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Interterm trip to Egypt cancelled due to unrest

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Students planning to travel to Egypt this January will have to make other plans due to conflict going on in the Middle East.

Thirteen people were confirmed to take the interterm trip with Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion. The continued dispute between Israel and Palestine raised concern for the safety of travelers to that area.

The fighting has left 230 people dead and 7,000 wounded. A terrorist bombing of the U.S.S. Cole left 17 American sailors dead and 38 injured. Smith consulted the U.S. State Department and was advised to cancel the trip because it would be unsafe for groups to travel.

"It's assumed that there may have been a group from Egypt involved in the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole," Smith said. "But it's not certain."

Some agree that the decision to call off the trip was a wise one.

"At Mac we depend on faculty members discretion," said President Gary Dill. "I am totally supportive of Herb's decision. He is concerned about safety above all else for students. I'm

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—Shawn Allen

sad because the trip would have been an educational and life-changing experience. I hope they are can make a trip to Egypt in the future."

Although the state department discouraged the January trip, those going didn't feel that their safety would have been in jeopardy.

"I don't think it's a threat at all," said Val Ebersole, jr., Wichita. "I don't think the bad people will be hanging around the pyramid tourist things."

"I wouldn't have been worried," said Katie Sue Nicklos, jr., LaJunta, Colo. "I know Herb would have taken good care of us."

"I don't know if there would have been danger or not," said Shawn Allen,

jr., Corpus Christi, Tex. "If there was, I think we would have been easy prey—easy to pick out of a crowd. I would have loved to have gone. It would have been the chance of a lifetime to go with Herb."

"Jeanne and I would have felt comfortable going," Smith said. "There's a risk everywhere you go. It's incredibly safe in Egypt."

Smith has taken 12 interterm trips with students. This is the first to be canceled.

"It takes a lot of planning for these trips," Smith said. "It's a high when we come back. We have an afterglow of energy for weeks."

Smith will plan another trip to Egypt for next interterm. He would also like to plan a trip to Thailand where he studied Buddhism while on sabbatical.

"I'll try again next year," Ebersole said. "I'd still love to see the Egyptian art."

"I'm disappointed," Nicklos said, "but I'll try again next year!"

The students planning on going to Egypt have various plans for interterm.

"I'm going to be taking U.S. History with Gary Entz," Ebersole said.

Niklos and Allen will be travelling to New York city with Rick Tyler's Intro to Fine Arts trip.

Students honored with Who's Who recognition



The Who's Who honorees: Horton, Kerst, Ullom, Arasmith and Wine.

Kara Reiff
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Seniors Anna Arasmith, Allison Horton, Tyler Kerst, Becky Ullom and LeAnn Wine have earned the honor of Who's Who among American College Students.

To be eligible for Who's Who, seniors at McPherson College must have a GPA of at least 3.0. All of the students who meet this requirement are then invited to submit a list of college activities that they have participated in.

All of the faculty who have taught here for at least one full year and selected administrative personnel get the list of students, including those who have not submitted their activities. Students who get selected by at least half of those voting receive the Who's Who honor, said Herb Smith, faculty coordinator of Who's Who.

"It's an honor to be recognized by your professors in this way," Ullom, sr., Wiley, Colo., said. "It's nice to receive a 'pat on the back' every once in a while." Who's Who is an organization that recognizes people who are distinguished in a particular field, official position or public standing. The first Who's Who was published in London (1849) as a handbook of titled classes, listing only names without biographical sketches. Since that time, Who's Who has included more groups of people, such as college students.

"Personally, I am happy about being part of this," Horton said. "It's always fun to have your hard work be

noticed and appreciated."

Most students were pleased to get the recognition for the activities and honors that they have been involved in.

"It is a nice honor," Kerst, sr., Glenwood Springs, Colo., said, "but I don't think it will help me substantially in the future."

Although some students do not think it will help them a lot in the future, others want the involvement to be encouraged more than it has been.

"I don't think there is enough emphasis on becoming involved in Who's Who," Wine said. "I think it should be encouraged more."

"I think of Who's Who as a big honor," Arasmith, sr., Topeka, said. "It's great that the faculty things highly enough of students to pick them for this."

Students all agree other than the recognition, getting to help decide whom the professor of the year is the best part about selection.

"My favorite part about being selected for Who's Who is that all of the students who were chosen now get to help choose the professor of the year," Kerst said. "I'm glad to be involved in that decision."

Wine said that she is glad to be able to return the favor and help other students see who the really outstanding professors are.

"I think this is something that students should try to get involved in," Wine said. "It's a good experience, and all they have to do is fill out a questionnaire."

A 'Mary' Olde Christmas



Mary Heape's vocal students performed in her first Christmas concert, Sunday, Dec. 3.

OUR LEAD EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

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Become aware of the "outside world" and take action for peace

We attend McPherson College, a residential school where most of us live, eat meals and attend classes. We go to McPherson College sports events and attend McPherson College theatre performances and take deputation tours representing McPherson College.

We live in our own little microcosm with no real reason to leave campus except for the occasional trip to Dillon's or Wal-Mart. The paper you're reading now is even based on mostly campus-wide issues that don't usually involve anything outside of "our world."

Recently, however, something happened that not only affected McPherson College, but continues to affect the world. How many of you can think of what that is? Give up? The unrest in the Middle East caused the cancellation of the Interterm trip to Egypt. It was cancelled mainly due to the fact that there is so much violence in that region of the world.

Maybe this is the first time some of you have heard about this, or maybe it just never registered that the world does affect our campus. How many other times have we looked past something just because we didn't think it would affect us? Many times we hear or think things like, "So there's violence half a continent away. It won't really affect me except for higher gas prices, right? Besides, what can I do about it?"

Something can be done about it. Simply being aware of a problem, whether it's far away or right next door, is the first, and most important step. Becoming aware means becoming informed.

As one learns further information about a situation, one will find ways to take action. The students who went to the SOA protest and vigil are prime examples of ways to take action once information is found. The action may be as passive as a prayer vigil, or as demonstrative as a protest. Whatever the action, if it will promote peace, it should be taken.

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MAC OPINION

What holiday traditions do you have?



"All the grandkids spend the night in front of the fireplace at my grandparent's house." Sarah Hoffman, soph., McPherson



"Going home and seeing my family long enough to converse with them." Caleb May, sr., Warrensburg, Mo.



"Last minute shopping with my mom." Adelina Cripe, soph. Nogales, Ariz.

"It's the only time we can sit together and not argue." Derric Anglin, soph., San Diego



"I've been collecting nutcrackers since I started having children and since they were in grade school, I have taken them to the schools and shown them to other children." Juna Keever, sr., Hutchinson



"I don't get to celebrate any Christmas traditions with my family this year because my mom is in Ecuador, but usually we go out, cut down a Christmas tree and decorate it." Mary Sentz, jr., Gettysburg, Pa.



CAMPUS FORUM

Focus on the positive for the holidays

I am writing this letter to say hello to my fellow students, and to try and lift the spirit of this campus before everyone goes home for Christmas. As defined by the New Webster's Dictionary, Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Christ. As a Christian campus, we have a responsibility to uphold and celebrate this completely.

McPherson College has gone through a lot of changes this year, and there are a few that have shocked and upset the entire community. I don't agree with the decision to cut the athletic programs, but even more I don't agree with the manner in which it was handled. But we are all human. I will miss seeing Dan Marchewka around the campus, giving it all he can to make the team successful, but he will find another job. He is a good coach, and there is a special college out there that will be blessed to have him, as we were blessed to have had him for the last five years. Dan is like a brother to me, so I don't want anyone to misunderstand my letter, I love soccer, and the players are wonderful, but unfortunately sometimes these things happen.

Secondly, the players this year have a special chemistry, and we will miss them. I think they would have gone far here, but with decisions like this, people get hurt and people get angry. Most of them will leave, and I wish them the best. I will miss all of them; I have become very close to most of them, and I know they will be successful wherever they go next. Good luck guys!

I know the women are just as upset, but I can't speak from too much interaction with them. But please, women, believe that I am wishing you the best, and I hope you find happiness in your future endeavors. We will miss you as well.

But where do we go from here? We have a campus that seems torn apart, with a lot of anger and resentment. I understand it, but we can't go on, if we don't find beauty in the campus.

