have always wanted to work with student teachers, so I decided to apply," Cole said.

**Richard Dove**, technology, returns to McPherson where he taught in the auto restoration program from 1995-1997. Most recently he operated Richard Dove Auto Restorations in Lewes, Delaware. Dove has worked as a commercial artist, a graphic designer, and a freelance artist.

**Mary Heape** found it difficult to leave behind students, friends, colleagues and a program she created and developed, although she is now closer to her parents. According to Heape, the position seemed to be a match with her skills and expertise. Getting unpacked and organized are a few things Heape is

in the process of doing now.

"My goals for the year include getting to know the students and continuing to build the program here," Heape said.

Since graduating from McPherson in the mid '70s, **Ron Hovis** and his wife, Robin, have kept in contact with the college and the many friends they made while here. Ron has returned as a faculty member in the department of business and economics.

Providing an outstanding learning experience for students, in and out of the classroom, developing skills as a teacher, increasing his knowledge in several facets of business and adjusting to life in a new town, with a new employer, in a new profession are among the goals that Hovis has set for the year. Hovis was aware of various openings with the college due to his membership on the Board of Trustees.

Leaving a position as a math instructor and department chair at Hutchinson Community College, **Kendall Griggs** joins the McPherson College faculty as a one-year, sabbatical leave replacement in the area of mathematics. His goals for the year include maintaining quality instruction in the mathematics curriculum, becoming involved in campus life, enjoying his students and colleagues and trying to get it right because this could be his last year teaching. Leaving the personal relationships that had been developed over the past 33 years was difficult for Griggs.

"Over the past several years, I have worked closely with the mathematics and computer science faculty at the state and national levels," Griggs said. "I have always enjoyed the relationship and thought this would be a great place to teach."

Being prepared for each lecture or lab,



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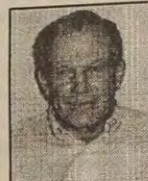
getting to know his students as people and improving his teaching skills are a few things **Tim Hubin**, chemistry, will try to get accomplished this year. Most recently he has been a postdoctoral researcher at the Beckman Institute, California Institute of Technology. Hubin found out about the position from a friend who saw the opening in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

"I am from Kansas and I wanted to move back," Hubin said. "It's closer to home and family, and I wanted to teach as opposed to just doing research."

**Brian Midgely**, psychology, wants to be an effective instructor, to listen to his students and to avoid suffering a mental meltdown. He has met all the requirements for the doctorate in development and child psychology. The degree will be officially conferred in December. This past year Midgely taught classes at Baker University and Johnson County Community College.

"The prospect of my teaching at a small school and staying somewhat close to Lawrence and Kansas City, or at least staying in Kansas appealed to my wife and I," Midgely said.

**Milam (Bud) Mounts**, technology, has supervised campus construction for



Mounts



Rathbone

Hutton Construction for the past two and one-half years at McPherson. His undergraduate work is in industrial technology, and his advanced degrees focus on industrial education and technical teacher education. Mounts has also studied commercial art and has his private pilot's license.

"I'm enjoying being here and I have a great bunch of students," Mounts said.

Former McPherson College student, **Dr. Karrie Rathbone**, is a sabbatical-leave replacement faculty in biology. She taught one year at Juniata College and has taught courses in human ecology, earth science and environmental science at Lindsey Wilson College.

"My goals are to improve my teaching skills, make biology fun and just enjoy life," Rathbone said. "Life runs by too quickly."

Bringing six years of leadership in the auto mechanical arena and also a breadth of preparation to teach classes in technology is **Roger Stout**, technology. Stout also has significant expertise as a farm manager and a fleet maintenance manager. Most recently he was employed by Farmers Coop Union in Sterling.

"I want to develop the comprehen-



van Asselt

sive, mechanical side of Auto Restoration. The skills involved in Restoration are becoming lost. We need to keep them alive. I believe they're very valuable," Stout said.

"A sense of coming home" is how **Allan van Asselt** describes being a faculty member of the Chemistry department at McPherson. Not only a graduate of McPherson College but also a member of a family that has been influential in the life of the college throughout much of its history.

