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Dill steps down, campus surprised

Elissa Thompson
and Luke Chennell

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In a special meeting on Nov. 10, the Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of a letter from President Gary Dill stating that he would not seek the renewal of his contract in April.

The meeting was scheduled to review the results of an evaluation done over the summer of President Dill's work and other campus changes.

Dill opted to notify the board in advance of his intention not to pursue the renewal of his contract. He insists that he is not resigning from McPherson.

"A resignation indicates that a person is walking away from a situation and no longer supporting it," Dill said. "The faculty still needs appropriate support."

In many cases, this decision would have been made in the spring. Contracts for returning faculty are signed at that time. Dill decided to give advance notice to the board to allow more time for a search for his replacement.

Vincette Goerl, who has just been elected the new chairman of the Board of Trustees, is currently in the process of forming a Presidential Search Committee.

Trustees have also asked that two

members of the faculty be chosen for the Transition and Future Committee, chaired by board member Marlo Oltman. There will be an alternate member chosen, as well. Each of the three must be in a different academic discipline. These members will be chosen in a division meeting today.

Also today, board members Oltman and Paul Ediger, will be on campus to talk about the process for selecting a new president and to answer questions about the transition.

From 1 to 2 p.m., interested students can participate in a meeting that will be in the basement of Miller Library, room 105.

At 3 p.m., faculty will be meeting with trustees in Miller 105. The meeting will inform faculty of decisions the board has made and to answer their questions.

Dill said the major factor leading to his decision is that the Enhancing the Legacy campaign will be coming to its close this year. After tearing down four buildings and rebuilding six, McPherson College is moving past an era of construction and rebirth.

"This is the next phase of the college," Dill said. "It's wisest for me to acknowledge that I've completed what I can do here."

Dill said he had wrestled for a long

time with whether or not he would continue his term after the campaign. The assessment that was brought before Dill and the Board of Trustees was helpful to Dill, even though he'd already made his decision.

"I paid attention to input and listened carefully," Dill said. "It was very affirming."

Phil Stover, who served as the board's chair until the meeting, says the board is still reviewing the report.

"We received the report and now we're in the process of analyzing what to do and where to go with that information," Stover said.

The assessment gave both Dill and the board the chance to celebrate changes that the college has experienced. For the most part, Dill and the board were satisfied with where McPherson is at this point. However, some things need to change.

"We are not on target for enrollment this year," Dill said.

But Dill believes that the right staff and plan are in place, and eventually the enrollment problem will be solved. Dill feels that McPherson is an excellent institution and that its excellence will manifest even more in coming years.

"I don't think it's possible to be more optimistic than I am already about this college," Dill said.

From here, Dill is unsure of where he will be going next.

"I'm aware that it will take some time for me to complete the search that will decide where I will go," Dill said.

He is fairly certain that he will remain in higher education and probably continue working in administration.

Dill compared the role of a college president to a relay race. He accepted the baton from former President Paul Hoffman, and now he is passing it on to someone new.

"I just feel lucky to have had the chance to run this leg," Dill said.

Goerl believes that the college will be able to move positively into the future.

"McPherson is at a strategic crossroads," Goerl said. "I am excited and energized with the opportunities presented by this challenge."

Reactions around campus have been varied. Students are confused, apathetic, and worried.

"I wasn't sure if it was true when I first heard. I'm really stunned right now," said Tom Miller, fr., Charlotte, N.C. "My biggest concern is that the school will continue on."

Faculty members have done their best to ease these fears. Jeanne Smith, curriculum and instruction, is confident that there are procedures in place to begin a search.

Marilyn Kimbrell, education, hopes that the search will bring in a president who works well with the faculty.

"I hope that whatever president comes in will want to know how great we are," Kimbrell said.

Carolyn Coon, dean of students, wants to assure students that daily activities will remain in tact.

"Students should not be concerned," said Coon. "It's not going to affect campus activities."

Understandably, students want information.

"I want to know the facts behind it. I want dirt. This is very, very sudden," said Laura Potts, fr., Stillwater, Okla.

Coon stressed that hard decisions needed to be made in the process of running the college, and this was one of them.

"He has been very supportive of what we wanted to do. Many hard decisions need to be made in the work of a college," Coon said. "This is not something we should lie awake at night wondering about."

Change brings with it several reactions and Kimbrell has decided to go at the current situation with a level head.

"It's a scary, challenging time for all of us. You can look at it with optimism or fear. I choose to look at it with optimism," Kimbrell said.

Campus visit days reinstated in effort to attract students



photo by Munira Hamud-Socorro

Audrey Garcia, soph., Alpine, Texas, bonds with prospective students during the football game against Tabor, Saturday, Nov. 10. Watching the football game was just one of the activities that the students participated in while they visited the campus.

McPherson College brings back old recruitment strategy

Elissa Thompson

Editor in Chief

Past problems recruiting prospective students has led the admissions office to try new things and bring back old strategies in hopes of improving the current enrollment situation. Visit days have been reinstated into McPherson's recruitment plan in an effort to attract more students to campus.

"We've done them for years," said Fred Schmidt, dean of enrollment management and quality assurance, "just not these past few."

McPherson originally abandoned the visit day idea because it was perceived as something that a larger college would do.

"We wanted to be more personal," Schmidt said. After giving it some consideration, the staff was enthusiastic about trying it again.

"We want to do what we can to get students on campus," Schmidt said.

Student admissions assistants work nightly, calling prospective students and trying to trigger interest in McPherson College. Marion Bunnell, soph., Trumann, Ark., calls twice a week for the college.

"I tell them what kind of academics, sports and financial aid we have here," Bunnell said.

Students were also notified of the visit day through posters in their high schools, direct mail, college fairs and

the Web site. McPherson's first visit day was on Nov. 10, and eight to 10 students were expected. After a couple of students walked in, 11 prospects were present.

Students had a campus tour in the morning, met with professors, watched a financial aid presentation and went to lunch. After eating, students went to the football game against Tabor. Evening activities consisted of attending the theatre production, "Visiting Mr. Green" and going bowling. Several students spent the night on third floor of Dotzour Hall and left Sunday morning.

"I think it went really well," said Tennille McCormick, admissions counselor.

McCormick was instrumental in organizing the visit day and feels that she learned what to add and delete for the coming visit day on Dec. 3. The second visit day will be on a Monday, giving students the opportunity to attend classes and convocation. The enrollment office isn't planning to stop there.

"We're looking at adding a couple more in the spring. Hopefully, those will have better success," McCormick said.

McCormick was pleased with the outcome and wants to express gratitude to all who took part.

"Thank you to all SGA, professors and student assistants that helped. Also, thank you to Dallas Blacklock and Chet Buchman for speaking," McCormick said.

Future plans for Dec. 3 are in the works and appear to have a promising outcome.

"So far it looks like it might go fairly well. It might be better than last time because it seems like there's a lot more people interested and they have more time to decide," Bunnell said.