McPherson College has never been about sports. I am sorry if some of you disagree, but it's a fact. We exist to educate men and women, and prepare them for success after college. We have an excellent faculty and administration that work hard to make the college what it is, and the staff works hard keeping it beautiful. I have seen McPherson College change so much over the last eight years, (no jokes Tom or Dustin; I know I'm old), but they have been good changes for the most part.

We can't put up enough buildings or make enough money to put McPherson College on the map; it won't work. What makes it work are the relationships between faculty and students. I don't mean to leave out administration and staff, but the faculty has more one-on-one interaction with the students, so I am emphasizing them.

We are a Christian campus, although I realize that not everyone is a Christian, including some of the faculty, but who cares? Being a Christian doesn't make you an isolationist or exclusivist. It makes you accepting and compassionate. I believe that's why Mac is still successful and will be strong for a long time. It is based on the ethics of Christ, and that is unrelenting love. If you don't agree, then look at the faculty. Most or all, could have better jobs, where they would make more money, and not have to do all the extras they do here. They could get more prestige and recognition, but they pass it all for you, the students. They love to teach, and they love the students. That's what Mac is all about, and that is why I'm still here. That and I got kicked out. (But that's another letter).

The gist of my letter is that during this time of celebrating Christ's birth, I hope we really celebrate Christ's life and message. Mac isn't perfect, nor will it ever be, but it can change your life, if you let it. We don't have to like or accept all that happens, but we can see the positive and the good that exist, and will continue to exist, and that is what we should focus on and cherish. Thank you... Grandpa Bowen

—Jerramy Bowen

Take time to remember others' losses

I was saddened last month by the death of Terry Banta. He was a kind man with a good sense of humor that enabled him to laugh at himself. He was only 42. Nine years ago my son died at the age of 18. At that time, we were contacted by a wonderful group called Compassionate Friends. They are a national, non-profit, self-help support organization, which offers friendship and understanding to families who are grieving the death of a child of any age, from any cause.

This Sunday, December 10, at 7:00, the Compassionate Friends are asking people to light a candle in memory of all children who have died. Please join me if you have the opportunity to remember these sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, who have died prematurely, and their families who have to go on without them.

—Jill Brax

LETTER POLICY

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Following faith led to the SOA vigil in Fort Benning, Ga.

I attended the SOA watch vigil and demonstration in Fort Benning, Ga., for many reasons. As a Christian, my main reason was because of the fundamental teaching of Christ, that we are to love our neighbors as Christ loved us (John 15:12). My attending the demonstration to close the SOA was an act of love. I have heard from many sources about the oppression that is taking place in other countries because of the SOA, and I believe that it is terribly wrong.

Many Americans are not concerned with what America does if it's not within our borders and if it doesn't harm us. I choose to care about the



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towns and villages in El Salvador, and in Guatemala, and in Columbia, to name just a few, where our country empowers an evil military that oppresses its citizens. I realize I will receive no benefit from the close of the SOA, but thousands of potential victims will.

That is why I attended—because I have a voice and those in Latin America do not.

Latin America is far removed from the thoughts of many Americans, but countries are involved with each other in so many ways today. I am to some degree responsible for what my country does to other countries. I have a responsibility to love and respect my brothers and sisters in other countries enough to speak out against my government's involvement in the injustices being done to those countries. I realize the government will not listen to me alone, but I firmly believe that by standing idly by and watching injus-

tices done by my country, I am taking part in them (inspired by MLK Jr.). I refuse to pretend it's not happening, or to say that my voice means nothing.

I get very sick when I see all of the Christians in our nation who are selfish with the love of Christ. We are a rich and powerful nation, which has the power to share the gospel of Christ's love in a huge way, but millions are being oppressed at the hand of our government and we stand idly by. I cannot turn my back to the reality of the SOA's involvement in the oppression of Latin American countries. I will do my best to treat others how I would want to be treated and I will use the

talents and blessings I have to show others Christ's gospel of love.

"The Spirit of the lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (Luke 4:18). I hope to continue the work of Christ, and in his spirit I will respond the needs of those around the world through service and ministry to spread the peace of Christ my rock and my salvation. "As you did to one of the least of these, you, my brethren, did it to me" Jesus the Christ (John 25:40).

BCA students look at U.S. politics from a different perspective



Political Platform

ALMA RODRIGUEZ

Talking about politics is talking about different systems, interests, situations, conveniences, political parties and population. Right now, the U.S. and Mexico have two peculiar situations. In Mexico, last December 1, an interesting, big and almost incredible change happened. Vicente Fox, the candidate for PAN (Partido Accion Nacional) took a big responsibility. Mexicans have desired this for many years. Now, the U.S.A. is waiting for an important resolution about its past election. It's almost one month after the elections and Americans do not know yet who is going to be their president for the next four years.

The liberal principles in the United States and Mexico are evident. In those countries there are high levels of abstentions. On the other hand, most South American Countries have an obligatory political system. It means that if a person does not participate in the elections, he/she would lose his/her citizenship rights.

Democratic and Republican systems are together in the same nation. They do not have very different concepts related to economy, society, and political issues. In most Latin American countries, there are opposites with right, left and central positions about governmental systems.

The consequences of that is the great amount of political parties; in Mexico for example there are about eight of them. Latin American Countries, such as Bolivia, Ecuador, and others, have more than 20 political parties. I believe that is why there is a level of complexity with political issues in those countries. The greater number of political parties makes the decision-making process difficult.

On the other hand, the Constitution of the United States has, for a long time, been adequate to deal with the current situations. Unlike the Hispanic coun-

tries whose constitutions have had a lot of changes since they were written. However, the authority does not respect them.

A lot of factors together, give great variety to governmental systems between countries. In high or low levels, it is possible to find corruption, bribery, divisions, etc. Variations between systems and political parties give the alternative for having a broad opportunity for changes and democracy is enriched.



Political Platform

JONELLE BERNASKO

Based on the most recent election involving Bush and Gore, the American political system seems very disorganized. Surely it doesn't take weeks to count votes that are tallied up by a computer. If votes must be re-counted, this will undoubtedly raise speculation amongst American citizens. A re-count would be justified if the margin between the votes were not as wide as it is.

The most obvious difference between the US and England is the size. The government, however, does not have complete control in England because of the monarchy. The monarchy has a certain amount of control, but the government does not sit on the same level in the hierarchical ladder.

England's equivalent to a president is a Prime Minister. I notice that American citizens have a similar attachment to their President as England has towards its monarchy. For instance, when President Kennedy died, it had the same effect on Americans as the death of Princess Diana had on the people of England. It was devastating.

The constitution states that the government is run by democracy, but it contradicts itself. If the electoral vote appoints the president then it seems unnecessary for the people to vote. It is extremely unlikely that America's political system will be changed, unless the constitution is revised.

Christmas is time for traditional treats

I know that at this point in the semester, everyone is tired of school, ready to go home and you don't really want to hear some cheesy anecdote written by yours truly. But I haven't been able to fully express my holiday cheer yet, so I would ask you all to humor me one more time this semester.

I love Christmas. I love driving around with my family, looking at what my brother affectionately calls "bubble lights" every year. I love shopping with my mom on the day when all the stores have Christmas open houses and I love wrapping my dad's presents with so much tape that he has to tear the wrapping paper when he opens them.

And, like so many other "Suzy Homemaker" types, I love to bake. There are several Christmas treats that I love making, but I haven't made them recently. Well this year, I'm going to break out the Red Hots and semi-sweet baking squares and destroy the kitchen.

However, it would be selfish of me to not let all of you in on the secrets to my messy kitchen. So, in the spirit of giving, I've decided to print the recipes to two of my favorite holiday goodies. But don't worry, I have an easy recipe



Courtney's Kaleidoscope

COURTNEY IRWIN

and a more challenging one for all those who want to join in the fun of wrecking your parents' kitchen for the holidays.

Mom's Fudge Brownies

4 squares unsweetened chocolate
1 cup unsalted butter
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup flour
1/2 tsp salt
Melt chocolate. Add butter and melt into chocolate. Stir sugar into mixture. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well. Stir in vanilla.

Sift together flour and salt and add to chocolate mixture. Stir until smooth.

Pour into oblong cake pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Do not overcook. Brownies should be soft and fudgy.

Holly Sprig Treats

Use the same ingredients as you would for Rice Krispies treats and except use cornflakes instead of Rice Krispies and add green food coloring and Red Hots.