"It comes down to really deep connections here. My great-grandparents came to college here, my family members were some of the founders of the college," Van Asselt said.

Director of Restoration Technology Operations and Assistant Professor of Technology, **Robert Vaughn** brings 25 years of experience in various components of technology education. He has worked for 30 years in all facets of the auto-restoration process.

"It's going really well. We've hired some really talented people with real world experience. It's a very motivating and exciting experience. This is just the perfect place," Vaughn said.



Vaughn

## Additional computers and file transferring activities slow Internet access on campus

**LeAnn Wine**  
Editor in Chief

A cable connection which would significantly increase the speed of the college's Internet connection won't be available until spring 2001.

An increased number of computers on campus has placed more demand on the 256k bandwidth the college currently uses. One hundred students signed up for network connections this fall, up 20 percent from last year. In addition, the new 24-hour lab in the Hoffman Student Union contains six computers, the dorms house 23 computers total, Mohler and Miller labs have 40 computers total and approximately 160 staff and faculty computers are connected to the network.

"The more people sharing the network, the more can use the Internet at any one time," said Dave Gitchell, computer services. "There is an overall slowdown in browser speed."

Gitchell looked into a cable connection for McPherson College last spring.

This connection would make a noticeable difference, giving the school 29 times the current bandwidth, according to Gitchell. This connection would provide a 7mb downstream bandwidth and a 750k upstream bandwidth.

The equivalent speed of 256k is five people using their own 56k modem. With the new cable connection, the number increases to 145 people using their own 56k modem. The speed of the Internet will still depend on how many people use it at once.

Gitchell expects the cable connection by spring semester, assuming the price is feasible. When the technology becomes available, "I definitely think we'll do that," Gitchell said.

Since the option of increasing bandwidth is not available yet, computer services has identified activities that slow Internet speed.

Downloading files from File Transfer Protocol sites and uploading files to outside users are two such activities. A file transfer uses the Internet steadily for long periods of time, depending on the

size of the file.

"Everyone is affected because they're always competing for bandwidth," said Gitchell.

Napster is a server that aids Internet users in locating mp3 music files. A user requests a song and Napster locates that song on another user's computer. The first user can then upload the song directly from the other user's computer.

Napster creates problems for the college because it doesn't stop running when the close button is clicked. Outside users can upload files from computers on campus running Napster even when the program is not open. Napster does provide the option to reduce the number of uploads allowed, but according to Gitchell, many users may not be aware of that option. The default number is three simultaneous uploads for an unlimited number of users. This option can be set to zero preventing outside users from tying up the college's limited bandwidth.

"A program like Napster can slow things down for everyone," Gitchell

said.

Computer services has the capability to determine who is using Napster. If running the program becomes more of a problem, the students using it will be contacted, according to Gitchell.

"I will tell them what problem is being caused and how to set it not to upload," Gitchell said.

Other programs that provide Internet radio, telephone and video can also serve to slow down the network. However these are not as much concern as the file transfers, according to Gitchell.

Most Internet activity does not create bandwidth problems. Internet relay chat, e-mail and browsing don't slow the system down because these activities don't use the connection constantly.

Another way to avoid slowing down the Internet for everyone is to time downloads.

"If you're doing file transfers, do it later when people aren't on," Gitchell said. "Four p.m. to 1 a.m. is about the worst time."

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Resicom payments can no longer be dropped off in a campus dropbox. Payments now need to be sent through the mail, or by using the Web-based Pay-by-Web service to debit your checking account over the Internet or auto-billing your credit card.

#### Cosmic bowling

Cosmic bowling will be tonight from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. This event is sponsored by SGA.

#### Donuts and juice at volleyball tournament

Donuts and juice will be served at the womens' volleyball tournament at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Students are encouraged to come in their pajamas.

#### Spanish movie night

The modern languages department is hosting a weekly Spanish influenced film. This week's film is the drama "Knocks at My Door." It will be shown in Miller 101 at 8:15 p.m.