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## \$20,000 grant given to start partnership

Elissa Thompson  
Editor in Chief

After receiving a \$20,000 state grant, McPherson College and McPherson High School have formed a partnership and will soon be building plans to implement a secondary professional development school.

"We were one of 17 schools awarded with the grant," said Tom Sargent, director of program development in curriculum and instruction.

The award is made in conjunction with the federal Title II Teacher Quality grant awarded to the state in 1999.

With the development of this partnership, Sargent foresees the possibility of specialized high school level educators being used to teach education preparation methods courses. With this addition students who are getting a secondary degree will be able to work with teachers in their field, rather than just general educators.

He is also pleased that with this implementation, students will benefit from learning the most current data available.

"We won't get cobwebs in our curriculum," Sargent said.

Now that the grant has been awarded, a team of faculty from the high school and college will work together to achieve four goals and six outcomes. Outlined goals are to explore the potential of, assess the developmental needs associated with, and initiate a shared responsibility for the development of the secondary level professional development school. In addition, they will prepare and communicate an implementation plan for this school.

To fulfill goals the college and high school will be developing a plan, handbook and brochure that will define and explain the implementation of a secondary level professional development school. They are also responsible for collaborating to form a core team of secondary and post-secondary level educators that will focus on teaching and learning.

Finally, they will record baseline data regarding the educators' perceptions of the value added in creating the development school.

Before any of these goals can be met,

a group from the high school and college will sit down and discuss how secondary education majors can best be prepared.

"We'll take shared responsibility," Sargent said.

Positive things are expected to accompany the implementation of the new development. These changes stem from the direct relationship that McPherson College and the high school will be sharing.

"High school and college teachers can learn from each other," Sargent said.

Sargent thinks the new partnership will give high school and college educators a chance to look at new teachers. They will be able to analyze how they can "grow as professional educators to create a community of learners," Sargent said.

After the start of the new semester, a small group plans to have its first meeting to decide what to do first. The group will add members in the summer and by June plans should be wrapping up.

"Hopefully, by fall we'll be ready to implement something," Sargent said.

## Choirs collaborate, perform Messiah



Choir members sing "And the Glory of the Lord," from Handel's Messiah, last night, in Brown Auditorium. The Central Christian College Choir joined the McPherson College Choir to perform portions of Messiah. The choirs also performed Sunday, Dec. 2.

## Who's Who honors eight seniors

Rebecca Stover  
Spectator Staff

Every year, students are honored by the notable organization, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. This year, eight McPherson College students are receiving this honor.

Students are named based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

In order to be eligible to be nominated for Who's Who, a student must be a senior and have a grade point average of 3.0 or above. Those who meet these criteria are then asked to compile a list of all of their extra-curricular activities.

The lists, along with the GPA, are submitted to a panel consisting of all the professors and other selected administrative personnel. If a candidate receives votes from at least half of the panel, the student receives the honor.

This year's honored Mac students include Shawn Allen, Corpus Christi, Texas, biology major; Seth Good, Annville, Pa., biology and philoso-



Allen



Good



Hammond



Hayden



Horton



Nicklos



Scheef



Stover

phy/religion major; Courtney Hammond, McPherson, economic business administration/international major with a minor in psychology; Tim Hayden, Rangely, Colo., elementary education major; Staci Horton, Inman, music major; Katie Sue Nicklos, La Junta, Colo., speech and theatre major; Julie Scheef, Bennington, elementary education major with a minor in sociology and Elizabeth Stover, Quinter, biology and chemistry major.

"I was really honored to be selected for Who's Who," Horton said. "I've put a lot of work into getting good grades and I've enjoyed being involved with a lot of things."

These students will be responsible for selecting the McPherson College Professor of the Year in spring 2002.

"I'm excited to get to help select the Professor of the Year," Horton said. "I think there are a lot of professors who deserve recognition."

## New enrollment process developed to save time

Elissa Thompson  
Editor in Chief

In an effort to shorten lines and cut time, the spring enrollment process will be altered for students who get things done ahead of time.

"This grows out of the fact that in the fall people were unhappy about standing in line," said Karlene Tyler, associate dean of academic records.

Students wishing to finish enrollment quickly are encouraged to complete the following steps between Jan. 14 and 30.

1) See Candi Alexander in the Student Enrollment Services office to get financial aid package approved. In addition, students with Perkins Loans should see Barb Williams in the Business Office.

2) Make billing arrangements in the Business Office.

3) Make any necessary changes in housing, meal plan, or correct other data by seeing Allison Horton in SES.

4) Pay outstanding fines and return overdue library books.

5) Graduating seniors also need to

stop by the bookstore to be measured for their cap and gown.

Food stickers for meal plans will be handled in the lunch line and thank you cards written for scholarship donations will be handled when students visit Alexander, Tyler said.

"Ideally, this should take five minutes," Tyler said.

Although full enrollment is still scheduled for Feb. 4 to catch those who don't go through the necessary steps, Tyler hopes that students do what they can to participate in these changes.

"We're really hoping people take advantage of this and do it ahead of time," Tyler said.

"If you aren't a graduating senior and you don't want to change anything, there are only three things you need to do before enrollment day," Tyler said.

There is even a possibility that students who are too busy to come in on enrollment but who have previously completed the preliminary steps could enroll on the evening of Feb. 4.

These enrollment changes are temporary, Tyler said, but their success could make the plan permanent.

STAFF EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

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New program proves excellence of college programs

With more than one-fourth of McPherson College students involved in the teacher education program, the recently formed partnership with McPherson High School to implement a secondary level professional development school will make a huge impact on this campus.

Thanks largely to the leadership and grant writing skills of Dr. Tom Sargent, director of the teacher education program, the college has received a \$20,000 federal Title II Teacher Quality grant. The grant will fund the professional development school and will help continue the teacher education program's tradition of excellence.

