

Royce fund

having merged in 1932. Usually, one student shows an aptitude in these cars. He will be chosen to receive the scholarship. The student may receive aid in finding an internship for the summer.

The Rolls-Royce Foundation is "interested in getting students working on Rolls-Royces," said Bob Knechel, advancement. "Internships are a good way to invest in the future of the college. What students do at an internship can reflect positively on the image of the college."

The summer internship might range from a paid student to a regular paying job between the students' freshman and sophomore years in restoration, Knechel said. The founding of the internship has also created interest in the restoration program to work on Rolls-Royce Bentley motor cars.

John and Knechel recently traveled to Indiana to explore possibilities for securing a thirties Rolls-Royce drive for students to restore. The scholarship was a product of negotiations between the students' National Advisory Board on Auto Restoration and the Rolls-Royce Foundation.

Roger Morrison, board member, and John W. de Camarillo, chairman of the Charitable Activities and Publications Committee of the Rolls-Royce Foundation, worked closely to establish the scholarship.

his speech had really no point," said Becky Snell, McPherson.

Graves did talk in some length on the importance of civics in government. People should "resist the temptation to belittle the government," he said.

Graves also felt that we should educate everyone on the issues of government, raising civic awareness.

Only 60.2 percent of voting Kansans participated in the major election. Graves made references to the importance of civics in today's government that we have a society with a "spot government."

In closing Graves said the most important aspect of civics policy is the people.

IN REVIEW

"Rid of Me" still fresh after nine years


Page 4



IN FEATURES

Where do those greenbacks go? A breakdown of student spending

Page 4



IN SPORTS

Bulldog softball team drops two in league opener

Page 6



The McPherson College SPECTATOR

Volume 86, No. 9 "Serving to inform a community" March 22, 2002

NEWS BRIEFS

Bob Vesely resigns from advancement

Bob Vesely, director of gift planning, has recently decided to leave his position in the advancement office at the close of this academic year.

Potts accepted into Phi Alpha Theta

History major, Laura Potts, soph., Chandler, Okla., has been accepted into Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society of History.

To be a member, an undergraduate student in history must have taken at least 12 credit hours in history while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average.

Students participate in Sterling art show

Val Ebersole, Wichita, and Jenny Burgett, McPherson, have been selected to participate in the 28th Annual Prairie Art Exhibition in Sterling.

The show, dominated by professional artists, runs through March 24. This is Burgett's second year participating in the show.

Frye contributes to science bulletin

Jonathan Frye, natural science, has written an article that will appear in the spring issue of "Plant Science Bulletin."

Frye also recently submitted an abstract for an oral presentation in the Undergraduate Research Network symposium.



Morgan



Stover



Porter



Garcia



Tyler



Netherton



Bolhuis



Weakley

Elections Tuesday

Electronic voting process should save time for SGA

Kara Reiff
News Editor

Students will select an entirely new SGA executive board when they vote for SGA officers Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26 and 27.

For the first time, voting for the executive offices of the Student Government Association will be done electronically. Students will cast votes for their selected candidate using computers on campus.

The idea for electronic voting came from a seminar at a leadership conference.

Voting for the offices of president, vice-president, publicity and activities director, secretary and treasurer will begin at noon, Tuesday, March

26 and will end at noon on Wednesday, March 27. Students can vote at any campus computer.

Students will be able to access the voting site on the web and will log in using the first four letters of their last name, the first three letters of their first name and their student identification number. Members of the campus community, including off-campus students, will be notified about how to get to the voting Web site on Monday, March 25.

SGA members will be in the lobby of Hoffman Student Union during mealtimes if students need help with the voting process.

The new voting procedure should help SGA tally votes

faster and more efficiently.

Candidates for president are Rebecca Stover, fr., Quinter, and Laura Morgan, sr., Culpeper, Va.

"I would like to be a strong force for the college," Morgan said. "I'm active in campus life, not only academically but administratively."

Morgan would like to improve on some of the things that seem to be common complaints about the college, including lack of respect from students and lack of enthusiasm for activities.

