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## 'Blithe Spirit' to open



Jonelle Bernasko, sr., London, and Bryan Wave, soph., Onekema, Mich., rehearse for "Blithe Spirit." The play opens Friday, Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. and continues Nov. 18.

## Athletic programs cut, student body shocked

LeAnn Wine, Elizabeth Stover and Tracy Firch

Editors

Men's and women's soccer, golf, and men's and women's tennis have been dropped from the college's intercollegiate athletic program so that the college can offer athletic scholarships to athletes in football, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, track and field, cross country and women's softball.

"The college has bitten off too large a chunk for our athletic program. We're going to take the resources we have and focus on fewer sports to ensure more quality," President Gary Dill said. "We have limited resources and I've chosen to support the essential programs."

"This decision was incredibly hard to make. It wasn't based on teams' records, coaching staff or student personnel," said Dan Hoffman, athletic director.

With this decision, administrators are hoping to improve three areas in athletics: staffing, athletic skill (directly related to scholarships) and athletic budgets, Hoffman said.

Dollars from the cut athletic programs will be channeled back into the remaining sports programs. Over \$50,000 will be available for the other programs to use for staffing, program, and scholarship budgets.

"It is our understanding that the money will not be dispersed into the total budget, but be retained within the athletic budget," said Fred Schmidt, director of admissions and financial aid.

Last year, the Strategic Planning Committee was asked to assess the viability of the college's athletic programs and to review the financial aid and scholarship policies. According to Ron Hovis, chair of SPC, the committee met in September and discussed the athletic programs to generate feedback Dill could use to make a decision.

At the fall board meeting, Hovis presented SPC's feedback to the Board of Trustees. Hovis reported the committee's statements about student participation in athletics, the quality of the athletic program, the likely effect of scholarships and areas of resolution. The areas of resolution included setting priorities for the athletic department, setting an action plan, and addressing funding issues.

The board discussed these items but was not asked to vote on the subject.

"The board should not make operational decisions," Hovis said.

"It is the president's responsibility to administer all programs of the college," said Phil Stover, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

According to President Dill, SPC

suggested implementing more comprehensive athletic scholarships.

"The task force recommended that all athletic programs be continued, but not all would receive scholarships," Dill said. "I indicated that I would not be able to accept the total proposal."

Due to limited resources, Dill decided to reduce the number of sports to those required by the KCAC.

Football, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, and a spring sport are required for schools to be a part of the KCAC. Dill decided to include both track and field and women's softball in the spring to ensure compliance with Title IX requirements.

Dill made the decision last week, then spoke with Carolyn Coon, dean of students, Fred Schmidt, director of financial aid, Hoffman and Hovis. All the coaching staff met Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Administration expressed disappointment with the way students learned their programs had been cut. Dane Straight, women's soccer head coach, left the women voice mail informing them of the decision. Men's head coach Dan Marchewka scheduled a team meeting for Wednesday night.

"I assumed the coaches knew more," Dill said. "Because I made the assumption, I didn't direct the coaches how to tell the students."

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## Internet usage fluctuates

LeAnn Wine

Editor in Chief

Administrative access to student files has been switched to a dedicated line in an attempt to make such access more efficient. The change, however, does not greatly impact student Internet use, which hasn't decreased as much as desired in reaction to a request from Student Government on Oct. 18.

Administrative computer users will now access the college's central database—located at the ACCK offices in downtown McPherson—through a 33K dial-up telephone line. According to Gitchell, administrative access to student records is better now than it was in the summer when no students were on campus.

Before administrative computing was on a dedicated line, those accessing the database experienced congestion on the college's end and at ACCK. On the campus end, users were competing with students and other staff for the 256K bandwidth. On the ACCK end, users were competing with the other ACCK colleges that also

access the database.

The dedicated line helps ensure that a user accessing administrative computers will not encounter congestion when accessing the database.

Students, faculty and staff accessing the World Wide Web will not notice much difference in Internet speed. Currently, the average administrative usage is around 1K, or .39 percent of the 256K bandwidth that Internet users share.

Internet usage decreased the day after Student Government requested a cut-back in student use between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. Usage since the cutback on Oct. 19 has been increasing.

The usage "looked really good the first day, but has been creeping back up since," said Dave Gitchell, computer services.

In the memo sent by SGA president Scott McDearmon, students were informed that if a decrease was not seen, Internet access may be "shut off" during the specified hours. According to Gitchell, this action is not yet justified.

SGA issued a memo reminding students of the restricted hours on Thursday.

## Human resource students test search-engine software

Tracy Firch

News Editor

Students in Human Resource Management beta-tested Xanadu, a business search engine, comparing it with other search engines, including Alta Vista, Lycos and Yahoo. The students will present their findings to Miller Library staff and other departments on Nov. 29, and later to Xanadu.

Jo Hayes, Human Resource Management instructor, believes this is an exciting opportunity for her students and is foregoing the usual research paper in favor of hands-on research. Each student participating has a human resources topic to research and must write a report.

"They're trying to see if this will save students' time. Time is becoming more and more important," Hayes said.

"It's pretty neat, I've never done anything like it," Jessica Fishback, sr., McPherson, said

of the project.

Hayes believes it's important for this to be the students' project, so she facilitated the testing but left it up to the students to carry out the testing.

"Every class meeting we figure out who's going to look at what," Fishback said.

Hayes added that this research will also be a nice resume addition for students.

"This project proves that the things you learn in college really will be helpful in the real world," said Justin Fisher, sr., Limon, Colo.

Students have been pleased with the initial results.

Fisher researched the topic of employee stress in the workplace and felt that Xanadu had been a helpful tool.

"I haven't completed my comparison yet, but so far it's extremely quick and convenient," Fisher said.

"The Leader," a community college honors society magazine, will be featuring the students' research and testing in a future issue.

Editorials

BY VAL EBERSOLE

OUR LEAD EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

Editorial Staff: LeAnn Wine, Courtney Irwin, Tracy Firch, Elizabeth Stover, Elissa Thompson, Genelle Wine.

Lack of communication complicates bad situation

The student body is upset. And rightfully so. This week, several athletes lost the sport they came here to play. Students no longer have soccer games to cheer for. A major change has occurred on campus and people are outraged.

But there are two issues being dealt with here—the decision to cut five sports, and the poor communication that brought this decision to light. Emotions regarding the change in athletic structure were amplified by the chaotic manner in which the information was shared. For the campus community to deal effectively with the drastic changes being faced, communication must increase in both quantity and quality.

Communication needs to occur in the appropriate setting. At a meeting where coaches expected to discuss scholarship proposals, coaches were fired in the presence of other coaches. Players were given a small window of information by voice mail and then left to wonder about the big picture. Communication needs to be honest and direct. News releases should not skirt around the issue, listing what sports are receiving scholarships but never mentioning that sports not on the list are being cut from the athletic department. This is not the whole truth. Breaks in communication occurred between administration, coaching staff, and players when assumptions were made. And you know what they say about assuming...