This program, featured along with the auto restoration program, attracts a large percentage of the students who enroll at McPherson College. To a large extent, the experiences students have in these two programs determine the quality of the educational experience for most students here.

McPherson College has long had a tradition of practical education; that is, we educate whole persons in the tradition of scholarship, service and participation in a way that will provide them with useful skills upon their entrance into the real world. Nothing exemplifies this better than the two feature programs: teacher education and auto restoration.

McPherson has also had a long tradition of participation with the town as a whole. The collaboration between the college and public school district on the professional development school is but further evidence of this strength.

The recently formed partnership marks the beginning of a strengthened relationship with area schools and a more up-to-date curriculum in the teacher education department. This is a move that we applaud.

It is evidence of the administration's move toward a unified goal. The strategic plan outlined the featuring of the aforementioned programs, and this move shows their dedication to achieving the goals set forth in that plan. We have an administration that carefully deliberates and takes decisive action to achieve its goals.

May we, across departments and within our own areas of study, continue to encourage such steps toward growth and excellence.

MAC OPINION

What are your Christmas time plans?



"I'm going to Chicago to see my family."  
Courtney Hammond, sr., McPherson.



"We'll go skiing in the Rocky Mountains."  
Josh Lany, fr., Mannford, Okla.



"I'm excited to see friends and family. We're going to Mexico."  
Yvette Segura, soph., Brownsville, Texas.

"Just staying here and working."  
Lee Harper, sr., Scott City.



"I'm going to stay with friends, make cookies, and see some museums in Kansas City."  
Kerstin Heist, sr., Loshausen, Germany.



"I'll spend time with family—I have a six year old daughter."  
Kenny Romero, soph., Pueblo, Colo.



Economics at Mac: a new plan

Adam Smith, founder of the study, called economics the "dismal science." Staring at an empty refrigerator, a pile of bills, and a car that needs washed, I tend to agree.

I hear we're in a recession. It figured out just the way I thought it would. I knew that the instant I graduated from auto restoration, the economy would go soft, and I'd probably get paid less than when I was working while in school. It came to pass.

Fortunately enough, I decided to go on for two more years and stay out of the real world of jobs and money for a while. I was lucky.

The odd thing about this recession, however, is that even the farmers are hit. In the murkiness of the farm economy, it seems as though the farmers tend to do a lot better during times of strife in the industrial economy.

Strangely enough, both wheat and cattle prices have dropped pretty steadily. I don't intend on being a market analyst, but it started before the fateful day in September, and it's more than just the usual drop that accompanies the harvest. Even the cattle market was on the way down before 09/11.



Ramblings from a Room

LUKE CHENNEL

On the whole, the farmers have the roughest go of it of any of us. They fight the markets, the weather, the pests, the government, and must try and beat them all. If anyone was to be downcast, it should be them. Yet they keep going.

But what does this mean to us? Trying to relate it to the College, one has to realize that a fair number of our students come from farm and ranch families, and those that don't are more often than not affected by the farm economy.

This is not something that is going to change, despite the best efforts of the administration to bring in students from farther-flung locations. So, it's possible our student body might shrink even more due to the whole mess.

Yet we must be eternally optimistic, much like the farmers. Just as it is on the farm, there is always next year.

Since things are looking down, it can't be too long until they come up shining again. Even if the cattle market has tanked and the wheat market is in a state of flux, it can't get much worse. One never knows when we'll see \$5 wheat and \$80 cattle again, but you can bet there will be a lot of new pickups around when it happens.

It's exactly the same with the college. We're nearly done with construction, our professors keep on plugging away all of the time, and, much like the farmers, the weather probably won't cooperate. Before long, we'll have more students again, and some of them will brighten the parking lot with new pickups.

I hereby propose this support plan: go out, fill your refrigerator full of steaks, fill your closets with bread, drink some beverages of the barley variety (preferably off-campus) and eat, drink, and be merry.

Bring on that \$5 wheat and those \$80 cattle. We'll be doing a lot more for the college, and we might even convince the cafeteria that they're not the best thing around. Support McPherson! Support the farmers!

Come back to the real meaning of Christmas

Finals are coming, and then as everyone knows, it will be time for Christmas break. Many of you will go home and not give a second thought about what Christmas really means. I would just like to take a minute to remind all of you what Christmas is all about. It's not about presents or getting things. It's about remembering who made Christmas possible.

The reason that we give presents is because about 2000 years ago, three wise men went on a journey to find a king—Jesus Christ. They brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. That is how we got the tradition of giving gifts.

It's not about what we get, but what is in our hearts when we give. The wise men gave to Jesus out of honor because they knew that He was a very special person. We give gifts to show our appreciation and love.



Cornerstone

RACHEL MAY

This year when you go home, don't just worry about whether or not you are going to get what you really want. Instead, think about how much thought and love went into those presents. Take the time to remember who made Christmas possible. Think about what the world would be like if Jesus had never been born.

I just want to remind people before they get caught up in planning for the holidays that there are more important aspects of Christmas than getting or giving gifts, such as just getting to

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spend time with your family. Family is very important. Think about how important your family is to you, and think about what it would be like if they weren't there for you.

So many of us have forgotten the real meaning of Christmas. Please, as you are celebrating, don't forget why this holiday is so important. If Jesus had never been born, then He never could have died for us. Never forget that.

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CAMPUS FORUM

Restoration students are not the cause of McPherson College's campus ills

In his November 16 "Enhancing the Legacy..." column, Eddie Monte raises several valid issues that need to be addressed about the quality of life at McPherson College.

Regrettably, he chose to present his case in a way that unfairly and inaccurately implies that auto restoration technology students are the primary culprits in the "white trashing" of the campus.

Having established that connection up front, he simply allows the rest of his points to fall into place, making it easy for the reader to continue that connection through all twelve.

There are some restoration students who have more than one car on campus, some of which may not be running at the moment.

Regardless of Monte's impression, the cars are being worked on as students have time to do so.