Although Stover had not originally planned to run for president, she sees it as a good opportunity to get to know

See ELECTIONS, page 8

Early classes nixed by EPC

Elissa Thompson
Editor in Chief

No 7:30 a.m. classes will be offered next year. Educational Planning Committee nixed the early morning classes in an action taken last Wednesday.

"The driving force behind this decision was to have more classes at optimal learning times," said Karlene Tyler, registrar.

According to Tyler, very few courses were using the 7:30 time slot because many faculty members find it difficult to teach students at this time. EPC believed that giving students until 8:30 a.m. to begin their academic day would be positive.

This schedule change will also directly affect athletic practices. Traditionally held from 4 to 6 p.m., the primary time for practices next year will be from 6 to 8 a.m.

"For quite a few years EPC has considered morning athletic practices, but we never pursued it," Tyler said.

After conversations in Student Enrollment Services this year, LaMonte Rothrock, associate dean of students, presented the morning sports practice idea to coaches, they approved.

"They thought that if students could get motivated to get up and exercise, they would be ready for class," Tyler said.

Both coaches and EPC also viewed practices during cool morning hours rather than during the heat of

the day as a benefit for athletes. Teams will also have the option to practice from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., pushing evening classes back to 7 p.m.

"We wanted to make a schedule that provided optimal learning time for classes, not practices," Tyler said.

EPC also wants the new schedule to meet most general education courses at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 in the morning and in the afternoon at 1:45.

With the addition of freshman-level courses in business, education and theater, EPC was afraid that leaving classes in their current state would crowd the rest of the time slots.

"We wanted there to be an even distribution of general education courses," Tyler said.

EPC is dealing with how to utilize the Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:30 a.m. time slot that is currently occupied by convocations and chapel. Members believe that this hour would be a beneficial time for classes to meet.

Pushing the schedule back will affect afternoon classes, too. Some small, upper-level classes will be offered at 4 p.m.

"The 4 p.m. session won't be used a lot, but it wouldn't conflict with athletic practices," Tyler said.

EPC is also discussing the possibility that the lunch break be lengthened to 40 min. Which would mean that classes will break for lunch at 12:20 p.m., and resume at 1 p.m.

See CLASSES, page 8

Whitacre resigns, position filled by fall

Shandi Schoming
Spectator Staff

After seven years at McPherson College, Kathryn Whitacre has announced her resignation as career and personal counseling coordinator.

The college is hoping to fill the position by July 1, so the program will be up and running by the beginning of the next academic year.

"The most important goal we have is to develop internships and field experience here in McPherson," said President Neil Thorburn. "We're hoping to get a career center set up that can make suggestions and set up interviews for students. Then, a faculty member can serve as the sponsor and make the final report on the internship."

Several steps are being taken to ensure that students who need help in the career services area get the assistance they need.

Amy Crabbs, career and personal counseling assistant, will continue to send out credentials and help students with information relevant to job searches.

Several seminars in résumé writing will start after Spring Break. The seminars will meet on specific evenings and Sunday afternoons, and they will provide multiple opportunities

for students to sit down and work on their résumés.

LaMonte Rothrock, associate dean of students, said that the whole career services area is planning to expand.

"I anticipate an expansion of services in the program by next fall. One of our main goals in the program is that every student will have an internship in the area of their interest. We are also looking at the possibility of job shadowing for each student within their first or second year at McPherson," Rothrock said.

The administration wants to make sure that students know their needs will be met—if students have a problem in the career services area, they need to contact Rothrock.

"I feel very comfortable with Kathryn. Whoever they find to replace her should be someone like her—someone people aren't afraid to go to," said Munira Hamud-Socoro, sr., St. Louis, Miss. "I'm concerned they might get someone who students are scared to approach. They need to find someone who will go the extra mile for students."

Whitacre's last day will be March 28.

"Kathryn has brought a variety of experiences and perspectives to McPherson College, and she will be missed," Rothrock said.

