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Strategic Plan, space utilization approved by Board of Trustees

Kara Reiff
News Editor

McPherson College's Board of Trustees decided the fate of the College Courts, the Strategic Plan, and Templeton Hall at its Mar. 2-3 meeting. Other activities of the board included an open forum with students.

"The recommendation for the College Courts was that they should be removed following the 2000-2001 academic year," said Carolyn Coon, dean of students. "This recommendation was approved by the board."

Another part of this suggestion was that the college help non-traditional students make connections to find alternative housing for the next school year.

"I think that people were expecting this to happen," Coon said. "There was enough information about it before the decision was made that people won't be too surprised."

Coon has mixed feelings about the Courts being torn down just because they have been there so long.

"Some students who live in the Courts are at least 21 and don't want to live in the dorms, but they may still want to be close to campus," Coon said. "Removing the Courts will give the college a chance to look at these students who aren't really non-traditional."

The Strategic Plan was also approved at the meetings. The recommendation made included plans to increase enrollment at Mac, improve the quality of the facilities and make for a more efficient operating size.

"This plan reflects the values of the college and the church," said Ron Hovis, SPC chair. "The plan was built on all of the input that was provided during the last academic year."

"One of the highlights of the meetings was the approval of the Strategic Plan, which identified the two feature programs, teacher education and auto restoration," President Gary Dill said.

The Auto Restoration program has reached its silver anniversary this year. The board approved

a fund-raising program that will allow for the space utilization plan for Templeton Hall.

"This space utilization plan will enable the auto restoration program to serve more students," said Dale Minnich, chief financial officer. "The design and curriculum piece of this will give more individual attention for students."

To follow through with this, the college will need to organize a fund-raising project and work up the architectural plans for Templeton. Minnich expects the process to unfold in several phases in the next few years.

Trustees gathered in the Doghouse on Thursday of the board meeting to hear from students. A goal of the college's is to help the trustees know how college students are and how things have changed since they went to school here.

"It's important for the trustees to hear what the students think," Coon said.

One way that enabled this to happen was the forum that was held last Thursday. This gave students a chance to talk to the trustees about their concerns and problems. Staci Horton, jr., Inman, greatly appreciated this opportunity although she did not agree with all of the decisions made by the board.

"I have gotten to go this forum every year and I have enjoyed it each time," Horton said. "This year I liked that the entire board was there instead of just the ones who deal with student life."

This forum was set up by the Student Government Association (SGA), which invites some students to attend. Others with issues that they wanted addressed were also welcome to attend.

"I think that this is a great time for the trustees to see where we are coming from as students," Horton said. "My favorite part about it was that they really listened to what we had to say. Some of them had a meeting to go to and they stayed just to talk to us."

The board also asked students for suggestions on how to change things, according to Horton.

"There were two students who had prepared presentations about things that they wanted changed," Horton said, "and that was really good



Photo by Summer Snodgrass

Board members Steve Mohler and Ed Switzer discuss student concerns with Tyler Kerst, Mike Stichter and Staci Horton in the Doghouse, Thursday, March 1.

to see."

President Dill is optimistic about students and faculty will react well to the decisions the board made. Faculty and staff will meet today at 2 p.m. to go over the report from the meetings. Dill said it is important to let everyone know what decisions the board made.

The decisions reached by the board came from the recommendations of different campus committees. Each committee is made up of faculty and staff of McPherson College and is concerned with a different area. These committees include Membership and Development, Academic Program and Student Life, Budget and Facilities, College Advancement and Endowment and Investments.

The board, a group of 40 members, meets twice a year, once on the first Thursday and Friday in

March and also on the Thursday and Friday before homecoming.

"The college administrative staff tries to pick things that the board will be interested in," Dill said.

The board is responsible for approving the budget for the college, making policies and hiring and firing one employee, the president.

"If a board member is offended by something a professor says or does or if they think a certain professor isn't acting appropriately, they tell me," Dill said. "Then as the president, I must respond in a certain way. They can fire me, but not others at the college."

One other thing that the board is not involved in is determining the curriculum. That obligation is left to the faculty.

New outdoor campus lighting being explored

Kara Reiff
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Vandalism of lights around campus continues, inconveniencing plant operations staff as well as the campus community in general. Plant operations staff have difficulty repairing the lights because needed parts are obsolete.

Maintenance has to order a clear, acrylic tube and manufacture parts themselves.

Dale Minnich, executive director of college operations, acknowledges that the destruction of the lights has been a perennial problem. Some of the damage has happened because of skateboards

and even cars.

"We need to replace the lights that are there now with something more substantial," Minnich said. "We should probably have something that is virtually indestructible."

Good lighting would also increase a feeling of safety on campus.

"It doesn't look very professional to have the lights around campus broken," Minnich said.

SGA is working to get campus lighting changed as soon as possible. SGA doesn't want to wait till after Melhorn Science Hall is completed-when new campus-wide electric plan will be implemented-for new lights.

"We feel that's too far in the future. The condition of the lights now is not good," said Scott McDearmon, SGA President.

SGA has been trying to organize a new plan but is having difficulty.

"We've been trying to speak with Dale Minnich and maintenance staff," McDearmon said.

"We do need new lights since they have been here for so long," said Becky Snell, fr., McPherson, "but I think it's pathetic that people on campus do this to the lights."

Snell thinks that if the college got a new lighting system, the vandalism wouldn't happen like it does now.

"McPherson College is a learning community," said Steve Gustafson, dean of faculty. "When persons within or without destroy property, they not only commit a crime, but also impact others within the college community."

Gustafson suggests that if people are aware of the person or persons committing these acts of vandalism, they should contact the administration or Crime Stoppers. A police report has been filed and Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for information regarding this crime.

"People probably just do it for kicks," Snell said. "They don't have respect for the property and that shows the immaturity of some students on campus."

OUR LEAD EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

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Don't be afraid to express your interest in activities on campus

A task force is currently investigating how the college can encourage co-curricular activities. In other words, this college is trying to figure out how to convince students to get involved in things like band, choir, theatre, and student publications such as the Barker and the Spectator.

Students who are involved now are, for the most part, already involved in multiple activities. These are the people who miss band rehearsals for theatre try-outs, and who debate whether to go on choir tour, be in the next theatre production, or miss the next issue of the student newspaper. Regardless of anything a task force finds, these students will continue to be involved on campus. It's the rest of the campus community that needs a wake-up call.

Mac is not like a big high school, where you need to specialize in one or two activities to get ahead and make a name for yourself. That's a fine approach in most cases, but students should feel challenged by McPherson to try something new. Expand your interests and learn a new skill.

Being involved is the very heart of a liberal arts education. Becoming a well-rounded individual starts with being an involved student. Job applicants who have participated in college theatre or are musically inclined are more likely to impress employers. By proving that you can handle more than one activity during school, you are showing employers that you are not afraid of challenges.