It would be great if the college had a large garage somewhere in which the auto restoration majors could store their personal projects, but that's not the case and likely never will be.

Speaking of the dorm parking lots, a quick look around some of them reveals that the restoration students' cars are hardly the only examples of this problem.

If anyone understands the value of a clean environment, it's the restoration students. A clean shop is essential in any automotive business, and particularly in antique and classic auto restoration.

The restoration students who live in the dorms-particularly the third floor of Metzler-are just as disgusted by the kinds of things Monte addresses as he is, and they are NOT the perpetrators.

Most auto restoration students are at McPherson College for only two

years, during which time they must learn a great deal about every aspect of antique and classic auto restoration, as well as take a variety of other subjects.

On the whole, auto restoration students are more focused, goal-oriented and dedicated than many of their peers.

The real problem underlying all of Monte's concerns is a self-centered attitude that one can do whatever one pleases, regardless of how it impacts or inconveniences others.

I fully agree with Monte's intent in writing his column. We all need to be much more thoughtful in the way we treat our environment and much more considerate of how our actions affect others.

However, as a non-traditional restoration major with 30 years of professional experience under my belt, I was offended by his apparent lack of journalistic integrity.

Whether intentionally or not, he has slam-dunked a group of some of the finest men and women that I've had the pleasure of working with over the past 30 years.

-Joel Keefer

LETTER POLICY

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

The following policy guides the publication of all letters to the editor:

- All letters must be signed. Unless sufficient reason is given, the signature must accompany the letter when it is published. 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.

Pornography has no place in public space

Mac College, we have something that we need to discuss. There is a monster on the loose. It's consuming our computers, our printers, and our research papers.

Pornography isn't something I know too much about. I know it's out there, and I know that there must be a plethora of people who are viewing it regularly; otherwise the availability wouldn't be so high.

It is enough for me that pornography ads plague my email account. Getting a junk mail filter isn't enough.

However, thanks to a few students here at McPherson, I need not even be on the Internet or on the computer to be surprised with the pornography monster.

I'm talking about the person who sent obscene pictures to print numerous times while there was no paper in the printer in Miller Library.



Big Chief's Tablet

ELISSA THOMPSON

was surprised with something a bit more risqué.

I'm talking about the person who left an extremely vulgar story on the printer in Mohler's computer lab when I was printing source articles for one of my research papers.

Pornography is not something that should be viewed on campus computers. Perhaps you are saying, "Well, don't look at it."

If you want to view it, at least have the decency to do it in private.

use them respectfully. Our computers are not to be used as portals for you to entertain your vices.

Though this campus is your temporary home, you are sharing it with 300 other students.

If you choose to ignore my plea, I have a small request: be secretive.

Cover your tracks by erasing your Internet history and refrain from downloading pornographic pictures onto computers that aren't yours.

While you may get some sort of enjoyment out of pornography, there are plenty of us who don't.

President's decision brings new chances for students

What does President Dill's decision to step down at the end of this academic year mean to us as students?

Well, for one, it means that right as we get everything put back together and looking good again after the transition to the new buildings, we will have another transition period to work through with new leadership.

It means that, as current students, we will probably have some input in choosing who the new leader will be.

Though most of us were not around to witness the era of Dr. Hoffman, many have heard of his legacy.



Dee's Space

DENISE KRIESEL

president who was well liked by students, faculty, staff, and administration, as well as being effective in his role as leader.

Many institutions commonly go through a holding phase after the loss of an effective and charismatic leader before taking a step toward growth again.

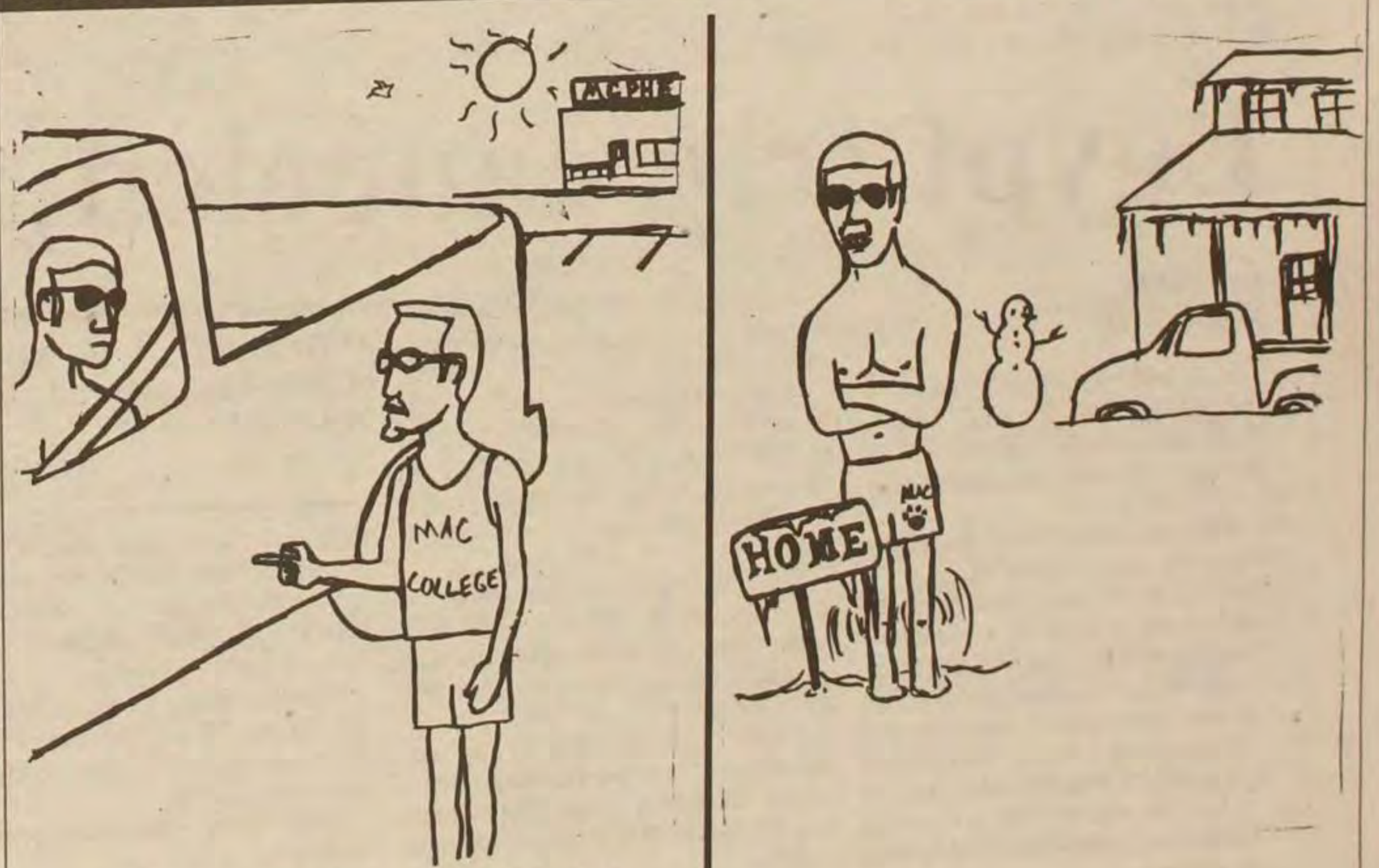
McPherson College has gone through a holding phase and it is time to grow. One part of that growth is to change leadership in order to change thoughts and perceptions to facilitate growth.