SGA approves spring budget, 11 organizations receive funding

Elizabeth Stover
Spectator Staff

The Student Government Association approved its budget for the spring semester last Thursday, March 15. A total of \$28,971 was apportioned between 11 campus organizations and clubs, including SGA activities.

The budget is made up of student activities fees, collected at the beginning of each semester. Each student enrolled at McPherson College contributes \$87 each semester. Because of lower enrollment in the spring, SGA had less money available than in the fall.

Although the amount of money available was less, SGA gave each club nearly half of what they requested.

"We don't play favorites," said Courtney Hammond, SGA treasurer. "If there's not enough for everyone to get what they asked for, we approve the same amount for each one."

Funding for SGA activities is apportioned first; then individual club budgets are determined. Each club must submit a budget request in order to receive funds.

"A little difference this semester from last is that SGA planned out all our activities first so we knew exactly how much would be left for clubs," Hammond said.

After accounting for SGA expenses, the total amount left for other clubs was \$16,135.56. SGA expenses include salaries for SGA executive board, The Barker and The Spectator, money for the sand volleyball court, a trip to SGA leadership conference, movie and bowling contracts and a few other activities.

SGA sponsors such activities as casino night, bingo and karaoke night. Weekly movie nights and bowling are the two most expensive activities that SGA provides.

After receiving budget requests from organizations, Hammond, sr., Lindsborg, is responsible for creating a preliminary budget for the semester. The budget committee, overseen by Dave O'Dell, business and accounting, then has the opportunity to ask questions and check figures.

"Ultimately, we'd like to meet students' needs through clubs," said LaMonte Rothrock, SGA sponsor. "If they were more active then we'd have less SGA activities."

When reviewing a budget request, the committee re-

2001-2002 SGA BUDGET		
	Spring 2002	Year 2001-02
Total Student Fee Revenue	\$28,971	\$59,508
SGA Expenditures		
Salaries (Exec. Bd., Spec., Barker)	4,350	8,700
Debt Service		8,500
Homecoming		5,000
Movie Night	2,450	2,450
Bowling	1,600	1,600
Basketball Goals		2,000
Sand Volleyball	1,000	1,000
Other Activities	2,773	2,773
	\$12,173	\$32,023
SGA Allocations		
Barker	\$ 4,341	\$ 8,769
Business Club	3,315	3,936
Spectator	1,795	3,665
C.A.R.S Club	2,820	2,820
McPherson Mudhuckers	1,356	2,056
Peace Awareness	1,473	2,053
M.U.S.I.C.	150	475
Others	885	1,971

views several factors. According to Rothrock, they might ask the following questions: Has the club has taken the initiative to raise any funds on its own? Based on the club charter, is the activity related to what they say they're about?

"We try to serve as many students for the money," Rothrock said. "If someone wants

\$1,000 for eight people and someone else can do something for \$400 for 20 people, that's better."

Students are invited to voice their feelings about the way the money is allocated.

"If students are concerned, let us know. This is their money," Rothrock said. "We need to know what they want to have happen."

Editorials

STAFF EDITORIAL

SGA budget decisions bring bigger questions

Issue: SGA budget approval and wrangling
Our Position: A larger review of the system is in order. The questions posed by problems encountered begs a further discussion of the issue.

IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT SCRAMBLE FOR SGA budget approval, it seems a review of the system is in order. Currently, clubs turn in budget requests at the start of each semester. The official budget is suggested by a sub-committee and approved by the student-elected board of representatives. Funds are drawn from student activity fees, which come from tuition. As a result, funds may fluctuate due to increasing or decreasing enrollment. Clubs are given notice if their budgets are approved at mid-semester. Ideally, these numbers would be approved by the

beginning of each semester, allowing SGA to apportion funds without pressure from clubs who have activities planned at the beginning of the semester. Just because we're used to doing things one way doesn't necessarily mean that it is best. It might be time to start asking questions.