Not to belittle McPherson, but this is the not the Ivy League. No one expects the band to consist of virtuosos or that only future hard-line reporters will write for the Spec. To get involved all you need is an interest. Once you express your willingness to commit a little time and energy, the people you are joining will teach you the rest. They will love you just for trying.

The very survival of many of our co-curricular activities depends upon increased commitments from students.

Don't be afraid to say yes.

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MAC OPINIONS

If you were a Trustee, what would you do to change the college?



"I think there need to be more activities on campus."
—Autumn Lauer, Jr., Holcomb



"Students and faculty should be more involved in the decisions about the college."
—B.J. Jones, Jr., McClave, Colo.



"I think we should lower tuition costs or increase scholarships for students who have been here for more than one year."

—Staci Horton, Jr., Inman

"Fire the football team and make a baseball team."
—Emmett Wemp, soph., Orland, Calif.



"We think animal rules should change for the dorms."
—Amber Jackson, Jr., Camden, Ark. & Kimmi Hogan, soph., Garber, Okla.



"Get rid of the food service and get something edible."
—Luke Chennell, soph., Evergreen, Colo.



'That weird guy' rambles about cornbread, Republicans and grits

It was 1999 when I last wrote something for these pages, and much like Communism, that was so "last" millennium. But I was poetic...among other things.

What to write on? Religion? Mystery? Medicine? Royalty? Thermo-nuclear war? But I decided it was best just to say something fresh in these pages. Since I usually get ignored on this front anyway, I have no worries of reprisal. So, without further ado, here are my opinions, freely given.

■When your own kids (heaven forbid) are looking at college, you will remember that you learned almost as much in the classrooms as you did outside of class. Or from that weird guy who was always talking about philosophy and science fiction while you were trying to get food.

■The pursuit of food is the greatest sport you will ever engage in while in college. Closely followed by, um, well...we can't talk about that. This is a Christian college.

■"Never the Sinner" contained two lessons for the observant: (1) philosophy without religion is a bad thing, and (2) that Buddha, a.k.a. Dustin Gregg, is the only person who could play Clarence Darrow as a rational animal. Or maybe I've been listening to The Beatles for too long.

■Speaking of The Beatles, even after breaking up some 30 years ago, they can still be the best-selling band in the world (#1 in 39 countries simultaneously). Which just proves what the rest of us knew that real musicians, even those whose skills weren't spectacular, will always be more successful than pop culture trash, like Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is in psychology. I will point out that during the major portion of their heyday, The Beatles were pop culture trash.

■Cornbread. Ain't nothing wrong with that. Particularly if you're not eating it.

■There are only two main branches of thought in Western Philosophy. Aristotle is not the right one, because



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SAM GOODIN

we all know that lawyers are not human. Nor are they gods. Thus they are not Rational Animals. Therefore, Aristotle is wrong. Yes, I know that this is a non sequitur, but I don't care.

■Manny (Diaz) is the greatest conceivable campus minister. Please note that there isn't a worship cult about Manny. It's just that his disciples will follow him to the death. Luckily, I'm not one of them. I'm a disciple of Herb.

■What is the meaning of "jack knife, in your sweaty hands"?

■Grits are the breakfast food that look, taste, and have the texture of... wallpaper paste. Try them with tuna and cheddar cheese. That's not only palatable, but actually edible.

■The end of the world is upon us. By this I mean that not only is a Republican in the White House, but there is, heaven forbid, a Bush. Don't you see? Shrub's dad ran the CIA. The CIA killed Kennedy. Kennedy didn't go to Harvard, which is the rival to Yale, were the Bushes did go. Yale was a land grant school, as is K-State. K-State was beaten by Oklahoma, which is 22 miles south of the Murrah Building. The Murrah Building was bombed by someone who bought his supplies in this area of Kansas. What does this mean, you ask? Nothing. I'm just a Republican.

■As close as we can tell, the CIA did not kill Kennedy. Rather, it was the Mafia on the grassy knoll, working with Major League Baseball. Or maybe a bad Oliver Stone movie. Sorry, I'll try not to be redundant anymore.

■I must admit I am a Republican from the south. We have something called the Yellow Dog Democrat. This is someone who is too scared of the

neighbors to admit to having achieved perfection. That is, the person has become a Republican.

I suppose I must say something profound to end with. OK, here goes: "A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, design a building, write a sonnet, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, solve equations, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, die gallantly. Specialization is for insects." Thanks, Robert Heinlein.

P.S. "My God, the Queen's pregnant. Who done it?"

POETRY CORNER

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I want so much to get away.
To get away,
From everybody and everything.
I want to get away,
from the noise that assails my ears.
I want to get away.
To get away from the feelings that creep into my skin,
And penetrate my heart.
To get away from the uncaring words,
And the looks that come unprovoked.
I want so much to get away.
To get away and relax,
To be left alone with my thoughts and feelings.
I just want to get away.

—Amanda Dagen

Graduating senior shares advice with Mac



Guest Columnist

RYAN HARGITT

I will actually graduate this year and finally be out of your hair. It sure seems like I have been around her for a long time. Maybe it's because in my five years here, I have seen a new president come in, too many good professors come and go, most of my good friends leave and Snapper's shut down! I still find that last one hard to get over because it was the place where many of us got together to try and solve the world's problems as well as our own. Well, maybe not solve them, just forget about them for one night.

I must say I have compiled quite a library of memories, good and bad, from this little community. When I look back, I'm amazed at how well I managed to hold it all together and now be on the verge of graduating.

Just the other day a girl in one of my classes was talking about this episode that her brother and a friend had to take care of as resident assistants a couple of years ago. A bunch of guys decided to have a birthday party that involved a big silver container. By the time they made it to bowling night, they were all pretty carefree and didn't mind telling everybody about the party, forgetting about all the R.A.'s who were also there.

Needless to say, those guys got in some hot water. I had to laugh when I told her that story is all too familiar, since it was my room where the incident occurred.

Besides all the fun I have had, I've also spent many hours with my textbooks in the past five years. If you have discipline to balance both worlds, you will do just fine. Be ready to grow and mature more than you thought was possible. I know some of you are laughing at the thought of me actually maturing, but in my fifth year, I can honestly say I'm a different and better person than I was as a freshman.

This year, my fifth and last year has been one of the tougher ones. Only a couple of people I came in with are still here. I'm trying to get to know new professors in my last semester because

I was enrolled in only three hours of class in the fall. I'm trying to finish my senior research without the help of the advisor who assisted me with the protocol. (I miss you Shingo).

It's a shame how much turnover there has been since I got here. At least the science department has had good professors and students to weather the storm. Sometimes things seem as new to you in your fifth year as they do when you're a freshman because of all the changes you'll see.

I would like to leave you with some words of wisdom. Be nice to us old people in our fifth year. We've been through what you will face in your next couple of years and we just might have some good advice.

