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## Students perform Model T assembly

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Antique vehicle fanatics from all over the country, including a few from the McPherson College automotive restoration department, gathered last weekend at Mystic Seaport in Mystic, Conn.

Robert Vaughn, director of restoration operations, Luke Chennell, jr., Evergreen, Colo., Tom DeBoer, soph., Crookston, Minn. and Adam Martin, jr., Bloomington, Minn., left McPherson on Tuesday, Sept. 18. They were on their way to the Fourth Annual "By Land and By Sea" antique vehicle show at Mystic Seaport.

Mystic Seaport is a reconstructed 19th-century village, where horse-drawn carriages and antique bicycles are commonplace. For the past few years, pre-1930s vehicles have come to the cobblestone and dirt roads for the antique vehicle show.

For Vaughn and students who attended the show, one of the highlights of the weekend was the reconstruction of a 1926 Model T. The event was broadcast over the Internet on Sunday, Sept. 23.

"Last year a team did the assembly of a Model T, so we thought that it would be great to have a team from Mac do the same thing to publicize for the college and restoration program," Vaughn said.

The McPherson College team included Chennell, DeBoer, Martin and two past graduates of Mac, David

Liepelt and Mike Stichter. The team was given four hours to complete the task and had the car back together in 57 minutes. After their first attempt, they completely disassembled and reassembled the Model T in a total of 56 minutes.

"My favorite part of the trip was putting the car together," DeBoersaid. "It was a challenge to do it in that amount of time and it was a lot of fun."

George King III, who works at The Mystic Seaport Museum, invited McPherson College to Connecticut. King took a class here last year and also taught for one day to show students how the museum restores its artifacts.

While the members of the restoration department were glad to be able to see the museum and car show, they also attended the event to promote the college.

"This is a very good promotional opportunity for the college," Vaughn said. "When we go out to places like this and promote, we promote the entire college, not just the auto restoration program."

Students who went to Connecticut were chosen because of their work in the restoration program, their abilities to help represent the college and their work with King.

"We chose students who were bright, capable and had the most interest and aptitude," Vaughn said. "We selected students who we thought would benefit the most."

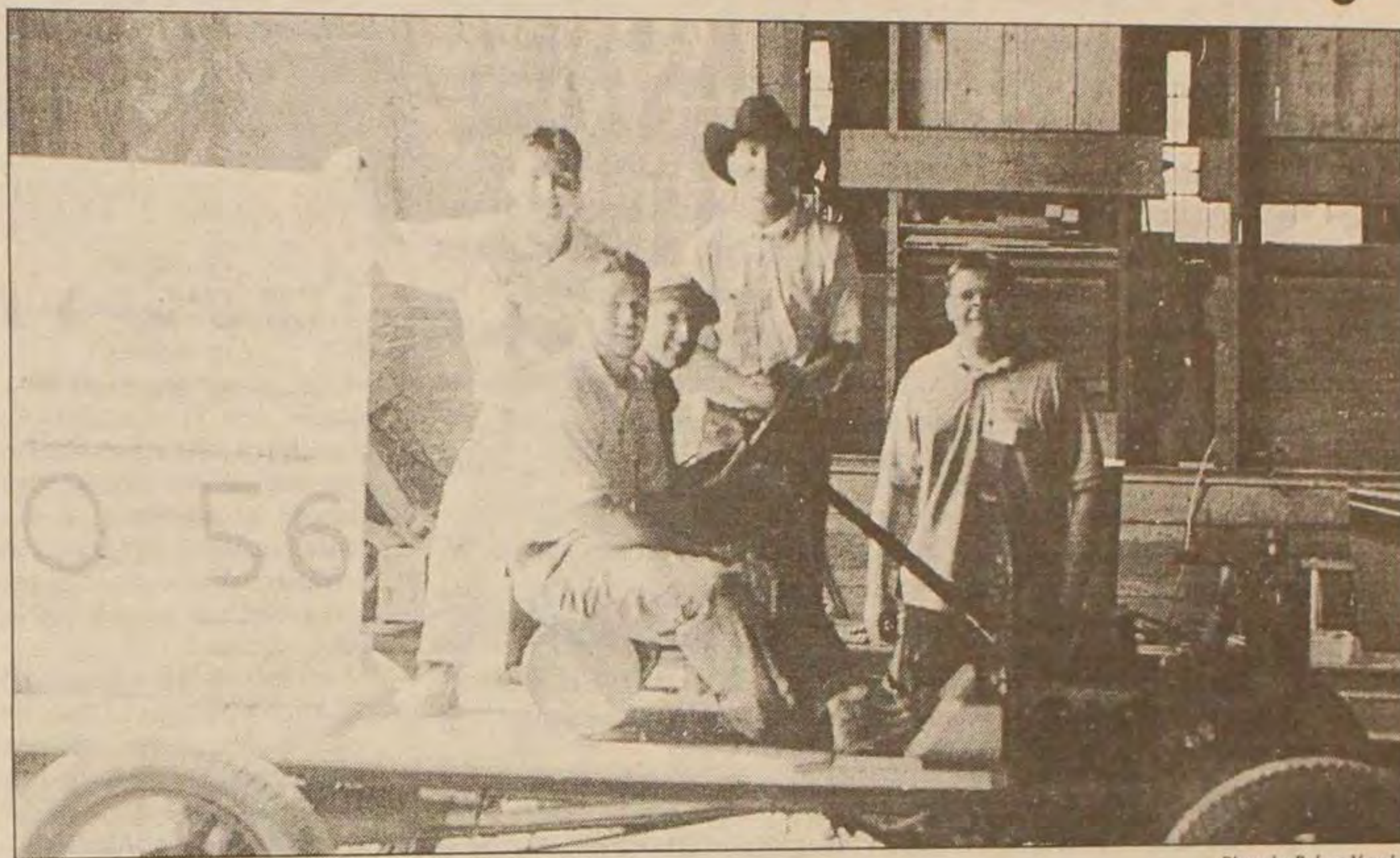


Photo by Robert Vaughn

Automotive restoration students Adam Martin, Luke Chennell, Tom DeBoer and Mac graduates, Mike Stichter and David Liepelt disassembled and reassembled this 1926 Model T in a total of 56 minutes at the Fourth Annual "By Land and By Sea" antique vehicle show in Mystic, Conn.

King had numerous activities planned for the McPherson group, which included a steamboat ride and a full tour of the museum. They were also able to see how the museum restores and duplicates things by using computer rendering.

"The students were able to see first

hand how a largely-funded museum does things," Vaughn said.

In addition, students had the opportunity to meet people in the auto restoration business.

Vaughn said that students need to meet people in the business, and this was a great opportunity to network

with other professionals.

"This event draws people that students in auto restoration want to work for and be like," Martin said.

On their way home the group stopped at the Indianapolis Speedway Museum and the Auburn Duesenberg Museum, both in Indiana.

## Enlisted guard members, reservist await call for activation

Elissa Thompson  
Editor in Chief

A ring of the telephone could activate three McPherson College students, calling them to play a role in cleaning up after the disastrous events of Sept. 11, or to protect our nation in another country.

Right now, Demetree Gaines who is in the Reserves of the Marine Corps and National Guard members, Sharla Odhams and Heather Schooley are waiting and unsure of what tomorrow may bring.