Would it be effective to have budgets requested and approved a semester earlier? What would the benefits of an earlier budget request be? While it would force clubs to plan ahead by several months, activities could begin earlier and involve more people. With more time to plan, more money could be granted and better activities planned. If this was the case, clubs might become more active on campus. By supplying entertainment for the student body, clubs would essentially free SGA of this responsibility and leave them to deal with campus issues and politics.

If a club's budget request was not approved, there would be ample time to adapt. Fund raisers could be planned in a more timely fashion to supplement whatever money SGA might be able to give.

Are there negative aspects of switching to early budget requests? Students' activity fees would be funding the next semester. Students would be supporting activities in which they might not participate due to transfer or graduation. On the other hand, after a few semesters, everything would even out because new students would not pay for their first semester of activities.

If students help plan the next semesters' activities, they will be investing themselves in the future, committing themselves to their club and this college. This added involvement might aid in retention.

By planning a semester in advance, SGA and clubs would know the amount of money available overall. This would allow time to plan ahead for bigger events.

Which system is better? On one hand, large groups such as Business Club may benefit from being able to plan ahead. They will know how much money they have to use, instead of turning in a budget request with no idea of available funds. But, is it realistic for small clubs such as G-Clef or Peace Awareness to know all the activities they might hold months in advance? Is there a happy medium?

A process of questioning the current procedures should be enacted. As the recent wrangling over money issues demonstrates, there might be a better way to go about deciding how clubs on campus receive money.

We should continue to question and think about the current processes that SGA uses. Only after a careful scrutiny may we decide what should be done about the issue.

The McPherson College SPECTATOR

Vol. 86, No. 9

Mar. 22, 2002

The McPherson College Spectator is published by the Student Government Association of McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas 67460. A Board of Publications is provided for by the SGA constitution, and this group directly oversees publication of the Spectator.

The Spectator is published six times a semester, allowing for the interruption of school holidays. Student activity fees subsidize publishing costs, and all McPherson College students are entitled to a copy of each issue without subscription fee.

Subscription information for non-students is available upon request from The Spectator Business Manager at the address above.

Publisher	SGA Board of Publications
Business Manager	Courtney Hammond, Chair
Ad Sales Manager	Wes Hoffert
Online Editor	Peter Samland & Wes Hoffert
Faculty Adviser	Peter Samland
	Bruce Clary
Editorial Staff	
Editor in Chief	Elissa Thompson
News Editor	Kara Reiff
Editorial Pages Editor	Luke Chennell
Features Editor	Amy Sellke
Sports Editor	Elizabeth Stover
Photography Editor	Janelle Flory

MAC OPINIONS

What are your plans for spring break?



"Going to Cancun or South Padre--somewhere in Mexico."
—Ashley Wilhite, Jr., Branson, Mo.



"Working on Cord cars at Stan Gilliland's shop in Wellington."
—Danny Gutierrez, Jr., Houston, Texas



"I'm going to go on the service trip to Pennsylvania with Marie Rhoades."
—Yazmin Cartamo, Jr., Veracruz, Mexico



"Going home, and then to South Padre Island."
—Tom Austen, Sr., Denver, Colo.



"Going home, and then to South Padre Island."
—Alice Deal, soph., Mt. Vernon, Texas



"Working on Cord cars at Stan Gilliland's shop in Wellington."
—Nate Lander, soph., Arkansas City

Technology makes Kansas weather more tolerable

Spring is busily in the process of uncoiling itself, and in Kansas that means a few different things. For one, it means that my three days of perfect weather for the year are near. For another, it means that spring break will soon be upon us. Most importantly, it means that the weather is about to change.

Weather in Kansas is a strange thing. I've never really managed to understand it, mostly because it refuses to be understood by even the best of meteorologists. I watch them with regularity, and I have to admit that they provide me a great amount of joy. Their cavortings often degenerate into a sort of deeper pondering; looking at the impossible, they call to Yahweh for help.

It's very entertaining, really, and so is the practical end of their guessings. The weather, seemingly, has no particular relation to them, or to anything. It's been the same way in most places that I've been, but somehow in Kansas it is more profound. Elsewhere, the weather may take its own notion every once in a while, or may be a bit tardy in its arrival, but here it seems to come literally out of the blue, out of nowhere to pillage and destroy.