Spend your first three years on campus and then in your last year, when you are old enough, find a place with some of your friends; but don't lose touch with the ones still left on campus. Everyone needs the dorms because that is where you make the friendships that you will keep for the rest of your life. Living off campus your last year will teach you how to maintain a budget, cook, pay bills, shop for a place to live and most importantly, it will help you to not be so lost when you move out into the real world and on your own.

Get to know your professors and show them you want to learn, instead of just sitting in the back and quietly making it through. Participate in as many activities as you can manage wisely.

Lastly, if you are going to take five years worth of classes like me, get to know Fred Schmidt! Believe me, you will need his help.

MACTOON

BY LAINA MCKELLIP



Don't put complaining in front of your friends



Courtney's Kaleidoscope

COURTNEY IRWIN

The tuition hike, problems with administration and cafeteria food are just a few things that we, as college students, complain about on a regular basis. But have you ever stopped to think about how fortunate we are to be here at McPherson?

As I was wallowing in self-boredom earlier this week, I was struck with a lightning bolt of realization. I am damn(necessary?) lucky to be here. I could not think of another place where I could find a staff like we have at this school. Every time I walk into Mohler Hall or Beeghly, no matter how busy everyone is, they are always willing to take the time to say hi and have a short chat with me. (Not to mention all the free candy and other goodies they give away all the time).

The professors are also a wonderful asset to this college. I am ecstatic about the money I spend to pay their salary. I think they deserve more. I have never learned so much from a group of people

being moody and start being Courtney again...at least the Disney Courtney that everyone knows.

I cherish every friend I have made here, but there is a select group that has always been there for me and that I will always be there for. Whenever I need "cheering up with a coconut," they are there. Anytime I need a bear hug, I can count on getting squeezed so hard that I don't have any more oxygen. If I ever want Mardi Gras beads and a good laugh, or feel like giving back rubs, there is someone there to provide. And each time I need a new starter or a rose, I don't have to go far.

Because of these five "reasons," I can transcend the tuition hike, ignore the institution questions and take a trip to Taco Hell. This is why people go to college. Not to complain, but to learn and experience. And what better experience could I ask for than meeting a few cucumbers who don't care and knowing two princesses who are just as spoiled as I.

Concept of 'divine entity' comes from self



Cornerstone

STEPHANIE LEGROS

People are just generally overly concerned about being classified in one of the numerous categories of religion that exist on our planet. The movie "Dogma," I believe explained it best: that it is the idea of "God" and faith in him that matters the most. Every religion has its own religious creeds and laws based on some "holy book," but none has the notion of "God" entirely correct.

I believe that there is in the celestial heavens or in some distant realm unknown to us a divine entity that belongs to no specific gender or race of man, which is responsible for our creation. The proof of this Divine Entity's existence is present in everything in our environment, including the organiza-

tion of tiny subatomic particles of atoms, which bond together to form molecules...molecules that are involved in the creation of complex organisms that have evolved to create the animals that roam our planet today.

Man should not look to "holy books" or other religious doctrines for truth or

guidance for appropriate moral conduct. Human beings were given a remarkable gift, the gift of consciousness, that is supposed to direct us on to the right path away from "sin." Those individuals who have quelled the voice of their conscience, snuffing it out by completely disregarding its existence within themselves, are the same individuals who are more prone to commit foul deeds that taint the purity of their spiritual being. I guess that the cliché, "Let your conscience be your guide" seems appropriate here.

A young child usually adopts its family's religious beliefs. It is the trials and tribulations of life that seem to

never cease like the incessant tempest that continuously creates destruction that makes a person change their religious beliefs of how he or she perceives "God" and their existence in the universe.

My life altering-experience occurred when I lost someone that was very dear to me five years ago. My belief in "God" did not merely cease to exist. My beliefs changed by incorporating various religious beliefs, becoming an eclectic assortment of all the religions that I have come to gain some knowledge about.

What is important to me is the fact that you believe in "God," not the way that you worship him.

Mac-Ism

The Foreward to the 1965 Quadrangle read:

Colleges today have changed perspectives. Attention is no longer on domestic problems; instead, it centers on the world.

Overheard

Did facetious come from feces! After all, it means I'm just giving you crap.



Investigating drive-thrus McDonald's pulls ahead

Elissa Thompson
Features Editor

Everyday life sometimes gets monotonous: same classes, same friends, same food in the cafeteria. Every once in a while, to add a dash of spice to their day, students indulge in the delights of fast food bliss.

To help you choose the best fast food for your eating needs, we at the Spectator rated six different drive-thrus between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Tuesday.

These fast food joints are listed in order from worst to best. There was no really big winner and no horrible loser. All of the restaurants compared well, and I thank them for making my jeans just a little bit tighter this week.



Sonic gets a good rating because of the heat of their food and speed of delivery. However, the rudeness of the carhop deducted some points in my book. I felt that I was being laughed at as I ordered. This is not something that keeps customers coming back.

Order: #3 (Burger Deal- Plain Hamburger, French Fries and a Cherry Limeade) \$4.23

+ No waiting in line. Everyone gets his or her own stall.

+ Hottest food served on the drive-thru tour. When wrapped burger was applied to passenger's face, there was a wince of pain.

+ A napkin and peppermint were placed neatly in the sack along with the receipt.

+ Checks are welcome.
+ The order was repeated back to us.
+ The order was correct.

- The service was fairly rude. We were laughed at as we ordered.

- The French fries do not tantalize Laina McKellip's taste buds.

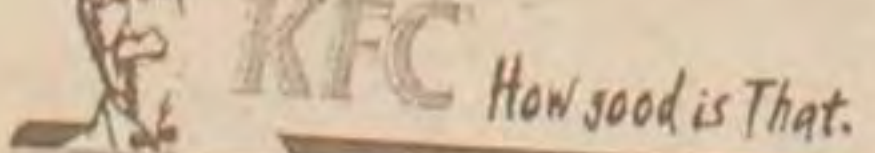
Time in minutes from button press to answer: 1:20.

Time in minutes from order's completion to food arrival: 2:45.