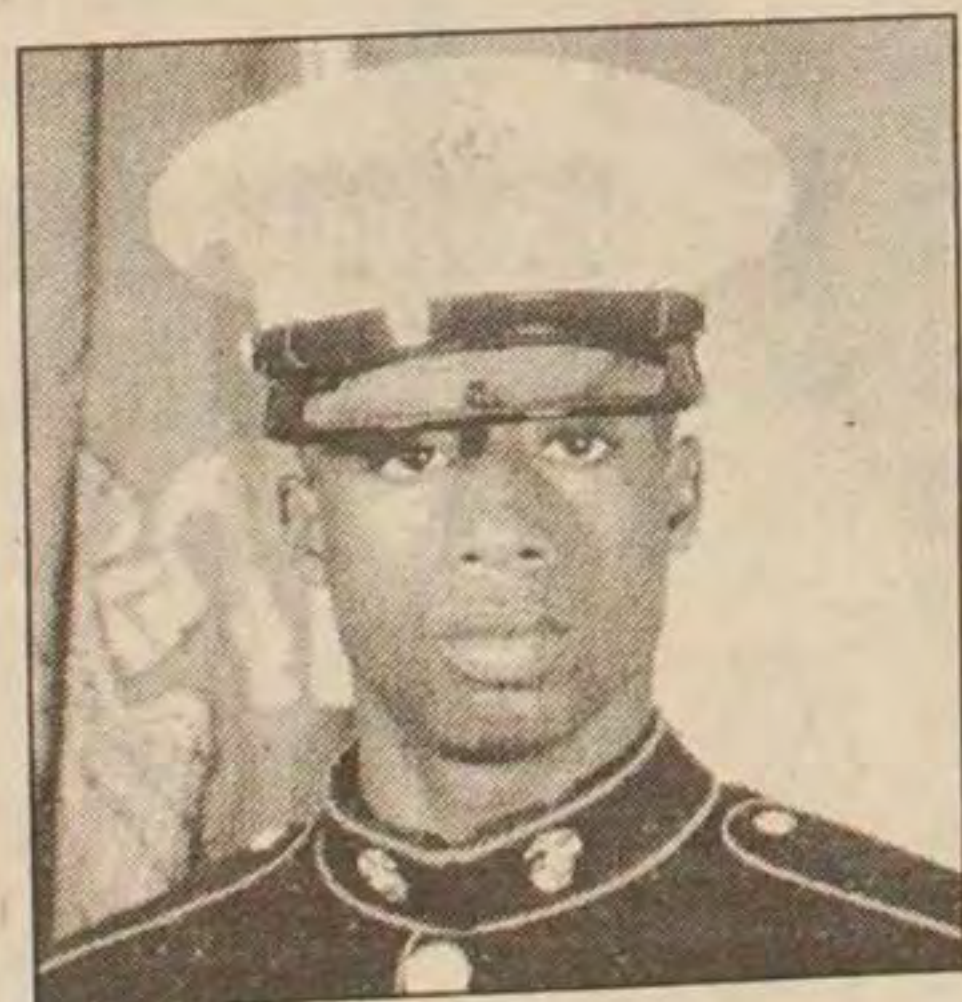
"They won't even give me a clue," said Gaines, jr., Lyons.

Gaines has tried to call and see if the Marine Corps Reserves will require his services, but he has heard nothing.

"They said, 'Don't call us, we'll call you,'" Gaines said.

With a wife and two children, Gaines feels nervous about the consequences if war did break out.

"If I were called, I would be scared, but nothing is going to keep me from doing my job," Gaines said.



Gaines

Though Gaines' unit was not even called during the Gulf War, he realizes his chances of activation have increased now since the military was 40 percent larger then.

Gaines works with an engineer unit, where he repairs air conditioners in a mechanic shop.

"I would be in the rear, but we do have establishments behind enemy lines," Gaines said.

After weighing out the positives and



Odhams

negatives, Gaines believes he would be willing to give his life to protect the nation.

"The loss of my life would be small if it would ensure that my children were safe," Gaines said.

Odhams, sr., Memphis, Texas, is still waiting to hear what the Army National Guard has planned for her.

"I really haven't heard much. I'm just on standby," Odhams, said. "I can be activated any time."



Schooley

If Odhams were called at this time, without war, she would clean up and filter out debris in New York. However, if war breaks out, Odhams would be working on the processing of all the soldiers.

Odhams is in administration for the National Guard, which means she is responsible for completing paperwork.

Odhams believes that President George Bush is making the right decision by waiting and being patient.

"I think this nation is relying on God and prayer more than ever," Odhams said. "We're not going to be cowards."

Schooley, jr., Denver, Colo., and also an Army National Guard participant, is also waiting for notification that will tell her how she will be involved in whatever action takes place. She doesn't know exactly what her orders could be, but she knows that her unit did paperwork during the Gulf War.

When Schooley first learned of the terrorist attacks, she was scared, but now she is just taking it one day at a time.

On Thursday morning, Schooley received a call confirming her personal information and asking for volunteers. Schooley is waiting for more information.

"If I get called up, I don't know what I'll even be doing," Schooley said.

She is trying to focus on the positive aspects of her job.

"The whole key is to find the positive. Otherwise, you won't go in there and do what you're supposed to do," Schooley said.



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Understand Brethren pacifism

Fewer than 20 percent of students on campus are members of the Church of the Brethren. However, the college that we attend is affiliated with the Brethren denomination. Now, with America looking at war, it is important that members of this community understand the pacifist views of the Brethren.

The Church of the Brethren (along with the Quakers and Mennonites) is one of the "historic peace churches." According to "A Handbook of Basic Beliefs with the Church of the Brethren," the denomination's ideals include that, "God is the author of peace, and peace with God brings peace within ourselves, peace with members of the family, within the home, and as far as is possible on our part, peace with all men."

Not only that, the Church of the Brethren disagrees with war in all cases. The principles in the same handbook state that "It is unscriptural for Christian people to participate in war." The Brethren find nothing Christ-like about waging war, and therefore aim to remind all Christians that declaring war is the antithesis of everything for which Jesus stood.

How does this line up with the views expressed by our nation's president?

In his speech on Thursday, Sept. 20, President George W. Bush said, "My administration has a job to do, and we're going to do it. We will rid the world of the evil-doers." While Brethren would like to rid the world of evil, they stop short of killing evil-doers, for they understand the New Testament to mean that "evil-doers" are also children of God.

Because Bush previously called the attacks an act of war, Congress authorized the use of force against those responsible. The Church of the Brethren opposes this, too.

The war on terror has begun, but the Church of the Brethren will not join arms. Instead, the Church of the Brethren aims to uphold peace. Attendees of the McPherson Church of the Brethren worship service on Sunday, Sept. 16, witnessed the hope of peace shared by all members in song, scripture and sermon.

Not everyone will agree with the Church of the Brethren's peace position. But at this emotional time, all students need to understand and respect the ideals, principles and beliefs upheld and promoted by the college they attend.

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MAC OPINION

If war broke out, would you enlist?



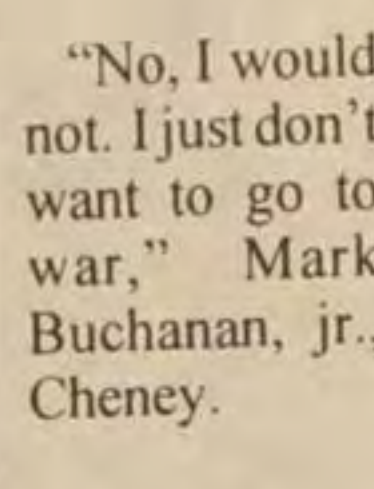
"Yes, I feel it's our duty to serve our country. Others have, so now it's my turn. I'd enlist in the Marines." James Conley, soph., York, Pa.



"My fiancée is in the active reserves for the U.S. Marine Corps., and I don't like it as it is." Jennifer Moody, fr., Bartlesville, Okla.



"No, because I don't want to die." Lovie Pace, jr., Kansas City.



"No, I would not. I just don't want to go to war." Mark Buchanan, jr., Cheney.



"No, I don't like the idea of war." Ryan Fricke, fr., Ellinwood.



"Yes. I used to be in the Army." Season Graves, fr., Lawton, Okla.



Tragedy yields chance to affirm beliefs

Like it or not, the events that took place on Sept. 11 have affected each of us. Some of you are still glued to your television screens, and others of you quit reading this column when you saw that I was going to talk about it. You are sick of hearing what people have to say, and you want to forget that it happened.

People think, "Here we are in Kansas. It doesn't affect us," but the truth is that it does. You are affected because you are in America. Apathy will not erase the tragedy.

I have mulled over things that I can do to help, or things that I will do differently because this happened. I thought that I could give blood, but that option hasn't readily presented itself to me.

I'm not able to donate tons of money to charity. The little money that I have is deposited bit by bit into my student account.

What have I done? I have prayed. I



Big Chief's Tablet

ELISSA THOMPSON

know that billions of people around the world are screaming up at Heaven, asking, "God, if you are really there, how could you have ever let this happen?" People are angry and scared.

I don't have a good answer as to why God allows us to experience horrific events like this one. Many people say that God gives us struggles because He wants our character to be strong. I have said these words myself, and I believe them to be true in some situations. However, I don't think that what happened in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania can be chalked up to character enhancement.

I do not blame God, however. I am clinging to Him, and I am pleading with Him to help us rebuild our nation. I am praying that He will guard our government leaders, and I have faith that the decisions that these people make will be God's will.

Life is unstable. The people who went to work in the morning on Sept. 11 were doing the same things you do. Some hit their snooze buttons six times, and some got to work early. When they were on their way to work, they had no idea what lay before them. The truth is that we don't either.