I enjoy it a great deal, actually. A 20-degree temperature change in the span of half an hour is really quite profound, especially when there's no clue that it's coming. A tornado here,



Ramblings from a Room

LUKE CHENNEL

a hailstorm there, why not? It all adds a little spice to the place. Granted, I don't care to be outside for the events, but civilization prevails at least enough that I can watch the show from a storm window.

I was reading something the other day about an electrical storm in the days of the cowboys that drove trail herds up here from Texas. The old-timers all swore that "It don't storm like it used to." I hear that sort of thing a lot from the old guys, and on the whole, I'm inclined to agree with them. The weather is a lot tamer than it used to be.

However, it seems to me that it is not more subdued simply because the storms lack ferocity; instead, it is more subdued because we are more isolated from it. Sitting in a nice warm house and not outside on the prairie, life is pretty nice. Sure, it might lightning a bit here, hail a bit there, but I'm inside and not soaking or frying on the plains.

I have a meteorologist to pontifi-

cate on the television to me about the horrible events that unfold, and I may freely turn off his balderdash and simply look outside if I wish. What's more, assuming everything is well insulated, I may simply retire for the evening and forget all about it.

Increasingly, we can isolate ourselves more and more from the elements, and I am all for it, given the fact that I still have the option of going out into it when I wish. Civilization has brought us a lot of beautiful and wonderful things. The whole notion of going back to nature is perfectly lovely in and of itself, but it would not be so lovely if we had to live with it all the time. Who really wants to go out in the middle of a hailstorm? Give me a day with bright sunshine, little wind, and a few convenient trees for shade, and I'll be more than happy to spend all day lounging around outside, though.

From what I can see, life is pretty good these days, and since spring is here, it can only get better. Winter in Kansas is a pretty nasty thing, and I'm more than happy that it will soon be over. The sun will shine once more, green grass and high tides will come, and we will all live the high life for a while. That is, until the summer comes and it's 105 every day. Maybe this weather stuff isn't so great after all.

Trash search results in new perceptions about recycling

My grandfather used to tell jokes. He would say, "Once upon a time, there was a man who went to a tailor to get a suit for his wedding. Twenty-five years later, his son was getting married, and he had to go back to the same tailor to get a new suit. When he walked into the shop he shouted out, 'It's me again.'"

Well, it's me again. Just in case you don't remember me, I am the only environmental stewardship major here at McPherson College. I am doing a conservation plan for my senior project and will look at the water and energy use and the waste disposal of McPherson College, and suggest things that we can improve. Lately, I have been up to some fun stuff. If you were walking around campus Saturday, March 9, you would have seen Wes Hoffert and me climbing through the four trash dumpsters, sorting through the trash on campus.

I know everyone is upset that they did not get to experience this trash-digging event, so allow me to elaborate on what happened.

First of all, if anyone has a sudden urge to go dumpster diving, I will tell you from personal experience that the best dumpster to go through is in front of Plant Operations. There was really nothing disgusting and most everything was unrecyclable.

On the other hand, the worst dumpster to go through is behind the student union. I won't go into detail about what was found in them, but it was disgusting. Let's just say it took me a while to eat a hamburger and fries. The dorm dumpsters were not as bad, but we still found some interesting items.

The point of this dumpster diving



Planet Watch

ADELINA CRIFE

event was to measure how much of our campus trash can be recycled. We found that much of the trash tossed in the dumpsters should be recycled. Some of these items include newspaper, office paper, magazines, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and glass.

Perhaps some students don't know what to do with their recyclable garbage. There are aluminum cans and office paper bins for recycling here on campus. Which may explain why we only found a few cans and pieces of paper in the dumpsters. But I did find plastic bottles, newspapers and magazines for which do not have bins.

Going through the dumpsters was also a social lesson for me. People who saw us on campus reacted differently. Some people asked what we were doing and joked around with us, while others just said hi and walked on. There were also those who did not even look at us.