Communication needs to be complete. Coaches should have been prepared to provide the complete story to their players during team meetings. Administration needed to have prepared the coaches to give this information, or should have sent a representative with the whole story to help clarify the situation and rationale behind the decision.

Obviously communication must continue. But will it improve? As students separate emotions caused by the restructuring of the athletic programs from emotions magnified by the confusion of the past week, we hope the campus community will be able to resume and improve communication.

Talk to the people with the answers. Demand the truth. Share what you know. Listen to all sides with an open mind.

MAC TOON



'When you feel down, look up'

"God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 John 5:11-12)

This, in a nutshell, is what I believe. To go to heaven relies on being saved which is only attained through Jesus Christ. Any good you do after you are saved is just a bonus. I don't believe that once one knows that she is going to heaven that she should go party and be stupid.

I don't drink or smoke or do any drugs. I never have. It's not that I don't like to party, but if you know me, you know that I'm weird enough without any foreign element in my system. I find it difficult to see how it praises God to be in a drunken stupor.

Neither can I take Christians seriously who get drunk and party all the time. I think that most of that stuff lessens a person's credibility. There's



Cornerstone

HEATHER ELROD

also a difference between having a drink or two in a social setting and getting plastered every night. Even Jesus made wine out of water for a wedding celebration.

When I got saved, I didn't feel this big change overnight. Slowly overtime, I noticed that I acted differently. I cussed less. I prayed more. Church wasn't a chore. I wanted to go and learn the Bible. I would go out of my way to help people.

Most of the time I don't even notice what I am doing. I just go on auto-

pilot. It's a nice feeling. Beauty emanates from objects all around. The smallest details pop out. The most minute good happening can cheer me up for that day. Happiness is what I found when I founded my relationship with God.

I think of God as my parent, best friend, and teacher. As I'm driving somewhere, I have the tendency to pray and talk to God. I do it even more now that my speakers are broken. When I talk to God I speak as though I'm telling an old friend what's been on my mind. I get encouragement, guidance, protection, and, most importantly, love from God.

I believe God has a reason for me to be here. I don't believe that any child is an accident or "oops" child. God has given everyone a plan and a talent to help with that plan. The only way to realize the plan is to walk with God. Bad occurrences always happen. Pray and believe and it'll work out. When you feel down, look up.

MAC OPINION

What do you think of the election results so far?



"I think it is quite funny, because neither of these guys are worth it enough to have so many problems over."  
—Becky Snell, jr., McPherson



"I only know two of the candidate's names; that's how into politics I am."  
—Brenda Jansen, jr., Wichita



"I think the choice is between a doped up censor and a drunken idiot."  
—Bill Sroufe, sr., Winona

"I think it's screwy. I think they should make Florida re-vote."  
—Corin Blickenstaff, jr., Nampa, Idaho



"It is a contest to choose the lesser of two idiots."  
—James Hassin, fr., Houston



"I think it's sad because no matter who wins, half of the American public won't be for him."  
—Laura Potts, fr., Chandler, Okla.



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CAMPUS FORUM

Students are distracting during Convo

Convocations is a time when McPherson College students, faculty, and staff come together to learn more about the College, its activities, and its surroundings. Convocations is not the time to chat with the people sitting around you, nor is it the time to do your homework.

I have been very disappointed in the way the students, faculty, and the staff have acted at this year's convocations in Brown Auditorium. Students have been disrespectful, not only to the people on the stage but also to the people that are there to listen and learn.

I am disappointed in the faculty and the staff because the majority of them have not done anything about this. Students walk into convocations half an hour late and still get credit for being there the whole time.

During the BCA convocation, I sat in the back of the auditorium and asked the people around me to be quiet and listen to the students that were talking on stage. I also watched as several other students walked in at noon. Another student sat in front of me doing homework. During the whole time, I saw only one faculty member ask students to stop talking.

The other thing that I saw that really disappointed me was that the president of the college was sitting a couple of rows in front of a group of students that talked the entire time and did not do anything about it.

This year's convocation has been changed because students wanted a choice, and that is what we were given. Therefore if you have homework to do or you want to talk to fellow classmates then do not go to convocations. You do not have to be there. If you want to be treated like adults then act like adults. Be respectful if you do come and listen to what is being said. As for faculty

and staff, take charge just like you do in your classroom or office. Do not let the students rule you.

—Heather Schooley

We have a problem in 'Pleasantville'

If you learn anything in college, I hope that it is to think for yourself. I'd always heard such great things about McPherson College so I came here as a freshman with my eyes wide shut.

Things didn't register very deeply or simply for me, because I was satisfied with the simple explanations for changes within the college. As a new student, I just assumed that this institution ran smoothly, and I didn't know enough about the college to doubt its administration.

I always assumed that we as students didn't need to know details about why certain decisions were made, because I trusted that the administration would always know the specifics about every situation and would do what was the best for the students. Life was good for me in "Pleasantville."

Then important people started disappearing. Professors, one by one, or chunk by chunk, that I thought were well-respected on campus, were suddenly ousted. The students got an explanation for the events, which consisted of a repetitive "enlightenment" about the mission of the college and its goals for the students. I think others will agree with me when I say that there was really no content to the explanation.

Being a science major, I can't help but observe and question the system. Why do we, the students, not get explanations for what happens on campus? Aren't we the reason why the administration is here in the first place? Why does none of it make sense? Does anyone care what the students think? It seems we are expected to be the happy students in this make-believe "Pleasantville" and trust all the empty reasoning given to us.

BAM!!! Now it hits me, first person. Mysteriously and magically, three sports get cut from the McPherson

College athletic program. I get a phone call from my coach, whose job is now terminated, and he tells me that inter-collegiate soccer at this college no longer exists. No explanations. That is just how it is. Only when I searched for an explanation did I get one. I was told it was a financial decision that needed to be made.

I don't know much about the tennis and golf teams so let's just use the soccer team as an example. Approximately \$25,000 is allotted for the total costs of having both men's and women's teams compete per year.

Because of the decision to drop the program, approximately 25 current soccer players plus at least 15 recruits will not be enrolled here next year. We all know how much it costs to go here. Will the gain of the mucho grande sum of \$25,000 given to the continuing sports even come close to the loss due to 40 soccer players leaving? I'll let you do the math.

Why did no one know, including the college Board of Trustees, coaches, and players, about this sudden decision that had to be made? Where was the warning or the other options? I am not asking that the decision be changed or the reasoning justified. Opinions can be voiced but don't have to be acknowledged.

We can only speculate. Of course, we will be given some beautifully painted picture of why we should believe things have to be a certain way.

—Renata Lichty

LETTER POLICY

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

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■ 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.

Presidential race leaves Americans to wonder what will become of the country



Liberal Platform

SONYA JOHNSON

My thoughts on the election are possibly quite different from other people's.

The political standings as of right now, disregarding the fact that Florida's votes must be recounted, are that Gore has won the popular vote and Bush has won the electoral vote and the presidency. Disregarding my personal choice for president, something seems wrong here.