Editorials

STAFF EDITORIAL

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Find your own answers in the face of tough times

Lately, McPherson has seen some troubled times. Decreasing enrollment, poor retention and other problems have beset us. Even through talk of it last year, the president's recent decision to not return for the 2002-2003 academic year came as a surprise.

Yet, it is important in these times of turmoil and turbulence to maintain a level head about these things. Wild speculation, rumors and other guesses will serve no purpose other than to further excite the community and cause even more anxiety than presently exists.

Hard decisions need to be made in the operation of any organization, from churches to colleges to catfish joints. It is seldom that they do not cause unrest and wonderment for those involved in the organization. Dill's choice was made with reasons in mind, and he had justification for those reasons.

This is not to say that students should simply go merrily along without giving pause to the moments that affect the school community. To do so would be foolish and, to say the least, unwise.

We must remember that all of us share one thing in common: we are human. As humans, we all make mistakes and we all have our triumphs. We must take the good with the bad and view things with an honest eye.

President Dill has had many notable accomplishments—the Enhancing the Legacy campaign serving as his most recognizable. He has been an avid supporter of the college throughout his tenure, and he remains one today. He has seen probably the most tumultuous time in the history of the college and has made it through admirably. Still, it is hard to ignore shrinking enrollment numbers, departing faculty and budget crises. Nevertheless, we still have faculty who hang on, students who persevere and staff who work hard to keep our campus going.

It is this sort of balanced view that we must maintain. Instead of becoming cynical, we should take the good with the bad, the sour with the sweet. The administration is always more than willing to talk to students and listen to their concerns. It is as important now as ever that we take advantage of this. Find the answers to your questions from the source on your own.

MAC OPINION

How did you react to Dill's decision?



"I wasn't surprised. There was a tremendous amount of pressure on the president."
Ken Yohn,
History
Department



"I really don't care."
Elizabeth Salazar, soph.,
Brownsville,
Texas.



"I'm sad. I'm really going to miss him."
Munira Hamud-Socoro, sr.,
St. Louis, Mo.

"As long as my program isn't affected, I really don't care."
Chris Mather, fr.,
Kansas City



"I'm sad. He seemed like a cool guy."
Moriah Hicks, fr.,
Eldorado,
Ark.



"As a senior, it really doesn't matter to me. I'm not going to be around next year."
Bill Sroufe, sr.,
Winona



Standing solid in winds of change

*Both feet on the floor,
Two hands on the wheel,
May the wind take your troubles
away.*

—Son Volt

I wonder sometimes why I support this place as vehemently as I do. Why not let the wind take my troubles away? Why did I not pack up my stuff at the end of my first semester, put the top down and never look back?

Five of my eight restoration classmates did, and I wonder sometimes if they didn't have the right idea. At the end of my second semester, I saw all five of the technology department depart under, well, acrimonious circumstances. I saw a completely new technology administration in my third, and saw a mass departure of other faculty and staff in my fourth. Now, in my fifth, the president has given it up.

It seems as though I have lived eons in this place, an eternity in the cold and blowing wind. I have seen good times and I have seen riches. I can't help but feel a little numb at this point, but still I hope to see many more.



Ramblings
from a Room

LUKE CHENNEL

I came here unaware; it's hard to put down in the brochure that an entire department is in the middle of a colossal struggle. It's harder to talk about the endless construction, the hole that is Metzler Hall, and the new administration of which no one is exactly sure.

They did their best; they sent me letters nearly every week, long after I had committed fully to coming here. They worked hard, and I appreciate that. I still don't regret the decision after all this time, because I see real potential here. Through it all, I have kept up my hope and interest in the place, and I still do. There must be reasons for this.

For one, the people here are the friendliest I've seen anywhere. They give me encouragement, ask me genu-

inely how I am, and seem truly concerned. Professors are willing to work with me in whatever capacity I desire, and actually listen to what I have to say.

The college, and in particular the restoration department, has given me opportunities beyond my wildest dreams. I have seen both ends of the country on grand trips involving my favorite mode of transportation—old cars. I will soon travel to London with the history department. I look forward to it with no end of anticipation and excitement.

I have learned more and more about my favorite subject—cars—here than anywhere else. The library facilities have a great deal of information after one digs around, as does the faculty.

For this, I support McPherson wholeheartedly, and I intend on finishing a bachelors' degree here.

More than anything right now, we need stability. Stability will bring us good times, riches, and most importantly, more students. I hope that whoever is left when I'm done here will keep their feet on the floor, and both hands on the wheel.

God reveals many reasons to be thankful

I would like to encourage all students, faculty, and staff to stop and think of ten things that they are thankful for. The Thanksgiving holiday next week should remind us that beyond a great dinner, we have lots to thank God for. I'm thankful for many things.

■ I'm thankful that I was born and raised in Kansas, because I love to watch the glorious sunsets slide behind the flat horizon.

■ I'm thankful for the design of a cottonwood tree leaf, because I love to hear a storm come whistling through a grove of cottonwoods. (A cottonwood tree leaf has a flat stem, so when the wind blows by the leaves flap back and forth against their neighbors creating the most beautiful rustle.)

■ I'm thankful I have the opportunity to get involved in activities that keep me so busy I wonder how I'll ever get done. It promotes good time management skills!



Checkpoint
Charlie

STACI HORTON

■ I'm thankful for cameras and film, because they allow me to take a picture of an event and remember it forever.

■ I'm thankful for days when I walk to class and everyone I pass has a smile and a friendly greeting.

■ I'm thankful for moments when I can let go of all the stress of school and read a book for fun or visit with friends.

■ I'm thankful for my family. They are the perfect mix of strength and humor. I'm grounded and explore a high sense of adventure all at the same time.

■ I'm thankful for times that I can

"I'm thankful God created the Earth... He gave us His truth to learn and live by when we choose to discover Him and His word."

read the Bible and learn more about God, His word for my life, and His unfailing love for me.

■ I'm thankful that I can share His love with everyone I meet.

■ I'm thankful God created the earth, moon, stars, trees, birds, sunsets, friendships, families, and that He gave us His Truth to learn and live by when we choose to discover Him and His word.

"I'm thanking you, God, from a full heart, I'm writing the book of your wonders. I'm whistling, laughing, and jumping for joy; I'm singing your song, Holy God." Ps. 9:1

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Enhancing the Legacy is old news—there's a new campaign ahead

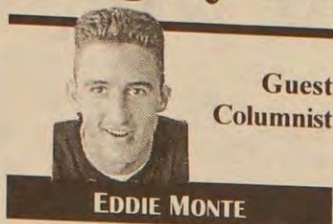
It seems lately that an epidemic is sweeping across our campus. Its name is "white trash."

It has infected the parking lot in front of Templeton with a common form of butt-rock. Symptoms include cars that don't run and sit there useless, sometimes with a cover on them, and skid marks made by the cars that barely do run.