Some of these reactions made me feel like a social outcast. I know I was in the dumpster looking through trash, but I still go to school here. I was upset that some people who usually say hi to me would not even look up at me.

It is interesting how people react to trash. Let me remind you that trash is created by humans who buy

products and use them. After using them, people throw them out and they become trash. Trash does not magically disappear when it goes into a trashcan. I learned that the hard way.

In order to make our trash less disgusting and possibly give it a better name we should think about what we throw away. On the whole, McPherson College recycles the items that have bins on campus. But there is a need for more recycling on campus. And we also need to be throwing away less non-recyclable items.

Recycling is a quick fix to trash problems, but it does not solve the issue. The issue is that humans consume and throw away too much. If the excessive consumption would decrease, so would the amount of trash. The amount of nonrecyclable items that we found in many of the dumpsters was high.

As students, we could cut down on the amount of paper towels that are used and stop using Styrofoam cups. We could also refrain from throwing so much food away. Your parents probably told you to eat all of your food because of the starving and dying children in Africa. Here's another reason to eat your green beans: the food we waste has to go somewhere. The most obvious place is in the trash.

Trash is disgusting, but it is humans who make it that way. I experienced that firsthand. If we consume less and throw away more trash, things would not be so bad. So before you think about throwing away that Styrofoam cup, reuse it! And please think twice about throwing this newspaper away.

Kathryn to nurture
After eight years at McPherson College, and 25 years of lifetime work, Kathryn Whitacre is taking time out to raise her four-year old daughter Kyla and four-month old son Ryan. Her last day will be March 23.

In her run at McPherson, Whitacre served as associate dean of students, helped in the career department by coordinating the First Nighters program, directed plays and most recently, directed the career and personal counseling program.

"I really missed getting to work with Kathryn in student government and in the kitchen at First Nighters this year," said Nichole Williams, Jr., Centennial.

Williams appreciated Whitacre's active involvement in student life.

"I feel like she's someone I can take problems to," Williams said. "I hope she will choose to be a presence on campus even though she's not working here."

Whitacre has decided that her family life should take precedence over her career for the time being.

Whitacre does not want her children in full-time daycare. "I'm leaving because Chris [her husband] and my schedules don't lap like they used to," she said.

In a campus-wide e-mail, LaMonte Rothrock, associate dean of students, called Whitacre's new job the most important of her life.

"I know it's a luxury that unfortunately not all people can have," said Whitacre, "I wish everyone that wanted

Caf staff
Elissa Thompson
Editor in Chief

Last year The Spectator reported that around 700 glasses, 1,200 spoons and 200 spoons were taken from the cafeteria in the past two years. Richard Sabatos, Sodex Marriott manager, says this problem has decreased from last year.

These theft issues threaten an increase in cafeteria costs. "They aren't taking as many glasses because they aren't big this year," Sabatos said. However, spoon theft is still a problem.

"They're stealing as many spoons, if not more, than last year," Sabatos said.

Students are also leaving the cafeteria with plates of food. The Sodexo

FOR HELP WITH MILLER LIBRARY CONTACT Elissa Thompson Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday IF 'A' IS BEFORE MILLERHORN COMPUTER CENTER CONTACT Elissa Thompson

WRITE

Basketball, TV and a dog can kill spring woes

I hear it coming, friends. It's trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored. This train is bound for glory, and the train's name is spring break.

I've been diagnosing the campus, and I have come to the conclusion that every student, every faculty member and every member of the staff is suffering from a disease. On "Office Space," that annoying guy with the flare called it "a case of the Moondays." That phrase bothers me, so I will refrain from using it. It's just plain grouching.

We are grouchy, and we can admit it. Owning the problem is the first step to overcoming it. Why so grouchy, McPherson? There's good stuff happening! If you are ready to



Big Chief's Tablet

ELISSA THOMPSON

accept that you are grouchy, here are some tips to overcome it.

For one, you should watch intramurals. The last games take place this Sunday night.