It amounts to the trickle effect: whatever is at the top trickles down through the organizational hierarchy all the way to the bottom.

We all have our own opinions, or no opinion, of President Dill's decision, but I really think that as a college we can grow and expand from this situation.

DREW'S DRAWIN'

BY DREW PARSONS



See you after Christmas, dude. Have a good time at home!

# Mac students protest SOA

Seth Good

Spectator Staff

The weather had just turned cold with a wind chill pushing into the teens the day we left for Georgia. Ten students, advisor Ocie Kilgus, Spanish, and "Jeff" our BVSer piled into the 15-passenger van for a 19-hour ride to Georgia for the annual School of the Americas (SOA) protest.

The group has grown quite a bit since the six people last year, and with that growth comes an increased opportunity to share with the community the motivations behind the protest.

I am sure you have all read the informative article in the last Spectator talking about a few of the massacres perpetrated by graduates of the SOA. The numerous massacres and the inhumane treatments such as torture of relatives, assassinations, and rule by terror were advocated by SOA teaching manuals leading to strong opposition to the school throughout the Americas.

Formed in 1946 in Panama to combat Communism, the school was kicked out of Panama and moved to Fort Benning, Ga., in 1984 when Panamanians received their independence.

Today, it exists officially to help fight the war on drugs. The problem with this logic is that the drug problem arose while the school was in existence and now that efforts of the school have been concentrated on the Columbian drug market for two decades, drugs have not become any harder to obtain.

The protests began in 1990 to bring attention to the situation. The SOA reported revisions in their manuals but would not release them; when the manuals were released they showed only token changes and were still in blatant violation of U.S. military laws concerning inhumane practices.

This, as well as the \$20 million in taxes that the school costs each year, prompted New York and New Jersey state assemblies, as well as Congress, to vote on resolutions to close the



photo by Janelle Flory

Having just crossed over the line onto School of the Americas property, protesters solemnly place their crosses on the already covered chain-link fence at Fort Benning. Unlike last year, protesters were not arrested simply for crossing the line.

school. The House was seven votes short of passing the bill. The other two passed to close the school.

The SOA was officially renamed Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC) in November, with the same budget, the same teachers, and the same American military students.

A group consisting of Val Ebersole, sr., Valley Center; Dean Feasenhiser, fr., Fruitland, Idaho; Janelle Flory, sr., McPherson; Seth Good, sr., Annville, Pa.; Kerstin Heist, sr., Willingshausen Germany; Alyssa Rumble, Wichita; Christine Sheller, jr., Eldora, Iowa; Rebecca Stover, fr., Quinter; Matt Tobias, fr., Eldora, Iowa; and Shanda Weakly, soph., felt the need to oppose this organization by attending the protest Nov. 18 and 19.

The group left at 2 Friday in order to arrive by 9 at a small baseball diamond packed with extremes of people and heightened security. Every bag entering

the facility was hand searched and gone over with metal detectors.

Once inside, the crowd contained the usual mix, from old order Mennonites, to radical feminists, to nuns, to typical suburban families. Singing and speakers followed dramatic presentations.

As the day progressed people gave personal testimonies of the escapes and losses they experienced as a result of the decisions of SOA graduates. As one who experienced the previous year, I could feel the more reflective atmosphere present.

People were aware of the Sept. 11 bombing and lamented the injustices in the Middle East that brought about these violent acts. There was a commitment to end U.S. training of terrorists (those who create terror for political or economic reasons) such as Osama Bin Laden or Vladimiro Montesinos.

Previous years a funeral procession for SOA victims crossed into the base. This year, a 10-foot high barbed wire



photo by Janelle Flory

Tobias, Stover, Good and Feasenhiser raise their crosses during the Sunday morning funeral procession.

capped fence extended out on both sides of a newly constructed gate. The majority of participants, including us, placed crosses naming individuals massacred by SOA graduates on the gate.

The attendance was down from 13,000 last year to 10,000 this year.

While none of our group felt obli-

gated to cross the fence, 80 of those attending crossed over or went around the fence and were arrested to bring more attention to the situation.

We concluded with our return trip to the blustery frozen Kansas landscape, bringing more awareness to injustices in our world.

## Egypt trip canceled, London still on

Amy Sellke

Features Editor

While walking through the Valley of the Kings, 30 students from McPherson College couldn't wait to load up on the cruise ship going down the Nile River.