The American people obviously chose Gore for president but, because of the Electoral College, which was created during the writing of the Constitution, Bush wins the presidency. So, a president is elected but, this is done without the support of the people?

I understand that during the time when the Electoral College was created there were not many educated voters, so something had to be done to ensure that the president was elected by those people who were educated in politics. But, today millions of educated voters closely follow politics and understand on a meaningful level the idea of a democratic political system.

I think that the Electoral College should be abolished. I also realize that the chances of this happening are slim to none. To do away with the Electoral College, a complete surgery would have to be done to the Constitution. This would be a very complicated and messy ordeal that would involve a large amount of time and probably monetary commitment.

So, in closing we will continue to elect presidents without the full and total support of the American public because what matters in the end is the Electoral College, not the popular vote and not the voice of the people.



Conservative Platform

AMANDA WELLS

BUSH ELECTED!!! Well, not yet anyway.

First, the media predicted Gore as the victor and then retracted their statement and said that it was too close to call. Then, the media claimed Bush won the race and once again retracted their statement to say that the race is still too close to call.

So when is everything going to get straightened out? And who's going to be the winner? Is it Governor George W. Bush or Vice-President Al Gore?

Before the recount was mandated in Florida, Bush was leading with 1,784 votes. After the recount, I believe that he will still be ahead of Gore. Bush will capture the electoral votes from Florida and become our next President.

Bush is a simple man who will lead our nation to great new heights. He has great plans for our future, such as reforming Medicare, Social Security, and education. He wants to give everyone a tax break, no matter what tax bracket you are in.

With Bush in the White House, our country will enter into an era of class and dignity. After the embarrassing conduct of our current President, the presidency will once again demand respect and honor. Character had a huge impact on this election. Family values and strong character are a few good reasons that Bush deserves to be called our Commander-in-Chief.

Bush will be a leader, not afraid to do the right thing even if it is considered a conservative view. Politicians get too wrapped up in popularity and image and forget the real issues that affect us in everyday life. Our leaders should not be afraid to stand up for what is right. So now, here I sit waiting to hear the polls come in saying Bush has won, and we have elected our new President.

'Borrow' a bike and an ATM card, end up in the clink

Borrowing. Webster's Dictionary defines this word, "To ask and obtain on loan, trust, or on credit, with the intention of returning or giving an equivalent for."

There has been an unusual amount of "borrowing" on campus since the beginning of school. Purses, keys, ATM cards and bikes, among other things, have turned up missing from their owners. I don't know if these cases of "borrowing" are supposed to be practical jokes, or just actions taken through a drunken stupor, but in either case, they are not funny.

We live on a small college campus. It is not hard to find dozens of gracious, caring and giving individuals who will gladly support the financial need for



Courtney's Kaleidoscope

COURTNEY IRWIN

Kwik Shop nachos, or the loan of a mode of transport across campus (since its immense size is one that baffles even scientists). However, these gracious, giving people might not be so gracious if their things turn up missing three times a week.

Maybe these individuals who are apt to "borrow" other people's property

without permission are testing the theory that we should feel safe and open on a small campus. If that is your idea, why don't you try doing some sort of experiment that actually ASKS the students if they feel safe and open on campus.

Maybe the reason you "borrowed" the purse (twice) was to prove that you could open a door, walk into an office and pick something up from off of the ground. Do you want a medal? Maybe in the next summer Olympics they could have a competition to see if you're fulfilling the first of Maslow's basic needs of life...consciousness!

Perhaps you thought that it would be even more daring to "borrow" an ATM card, and then "borrow" a bike to trans-

**"If you want to 'borrow' things all your life, then do it somewhere else. This campus doesn't want to deal with your immature actions and childish notions of grandeur."**

—Courtney Irwin

port yourself to a bank and see if you could get money out of the account, without the account holders name or PIN. WOW! I just want McPherson College to know that we have a genius among us. I never would have thought of that. Now I know another way to get

money to buy that extra \$1.50 beer from Culver's.

HELLO! Did you think that no one would notice your stupidity and boredom? You're at college now, a place for learning and thinking and figuring out what you're going to do with the rest of your life. If you want to "borrow" things all your life, then do it somewhere else. This campus doesn't want to deal with your immature actions and childish notions of grandeur.

And if the "borrowing" continues, you may end up as the epitome of another of Webster's definitions—culpable: "wicked; atrocious; villainous; a person indicted or charged with a public offense and found guilty." In layman's terms, a criminal.



# Student musicians pick out recordings

**Elissa Thompson**  
Features Editor

Lights, cameras, glitz and glamour are just a few words that come to mind when a person thinks about what a compact disc-making musician looks like. However, several students on McPherson's campus are delving into the music world with their own lyrics, music and CDs.

"You always think about really famous people having CDs. It's fun to think that I am making a CD, knowing that I'll never be famous," said Elizabeth Stover, jr., Quinter.

Stover is now working on her CD, "A Little to the Left," which is mostly composed of folk music influenced by performers such as: James Taylor, Jewel and Dar Williams. She is hoping that it will be done in time to give her friends and family as holiday gifts.

"I want to have the month of December to work on getting everything mailed and packaged," Stover said.

Ryan Mackey, sr., Hutchinson, has been a part of CDs for the past five years, playing in bands such as Maybe Tomorrow, The Ghost Himself, Christ Society and Atria. He is proudest of his work with The Ghost Himself.

"At Central College four of the most talented guys on campus got together," Mackey said.

Mackey is sure that this CD is a people pleaser.

"If you like good acoustic rock, you will definitely dig this album," Mackey said.

Mackey recorded his solo CD in March of this year.

"I started writing songs my sophomore year in college. I lived on my own and I had a lot of free time on my hands," Mackey said.

Before long Mackey was the author of 12 songs and he wanted to record his music. He chose five songs to put on his album, and got a hold of Chuck Haigood, owner of Crimson River recording studios in McPherson.

"He's a really nice guy to work with. He stayed until we had the whole thing finished. We were there for six hours straight," Mackey said.

Clay Benson, fr., Austin, Texas, began recording his CD in May of this year and was able to finish in August. The title, "Misty Grey Morning," was chosen after he woke up on a foggy morning.

"It fit the tone of the album," Benson said.

Benson's CD is composed of mostly folk music.

"I primarily used my Taylor acoustic guitar," Benson said, "Her name is Emily."

Naming his guitars has become something of a tradition for Benson. He also owns such guitars as: Julie, Bridgette, Jennifer and Lindsay.

"Emily is my favorite. She's named after my ex-girlfriend," Benson said.

Benson has other interesting habits that go along with his CD composing



photo by Genelle Wine

Clay Benson, fr., Austin, Texas, practices his banjo, Daisy. Benson made his first CD in May of this year and has plans to record a new one this coming summer. Benson is hopeful that he will be able to make a new CD each year. He has no plans to be a musician professionally, but wouldn't turn down the offer if it was made.