You have may missed the Mudhuckers, who shelved their Frisbees and picked up their basketballs. The first few games were rough, but they drained threes, rebounded like they owned the goal and basically played some entertaining

ball.

Don't cry! You can still catch Bulldog football players who ditched their cleats and helmets to step onto the court. Don't miss Charlie Hill's stint as the big man under the goal or Robert Ullom's offensive hustle.

If watching the football team doesn't cheer you up, stick around to see the faculty and staff team. Compiled of such players as Erik Dickkut, cross country coach; Dan Hoffman, athletic director; David Cunningham, head football coach; Dave Barrett, academic counselor; and a few other secret weapons. They may be older than their opponents, but they play like they are in their prime.

You don't like basketball. I

understand. I love it, but I recognize that not everyone can love every sport. Don't fret, sports can only satisfy a select few.

Television can sometimes make that gray sky blue. I advise you to turn on "Rendez-view." This is the best dating show of all time. Two people meet, they go on a date and the date is captured in living color by the "Rendez-view" cameras.

Then, comedian Greg Proops and relationship expert Ellen Ladowski team up with two other celebrities to analyze the daters' every move. It's terrific to watch this team make fun of other people and smile because they aren't making fun of you!

Maybe the subject of dating

is nasty for you, and you would rather not be reminded. This is also understandable. I still have a solution.

For this last one, you don't have to turn on your television, you don't even have to leave our campus. Just take your grouchy little self down to the deans' suite. Grab yourself some peanuts and candy corn or some of Janice Haldi's hot tamales and visit the our hidden campus treasure Elsie Rothrock, therapy dog.

This dog is amazing, and she has her own pedestal in LaMonte Rothrock's office. She wants you to pet her, and she loves attention. I'm guessing that you have seen her. She sometimes sits outside the cafeteria, watching us partake of our noontime meals.

Don't worry! It's perfectly all right for her to be in the cafeteria. LaMonte told me himself that his dog is so wonderful she even has the right to be in Applebee's. She's a therapy dog, people. She's three times cleaner than your average non-therapy dog. The only thing this dog couldn't do at Applebee's is cook, and that's just because she doesn't have opposable thumbs.

Degrouchify, Mac College. Your spring break is on its way, and you deserve, but until then, take advantage of the smaller things that life has to offer you!

So, until next time, in the style of my favorite "Rendez-view" host, I'm Elissa Thompson, the column is Big Chief's Tablet. Peace out!

Youth, adventure and fun: the key to having a good time during spring break

It is hard to imagine that just a short while ago we were moving in, starting a new year of school. But here it is, spring break, the time to go out and have some fun.

Now comes the big question: What are you doing for spring break? Everyone I ask has the same unoriginal answer: "I am going home for my vacation." Come on, there has to be some place better than home. Granted, some of us live a good distance away from home and haven't seen our family in a long time, but hey, these are our college years. Aren't we supposed to go somewhere we have never



Guest Columnist

TOM MILLER

been before?

I don't know about you, but every time I hear the term spring break, a mental picture comes to mind. I see sandy beaches full of college students making new friends, staying up all hours of the night and living it up. Of course, my home being a few short hours from the beach never hurts

this idea. I know everyone has seen those spring break specials on MTV where everyone is partying and having fun. It doesn't have to be that wild. You just have to go have some fun somewhere, away from home. Just do something. Don't sit at home all week watching those wild people on TV wishing you were there. Get out and do something. How about it, everyone, let's do something different this year. If you haven't seen a part of the country and have always wanted to go for it! See the Black Hills of South Dakota. If you have never seen the Carolinas, get in your

car and drive. If you've ever wondered what California looks like head on out. Do something other than head home. If you must go home, at least take a buddy with you and let him or her see your part of the world. I guarantee that if you do, you will see new areas of even your hometown. You have to look at it this way: When you graduate, you are going to move back home, get a job, work at least 40 hours a week, and most jobs don't give you much for vacation. Now is the time to do it. Be young, be free, be wild! Travel somewhere you have never seen. You never know, you might

end up liking it there and decide to move there when you graduate. Otherwise, you will go through your life with blinders on believing that your hometown is where it's at. But you will never know unless you have a few adventures in life. When I get back from my break (which I guarantee I am not going home for), I don't want to hear, "Man, my break sucked. I was bored all week. I was ready to come back to school." I am going to know right away all you did was go home and sit in front of the tube wishing you were there with those people on the beach having fun.