Food score: 7
Heat score: 10
Service score: 5

Time score: (4:05 minutes) 2

Overall score: 24



The Colonel was cooking up some good sides when we pulled into KFC. This restaurant gets extra points for its side selections. There were two other cars in line when we pulled in. Although, tintercom was fuzzy, the food was good, and money was well spent. KFC gets another "Have a good night"

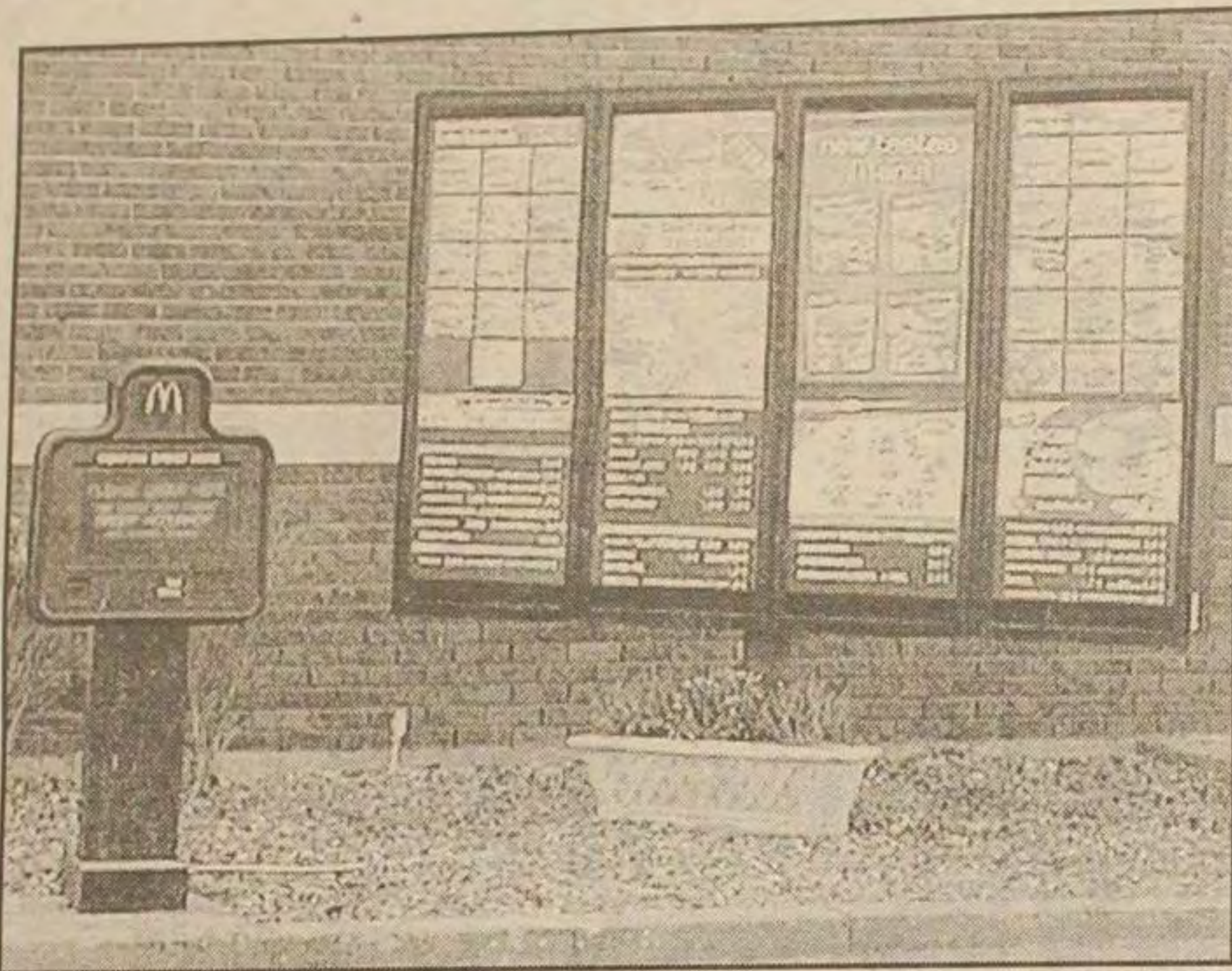


photo by Genelle Wine

In comparison with other local fast food restaurants McDonald's won, rating well in time, taste, and service. Other restaurants voted by Spectator Staff were Kentucky Fried Chicken, Sonic, Taco Bell, Arby's, and Wendy's.

extra point, too.

The order: Twister Value Meal no tomatoes, Cole Slaw and Pepsi - \$4.63

+ Friendly service

+ Spork and napkin included in sack.

+ Broad choice of sides.

+ The temperature was normal. + The order was correct

- Stale wrap on the Twister.

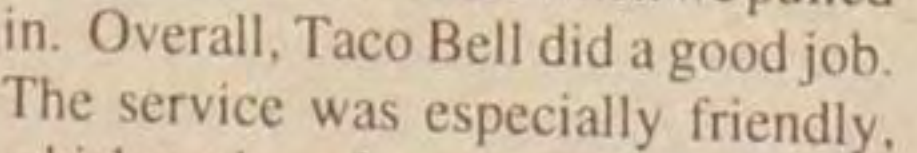
- Hard to hear through the intercom.

Time from waiting in line to placing order: 1 minute and 30 seconds

Time from placing order until food arrival: 5 minutes and 50 seconds

Food score: 8
Service score: 10
Heat score: 8

Time score: (7:20 minutes) 1
Overall: 27



Two cars were in line when we pulled in. Overall, Taco Bell did a good job. The service was especially friendly, which made up for some of the wait. The food tasted good, and I was pleased with the outcomes. Taco Bell was also awarded a "Have a good night" extra credit point.

The order: #1 (Burrito Supreme and Taco Supreme without tomatoes and a Dr. Pepper) \$3.91

+ I was notified that I needed to wait.

+ Attendant asked if he could take our order PLEASE.

+ Price was displayed outside of window.

+ Was asked if I wanted sauce.

+ Hot food

+ Correct order

+ Repeated order back to us.

- We waited at the intercom for a long time without anyone taking our order.

Time from wait until order: 58 seconds

Time from placing order until food arrival: 2 minutes and 25 seconds

Food score: 9
Heat score: 7
Service score: 10

Extra Credit Point for "Have a good night!": 1
Overall: 31



Time: (3:23 minutes) 2
Overall: 29



One car was in line upon our arrival to Arby's, and we only had to wait five seconds until we were asked what we wanted to order. The employee read our order to us, and the speaker was loud and clear. Arby's also gets extra credit points for telling us to have a good day.

Order: #4 (Super roast beef with no tomatoes, homestyle fries, and a Pepsi) \$4.75

+ The man asked if I wanted sauce.

+ Told me to have a good night.

+ Hot fries that tasted great.

+ Napkins included in the sack with the receipt.

+ The food was warm, but not hot. + Checks are accepted.

- The sandwich was partly unwrapped, causing contents to end up in my lap.

Time from sitting in line to placing an order: 6sec.

Time from placed order to food arrival: 3 minutes.

Food score: 8
Service score: 10
Heat score: 8.

Extra credit point for "Have a good night!": 1
Time: (3:06 minutes) 4

Overall: 31



When we pulled into Wendy's, three cars were in line. Overall Wendy's was very good. The food was correct and tasty. The service was friendly and helpful.

The order: A Number 1 Combo plain hamburger, French fries, and a Frosty instead of a soda) \$3.84.

+ The food was hot, almost as hot as Sonic's, although passenger didn't have to try this one out on face.

+ The order was correct.

+ Salt, 1 napkin and a receipt were handily found in the sack.

+ Their sign included a display of my order to ensure correctness.

