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Meal plans to change next fall

Elissa Thompson Editor in Chief

Three meal plans will be offered next year, but they will all cost the same amount of money as the current 19-meal plan. Though price may rise for some students, the new plans should offer everyone more options.

"We hope the students will enjoy the variety and feel that they are getting their money's worth," said Shirley Reissig, business manager.

Working together with LaMonte Rothrock, associate dean of students, and Dale Minnich, chief financial officer, Reissig was instrumental in planning the new meal program for the 2002-2003 school year.

The cafeteria service will be run on a card access plan next year. Meal plan options will include the current 19-meal plan in addition to a 165-block meal plan and a 130-block meal plan.

The two new options will operate with a declining balance. This means that students will have 165 or 130 meals a semester in the cafeteria, but

they will also have money to go with those meals. The money can be used in The Doghouse or the new coffee house to be implemented along with the 24-7 space in Hoffman Student Union.

Students who choose the 165-block will also have \$55 of credit on their card, while students purchasing the 130-block plan will have \$135 on their account. While the plan is based in semester increments, students will be able to add their balance from first semester to second semester. However, second semester's balance will not accumulate into the following academic year.

"All three plans cost the same, but it gives you more options," Reissig said.

Not only will the plan allow students more variety, but it will also allow them to host visitors such as parents and friends with money in their account.

Plans for staffing and equipping the coffee bar are still being developed. It is possible

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2002-03 SGA officers selected by e-vote

Christine Sheller Spectator Staff

Laura Morgan was recently elected president of the Student Government Association for the upcoming academic year. The vice president, secretary, treasurer, and activities and publicity director positions were also filled in the March electronic election. This was the first year that McPherson College used e-voting in place of a paper ballot election.

Laura Morgan, sr., Culpeper, Va., has some goals in mind for the year. She is hoping to make next year a team effort and is looking forward to meeting with the new board to discuss a vision for next year. "I'm excited. I'm really looking forward to next year," Morgan said.

She hopes to see high morale among faculty and students.

"I want to be a part of creating good community," Morgan said.

Morgan is active on campus with several activities. She is a member of the C.A.R.S. Club and is involved in the upcoming C.A.R.S. Show. She has been a member of SGA for



photo by Janette Flory

Nathan Porter, fr., Quinter; Emily Tyler, jr., McPherson; Laura Morgan, sr., Culpeper, Va.; Shane Netherton, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Andrea Bolhuls, soph., Chapman; were elected as the 2002-03 executive board of SGA.

two years, as class representative and activities coordinator her freshman year and as activities director her sophomore year. She was a member of the women's soccer team for two years.

Morgan will be graduating this year with an associate degree in technology. Next year

she will return as a senior to finish her biology/pre-medical major and chemistry minor.

Nathan Porter, fr., Quinter, was elected vice president. He hopes for the Student Government Association to represent the student body well next

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NEWS BRIEFS

McPherson College hosts research forum

Six McPherson College students will present the findings of their senior research projects at the 19th Annual Research Science Forum. The forum will begin at 2 p.m. today, in Melhorn Science Hall, room 112. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Students presenting are Adedamola Grillo, Soledad, Calif.; Shawn Allen, Corpus Christi, Texas; Seth Good, Annville, Pa.; Munira Abubakar Hamud-Socoro, St. Louis, Mo.; Caleb May, Warrensburg, Mo.; and Elizabeth Stover, Quinter.

Student Government sponsors casino night

The Student Government Association will sponsor casino night, tomorrow night, from 7 to 9, in the doghouse.

Student artwork featured in Friendship

Friendship Art Gallery is featuring the artwork of current McPherson College students during April. The exhibit will run from April 15 to 30.

Dickkut resigns

Erik Dickkut has submitted his resignation as admissions counselor effective June 28.

Dickkut has been a member of the admissions staff for the last 22 months.

According to Fred Schmidt, dean of enrollment management, there will be an evaluation of staffing as a new recruiting model is developed.

Club plans activities for Earth Day

To celebrate Earth Day, the Natural Science Club is sponsoring an afternoon of campus beautification in conjunction with plant operations.

Headed by Cindy Rundle, grounds assistant, participants will be planting two small trees. Andy Rizzo from Stony Creek Nursery, Hesston, donated the trees for the activities.

A second task will be to redesign the plant life surrounding the arch on the south end of campus.

Participants will also be transplanting winter creeper from the circle drive flowerbeds to the slopes in front of Melhorn Science Hall.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to participate for as long as their schedules allow. Planting will begin at 1 p.m., Monday, April 22, at the Heaton Gazebo and then move around campus until 5 p.m.

To conclude the Earth Day activities, the club is asking students to bring their dinner trays outside to Mingenback Mall for a picnic supper.

Diaz follows calling to Chambersburg church

Rebecca Stover Spectator Staff

Manny Diaz is saying farewell to McPherson College after three and a half years of service. Currently filling numerous roles on campus, including campus minister, director of church relations, and assistant professor of religion and philosophy, Diaz has decided to take a pastoral position in Chambersburg, Pa.

Almost four years ago, Diaz and his wife, Jan, were asked to come to McPherson College by President Gary Dill after meeting at a district conference. In accepting, Manny and Jan left their home and the community church in Lake Charles, La.

"I always wanted to do teaching," Diaz said. "Working with college students is a blast."

Manny immersed himself with the students on campus while Jan took the position of assistant manager in the cafeteria. She later became heavily involved with the McPherson Church of the Brethren, more specifically the youth.

Diaz has played an important role for many of the students on campus. Diaz has been involved in planning a Regional Youth Conference for Brethren College recruiting, provided the opportunity for student-led chapel services, held a casual coffee hour weekly, and brought poets, harpists and other nationally-known individuals to campus. Diaz often smiles his way through the caf-



Diaz

eteria, introducing new faces to the campus and chatting with the students.

Joe Blas, fr., is originally from Guam and has taken classes from Diaz.

"His wife used to live near Guam and could speak the language," Blas said. "A natural bond, I guess. Manny helped me adjust to college because he could relate to me. I enjoyed his rhetoric class and he even invited me out to his house and I cooked for him."

Marie Rhoades, jr., Harrisburg, Pa., has worked with Diaz many times.

"He is one of my reasons for coming here," Rhoades said. "I appreciate his willingness to connect with the students and to go to where the students are—not make the students come to where he is—faith and otherwise. That is a great quality to have in a campus minister."

Diaz feels good about his years at McPherson College.

"I am constantly being told that I am a campus minister for everyone, not just the stu-

dents. I like having a community-wide ministry. I love having interaction with people," says Diaz. "That's just what I love to do."

Ken Yohn, assistant professor of history, has been a professor at the college for two and a half years and has become a close friend of Diaz.

"I think he helps us kind of slow down and remember our priorities," Yohn said. "He is such a human and the things he cares about are people. His passionate spirit helps us to focus and refocus on the nature of joy."

The Diazes plan to travel to Pennsylvania at the end of the spring semester. Manny plans to fulfill God's calling in the Chambersburg Church of the Brethren, one of the largest churches in the denomination. Many of the students and staff of the college will miss him.

"I wish they wouldn't move, but I understand their reasons for leaving," Rhoades said. "I love and respect Manny for the job he does and Jan for the friend that she has become."

"It saddens me, but I understand the importance of his ability to do good," Yohn said. "This will be a good thing for him, an opportunity to do good things for people. He will have a profound impact on the congregation. They are going to get more than they bargained for."

The administration hopes to fill Diaz's position for next year. After reevaluating the goals of the program, they will begin to advertise the position.

Gustafson to return to teaching in fall

Kara Reiff News Editor

After eight and a half years in the dean's office, Steve Gustafson, provost and dean of faculty, will conclude his administrative service in June and return to full-time teaching in the fall.

He will be responsible for McPherson College's choral program as well as several classes. He will teach the first year of music theory, Sight Singing and Ear Training, Medieval-Renaissance Music History, Choral Techniques and others.

Gustafson began talking about the possibility of this change two years ago.

"I have a great passion for the teaching and learning process," Gustafson said. "I value the educational experience that McPherson College offers."

Before he began his work in the dean's office, Gustafson taught at the college for 14 years as a member of the music faculty.

"I really appreciate the opportunity to interact and relate to students in the classroom setting," Gustafson said.

Gustafson said that people have been very supportive of his decision.

"I wish him well because I know that teaching is his first love," said Marylyn Matthei, assistant to provost and dean of faculty. "We've all enjoyed working with him, but we know he's excited to get back into teaching."



Gustafson

President Neil Thorburn was disappointed to hear of the decision because he feels that Gustafson is doing well in his current position.

"In my short time here I have come to value Steve's organizational skills, his great affection for McPherson College, its faculty, staff and its students," Thorburn said.

During Gustafson's time in the provost's office, the college has implemented its current general education program, has progressed through three accreditation visits and has made a number of changes to its instructional program.

He is a tenured member of the music department and holds the Dotzour Chair in Music. "Thorburn is the third president I've served under, and it has been a very fulfilling professional experience," Gustafson said.

He feels that his new venture is just another opportunity at the college for him to look forward to, although he will miss some aspects of his current position.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

New meal plan is a welcome change

Issue 1: The changes in meal plan options

Our Position: The new options will give students more choices than they had before, but will it really help?