**"I really don't care if I make any money at it."**

— Clay Benson

and guitar playing hobby.

"I have acrylic nails on my right hand for finger picking. I primarily do finger work," Benson said.

Not only has he noticed an improvement with his guitar work, but some every day tasks are helped by his nails.

"I can open Coke cans easily," said Benson.

Mackey, Benson and Stover all write most of their own music.

All of these students recorded their music without intending to be rich.

"I don't really care if I make any money at it. I just want to play for people who want to listen," said Benson, who is already working on six more songs for next summer's CD project.

Mackey agrees. He played all the instruments and sang the lead vocals for his CD, and Jim Rails, Allison Horton, and Staci Horton sang back up. Mackey says he's proud of his music and wants to share it with people.

"This is something I did, this is me on here, and I just want to share it with you," Mackey said.

Not only does Mackey perform, he now doubles as a producer as he is helping Stover and Staci Horton, jr., Inman.

"I couldn't have done it without him," Stover said. "He's been very helpful."



contributed by Ryan Mackey

Ryan Mackey, sr., Hutchinson, records the music for his first CD.

Stover feels a sense of accomplishment. Though she always expected to make her first CD with her sisters, this became a solo project. However, the first four songs of this CD do include her sisters. She's proud to say that she wrote all the songs except for one, which was written by her father.

"I'm very glad to be able to check this off my life's list of things to do," Stover said.

All of these musicians said they would be happy to offer their CD for a mini-

mal cost ranging from three to six dollars, that would be used to cover some of the expenses.

"This is the part of being a musician that you either love or dread," said Mackey.

Although Benson does not feel his style fits the mainstream music of this time, he doesn't feel his time has been wasted.

"The folk phase hasn't hit yet, but when it does, I'll be ready," Benson said.

## FAST FACTS ABOUT MAC MUSICIANS

### Number of Guitars:

- \* Clay — 9 Guitars  
1 Banjo
- \* Ryan — 3 Guitars  
4 Basses
- \* Elizabeth — 0 (Borrows Dad's)  
2 trumpets

### Approximate value of equipment:

- \* Clay — \$5680
- \* Ryan — \$2000
- \* Elizabeth/Dad — \$300

### Number of years they've played:

- \* Clay — 5
- \* Ryan — 5
- \* Elizabeth — 1

### Future Music Goals:

- \* Clay — Release a CD every year
- \* Ryan — Travelling worship leader
- \* Elizabeth — Buy her own guitar.

### The largest crowd in front of which they have played:

- \* Clay — 5,000, playing and singing background with a professional, 1200 by himself
- \* Ryan — 1200 at church
- \* Elizabeth — 7 at Dotzour Lobby

### Number of hours put into practice in a week:

- \* Clay — 12
- \* Ryan — 7-10
- \* Elizabeth — "Maybe 5?"

# Pattie Lusk retires to care for husband

Corin Blickenstaff  
Spectator Staff

McPherson College is saying goodbye to Patty Lusk. Lusk, who has been the executive assistant to McPherson College's presidents for 25 years, is retiring at the end of December.

"Patty will be truly missed. She worked very hard at her job and you could always depend on her to be here bright and early in the morning," Kay Guffey said.

Lusk has a variety of tasks associated with her job. One aspect of her position is communicating with the trustees. She also takes notes for various committees. Lusk says that interacting with students is her favorite part of her job and that's the main reason she's here. She also admits that her least favorite part of the job is filing.

"I wear a whole lot of hats and they're

**"We're going to beat it together. Right now that is my main job."** —Pattie Lusk

fun hats," Lusk said.

Lusk is retiring after 25 years because her husband, Jim Lusk, has cancer.

"We're going to beat it together. Right now that is my main job," she said.

Lusk plans on spending time with her husband and helping him to get well. She also is going to enjoy her grandchildren whom she loves to watch. Jim and Patty later have plans to travel.

"We're going to get in the van and see the countryside," she said.

President Gary Dill does not plan on replacing Lusk until the spring or summer. Instead, her usual tasks will be dispersed as well as possible by other staff. Donna Swenson, Manager of Information Services, will complete much of the work.

"Patty has not only become a professional colleague but a personal friend. She is always encouraging and supportive. She has been a tireless worker and I will miss her," Dill said.

In one word Lusk described her experience at Mac College as "wonderful." She loves the environment and the people. Her co-workers feel the same about her.

"Patty is always cooperative and helpful and she puts in the effort it takes to get the job done, even if it requires overtime," Marilyn Matthaei said.

She is definitely appreciated by her co-workers. Donna Swenson, communications, admires her work ethic.

"She is a professional's professional. She has been at the heart and soul of this college for 25 years and has touched all areas at some time or other. I will miss her laughter, organization and wit. She is irreplaceable -the college will miss her greatly," Swenson said.



*photo by Gennelle Wine*  
Pattie Lusk, executive assistant to President Dill, will be retiring after working for the college 25 years. Lusk looks to help her husband, spend time with her grandchildren and travel.

# False alarms plague Dotzour, residents fined \$500

Nichole Williams  
Spectator Staff

As the shrill sound of fire alarms filled the hallways of Dotzour Hall, resident assistants pounded the doors of unsuspecting residents. Some residents laughed while others grumbled at the inconvenience of leaving the building to meet at the flagpole for a second time.

Emergency vehicles and fire trucks rushed to Dotzour during dinner, Oct. 6, finding students laughing about the accidental false alarm. Fewer students laughed Sunday afternoon, Oct. 8, during a second evacuation caused by another false alarm.

"I was annoyed because it happened twice in one weekend," said Rhea Meyer-Riley, resident assistant. "But initially it was kind of funny."

Dave McMurray, assistant fire chief, did not find humor in the false alarms. After inspecting the building, firefighters assembled the residents into the main lobby for a discussion about the severity of false alarms.

"When you pull the fire alarm, we take it seriously," McMurray said. "We risk our lives and the lives of the other citizens of McPherson by racing through the streets to get here as quickly as possible."

McMurray recommended that the college students pay the \$500 fine to show that false alarms are not funny. Dotzour dorm council decided that all the residents should split the cost, and each resident paid \$4.59.

"I think it's cool we only had to pay for one alarm instead of two," said Jodi Good, fr., Annville, Pa. "I hope that the false alarms were mistakes and not

stupid pranks."

Residents of Dotzour dorm have varying opinions about the false alarms.

"I thought that fire alarms were funny, but only when they were free," said Laina McKellip, soph., Nampa, Idaho. "I could have eaten out at McDonald's for \$4.59."

The alarm situation is not something students want to deal with, especially when it attacks their pockets.

"It doesn't bother me except for the extra cash I have to pay for it," said Angie Ulrich, jr., Garden City.

Though some did see it as humorous at one time, there are several students that are failing to be amused.

"I think it's stupid because the person who pulls the alarm should pay for it not everyone else," said Abida Hamud-Socoro.