+ Check are accepted.

+ Polite service with a thank you!

- The Frosty was milky.

Time spent waiting in line until order: 45 seconds

Time from when order was placed until food arrived: 2 minutes and 20 seconds

Food score: 9
Heat score: 9
Service score: 9

Time: (3:05 minutes) 5
Overall: 32



Four cars were in front of us at McDonald's, the largest line we encountered. The service seemed a little preoccupied, but the food was good. Here's how it all worked out:

The order: #3 Value Meal (Quarter Pounder with cheese and no onions, French fries and a water without ice.)

+ There is a playback sign to ensure correctness of order.

+ Two windows open, and both working smoothly.

+ Three napkins were in the sack with the receipt.

+ The order was correct.

+ Friendly service at second window.

- Man at money window preoccupied.

- The burger was messy but good.

Time from pulling up to placing an order: 1:03 minutes

Time from speaker to pay window: 1:05 minutes

Time from pay window to food window: 20 sec.

Food Score: 10
Heat: 8
Service: 7

Time: (2:28 minutes) 6
Overall: 33

FAST FOOD FAT FACTS

Arby's:

Super Roast Beef Sandwich

27 fat grams
9 saturated fat grams

McDonald's:

Quarter Pounder

21 fat grams
8 saturated fat grams

Wendy's:

Plain Single Burger

16 fat grams
6 saturated fat grams

KFC:

Twister

34 fat grams
7 saturated fat grams

Cole Slaw

13.5 fat grams
2 saturated fat grams

Taco Bell:

Burrito Supreme

18 fat grams
7 saturated fat grams

Taco Supreme

14 fat grams
6 saturated fat grams

Sonic:

Plain hamburger
Information not available.

This information was found on each restaurant's respective website.

Students miss mom, dad and meals

Elissa Thompson
Features Editor

They burp and feed us, foot the bill more times than not and their support has gotten us where we are today. Our parents play a huge role in our lives, and students find that it's important to evaluate what they have learned from them.

"They raised me to be very independent, to be strong and very disciplined," said Tyler Fuchs, fr., Burton, Texas.

Fuchs talks to his parents about four times a week, and is amazed that they miss him so much.

"I'm the last one out of the house, and my dad misses me more than anything," Fuchs said.

The feeling is reciprocated. "I miss having food anytime I want it, and my laundry being done," Fuchs said.

Fuchs doesn't take his parents' generosity lightly. "I'm glad to have parents that send me away to a nice college, and they still come to all of my football games," Fuchs said.

Josie Burt, fr., Winona, Minn., talks to her parents once every two weeks when she calls them. "You can tell they must have empty nest syndrome, the minute I left they got a foreign exchange student," Burt said.

Though Burt has been away from home since August, saying "goodbye" hasn't gotten any easier. "My mom cries when I leave," Burt said.

Burt has been able to use skills in college that her mother equipped her with at home. Burt boasts of her ability to bargain shop and do laundry.

She also appreciates the way her parents helped her deal with daily stresses.

"They helped me with problems in a prayer form," Burt said.

Being away from home has helped Burt to realize what a valuable source her parents are.

"I realize that instead of going out, it's important to spend time with your family," Burt said.

Bryan Lucore, soph., Springfield, Mo., is thankful for the life and home that his parents provided him with as he grew up.

"They showed me good family closeness,"

Lucore said. Lucore admires his father's ability to crack jokes and have fun even at business meetings. "He has a very charismatic personality," Lucore said.

Lucore's mother is also very caring and willing to help out. "If I'm tight with money, she'll slip me a \$20," Lucore said.

Manny Diaz, Campus Minister, still talks to his mom about once a week. Because he left home at the age of 17, it isn't unusual for him to be away.

"They're used to missing me," Diaz said.

Diaz has a good view of himself, and it's something that he feels he owes to his father.

"My father taught me to have good self-confidence," Diaz said.

However, it was Diaz's mother who helped teach him about faith in God.

"My spirituality comes from my mom," Diaz said.

Sometimes learning from past mistakes that parents have made can help students be wise in any

future decisions they plan to make.

"I've learned what not to do with money," said Dennis Pfeiff, sr., McPherson. Now that Pfeiff himself is a parent, he is planning to pass along some of the parenting techniques that he learned growing up.

"My parents are supportive, letting me do pretty much what I want as long as it doesn't cause bodily harm to anyone," Pfeiff said.

While most students come to school and are not in a position to see much of their parents, some are still around their parents everyday on campus. Emily Tyler, soph., McPherson is the daughter of Rick Tyler, speech and theatre, and Karlene Tyler, registrar.

"I see them most of the time," Tylersaid, "I like it because they're cool."

Tyler still feels that she is free to do what she likes without her parents watching over her.

"They've been very supportive of everything that I decide to do, even if they don't agree with it," Tyler said.

From beginning to end, parents are a vital part of the growing up process.

Smith lights up campus with maintenance and a smile

Corin Blickenstaff
Spectator Staff

Chances are you've seen John Smith around campus either fixing light posts outside of Metzler or testing the fire alarm in your room, and always with a smile. John Smith has worked at McPherson College for almost 13 years. He is primarily an electrician but also does various other jobs such as plumbing, checking and repairing fire alarms, lighting, and some work with air conditioning.

"John is a valuable member of our staff," said Phil Hudson, plant operation manager. "He is knowledgeable, works hard and cares about his work."

Smith's work is of good quality and is appreciated by students and co-workers.

"It's nice to know that at least someone is taking care of this campus," said Nancy Laprad, jr., Pratt.

"John has high standards and sometimes needles the rest of us on our standards," Hudson said.

Smith's favorite part about his work is electrical construction, which is new wiring. He also enjoys the students.

I enjoy the people I work with. As long as I can work with my friends, I'll probably stay here a bit.

—John Smith

"This group is the best group we've had so far," he said.

Another aspect of Smith's job that he welcomes is his co-workers.

"I enjoy the people I work with. As long as I can work with my friends, I'll probably stay here a bit," he said.

Students are glad that he will be around for a while, the joy he gets from his work is apparent to them.

"I like Smiley John. He does a good job to keep us safe," said Cora Coleman, fr., Chase.

"It's nice to see smiling people on campus who seem to enjoy their jobs," said Brenda Jansen, jr., Wichita.

Unfortunately, there are also negative aspects to Smith's job. His least favorite part of his job is

facing the weather. Working outside can become difficult.

McPherson College has had recent problems with vandals breaking and knocking over the walk lights. Smith is responsible for repairing the lights when this happens, but he is optimistic.

"I think it may be outsiders, not McPherson College students," Smith said.

Smith has retired four separate times from various jobs but always ends up back at work.

"I couldn't settle down at home," he said.

Smith first retired from the Air Force after 21 years. After that he took a carpentry job. He then worked as a teacher at KSIR, a reformatory in Hutchinson that teaches manpower training. There he trained inmates for various occupations.