It has reared its ugly head at the grounds crew with catastrophic amounts of trash and the ever-present broken sidewalk lamps.

Its presence is felt in an infection on the third floor of Metzler Hall, symptoms ranging from clogged toilets and stalls coated with vomit to various assortments of bottles lying around. Even in the cafeteria one can hardly take two steps after a meal without tripping over an overturned chair or stepping in something that looks like it crawled out of the dumpster.

Recent research is now discovering



Guest Columnist

EDDIE MONTE

psychological abnormalities in freshmen, and it appears that one of the main results is a feeling of resentment and bitterness toward the school.

As an upperclassman and biology major, I have decided to take the initiative to post a few simple guidelines so that we, the student population, can combat and defeat this disease. I call my plan Operation Anti-Trailer Park.

I outline my proposal on how to take action to implement this plan along with a few guidelines that students can follow to fight this terrible, nasty disease.

They are simple and straightforward:

- 1) Don't buy a car that doesn't run.
- 2) If you do, don't buy another.
- 3) If you have a car that hasn't run or you haven't driven in two weeks, get rid of it. You're not going to work on it anytime soon.
- 4) Quit wasting your crappy tires on the parking lot. No one is impressed with a clapped-out muscle car that can do a burnout.
- 5) The college is nearing the end of a \$10 million renovation project, which included trashcans. Use those for your trash.
- 6) Some of you have probably found out that the sidewalk lamps do not fight back. Leave them alone. No one is impressed at how strong you and five of your friends are. Nobody likes a bully.
- 7) If you can't handle being drunk, don't get drunk. You're making a mess and stinking up other people's homes.
- 8) Flush the toilets.

9) Throw away paper towels in the bathroom trashcan. It's right next to the door; you can't miss it.

10) When you finish eating, throw away your trash and pick up any furniture you might have knocked over. It's amazing how much chaotic excitement occurs when 200 students who have never had the pleasure of eating in a low budget cafeteria on a daily basis lose control.

11) Show the professors some respect. Those of us who have been here longer deserve a little courtesy. You are in college now, and you should feel privileged to be receiving higher learning.

12) Finally, if you don't like it here and you want everybody to know it, either leave or keep your mouth shut, unless you have something else to say. No one is forcing you to be here.

To conclude my new plan of action, I would personally like to address the upperclassmen and ask that we work

together as a team to teach the same respect that we eventually found for the college. Continue setting an example on how to enjoy college life to its fullest.

Trust me, people: a hangover is much easier to deal with when you're up to speed on your homework and you can walk into the bathroom the next day and not be reminded of the previous night's activities by a putrid stench.

One final note: while I was writing this article I was informed that one of the toilet seats in Bittinger Hall upstairs bathroom had been stolen. Funny as it was, I still found it ironic. I hope you understand the severity of the situation we have on our hands.

If you have any information about the missing toilet seat, please notify the school as soon as possible so that a HAZMAT crew can be brought out to disinfect the room belonging to the perpetrator of this incredibly lame joke.

The missing piece in the puzzle of happiness: be saved by the bell

I wake up in the morning, and the alarm tosses me out of bed and onto my floor. I hear the sound of blue birds chirping a friendly welcome to the day's beginning. I perform a song and dance to get my blood pumping, and I begin another fulfilling day at McPherson.

I have everything a girl could ever need. I have friends, jobs and am preparing for my future. However, my friends, I'm not ashamed to admit that something is missing. Something has gone away from this school, this town, from this country, something so big that a gaping black hole has been left in its absence. We all know exactly what I'm talking about, so I might as well just say it. Where is "Saved by the Bell?"

I would do anything to go back in time. I want to go back to the days when Slater, Zach, Jessie, Screech, Kelly, Lisa, and Mr. Belding roamed the halls



Big Chief's Tablet

ELISSA THOMPSON

of Bayside. We were all so happy then.

Kelly reminded us how silly it was to worry about acne when she tried Screech's zit cream that turned her face orange. Zach taught us that if you need a little time to relax, you could just say "time out," and the whole world would stop right before your eyes. Lisa taught us that just saying that you are fashionable doesn't mean that you have the best taste in clothes in every episode.

However, one lesson surpassed all of these. My favorite character, Jessie

Spano, taught this lesson to me. Don't do caffeine pills, people! It will rip you to shreds. If you have a big record deal coming up and some tests to study for, just organize your time better.

"Saved by the Bell" was no friend to drug use. We all remember when Johnny Dakota went to Bayside to help with an anti-drug commercial. He offered Kelly a joint, she denied him and told Mr. Belding. This was a heroic act. Brandon Tarkoff then took Johnny Dakota's place and led the cast in reciting his "hit idea for the new fall season." "There's no hope with dope," the group chanted.

Where do we go from here? There must be some type of relief plan that will provide our world with some sort of consolation. We tried to keep it alive with "Saved by the Bell: The College Year," but we didn't bond together. I propose that we bring Bayside to

every age level we pass through. Such as, "Saved by the Bell: The Lamas Years," featuring the original characters, with all the women knocked up. Laugh as Screech coaches Lisa, and she hits him over the head with a frying pan.

"Saved by the Bell: The Mid-life Crisis" is a series that details Zach's search for a quality hairpiece. Sympathize with Kelly as she battles a horrific encounter with menopause.

Finally, in "Saved by the Bell: The Nursing Home Years," we smile as Screech misplaces Mr. Belding's urn episode after episode. "Zoiks, guys, I lost the chief," Screech says.

If we all work together, we can turn this into something good. It is obvious that the absence of "Saved by the Bell" has denied us premium happiness. Write your cable provider today. Our country's satisfaction depends on you.

LETTER POLICY

The Spectator's editorial pages provide a public forum for the campus community.

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Challenges build strength during study abroad in Nancy, France

I chose to study this year in Strasbourg, France, through the Brethren Colleges Abroad program. After I arrived, I wandered down medieval cobblestone streets with gutters for "you know what" still in them and cars parked on the sidewalks.

I was still perfecting the words "what," "yes," "OK" and "thank you" in French. I had not taken French since high school and couldn't understand a thing anyone said to me. I had to rely on my smile and big puppy dog eyes just to buy a baguette up the street.

I wondered exactly what (or who...will remain nameless) possessed me to FLY, which I hate, leave my home in my last year of college and learn a language I had not used for three years. These thoughts came in one big whirlwind of emotion as I sat in the front of the classroom on my first day of French literature. Trying to suppress my tears, I thought, "I am leaving next week."

Now, after almost two and a half months, I am still here, and cannot imagine leaving before May.