Now is the time to make decisions about what you believe. Study the facts, and choose today whom you will serve! I'm not perfect by any means, but Heaven is waiting for me. I'm trying to live my life so that no matter when it's snuffed out, Heaven will still be my final destination.

So, fellow students, where are you going?

M.U.S.I.C. acronym confuses the issue

The nicknames that you receive at the beginning of the year stick with you until you leave this campus.

One such example is the M.U.S.I.C. club on campus. Some of you may have seen the signs up announcing that a M.U.S.I.C. meeting is scheduled. The warning is that this meeting has nothing to do with music and everything to do with the minority club.

Unfortunately, as a real music student, if I attended that meeting thinking that this was a club dedicated to musical pursuits, I'd really be at the wrong place.

The minority club was created for minority groups on campus to gather and create ideas for different college activities. However, the club name is misleading. The minority club is not the music club on campus! For students who are interested in music, and being involved in musical activities, there is a club called G Clef.

Now, many of you will respond to this article saying, "Great, now I know the difference, I should be fine." But let's think back to the rule of nicknames and their permanence to college life.



Checkpoint Charlie

STACI HORTON

As stated before, nicknames last until you leave college, but the minority club isn't going to disappear. Minority students want the club to remain after they graduate for the next set of students to experience. That means this misleading acronym, M.U.S.I.C., will be around much longer, and incoming students will be confused again. Music or minority? The name for the minority club should be changed so that it has permanency without being unintentionally dishonest to students.

I was disgusted last year when both the minority club members and their sponsors all flatly refused to take responsibility for the club's misleading name. When students in the minority club were questioned last

year, they said that the sponsors approved it. When the sponsors were questioned, they placed responsibility on the students and refused to accept it themselves. That demonstrates this club is trying to exist with no one taking responsibility for the club's actions.

What can be done to soothe the irritated music students and give the minority club a memorable name? The answer is change the name of the minority club to better represent what the club is all about. Whoa, doesn't that mean defeat for the minorities? Well, seeing as this isn't a competition, no. This letter is not to pit the music club against the minority club; this is merely a case of mistaken identity that needs to be fixed.

I'm asking the minority club to please rethink their club's name. Hey, I'll be placated if you, the minority club, just drop the M.U.S.I.C. acronym and call the club Minorities United Spiritually, Inspired Collectively.

Yes, that may be a long name for the club, but the word MUSIC is already being used . . . by the Music Department.



# America reaps what it has sown with Osama bin Laden

Strange days have befallen us.

The recent unpleasant situation in New York puts our generation in a position it is unlikely to see again. Or at least we hope so.

The direct aftermath of the tragedy was quite stunning, actually—politicians spoke as if they were actual people, and there was a true sense of unity. It fades daily. The politicians fall back upon their ballyhooing, caterwauling and posturing. It will not be two weeks before the whole of Washington is divided once more.

Yet the underlying reason for the catastrophe will remain unspoken. There is a tendency in this great land to focus on effects and not causes of major events. There is nothing in particular wrong with this—it has worked amiably well for most of the recorded history of the country.

What, then, is the cause of this problem? It is manifold. It encompasses the attitudes and theories of the American



Ramblings from a Room

LUKE CHENNEL

population, the teachings and flaws of religion, and the fundamental problems of government. There is no simple answer. We must go beyond the platitudes of the politicians and figure out some way to stop over-expansion of our ideas, religion and government.

Americans have long believed that we are the ideal citizens of Christendom. For a long time, through the natural resources of our country, we have managed to force our ways upon everyone else. Given the chance, so would anyone else in our position. It is simple human

nature to want to be the master, and not the servant. We now reap the benefits and consequences of our actions.

My point here is not to dishonor this great land. Instead, it is to ask the critical question of whether or not we are pursuing the right objectives. Over the past 70 years, mainly since the enthronement of Roosevelt II, the expansion of government in this country has gone uncurbed. It has led us to foreign and domestic policies that creep more and more heavily into our lives and the lives of foreigners. Osama bin Laden is a direct result of these.

Mainly through the Cold War, the U.S. forged connections with various organizations, some laudable, some not. Originally supported by the U.S. government in order to gain a foothold in Afghanistan, bin Laden was one of the latter. After the cold war was over, he was left with little but the knowledge we gave him.

Further enraging him, we left our

troops in his homeland, Saudi Arabia—for the ostensible purpose of protecting Iraqi no-fly zones—after the Saudis so kindly lent us their bases during the Gulf War. In reality, the Iraqis weren't any major power, and posed little threat.

Our troops are on many such pointless missions around the world, their current purpose being only to agitate the locals. We have extended our power too far.

What about our leaders? Do they not realize this? It must be remembered that the populace of the United States elects their leaders not for logical reasons, but for those who entertain their emotions.

Think about the issues during the last election—Bush was categorized as a drunk, while Gore was the strait-laced politician's son. Though there was a dispute, who won? The drunk.

Think about the previous election. We had a choice between an Arkansas

adulterer or a Kansas senator. Whom did we choose? The adulterer. We do not elect men of conviction, thought or logic. A radical change needs to be made at the helm.

So, how to fix this mess? We must first solve the outstanding problem, and wage the impending war on terrorism with no mercy. We must then proceed to fix the root problem.

The answer was provided many years ago in, "the government who governs least governs best." We must bring ourselves to understand that while government can provide for us, it is neither the most efficient nor most plausible solution.

We must take a less aggressive attitude toward foreign matters, and finally put ourselves at the center of blame for these attacks. For some people, these attacks were perfectly justified. We must bring ourselves to understand why.

## Blame organized religion for recent terrorist attacks

Like most people in the world right now, I have an opinion about not only the recent terrorist attacks but also our course of action concerning them. Because I've taken so many of Herb Smith's classes, I'll try to look at this from a religious and philosophical standpoint, rather than merely the political side.

Shortly after the attacks happened, I went to my favorite Web site to see what my online friends were writing. Nearly all of them were making statements such as "All the Afghans need to die!" and "Let's just bomb the bastards!" Of course I realized that many of us would feel that way - an eye for an eye and all that.

Some of these people are Christians, and to hear them cry for war was a big surprise. After all, Jesus taught that

**"Some of these people are Christians, and to hear them cry for war was a big surprise. After all, Jesus teaches that peace and love are the way to live."**

peace and love are the way to live. I asked why they thought that violence is the answer. They said that if we let the terrorists get away with this, then they would probably harm us again. We'll forgive them after we wipe them out.

Not being particularly Christian myself and wanting to see how the rest of the world was reacting, I decided to discuss the issue with some atheists. All of them were reluctant to wage war because they were tired of seeing people die. They said that to go and kill innocent people in a foreign country would not make America any better, nor would it bring lost lives back.

My point can be summed up by relating a statement made by a recent McPherson College graduate who lost over a hundred people in his town due to the attacks on the World Trade Center: "We need to stop focusing on



Guest Columnist

Laura Potts

religion, and start focusing on people."

Organized religion is inherently wrong. Because of Christianity, thousands of innocent people died fighting the Crusades. Because of the Central American gods, there were hundreds of horrifying human sacrifices. Because of Hitler's hostile feelings toward the Jewish faith, we had the Holocaust. And finally, if not for religion, those terrorists would not have believed that God sent them to kill Americans.

If not for religion, those planes would have landed safely, fathers could still kiss their daughters, little boys could still hug their mothers, and we wouldn't be thinking about sending someone's older brother or sister off to die in a desert.

### LETTER POLICY

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- Everything will be published within the limits of space, good taste, and the laws of libel.

- To submit a letter to The Spectator, drop it in campus mail. The final deadline is Monday before the Friday on which a paper is published.

## Consider the power and glory of Jesus Christ

I'm a follower of Jesus Christ, his ways, his doctrine, and his lifestyle. Jesus Christ was without a doubt the greatest and most important person in the history of the world. Even our calendar gives silent testimony to the central place he holds in history, for we date our years from the time of his birth.

He is believed to be, and written about, as the only being in human flesh to carry no sin, to achieve true perfection. But what makes Christianity a religion that carries such power and zeal as it has for thousands of generations? Above all other religions, the Christian God is not only known in word but also in deed.

Consider the fact that 40 men of varied backgrounds wrote the bible: shepherds, fishermen, kings and prophets. These men represent 13 countries and three continents, written over a sixteen hundred year time span, utilizing three different languages (Hebrew,



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Aramaic, Greek).

That such a culturally, geographically, educationally diversified group could maintain the same theme and moral standard with no contradiction while dealing with many controversial subjects (morals, ethics, training, family roles, etc.) can only be explained by the awesome power of God—the true author of the book.