Follow directions to make Rice Krispies Treats, but add green food coloring to warm mixture until you get a dark green color.

When cool enough to handle, form wreath or holly sprig shapes and add Red Hots to make holly berries.

Put on pan to cool.

Enjoy these recipes. If you don't end up destroying the kitchen too badly, then maybe you can give these as cheap, but creative Christmas presents. (We are college students after all). Besides, your mom would probably get as giddy as she used to when you brought home beaded necklaces from kindergarten.

Have fun this break! Be safe, and remember that whether you're celebrating Chanukah, Kwanza, Ramadan, Christmas or any other holiday, keep in mind the season's tradition, family and most importantly, love.

MACTOON

BY TOM HALLIBURTON



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photo contributed by Christine Sheller

Left: Protesters march in Columbus, Ga., to remember the many who have lost their lives at the hands of School of Americas-trained soldiers. The protest drew over 10,000 people to Ft. Benning. Right: Sophomores Christine Sheller, Wes Hoffert and Marie Rhoades brave the cold at the SOA protest.



photo contributed by Christine Sheller

PEACE AWARENESS GROUP SENDS PROTESTERS TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE "SCHOOL OF ASSASSINS"

Elissa Thompson
Features Editor

As the funeral procession marched through the streets of Columbus, Ga., some were arrested and others stood by and watched to support their friends. Obviously, this was no normal funeral procession. It was a procession memorializing the many people killed by those trained in the School of the Americas, located on the Ft. Benning military base.

"I wanted to do something," said Seth Good, sr., Anneville, Pa. Good is the unofficial leader of the campus' Peace Awareness Group.

Good had heard about how the School of the Americas (SOA) was training soldiers to fight in both South and Central America and decided to get a group together to participate in the biggest peace protest in the United States.

"Graduates of SOA are known for creating a lot of atrocities," Good said.

Many of the things allegedly taught at SOA are against U.S. military policy because they are inhumane. However, the skills, such as capturing families for information and other methods of torture are taught on U.S. soil to foreign soldiers.

"SOA trains people to fight the drug war," Good said. "The war on drugs has not been that successful."

Feelings were strong enough for the cause that Good and five other students including, Brisa Saks, fr., Manheim, Pa.; Christine Sheller, soph., Eldora, Ia.; Marie Rhoades, soph., Harrisburg, Pa.; Jodi Good, soph., Anneville, Pa.; and Wes Hoffert, Golden, Colo., headed to Columbus to protest in peace.

The students marched the streets along with over 10,000 people. Sheller and

Seth Good chose to cross the property line at Ft. Benning, which is civil disobedience. The action led to their arrest.

"It's for a good cause," Sheller said. "It made a statement. The whole point was to inconvenience the police."

Good believes that without civil disobedience the weekend would just be a nice weekend away.

"I felt that without forcing the government and county to deal with the situation, it would just be a large convention with a lot of people spending money," Good said.

The only time the protest becomes a problem is when the government has to spend money to take care of people who disobey.

"I wanted my presence to have a stronger influence than just presence at the protest," Good said.

Though Sheller didn't know what she was getting into, she took her chances.

"We didn't know how big the risk was, but we took it," Sheller said.

As the two crossed the line they were met with a decision to go back across the line or get on buses. They chose to get on the buses, where they were sent to a warehouse that had military tents, space heaters and folding chairs. The process took about five hours.

"We got searched by military police. We gave them our ID, fingerprints and received a letter," Sheller said.

Good and Sheller are banned from Ft. Benning Military Reservation for a five-year period.

Some may wonder what the police felt about the whole situation. Saks got up the nerve to ask.

"I asked, 'Are you guys upset with us?'" Saks said. "He had a big smile on his face. He said, 'Everyone has their cause.'"

Other police only replied that they

didn't want to comment when Saks asked about their stand.

"It was really interesting to see their point of view on the whole issue," Saks said.

The main goal of the group was to protest the school. Though the arrests were controversial, the main focus is the

views they are protesting. This kept some from crossing.

"I felt if I crossed it would be for the wrong reasons, like peer pressure. I didn't feel well enough informed. If I went back, I would definitely cross," Hoffert said.

Good didn't do it for the attention. He

wants everyone to know about the school.

"I would rather the focus be on the school. I didn't just get arrested for the fun of it and so people would tell me that's cool," Good said.

The students are already planning to go back and want others to join them.

Protesters speak out about SOA

Marie Rhoades, Christine Sheller, and Jodi Good

Spectator Staff

On Nov. 17 and 18, we stood with over 10,000 other people in solidarity to close the School of Americas and recognize the victims of its graduates. The School of the Americas (SOA), renamed the Western Hemispheric Institute for Security Cooperation as of May 2000, is an institute that trains soldiers from Central and South America terroristic and torture techniques that are used to oppress worker unions and other civilian groups striving for equality and justice. Graduates from the SOA are responsible for some of the most horrific violations of human rights, including kidnapping, rape and massacre.

On November 16, six of us from McPherson College drove to Ft. Benning, Ga. for the weekend long protest. On Friday night we attended an orientation on nonviolence, civil disobedience and overall "proper protest conduct". We were reminded that our presence there was to recognize the lives that have been lost because of the School of Americas and to close the SOA, not to cause trouble.

"We hope that by being at Ft. Benning that weekend, we have helped to draw attention to SOA"

—Protesters

In spite of cold and rain, we attended a vigil held at the gates of the Fort. Speakers and music energized the crowd and brought attention to the injustices committed. On Sunday morning we gathered to mourn the loss of the thousands of innocent victims. All six of us walked together in a line that spanned the road, we were one line among many in the processional that stretched for three blocks.

The air was silent between us as we heard the name, age, and method of killing of each victim being cried out from the main stage. In unison we raised our crosses and sang "presente". As the line moved forward and got closer to the property line those not crossing stepped out of the processional. Wes and Marie stood along the side of the road in support of those crossing. Then Brisa and Jodi stepped out, and finally just Seth and Christine crossed the line, and continued the funeral procession onto the Ft. Benning property. It was a very

solemn and humbling demonstration. The procession and name calling continued for another hour and the crowd outside the gate was very quiet. Some cried, others prayed, many just continued to sing "presente" in response to the killings.

Over 3,600 people risked arrest by "crossing the line." The military police were waiting with buses about a mile inside the base for those who crossed. From those who chose to board the busses an estimated 2,000 were picked randomly to be processed, including Seth and Christine.

Later, those who did not cross witnessed a celebration of life as the vigil continued with songs and dance. Puppets entered the base to plant corn that represented seeds of life and growth in opposition to the death and oppression that is currently the work of the SOA.

We hope that by being at Ft. Benning that weekend, we have helped to draw attention to SOA so that others will recognize how our country is sending military pawns to other countries to keep their people oppressed. We hope that if the school still operates next year that we will be joined by other students standing up against the evil that promotes oppression of workers.

Student's believe that it all adds up

Accounting professor honored for teaching skills

Corin Blickenstaff

Spectator Staff

David O'Dell, accounting, was recently named the Outstanding Postsecondary Business Educator for 2000. He received the honor at the Kansas Business Education Association convention at the Wichita Marriott on Oct. 5-6. The award, given annually, is awarded to those who show consistent excellence in teaching and service to the areas of business education.

O'Dell has definitely shown that he is deserving of this award by playing an active role in both McPherson College and the McPherson community.

"There are many good professors teaching business in Kansas and I see me receiving this award as more of a representation of those professors. It's nice that they do recognize educators in this way," O'Dell said.

O'Dell has been teaching at McPherson College since 1979 and is

"My favorite part about Dave's class is that he always makes class apply to the real world"

—Nichole Williams, soph.

currently serving as the appointed chair of the business department and the elected chair of the social science division. He also serves as the sponsor for the McPherson College Business Club and has been doing so for 17 years.

At the community level, O'Dell has been involved in his own Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firm and the McPherson County Small Business Development Association (SBDA). He has helped to organize the McPherson High School Band Parents Club by serving as treasurer and a founder. Other activities include serving on various boards including the hospital board, the public school board, chamber of commerce and Leadership McPherson.