THE NEW CHANGES TO THE MEAL PLAN structure on campus have been long awaited. For many years now students have complained that the meal plans did not offer enough variety or any sort of choice.

Shirley Reissig, business manager, LaMonte Rothrock, associate dean of students, and Dale Minnich, financial manager, deserve a great deal of credit for the new structure. They have managed to give students an alternative to the regular cafeteria food by allowing students to use their dollars at the Doghouse.

This move, along with the addition of the coffee bar and 24/7 area will likely result in much more use of the facilities in the basement of the student union.

The coffee bar is also a much better fit in the Doghouse than in the library. A coffee bar in the middle of a place where people study is particularly unwarranted, and frankly makes little sense. The Doghouse move was a particularly smart one.

However, some would say that the Reissig, Minnich and LaMonte have not gone far enough. One hundred and thirty-five dollars is a small amount of money to spread over a three month semester, and some will undoubtedly wonder if their money is really buying them less dollars on the new 130-meal plan.

All in all, however, the changes deserve credit. The college has listened to student's opinions and has acted on them—a very admirable quality in any administrative body. The new choices in meal plans will allow students to voice their opinions with something stronger than their mouths—their dollars.

Economics speak loudly to any service provider. If a large percentage of students flock to the new options next year, it will be evident whether the changes were for the better. From the looks of things, it seems they will be

Vacancies in dean's office will be hard to fill

Issue 2: Vacancies left by Taylor, Gustafson and Coon

Our Position: Thorburn is making a good attempt to fill the positions.

THE RECENT VACANCIES LEFT IN THE DEAN'S office, a result of the resignation or move of three key figures, Steve Gustafson, Carolyn Coon, and Susan Taylor, have left a void in the staff of the college.

Gustafson, Coon, and Taylor were strong and effective leaders who helped to move the college forward in a tough time of construction and presidential problems. Their exits come at a critical time in the college's development. With the search for a new president on, the role that the deans play in the administration of the college becomes more important than ever.

During the last presidential search, the deans jumped in to fill the role left by the resignation of Paul Hoffman.

Current President Neil Thorburn recognizes the void left by the exiting deans, and intends to fill the positions in a number of ways. He intends to fill the positions in-house, a move that we applaud. The process is currently in the nomination stage.

We appreciate Thorburn's commitment to finding suitable replacement deans. We hope that a short-term solution can be found. In the end, a long-term solution will be found, and it seems that Thorburn is on the right track.

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MAC OPINIONS

How should clubs fund their activities?



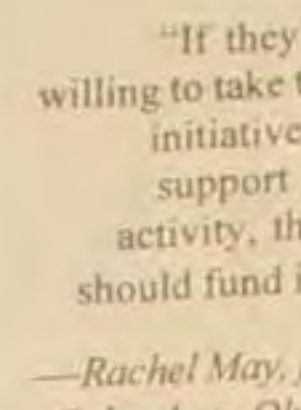
"Clubs making more to fund their activities would help out a lot."
—Chris Hammond, fr., Chicago, Ill.



"Clubs should throw keg parties and charge \$10 a head."
—Andy El Vaca (Chavez), fr., Quincy, Wash.



"I believe SGA should give some support, but most of the money should be raised by clubs."
—Nick Griggs, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo.



"If they're willing to take the initiative to support an activity, they should fund it."
—Rachel May, fr., Columbus, Ohio.



"I think SGA should fund 75% of all approved activities."
—Denise Kriesel, sr., Ludington, Mich.



"I think clubs should fund themselves."
—Eddie Monte, jr., Dallas, Texas.



Stalking the character of the restoration student

Sitting around the other day, I got to thinking about the qualities that certain people have on campus. In particular, I thought about the restoration students—they all have certain characteristics and interesting traits that make them somewhat unique. It seems to me to warrant a psychological study of the fellows and ladies; they simply put into solid form a breed of people that I enjoy dearly—car people.

Car people are, on the whole, some of the finer people I've ever met. They can be lunatics at times, to be sure, but they generally run to certain types. The other day I was reading a piece from an old-time cowpuncher, E.C. Teddy "Blue" Abbott. He mentioned something to the effect that the only things that a cowboy was afraid of were a decent woman and being set afoot.

Auto restoration students, or car guys, are much the same—the only thing they fear more than a decent woman is being without their car. Cars, in essence, are their life, their livelihood and their reason to live. They live, breathe, eat and sleep them; they worship them as temples of a religion, one whose sacraments are gasoline and exhaust fumes.

But enough with analogies. It seems to me that car people are of such a unique character mostly because the car world is such a diverse one—look around at the different makes, models, and all sorts of cars, and you'll find almost a microcosm of the world and society as a whole.

There are the well-built and very Teutonic Porsches, Mercedes, Audis, and a myriad of German makes that never make it to our shores. There are the precisely engineered



Ramblings from a Room

LUKE CHENNEL

and built Japanese cars—Toyotas, Hondas, Mitsubishis and such. There are the somewhat shoddily built American cars (not a new phenomenon, either) that are chock full of style—Mustangs, Camaros, PT Cruisers, Corvettes, and such.

Which brings me to the next point: that restoration, at its deepest and finest level, is a humanity and not a science. It integrates a good deal of science into it, but at the deepest and best level of restoration, science is simply a tool to learn more about the people behind these cars that people work on.

Car guys like to stand around hemming and hawing at cars. Standing around some particularly delectable model, the conversation usually goes to the more odd aspects of the car, and finally comes the question at the bottom of the lust for cars: "Wow, I wonder what guy thought that up?"

The more academic of restorers immediately head for the library and usually can find some interesting story about some mostly forgotten and wacky car designer, some mechanic wrenching for glory, or some aristocrat who decided to build cars as a fun sideline to some other less interesting business.

Among car guys, there are always a good number of characters. Characters are those guys who are so

firmly established in their ways and are so entertaining as a result. One of the more famous stories that runs around car circles is that of Ettore Bugatti, a French builder of Grand Prix and luxury cars in the 1920s and 1930s. Le Patron (a nickname of his), when asked why he did not fit better brakes to his racecars, quickly answered, "I build my cars to go, not stop."

I've never figured out what it is about grease and oil that breeds that sort, but they're always present. Maybe they're just high on paint fumes or gasoline or carbon monoxide or something.

Or maybe they're just high on cars, on rolling wheels, on the sound of a throbbing V-8, the delicious purr of a six cylinder, or the agricultural sounds four-cylinders emit.

Many long days and nights I have tried to figure out what it is exactly that makes up a car guy. They seem to share a number of traits. They are fiercely independent, usually quite intelligent, somewhat of a dreamer in their thinking, and tend to run towards being what some people would call "odd fish." In calling them "odd fish," I mean no insult whatsoever. Instead, it is more of a laudable product of their fierce independence quality that tends to endear them to anyone that they meet.

All in all, they are a fine breed of men. Their cavortings and adventures with cars always make for interesting conversation fodder, and I know some of the best yarns I have ever heard spun came from someone leaning on a fender. They are interesting people, and interesting people are what makes life interesting.

Start reviewing your choice in major: there's a new one in town

We are really at college to promote our education. I forget that. I think that part of the reason I stray from my class work is that goofing off is simply more fun. But, it came to me: we don't have to dread school.

After all, we could really make it enjoyable. To do this, I'm proposing a new major: "Systems of Leisurely Human Activity."

One of the 100 level courses in this major is "nocturnal practices in entertainment." In this class, students stay up until 4 a.m. watching classic movies.

These movies are deeply intellectual, and students should be able to learn an immense amount from the conflicts that the characters face. The movie list includes: Tommy Boy, Happy Gilmore, Billy Madison, Joe Dirt, and Hey, Dude! Where's My Car? There are no papers or quizzes, but you have to call the professor and tell him or her that you did watch the movie. After you have watched the movie, the professor takes you out for pizza and asks you the brain-teasing question: "Did you like the movie?"

"Nocturnal practices in entertainment" is to be taught in conjunction with the ever popular "sleep awareness." For this class, the student is required to sleep in until noon. Failure to comply with this requirement earns the student an F. Professors will call their students each morning,



Big Chief's Tablet

ELISSA THOMPSON

and if they answer the phone, they receive zero points for the day. The student receives full credit by sleeping through the phone call. A drool inspection will occur twice a month. Drooling students receive 100 points of extra credit.

After students have mastered staying awake and sleeping in, they will begin to explore the uses of technology in our society. In "Gaming," students will work to improve their hand/eye coordination by playing video games.

During video game workouts, students will get extra points by refraining from distraction. Five points will be lost for talking on the phone to a friend and 25 points will be lost for answering the call of a significant other. Extra points can be earned by warning both friends and significant others that video games will be played during specific hours and that phone calls will be disregarded.

Students not interested in video games will have the option of taking a music portion of the major. These students will be required to watch

MTV and VHI in three-hour increments. The same distraction rules apply.

As students begin to master these areas, they will move into "Principles and Strategies of Reclining." In this class, students will learn about the first person who ever laid down to complete a task. Students will also learn why it's best to lie down to watch T.V., play video games, or slack in any other way. Their final grade will be based on how much work they can produce in a horizontal position.