No other claimed messiah was as accurate as Christ. In Luke 17:34-36, Jesus implied the earth was not flat when he noted that at his return some would be sleeping (nighttime), some

would be grinding grain (early morning), and some would be working in the field (daytime). This could only be possible if the earth were round. Yet we credit Columbus with this discovery.

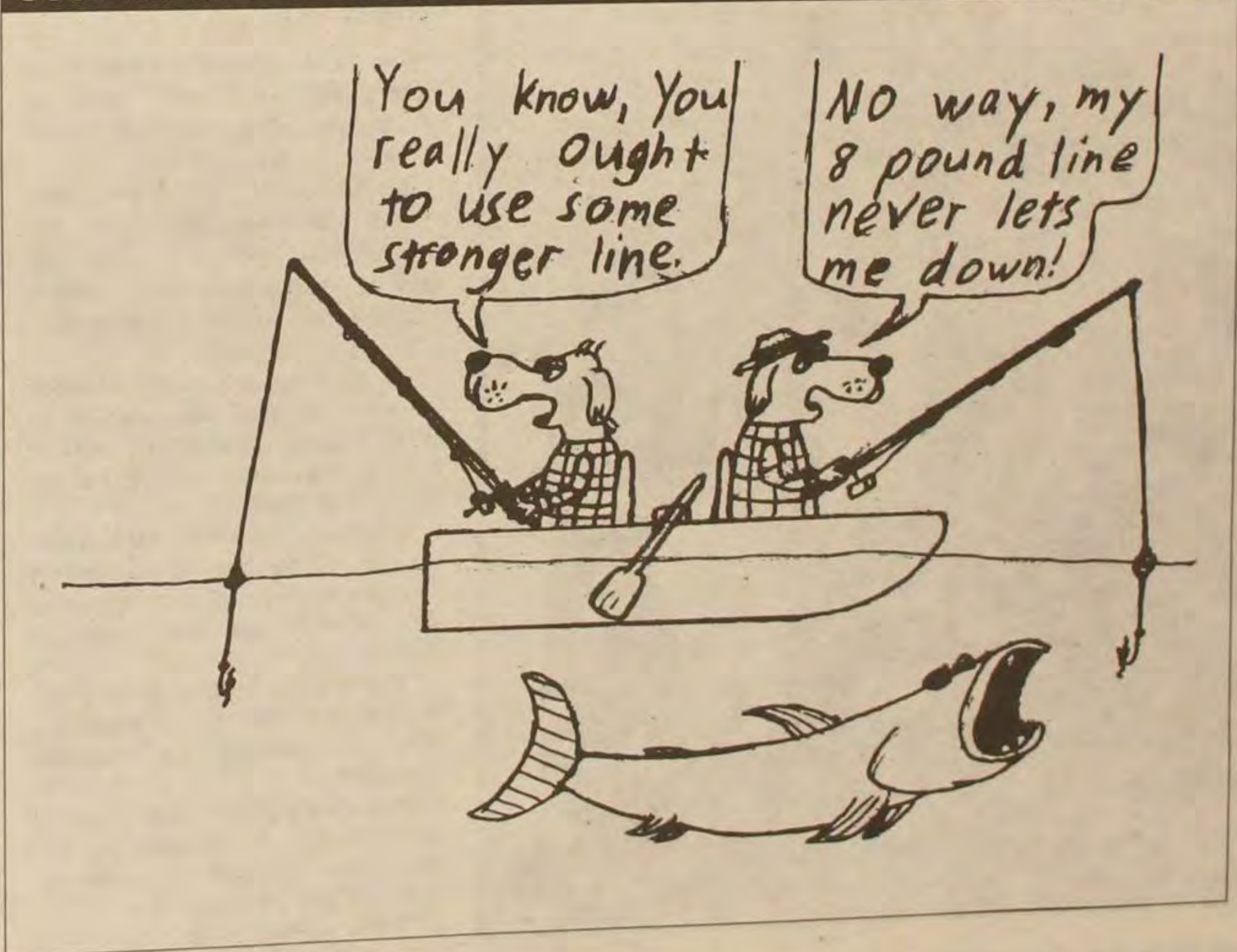
There are many accounts to show how Christ is separate and beyond mortal men. But to receive and fully grasp the idea of Christianity you have to accept and believe Jesus Christ.

Once a person has accepted Christ, the Holy Spirit works in the individual's heart, convincing him the Bible is God's word. Through it he learns that he is a sinner, that he needs a Saviour, and that God has extended fellowship with him through the Saviour Jesus Christ. The person believes the truthfulness of Scripture in salvation, then he accepts its truthfulness in other realms.

To truly love God, accept Him and what He said to be true. If any fault lies therein, He will not hold you accountable. He will hold accountable those who tamper with His word.

### COUNTRY MIKE'S CORNER

BY MIKE VRTISKA





# Visiting Biosphere 2 for an 'Earth Semester'



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Features Editor

Visiting another planet was on the agenda of Adelina Cripe, jr., Nogales, Ariz., this summer. After a long application process, Cripe was accepted to study at the Biosphere 2, in Tucson. "It was really cool because I wanted to be home for the summer," she commented.

The Biosphere 2 was first inhabited on Sept. 16, 1991, when eight scientists came together with a central dream to build a planet. The Earth is Biosphere 1, so they called this "7.2 million cubic foot dome" Biosphere 2. It was to be just like Earth only in an enclosed space.

**"I felt like I was a little astronaut going into it."**

—Adelina Cripe

These Eight people lived there, growing their own vegetation and killing their own meat. However, they slowly ran out of oxygen and CO2 filled the air. The planet failed. A little over two years after entering the realm they emerged for the first time, admitting defeat. Six months later another group attempted to conquer Biosphere 2, but their stay ended in September of 1994. Columbia University took over the running and the upkeep of the Biosphere January 1996, and started offering classes in the fall of '96. Many

different partnership schools are involved also.

The Biosphere 2 is actually an airtight greenhouse. Scientists are able to monitor vital statistics including temperature, light, humidity, carbon dioxide, and other qualities of air and soil. In response to these readings, officials can control rainfall and other variables for different environmental conditions.

The dome covers 3.15 acres and 7.2 million cubic feet of volume. The inside houses a rainforest, a million gallon salt-water Ocean, a coastal fog desert, and four other wilderness ecosystems.

"It was converted from an experiment to test the feasibility of humans living in a closed eco-system to a large scale ecological laboratory and Western branch campus of Columbia University," commented a spokesperson from CU according to Columbia University's Biosphere 2 Center official website.

Originally, the plan was to set up a way for people to live on other planets inside a small area like this Biosphere area.

"I think that was kind of a stupid idea. Now it is more of a realistic thing," Cripe said.

In the Spring Cripe applied for the summer class.

"It was a long shot," Cripe said.

However, she was accepted and received financial aid from the university and two private backers who were retired professors from her hometown, Dr. Wesley DeCoursey and Dr. and Mrs. John Ward.

For Environmental Stewardship. Cripe's major, she needed four hours of fieldwork. Biosphere 2 gave her this opportunity. She spent four weeks there, and although she did not actually live in the Biosphere, she got to work closely with it. The housing was not dorms, but big houses down the hill from the buildings on campus. Nine people lived in each, with five rooms and four bathrooms. Small space was not really an issue since not much time was spent at home. Over the course of four weeks three camping trips were planned. During these trips students conducted experiments and made measurements, including canopy spreads, climate effects, temperature of rainfall and field notebooks.

The first field trip was to learn the basics of the field they were working with. Bushwhacking by cactuses, learning the cultural effects and hiking. The second trip was hardcore camping that included soil analysis, more fieldwork, rattlesnakes and rain. The third trip was focused on geology vs. the Earth, and how they interact.

Cripe said that even on the trips the food was good. "Well, I guess when you're hungry you think anything is good."

Cripe's favorite part of the summer was just entering the Biosphere.

"I really thought it was gorgeous looking," Cripe said. "I felt like I was a little astronaut going in to it."