O'Dell has had many highlights in his

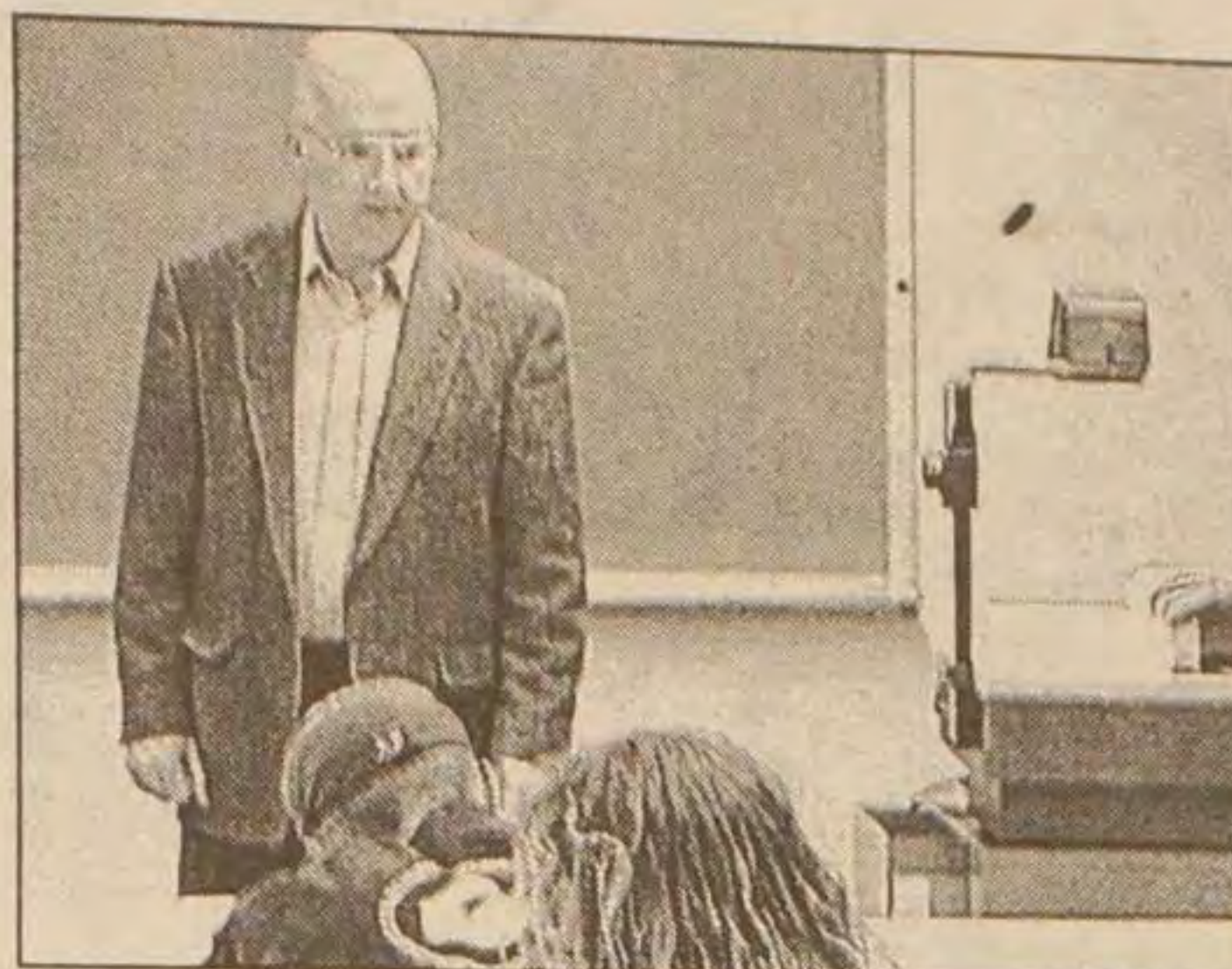


photo by Genelle Wine

Dave O'Dell, accounting, lectures students. O'Dell was awarded Postsecondary Business Educator for the year 2000. O'Dell was also chosen as Who's Who Among America's Teachers by former students who were on the National Dean's List.

career. His favorite thing about teaching is the interaction with the students.

"Even in my most difficult times in my

life it has been my students that kept me going," O'Dell said.

O'Dell's students seem to share a mutual fondness for his teaching techniques and dedication.

"Dave O'Dell is very entertaining and he has helped me learn a lot about how to be professional in business. He has always been available when I needed him and is a great asset to the college," said

Lynn Walters, sr., Hutchinson.

Students agree that O'Dell keeps class entertaining and makes lessons apply to life situations.

"Even in my most difficult times in my life it has been my students that kept me going."

—Dave O'Dell

"My favorite part about Dave's classes is that he always makes class apply to the real world. He always tells us ways to try to save money when we enter the business world," said Nichole Williams, soph., Russell.

Even in early morning classes, O'Dell makes learning fun.

"I had Dave for accounting at 7:30 a.m. and he always seemed to make it as interesting as possible with jokes and puns," Scott McDearmon, sr., Milledgeville, Ill., said.

Another highlight for O'Dell is going to graduation and seeing students receive their diplomas. He also was honored to have been chosen as Who's Who Among America's Teachers by former students who were on the National Dean's List in 1996, 1997 and 1999.

Students expand their comfort zones to find themselves

Denise Norsworthy

Spectator Staff

Some of the difficulties BCA students face while studying abroad are being far away from friends and family, being in unfamiliar territory, redefining oneself, and being incredibly self-conscious. These are the things BCA students overcome to become stronger people.

"In the first week I got kind of yelled at by a saleswoman in a store because I didn't purchase a certain item at the right cash register. (In Germany, a lot of times you don't carry all of your items to the front of the store to pay for them. Rather you purchase the items in the area of the store where you found them)," said Janelle Flory, jr., McPherson. Flory is now studying in Germany. This cultural difference was only a minor setback for Flory.

"Cultural differences are the first things I noticed, but after two months, they seem really insignificant," Flory said.

Getting used to a different set of social rules was a small challenge for Becky Ullom, sr., Wiley, Colo.

"No time limits and how you greet people, a kiss on the right cheek, was hard to get used to," Ullom said. Ullom was a BCA student in Mexico last year.

Jonelle Bernasko, who is studying at McPherson College this semester has had to quickly adjust to a different means of transportation.

"I miss my independence the most. I'm not used to being dependent on people, so it's hard to ask people for a ride when I'm in need of getting some things from a store," Bernasko said.

Small inconveniences have not stopped Bernasko from enjoying her time here in America.

"Even if the barriers seem high at first,

they are incredibly easier to knock down once you do it," Bernasko said.

Through their new experiences BCA students have learned to find themselves. They enjoy their time abroad and feel they've grown through the process.

"I recommend it because it brings your life into focus. You get to look at yourself and realize how much of your life is actually under control," Ullom said.

BCA students have memorable experiences that they can carry with them the rest of their lives.

"There's so much to do here - concerts, pubs, parties, lots of neat shops...and we can ride the train free to Frankfurt in only an hour," Flory said.

Not only are these experiences good for a memory, but they are actually life changing.

"Mixing with people with totally different backgrounds and cultures has widened my view and made me disregard the pigeon hole that everyone puts Americans in," Bernasko said.

"When you're outside your own culture, it's a chance to make yourself better, to develop a whole other side of you," Ullom said.

BCA gives a person the opportunity to experience new and challenging things. It's an opportunity that everyone

should take if they can because life isn't just about living. It's about living and growing, and BCA gives one that opportunity.

"When you decide to go abroad, it's a gutsy experience but just do it, with no expectations and make the best of it. Just take it all in," Ullom said.

Bernasko believes that you must put your dreams into reality and try something new.

"You grow as a person. You cannot live life with 'if only's.' Everybody has a lot of those already. Why add to the list?" Bernasko said.

BCA is something worth taking a chance on.

"I'm having so much fun meeting people from all over the world—Australia, New Zealand, England, Spain, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, China, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, South Africa and Jordan," Flory said.

Take the challenge, grow as a person, have fun, and leave with memories to last a lifetime.

"It's a challenging year, often frustrating, but in the long run it's going to be the most fruitful learning experience of my life thus far, both in terms of academics and self-discovery," Flory said.



photo contributed by Becky Ullom

Becky Ullom, sr., Wiley, Colo., cards wool over her spring break in Mexico. Ullom believes that her experience in Mexico helped her to grow as a person and encourages other students to go to another country to study.

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Sports scholarships to be implemented for fall of 2001

Scott McDearmon
Spectator Staff

Beginning with the 2001-2002 academic year, McPherson College will be offering athletic scholarships. Among other objectives, the scholarships are to help improve the level of play of the college's athletic teams.