After learning the principles and strategies, students will take "Recliner History," a class that educates its students about the mother of all relaxation devices: The La-Z-Boy Recliner.

Students will learn about the different models of La-Z-Boys. In the final for this class, students will pick out a La-Z-Boy for their dorm room. Professors will grade the La-Z-Boy by how well it matches the room's interior, its plush factor, comfort level, and reclinability.

There are still some kinks to be worked out, but as you can see, many problems would be fixed with the addition of this major. Remember to look for "Systems of Leisurely Human Activity" in the course catalog next year.

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SGA, Clubs and Money

SGA and club officers offer suggestions where club money should come from

Business Club lures 20 students on a trip to San Antonio, Texas. Mudhuckers travel to Baton Rouge for a Frisbee tournament. M.U.S.I.C. throws a party for the campus. Tri-Beta buys trees to plant for Earth Day. Where do they obtain this money to pay for these activities? Surely, the clubs do not have to shell out all the money for the bill themselves.

No, the clubs definitely do not pay the entire bill for all their activities. These clubs turn in budget requests to Student Government each semester asking for help with their funds for their activities. Each semester Student Government's budget committee meets and then decides to provide money to the clubs. Using SGA's guidelines from the constitution, clubs usually receive the maximum amount of money that they can obtain.

Is there a problem with this process? No, it is especially not a dilemma for the clubs. But what do clubs do to help finance the rest of their bills for their activities?

It seems to me that some clubs do some fundraising, but there are really no clubs on campus that do enough fundraising. I believe that clubs should be financing most of their activities. Right now, may finance half of the bill of their activities on their own.

Could SGA's budget committee decide not to furnish clubs with money? Surprisingly, yes. Student Government is under no obligation to give clubs any money. In years past, clubs did most of their own fundraising and did not rely so heavily on student government for funds.

Does SGA have a problem funding clubs? No, not really because it does benefit students. Do I wish that we did not have to fund clubs so much? Yes, I do. The money could be used in a more resourceful way to benefit the campus and the students. I am not saying that clubs are not important on campus, because they are. SGA could use the money more within the organization than by giving clubs the money.

I believe that clubs should do more fundraising and finance more of their own activities. There are ample opportunities for clubs to do fundraising. Business Club sells Brats at the football games and does care packages during finals week. The Mudhuckers sell t-shirts and other clubs do raffles.

Are there are other ways for clubs to raise money and lessen the load from Student Government? Yes, of course there are other ways to raise money. Clubs can sell items on campus, do raffles, and do extra work like the people who went on the service trip did by washing cars.

Remember the activities fair that has been happening for the past two years during homecoming? SGA put this on to encourage clubs to do their own fundraising. I have heard that the activities fair used to be one of the biggest fundraisers for clubs, and that clubs went all out for it. I think that clubs should start making more use of the activities fair and make it a big deal again.

Needless to say, there are more things to do to raise money than clubs think there are. I say that if you are in a club and need money to do something, you should talk to your



SGA Officer

AMANDA WELLS

advisers and ask them what your club has done in the past that it can do again. Or brainstorm and come up with new and unique ways to make money for your club.

If clubs should do more fundraising and rely less on SGA for funds, what will SGA do with the left over amount that usually went to clubs? Personally, I know that SGA would be excited to keep that money and put it toward other uses. Right now, clubs eat a huge amount of the budget. If you saw the spring budget in the Spectator, you would have seen that clubs took almost half of the budget.

If SGA still had that money, we could use more money for other activities, improving the campus, and putting the money into other services to benefit the students. We would be able to focus more money and effort into services for the students and not just entertainment.

Last year, SGA reworked the constitution. In it, clubs are required to redo their charter every four years. By redoing their charters and at least looking at them, they can see their objectives and what they should be doing for their members. This gives SGA and the clubs an idea of what they are doing and what their purpose is. The hope for this was that they would plan their activities and what they do in accordance with their objectives and charter. It is student money that we use and give to clubs and we want to make sure that student money is being used appropriately.

SGA's funds are limited and are greatly affected by the number of students attending McPherson College. If clubs were to raise their money for their activities, SGA would have more money to put in other areas.

I would suggest to clubs to start fundraising more. In the future, SGA might not give as much money to clubs as they do now or they might choose not to give the money to the clubs and use it for something else. Of course, this is up to future SGA boards and the budget committee. Only time will tell what happens with club funding from SGA.

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SGA recently accepted requests from various campus clubs for additional funding. I am not aware of how many clubs did request money, but I know that the combined amount was quite significant.

It was significant enough that it exceeded the amount SGA had initially allocated to distribute to campus clubs. Any club that submitted a request received a letter stating that it was not going to get the full amount it had requested due to the overwhelming response, as well as the decreased revenue due to less students. As CARS club president, I received a letter less than a week later itemizing what CARS club was and was not granted from SGA.

CARS (College Auto Restoration Students) Club submitted two requests. One request was for an educational trip to Dearborn, Mich., to visit the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, and the

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Walter P. Chrysler Museum. The second request was to help fund our third annual CARS Show. We received the full amount for the Dearborn trip, but were completely denied any funding for the CARS Show.

As CARS club president, I had many people outside of the club ask me what my thoughts were after the word was out that we were denied all funding of one of our requests.

The truth is, we are not upset at all. SGA clearly explained in their letter to us that the reason we were denied funding for the CARS show was due to the fact that we charge an entry fee to those participating in the show.

With hopes of a good outcome (solely depending on the weather), we have a possibility of making a profit from the CARS show. This goes against SGA's policies for awarding any funding. If we don't make a profit, it is a risk



CARS Club

JOHN KLINGER

we are willing to accept, and it is well worth it as far as I am concerned.

To answer any further questions, we were more than grateful for the money SGA awarded us for the trip to Dearborn. We fully accept and understand the denial to help fund expenses for the CARS show.

Not everyone is aware of what CARS Club is all about. The club is open to anyone on campus, but is mostly made up of restoration students. The only requirement to be in the club is to share a genuine interest in automobiles, both classic and modern. Our major activity and service project to the college is our annual CARS Show.

This show provides enjoyment for any and all people interested in automobiles and serves as an opportunity to expose the general public to our campus. It attracts local and national people of all ages. We also enjoy the level of involvement we receive from the rest of campus to make this show the success it is.

Other activities we participate in include: one major trip per year, Saturday open shops, a couple of car washes to raise money, and various smaller club-sponsored trips. Over all, we all enjoy the common interest we share and incorporate it into related activities that add to our experiences at McPherson College.

I would like to end by thanking SGA for all that they do for campus life. I will be the first to admit that I don't agree with every activity they offer us, but with previous experiences and as the current president of CARS club, I know that it is impossible to please all people all of the time.

Anyone that has it in mind to make everyone happy with just one single event will go crazy in the process. So, the next time you pass a member of SGA, thank them for their countless hours of hard work and dedication.

When asked to write about this topic, school support for funding the recent service trip to Harrisburg, Penn., I thought, "Well the trip was paid for, wasn't it?"

The school was amazingly supportive. Where else but Mac would a girl be able to say, "I want to lead a service trip," and the response be, "Great, do it!"

As soon as I expressed my willingness and eagerness to organize a service trip over spring break, I was greeted with encouragement.

Because I was aware that financial aid is necessary to enable participation in a service program, I decided from the start not to be discouraged.

Another participant in the trip, Kerstein Heist, sr., Loshausen, Germany, said, "My financial possibilities as a student are limited. The service trip, supported by the college, gave me the chance to travel and to spend my holi-

"As soon as I expressed my willingness and eagerness to organize a service trip over spring break, I was greeted with encouragement."

days with work that seems to be useful."

I was given a few good leads and requested monies from the Advancement Office and SGA. I was very specific in my request, submitting a planned budget and purpose statement.

The service trip did receive enough funding through the school alone for the trip. We also did some independent fundraising, but that proved to be extra—a start for next year.

It encouraged us, to say the least. "We were able to raise some money on our own and through church donation, but that could never have added up to the total amount needed without the school's support. I'm not sure if it would have been possible," said Jenny Harper, fr., Des Moines, Iowa.

My complaint is not that we were not supported or not given money, but the mere fact that it was something I had to



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seek and organize from a school that claims service as one of its chief purposes.

In the schools mission statement, service is listed along with scholarship and participation as a key in the development of whole persons, something the college explicitly advocates.

My hope is that this, a service trip, will become a continuous component of what McPherson College has to offer its students and the community, not just because someone puts forth effort to fund-raise, but because it is made available, just as football is made available.

This is part of my continuing goal of the service trip. In order to make this possible, both financial support and faculty/staff sponsorship is necessary.

A line item has been established for the service trip in the budget, but now the challenge becomes ensuring that line item is considered when future budgets are discussed.

I continue to be encouraged. This year's spring break service trip proved, to me, to be a rewarding one.

The group of nineteen were able to contribute to the Harrisburg community in more ways than they know even now.

After the trip, many of the participants and others have already asked me where we are going next year and what service we will be providing. The truth is, I don't know right now. I want to lead another service trip, and I think there will be funding available.

However, I want to be able to answer that question with supreme confidence that there will be a service trip next year.

I need a commitment in both finances and sponsorship from the college, whether from SGA or other sources, in order to make it that way.