But paying fines is not the most

serious consequence of false alarms. Students at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., awoke at 4:30 a.m. on Jan. 29, 2000, to the same sound. Many students did nothing, ignoring the alarm because residents had experienced 18 false alarms in the six residence halls during the fall semester of 1999.

Students left the building slowly, resulting in 62 injuries and three deaths. Many students said they did not leave until they smelled smoke because they thought it was a false alarm.

In case of a fire, students should know correct procedure. Escape routes are posted on the back of dorm doors.

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3. Know where you're going. Count the number of doors between you and the stairwell.
4. Never use elevators during a fire alarm.
5. Even if you can't see the fire, you still must get out of the building.
6. Knock on other students' doors.
7. Don't take anything with you. It's not worth losing your life over.
8. Make sure you go to your floor's meeting place, and let people know you're out.

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# Mac expects passing game from Tabor

**Tim Hayden**  
Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs will bring the 2000 football season to a close this Saturday, Nov. 11, when they travel to Hillsboro to battle Tabor College. After struggling early in the season, McPherson enters this contest coming off a close loss to Bethel (16-18).

"We will come out hard just like we did against Bethel and have some fun with Tabor on Saturday," said Jason Chalashtari, sr.

After being pummeled 73-9 by McPherson last year, Tabor will be looking to redeem themselves. According to Davis, the Blue Jays will try to attack the Bulldogs' defense by passing the ball for the duration of the game. Tabor throws 35 to 40 passes per game while running the ball 10 or 15 times.

"Stopping the pass attack will be the key in controlling the Blue Jay offense this weekend and finishing the season with a win," Davis said.

While the Blue Jays return several players from last season's squad, Davis expects the Dogs' offense will be able to handle it. The Bulldogs have started to move the ball consistently the past three weeks with both the passing and running attack both clicking.

"The offense has really stepped it up the past few weeks and are starting to play college football the way it is sup-

posed to be played," Davis said. "We are finally scoring some points and looking like a college offense. If we can eliminate our turnovers, we are very capable of putting together a win to finish out the season."

Last weekend the Dogs played their closest game of the season, falling to the Bethel Threshers, 18-16. The Bulldog defense held the Threshers to just three yards rushing for the entire game. Trailing 9-6 at halftime, McPherson came out strong in the second half to answer a Bethel touchdown. A five-yard scramble by Jay Williams capped a long drive, bringing the score to 15-13.

With 7:32 left in the fourth quarter, the Dogs regained the lead (15-16) by putting together a drive ending with a 27-yard field goal by Nate Eggman. Questionable calls by the officials kept Bethel's final drive going during the last seven minutes of the game, putting the Threshers in position to score. A 37-yard field goal with just 3:33 left in the game pushed Bethel to an 18-16 lead. Time ran out before the Bulldogs could answer.

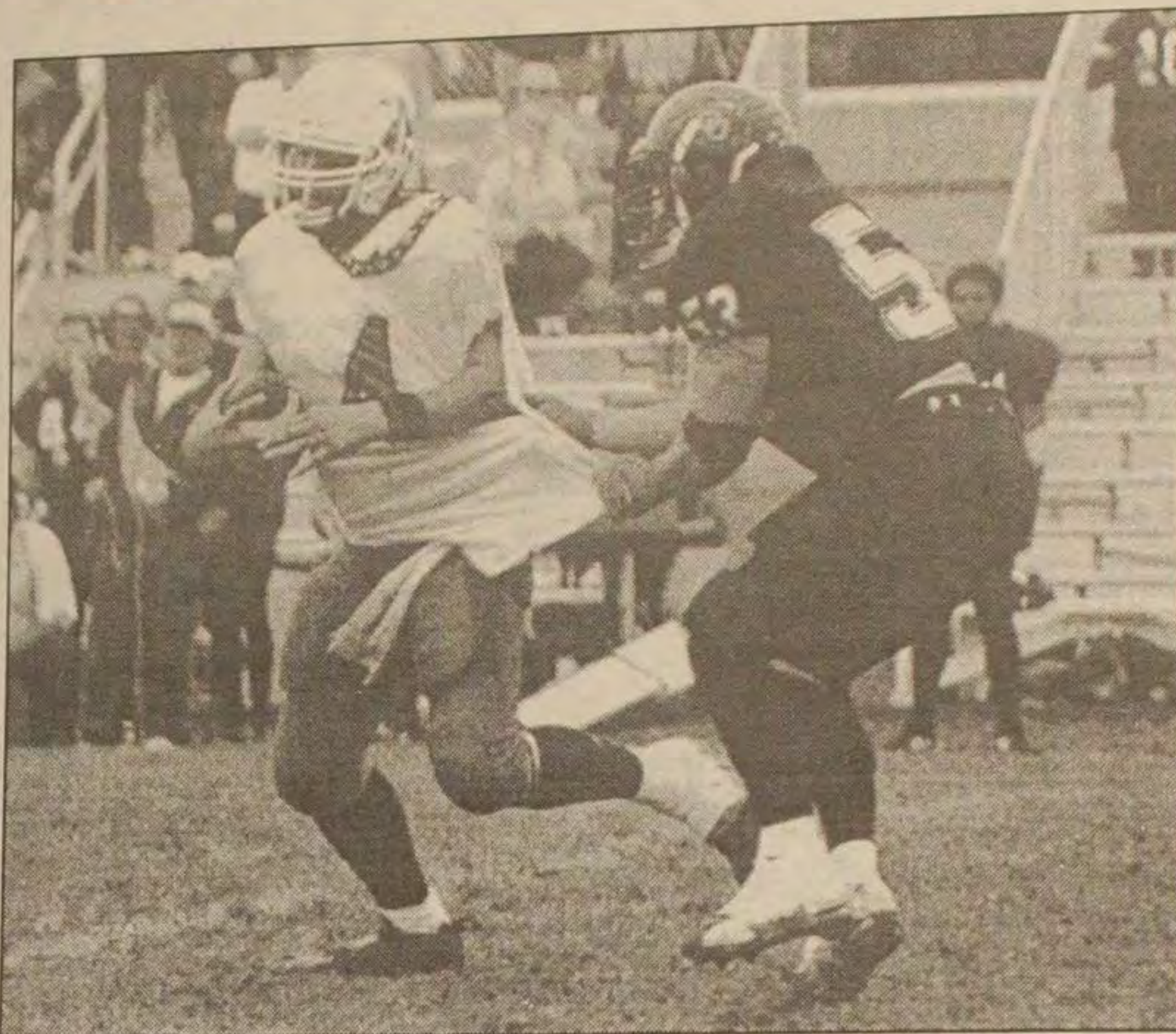
Standing out for the Bulldogs defen-

sively were David Snodgrass and Jason Schwartz, both with 15 tackles, and John Otero, who had an interception on the day. Offensively, John Berlanga had five catches for 100 yards and a touchdown.

Seven seniors will play their last game in the Bulldog uniform when they hit the

field against Tabor. Ryan Ben-David, Tim Weaver, Justin Fisher, Chalashtari, Snodgrass, Schwartz and Craig Ramsey will close out their careers with Mac on the road.