"We want to provide the opportunity for coaches to attract better, more skilled players to improve play," said Fred Schmidt, director of admissions. "We want to attract those students we couldn't before."

The student athletes who receive athletic scholarships next year would still be eligible for the current merit scholarship that all students can receive. These athletic scholarships are aimed at student athletes that would not have come to McPherson College with only the merit scholarship.

"Hopefully this will give coaches financial influence that they didn't have before," said athletic director Dan Hoffman. "These scholarships will enhance the skill level. I hope that it improves our programs."

The performance-based scholarships will be awarded to first-time freshmen with a GPA of 2.5 or higher, and an ACT of 19 or SAT of 900. Transfer students must have a 2.75 GPA or higher to be eligible. The retention of these scholarships will be based on the same standard as the current merit scholarship awarded by the college. The only way these scholarships can be removed is if the student athlete voluntarily leaves the sport.

Coaches will have a specific number of scholarships to offer to any students who meet the GPA criterion. The short-term goal of this initiative is to reach a critical mass of players per squad. Over the long-term, an overall

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improvement in the level of competition within the KCAC is expected.

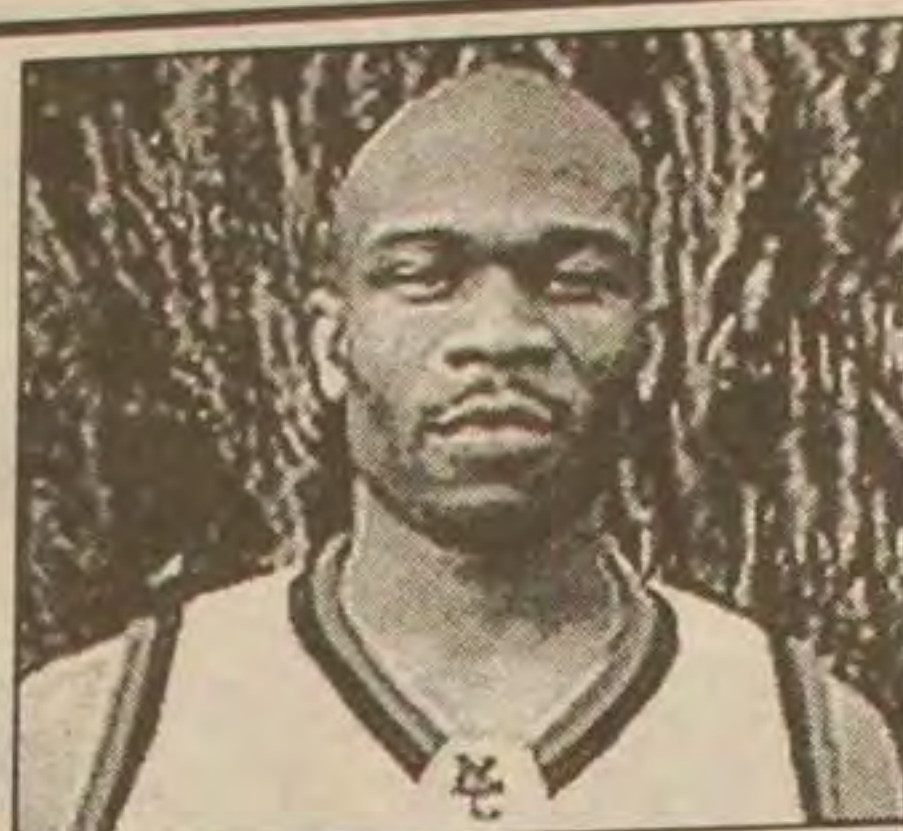
This announcement has come on the heels of changes in the athletic program. Along with changes in the scholarship set-up, soccer, tennis, and golf were dropped in an effort to focus Mac's energies on strengthening the remaining sports.

Misinformation has been published in the Salina Journal. The Journal reported that budgets from discontinued programs would be used for funding athletic scholarships. However, funding provided by the budgets of these sports will be used to improve facilities, equipment, and general infrastructure, not to fund the new scholarships. Athletic scholarships will be a separate line item in the budget for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

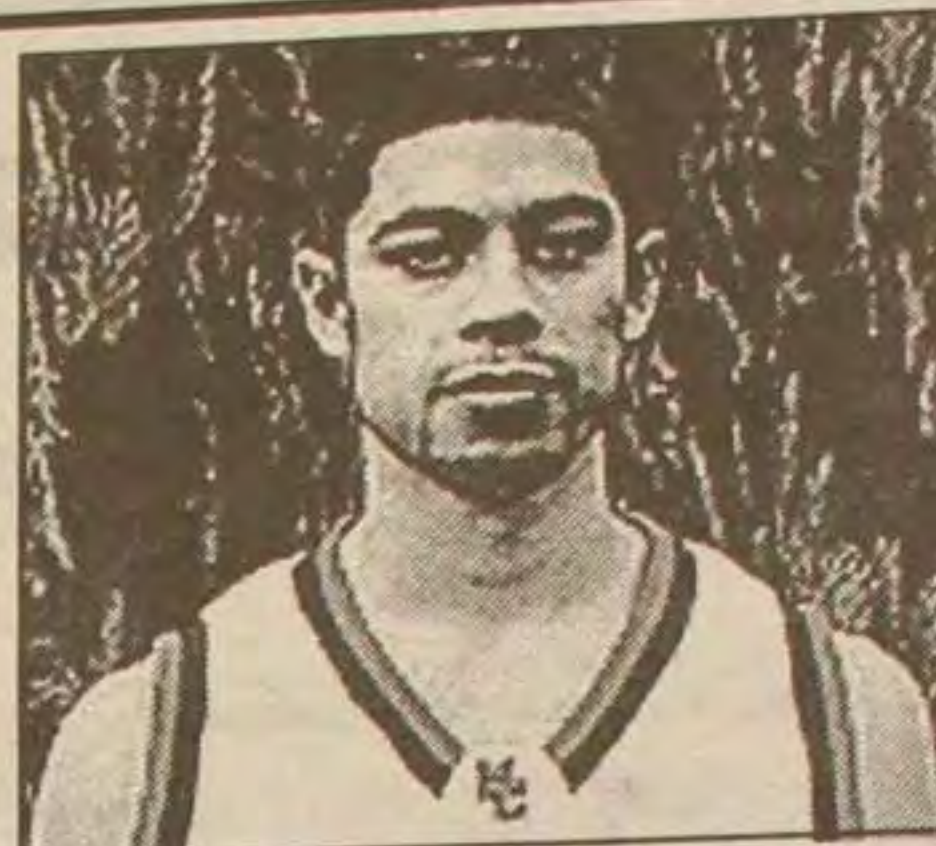
Students on campus have varying opinions as to the need and effectiveness of athletic scholarships.

Bryan Lucore, a former track team member, is supportive of the new format. "It would be nice to see the programs strengthened."