BY REBECCA STOVER

MAC MOMENT



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Fishing, serving and cruising in Cozumel, students enjoy spring break free time

Amy Selke
Features Editor

As spring break approached, the buzz over people's plans got louder and louder. Many people chose to venture home and others took memorable road trips to places they'd never been. Still others chose to spend their spring break doing community service.

Laura Potts, soph., Oklahoma City, Okla., and her boyfriend, Jeff Schroeder, '01, went on a Norwegian cruise from the port of Miami, Fla., to Cozumel, Mexico.

"We had margaritas on the beach and the weather was perfect," Potts said. "After the cruise, Jeff took me back to my apartment in Disney World where I drove to Tampa, then flew back to Oklahoma City."

Potts said the cruise was fairly cheap and that people get a lot for their money. "It was like only \$500."

A plethora of students chose to journey to South Padre Island.

Most chose to carpool with people who live in that area, so that they would know where they were going.

Shelly Hulinsky, fr., Wamego, drove Juli Greep, soph., Nickerson, and Lisa Salazar, soph., Brownsville, Texas, to Texas. Soon after their arrival, they met up with other MAC students such as Dawn Schuster, soph., Macon, Ga., Nick Maida, soph., Macon, Ga., and other people who live in the Brownsville area.

The highlight of Hulinsky's trip was the night everyone gathered at the Black Cat Bar across the border into Matamoros, Mexico.

Hulinsky enjoyed that she could dance and just hang out there. She said that even the workers joined in on the fun.

Also, there was an electric shock game that people could play if they dared. Players hang on to two little rods attached to an electrical current, and simply see how long they can hang on.

"It was a night none of us will forget," Hulinsky said.

Emmett Wemp, jr., Orland, Calif., also went to Texas for



photo contributed by Emmett Wemp



photo contributed by Laura Potts

ABOVE: Laura and Jeff stand on the deck of the cruise ship they sailed on from the port of Miami to Cozumel, Mexico.

ABOVE TOP: Eddie Monte holds one of the many fish he, Emmett and Sam caught while on Matagorda Island. This redfish was trophy size, measuring 30 inches.

his spring break, but it was in a different direction.

Wemp, Eddie Monte jr., Red Rock, Texas, and Sam Redhead soph., Eugene, Ore., decided to go together to Matagorda Island, which is beside Port O'Connor off of the coast of Texas.

There, they camped on the beach for five days and four nights.

"We just sort of lived off of the beach for four nights," Wemp said.

While there, they got a

chance to fish in the surf. They caught red fish from 27 to 30 inches in length and black drum from 20-25 inches long, which is trophy size.

"Eddie has made this trip four times, and we went last year and had a blast, so we decided to go back," Wemp said. "We got all sunburnt, and got salt in our hair. We had a great time."

Still, others decided to donate their time over break.

A group of 17 Mac students directed by Mary Heape, as-



photo contributed by Shelly Hulinsky



photo contributed by Jenny Harper

ABOVE: Jenny Harper gives milk to a calf while on spring break in Pennsylvania for a community service project. They also got to travel to New York City, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

ABOVE TOP: Juli Greep, Dawn Schuster and Shelly Hulinsky take it easy at the Black Cat Bar in Montezuma, Mexico. It was a place they could just hang out and have fun together. They also joined the herd of other McPherson students who traveled to South Padre Island.

sociate professor of music, and Larry Kitzel, professor of music, made their way to Harrisburg, Pa., in vans.

In conjunction with the Brethren Housing Association they helped with service projects such helping to build a storage unit at a thrift shop and cleaning up apartments so that low-income families, mainly single moms, could move in.

Danielle Lucore, fr., Springfield, Mo., was among those who went.

"I loved the variety of things. We could spend one day working then the next day go to New York City, then another day working and go to Baltimore the next."

While traveling to New York City, Jenny Harper, fr., Grimes, Iowa, got a chance to see Ground Zero in downtown New York City.

"I was just like, wow, what an experience. My heart just pounded so hard. I don't ever want to do anything that would make my heart feel like that

again." Harper said that a several foreign exchange students went on the trip.

"It was fun to watch their first reactions to everything." Both Harper and Lucore agreed that maybe the most fun part was getting to know people better.

"Some of them I wouldn't have an opportunity to get to know otherwise," Harper said.

"I would do it again if I had the opportunity next year," Harper said.

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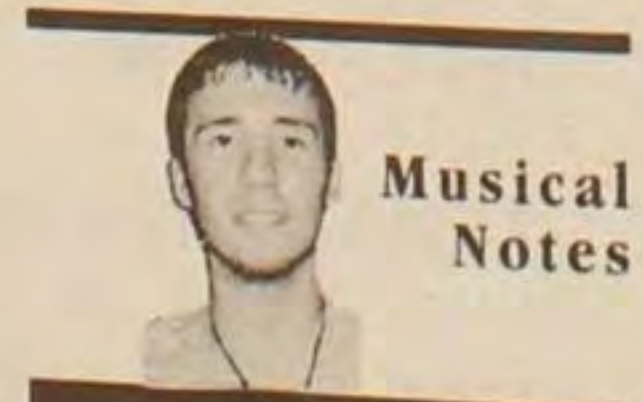
After only four years together, Warner says Beachwood Sparks is the "newest creative powerhouse"

Beachwood Sparks
"Once We Were Trees" Produced by:
Beachwood Sparks
Sub Pop Records
2001

Roaring softly from Los Angeles, comes perhaps one of the more unique bands that fits in its own personal genre. It sounds like someone abducted the Beatles and stuffed them in a time capsule and just recently decided to bring them back.

Beachwood Sparks is a young band that has been in existence since 1998. What makes this band so different from any other band today is that Beachwood Sparks sounds inspired less by modern music, and more inspired by 60s soft rock.

Though the band might sound a little unusual, they



MICHAEL WARNER

Musical Notes

have gathered a dedicated cult following. Even Beck called on Beachwood Sparks to open for his 1999 Galaxy Concert. If you do the math, this means that Beachwood Sparks would have been together as a band for only one year before headlining musicians were recognizing them.

The chemistry within the band is very tight, and it shows a lot in the music they play. The band members include bassist, Brent Rademaker, vocalist and guitarist, Chris Gunst, slide guitarist and keyboardist, Dave Scher, and drummer, Aaron Sperske.

The band has a tendency to put its listeners in a trance with their low-key and free sound. It's easy to lose yourself in the in the soft drums, distant harmonicas, smooth vocals, and hypnotic slide guitars.

In vintage 60s fashion, "Once We Were Trees" holds Beachwood Sparks' messages of love, peace, and, you guessed it, trees. However, the lyrics also carry a much darker feel amongst the freely moving musical backdrop.

The overall flow of the album is felt from the very beginning with the fade-in of a clean electric guitar and drums, and then coming into full volume with the smooth twang of a highly-pitched slide guitar. This track, called "Germiation," only lasts thirty seconds, but as the track fades out and the psychedelic haze clears in your head, you're ready for

the first song, "Confusion Is Nothing New."

"Confusion Is Nothing New" starts off as a mess of instruments, seemingly going their own way. Rademaker's vocals are able to sneak in somewhere in that mess, and sings of the imminent confusion one will encounter in life. But all in all, Rademaker states: "Don't be afraid, I've lost my way some too/ Tomorrow you could start anew."

In the near seven-minute long epic, "Let it Run," the slow-moving, echoing guitars are sure to bring a tranquilizer to any fast-paced soul. The lyrics work more like a subliminal message than actually blending in and being a part of the music. In "Let it Run," the lyrics hold a powerful message: "When days turn to years and adults come from children, try not to lose hope when you grow old/ Don't forget days



Beachwood Sparks "Once We Were Trees"

when all you had to do was look up, look out, keep looking around/ Don't be late/ Live for happiness."

Beachwood Sparks even brings a good slow rock element to a good pop hit. "By Your Side" was a song originally done and released by Sade just last year. Beachwood Sparks quickly jumped at the shot to make their own rendition with shallow, yet smooth vocals, light drums, harmonicas, and phased guitars.

Be on the lookout for this creative music powerhouse.

After only four years together, Beachwood Sparks has been signed to a record company, opened for Beck, come out with a self-titled underground debut album in 2000, released "Once We Were Trees," and they are set to have a new album out as soon as next month. Will love and peace reign supreme in music again soon?

Official Website: <http://www.beachwoodsparks.com> or <http://www.subpop.com>

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M.U.S.I.C.'s Talent Show awards three acts; various student performances displayed

Elissa Thompson
Editor in Chief

Nerves may have been knocking at their knees, but participants in the second annual Minorities United Spiritually Inspired Collectively (M.U.S.I.C.) Talent show sang, read, and threw batons with style. Eight acts performed last Friday night in Brown Auditorium, while Ba Ba Robinson, sr., Oklahoma City, Okla., emceed.

"I felt that we had a lot of good acts and talent," said Moriah Hicks, fr., El Dorado, Ark.

Nick Griggs, fr., Colorado Springs, Co., performed "I Wish" by singing and accompanying himself on the piano in the first act.

Hicks followed Griggs by reading two of her original poems. Her reading earned her second place.

"It was nice. I wasn't expecting it," Hicks said.