That's how it would have been if the Egypt trip wasn't canceled.

At about the same time some 30 other students from Mac would be standing in front of the guillotine at the Tower of London that beheaded Sir Walter Raleigh and Anne Boleyn among others, because the England trip is still on. But, following the Sept 11 terrorist attacks, Herb and Jeanne Smith decided that the trip was not a good move.

"Basically the whole Middle East seemed a little volatile," said Jeanne Smith, education.

The Egypt trip was canceled early in the semester when it was discovered the al-Jihad, a terrorist group involved in the Sept. 11 attacks, originated in Egypt.

"There is a great unrest there," Smith said.

The State Department Reports said it might be OK for Americans to travel there if they keep a low profile and stay in small groups. However, they are easily identified.

Even though canceling the trip was upsetting, it was a "no-brainer given the crisis. We didn't have much of a choice at all," said Herb Smith, philosophy and religion.

Prior to the trip students participat-

**"Basically the whole Middle East seemed a little volatile."**

—Jeanne Smith

ing have a chance to take part in classes to prepare them for the new culture. Jeanne Smith teaches a multicultural education class and Herb Smith teaches an Egyptian religions class.

Even though the trip, originally scheduled for Jan. 20-Jan. 29 is canceled, the interterm classes will still be conducted for those enrolled.

Herb Smith went six years ago on this same trip.

"It was the most fantastic trip ever. Extraordinary," he said.

On the agenda were many spectacular events, among others, a nighttime laser light show at the Sphinx, a four-and-a-half day cruise along the Nile River, a Falucca boat ride, and an overnight train ride along the Nile. Also included was a stay at the Cairo Hotel that used to be the former king of Egypt's Palace, and a visit to a traditional Muslim school.

"The afterglow you come back with keeps you high for weeks on end, physically and emotionally," Herb said.

Subhead here? Even though the Egypt trip was cancelled, the England trip will continue as scheduled.

There are no problems anticipated for students flying or for dangers that might occur on the ground. Kelly

Frigard, art, and Gary Entz, history, will sponsor the trip to England.

It will be Jan. 16-23.

"It is a great opportunity for students. We are very excited for the exchange between art and culture," Frigard said. "And also about the amount of students that signed up."

While in England, students will get a chance to visit the Victorian Albert Museum—among others, the Tower of London, Stone Henge, and a medieval banquet. Many other activities are planned also.

Plans for next year are already in the making as the Smiths consider potential trips to China and/or Peru. Interested students should contact Herb or Jeanne Smith, who would like feedback on the feasibility of the trips.

# Flying the "friendly" skies?

Mac students experience tightened security and heightened fears

Janelle Flory

Photo Editor

When Adelina Cripe left campus for the Wichita airport, homeward bound for Thanksgiving break, she didn't expect to make the six o'clock evening news. In light of the less-than-assuring air travel track record over the past few months, she was just thinking about getting home safely.

Local media were at the airport covering the story and as Cripe waited in line to check-in, a reporter and cameraman from KSN Channel 3 News approached her. They asked her if this was her first time flying since Sept. 11, how she felt about flying and how she felt about the security measures taken by airports.

"I said, 'It kind of calms me, but it may not stop our problems,'" she said. "I don't think the security measures they have are what we need. I think we need more searches. I think if you're going to check one person, you ought to check everyone."

Cripe's experience reflects the travel paranoia that has swept the nation again over the past month. Combined with falling gasoline prices and thoughts of terrorism, the Nov. 12 crash on Long Island has convinced many Americans to drive rather than fly to their holiday destinations. According to the Air Transport Association, holiday travel is expected to be down 15 percent from last year.

"I hate to fly as it is," said Cripe, a junior from Nogales, Ariz. "I have to worry about turbulence, mechanical problems, now terrorism-and then that plane crashed right before I flew. Every

## Tips for holiday travel 2001

With heightened airport security and new luggage limitations, holiday travelers will want to keep the following details in mind while preparing to fly.

### Luggage

Only one piece of carry-on luggage and one personal item (purse, laptop, diaper bag or briefcase) is permitted per passenger.

### Not Allowed

Do not pack knives of any kind, metal nail files, scissors, cutters, picks, razors or corkscrews in carry-on bags or with personal items. Perfume bottles of more than 16 ounces, aerosol spray cans and lighter fluid are not permitted. Hockey sticks,

pool cues, bats, ski poles, golf clubs and other athletic equipment that could be used as a weapon are banned as carry-on items. Avoid carrying on knitting needles or brooches with long pins.

### Packing

To avoid holding up airport security lines, be aware that metal in jewelry, clothing, belts and shoes can set off alarms. Leave gifts unwrapped. Be ready to take out electronic devices such as cell phones and laptops to be searched.

### Scheduling

Be inside the terminal at least two hours early for domestic flights, three for international. Lines are especially long in Atlanta, Balti-

more, Dallas, Denver, Philadelphia, San Antonio and Oakland, Calif. Travelers have also complained about tie-ups in St. Louis, Portland, Ore., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

### Identification

Be prepared to show a government-issued ID, such as driver's license or passport. Travelers also need a ticket, flight itinerary, boarding pass or e-ticket confirmation. Be prepared for extra screening or random searches at check-in and at the gate.

—Adapted from the Nov. 20 Boston Globe article by Stephanie Stroughton

**"This is probably one of the safest times to fly."**

—Laina McKellip

time I fly now I think, 'Oh my gosh, I made it.'"

Thanksgiving wasn't Cripe's first time flying since the Sept. 11 attacks. She also flew home over fall break and said paranoia was much higher then.

"The whole atmosphere on the plane from fall break to Thanksgiving was different," Cripe said. "No one talked on the plane in October. Every time

someone, stood up I was paranoid. You just felt that tension."

"No one trusted anyone. If anyone looked foreign, everybody looked at them differently. I found myself doing that too...and I hated that."