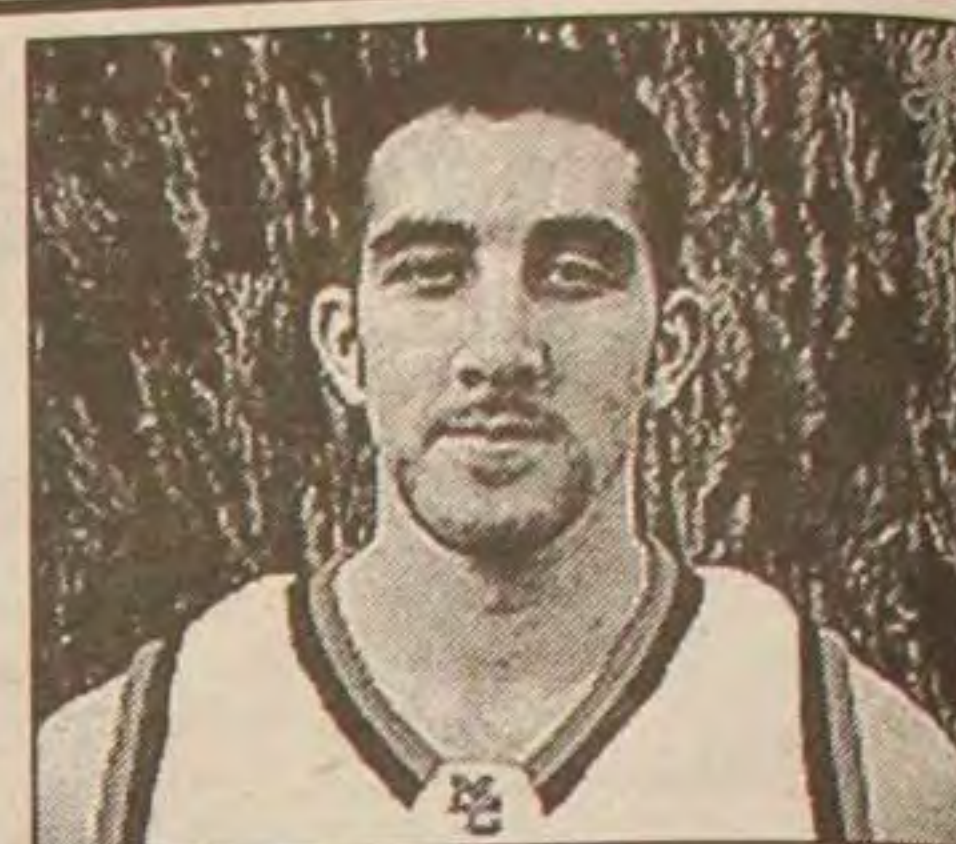
"It's insignificant. They can't give enough," Joe Cerullo said. Cerullo played soccer this fall. According to Schmidt, the total amount of scholarship money, and the number of scholarships to be given per sport is not being released at this time.



Ford, 18 points



Perez, 5 assists



Romero, 11 rebounds

Men's cagers thwart Moundbuilders, 76-52

Chris Curran
Spectator Staff

Unselfish play and team defense helped the Bulldogs defeat Southwestern University 76-52 at home Thursday, Dec. 7.

"We stepped up our defense and held our turnovers to a minimum," said head coach Roger Trimmell. "Our defense set the tempo of the game, and we had good execution on offense."

"We had a good player out tonight, so I told the guys we had to step up and fill his shoes," Antonio Ford said. "Ricky [Torres] had sprained his ankle, so we had to come together as a team to play defense and limit our turnovers."

"In warm-ups we were focused," Mike Perez said. "We had the mentality of going out and playing hard."

From the tip-off, the Dogs kept up the defensive pressure on Southwestern, allowing only 16 points on six shots in the first half and 36 points on 11 shots in the second half. Ford led the team in scoring with 28 points. Lynn Walters had 15 points, and Kenny Romero had 13 points.

"We had balanced scoring from the inside and the outside," Perez said.

The Dogs also controlled the boards, amassing 25 defensive rebounds and 20 offensive rebounds. Romero had 11 rebounds along with his 13 points to

complete a double-double.

"I was going to the glass a lot," Romero said. "Coach wants all five of us to go to the glass every time. I worked hard and was in the right place at the right time."

Despite Torres' injury, the bench answered Ford's call, contributing 19 points and 10 rebounds.

"Our bench stepped up tonight," Trimmell said. "We're going to need that depth in the games to come."

"The underclassmen showed maturity tonight," Walters said. "They didn't let them come back after we were ahead."

Tim Hayden, Cameron Long, and R.J. Davis picked up where the starters left off and controlled the game with sharp passes, penetrating baseline drives, and solid defensive rebounding. Long sunk two three-pointers late in the game.

Following last night's game the Dogs are 8-2 overall, 2-1 in conference. After losing a close game to Tabor (77-78) on Thursday, Nov. 30, the Dogs came out the next night and beat Bellevue in double overtime, 88-86. Antonio Ford hit a key shot at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime.

"That was a great win, especially after the tough game we lost to Tabor the night before," Trimmell said.

Five of the Dogs scored in double figures during the Bellevue game, led by Kenny Romero's 24 point, 11 rebound

double-double. Art Baker also had a double-double as he scored 11 points and pulled down 11 boards. The other players who scored in double figures were Ford (22), Perez (13), and Ricky Torres (11).

But on Saturday, Dec. 2, the men ran out of gas in their third game in as many days, losing to Iowa Wesleyan, 92-83.

"I feel bad about our two losses," Ford said. "When the team is doing good, I can take a step back. But when the game is on the line, I need to step up and lead the team."

The Dogs bounced back from the nine-point loss against Iowa Wesleyan to defeat KCAC rival Bethel, 70-65.

"We're going to surprise people," Ford said. "We were picked tenth in conference, but we won't finish tenth. We have a good inside player and a lot of speed."

"The team is coming together," Walter said. "Both the first and second half [in the Tabor game] were strong. Tonight there was a consistency that hasn't been there."

The Dogs travel east to play KCAC newcomer Saint Mary's tomorrow.

"They're big, they get up and down the court, and they shoot a lot," Romero said. "We need to play with confidence and let our defense interfere with their game. Hopefully we can get another conference win before the break."

Alumna challenges Mac to take pride

I first came to McPherson College during interterm of 1994, as a transfer student from Fort Worth, Texas (a big city compared to small McPherson). It was difficult coming in during the middle of the year when students had already established their friends; however, I was here to play basketball and volleyball, so immediately I connected with the girls on the team.

Although I was very homesick, my team, the people and the spirit of McPherson College chipped away at my need to be back in the city. No, there were not ten malls, hundreds of restaurants, thousands of places to "go" or tons of students; instead, there were people who cared about me, were interested in me, and wanted me to succeed in athletics, school and life.

The family-like atmosphere of Mac College was full of love, peace and education. For example, students wanted to study and succeed in the classroom,



JEN WILLIAMS '97

Time and Again

athletes worked hard to win during competition, service projects were a treat rather than a burden, and President Paul took time to learn each student's name and their story.

Also, we didn't expect things would happen for us without effort. We made them happen. We took advantage of free activities offered by the activities board. We too had pranks pulled on us - we made the best of what we had, instead of whining about what was missing. I will never forget my dorm life at "Fanny" - the toga parties, the haunted houses and

living with people who preferred the lobby to their room.

When I took this job I was eager to make a difference. I kept in touch with several people, and it seemed the "spirit" I had remembered so well was in danger of being destroyed.

I only hope I have been able to open some eyes to what a wonderful opportunity McPherson College has in making a difference in the lives of students and student/athletes. The entire community needs take pride in what it has and what the future will hold.

I will not return to McPherson College as an employee next semester. However, I will return as an alumna every chance I get. I take pride in my education and the institutions from which I received it and hope the students today and in the years to come will do so too.

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

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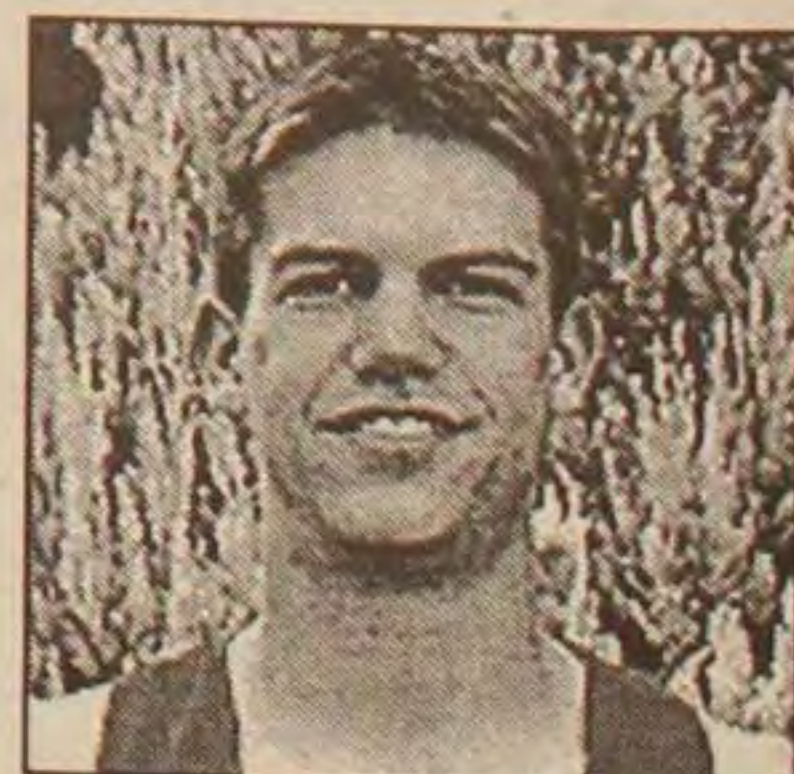
Yvette Segura

photo by Kris Boyer

Yvette Segura is a freshman from Brownsville, Texas. Segura finished her first season at Mac placing 15th at the KCAC Conference Championship in a time of 22:40, leading the team to a fourth place finish. Her personal record for the season was 21:42. "Yvette ran well on tough courses and despite numerous injuries," said Erik Dickkut, head coach. "She has tons of potential."