I eat fresh crêpes and watch young children squeal with delight at the small



International Notes

COURTNEY IRWIN

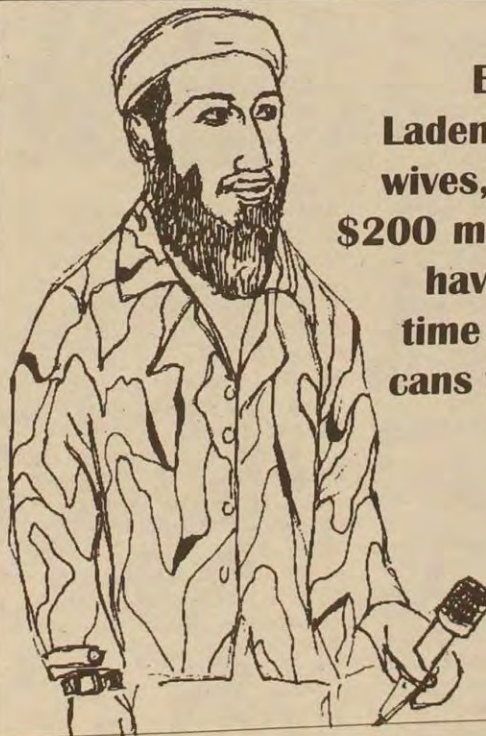
carousel next to the crêpe stand outside the opera house before I hear the latest that the Strasbourg Opera company has to offer my ears.

The other day, as I was leaving my French grammar class, I met a friend from my foyer in the lobby of my main classroom building. She asked me if I had a specific girl in my class and I said, "No, the people in my class were all foreign students." I laughed at my blunder, realizing that I too am a foreign student, and left to go home to eat lunch.

I later realized, that although I am technically a foreign student, I no longer feel foreign. Strasbourg is my home for the year and I would not give up this city or my experiences here for the world.

DREW'S DRAWIN'

BY DREW PARSONS



Even I, Osama bin Laden, with my several wives, 16 children and \$200 million, sometimes have trouble finding time to punish Americans for their extravagant lifestyles.

Students discover art in Kansas City

Amy Sellke
Features Editor

Five students, one teacher, off on a road trip to Kansas City.

We were destined for the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Leaving at 8 a.m. on Sunday morning, we were ready for a full day of art.

My Painting I class, taught by Prof. Wayne Conyers, has been learning about Cubism and Surrealism as well as the artists who painted in these styles.

"We've never had a decent day here before. It was cool. We could sit under the 'Sheep Piece' and throw the Frisbee in addition to seeing all the art work," Conyers said.

"It was amazing to see pieces in person that we have studied in a book."

—Thomas Austin

We traveled to KC to see the paintings first hand. Some of the painters we've been studying include Vincent Van Gogh, Claude Monet, Edgar Degas, Paul Gauguin and Paul Cezanne.

The museum was better than I thought it would be. I just don't understand why some things are considered great works of art. I could do some of what I saw there.

The reason for the trip was to better understand how to interpret pieces of art. Students are required to write a paper over their artist's piece whether or not they attend the field trip.

"It was amazing to see pieces in person that we have studied in a book. It was a new experience," Austin said.

Students traveling included Angie Ulrich, sr., Garden City; James Wiezorek, fr., Colorado Springs, Colorado; John Berlanga, soph., Brownsville, Texas; Thomas Austin, sr., Kiowa, Colorado and myself, Amy Sellke, fr., Hutchinson.

The next step for Painting I students not only writing the paper, but to create an original piece of their own, using the style of Cubism and Surrealism studied at the museum.

It was a stunning day, and I am glad I got the opportunity to take it all in.

"It was a good experience," Wiezorek said.

Role models still play a role

Staci Horton
Spectator Staff

"I wanna be like Mike."

So went a bandwagon expression of the late 80s that demonstrated a child's desire to be rich, famous, and talented like Michael Jordan. Most children wanted to be like Mike in elementary school. Very few would have said otherwise.

As a society, we often think of role models as celebrities. In the end, however, we usually look up most to the people in our community and family.

"The role model I had was my seventh-grade teacher, said Carol Williams, director of financial aid. "She positively influenced my decisions made at that time in my life and even now I find myself responding to situations in a way similar to her."

Finding a person to strive to be like is important all your life.

"I look to people who can keep things in perspective in their lives," said Carolyn Coon, dean of students, "I enjoy how young children can always find balance and stay focused on the fun stuff."

"Be someone that you want someone else to be."

—Lois Davidson

Because of their enthusiastic view of life, Evan Clary, son of Bruce Clary, English, and Ruth Whitacre, daughter of Kathryn Whitacre, coordinator of career and personal counseling, are two of Coon's role models.

Adults and older students realize the fine art of choosing more than one role model. Michael Warner, fr. Hutchinson, has at least four role models who influence his musical style.

"I like Kurt Cobain, Jimmy Gnecco, Roger Waters, and Rivers Cuomo. They are all real to me and I can relate to their art," Warner said.

Cora Coleman and Karen Leiker feel they cannot pick only one role model for their personal lives. They believe it important that a role model be a strong person with encouraging words. They also think a role model should make honesty and spending time with others a priority. In describing these characteristics, they recognized that they were

qualities possessed by their fathers, and they admired them for it.

Becky Snell, soph., McPherson, says a person is never too old to have a mentor.

"It's so important to have a role model while in college, because now is the time you become what you said you'd be when you grew up," Snell said.

Your time in college sheds a light on who you will be after college. Vikki Trimmell, student enrollment services secretary said, "You are never too old to have a mentor."

However, it is important to select role models intelligently.

"Try to find someone who is doing something that makes them happy and who they are on the inside is who you truly want to be. Find the person with the best qualities and achievements and strive to emulate them," Janice Haldi, administrative assistant to the dean of students, said.

People who are doing something they love can motivate those around them to do what they love, too.

"Find someone well-grounded with

"I look to people who can keep things in perspective in their lives."

—Carolyn Coon, Dean of Students

values that penetrate them to the core," added Coon.

Some people look to a religious figure to be their supreme role model.

"I feel that if a person doesn't have a role model they won't know who they are in this society. The perfect role model is Emmanuel, Jesus Himself," said Ken Cotton, soph., Phoenix, Ariz. "Jesus' life was a sacrifice for the world and when we choose to emulate Him in our lives, we must be ready to make sacrifices for someone beyond ourselves."

Lois Davidson, fr. Welda, encourages students to be a role model for younger children.

"Children today are looking at us for guidance, just as we did, so be someone that you want someone else to strive to be."

International Fashion Show promotes global awareness

Janelle Flory
Photo Editor

Searching for new ways to promote global awareness in the college and community, Jeanne Smith, education, was delightfully surprised to coordinate roughly 20 McPherson College students in an international fashion show last Saturday morning.

"I was thrilled," Smith said. "I thought we'd be doing well if we could get 10 students. I just started asking first off all exchange students. But within the last few days, all of a sudden, people just started coming to me, asking to participate."

The fashion show was one of many presentations at the community building during the 19th Annual International Bread Festival; an event organized to raise money to combat world hunger. Every year churches in town bake bread from various countries, raising approximately \$2,500 for CROP/Church World Service.