Not only did she earn second, but she also won \$50.

"I'm going to use it to pay off my VISA bill," Hicks said.

Saraphin Kasperie performed a flag routine to music from The Little Mermaid in the third act.

Winning a \$25 gift certificate to Applebee's was the fourth act and third place winner Chris Polanco, jr., Oceanside, Calif., who sang while Griggs played "Anything" on the piano.

Demetree Gaines, soph., Lyons, took the stage to sing and play the guitar to "Three A.M." Kate Smith, jr., San Antonio, Texas, followed Gaines with her rendition of "Me and Bobby McGee."

First place winners and the seventh act Elizabeth Stover, sr., Quinter, Rebecca Stover, fr., Quinter, and Janelle Flory, sr., McPherson, performed two songs, one of which was an original of Elizabeth's called "Shoe Sniffer."

"The song was a gift for Staci Horton," Stover said. "It was inspired after a conversation we had about her ability to sniff out good deals when she was shoe shopping."

The group earned \$100, and they are not exactly sure how they will spend their prize. For now, they think they will split it into exact thirds. However Stover and Flory are thinking about pooling their money to fund the production of their own CD.

In the eighth, Hicks per-



Moriah Hicks stands tall as she reads one of her poem entries that went on to earn her a second place finish. First place was snagged by Janelle Flory, Elizabeth Stover and Rebecca Stover.



Nick Griggs plays "Three A.M." on the piano for Chris Polanco while he sings. This performance earned Polanco third place and a \$25 gift certificate. Griggs also sang a solo.

formed again, finishing the night singing a medley of gospel songs.

The second talent show didn't showcase as much variety as last year's, but Ebony Williams, jr., Kansas City, feels that can be blamed on the time allotted for preparation. Scheduling frustrated Williams and other members of the M.U.S.I.C. planning committee.

"We have to share that space with plays," said Williams.

"Next year, we want to plan it in the beginning," Williams

said. "We hope there will be a little more leniency."

M.U.S.I.C. is also hoping to have more audience participation next year by awarding

door prizes to people from the campus community.

M.U.S.I.C. working on another party and poetry slam. They meet in the lower level

of Miller Library once a month. Though students should be minorities to attain membership, all are invited to enjoy M.U.S.I.C. activities.

Morgan assumes role of student body president

Dennis Pfeiff
Spectator Staff

Laura Morgan, sr. Ararat Va., Auto Restoration/Biology (Pre-Med) is the new Student Government Association President.

"I was asked to run by friends," Morgan said.

She loves the Auto Restoration program. "They never tell me I can't do something just because I am a girl. It's hard being one of only three girls, but I love every second I have with the guys in the restoration program. We all have our days but they are a really incredible group of guys. They are always there to give a little extra muscle when I need it."

"It's like having 43 brothers of all ages."



Laura at attention during her H.S. graduation from Howe Military School. There she attained the rank of first lieutenant and graduated third out of 180.

According to Morgan, she hasn't set any goals for next year because she wants "to see what the administration



Morgan poses at age three. She said it was at this time that her parents had the best influence on her to become an independent and confident person.

and board expect."

"I feel that having the great support of my parents at an early age has enabled me to become the independent and confident person I am today," Morgan said.

Morgan said she knew in the third grade what she wanted to accomplish and do with her



Activities such as choir started Laura on a path to community service. Since then, she has participated in many service activities.

life. She's not afraid of the schedule that being SGA president will present her.

"I don't think it will be hard to juggle my classes load with

"They never tell me I can't do something just because I am a girl."

—Laura Morgan

being president. I'm taking 20 hours right now, working two jobs, and helping with different clubs. So far I have been able to handle that really well. I've got great friends, teachers, and my advisor is always there to keep me together."

Prior to being elected to the position of Student Government Association President, Morgan served as the freshman representative and the activities director for Student Government Association.

She has helped coordinate blood-drives on campus, and

she currently sits on the CARS Show committee and has volunteered time with Meals-on-Wheels. She also played soccer.

Before coming to McPherson College, Morgan went to Howe Military School in Howe, Ind. There she attained the rank of first lieutenant and graduated third out of 180.

Howe Military School is the sister school to St. John's Military School in Salina, Kan.

"I chose McPherson because I wanted to leave home," says Morgan. "I didn't want to be lost in the crowd, and I saw myself being able to become successful here."

Morgan said. "It was just one of those things. I thought why not, just give [McPherson] a shot," Morgan said.

Tuesday Night Movies

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The Rookie
Rated: G
(2:09) 9:20 p.m.

THE ROOKIE tells the real-life story of Jim Morris (Dennis Quaid), who had to drop out of minor league baseball because of an injury to his pitching arm. Twelve years later, Morris is convinced to fulfill his own dream and try out for a professional team. With perseverance and confidence, he finally steps up to the plate, and after his pitching is clocked in the high nineties, he is signed to a minor league contract with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, and soon after, moving onto his lifelong dream - the major leagues.

High Crimes
Rated: PG-13
(1:55) 9:25 p.m.

Claire, a high-powered attorney, and her husband Tom, a successful contractor with his own business, lead the idyllic Marin County life.

Soon after a burglary, FBI agents come and arrest Tom. The charge: Under his real name, Ronald Chapman, Tom, as a covert military operative, murdered civilians in El Salvador. Claire believes these charges must be a case of mistaken identity and prepares to defend him. She needs the help of a "Wild Card" that knows the rules and can break them. Now she must risk her career and life to uncover the truth.

Panic Room
Rated: PG
(1:41) 9:00 p.m.

Trapped in their New York brownstone's panic room, a hidden chamber built as a sanctuary in the event of break-ins, newly divorced Meg Altman (Jodie Foster) and her young daughter Sarah (Kristen Stewart) play a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with three intruders - Burnham (Forest Whitaker), Raoul (Dwight Yoakam) and Junior (Jared Leto) - during a brutal home invasion. But the room itself is the focal point because what the intruders really want is inside it.

Cinema IV Theaters
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The Scorpion King
Rated: PG-13
(N/A) 9:05

"The Scorpion King" is set 5,000 years ago in the city of Gomorrah, where an evil ruler is determined to lay waste to all the nomadic peoples of the desert. The few remaining tribes have to unite or perish. They hire a skilled assassin, Mathayus to eliminate the visionary. After infiltrating the enemy camp, Mathayus discovers that the sorcerer is in fact a beautiful woman. Rather than eliminate her, he takes her deep into the desert badlands, knowing that the ruler's henchmen will stop at nothing to rescue her.

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Tracksters earn six top-ten performances at Tabor Invite

Elizabeth Stover
Sports Editor

Halfway into the season, the Bulldog track and field athletes are starting to find their place among conference competitors. With two regular season meets remaining, the teams are looking toward the KCAC conference meet, hosted by McPherson on May 3 and 4. The team will be traveling to Hastings, Neb. next Saturday, April 26.

"We're working up toward conference at this point," said head coach Erik Dickkut. "Every meet counts."

The teams traveled to Tabor

Invitational last Wed., April 17. Despite small numbers and hot, windy weather, the McPherson thinclads gave a solid showing with six top-ten performances.

For the women, Rebecca Stover captured first place in the triple jump (34'05") for the second meet in a row. Stover also won the gold at the ACCK league meet last Saturday, April 13 with a leap of 32'08".

With sprinter Sharla Odhams out due to illness, Treasett Horner represented the short-distance pack in the 100 m dash, snagging second place with an unofficial time of 12.7. "I'm improving a little at a

time," Horner said. "I want to go to Nationals."

Horner competed in the 100 m dash in high school, clocking times of 12.2. If Horner runs that time at one of the next two meets, it would qualify her for the NAIA National meet, which will be held from May 23 to 25 in Olathe.

"This was definitely Treasett's best meet," Dickkut said. "She ran really well."

The women's 4 x 100 m relay earned a sixth place finish (54.72).

On the men's side, Brandt Busse followed his medalling trend with a first place finish in the javelin (174'03"), one

and a half feet under his personal collegiate best from the ACCK meet last week (175'09"). Busse is currently ranked first in the conference in javelin.

Dennis Joiner jumped to a 7th place finish in the men's long jump (19'03").

Shane Netherton passed two competitors on the home stretch to grab a sixth place finish with the unofficial time of 17:35.

"The weather had a negative effect on the running events, but the competition was stacked," Netherton said. "I had a good race, and I'm very pleased."

Netherton is working back from an Achilles injury early in the season.

"We haven't had too much trouble with injuries. I'm very pleased with the way the team works out and show commitment," Dickkut said.

With the consistent placings of Horner, Odhams, Stover, Busse and Netherton, and the return of distance specialist Wes Hoffert, Dickkut is expecting some outstanding individual performances.

"There are several folks who should place in the top spots," Dickkut said. "I'm sure we'll score more points than we did last year."



Above: Rebecca Stover reaches for the sand at the ACCK league meet. Stover won first place in the triple jump with a jump of 32' 08".