Smith has retired once from McPherson College, but he was back at work after one month. Working only three days a week, Smith says that he is "halfway retired."

Smith enjoys golfing, working with wood, fishing, and swimming during his free time. Students certainly appreciate his hard work, and positive attitude as they encounter him in different areas of campus.



John Smith, plant operations, changes a light bulb in the library.



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Above:
Wes Hoffert
leaps above the
Baton Rouge
high school team
to maintain
possession
of the frisbee.

Right:
The team checks
out thier next
opponent.
From front to back:
Charlie Shamburg,
Wes Hoffert, Ben
Matthaei, Andy
Ullom, David
Snodgrass,
Tom Austin
(hidden), and
Peter Samland.



photos by Summer Snodgrass

It's the Ultimate:

The 'bee team treks to Baton Rouge to open ultimate season

Two weeks ago, the McPherson College Ultimate team, aka the Mudhuckers, traveled to Baton Rouge, La. for their first tournament of the spring 2001 season. The following is a day-by-day account of their journey, as recorded by Wesley "Pipes" Hoffert.

Friday, Feb. 23

12:30 p.m. - We are finally ready to kick the tires and light the fires. Everyone is here at the Sport Center- except for Charlie "Two Fingers of Fury" Shamburg. We are just going to swing over to Morrison, pick him up, and be on our way.

12:45 p.m. - Waiting for Charlie to finish his laundry.

1 p.m. - Still waiting for Charlie.

1:30 p.m. - We finally pull out of the Morrison parking lot an hour late. At least Charlie has clean underwear. Andy "Sticky" Ullom is driving and I decide to go to sleep.

4 p.m. - Teammates are passing the time by spinning frisbees on their fingers, listening to old school Bill Cosby, and taking pictures of sleeping passengers. D'oh!

6 p.m. - Stop for gas and dinner at some town in Oklahoma. Peter "Pedro" Samland doesn't get his food until everyone else is finished. Eat faster dude.

Saturday, Feb. 24

3:30 a.m. - We finally pull into the Holiday Inn Express parking lot in Port Allen, La. half asleep.

8:30 a.m. - Most of the team wakes up. I feel amazingly refreshed for sleeping only five hours on the cold, hard floor. We take advantage of the continental breakfast and Andy, Peter, Robert "Little Sticky" Ullom, and myself head off to the fields for the captains' meeting. This is the 14th Annual Mardi Gras Tournament and we are entered in the college division along with about 40 other teams from across the country.

Ultimate is a game similar to soccer and football and involves a tremendous amount of running. It is played with seven players on the field at a time and our team lost three players at the last minute. We were originally taking eleven players— you do the math.

Needless to say we were neither looking forward to being completely exhausted nor the 14-hour drive but were excited nonetheless. Anyway, on with the trip.

9:30 a.m. - We arrive at a monstrous park with dozens of little dogs running around and hundreds of grown men— some of them in kilts— chasing flying pieces of plastic. The captains' meeting consists only of picking up a schedule, so we have a couple of hours to burn before our first game.

10:30 a.m. - We stop wandering around to watch the U of Indiana play the U of Michigan. This was really fun to watch. I had never seen ultimate played on such a high level before - it is moving so fast. Indiana even has a coach. He is this bald dude with a mustache and a clipboard and he yells a lot. I am scared.

11:50 a.m. - We begin our first game vs. Emory University. The game starts with their team scoring right away, but we answer back with a quick score of our own. I think that kind of made them mad and they really tightened up their defense. We end up losing 4-13 but everyone on the team agrees that we played well for our first game as a team.

2:30 p.m. - It is really hot outside. No one really minds as soon as they think about the weather in McPherson. We begin our second game by pulling to the Baton Rouge H.S. ultimate team. These kids were really skinny— I had forgotten how little most kids were in high school. One 90-pound kid that is guarding me is trying to use the intimidation factor - he is giving me elbows, jumping on my back, and heckling me whenever he has the breath. I'm glad we win. Final score: 13-6.

4 p.m. - And I'm spent. I, as well as the rest of the team, am running on empty. Two and a half hours of sprinting, cutting, and leaping don't bode well for us as we prepare for Wisconsin-Steven's Point. This team looks like an army. They all have matching uniforms and are running drills like clockwork. We barely put up a fight and got smoked 2-13. At least they were cool.

5:10 p.m. - My calf muscle has a severe cramp but I decide to play in our final game. As the Oklahoma Ultimate team walks up to the field, a few of them are drinking beer and smoking cigarettes. How can they win if they were drunk and coughing up a lung? I don't know, but they find a way. I guess we were just too tired. Score: 4-13.

6:30 p.m. - We head back to the motel and wait our turn for the shower.

Sunday, Feb. 25

9 a.m. - Wake up, eat breakfast, hit the road. We could play a few more games at the tournament but we need to get back.

10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. - Drive and sleep. The highlight of the trip back is a stop outside Shreveport at McDonald's, where we get pictures with Ronald McDonald himself.

So, that was our trip. Our next trip is planned for the first weekend of spring break in Austin, Texas.

If you are interested in ultimate at all, come out and play. We play every Sunday, usually on the practice football field. See you there!



The softball team gathers around Coach Mike McCormick during practice.

photo by Scott McDearmon

Three returners lead softball team in opener

Nancy LaPrad
Spectator Staff

The second season of McPherson softball will open today and tomorrow with the Kansas Wesleyan Invitational in Salina. Competition will continue tomorrow.

"The first tournament might be a wake up call and a learning experience, because it will be the first time the whole team will get to play together on a field," said Brenda Jansen.

Jansen is one of three women returning from last year's squad to take a swing at another season. Jansen shares the role of team captain with Shawnee Nelsen and LeAnn Wine.

"We have a variety of skill levels and personality traits on the team. When the season gets going I think the team will pull together more, once we get to know each other better," Jansen said.

With 18 women filling out the roster, there are many drills that they can do to improve their skills such as playing scrimmages against each other and circuit training with nine different hitting drills.

"These drills will help with the hand-eye coordination and getting the proper foot work down

and the distribution of the weight down properly," said head coach Mike McCormick.

While there is an indoor batting cage available, allowing the players to practice hitting and timing their swings, the only outside practices have been held in open parking lots and on grass.

"It's pretty frustrating not getting to practice on the field because we don't get the chance to have some of the game type situations that we will run into," said Amber Ontiveroz, outfielder.

McCormick has scheduled a packed season for the team with twenty-two games. While some are just across town at Wall Park, some will force the team to travel as far as Kansas City. These games are all double headers or more.

"I think that traveling will give us a chance to see a lot of different teams and learn to work well as a team," Wine said. "It will also give us a chance to find the best nine to put on the field."

"I think we have a really good team this year," said Erica Alvarez, pitcher. "Our infield is coming together and our hitting is also getting better everyday as we are hitting more in practice."