"I thought it was a cool idea with all the countries and their breads," said Janelle Thomas, fr., Wiley, Colo.; who wore traditional Mexican dress. "I was surprised at how many students were involved in the fashion show—even the little kids."

Smith, who helped found the bread festival 19 years ago, said there had been international fashion shows in the past, but that once she became too busy to coordinate it, it fell by the wayside. This year, the coordinator of the event mentioned the idea again and Smith decided to try it.

The show featured traditional dress from Japan, India, Pakistan, Germany, Sweden, Mexico, Ecuador, Nigeria, Turkey, Egypt and Greece.

Smith had some of the outfits already gathered from her own personal travels, but received most from friends and members of the Church of the Brethren.

"Some of those outfits were probably worth a few thousand dollars," Smith said. "Ziya's was the only one we had to put together." Smith finished sewing the Turkish outfit, worn by Ziya Gunay, fr., Geary, Okla., at 2 a.m. Saturday.

McPherson College students who participated in the fashion show included Ken Cotton, soph., Phoenix, Ariz.; Jameel "Pookie" Adams, soph., Wichita; John Werner, McPherson; Kentaro Otsuka, sr., Japan; Janell Walton, fr.; Seth Good, sr., Anneville, Pa.; Nichole Williams, jr., Centralia; Kylie Funk, sr., Quinter; Ana Benitez, sr., Quito, Ecuador.

It also included Kerstin Heist, Germany; Jodi Good, soph., Anneville, Pa.; Gunay; Janelle Flory, sr., McPherson; Lois Davidson, fr., Welda; Adelina Cripe, jr., Nogales, Ariz.; Connie Pucket, sr., Ulysses; Rachel May, fr., Warrensburg, Mo.; Lisa Salazar, soph., Brownsville, Texas; Samantha Bishop, fr., Ft. Worth, Texas; and Thomas.

Faculty children Jamie Frye, Marty Yohn and Kaylee Richardson, daughter of Jenny Richardson, Business, also participated.

"It was kind of fun and I got free bread, so it was worth it," Walton said.



Beaming, Kaylee Richardson and Adelina Cripe adjust their outfits from Pakistan and India while waiting for the fashion show to begin.

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MAC students adapt from big cities to small town USA

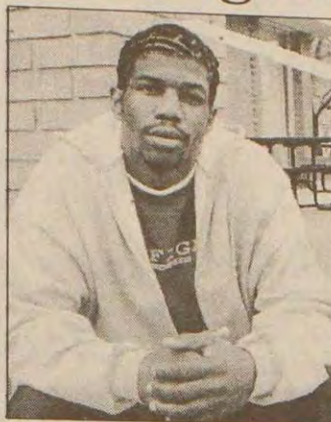
Amy Sellke

Features Editor

Cars zooming by on the freeway, traffic jams, 24-hour everything-you-want-and-a-plethora-of-things-to-do-right-at-your-fingertips. This is the scene in the hometowns of many Mac students. Coming to McPherson is quite a switch from busy city life. Several students shared how they are adapting to small town life in Kansas.



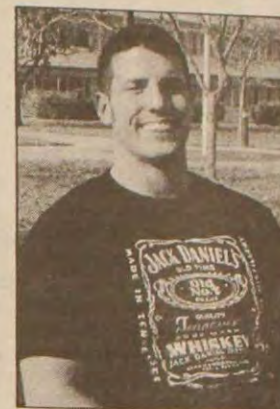
Samantha Bishop
Freshman, Ft. Worth, Texas



Janar Bradford
Freshman, Dallas Texas



Ana Benitez
Senior, Quito, Ecuador



Nick Maida
Soph., Macon, Georgia

What do you miss most?	"Friends back home"	"I miss mainly the fast pace of life. Here it is just so slow."	"My fiancé, family and weather."	"All of my favorite restaurants, Super Walmart, etc."
Did you have culture shock?	"A little. I didn't realise there were hardly any colored people here."	"I had a big shock. Most people are only used to seeing whites."	"A little. It is wierd how much 'warmer' people are at home."	"Not with the people. I was surprised not to see trees."
Why did you choose to attend MAC?	"My counselor at high school knows Dave Barrett."	"It seemed like a good choice."	"To learn about a new culture and language. To travel also."	"Football."
How do you think you are adapting?	"Good, I've made many friends."	"Being in a small town is giving me a good atmosphere. Everyone knows everyone."	"Pretty well. It is hard to find time for friends. Back home there is time for both friends and homework."	"Pretty well considering the lack of accessibility of the things I have at home."
What did you bring with you to school to remind you of home?	"Elmo. I sleep with him every night. I also brought pictures."	"My high school senior group picture. There was like 200 students there."	"Pictures, music and how I arranged my room."	"Pictures. Not much else."
What is the biggest difference between home and here?	"It is so small here. Not many people."	"The accessibility factor, as far as more restaurants, malls close by."	"The food. Also daily life is a lot different. Especially being in a dorm room."	"No trees, and not a lot to do. I can't believe there's no sweet tea or hot wings."
What do you think of the weather here?	"I am not used to the cold, but I can live with it."	"Coming here I was afraid of the winters I heard so much about."	"The cold is not what I am used to. I don't like it much."	"Crazy weather. It changes all the time."

'Visiting Mr. Green' takes center stage



photo by Janelle Flory

Scared that he has discovered his friend dead, Ross, played by Chris Bisceglia, anxiously tries to revive Mr. Green, played by Adam Smith.

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6 Dunkers charge into season with an impressive 4-2 opening

Adam Peer
Sports Editor

The McPherson men's basketball team has opened its season to the tune of an impressive 4-2 record, including sweeping a tournament last weekend.

The 'Dogs are just coming off of the Mid-American Bible Classic in which they won three out of three games. They defeated Mid-America Bible College, Southwestern College of Christian Ministries and Hillsdale Baptist College by scores of 71-62, 99-79 and 70-62, respectively.

Prior to that the Bulldogs had participated in the Mid-American Nazarene Invitational where they won one and lost two. Not only did the 'Dogs get their win here in impressive fashion against Mount Vernon Nazarene by a score of 74-59, but put up a strong fight in their other two competitions, losing 69-72 against Oklahoma Wesleyan and falling 71-74 to Haskell Indian Nations.

With his Bulldogs only six points shy of an undefeated record, Coach Roger Trimmell is increasingly optimistic about the 'Dogs' upcoming season.

Trimmell feels encouraged, but believes that the team still needs to continue to build on the momentum it has going.

"We have more experience this year. We played a lot of young kids last year and that has given them the experience that they need," Trimmell said.

Trimmell believes that the team ex-

cels in quickness and speed. Last season has given the Bulldogs the chance to get build strength and gain a competitive edge.

However, Trimmell recognizes that the Bulldogs still have some weaknesses.