Wes Hoffert is a sophomore transfer from Golden, Colo. In his first season running cross country for McPherson, Hoffert ran a personal best of 29:01. He was the top finisher for the Bulldogs at the KCAC Championships placing 27th.

"Wes's performance was consistent all season. He and Shane [Netherton] really battled each other," said Dickkut. "I think he can really improve next year."



Wes Hoffert

photo by Kris Boyer

SPORTS BRIEFS

■ Volleyball coach Jen Williams resigns

Jen Williams, head volleyball coach, has resigned effective Dec. 15. Williams has been on staff since August 1999 as an assistant professor, assistant athletic director, director of intramurals and head volleyball coach.

Williams decided to leave at semester to leave the team and incoming volleyball coach in a better position.

"I wanted to give the new coach time to recruit for next year. And to be able to train and get to know my girls," Williams said.

Williams' decision was due in part to her recent engagement. Williams and her fiancé, Emanuel Roland, are alumni of McPherson College. Roland worked as an admissions counselor in recent years and is currently an elementary teacher and coach in Fort Worth, Texas.

"It was a very hard decision because I love this school," Williams said. "I want my girls to succeed so much, on the court and in school."

Williams told the team of her decision this Tuesday at a team meeting.

"I told my team when I got engaged that I needed to make this decision, so

it wasn't a complete shock to them now," Williams said. "They were very understanding and wanted me to do what was best for me."

Williams leaves after coaching the squad to an 8-21 season, finishing 1-17 in the conference. Williams recruited a majority of the team and expects most of them to play next fall.

"I'm very excited for next year. I saw great things this fall," Williams said. "We could never get over that hill for so long but next year the team should be even stronger."

Summer Snodgrass, one of two seniors who will be graduating, played volleyball three years for McPherson College, with two seasons under Williams.

"The season went really well. It's sad that she's leaving for the people who are still here. She did a lot. I've known her a long time and I'm happy for her," Snodgrass said.

"Jen Williams has given a significant amount of her life, both as a student and coach. She is the epitome of a Mac grad," athletic director Dan Hoffman said. "Jen has demonstrated a passion for working with students as well as for the college. I'm sorry to see her go but pleased that she's continuing to grow."

■ Intramural volleyball concludes; 3-on-3 to begin

Intramural volleyball came to a close this Wednesday with the completion of the bracket tournament. The faculty team earned first place, beating out nine other teams. Members of the team include Mike McCormick, Tony Segovia, Jen Williams, Dan Hoffman, and Erik Dickutt.

"I had a great time. It was a lot of fun," McCormick said.

The volleyball round-robin play leading up to the tournament ran from the end of Oct.

Clay Haggard, Aaron Ellsworth, and Artie Baker are responsible for organizing the intramural activities, along with sponsor Jen Williams. This is their first year as the student coordinators.

The next event will be 3-on-3 basketball in January, followed by 5-on-5 basketball starting in February. Students are encouraged to sign up teams of five for the 3-on-3 tournament.

"Hopefully we'll get people involved because they'll be playing with their friends," Haggard said. "We want people to try it and have fun."

Off-season work will pay dividends

Bryan Pfeifer

Spectator Staff

The McPherson Bulldog football team had a rocky season this fall. Although their record was 1-8, they played most opponents tough.

"We only got blown out in two games and they were against Bethany and Ottawa," said Dan Davis, the Bulldogs' head football coach. The Bulldogs' only victory was against St. Mary's, a team in its inaugural season.

The Bulldogs have already started working out for the 2001 season. Davis believes the team lost some games this last year because they were physically weak. One of his goals is to build up the offensive line, so he expects a 90 percent

attendance during the off-season.

"We are going to work each day to get better, and not sit around and sulk about the past season," Davis said.

The premier player for the Bulldogs this year was senior Jason Schwartz. Schwartz, who played middle linebacker, was named second team all conference. Among his accomplishments, Schwartz had 106 tackles for the 2000 season, two blocked field goals, three recovered fumbles, and three sacks.

"I was put in a situation to be a leader on the team. It took everyone on the team. It just happened that my position gets to take the credit," Schwartz said.

The team played hard all season but just made a lot of freshman mistakes, Davis said.

"I liked the group of kids that I worked with this year. If there was any group of boys to go 1-8 with, this would have been the group that chose," Davis said.

"I'd like to thank the team," Schwartz said. "It seemed like the guys played harder at the end of the season for the seniors."

"I feel next year we will be a lot better, because we will have quite a few people returning," said Joe Salopek, linebacker. "This brings experience and team unity to the team, because we have been together and we are one year older."

"The thing that I was most impressed with on the team this year was their grade point average. On an average it was a point higher at mid-term than it was last year," Davis said.

'Builders leash Bulldogs, 62-71

Chris Curran

Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs were plagued with foul trouble as they lost to Southwestern University last night, 62-71.

The Lady Bulldogs got off to a quick start with a three-point shot from Jess Brown. But the Moundbuilders quickly answered and outmatched the Lady Dogs on the boards. The first half ended 24-40.

Head coach Mel Wright and assistant Tara Froese looked to the bench for support throughout the first half.

"Girls stepped up off bench and helped us keep our energy," Sharla Odhams said. "Our ability to rotate positions gives us flexibility."

While positive aspects were easy to come by, areas of improvement were also evident. According to several players, rebounding and blocking out under the boards seemed to be the main weakness.

"We need to learn defense instead of just reaching in," Erica Alvarez said. "It was just a bad game. I think we had 'first home game' jitters."

"We weren't blocking out, and we got killed on the boards," Amber Jackson said. "We let the refs get to us. We've had trouble with fouls all season."

"We just needed to be more intense, more into the offensive," Chenise Robinson said.

The women didn't get their momentum back until late in the second half. Despite the point deficit, the Lady Dogs continued to fight, pulling within nine points before the final buzzer sounded.

"We didn't give up and played really hard," Odhams said.

"If we had played the first half the way we played the second half, it would have been a different game," Jackson said. "We played with heart and intensity in the second half. Tonight we just weren't there."

Recent injuries have also troubled the

Lady Bulldogs. Several of the women continued to play despite minor injuries. Kimmi Hogan was absent from the game due to a torn meniscus. Hogan is currently at home awaiting future treatment.

Despite the slow first half and the final score, the Lady Dogs were positive about the game against Southwestern.

"We didn't give up and toward the end we started to play as a team," Odhams said. "We had a good balance of scoring between outside and inside shooting."

"We have our moments, and more will come with time," Alvarez said.

Froese joins coaching staff

Tara Froese joined Mac this year as assistant women's basketball coach. Originally from Inman, Kans., Froese received her undergraduate degree from Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Penn. She majored in therapeutic recreation with a minor in coaching. During college, Froese participated in soccer, basketball, and softball.

As assistant coach, Froese is in charge of the junior varsity squad and assists with the varsity.

"I always wanted to be a coach," Froese said. "Mel is awesome because he gives me leeway. As the assistant, I share my ideas and he can take them or leave them."

"I think she's a really good coach," Amy Gremmer said. Gremmer suits up for both junior varsity and varsity competitions.

Froese is also employed as the assistant program director at the McPherson YMCA. She is currently working towards a second minor in Spanish with hopes to move up into leadership roles.

"She yells at us and it makes me try harder," Erica Alvarez said.