The season will continue May 4 and 5 when the team will compete in the KCAC tournament in Hillsboro.

SPORTS BRIEFS

■ Stephenson named as volleyball coach, effective immediately

According to athletic director Dan Hoffman, the head volleyball coach position will be filled by Nathalea Stephenson, effective immediately. Stephenson's coaching experience includes serving as assistant volleyball coach for Kansas Wesleyan University and Bethany College.

"I am excited to have Coach Stephenson join our team and believe that she will build on the growing successes of the McPherson College volleyball program," said Dan Hoffman, athletic director.

Stephenson of Salina has worked at the high school level, serving as head volleyball, softball, and assistant basketball coach at Ell-Saline High School in Brookville for the past five years. She has also been employed as the head volleyball coach at the Great Bend, Quivera Heights, and Otis-Bison high schools.

A past president of the Kansas Volleyball Association, Stephenson has served as an executive officer for that organization since 1989. She graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in secondary education mathematics, and is in the process of earning a master's of arts in teaching with a specialty in mathematics.

Stephenson will begin her responsibilities full-time Tuesday, March 13.

■ Golf team tees off at Bethany

The Mac golf squad opened its season yesterday with a successful day on the links at the Bethany College Invitational. Twenty-five schools and 120 individuals are competing in the two-day competition.

"I'm really excited about this year's team," said coach Dan Hoffman. "We have some solid players."

Team members include Chet Buchman, Matt McClintic, Craig Ramsey, and Greg Mendez. Ryan Hargitt and Jason Zook also compete for the Bulldogs. Results from yesterday's play are as follows: Buchman- 74, Mendez- 98, Ramsey- 113, McClintic- 135. Buchman ended the first day of competition in the upper tier of individuals.

"I played really well considering that we've only practiced twice this year," said Buchman. "We posted our first team score of the year. We can only get better."

Play will continue at Lindsborg today.

■ Harris and Williams compete at Nationals, 22nd and 20th in 55m

Harold Harris and Jay Williams represented McPherson College last weekend in the NAIA Indoor Nationals held at Johnson City, Tenn. While neither Harris nor Williams advanced beyond the preliminary heats of the 55m dash, head coach Erik Dickkut felt the two competed well.

Williams improved his time from 6.64 to 6.59, finishing 20th. Harris sprinted to a time of 6.62 and 22nd place, despite being bumped by a competitor in the next lane.

"I was very satisfied with their performances," Dickkut said. "Both of them met our goal of running faster than the qualifying times."

Twenty-nine competitors competed in the preliminaries. The first-place time was clocked at 6.39.

■ McPherson to host Central Kansas High School All-Star games

The Central Kansas High School All-Star basketball games will be played in the McPherson Sport Center on Saturday, March 17. The 17th annual women's game will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the 18th annual men's contest at 8 p.m. Teams consist of top high school players invited from both the central Kansas area and out-of-state.

"It's a major recruiting tool for us," said Mel Wright, women's basketball coach. "The tournament is a great opportunity to bring prospects to campus."

■ Fisher chosen to participate in all-star bowl game

Justin Fisher '00 was recently selected to play in the National All-Star's Bowl College Football Classic, which will be held this spring at Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas. Players selected are also invited to participate in the Pro-Day Professional Football Scouting Combine in order to show their talents to scouts from all levels. Fisher, a four-year starter for McPherson, was nominated after receiving such honors as All-Conference Academic Team for 1999 and 2000, and Honorable Mention All-Conference at center for 2000.

Fisher graduated with a degree in ag business and business management and is currently employed at Farm Credit of Colorado Springs, Colo. as a loan officer.

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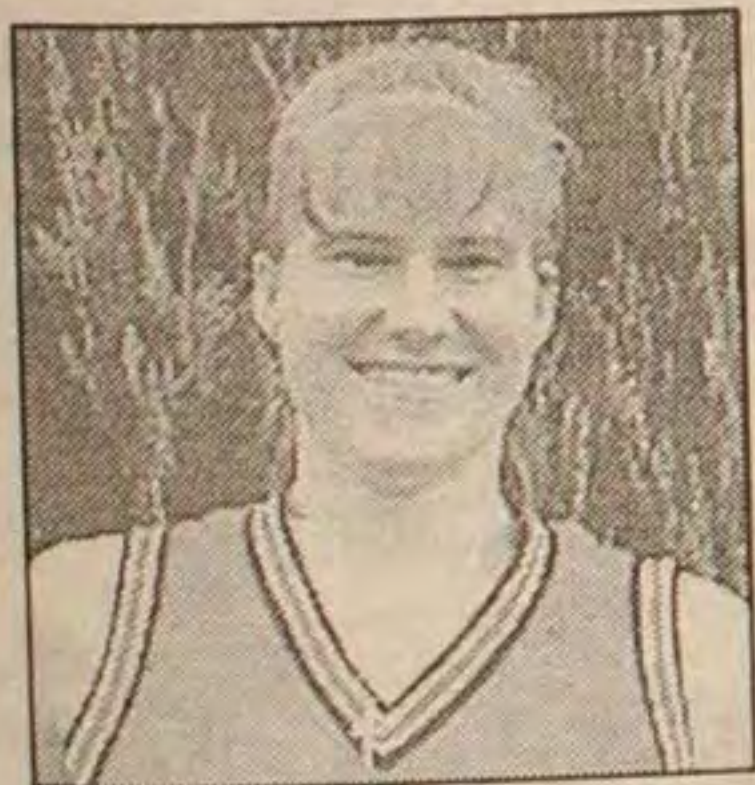


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Jessica Bond

Jessica Bond, jr., Colcord, Okla., earned All-Conference Honorable Mention this season for her strong play as a center for the basketball team. Bond ranks seventh in the conference for her rebounding average and 22nd among the conference for her free throw percentage.

"Jessica worked hard all season long," said head coach Mel Wright.

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National Shakespeare Company to perform Twelfth Night in Brown

Nichole Williams
Spectator Staff

The National Shakespeare Company will present "Twelfth Night," a situational comedy by William Shakespeare, in Brown Auditorium, Sunday, March 11, at 8 p.m.

According to the Shakespeare Company, "Twelfth Night" is packed with all the ingredients of the perfect Shakespearean comedy. It includes a woman disguised as a man, a shipwrecked twin brother, a melancholy countess, a love-sick duke, and a host of bawdy and foppish characters who manipulate the story to even greater confusion and hilarity.

After being separated from her twin brother during a shipwreck at sea, the young and very feminine Viola washes ashore on the island of Illyria. Aware of the dangers of being a young woman alone, she disguises herself as a man, assumes the name Cesario, and enters into the service of Duke Orsino.