Snodgrass, heading into his final game, said, "I want to hit somebody so hard that I knock myself out."



Gondringer avoids the tackle during the Homecoming contest vs. Ottawa.

## Cagers triumph against Haskell

**Scott McDearmon**  
Spectator Staff

New talent was evident among the women's basketball team during its opening game on Thursday, Nov. 2, at Haskell Indian Nations. Mac came out shooting, leading at half-time, 34-28. Despite a good run by Haskell, the team pulled away to win, 66-53.

"We have a lot of good ability and a lot of good depth," Wright said.

Returning guard Kimmi Hogan put up 24 points for the night with 18 of those coming from beyond the arc. Hogan missed the majority of last season due to a knee injury.

Also adding to the score were Crystal Dow, 10; Jessica Bond, 10; Jess Brown, 8; Sharla Odhams, 6; Yakeyda Strozier, 5; and Julie Scheef, 3.

The Bulldogs have been focusing on developing a fast-paced game by starting their offensive sets in transition as opposed to starting from half court.

"We want to score in transition, and push the ball even on turnovers and made baskets," Wright said. "We're going to press and trap every chance we get."

According to Wright, increased speed, a deeper bench, and three players 5'11 or better will govern the style of play for the Bulldogs.

The Dogs will rely on man-to-man defense this year, along with zone and man pressing during out-of-bounds plays.

# Segura earns All-Conference honors, leads harriers to fourth at KCAC



Michelle Schulz and Mandi Behnke hit the two-mile mark in the 5K race at the KCAC Championships last Saturday.

In a marked improvement from previous years, the women's cross country team tied for fourth at the KCAC Championships last Saturday, Nov. 4, at Lake Kanapolis. Just three points behind Ottawa, the women scored 114 points to tie with Bethany. Last year the team finished sixth.

Freshman Yvette Segura played a leading role in the team improvements. Segura placed 15th in a time of 22:40, qualifying her for a medal and All-Conference honors.

This season has been challenging for Segura, as she has overcome back injuries and shin splints. During the race on Saturday she sprained her ankle twice, experiencing pain on what she described as "treacherous ground."

"I just wanted to finish strong. I put the pain aside," Segura said. "I had a pretty good season."

Segura plans on competing this spring on the indoor and outdoor track and field teams. She will be returning next fall to run for the Bulldogs.

Other members of the team were equally satisfied with the outcome of this final race and the season in general. Just two places out of All-Conference honors, Elizabeth Stover clocked in at 23:01, placing 17th. Stover does not expect to return next season due to plans to study abroad.

Other team members successfully finished the season. Jodi Good placed

22nd (23:34) and Michelle Schulz placed 33rd (24:32).

After competing all season one member short of a full team, the women recruited Amanda Behnke to join them for the conference race. Behnke had just finished the soccer season. In her first race of the season, she finished 27th overall in a time of 24:06.

"The Lord couldn't have given us a better day for running," Behnke said. "I'm glad I got to do this just this once." Head coach Erik Dickkut was also pleased with the outcome this season, as this was his first experience coaching collegiate cross country.

"I was extremely satisfied with how the women performed," Dickkut said. "I enjoyed it and learned a lot. Next year I think we will really improve."

Contributed by Kylie Funk

## Men take sixth at conference

**Elizabeth Stover**  
Sports Editor

The men's cross country team concluded the season with a seventh place finish at the KCAC Championship meet. The Bulldogs finished ahead of Sterling College. Leading the men's team was Wes Hoffert, who placed 21st in 30:23.

"I wanted to be in the top 20," Hoffert said. "But overall I was pleased with the season."

Also running for the men's team was Shane Netherton (27th, 30:53), Seth Good (34th, 32:34), Heath Garner (46th, 37:46) and Clay Benson (48th, 43:38).

Garner and Good will not be returning due to plans to transfer and graduation, respectively.

"[They] performed very well all season, becoming more consistent with their times and places," Dickkut said.

### ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Adam Stagman, fr., Cedar Creek, Texas, played goalkeeper for the men's soccer team. Stagman had 156 saves on the season, including one penalty kick save. Playing through two concussions and a dislocated elbow, Stagman missed only one game.

"He's the best goalie McPherson College has ever had," said coach Dan Marchewka.



Adam Stagman



Kenny Romero takes a shot over Mortgage Plus last Monday. Mac went on to lose 102-99 off a three-point shot by alum Josh Alexander.

## 'Dogs push past Haskell 92-89

The men's basketball team jump-started its season with a close 92-89 win over Haskell Indian Nations last Thursday, Nov. 2, in Lawrence.

"This was a good win but I expected something totally different," said Antonio Ford, sr.

The game was close from the start with a 44-43 half-time score. The Bulldogs fell behind by five before pulling ahead to finish. Haskell missed a three-pointer at the buzzer that would have sent the game into overtime.

"This was a good win, especially a good road win for us," said head coach Roger Trimmell. "We did the things at the end to get us the win, and I am very pleased with the outcome of the game." Ford scored 21 points for Mac while Artie Baker contributed 12.

With just two seniors among the five returning varsity members, Mac relied heavily on its younger players.

Several new faces contributed to the

win over Haskell, including a surprisingly high number of underclassmen.

"Usually I don't play freshmen [on varsity], but this year I am depending on four or five to step up and contribute," Trimmell said. "One of our strengths this year will be our youth, because they bring enthusiasm and hustle."

The incoming class hasn't been a let down so far, with three members scoring double digits against Haskell: Kenny Romero (27 points, 12 rebounds), Ricky Torres (15 points) and Michael Perez (12 points).

The Bulldogs compete in the Tabor Classic this weekend with games against St. Gregory's and Central Christian College. A match-up against Haskell is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 14 at home.

"This should be a more up-tempo season, and we should score lots of points," said Lynn Walter, sr.

Contributed by Heath Garner

# Running provides alumna stability

Running. It's an addiction. And mine started at the young age of twelve. But it wasn't until I was attending McPherson College that my addiction really took a larger hold on my life. After running through high school and junior high, I chose to run for the McPherson College cross country team in the fall of 1995.

While I can't say that my cross-country career flourished at college (I only ran during my freshman year), I can say that my love of running developed during those four years of my life. Also, I met my first college running partner through cross-country, Jen Bosserman. My favorite memory was the winter day when we ran six miles in single-digit weather, proving that runners are indeed an eccentric, but wonderful, breed.

It was during my senior year of college that the "Morrison Athletic Club" was formed. We ran miles through the



Time and Again

SHELLY HENDRICKS '99

country, appreciating the peacefulness around us and sharing in thought-provoking conversations. (special thanks to Andy "Middle of the Road" May.)

After college, I continued to run. As my life slowed down, my addiction grew. I trained for a marathon, completing it this past August in Saint John, New Brunswick. That was one of the most exhilarating and rewarding days of my life, and I'm certain I would not have accomplished that goal had I not found my love for running in college.