Right: Shane Netherton paces with a competitor from Tabor during the 5000m run at the ACCK league meet. Netherton crossed the line in 17:23.3 to earn second place.

photos by Janelle Flory

Athlete urges soccer for fun, club soccer

Zlya Gunay
Guest Columnist

When I think about soccer at Mac, I think about the pick-up games we play almost every week. We play twice a week, and we have a lot of fun. There are usually about 12-14 people, and we play at the soccer field right next to the football practice field. John Ingelhart and I usually become the captains, and we select teams. Then we play about an hour and a half to two hours. At the end most of us are pretty tired.

We try to have an equal amount of guys and girls on each team, so the game is competitive. It's always fun just to go out there and play soccer with your friends. One time we played at 11 p.m. It was dark, but we still had fun just kicking the ball around and getting together.

Because I see a lot of talent out there when we play, I am thinking about starting a club team. I think it would be fun if we had a club team and played other schools. Besides, there are a lot of people out there who are not doing anything, and I am pretty sure some of them would like to play soccer once or

twice a week. I think of soccer as a part of my life. I have played soccer since I was four years old, and I am still playing every Sunday in Wichita. We have about four players that are seniors at Mac on our team, and we have some Mac graduates, too. We also have players from Wichita and Bethany College. Every Sunday night, we get together and play in an indoor league and we are doing pretty well. Anybody who is interested in playing soccer could contact Ingelhart or me. We would be more than happy to see you out there playing with us. We don't have a set time to play because we try to play so it fits everyone's schedule. If you are interested in soccer, come and play. It doesn't really matter how good you are because we play to have fun.



photo illustration by Janelle Flory

SPORTS BRIEFS

Football team starts spring practice, hosts tourney as fundraiser

Between helping out with fund-raisers and participating in spring workouts, the McPherson College football team is spending a lot of time together. This is the first spring that the KCAC is allowing limited spring football practice, granting 10 one-hour sessions during a 30-day period. The Bulldogs have held two practices to date. Players also lift weights on a regular basis.

"We've done a good job in the off-season," said head coach David Cunningham. "I want to maintain and carry it over into the fall."

Besides getting into top physical condition, the team is intent on getting its budget in shape. In an effort to supplement funds, the team recently hosted a five-on-five basketball tournament. Eight teams composed of current and former McPherson basketball players and area athletes participated in the three-day tournament from April 12-14.

"The assistant coaches were a lot of help," Cunningham said. "Our guys volunteered a lot of time."

The Houston Hardhitters won the tournament, headed by Dallas Blacklock and consisting of several Mac and Central Christian College men from the Houston area. Funds raised through entry fees, concession stand proceeds and T-shirt sales will help to improve the football locker facilities, including new carpeting.

"We have a good budget for the things like equipment, travel, and officials. But for extra things, the money has to come from the outside," Cunningham said.

The team has worked in the concession stand and as officials for the McPherson Invitational Track and Field and plans to do so again when McPherson hosts the KCAC Track and Field Championships on May 4 and 5.

Schedule changes for softball team

The McPherson softball team's doubleheader versus Saint Mary College has been rescheduled from May 1 to this Monday, April 22. The first game will start at 5:00 p.m. at the Udie Grant Complex. Start time for the doubleheader at Ottawa on April 24 has been moved to 3:00 p.m. due to the lack of lights on the facility.

Softball scheduled as intramural event

The deadline for teams to sign up for intramural softball is Friday, April 19. Teams should consist of at least 10 members. Round robin play begins next week and concludes with a tournament in mid-May.

Amber Jackson, Tammy Dresher and Nathalea Stephenson, volleyball coach, organize intramural play.

"We have four teams signed up, but we're waiting for more. We want this to be fun for everyone," Jackson said.

Softball is the last intramural event for this academic year. Other events have included five-on-five basketball, three-on-three basketball, and volleyball. "We want everyone to enjoy it," Jackson said. "That's why you win a T-shirt at the end."

Elissa Thompson
Editor in Chief

Inching their way league standings, the team is on a victory of their last several was ready to face B night, but the contest inning due to inclement game has been re Monday, April 29 a head coach Mike "We're really starting On Monday, the Haskell, winning t and the second game of a fight than the was behind, 6-1, go But the Bulldogs v In an eight-inning nine runs in the spurred by an over erun from Amber three-run triple fro

"We've had a g plate," McCormick Playing Central o to be another even Mac, winning 16-1, Conway and Taylo sive fire, each sm over the fence. "It felt good," came out of a slum On Wednesday n battled the Friends tallied a five-inning game with a score Bulldogs fought b game, winning in inning match that

Wes Hoffert
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Softball team enjoys winningest season of program history

Elissa Thompson
Editor in Chief

Inching their way up the list in league standings, the Bulldog softball team is on a victory roll. Winning six of their last seven games, the team was ready to face Bethany away last night, but the contest ended after one inning due to inclement weather. The game has been rescheduled for a Monday, April 29 at 5 p.m.

"This week was really good," said head coach Mike McCormick, "We're really starting to gel."

On Monday, the girls played at Haskell, winning the first game 5-2 and the second game 12-6.

The second game demanded more of a fight than the first, as the team was behind, 6-1, going into the sixth. But the Bulldogs wouldn't give up. In an eight-inning fight, they scored nine runs in the last two innings spurred by an over-the-fence homerun from Amber Ontiveroz and a three-run triple from Conway.

"We've had a good week at the plate," McCormick said.

Playing Central on Tuesday proved to be another evening of success for Mac, winning 16-1, 11-0. Julie Greep, Conway and Taylor were on offensive fire, each smacking homeruns over the fence.

"It felt good," Conway said. "I came out of a slump to hit them."

On Wednesday night, the Bulldogs battled the Friends Falcons. Friends tallied a five-inning victory in the first game with a score of 13-4. But the Bulldogs fought back in the second game, winning in a six and a half-inning match that was called in the

bottom of the seventh due to lightning, 4-2.

In the first game, a string of second inning errors weakened Bulldog defense. Friends led by a score of 2-1 and pitcher Tappy Collette walked a batter. Then, a missed throw advanced a runner to third base. The runner scored on a wild pitch, and an overthrow by catcher Season Graves allowed second runner to score. By the time it was over, Friends was leading 5-1.

Though Mac had solid hits from Graves, Greep, Conway, Collette, Crystal Richardson and in the bottom of the third, they were still unable to pull away. Runs scored from Graves and Richardson nudged the Bulldogs closer with a score of 3-5 but the team was unable to answer Friends, falling 4-13.

The 'Dogs bounced back though, getting off to quick start in the second game. Graves was the first to step up to the plate for Mac. She hit and ground ball to third earned a single. Richardson followed with a homerun, putting the Bulldogs on top.

"It was a good hit to right center-

field," McCormick said. "She's pretty fast when she needs to be."

On defense, Kim Taylor took the mound and Collette shined at as catcher. In the bottom of the first inning, Collette fielded an infield fly, Conway snagged a line drive at shortstop and Amber Ontiveroz caught a fly in left. The errorless inning gave the Bulldogs momentum for offense. Conway started them off, smacking

a double to centerfield. Ontiveroz followed suit, slapping a triple to leftfield and earning an RBI. She went on to steal home, giving the Bulldogs their last runs of the game.

Bulldog defense was tight as the girls executed two double plays. McCormick was impressed with the consistent skill on defense.

"Tiffany has only one error in the last seven games," McCormick said.

In the top of the seventh, Bulldog batting suffered. The first three Bulldog batters were put down with no hits. The score remained 2-4, and Mac had to hold the Falcons for the victory. The game was called for lightning, however, leaving McPherson on top.

The Bulldogs, who are 3-5 in league play, will host St. Mary at 5 p.m. on Monday at Grant Field.



Tiffany Conway, shortstop, drives a single during the first inning of second game v. Central Christian College on April 16. The Bulldogs went on to beat the Tigers, 11-0.

Photo by Jewell Perry

Ultimate season ends with Ozark Sectionals, 0-4

Wes Hoffert
Business Manager

The McPherson Mudhuckers ended its season at the Ozarks Sectional Tournament this past weekend along with other college teams from Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. The team finished the tournament with a 0-4 record, playing against teams in the upper echelon of the college ranks. The tournament was won by the Washington University Contra Bears, who beat KU in the championship game, 13-9.

"We had a lot of potential going into sectionals, but we were short on practices and tournaments," said Peter Samland, team captain.

The team was seeded last in its pool and played the top-seeded KU Horizontals in the first round. They played strong, making crisp throws and fundamentally sound

catches. However, KU's athleticism and skill was apparent in the final score, 13-4.

The next game pitted McPherson against Southwest Missouri State. The game started with both teams trading points, and then McPherson started to roll. The team bounced the disc back and forth and rattled off three straight points to head into halftime with a 7-3 lead.

"We really won the first half," Tom Austin said.

But the second half was a different story. SMSU came out with an intensity they

hadn't shown before the intermission. SMSU came back to defeat the Mudhuckers, 13-11.

The penultimate game of the day for the 'Huckers was versus the Missouri University Mutants. The two teams were closely matched and traded points during the opening quarter of play. However, McPherson couldn't find a solution for MU's tall players, and Missouri won the game, 13-8. After a bye in the fourth round, the Mudhuckers prepared themselves for the last game of the day against Truman State University. These two teams played at a

frantic pace the entire game. Truman's star player worked a vicious give-and-go to score a point, but the 'Huckers countered by slicing through the defense with pinpoint disc placement and superior team speed.