However, the group did have some strange rituals to perform before enter-



contributed by Adelina Cripe

**Adelina Cripe, jr., Nogales Ariz, stands in front of the Biosphere Dome this past summer. She was escorted to the Biosphere by her family and boyfriend for her 20th birthday.**

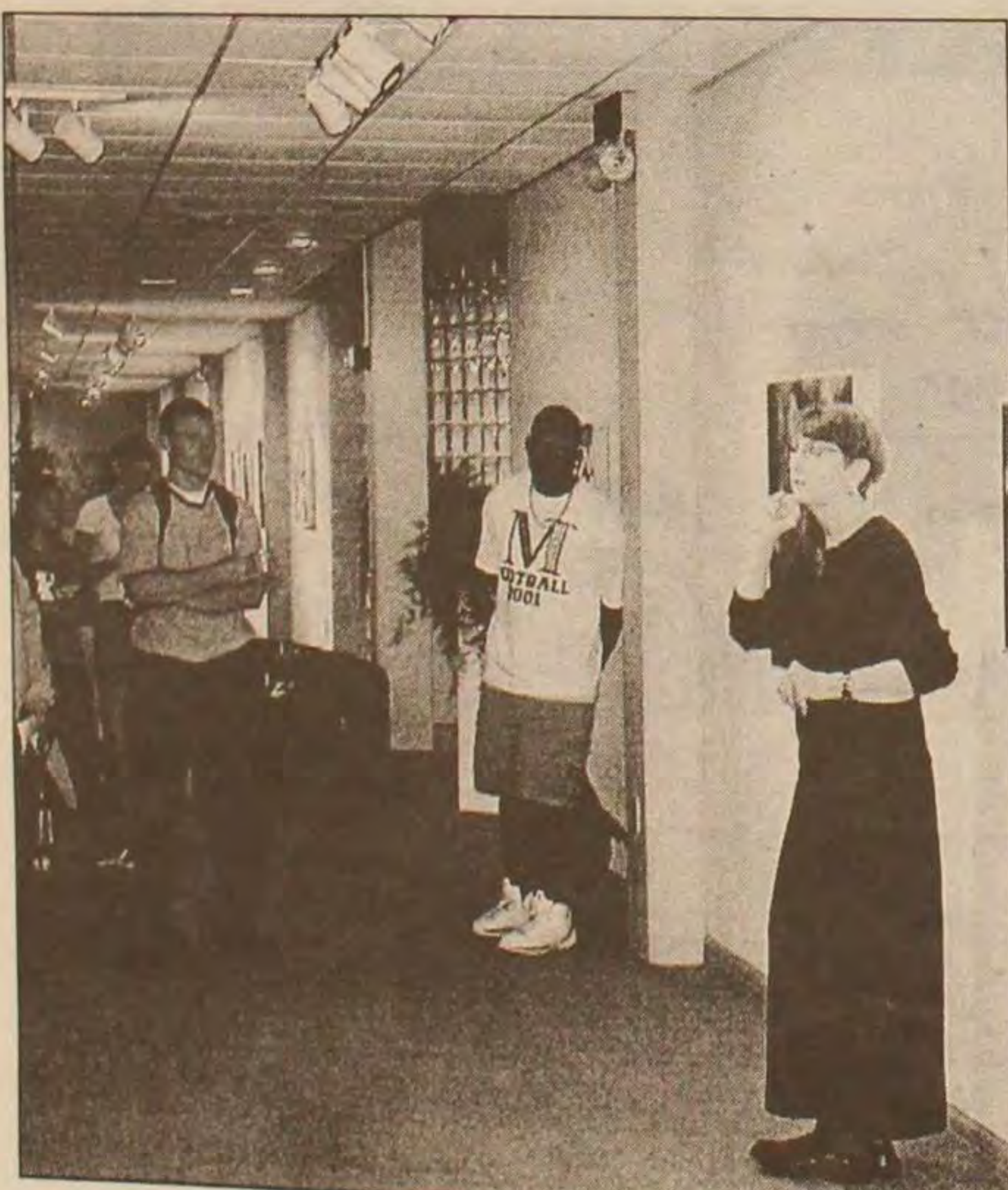
ing. "We had to disinfect our feet." The workload was challenging, "In case it matters, I got an A," Cripe said.

Overall, the 'new and improved' Biosphere has few quirks. The biggest concern is the money. Research deadlines and other deadlines have to be met regularly in order for the university to keep receiving grants and

loans. This is one very expensive operation. It runs smoothly though, and it is a great hands-on teaching facility. Tours are offered to the public of the \$200 million laboratory, and classes are offered every semester, for up to 16 credits.

"I really got to know where I came from. It was really a great experience," Cripe said.

## Husband and wife share applause of art in Friendship Hall



Barbara Waterman-Peters describes the role of women in her early paintings to students, faculty and community members.

Laina McKellip  
Spectator Staff

Barbara Waterman-Peters and Larry Peters discussed their work at McPherson College, in Friendship Art Gallery Thursday evening.

Waterman-Peters paintings display women dealing with the complex relationships between themselves and their families. She began her women series in 1992 after she had been dealing with other political issues.

"Rather than world events, I wanted to focus on women," Waterman-Peters said. "I was very interested in cultural roles of why women were not the forefront of books."

She makes women the subject and they are looking upon the viewers as if he or she were the portrait. "A woman did not paint, she was portrayed," Barbara said.

"The women look right at you," Waterman-Peters said. "Sometimes it makes you comfortable, and sometimes it doesn't."

Her earlier portraits were of women in situations of helplessness and victimization. Recently her work has featured strong women.

"I became interested in women as powerful figures," Waterman-Peters said.

Waterman-Peters believes the only

story she can tell is her own. Therefore, her art is the story of middle-class Caucasian women.

"All of my figures are always women," Waterman-Peters said.

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—Barbara Waterman-Peters

Waterman-Peters said that the women portrayed are strong and want to live life to the fullest. She uses masks in her paintings to show that women can be hidden behind them. Some of them cover their entire face so they cannot breathe, and others are partially covered.

Waterman-Peters' dark paintings sometimes show hope in the use of a symbolic crow. Often times a crow is used to symbolize evil, but she turns this idea around.

"I use them as protective figures," Waterman-Peters said. "They are a symbol that everything is ultimately going to be alright."

Larry D. Peters, the other featured artist, has a background in ceramics.

"While I was in school I wasn't a painter, I was a potter," Peters said. "I had to give it up when I got a full-time job. There wasn't enough time to wait for the clay to dry."

Peters began cutting and pasting abstract forms out of paper in 1994. Later he began using materials such as lead, rusty iron, roofing felt and harsh looking paint in his abstract collages. He attached the found objects to plywood.

Peters became interested in reading about the Holocaust, and his art started dealing with hate issues and especially the Holocaust.

"I use materials that make them appear as ruins," Peters said.

His ideas and images come from documentaries and books that he has read.

"There is a certain mood that fits with my work," Peters said. "I am generally a happy person, but my work doesn't show that."

Peters hopes that people who view his work will become interested in learning more about the Holocaust.

"The main reason for doing this is to keep this information alive," Peters said.

The exhibition is showing in Friendship Art Gallery through Sept. 29, 2001, and gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.



# MAC welcomes Perrault to theatre department

Janelle Flory  
Photo Editor

Two heads are better than one, and Rick Tyler is discovering just how much better. After running the theatre department for over 20 years alone, Tyler welcomed Katherine Perrault this fall to fill a second position in the department.

Together, the two are already in the final stages of preparation for the year's first production, Moliere's "The Doctor in Spite of Himself."

"It's so much fun to have her here," Tyler said. "She's very creative in her approach to working in the theatre. It's very refreshing."

Although "The Doctor in Spite of Himself" was originally set in 17th-century France, Perrault has molded three different translations of the play into a colloquial version set in 1870 New Mexico.

"I'm not putting in what's not there," Perrault said, but rather trying to present the play in a way that will "be more familiar to our ears." In doing so, she took great care to maintain the major themes in the play.

With Perrault directing the play, Tyler is focusing on lighting and set and costume design.

"Rick has been much more upbeat this year, less stressed," said Chris Bisceglia, jr., Las Vegas. "Having Katherine here lets Rick do what he

really loves—design."

Tyler particularly appreciates her expertise in acting and directing, an area in which he has learned by doing.

"She's a trained actress and a trained director," Tyler said. "Most of my directing is just based on common sense. She has the academic credentials that go behind it."

**"It's so much fun to have her here. She's very creative in her approach."**

—Rick Tyler

On the other hand, Perrault is "not afraid of getting her hands dirty," he said. She is experienced in all facets of theatre production, consistent with Tyler's view of how to teach theatre.

"We don't create actors and directors and theatre techies," Tyler said. "We create practitioners who can do it all."

Perrault, a graduate from the University of Texas at Tyler, received her Ph.D. in Fine Arts at Texas Tech University. Having taught a few years at UT-Tyler, she is accustomed to working with a small department; but she plans to write a new curriculum that would include voice, diction and a closer look at period styles and theory.