Recently, I moved to a new city, once again experiencing the hectic schedule of the academic world and thinking about where my life should go next. While my world is rapidly changing, one thing is the same: I am still running.

Running provides stability and security when the rest of my life is moving. (Interesting paradox, eh?) When I'm angry, I run to calm myself. When I want to pray, I run and communicate with God. When I need to make a difficult decision, I run and find some direction, if not an answer. When I wish to share a special time with my brother, my father, with friends, we run. These are the runs I value most.

Running is indeed an addiction. May I pressure you to start?

Time and Again is written by various alumni who participated in athletics during their time at Mac.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Women's soccer ends with 'significant improvements'

While the fall 2000 women's soccer season may not have ended with a stellar record, it was certainly a step in the right direction. A 2-1 victory over Southeastern gave the team a record of 1-8 in the conference, 1-17 overall.

The team played well against Sterling College in its last game of the season on Saturday, Oct. 28, with strong performances from Mandi Behnke and Becky Amiot. However, they were unable to stop Sterling's speedy offensive attack and lost, 0-2.

"We showed significant improvement over the season, especially towards the end," said Renata Lichty, midfielder.

Head coach Dane Straight was also pleased with his team's improvement. "Our improvement can be shown by the scoreboard," Straight said. "We scored a lot more this year."

Looking ahead to next year, Straight is optimistic about continuing improvements within the soccer program. The team will lose senior Amanda Behnke to graduation, leaving the possibility

for a high percentage of returning players next fall.

Straight has been hesitant to dive into his recruiting efforts due to pending athletic scholarship approval, but has been able to make contact with a few recruits. With some strong incoming freshmen and the majority of the players returning for next year, goals of winning more and being competitive next season seem well within reach.

Wes Hoffert

#### Men's soccer season closes with 3-4 loss in OT

In a gripping finish, the men's soccer team battled Sterling College into overtime during its last contest of the season on Oct. 28. The Bulldogs eventually fell to the Warriors, 3-4.

"We controlled the overtime but they scored on a loose ball," Marchewka said. "We just didn't finish on our chances."

The lead teetered back and forth between the teams throughout the first 100 minutes of play. The Bulldogs were the

first on the scoreboard with a goal by Archie Achuara three minutes into the first half, off the assist by LeRon Dixon.

Only 30 seconds later, Sterling answered with a goal of its own. The score continued to climb to 3-2 at half-time, with McPherson in the lead off an own-goal by Sterling and a shot by Mike Buum midway through the first half.

Buum finished the season as the leading scorer for McPherson with five goals.

Despite shutting the Warriors down for the majority of the second half, Mac allowed one more goal 20 seconds into the second half that would eventually send them into overtime and the 3-4 loss.

"It would have been nice to go out with a win," Marchewka said, "but the guys played hard and played well."

Elizabeth Stover

Editor's note: These briefs were filed before decisions regarding the soccer programs' future were announced.

### BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

#### Football

- 6-44 v. Bethany
- 0-20 v. Friends
- 0-32 v. Southwestern
- 6-20 v. Sterling
- 6-42 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 34-18 v. St. Mary's
- 13-37 v. Ottawa
- 16-18 v. Bethel

#### Volleyball

- 0-3 v. Bethel
- 3-0 v. Ottawa
- 2-3 v. Friends
- 1-3 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 0-3 v. Tabor
- 0-3 v. St. Mary's
- 1-3 v. Sterling

#### Women's Basketball

- 64-38 v. Alumni
- 66-53 v. Haskell

#### Men's Basketball

- 118-68 v. Alumni
- 92-89 v. Haskell



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## Calvin White joins admissions

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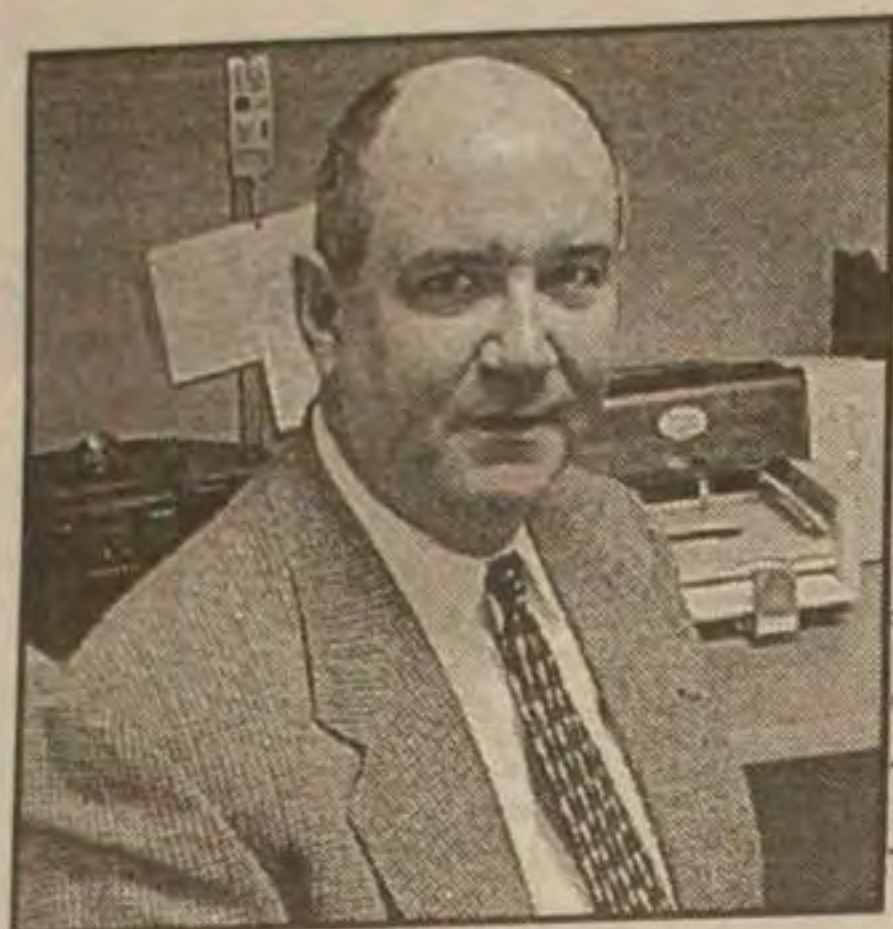
Dr. Calvin White recently joined the staff in Student Enrollment Services as the assistant director of admissions and financial aid. He will share the position with Carol Williams.

"Dr. Calvin White brings with him extensive experience in enrollment management," said Fred Schmidt, director of financial aid. "We have an energetic yet relatively inexperienced staff of counselors. Cal, along with Carol Williams, will provide the leadership necessary for us to achieve our enrollment goals for the upcoming 2001-02 academic year."

"I like what I've seen at McPherson so far, and everyone has made me feel very welcome," White said.