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62-50 v. Bethel
62-71 v. Southwestern

Men's Basketball

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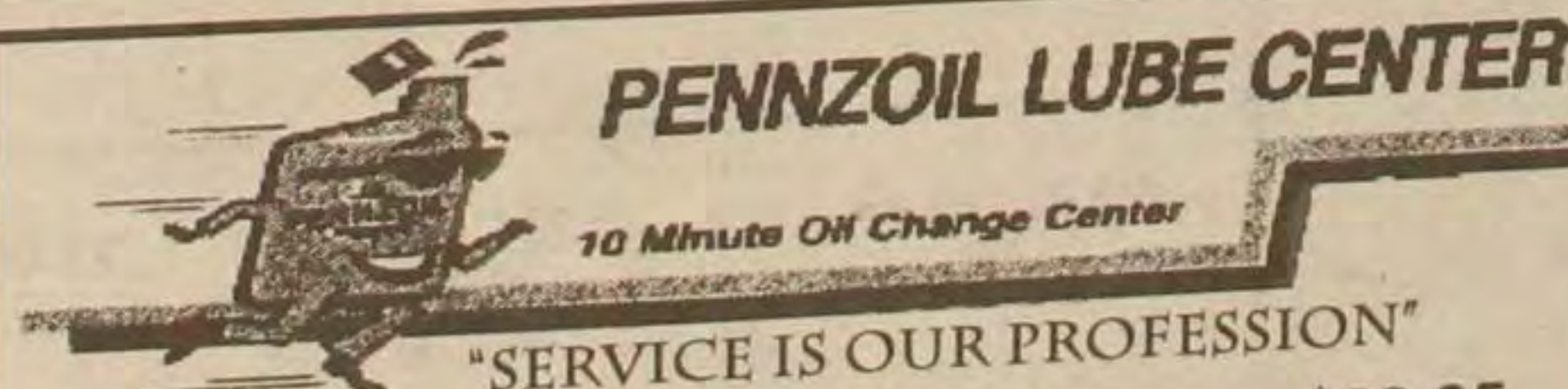
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Digital Subscriber Link connection improves college's computer speed

Campus community takes advantage of improved Internet speed.

LeAnn Wine
Editor in Chief

McPherson College students, faculty and staff have experienced faster Internet speed since the residence halls were transferred to a Digital Subscriber Link on Nov. 28. The 1.5 megabyte DSL connection has relieved the traffic on the 256 kilobyte line that the remainder of the campus continues to use.

Neither the DSL connection or the T-1 lines have been saturated since the conversion last week, according to Dave Gitchell, computer services. When a line is saturated, more information than can be passed at one time is stored in buffers until it can be sent.

"Information gets lost on a saturated line," Gitchell said. "It's not a true measure of the line's bandwidth."

Computer services staff has been monitoring the use of both lines since Nov. 29. The average incoming traffic on the DSL connection from the Nov. 29 to Dec. 6 was 372.9 kb/second. The maximum incoming traffic over the same period was 1370.5 kb/second.

Students have noticed the increase in the speed of the Internet both in the residence halls and the computer labs in Mohler and Miller.

"It's definitely a lot faster," said Jonathan Klinger, fr., Winnebago, Ill. Klinger uses the Internet for browsing, email and Napster music downloads.

Kenan Davis, soph., Houston, and Matt Bulk, soph., Manhattan, also use the Internet to download music files.

"It's very nice to obtain music faster," Davis said.

"It's nine to ten times faster," Bulk said.

Internet gaming is another popular Internet activity which has improved with the DSL connection.

"I've noticed a big improvement," said Sean Sexton, fr., Washington. The graphics and execution are smoother, not as jerky."

One minor inconvenience of the new connection is the installment of a Net Address Translator (NAT). The NAT is essentially a firewall. Therefore, a computer outside the campus can't initiate a connection with a computer in the residence halls. This affects chat software such as ICQ and Internet games.

The residence halls have IP addresses which are not routable on the Internet. The NAT translates any outgoing information from the halls to a single routable IP address and back for incoming information.

At this time, computer services has no plans to connect any of the other buildings on campus with the DSL.

"The 256K line is not saturated and working fine for everyone," Gitchell said.

Currently, the residence halls and off campus students can't access library resources. The resources' servers only recognize the IP address assigned to the 256K connection.

Miller will most likely remain on the 256K line for that reason. Also, the Student Union lab is the only option for students to reach library resources after hours, so it will stay on the old line as well, according to Gitchell.

Computer services has begun to set up an easy proxy that would allow students in the residence halls and off campus to access the online library resources. The proxy would allow students to query the college's Web server then the Web server would query the library with a valid IP address. Students using the easy proxy would be required to have a campus email address.

Education program begins national accreditation process

Tracy Firch
News Editor

The McPherson College Teacher Education Program is beginning the process of becoming nationally accredited.

National accreditation will help students resumés and make it easier for students to get teaching jobs across the country.

"If you can say you graduated from a National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) school, that tells of a certain excellence in that school," said Barbara Cole, coordinator for accreditation.

The decision to become nationally accredited came about three years ago when the Kansas State Department of Education decided to adopt the national standard in its program.

"The state of Kansas adopted the NCATE standards so we decided to go the extra step and become nationally accredited," said Marilyn Kimbrell, curriculum and instruction.

Cole and Kimbrell thought the move to become

nationally accredited would significantly benefit students.

"One or two states won't look at graduates that aren't from a NCATE school. If this trend grows, I think becoming nationally accredited will be especially beneficial," Cole said.

"We thought it would be better for students. There's some research that shows it's a little easier for students to get jobs in other states if they come from a NCATE school," Kimbrell said.

The visit from NCATE is scheduled for the fall of 2002. Currently the college is doing a self-evaluation.

"Right now we are doing a self study to be sure we will meet the standards," said Karlene Tyler, dean for student enrollment services.

The six standards include an evaluation of the skills, knowledge and disposition of teacher education students, a program assessment, field experiences and clinical practices, diversity of faculty, students, and staff, not just ethnically but gender, and socioeconomic; faculty, and governance and resources.

Auto restoration program and Templeton Hall undergo study

Tracy Firch
News Editor

Templeton Hall is undergoing a space allocation study to help optimize the use of building space. The study is part of an operational model being developed to adapt the current curriculum of the restoration program.

"The curriculum being delivered isn't going to change, but the way the curriculum is to be delivered is quite a bit different," said Robert Vaughn, technology and restoration technology.

With 38 students entering the Automotive Restoration program this year—the largest class ever—a new system is needed to schedule students in and out of the building, according to Vaughn.

"We're looking at dividing the curriculum into three or four credit hour, more specialized blocks," Vaughn said.

This system would mean all restoration students wouldn't need to be in the building at the same time.

Another possible change includes finding more storage space so more of Templeton Hall can be used for actual work.

These curriculum changes are being considered for the 2001-2002 school year.

Changes to the program have been carefully considered by many in order to reach an informed decision.

"About four weeks ago we had a week-long meeting. The faculty of the auto restoration program, strategic planning, office of provost, the college president and dean of students have all been involved in discussion," Vaughn said.

The technology department anticipates admitting 40 to 48 new students in the Automotive Restoration program next year.

NEWS BRIEFS

'67 Camaro to be auctioned for college fundraiser

The auto restoration program restored a '67 Camaro that will be auctioned off at the Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale, Ariz. The car will be auctioned off during a live Speedvision broadcast. Over 800 collectable cars will go through this world-famous, five-day auction.

Volleyball team sponsors successful blood drive

Over 50 students and staff came to the blood drive Thurs. Dec. 7 in Mingenback theatre and donated 37 pints of blood. There were 14 first-time donors. The volleyball team

organized the drive and helped donors sign in and gave them refreshments after they donated.

Dorms close Thursday, Dec. 14 for winter break

Dorms will close Thursday, Dec. 14, for winter break at 10 p.m. If students plan to spend Thursday night in the dorms they need to be in the building by 10 p.m. because after that their keys will no longer work in the locks.

Dorms will re-open Tuesday, Jan. 2, Interterm classes begin Jan. 3.

Pre-enrollment leaves SES office optimistic

Enrollment for spring semester showed a high rate of student retention for the spring semester according to SES staff.

Final Exam Time	Monday Dec. 11	Tuesday Dec. 12	Wednesday Dec. 13	Thursday Dec. 14
8:00 a.m.	10:30 Classes MWF MTWF	8:30 Classes MWF MTWF	1:45 Classes MWF MWRf	9:30 Classes MWF MTWF
10:30 a.m.	9:30 Classes TR 3:45 Classes MWRf	12:45 Classes TR MWRf	10:30 Classes TR	1:45 Classes TR
2:00 p.m.	8:30 Classes TR	7:30 Classes MWF MTWF	11:30 Classes TR	2:45 Classes MWF MWRf
7:00 p.m.	Monday Night Classes	Tuesday Night Classes	Wednesday Night Classes	Thursday Night Classes