The Duke is in love with the Countess Olivia and uses his newly acquired servant to deliver his persistent love letter. The fun begins when the Countess falls madly in love with this attractive young messenger, never suspecting that he is really a she. Viola, meanwhile, has fallen in love with the Duke, but cannot reveal her true identity. At the same time, Viola's lost twin brother,

Sebastian, is very much alive and has found his way to Illyria. Looking very much like his disguised sister, he finds himself alternately wooed, duelled with, yelled at, and ordered about. The mistaken genders and identities are eventually discovered, and the confused couples are finally matched.

The company consists of eight performers and eight staff. This group travels across the country performing and holding workshops for schools for nine months out of the year.

Each year, the National Shakespeare Company prepares two of William Shakespeare's plays, one comedy and one tragedy. They are performing "Hamlet" as well as "Twelfth Night" this season, but will perform only "Twelfth Night" at Mac due to time and preference of the college.

"'Twelfth Night' has everything one expects from Shakespeare's comedies - mistaken identity, twins, disguise, love and a happy ending," said Angela Flynn, founder of an educational program in conjunction with the NSC.

The educational program, founded in 1996, incorporates the use of workshops to educate and not just perform for college students. This season, workshops are entitled "From the Page to the Stage" and "Choreographed Stage Fighting." McPherson College has the opportunity to host these workshops but no information has been released.



Photo by Craig Melvin

National Shakespeare Company members perform Twelfth Night. Their performance at Mac will be March 11 at 8 p.m.

The National Shakespeare Company was founded in 1963 by actress Elaine Sulka and producer/director Philip Meister. Their vision was to create a touring troupe of classically trained

actors, similar to those of the early 19th century. The company's mission remains the same today — to make classical theatre and arts education accessible to all audiences.

Constitution changes underway

Tracy Firch
Spectator Staff

Amendments to the SGA constitution that would change the number of student representatives and redefine position descriptions will be up for a student vote this spring.

"Basically, we just cleaned up the constitution. It hasn't been changed since about 1996," said Amanda Wells, treasurer. "There were some things that didn't apply to us anymore and there wasn't very specific descriptions

about what certain people needed to do, so we changed those things."

The number of the representatives has also been modified in the proposal. SGA will still have representatives from each dorm but there will be no other representatives at large. The number of off-campus reps will increase from one to three.

"We also decided to decrease the size of SGA because we think that we will be able to get more done with less people," Wells said. "There will now be 17 people total."

"We're combining the activity and publicity role," said Scott McDearmon, SGA president. "We're also hoping for more faculty and staff participation."

SGA will bring the proposed constitution to the student body sometime this semester for a vote. A two-thirds vote is required to pass it.

Another current issue on which SGA is working is the status of campus lighting.

A new campus-wide electric plan will be implemented after Melhorn Science Hall is completed, but SGA

doesn't feel that is soon enough. SGA has been trying to organize a new plan but is having difficulty.

"We've been trying to speak with Dale Minnich and maintenance staff," McDearmon said.

SGA executive board has been working on the constitution changes line by line for most of January.

"It takes a lot of time and effort to make changes for SGA," said Laina McKellip, Dotzour representative, "and any way that it can be improved is good."

Task force works to increase participation

LeAnn Wine
Editor in Chief

An Academic Student Participation Task Force has been formed and charged to discover ways to increase participation in the areas of music, theatre and journalism. The directive to increase student participation in the co-curricular activities is a part of the college's recently approved Strategic Plan.

The objective of the committee is to develop program revisions and goals by March 31, 2001, to enhance and/or increase student participation in academic related programs. Steve Gustafson, dean of faculty, chairs the committee. Members include Ron Hovis, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, Rick Tyler, theatre, Larry Kitzel, music, and Bruce Clary, En-

glish.

"The primary reason for doing this is to strengthen the quality of students' academic experience," Gustafson said.

"At the committee's first meeting, the members determined two questions that should be asked of the three activities, according to Gustafson. First, "What makes those programs attractive to students?"

"If the program aspect isn't there, students aren't likely to participate," Gustafson said.

The second question is, "What enhancements might facilitate participation in these three arenas?"

Task force members are contacting faculty and students in their departments.

Tyler asked theatre majors their opinions for enhancing the theatre program.

Participation in theatre needs to increase in the audience as well as on stage, according to Tyler.

Ideas from the group included more publicity for the program. One method would be active recruiting at thespian conventions, according to Tyler. Another would be a permanent display of student work somewhere on campus.

Clary is also consulting students on the Spectator and Barker staffs.

"We're brainstorming for incentives to motivate students to get involved as well as to reward them and help them feel good after they get involved," Clary said.

Another aspect of student publications is an educational experience that could benefit students in communications careers.

"We want to educate students about

the benefit of getting involved in student publications," Clary said. "The writing and communication skills they practice working on student publications are marketable, look good on a resume, and help the student get a job."

The committee will meet again on March 14 to share the information gathered in the last two weeks. Task force members then will begin the development of a plan for each area.

"All of us will bounce ideas off each other and inspire each other to come up with ideas," Kitzel said.

Determining which actions to take will be an internal decision supported by the faculty in the respective areas. The administration will need to assist in finding the resources necessary to make the enhancements possible, Gustafson said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Minority society to host dance in Doghouse

McPherson College's minority society will sponsor a dance tonight in the Doghouse. It will begin at 9:30 p.m. and end at 2 a.m. All students are welcome.

Board of Trustees sets goals for President Dill

With the annual evaluation of President Dill, the Board of Trustees has renewed his contract and set goals for him. These goals include stronger leadership in strategic planning, academic excellence and marketing the college, particularly in the recruitment and retention of students. Effective communication and positive relationships with faculty, staff and students are also important to board members.

Rathbone joins faculty

Karrie Rathbone, biology, has been hired as part of the faculty of McPherson College for next year.

"Dr. Rathbone is an excellent teacher who has demonstrated her abilities over the past semester," said Steve Gustafson, dean of faculty. "McPherson College seeks faculty who offer strong pedagogical skills, bring a breadth of preparation and experience and are attentive to students and student learning."

Trowbridge to present his poetry

Lindsay Krehbiel
Spectator Staff

William, "Bill," Trowbridge will read his poetry next Thursday in Minghenback Theatre.

The poetry reading was initially scheduled for Friday, March 9, but has been rescheduled for the 15th at 7:30 p.m. The event is open to the public and will be available as convocation credit for Mac students.

A professor Emeritus at Northwest Missouri State University and the former editor of the "Missouri Review," He currently is assistant editor of "The Georgia Review."

Trowbridge is best known for his poetry collection called "O Paradise." Other works include "Book of Kong," "Flickers," and "Enter Dark Stranger."

"I really enjoy Bill's work," said Manny Diaz, campus minister.

His work has appeared in several literary journals, including "Poetry," "The Gettysburg Review," "Crazyhorse," "Boulevard," "Colorado Review," "Prairie Schooner," "Tar" "Poetry," and "New Letters."

"He's a really great poet," Diaz said. "I was able to work with him and it was an excellent experience."