Born and raised in Norfolk, Va., White earned a B.A. in music at Central Bible College in Springfield, Va., and a M.A.T. and Ph.D. in music at the University of Washington.

White moved to Kansas in 1999 after



White

working at Northwest College in Kirkland, WA, where he began teaching in 1975. In 1988, White became a part of the college's administration, working with registration, recruitment and financial aid. For the last 15 months, White was a financial consultant at Fahnestock & Co. in Hutchinson.

"I missed being involved in higher education during the months I was not working at a college," White said, "and also the interaction and contact with students."

## Ebersole, Haggard crowned



photo by Genelle Wine

Val Ebersole, jr., Wichita, and Clay Haggard sr., Lebanon, Mo., were crowned Homecoming queen and king at halftime of the Homecoming football game Saturday, Oct. 28.

### Athletics (from p.1)

"There was confusion in terms of follow-up with students. I'm sorry about that," Coon said.

"I'm really disappointed. The plan was not that students be informed of this by voice mail," Dill said. "The focus was to be beginning athletic scholarships."

Straight is also disappointed with the way the issue was handled.

"This situation has been dealt with in the wrong way. I was not notified and the team was not notified beforehand," Straight said.

Both Dill and Hoffman expressed an understanding for how emotional the decision is for some students.

"I would encourage students upset to come visit with me," Hoffman said.

The president's decision was made in light of concern about the athletic programs' lack of success, according to Hoffman.

"We haven't been competitive for 20 years. With the exception of men's basketball we've been in the lower third of KCAC rankings. We felt it was tough on morale for athletes and students," Hoffman said.

Administration is prepared for student-athletes to transfer and plans to help students find schools that offer chosen athletic programs. Students can be assured that the staff will help ensure the transfer of as many credits as possible.

"I'm sure some folks might leave. It's a sad part of reality. I can't blame them," Coon said. "If people choose to go, Lord knows I don't want them to, but would I understand? Yeah."

"This decision is very disruptive and troubling, and we're willing to help [students]. If they're committed to playing soccer, they'll need to go somewhere else. We'll help students find another school and we're sorry," said Kevin Hadduck, director of academic development.

## Library databases offer students options for research

Kara Reiff

Spectator Staff

Blue Skyways of Kansas, EBSCOhost and Lexis-Nexis. Do any of these sound familiar? If not, you may be missing out on valuable information that Miller Library provides. These are on-line databases available to students.

On-line databases have full-text documents such as books and journals or citations of resources that students are able to view without actually checking them out. In most cases students can get the same information that they would if they had access to the physical resource. If students find something with only a citation, they may be able to find the full-text document on another database.

Currently, there are 17 on-line databases available to students and faculty at the library. Some, such as PsychINFO, are very subject specific and others, such as Academic Abstracts and Encyclopedia Britannica Online, have mostly general information. Some of the databases are available only in Miller, but most can be accessed from other campus computers.

"Students may think the on-line databases would be a lot easier than looking for books that are in our library," said Rowena Olsen, librarian, "but it's really just like finding other kinds of information. It can be frustrating."

Olsen suggests that students searching for on-line information first get a list of the databases and look in one that is related to the subject. Then students should look in a general database for the same topic if it wasn't in the subject specific database.

"The main differences in the databases are in the subject matter that they deal with," Olsen said. "Some are very

broad and others are more specific."

According to Olsen, the college is going to need to start buying some of the basic reference materials such as encyclopedias on-line because of the extreme difference in cost. Buying copies of the books can, for example, cost around \$2,000 and while same on-line resource may cost about \$200.

"Having those basic references on-line worries me because if the computers were down, we would be dead in the water," Olsen said. "I think, though, that our consistency of keeping the computers working is getting better all the time."

Olsen reports that during times when there is a lot of on-line usage on campus, the computers are somewhat slow.

"Right now Dave Gitchell is working on splitting the load for the computers so that the library will go through a different system than the rest of the on-line usage on campus," Olsen said. "I think this will make the databases faster to use."

The library staff has also been working with computer services to figure out how to get the information available to off-campus students. Olsen hopes that they will be able to do this soon. For this to work, the off-campus students would only need to have a campus e-mail ID and password. They would use the password to access the resources from their home computers.

"We've been adding a lot of on-line resources lately and I am pleased with the selection that we have," said Susan Taylor, dean of academic resources. "We have a broader selection, and it is great that some of the databases are available on most of the computer labs across campus."

Taylor and her students use the databases in one of her classes to find

book reviews and she also uses them to find information on teaching.

"Some students and faculty are well informed about the on-line resources that we have, but some aren't," Olsen said. "We haven't quite figured out how to inform everyone about what we have. If they don't come, though, we can't get information to them and help them learn how to use the resources."

According to Olsen, those who have questions about the databases or who need help using them, can get help from the students who work in the library or from other library staff.

"Advice that I would give to students or faculty that are using the databases is just to sit down and try using them," Olsen said. "Finding something on the databases is a lot like looking for books or other resources. You just have to keep looking until you find what you want."

Olsen decides which databases the library has by looking at what the college needs and what is affordable. Then the library must pay a subscription fee, usually by year. McPherson College then has access to the database. There are some databases that are free because the state of Kansas purchases them.

"We buy basically all year long," Olsen said. "Sometimes we are able to get things more affordable at a certain time or if we get together with other small schools and all get the same thing."

Students can keep up-to-date with the on-line databases by visiting the McPherson College website ([www.mcpherson.edu](http://www.mcpherson.edu)) and selecting Miller Library as the point of interest and then looking for on-line resources. Students will find a list of the databases currently available. This list is usually updated every few weeks as needed.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Cosmic Bowling is tonight

Cosmic Bowling, free to students, is tonight, Friday Nov. 10, from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Starlite Lanes.

#### Hispanic Film shown Sunday evening

"Lovers of the Arctic Circle," the documentation of two childhood sweethearts who reunite later as adults; shown at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12

#### Departmental convos scheduled Nov. 13

Next departmental meetings for convocation credit will be Monday Nov. 13.

#### Belly dancing performance held in Brown

The Oriental Dance troupe will be performing in Brown Auditorium at 5:15 p.m. Nov. 13.

#### 'Ain't I ah Woman' to be presented at convocations

Excerpts from "Ain't I ah Woman," the famous speech by Sojourner Truth, will be presented at 11:30 a.m. in Brown Auditorium Nov. 20. This presentation is eligible for convocations credit. Jeanette James will perform the full show at 7 p.m. in Brown.

#### FCA meets every Thursday

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meet for lunch every Thursday in the Siek Dining Room. Everyone is invited.

#### Worship scheduled for Sunday evenings

Evening worship activities are every Sunday evening in Mingenback Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

#### Chapel offered every Wednesday

Chapel services are every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in Mingenback Theatre.

#### Salsa dancing spices up students' lives

BCA students give salsa dance lessons every Thursday from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

Bible study held in Dotzour lobby Every Wednesday evening bible study is held in Dotzour lobby at 8:30 p.m.