"We need to play better team 'D' and execute the offense more consistently," Trimmell said.

The Bulldogs are also shooting 62.6 percent from the free throw line.

"We also need to improve our free throw shooting," Trimmell said.

Kenny Romero, in his second season, is leading the 'Dogs in scoring, rebounding, two-point shooting percentage (61%), three-point shooting percentage (50%) and free throw percentage (75%). Romero is averaging 19.8 points per game while snatching 7.2 boards per game.

Freshman Roy McDonald leads the 'Dogs' in assists with 3.7 per game and steals with 2.5 per game. Most impressively of all, however, he is averaging less than one turnover per game.

The 'Dogs look to continue their encouraging season at the Bethel College Classic this weekend in Newton. The team competes both Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.

"We play against Bartlesville and we lost to them by three. We should be able to win if we play well this time," said Kenneth "R.J." Davis.

Davis feels this weekend will be another positive experience for the 'Dogs. "Overall, I think we'll do decent," Davis said.



Roger Rocha pivots to avoid the charge during a drill in practice on Monday.

photo by Janelle Flory

Thrasher 'Gaines' recognition in amateur skateboarding tourney

he had competed.

"I shied away from a lot of competitions because I'm old and they're starting to get really advanced," said Gaines, soph., Lyons.

With a positive finish under his belt, Gaines feels he is just getting started.

"Now that I've got my confidence up, I want

to try it again," Gaines said.

The Wichita tournament was a small event. Twenty skateboarders were entered among the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels.

More typically, a tournament might boast 45 competitors, Gaines said.

Originally, Borderline was supposed to sponsor the tournament, but it was forced to pull out due to internal company problems. When skateboard enthusiasts learned about the problem, several people from Garden City stepped in to organize a competition in Wichita anyway.

"It was a competition in spite of a

"It was a competition in spite of a competition."

—Demetree Gaines

competition," Gaines said.

Gaines, 26, is competing against kids ranging from the ages of 13-19, and he is aware of the age difference.

"They make fun of me because I stretch. The young bucks just get there, get on their skateboards and go," Gaines said.

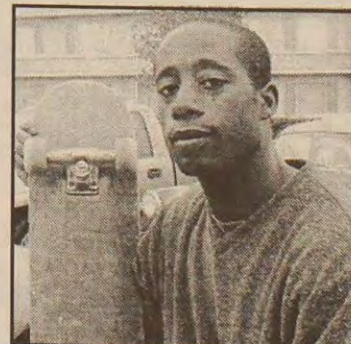
No matter the age, all participants are judged by certain criteria: the difficulty of the trick, whether or not the trick is landed, style and innovation. Judges give scores on a scale from one to 10.

"You have to land the trick to get the points," Gaines said.

The score a skater receives depends on the amount of tricks attempted and landed. Scores are unlimited. Gaines earned 78 points.

"I think the hardest trick I landed was a front-side-one-footed-no-slide," Gaines said.

This trick used a ledge with angle iron. Gaines approached the ledge from the side and ollied onto it. He then



Gaines

photo by Janelle Flory

turned to the front, slid backwards and lifted up one foot.

"I got big cheers for that one. I felt like the man," Gaines said.

Now that his rookie tournament is out of the way, Gaines sees some things that he will add to his next attempt.

"I've decided that I need to have a certain group of tricks," Gaines said. "I'd do better if I had a routine."

Gaines is excited to perform again and plans to publicize the next tournament on campus.

"I want some support there," Gaines said.

Lady 'Dogs tear into new season winning three

The Lady Bulldogs improved their early season record to 3-2 after pounding Haskell Indian Nations 82-50 in the Sport Center last night. It was the team's second win over Haskell, who the women defeated 67-61 in the first game of the season.

"We started out really nervous," in that season opener, head coach Mel Wright said, "but in the second half our defense got us into a running game, and we loosened up a bit."

Wright was pleased with the team's performance and is encouraged to see returning players step up into larger roles this season.

"Amy (Gremmer) has really stepped up her game. She's accepting the challenge of some of our younger players and is really playing hard," Wright said.

The Lady 'Dogs also came out on top in a game against Hillsdale by a score of 91-59. However, the Lady Bulldogs were outshot by their opponent, shooting 46 percent to their 52 percent. "Putting up 19 more shots was the difference," Wright said.

Five members of the team scored in double digits. Erica Alvarez made 18 points and Rebecca Stover put up 15. Sharla Odhams and Amy Gremmer scored 12 apiece and Jessica Bond added 10.

"The team has a lot of ability," Gremmer said.

Against Mid-America Bible College, the Lady Bulldogs were unable to recover from a poor first-half performance, when they shot just 36 percent and fell behind by five.

Still, McPherson gripped a three-point lead with just under five minutes remaining in the game, but the lead didn't last, as the Mid-America Bible went on a five-point rampage. Amber Jackson got the Lady 'Dogs within one, but they couldn't pull off a win.

"We threw the ball away on an in-bounds play and they scored," Wright said.

The Lady Bulldogs lost the Mid-America Bible game, 73-83, as well as their Nov. 13 game against York by four points.

Erica Alvarez scored the most points with 19. Sharla Odhams, came out with 17 points, and Amber Jackson threw in 8 points, and snagged 3 rebounds and 2 steals. Chenise "Ba-Ba" Robinson contributed five points and one rebound, while Gremmer added 2 points to the board.

Robinson, a senior, believes good things will be happening on the court this season.

"It's going to be a good one. This is my last year, and I'm going out with a bang. Plus, we got all the talent that we need to go to nationals and win" Robinson said.

The Lady Bulldogs play Rhema Bible College in Broken Arrow, Okla., at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Elissa Thompson
Editor in Chief

Coasting into a third place finish in the intermediate division, Demetree Gaines picked up a t-shirt and \$15 cash prize at a skateboarding tournament in Wichita's Riverside Park on Nov. 3. Gaines was pleased with his finish, especially since this was the first time

Football falls to Tabor

Philip Michael
Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs were defeated in the last game of the season, 57-26, by the Tabor College Blue Jays.

Tabor scored a touchdown on the very first drive of the game on a quarterback keeper from the 4-yard line. The snap on the extra point try then went wild, but the kicker managed to recover the ball and run for the two point conversion, a hint of things to come. The rest of the first quarter passed quietly with neither side successfully moving the ball.

The second quarter began promisingly when the Bulldogs blocked a Tabor punt, giving the Bulldogs the ball inside the 10-yard line. But the scoring opportunity was abruptly lost when quarterback Wade Pederson threw an interception that was returned 99 yards for a Tabor touchdown.

"With a young team, that kind of turnover can really hurt," head coach Dan Davis said.

The Blue Jays quickly followed up with another touchdown with 11:41 remaining in the half. Down 22-0 the Bulldogs were unable to make any headway against a large, determined Tabor defense. After a long pass play, Tabor ran the ball in for their fourth touchdown of the day. A shovel pass by Tabor for a long touchdown, ended the first half scoring with 3:52 remaining.