"A lot of the classes here have been on the level of introduction," Perrault said. "We hope to give students a

broader base and more specific knowledge, so that they'll be able to compete with any four-year university."

Over the next few years, Perrault hopes to invite guest directors, dramaturgs and actors from other colleges in order to give students other perspectives. "Anything we can communicate to people to help diversify their skills for when they leave here, we'll do," Perrault said. "It really helps to have a good working relationship with a director or a community group."

With enough funding she hopes to plan a four-week summer class for 2002. The class would focus on "envisioning the Western canon from a woman's point of view."

In the acting and directing classes, Perrault and Tyler hope to use Mingenback Theatre more often for reader's theatre, one-act plays, and experimental theatre. Such opportunities would facilitate more directing experience for students. Perrault hopes students may even have a chance to perform their own original works.

"I think she's up for almost anything," Bisceglia said. "Her major point is to be professional in whatever you do."

The theatre department will present "The Doctor in Spite of Himself" at 8 p.m. on Oct. 5 and 6, and Oct. 12 and 13 in Brown Auditorium. First Nighters will begin at 6:30 p.m.



photo by Janelle Flory

Adam Smith checks for Lois Davidson's pulse in play practice on Monday. "The Doctor In Spite of Himself" debuts in one week. First Nighters will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the play will begin at 8:00 p.m.

# Ecuador and Back

## Burkholder spends sabbatical overseas

Corin Blickenstaff  
Spectator Staff

Doug Burkholder, mathematics, experienced education and culture in a way he never had before during his sabbatical to Quito, Ecuador, last year.

In search of something very different from what he had experienced before, he decided to travel abroad.

"It was an incredible opportunity to see a totally different place in the world and to have the opportunity to learn about the country and also about general science," Burkholder said.

In Quito, Burkholder expanded his knowledge in the sciences as well as in culture. He experienced life in a Third World, non-English speaking country.

Although Burkholder knew little Spanish before his travels, he worked through simple tasks such as shopping and getting a taxi.

"I relaxed and asked for help and realized that there are a lot of good people out there willing to help," Burkholder said.

Burkholder studied at the Universidad de San Francisco de Quito, which is a top, private university. He took three courses: Spanish, Volcanology and Tropical Rainforest Ecology.

Since Quito is located on the side of an active volcano, Burkholder felt it was an ideal place to study volcanoes. The students had the opportunity to

experience the volcano through field trips. They also toured the Tiputini Bio Diversity Research Station, which is owned and operated by the university, to enhance their understanding of rainforests.

**"Go abroad whether you're ready or not."**

—Doug Burkholder

Besides becoming a student again, Burkholder also taught one course each semester—Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus. Burkholder also presented an original math research paper at an international meeting. His paper was titled "Parallelagons." He completed his research for this paper when he was in Quito after working on it for seven years.

"It is always great to have time to focus. I needed time for the thought process. With math you never know if you'll finish it next week, next month, or never."

Burkholder dedicated his spare time to reading. He read about the Ecuadorian culture, rainforests and physics.

On his greatest highlights was a spring break trip to the Galapagos Islands, which are famous to all biologists as the place where Darwin conducted most of his research on the

theory of evolution.

"Most scientists have heard about this place forever so it was invigorating to actually get to go there," he said.

He took another excursion to Peru where he hiked the Inca trail and saw Macu Picchu.

"I saw history," he said.

Since most of Burkholder's education has been focused on math, this was his first opportunity to study something different.

No doubt McPherson College changed in the one year Burkholder was abroad.

"It is exciting to be in a nice, new building and to have high-tech tools to aid in students' learning," he said.

Burkholder also appreciates the friendly environment of Melhorn Science Hall.

"It is encouraging to see people spending time in the building for leisure or study. That was one of the goals we had for this building," he said.

The college has changed for Burkholder, but Burkholder has also changed for us. He feels that he has brought back excitement for diverse learning and enthusiasm to encourage students to study abroad.

"I encourage others to go abroad whether you're ready or not. Waiting until you're ready will never happen," Burkholder said.



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# 'Dogs to battle 2nd-ranked 'Builders

Jennifer King  
Spectator Staff

Coming off a 40-14 loss last Saturday against Friends, the Bulldogs are preparing to battle their third KCAC component at Southwestern this Saturday at 7 p.m.

The Bulldogs are aware that their competition could be difficult, "mainly because we're so young," sophomore Sean Eason said. "Most of the teams we play in the KCAC are older. It's going to be a physical game, but I think we'll come out on top."

Even with a past history of defeat against Southwestern, the 'Dogs are prepared to play tough. Southwestern was picked to finish second in the KCAC in the pre-season.

"We're going to go out there, play the game, and let the chips fall where they may," head coach Dan Davis said.

Freshmen quarterback Wade Pederson threw for 180 yards in the game against the Friends University Falcons. In addition to this, the Bulldogs rushed for a total of 80 yards. However, this wasn't quite enough to top the 200 yards rushed and 300 yards passed for the Falcons.

At the end of the first quarter the score was 6-0 in favor of the Falcons, but it didn't appear to dampen the spirits of the players on the field or the fans in the stands. Even with a halftime score of 26-0, the crowd was still in an uproar.

During the second half of the game the Bulldogs succeeded in crossing the end zone two times, which brought the



photo by Janelle Flory

Wade Peterson hands off to Kevin Steiner in Saturday's game against the Friends Falcons in Wichita. Steiner, who led the KCAC in rushing going into the game, was held to 34 yards on 19 carries.

crowd to their feet. Yet, these two touchdowns proved to be all there was for the 'Dogs.

In the Sept. 15 game against the Bethany Swedes, junior running back Kevin Steiner rushed for 120 of the

team's total 190 yards. The Bulldogs threw for 95 yards. The 'Dogs managed to hold the Swedes 140 rushing yards, but gave up 360 yards through the air.

One bright moment came in the fourth quarter when Eason ran 55 yards for a

touchdown. The game ended in a Bulldog loss with a score of 45-18.

Inexperience contributes to losses. "We're not a bad team, just young. It's not from lack of ability, just lack of experience," Davis said.

## Cross Country team speeds to respectable finish; three runners secure rankings in the top 15 places

Kerstin Heist  
Spectator Staff

At the beginning of the season the cross country team had hopes of improving from last year's performances. The optimism of the team now has been dampened by numerous injuries, especially concerning the men's team. After the temporary loss of Ryan Fricke to an injury, only three male runners competed at the last two meets.

Nonetheless, the team is still proud of the men's results, taking into consideration conditions were anything but favorable at the Bethany Swede Invite on Sept. 15. The Knapolis Lake

course is difficult, with steep hills. Moreover, the men ran in continuous rain.

Shane Netherton placed 13th (28:53), Wes Hoffert 25th (29:38) and Josh Laney 41st (31:54) in the 8,000 meter race.

The poor conditions also caused the women trouble in the 5,000 meter race: Dayna Laney finished 13th (23:05), Ashley Wilhite 26th (24:47), Yvette Segura 31st (25:28), Melissa Cutburth 35th (25:46) and Michelle Schulz 37th (26:18).

Although injuries became increasingly severe following the Bethany meet, it did little to harm the ambitious morale of the team.

**"I enjoy being the manager. I can encourage them, especially at a meet, and I have an insight in everything."**

—Rachel Butler

"I enjoy being the manager. I can encourage them, especially at a meet, and I have an insight in everything," said Rachel Butler.

At the Tabor Invitational at Marion Reservoir on Sept. 22, Shane Netherton once again led the team, placing seventh with a time of 28:38 over 8,000 meters.

Netherton was closely followed by Wes Hoffert placing 10th (29:01). Josh Laney finished 26th (31:52).

Dayna Laney, the top finisher for the women, achieved the notable rank of eighth, while Yvette Segura, having troubles with her knee and her ankle, placed 19th (23:20), in front of Ashley Wilhite 21st (23:30). Kerstin Heist finished her second race as 26th (unattached, 23:49) and Michelle Schulz placed 29th (24:31).

Melissa Cutburth, nursing an old injury that caused her troubles in high school, could not participate in the Tabor Invitational.

"All I want to do is to be able to run again," she said.

### BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

#### Softball

7-8 v. Hutchinson JuCo  
3-1 v. Hutchinson JuCo  
2-9 v. Hutchinson JuCo

#### Football

26-7 v. Haskell  
18-45 v. Bethany  
14-40 v. Friends

#### Volleyball

0-3 v. Dakota Wesleyan

2-0 v. Barclay College  
0-3 v. Tabor College  
0-3 v. Bethel College  
0-3 v. Saint Mary College  
3-0 v. Central Christian  
1-3 v. Kansas Wesleyan  
0-3 v. South Dakota Tech  
0-3 v. Huron University  
0-3 v. University of Sioux Falls  
0-3 Mayville State University  
2-3 Sterling College

### ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Shane Netherton, jr., Colorado Springs, is this week's Athlete of the Issue. Netherton ran the best time of his career (28:38) and took seventh place out of 40 runners in the Tabor College Invitational at the Marion Reservoir on Saturday, Sept. 22.

"He's run really well the last two meets," said Coach Erik Dickkutt.

However, Dickkutt was especially impressed with Netherton's perfor-

mance at the Tabor College Invitational.

"He had been sick two days before he ran," Dickkutt said.

Netherton's illness didn't slow him down. However, it was Netherton's hard work in the off-season that helped him to achieve his goals.

"He worked hard all summer training, and he's beginning to realize just how good he can be," Dickkutt said.



Shane Netherton

## Frisbee team defeats KSU

Elissa Thompson  
Editor in Chief

Tossing their way to a victory, the McPherson Mudhuckers defeated K-State's Ultimate Frisbee team by a score of 11-8 on Saturday Sept. 15. "Everybody did a really good job," said Chris Rice, sr., Wilson. "It was a miracle."

The win was the team's first victory over K-State. The team members were elated.

"It was great considering the fact that we have three new players and six returning players," Rice said.

It was the rookie play by Andrew Gustafson, Tim D'Innocenzo and Nathan Porter that impressed Rice. "We had a couple of newcomers who did really well," Rice said.

He feels that the subs have already secured their place on the Mudhucker squad.

"They fit in well and understood it," Rice said. "It's an easy game to pick up."

However, the high point of the game occurred after its completion.

"Three-fourths of the team stripped down to their shorts and jumped in the lake," Rice said. "It was a heated dock."

Overall, Rice is content with the level of play by all Mudhucker team members.

"Technique is fine. We just don't have enough players," Rice said.

Rice is looking to recruit anyone interested in helping the Mudhuckers achieve a successful season.

"We have 10 players now. If we had an additional four, we'd be OK," Rice said.

The team practices on Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. in Lakeside Park. Members invite anyone interested to join.

The Mudhuckers trek to Knoxville, Tenn., on Nov. 18 and 19 for their next competition.

"We'll play about five games," Rice said.

The times of the games and the names of the other teams competing have not been released.

"If it's out there, it's all up in the air," Rice said.

Mudhucker team members include: Rice, Peter Samland, Wes Hoffert, Gustafson, D'Innocenzo, Porter, Seth Good, Jonathan Dutrow and Alex Tyler, both of McPherson High School, also join team for some tournament play.



# Two victories not enough to win Sterling match

Adam Peer  
Spectator Staff

Battling through five games, the Lady Bulldog volleyball squad fell to Sterling, winning two games while dropping three.

Coach Nathalea Stephenson has fostered a young team, and though consistency has been a big issue, the potential is definitely there.

"Our team is hard working and has a great attitude. We just need to make sure that it translates on the floor," Stephenson said.

With the squad boasting only two upperclassmen, Erin Marshall, sr., and

**"We need to get to a point where we are always thinking about capitalizing on opportunities."**

—Nathalea Stephenson

firing, jumping out to an early 9-2 lead. They went on to win the first game 30-28. They took an early lead in the second game as well, but ended up dropping it at 23-30.

In the third game, Sterling came out firing on all cylinders and, seeming to catch the 'Dogs off guard, they rolled to a 16-30 win. The Bulldogs, however, refused defeat and their play in the fourth game earned them a win of 30-21.

"We need to get to a point where we are always thinking about capitalizing on opportunities," Stephenson said.

And in the fifth game, another opportunity was missed. Sterling came out and shell-shocked the Bulldogs, 15-6, in what could have been a huge win.

"Consistency is definitely one of our biggest concerns," said Trevino, setter. "The tools are there. We just need to use them."

**"Our team is hard working and has a great attitude. We just need to make sure that it translates on the floor."**

—Nathalea Stephenson

Mel Trevino, jr., the 'Dogs have done fairly well and have stayed competitive with experienced teams.

Against Sterling, the 'Dogs came out



Audrey Garcia stretches to pass the ball in Tuesday's match against Sterling. Garcia and her teammates face Bethany in Lindsborg on Saturday at 2 p.m.

## SPORTS IN SHORTS

### ■ Volleyball falls to Ottawa in three straight games on Thursday night

The Lady Bulldog volleyball team lost all three games against their number one ranked opponent, the Ottawa Lady Braves, last night.

"We didn't serve/receive very well at all," said Audrey Garcia.

The 'Dogs were defeated by scores of 30-7, 30-18 and 30-23.

Despite their defeat, the team is optimistic about the competition with the Bethany Lady Swedes. The Lady 'Dogs will step into their opponents house and attempt a victory in Lindsborg.

"I'm hoping we do well," Garcia said.

Garcia feels the team needs to stay positive and pick themselves up when things don't seem to be working correctly.

"We have a lot of potential and talent, we just need to put it all together," Garcia said.

The Bulldogs will compete with their long disdained KCAC rival at 2 p.m. Saturday.

# Softball wraps up fall season with a loss in Hutch

Elissa Thompson  
Editor in Chief

Failure in the batter's box led the Lady Bulldogs to losses of 9-2 and 8-0 on Saturday against Hutchinson Community College.

"We just didn't hit the ball. That's all there was to it," said Coach Mike McCormick.

Julie Greep took the loss in the first game, and Matapony "Tappy" Collette collected the defeat in the second. However, Tara Switzer, back in action after last season's elbow surgery, delivered a promising performance in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

"Tara did an excellent job. Only two runs have scored on her all year," McCormick said.

Defense proved to be the Lady 'Dogs strength. In two games, they made only four errors.

On offense, McCormick was impressed with hits from Tiffany Conway, Crystal Richardson, Collette, Lisa

Salazar and Season Graves. Despite the loss, McCormick was not disappointed in play.

"I was pretty pleased," McCormick said.

McCormick was confident enough in his team to switch things up a little, and he was content with the outcome.

"I played the girls in different posi-

**"We just didn't hit the ball. That's all there was to it."**

—Mike McCormick

tions," McCormick said.

And he's looking at permanent changes for the spring season, one of which includes moving third-year short stop, Brenda Jansen, to second base.

Though the fall season has come to its end, McCormick is excited for spring. He feels the freshmen he recruited are rising to a competitive level now that

**"Tara did an excellent job. Only two runs have scored on her all year."**

—Mike McCormick

they are in action. He also feels the Lady Bulldogs will continue to play strong defense.

"We'll be solid all over," McCormick said.

With two returning pitchers, Greep and Switzer, and two new pitchers, Collette and Kim Taylor, the Bulldogs look to be intimidating at the mound. The outfield boasts an all-conference player, and it looks to only improve.

"Defense is our strong point," McCormick said. "If we can hold them from runs, we'll win some games."

McCormick is joined this year by assistant coaches, Nathalea Stephenson and Tennille McCormick.

"Both have experience playing and coaching," McCormick said.

With all of the changes and new faces, McCormick is hoping to maintain crowd support.

"I'd like to see the student body get behind these girls," McCormick said.

If all goes according to plan, McCormick says the games should be entertaining.

"I know we'll be better than last year as long as we don't have any injuries,"

**"I know we'll do better than last year as long as we don't have any injuries."**

—Mike McCormick

McCormick said.

The Lady Bulldog softball team consists of Kendra Anderson, Jansen, Michelle Johnson, A.J. Willour, Switzer, Erica Alvarez, Salazar, Greep, Collette, Conway, Richardson, Lois Davidson, Graves, Kim Taylor, Marina Herdia, Heather Schooley and manager Amber Jackson.

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# Troupe treks to Renaissance Festival

Dan Jennings  
Spectator Staff

Singing, playing and dancing, the Renaissance Troupe will entertain crowds at the upcoming Renaissance Festival in Bonner Springs on Sunday. The Renaissance Troupe is comprised of singers, trombonists and recorder players who play and sing music that was composed and popular during the Renaissance period.

Though the Renaissance Festival is the second performance the troupe will make, they are very excited to perform. The Scottish Festival, which was held in McPherson last weekend is viewed as a warm up for the Renaissance Festival and the McPherson College Homecoming Concert.

The Renaissance Festival is the performance with the most people in attendance.