The airport has increased security for the holiday travel rush, Cripe said. The military guards and police cars surrounding the airport parking lot didn't help calm her, nor did the body searches or random bag searches.

"I got frisked this time," she said. "And I was randomly searched."

Some holiday travelers have benefited from the air travel situation, as airlines try to lure the public with deep,

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—Adelina Cripe

but selective discounts.

Laina McKellip, jr., Nampa, Idaho, wasn't planning to go home for Thanksgiving due to lack of funds. But two days before the holiday her travel agent acquired an unusually low-priced ticket.

"Originally, I didn't think I was going home, because my parents didn't find

a ticket that they felt was a reasonable price," McKellip said. "Then I decided I really wanted to go home. I prayed a lot about it and that ticket showed up."

McKellip also experienced heightened security over Thanksgiving break, especially at the Kansas City airport.

"On the way there they body searched me three times," she said. McKellip, like Cripe, was randomly selected twice to have her bags searched. In addition, she was "patted down" at the gate, an experience she can't soon forget.

"As they were going through my bags, the man took the wand and did a metal check," she said. "He informed me that every place it beeped, he had to pat me down."

"Well, I was wearing an under wire bra that day, so it beeped when the wand went across my chest. So, I got felt up."

Unlike Cripe, McKellip wasn't nervous about flying, although turbulence on the return flight made her nauseous.

"I guess I figured nothing was going to happen when security's so high," she said. "This is probably one of the safest times to fly."

In light of their experiences, Cripe and McKellip advise other students flying home for Christmas break to get to the airport early. Although two hours may not be sufficient at larger airports, one and a half hours was "just about right" at Kansas City, according to McKellip. Both also suggest avoiding metal jewelry.

"Get there in plenty of time," Cripe said. "Be prepared to do whatever they say and be patient."

# Former student a top researcher in anthrax cases

Laina McKellip

Spectator Staff

A former McPherson College science major has emerged as one of the key figures in America's efforts to thwart the use of anthrax as a biological weapon.

Paul Keim, who was a student at from 1973-75, is now a geneticist at Northern Arizona University (NAU) in Flagstaff and heads one of the top anthrax labs in the world. Keim has the world's largest anthrax strain collection and has developed the best technology for strain identification.

Federal authorities turned to Keim and his lab immediately after the first anthrax cases were diagnosed in Florida attacks because of his published record of describing anthrax and his role in developing analytical techniques to identify various strains.

Keim is currently working to produce a genetic fingerprint of the anthrax spores used in the mail attacks. Identifying the origin of the spores is the critical first step in developing a list of suspects who might have had access to that particular strain.

Keim's expertise in identifying anthrax has been featured in a variety of different publications, including "Nature" and "Science," two of the most

significant scientific journals in the world, as well as more popular magazines for educated readers, such as "The New Yorker."

"This type of press coverage is pretty incredible for a scientist," Keim said, "though having your picture on the front page of the WSJ (Wall Street Journal) is pretty cool, too."

Keim is one of the few key scientists involved in the current anthrax investigation that is not employed by a government lab.

Although born in Idaho, Keim spent most of his young life in McPherson.

"I grew up in McPherson, graduated from McPherson High School and of course went to McPherson College for two years," Keim said.

Keim credits a vital piece of his education to professors here at McPherson College.

"John Burkholder and Gilford Ikenberry were two of the biggest influences on my career," Keim said. "They both were excellent teachers and solid scientists. I really have never encountered better in my subsequent 25 years of science."

After his two years at McPherson, Keim moved to Arizona with his family.

"When you start with such great educators, you expect everyone to be

as good. So, I didn't appreciate how good they were until years later and many poorer educational experiences."

Ikenberry reciprocates strong feelings for Keim.

"I was disappointed when he went to Arizona," Ikenberry said. "I hoped he would finish up at McPherson."

Keim also benefited from his involvement in theatre here at McPherson College.

Rick Tyler, speech and theatre, and his wife Karlene, associate dean of academic records, played an exceptionally important role for Keim in his career. Keim was a freshman when Tyler was a senior. They became acquainted when Keim was in a one-act that Tyler directed.

"He was kind of like a kid brother," Tyler said.

Tyler stated that Keim was a theatre person who was also a smart biology student.

"Strange things happen when other majors go to the theatre department. They become much better aware of how to communicate and interact with people," Tyler said. Keim works in large teams of scientists and is often chosen to give presentations or write papers because of his communication skills.

"Communication is perhaps the most

under-rated aspect of science," Keim said. "My two years of drama at Mac improved my oral presentation abilities and this is now one of my best assets in the competitive world of science."

Keim is amazed how poorly some scientists communicate and present their findings.

"I see some really good scientist do poorly in the scientific arena due to poor communication skills, and I see

really poor scientists doing pretty well," Keim said.

Keim believes that his two years at Mac helped him excel with science and communication.

"A liberal arts educational foundation helps you in any career," Keim said. "There is lots of time to become an expert in a field, but you have to start working on your other abilities at the same time."

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# 6 NAIA ranks Mac 16th in nation

**Bulldogs move to 10-2 with victory over Southwestern, host St. Mary in key conference contest tomorrow**

Adam Peer  
Sports Editor

Leading at the half by a 20-point stretch, the Bulldog basketball team went on to destroy Southwestern Thursday by a final score of 90-67.

Kenny Romero was the Bulldog's leading scorer, swishing an impressive 22 points. Jose Morales also proved to be a huge asset to the team, scoring 20 points.

Winning nine straight and looking to ride their wave of momentum into Christmas break, the Bulldogs also shot past Tabor by a score of 73-66 on Dec. 1.

These two victories leave the Bulldogs with a record of 10-2. Suffering losses only to Oklahoma Wesleyan, and then Haskell Indian Nations and rendering them undefeated in league play.

Their impressive record has earned them a spot in the first regular-season NAIA Division II poll. The Bulldogs, ranked 16th nationally, are the only Kansas team ranked in the top 25.