The second half opened in front of a smaller McPherson crowd as many fans failed to return after the rather abysmal first half. The Bulldogs began the third quarter with a touchdown drive from their own 32-yard line. A two-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Omar Mireles capped the drive.

Shortly thereafter, the Tabor quarterback, David Hernandez fumbled the ball. The Bulldogs' defensive end, Travis Sears, picked the ball up and returned it for a touchdown.

The Bulldogs' momentum would prove to be short lived as Tabor scored three more times in the game. The first came on a tipped pass that fell into a Tabor receiver's hands with 4:49 remaining in the quarter. The second came on a long 43-yard pass less than

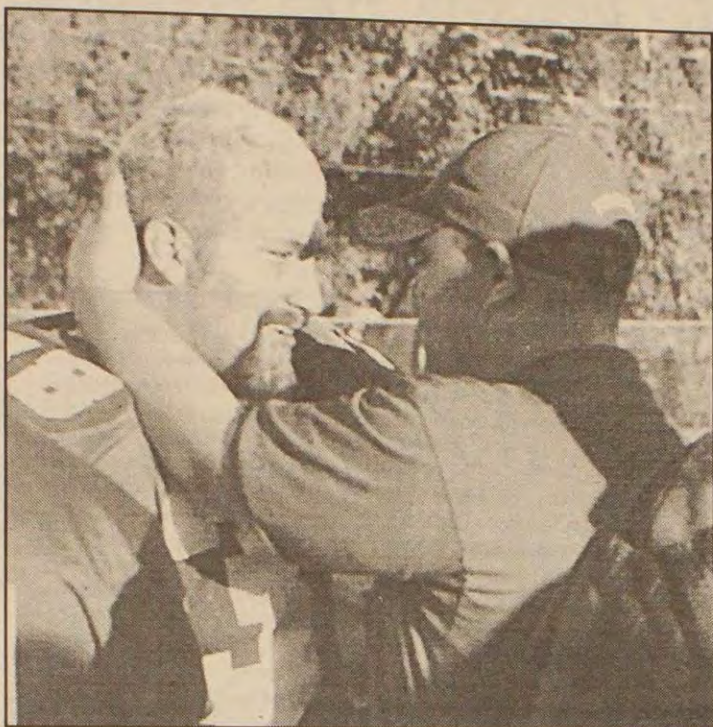


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Coach Aaron Craig expresses appreciation to senior defensive lineman Charlie Hill for his leadership over the past four years. The football team gathered for prayer and reflection following Saturday's game against Tabor. The team was reminded of the importance of training hard in the off-season to enhance next season's success.

thirty seconds later. Finally, Tabor blocked a Bulldog punt and covered it up in the end zone for their last touchdown of the day.

The fourth quarter was the scene of numerous penalties and player ejections on both teams. Bulldog quarterback, Wade Pederson, was knocked out of the game with a rib injury. His replacement, Brandon Pellerin, led the Bulldogs to two touchdowns in the final quarter. Pellerin threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to sophomore John Berlanga with 8:00 remaining in the game. The game ended with a touchdown pass to Berlanga as time ran out, a glimpse of sun on a rainy day. The final score was 57-26.

This game was marred by penalties and interceptions for McPherson. The four intercepted passes was the highest number that the Bulldogs recorded all

season. Tabor College incurred a 131 yards in penalties.

The Bulldogs ended the season with a 3-7 record, and a 3-game losing streak. "The kids played pretty hard. [With so many freshmen], we probably won some games we shouldn't have. The loss to Bethel was hard, but we really put up a fight," Davis said.

Davis sees light at the tunnel's end. "We were improved over 2000 from last season. Defensively, we were very hurt by injuries. The guys we do have on defense, we'll need to push in the off-season, get them in the weight room. And if we keep our offensive nucleus, I think the future looks fairly bright," Davis said.

"Our lack of depth, especially on the defensive side, really hurt us the last half of the season," said Davis. "Still we made improvement over last year."

Mac harriers race through championships; course proves to be roughest of season

Kerstin Heist
Spectator Staff

Shane Netherton and Dayna Laney were the only McPherson College runners to compete at the Region IV Championships in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Nov. 3. This race determined what runners went to nationals this Saturday in Kenosha, Wis.

All members from the winning team qualify for nationals and the top five placers not on the winning team are also sent to nationals.

Cheered by head coach Erik Dickkut and a few team colleagues, Netherton and Laney held their own against fields of 120 men and 114 women.

Netherton achieved 27th place with a time of 28:15 in the men's 8,000 meter run.

"I was happy because I improved my conference standings with conference runners by three places," Netherton said. "It was a good race to go out on."

Laney, a freshman from Texas, let the hilly course sap some of her confidence. She ended her first cross-country season for McPherson with a time of 22:33 over the 5,000 meter course, good for 72nd.

"It was a very tough course," Coach Erik Dickkut said.

Dickkut said that after comparing the times of KCAC runners, he found that almost all competitors were 45 seconds to a minute slower than they had been running all season. Despite the times, Dickkut was pleased with Laney and Netherton.

"It just gives them something to look forward to for next year," Dickkut said.

Dickkut believes that next year will yield improvements.

"I would've liked to have had a full men's and women's team at conference. Other circumstances made that decision for us," Dickkut said.

Netherton believes that with every runner in good condition, the cross-country team will be very competitive next season.

"If everyone can stay healthy and we get a few good recruits, we can be one of the top teams in conference," Netherton said.

Dickkut is looking forward to finding quality recruits to fill the gaps in the men's and women's squads.

"It's always good to have athletes that want to be here and have fun. That's what we have here at McPherson College," Dickkut said.

SPORTS IN SHORTS

'Huckers to host Flatland Freezer tourney

The McPherson Mudhuckers will host the Flatland Freezer Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Nov. 17 and 18. Games will be played at Grant Fields on North Main.

Teams from McPherson College and the Universities of Kansas, Arkansas, and Tulsa will be competing along with other local colleges and the local high school team. This is the first time McPherson

has hosted an Ultimate tournament, and the Mudhuckers are looking forward to it.

The team needs volunteers to help with the tournament and would appreciate a good turnout of spectators. More information about the team and the tournament is available at www.mcpherson.edu/ultimate or by contacting Peter Samland.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Omar Mireles led the Bulldogs in receptions and receiving yards in a 26-57 loss to Tabor on November 10. Mireles also contributed by grabbing up a 2-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Wade Pederson at the 9:24 mark in the third quarter.

"Omar is a pretty solid performer. He catches the ball when he needs to," said Coach Dan Davis.

Mireles hales from Roma, Texas, and is a sophomore. He has been a big contributor for the Bulldogs this year and looks to be a huge part



Mireles

of the Bulldogs plans for the future on offense.

BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

Football

- 26-7 v. Haskell
- 18-45 v. Bethany
- 14-40 v. Friends
- 35-62 v. Southwestern
- 7-6 v. Sterling
- 0-44 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 35-30 v. St. Mary College
- 7-76 v. Ottawa

- 93-77 v. Alumni
- 69-72 v. Oklahoma Wesleyan
- 74-59 v. Mt. Vernon Nazarene
- 71-74 v. Haskell
- 71-62 v. Mid-America Bible
- 99-79 v. SW College of CM
- 70-62 v. Hillsdale Baptist

Men's Basketball

- 71-81 v. Mortgage Plus

- 80-59 v. Alumni
- 67-61 v. Haskell
- 91-59 v. Hillsdale Baptist
- 73-83 v. Mid-America Bible

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Gayl Edmunds shares a song of prayer with the audience at the Nov. 12 convocation.

Maribeth Turner
Spectator Staff

Gayl Edmunds of the Lakota Sioux tribe began the Nov. 12 convocation in Brown Auditorium with a song of prayer facing the four directions. He then spoke about his Native American traditions and different viewpoints each culture holds.

The purpose of Edmunds' lecture was to promote the idea of respect and inclusion for all people and their differences. He pointed out that he felt great respect for the students and others in the audience for listening to what he had to say, even if they didn't agree with his views.

Manny Diaz, campus minister, set

Edmunds promotes respect for others

up the convo because he has taken many students to Native American drumming and sweats. Last Thursday, Diaz took about 15 students to see the Lakota Sioux's traditional drumming in Wichita.

Several students know Edmunds personally and were glad to see him come to campus.

"One of the really nice things about Gayl is that he tells you the real story," said Bill Sroufe, sr., Winona. "He has always been an exquisite speaker and is a very intelligent and well-spoken individual."

Sroufe also said that it is good for people to not only understand traditional minorities such as African Americans and Chicanos, but also minorities such as Native Americans.

"I was excited for the convo because I thought that it will be a great cultural experience," said Saraphin Kasparie, soph., Russell.

Students travel to Georgia for peaceful SOA protest

Rebecca Stover
Spectator Staff

Fifteen Mac students plan to make the lengthy drive to Georgia this weekend to participate in peaceful protests at Fort Benning.

The protests commemorate an incident that occurred 12 years ago on Nov. 18 and 19, when six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and her 15 year-old daughter were assassinated in El Salvador. The United Nations Truth Council found 26 officers responsible for the massacre. Further investigation showed that 19 of the 26 officers were graduates of the U.S. Army School of the Americas (SOA), located at Fort Benning, Ga.

In continued response to this tragic event, several thousand protesters have gathered annually at the gates of Fort Benning on Nov. 18 and 19 to memorialize those who have died at the hands of SOA soldiers. Orientations, meetings, funeral processions, street theater, puppet shows, and vigils will be a few activities taking place at the gates.

The goal of the protesters is to peacefully process through the gates about three miles to the SOA headquarters where they will deliver flowers, crosses, and coffins bearing the names of martyrs. However, these actions are usually met with a police line blocking the road about a mile into the base.

It is uncertain what will happen to protesters who cross the line this year.

"I think it's great to see so many people willing to make sacrifices to bring attention to the immoral things our country sometimes does."

—Seth Good

In 1997, all 601 people who crossed were arrested while in 1998 none of the 2,300 people who crossed the line were taken into custody. For first time arrests, the individual is usually processed, given a ban and bar letter, and then released. Individuals who have been arrested before are kept for an arraignment in federal court.

The McPherson students, who do not plan on crossing the line this year, hope to partake in the event and gain first-hand information about SOA.

Seth Good, sr., Annville, Pa., a student who has participated in the protests previously, will be attending this year as well.

"I think it is great to see so many people willing to make sacrifices to bring attention to the immoral things our country sometimes does," Good said. "I think for many of us it will be a very educational experience."

The group hopes to have a fulfilling weekend and then return in time for classes Monday morning.

NEWS BRIEFS

Residence halls close for Thanksgiving Break

All residence halls will close on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 10 p.m. for Thanksgiving Break. Halls will not re-open until Sunday, Nov. 25, at 2 p.m.

National Honor Society of History accepts Sill

History major, Phillip Sill, jr., Haven, has been accepted to Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society of History. To become a member, an undergraduate student must have taken 12 credit hours in history while maintaining a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

Students designated as Teachers of Promise

The Kansas Department of Education has chosen Becky Witte, sr., Windom, and Travis Sears, jr., McPherson, as 2002 Teachers of Promise.

Each year, in connection with the Teacher of the Year program, Kansas colleges and universities are asked to nominate two students for this award. The students are invited to participate in a workshop and attend the state Teacher of the Year banquet in Wichita, where they will be recognized.

National accreditation is now two steps closer

Kim Steinert
Spectator Staff

The Curriculum and Instruction Department of McPherson College is two steps closer to receiving national accreditation. To become a member of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), colleges must complete a three-step process, two of which Mac has now successfully completed. The first step was to complete a set of pre-condition reports, which state that Mac has met basic standards and is a candidate. Mac was notified in the early fall that this step has been successfully completed.

The next step was to put together detailed reports, called program folios, that provide a description of every area of study in which Mac certifies teachers. Many faculty members had a part in this step, which also required descriptions of classroom assessment and evaluation. Last Wednesday, Mac was notified that it successfully passed this step with no weaknesses.

"For a school to have no weaknesses is uncommon," said Barbara Cole, curriculum and instruction. "This is a high compliment to all faculty who participated across campus."

The third step to be completed, which is still in progress, is the preparation of an institutional report and the hosting of an on-site visit from an evaluation

team.

The college will undertake a mock visit in April 2002 to prepare for the October 2002 evaluation. A team of six evaluators will conduct interviews with students, faculty and staff, as well as with community members such as cooperative area school teachers who have been associated with Mac students.

Once a member of NCATE, Mac will be in a continuing assessment process and will have to periodically provide updated information to show that it is keeping up with national standards. After five years, Mac will host another on-site visit to be re-evaluated.

Being a nationally accredited school has several benefits, one being the status it will give to the college.

"It tells the world that your students have been part of a program with stringent standards and have undergone a rigorous inspection," Cole said.

Another advantage will come to the students seeking teaching positions, especially in states that only hire teachers who graduated from an NCATE college.

"We want our students to be marketable and sought after," Cole said. "This is one way to ensure it."

All colleges with teacher education programs are required to have state accreditation. Bethany College is the only ACCK school that is currently a member of NCATE.

Thanksgiving Dinner in Hoffman Student Union



photo by Janelle Flory

Jodi Hoeffner, fr., Ulysses, Melissa Cutburth, fr., Paola, and many other students enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner in the cafeteria, Tuesday, Nov. 13. Kelly Frigård, art, is serving their meal. Other faculty members also served. Students had a traditional meal and the cafeteria was decorated for the occasion.