Students attending the festival include Cora Coleman, Chase; Lois Davidson, Welda; Dean Feasenhiser, Fruitland, Idaho; Demetree Gaines, Lyons; Andrew Gustafson, McPherson; Jenny Harper, Des Moines, Iowa; Staci Horton, Inman; Saraphin Kasparie, Olton, Texas; Levi Mason, Moulton, Iowa; Anisa Smith, Eldora, Iowa; Becky Snell, McPherson; Rebecca Stover, Quinter; Matthew

Tobias, Eldora, Iowa; Maribeth Turner, Olsburg; Michael Warner, Hutchinson and Sydney White, Topeka.

With so much to do at the Renaissance Festival, the group has to do its best to get the attention of passing people.

"The trombones blast a song much louder than the singers ever could to get the attention of passersby," said sr., Staci Horton.

Throughout the Saturday of the Renaissance Festival, the troupe could have anywhere between three and four performances, and they always perform for their host church, the Mt. Ida Church of the Brethren in Welda.

"I expect to have a lot of fun," said Mary Heape, vocal music. "I was very pleased with the performance at the Scottish Festival and I expect the performance at the Renaissance Festival to knock people off their feet."

This year the troupe has added period dances to its blend of period music and costumes. The singers have also recruited some of the trombone players to dance with them while the recorders play.

Co-directors, Heape and Larry Kitzel, instrumental music, work together to make the performance at the Renaissance Festival as authentic as possible.



Photo by Janelle Flory

Troupe members, Harper and Snell dance during their performance at the Scottish Festival in McPherson on Sunday, Sept. 23.

## New student enrollment decreases 12.5 percent

Kim Steinert  
Spectator Staff

New student enrollment for the 2001 fall semester dropped 19 percent from enrollment the previous fall.

This fall, 149 new students enrolled, 120 being first-time freshmen and 29 being transfer or re-admitted students. The college enrolled 184 new students in fall 2000. That number included 137 freshman and 47 transfers or re-admits.

Fred Schmidt, dean of enrollment management and director of admissions, says several factors could have contributed to the drop in enrollment.

Although new student enrollment is down, returning student numbers were higher than expected. College officials anticipated that 195 Mac students would return this fall; 213 re-enrolled.

Total full-time enrollment for the 2001-02 school year is 362, which is a

decrease of 52, or 12.5 percent from last year's total.

"The decrease is a result of several factors including staff turnover, program changes, as well as other factors," Schmidt said.

Efforts to increase enrollment for fall 2002 and increase retention rates are already underway.

"We are trying to identify those students who are likely to persist," Schmidt said. "We're focusing our work with students who live closer to campus and are more likely to stay."

Steps being taken to improve the satisfaction of current students and to increase their desire to stay include creating traditions on campus, adding a career/personal counselor and restructuring the freshman seminar groups. The restructured seminar groups will have thematic programs and will provide two semester hours of credit.

"We recognize increasingly the personal, as well as academic, needs of students," Schmidt said.

Faculty and staff members are becoming more involved in the process of recruiting and retaining students.

"Sixteen faculty members voluntarily contacted students in their majors over the summer to maintain connections with our students," Schmidt said.

Increased funding is being made available for faculty members to attend workshops for professional growth, which should directly benefit students.

Mac students have their own ideas about what the college can do to improve enrollment and retention rates.

"Traditions on campus are a good idea to get students involved, but there are only so many a school can have," said Adelina Cripe, jr., Nogales, Ariz.

"I think that transferring is normal everywhere, and we're just feeling the

effects more because we're a smaller school. Mac should target students who would be involved in some of our strongest programs or majors."

Shane Netherton, jr., Colorado Springs feels that standards and requirements for admission should be raised.

"The reason we're having problems keeping students is because they're recruiting the wrong kinds of students — students who aren't ready for college," Netherton said.

Shanna Hayden, soph., Rangely, Colo., thinks some of the ideas are positive.

"I like the idea of offering seminar groups worth credit," said Hayden. "I do think there needs to be more traditions on campus to make students want to get involved. Also, it will be a great asset to have a career counselor on campus."

## Events, candidates announced for 2001 Homecoming, 'Era of Change'

Rebecca Stover  
Spectator Staff

Homecoming 2001, "Era of Change," takes place on Saturday, Oct. 13. College students often struggle with the differences between Homecoming in high school and in college.

"In high school it was all about what they prepared, what they chose as a theme, the football game and the dance," said Lamonte Rothrock, associate dean of students.

On the other hand, Rothrock said, college homecomings typically cater to alumni and what they want to see and do. Since alumni are coming back to their college home, the school tries to make it as welcoming as possible.

"It is a chance for them to come back

and remember what it was like and [to see] what has changed," Rothrock said.

Rothrock believes, however, that the college is doing a better job creating more activities for current students this year.

"Numerous festivities to involve the current students will be going on across campus for the entire week preceding Homecoming," Rothrock said.

One of the events planned by the Student Government Association (SGA) is a decorating contest for the residence halls. Residence halls, adorned to the theme "Era of Change," will be judged on Friday and the winners will receive a pizza party.

SGA has also planned the following spirit days: Monday — Pajama Day, Tuesday — Extreme Day, Wednesday

— Dress as a Professor Day, Thursday — Toga Day, and Friday — Red and White Day. Spirit Day participants will be judged during lunch from noon to 12:30 in the cafeteria. Prizes will be awarded to those who participate and three Grand Champion Prizes will be given at the end of the week for "the most spirited."

Students will vote on Thursday for Homecoming King and Queen at lunch and dinner in Hoffman Student Union.

Queen candidates include Janelle Flory, sr., McPherson; Sharla Odhams, sr., Memphis, Texas; Julie Scheef, sr., Bennington; Ebony Williams, jr., Kansas City and Nichole Williams, jr., Centralia.

King Candidates are Artie Baker, sr.,

Strong City; Chet Buchman, sr., McPherson; Tim Hayden, sr., Rangely, Colo.; Charlie Hill, sr., Sweeny, Texas and Wes Hoffert, jr., Golden, Colo.

The McPherson College Choir will perform at the Honors Convo. and will have a concert on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Brethren Church.

Friday evening there will be a whipped cream fight on the lawn at 6 and a bonfire in the Metzler circle drive at 8.

An Activities Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday and there will be a dedication service for the new Melhorn Science Hall. Everyone is welcome to come to the ceremony at 9 a.m. and the building will be left open for anyone who would like to tour the inside.

Ed Wolf, class of 1957 and co-chair

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Five week grades due

Five week grades are due from professors today. Students will be receiving the grades next week.

The purpose of five week grades is to let students know whether or not they are performing at a satisfactory level. Only students with a grade lower than a C will receive notification.

#### Student spends summer testing anti-cancer agent

Elizabeth Stover, sr., Quinter, spent 10 weeks this past summer in Bethesda, Md., as an intern in the Pediatric Oncology Branch of the National Cancer Institute.

Her responsibilities included testing a new anti-cancer agent, chemotherapy, on pediatric cells in vitro to find its potency. With the results she found, the drug will be tested in vivo as a chemotherapy for children with several types of sarcomas which may eventually become an alternate treatment when standard therapies don't work.

#### Mac students study abroad

The college has eight participants in the Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA) program this fall.

Students who are in Greece include Katie Sue Nicklos, sr., La Junta, Colo., Chris Curran, sr., Loma, Colo., Bryan Lucore, jr., Springfield Mo. and Shawn Allen, sr., Corpus Christi, Texas. Marie Rhoades, jr., Harrisburg, Pa. and Elizabeth Stover, sr., Quinter are both in India. Courtney Irwin, sr., Stillwater, Okla., is staying in France and Emily Tyler, jr., McPherson is in England.

E-mails from the students will be posted on the bulletin board on second floor Mohler.

#### Isaac to speak at Convo

Gary Isaac, from the Hutchinson Correctional Facility will speak at Monday's convocation at 11:30. Isaac will tell about the 30 years he spent in Africa. He will also be promoting a volunteer program for the correctional facility.

of the college's Enhancing the Legacy campaign, played an instrumental role in the planning of the building and will be the keynote speaker. The brass choir will play and several others, including the architect of the building, David Haines, and the general contractor, Mark Hutton, will have a part in the ceremony.

At 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, the McPherson Bulldogs will take on Kansas Wesleyan at the football game and the Homecoming Crowning Ceremony will take place during halftime of the game. That evening at 10, there will be a dance in Mingenback Theatre.

Organizers urge students to keep their eye out for posters across campus for more information on the events of Homecoming 2001.