Both teams were making diving catches and layout defensive plays as Mac went into halftime down by one point, 7-6. Determined not to let Truman pull away, the Mudhuckers took a one-point lead in the second half, but let it slip away. Truman reached 13 points first aided by a questionable sideline call. Since there are no referees in ultimate, it is up to the player to make his or her own call.

"I was standing right there and saw him catch the disc out of bounds. Even his team members thought he was out, but he called himself in," said Robert Ullom.

The game went past the usual end score of 13 points because the victorious team must win by 2. It ended with a final of 14-12, Truman State.

The Mudhuckers encourage any and all people to give ultimate a try. Practice is held every Sunday at 1:30 at Lake-side Park.

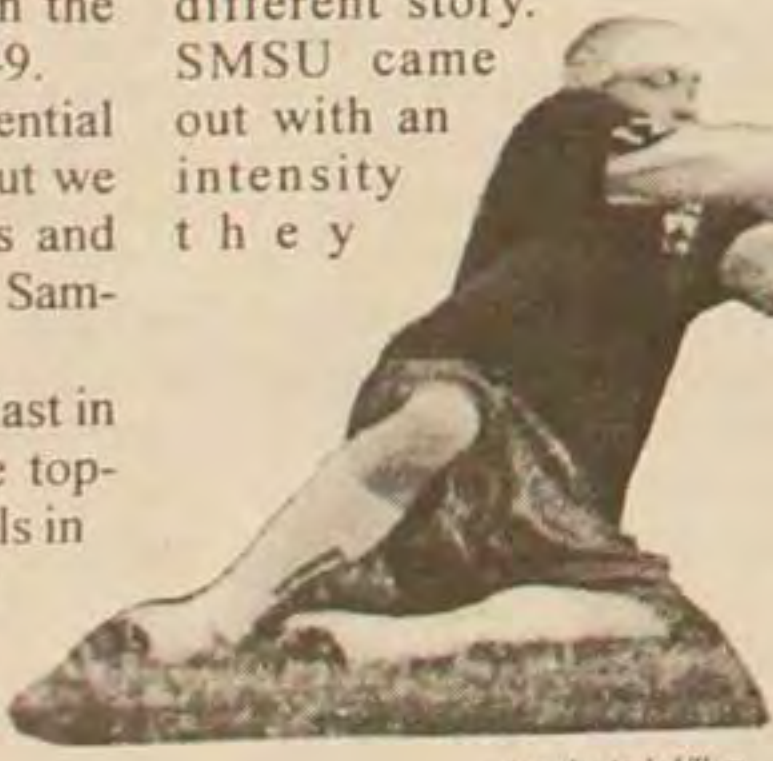


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Women's Softball		
3-5 KCAC	L v. K-State Club	5-2
12-16-1 Overall	L v. St. Mary College	0-8
L v. Concordia (NE)	W v. Kansas Wesleyan	12-6
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L v. Sterling College	L v. Tabor College	0-4
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W v. Haskell	W v. Haskell	11-6
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	W v. Friends University	4-2

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Brandt Busse is a freshman from McPherson. Busse transferred from Bethany at semester this year and has proven to be an integral part of the McPherson College men's track and field team.

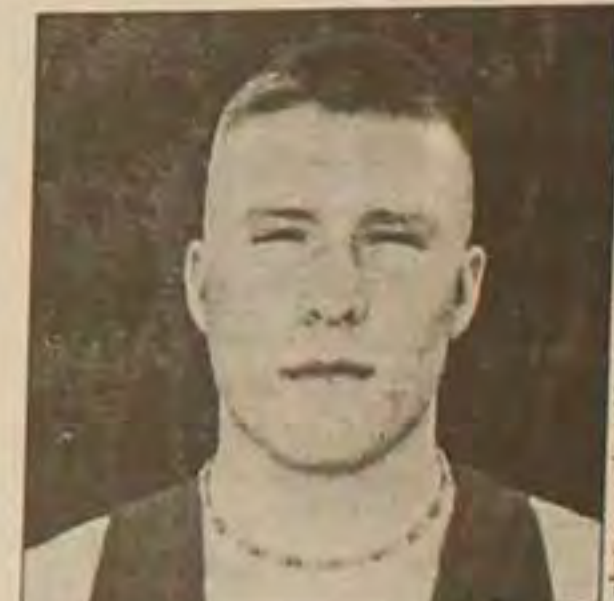


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"It was a nice surprise when he transferred," said head coach Erik Dickkut.

In his first collegiate track and field season, Busse has been competing in the long jump and javelin throw. Of the four meets the Bulldogs have attended, Busse has won the javelin three times, placing third once.

"He is just out-throwing everyone," Dickkut said. "He's our best shot for qualifying for Nationals."

In order to qualify for the NAIA National Championships, Busse must throw to the qualifying mark of 185', ten feet beyond his current season best of 175'09".

"He is very positive. I think he's enjoying what he's doing and having a good season," Dickkut said. "I expect even better things in the future."

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Miller renovations planned for summer

Career Center, Brethren Room, computer lab to be relocated

Lindsay Krehbiel
Spectator Staff

Miller Library renovations should be underway this summer and the library will be much different when students return to campus next fall.

Dale Minnich, chief financial officer and head of the library renovation committee, says the changes will be done over the summer while activity in the library will be at its minimum.

While the building is undergoing renovation, the offices currently in the library will temporarily be housed in Beeghly Hall, the former library. These offices include the library staff, the curriculum and instruction department and the offices of the center for academic development.

"It's going to be a challenge to get stuff done before school starts," Minnich said. Howev-

er, Minnich plans for everybody to be back in the library by the time fall term begins.

One major change will be the relocation of the Brethren Room. It will be moved to the basement of the library.

"The Brethren Room is important for the college. It just seemed better to have it on the lower level," Minnich said.

Moving to the current Brethren Room will be the Career and Learning Center, which will also be highly important to the college.

President Neil Thorburn is moving the college toward becoming a career-oriented liberal arts college.

The Career Center, especially, will play an integral role in organizing and overseeing students' internship experiences.

The Career and Learning Center will also house the current Center for Academic Development, which is currently in the

basement of Miller.

New carpeting will also be installed on the main level of the library and on the central staircases.

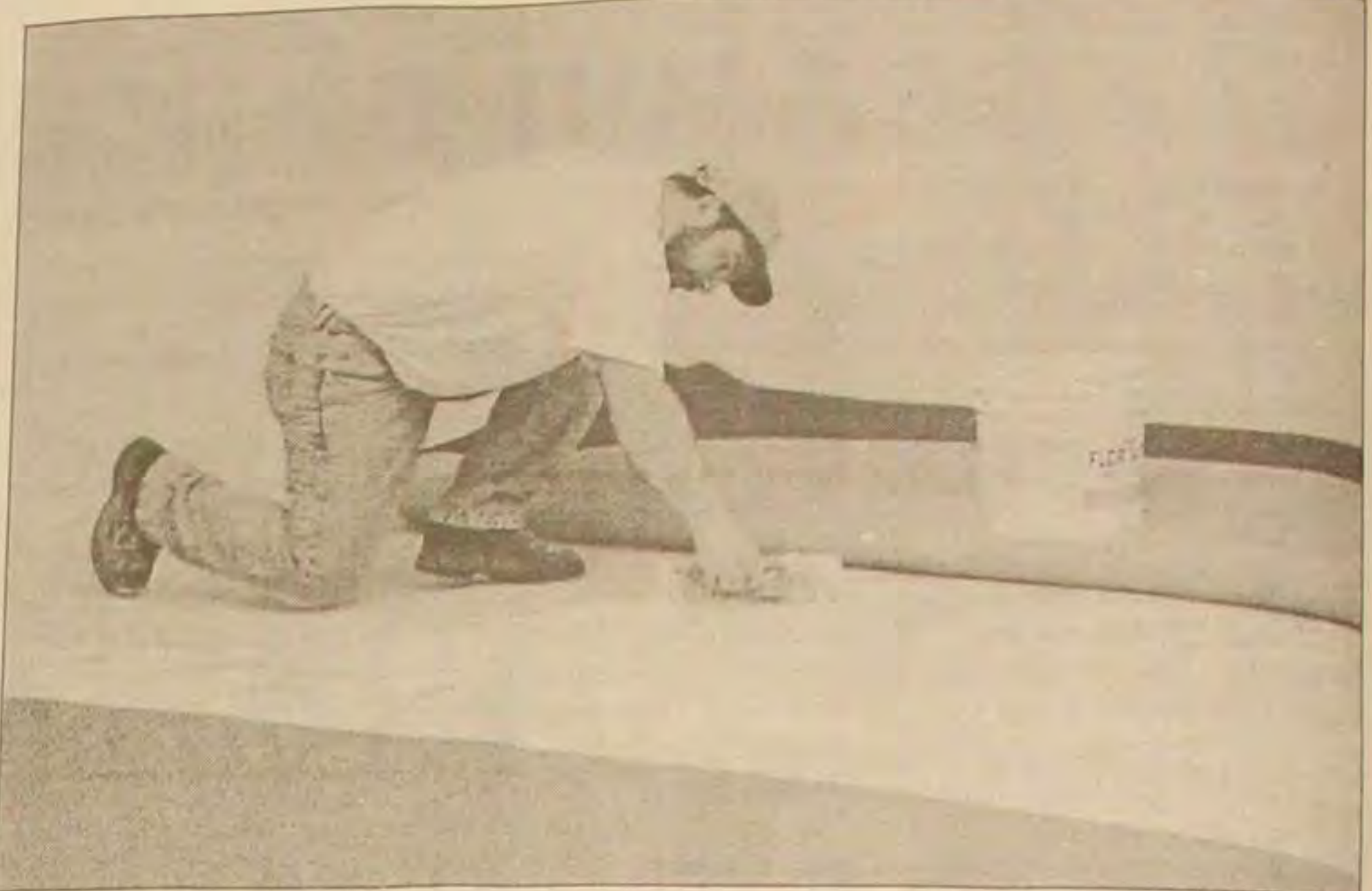
New lighting will be installed on the main floor, as well as more lounge seating.