"This is a tremendous honor," McPherson coach Roger Trimmell said. "It recognizes the hard work our players have put in, and the chemistry which has developed in a very short time among these players."

Trimmell is pleased with the wins, but is most excited about the team's tactics.

"I am pleased the most by our unselfish play and our ability to spread our scoring between players," Trimmell said.

Trimmell feels the team is playing good team defense and sharing the ball exceptionally well.

"All of this is helping us to get fast break opportunities, and is putting us into positions to make plays, and we're making them," Trimmell said.

With Kenneth "R.J." Davis, Morales, Romero, and Roy McDonald all averaging in double figures, the 'Dogs

**"In the KCAC you have to win at home. This conference is very balanced, and you have to win to have a shot at gaining home court advantage for the playoffs."**

—Coach Trimmell

bring a lot of weapons to the table.

"In the KCAC you have to win at home. This conference is very balanced, and you have to win to have a shot at gaining home court advantage for the playoffs."

In order to do this, the Bulldogs need a victory in their final two games at home.

"We have a couple of big road wins under our belt, including our recent win over Tabor in their gym. Now we just have to follow through," Trimmell said.

The Bulldogs face Saint Mary College in their last game, here in McPherson, on Saturday. The 'Dogs, currently 10-2 on the season, are looking to extend their winning streak into the break while, more importantly perhaps, maintaining rank at the top of the KCAC.

Should Trimmell's Bulldogs continue to balance their offensive attack, execute on offense and play solid team 'D,' the Bulldogs should go into the break at 11-2.

The Bulldogs are an exciting team to watch. They have scored 90 points or more four times this year and missed the century mark by only one point twice with 99-point performances.

St. Mary will come here to take on the Bulldogs and the game begins tomorrow at 7 p.m. The St. Mary Spirens are also undefeated in league play, beating Sterling in overtime 88-83 and smoking Southwestern 98-75.



Andy Saenz is fouled by Tabor defenders as he goes for the dunk in Saturday's game. The 'Dogs drilled Tabor 73-66.

photo by Janelle Flory

## Six members of Bulldog football team awarded with All-KCAC team honor

Shane Netherton  
Spectator Staff

McPherson College placed six players on the All-KCAC football team, released last month.

Juniors Kevin Steiner and Travis Sears were named to second team as running back and defensive lineman, respectively. Sean Eason, wide receiver, Rey Salinas, defensive back, Wade Pederson, quarterback, and Lou Schneider, offensive center, all received honorable mention.

Steiner ran for over 700 yards, averaging 4.3 yards per carry and scoring six touchdowns in the first seven games before suffering a deep thigh bruise that cut his season short.

"Kevin is a tough, hard-nosed kid

that plays the game with a lot of intensity. It was a shame his season ended early with his injury since he was on schedule for a 1,000 yard season," head coach Dan Davis said.

Sears led the Bulldogs with 9.5 sacks, 11 tackles for 9 losses and 32 unassisted. Sears forced five fumbles, including one fumble recovery that he ran back 26 yards for a touchdown.

"For Travis to be named second team shows the respect he earned from the conference's coaches for the kind of job he did all season," said Craig Claussen, defensive coordinator.

Eason was the Bulldog's leading receiver for the Bulldogs with 59 receptions that were good for 681 yards. Eason had 5.9 receptions per game, ranking him fourth among KCAC re-

ceivers and 11th on the NAIA national list. Eason also rushed for 263 yards on 43 carries and led the Bulldogs in kick-off returns with 429 yards on 21 returns. Eason had his best game against Bethel when he caught 15 passes for 235 yards.

"Sean took his game to a new level against Bethel," Davis said.

Pederson finished his season ranked fourth in the KCAC in both passing and total offense. In the 10 games that Pederson played, he threw for 1,901 yards and 14 touchdowns to rank 20th in the nation among NAIA quarterbacks.

"There is no doubt Wade is a special one. After Kevin (Steiner) went down, Wade carried us as far as he could," Davis said.

Louis Schneider was the starting center for the Bulldogs. Lou anchored the offensive line.

"When he grows up and gets the same type of maturity as the guys he faced all season had, he will really be a factor," Davis said.

Reynaldo Salinas tied for eighth in pass interceptions among KCAC athletes as he led the Bulldog secondary with four. He was credited with 45 tackles, 39 unassisted, from his cornerback position, including two for negative yardage. He forced two fumbles, recovered two others, and knocked down five passes. His 20.6-yard average per carry would have ranked third in the KCAC, but he failed to meet the required number of returns for the season.

## 'Huckers snag fifth place in tourney

Elissa Thompson  
Editor in Chief

The McPherson Mudhucker's ultimate Frisbee team took fifth in their first hosted tournament, the Flatland Freezer, on Nov 17 and 18 at Grant Fields.

The 'Huckers had an impressive start to Saturday's competition, opening their game against the Wichita Gyration with a 4-1 lead.

"We had a commanding lead, but lost," said Peter Samland, team captain.

The Mudhuckers ended up 2-2 on Saturday, racking up wins against McPherson High School and Sterling's alumni team. Their losses came against the Gyration and K-State Dorothies.

"The Dorothies were on fire," Samland said. "They only allowed nine points to be scored on them the whole day."

Day two brought two losses to the 'Huckers against Arkansas Ludicrous Speed and KU Horizontals. Sunday's performance provided the Mudhuckers with their proudest accomplishment, beating KU's Arm and Hammer.

"We almost blew it, but we still finished the game by winning in overtime," Andrew Gustafson said.

Samland was impressed with the 'Huckers ability to answer every Arm and Hammer advance.

"We went point for point right up until the very end," Samland said.

The 'Huckers tallied their final win against Sterling College, who forfeited. The 'Huckers were pleased with their tournament showing.

"I thought that it was pretty good considering we were a younger team," Gustafson said.

Samland agreed.