The area that is used to access the library's materials will have both a new set-up and new furnishings.

The current basement computer lab will be relocated to the main level, enabling it to be more accessible to students and closer to the Career and Learning Center.

Though the original plan for Miller Library called for a coffee bar, plans for this addition have been aborted.

However, LaMonte Rothrock, associate dean of students, is working to incorporate a coffee bar into the Doghouse area of Hoffman Student Union.



A Classic Floors employee lays carpet in the basement of Miller. The old lecture hall will become the Brethren Room, making way for a more accessible Career and Learning Center.

Because most campus facilities closes at 10 p.m., Rothrock wants the Doghouse to stay open later. If the full plan

is realized, the upstairs computer lab will also move to the SU basement, and the snack bar and recreation area will

keep later hours, providing students a place to meet other than dorm lobbies after 10 p.m.

5,000 square-foot Templeton addition nears completion; restoration program awaits further improvements

Shandl Schomling
Spectator Staff

If things go according to plan, Templeton Hall will undergo a number of changes over the next few years, to improve the quality of learning for students. Some work has already been done.

So far, a 5,000 square-foot archive and storage area has been added to the hall, and paving and drainage being incorporated into the new outside storage space.

The plans for Templeton, which were developed during a space study with consultants from the Performance group, involved administration, faculty and representatives from plant operations.

Plans are being made to remodel classrooms to provide more space, as well as faculty offices. The auto-

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—Robert Vaughn

motive technology labs will also be renovated to better accommodate the current curriculum.

These renovations will help bring Templeton up to the current building and fire codes. The remodeling will include the addition of new fire doors and alarms, which will meet the current ADA requirements.

Other changes taking place in Templeton include an increase of light, better ventilation, and better heating

and cooling which will be better environmentally.

Floor space in the reference library is also being increased.

Funding for the project, according to Robert Vaughn, chair of the technology department, is coming from the 25th annual capital campaign, which is managed by the advancement office; but, funding for this project is not part of the "Enhancing the Legacy" campaign. Funding is being provided entirely through outside sources such as friends of the college. Vaughn said that the National Advisory Board is helping with this in many ways.

"This is going to give us much more space, which our normal activities, such as disassembling and reassembling a car, require," Vaughn said. "This will improve the overall quality of the work our students produce."



The floor of the 5,000 square-foot storage addition in Templeton Hall was painted and sealed this week. Logos will also be added to the floor.

Students are reacting positively. "It's definitely going to make the classrooms more usable," said Tom

Deboer, soph., Krookston, Minn. "It will make for a lot more room to work."

MASKS AND ALL THAT



Jan Diaz talks with Dr. Skylar Jones and Dr. Lorraine Da Luz Vleira-Jones following "Masks and All That," April 10, in Mingenback Theatre. The presentation included a lecture from Vleira-Jones on the function of masks in various cultures and a slide show of Jones' travels in Asia.

SGA

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year. Porter is involved in several activities on campus. He is a member of the ultimate frisbee team and has taken part in leading chapel.

"I'm excited to be able to do this, to have a say in the decisions that the student government takes part in," Porter said.

Emily Tyler, jr., McPherson, was elected secretary for the student government.

"I want to be more involved with the college and make a difference," Tyler said.

Tyler, a music education major, is involved in several activities on campus including G-Clef, Sweet Harmony, choir, and the orchestra for HMS Pinafore.

Shane Netherton, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo., will be SGA treasurer. Netherton is looking forward to next year being a learning experience and becoming more involved in making decisions with the budget and allocating the SGA

funds.

Netherton is qualified for the position as an accounting and business administration major. He has been an active member of the McPherson College community. He has been on the cross country and track teams for three years, was a resident assistant for one year, and served on SGA this year as the Bittinger Hall representative.

Andrea Bolhuis, soph., Chapman, was elected as activities/publicity director. Bolhuis hopes to construct and

plan activities that people will enjoy.

"I hope that next year will be a good year," Bolhuis said.

Bolhuis has been a member of the Behavioral Sciences Club for the last two years and was also a member of the college choir for the last one and a half years.

Although the e-vote was new to the campus, the number of voters this spring was higher than in the past.

"For the first time, it went incredibly well. It was a success. We were able to know

the results immediately," said LaMonte Rothrock, associate dean of students.

The number of voters increased dramatically from the fall election. One hundred and sixty-nine students used the e-vote this March compared to about 88 students who voted in the fall. Rothrock suggested this style of voting after seeing the success K-State had with e-voting.

Dave Gitchell, computer services, was responsible for setting up the e-vote on the McPherson College network.

Gustafson

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"I will miss the collaboration that I experience with the president's office and the people with whom I work in the provost's office," Gustafson said. "They are a tremendous group of folks, all of which have a great passion for McPherson College."

Gustafson has the opportunity to work with students now, but he is looking forward to the relationship that he will have with students in the classroom.

Gustafson says that his time in the provost's office has been an opportunity to positively impact the college's instructional mission.

"I've had the chance to be involved in any number of decisions that hopefully have improved the learning experience," Gustafson said.

Thorburn said the college is currently doing only an internal search for candidates to fill the provost position.

Meal plan

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that the small computer lab currently on the main level of the SU could be moved downstairs with the new coffee bar. Reissig also said the group was looking at adding soft furniture and different games.

"We're trying to make it a pleasant place," Reissig said.

Originally, the coffee bar was going to be added to the library, but renovating the water lines proved to be a larger task than previously expected.

"We're going to incorporate it into The Doghouse area, so we're still bringing it on campus," Reissig said.

Reissig also wanted to remind students that since the money system will be computerized, bringing the card to meals will be a vital part of the new plans.

"You're going to have to have it. There's no way to make it work without it," Reissig said.

Nathan Porter, fr., Quinter, is excited about the new op-

tions. "It sounds like a good way to get people involved with eating in the Doghouse," Porter said.

Porter feels that it's something that he will enjoy in the coming school year.

Some students, however, still feel that a smaller meal plan should be offered.

"They should reimburse us for the meals we don't eat," said Andrew Wathen, fr., Beeville, Texas.

Because class schedules will change, meal times will change next year, too. Hot breakfast will be served from 7:45 a.m. to 9 a.m., and cold breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Full lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and soup and sandwiches will be served from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Doghouse will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Then, it will re-open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. The preliminary plan calls for the coffee bar to remain open from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m., although those time may change as usage dictates.

Rothrock expressed appreciation to Gitchell, saying the process was a huge improvement from the paper ballot election used until this spring.

The e-vote will be used again to select the other SGA members including representatives from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, the dorms, and the off-campus representatives. Several minor changes will be made. There will be a 12-hour vote instead of a 24-hour vote. Elections for these positions will be on Tuesday, April 30, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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C.A.S. student

Chris Mather
Spectator Staff
The C.A.R.S. Club, or Classic Auto Restoration Student Club, will host its third annual show on Saturday, May 18. The show will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The club plans to show a variety of cars, including classic/collector, foreign, restored original, special interest and more.

The show will offer many activities including tours of Templeton Hall, raffle prizes, goody bags for the first 100 participants, an awards ceremony, automotive vendor model car display for children under 16, music and food provided by Porky's BBQ. Entrants will compete for trophies including Best of Show, Best Import, Best of Show and the People's Choice. There will also be a Long Distance Driven Award. A judging committee of 10 auto restoration students

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Lack leads to

Elissa Thompson and Luke Chennell
Editor in Chief and Opinions Editor

Jamey Hart, instructor of auto restoration technology, will not return next fall to the auto restoration department. Concerns over his educational goals were at the forefront of the decision. Hart was hired in 2000 with a stipulation in his contract that he would have three to five years to further his education, which is a requirement of North Central Accreditation.

When hired, Hart had an associate's degree in technology that he earned from McPherson College in 1991 after graduating from the restoration program. Under North Central Accreditation standards, instructors are expected to have

Arts Council with Mc

College works to bring five-event

Kerstin Helst
Spectator Staff
McPherson College and the recently established alliance to present a five-event art and lecture series, beginning fall 2002. Three performances and two lectures are planned. "I approached the Arts Council to work together for the 2002-03 year. The arts council agreed to work on a one-year pilot project," said Steve Gustafson, provost and dean of faculty. Gustafson also emphasized the initiative of Rob Knechtel, executive director of college advancement, concerning the