"It was the best showing Mac College has had at a tournament since I've been here," Samland said.

Pleased with the fan support and competition participation, Samland felt that the Flatland Freezer was successful.

"I can see this happening next year. A good local tournament helps promote ultimate as a sport," Samland said.

Final team standings went as follows: the KU Horizontals (1st), K-State Dorothies (2nd), Wichita Gyration (3rd), Arkansas University Ludicrous Speed (4th), 'Huckers (5th), Arm and Hammer (6th) also from KU, Sterling Alumni (7th), McPherson High School (8th) and Sterling College (9th).

"The top six teams were really close as far as skill," Samland said. "We played a good game with all of them."

The 'Huckers plan to travel to the Mardi Gras tournament in February and are also contemplating a trip to Tennessee or Arizona.

# Lady 'Dogs smash 'Builders, improve KCAC record to 2-1

Wes Hoffert

Business Manager

The Lady Bulldogs dominated last night's game, winning by a score of 93-61 over the Moundbuilders of Southwestern College. This victory takes the Lady 'Dogs record to 7-3.

Playing stingy defense throughout the game, the Lady 'Dogs tallied 20 steals, six of them coming from guard Sharla Odhams.

Erica Alvarez led all scorers with 24 points, muscling many of her shots under the basket.

The Lady Bulldogs were 50 percent from the field, taking advantage of Moundbuilder mistakes and creating easy baskets in transition.

Improving their rebounding from last Thursday's game against Bethel, the Lady 'Dogs matched Southwestern on the glass with 38 boards.

Prior to last night's shootout, the Lady Bulldogs had split their first two conference games of the season, winning at home against Bethel College and losing on the road to the Tabor Bluejays.

Spurred on by hot defensive play, the women defeated Bethel College Nov. 29, 54-51. The win moved the women's record to 6-2. Bethel's low score was attributed partially to Amber Jackson, who held the Threshers' leading scorer to a mere six points.

Head coach Mel Wright said that Jackson wasn't the only standout performer.

"Sharla Odhams played great defense and really set the tempo of the game. BaBa Robinson also had a great game."

Bethel charged back late in the second half, but it was not enough.

"Amy Gremmer stepped up and hit key shots and had big rebounds for us in the crunch," Wright said.

While Wright was pleased with Gremmer's performance, he emphasized that it was the 29 forced turn-



Erica Alvarez executes a layup in Saturday's game against Tabor. Alvarez was high scorer in last night's game against Southwestern.

photo by Janelle Flory

overs and overall team defense that won the game on a night where the Lady 'Dogs' shots just weren't falling.

After the victory, Coach Wright applauded his team's performance, but also stressed some key areas for improvement.

"We have two main things to work on—rebounding and turnovers. We had 24 turnovers in this game and we

would like that number to be below 15," Wright said.

The Bulldogs were out-rebounded 53-24 overall and 23-8 on the offensive glass. The Bulldogs went on to play Tabor College Dec. 1 and lost 66-71 in a game Wright really expected to win.

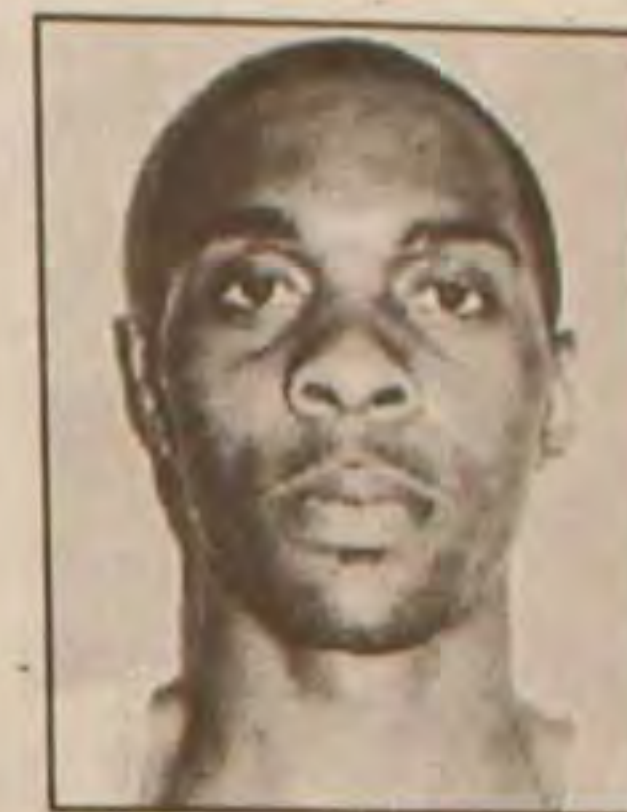
Coming off a win last night, the Lady 'Dogs will host the Lady Spires of St. Mary tonight at 5 p.m.

## ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

The athlete of the issue this issue is Kenneth (R.J.) Davis. R.J. is a 6'3" sophomore from Eastern Hills High School in Fort Worth, Texas. R.J. is one of the main contributors on the 9-2 McPherson College men's basketball team.

"R.J. has really been stepping it up lately," said head coach Roger Trimmell.

Davis has averaged 12.4 points per game through the first nine outings this season and leads the team in steals with 2.2 per game. He is shooting 48 percent from the field, 33 percent from three-point range, and 72 percent from the charity stripe.



Kenneth (R.J.) Davis

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74-59 v. Mt. Vernon Nazarene  
71-74 v. Haskell  
71-62 v. Mid-America Bible  
99-79 v. SW Christian  
70-62 v. Hillsdale Baptist  
88-75 v. Oklahoma Wesleyan  
99-95 v. Doane College  
96-93 v. Central Christian  
81-62 v. Bethel College  
73-66 v. Tabor College  
90-67 v. Southwestern

### Women's Basketball

67-61 v. Haskell  
91-59 v. Hillsdale Baptist  
73-83 v. Mid-America Bible  
71-75 v. York College  
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