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.

Is fighting the answer to conflicts? Exploring the motives and results of violence

For the first time since I was in high school, I had a real altercation with an individual that could have easily gotten ugly. It was a classic case of his not wanting to lose face and my not wanting to let go of my so-called dignity. What is dignity about and how is it deciphered? Who should be the one to decide what is dignified or not? Who possesses the skill to issue rights so that they do not infringe on the rights of other people? Should it be society or the individual? My guess is neither, but both do it anyway.

Walking away from a fight or what would become a fight could be undignified. Even



Guest Columnist

DEMETREE GAINES

when you have every reason you could think of to fight, but you do not—is that undignified? I have always, for the most part, talked my way out of altercations, since I was involved in an altercation in which a boy was badly hurt. Does this make me a coward? Sure, I have fought before, sometimes for the right rea-

sons and sometimes for the wrong. However, I only fought when absolutely necessary, and even then, was it really necessary?

He said something that ruffled my feathers a bit. So, in turn, I verbally lashed at him. It was a mistake—I should have just been quiet, but I wasn't. I guess what I said upset him more than he upset me.

I do not know if it was because his boys laughed or he just did not expect me to say anything at all. However, we soon engaged in a series of verbal exchanges that would not have been suitable for family entertainment. We even talked about fighting.

It had been a while since I felt that rush that you get before you go into fight mode. It was angry, anxious, confident and terrible all at the same time. It was almost spiritual, like a transit state. I could not even hear his words anymore.

Then, it happened. I had a spiritual experience right before what looked like was going to be a fight. I saw him broken and bleeding, with pure agony and hatred on his face. It was horrible. I thought about what I could do to him, and then I thought about what he could do to me.

The Holy Spirit told me that it was not my physical being that he would hurt, but my

soul. I looked again and his face became my own. I realized that I was hurting myself being involved in this silly mess, so I let go and left.

Since the incident, we can hardly look at each other without thinking about it. At least I cannot. I should not have said anything at the beginning. That would have solved everything. He dared me like my mom used to—if you touch that stove, I will spank your butt. My thought when he dared me was the fact that I am 27 years old. I am not going to let some 18 year-old kid punk me out.

He teased me and taunted me; it got to me. They treated

Jesus Christ like that. What did he do? He did not lash out at them, for sure.

It was not dignified at the time, but now we think it is because we understand the purpose of it. However, the apostles did not. They wanted him to fight back and save himself. Just think what life would be like if he had lashed out.

I have prayed about this and come to the conclusion that I am ashamed. Ashamed I let myself even get mixed up in a mess like this. I may even owe that kid an apology. Maybe that is what this is all about. You tell me if that would be dignified.

BY MIKE VRTISKA

Forks in the road of life raise questions about the nature of the cosmos

When you come to a fork in the road, which way do you go? Do you go in the direction that has been pre-determined or is your decision free will? Do you choose a certain direction seeking pleasure and avoiding pain or is there a powerful being directing your decisions?

I can't help but think about these questions sometimes (of course my thoughts never really get me to a decisive answer). I tend to think that our lives are what we make them and that we have the power to direct ourselves in a certain direction, but I also think that our past experiences can pull us toward certain decisions.

Even though this is what I think, who really knows if I am right? We really have no way of knowing for sure, yet many of the world's religions are based on the faith that that which a higher being has already decided we will do.

The only reason I say it would be easier is because it would take all control out of



Dee's Space

DENISE KRIESEL

our hands. If we knew that was the truth, we wouldn't have any reason to worry because nothing we did could affect the outcome. That idea really doesn't settle well.

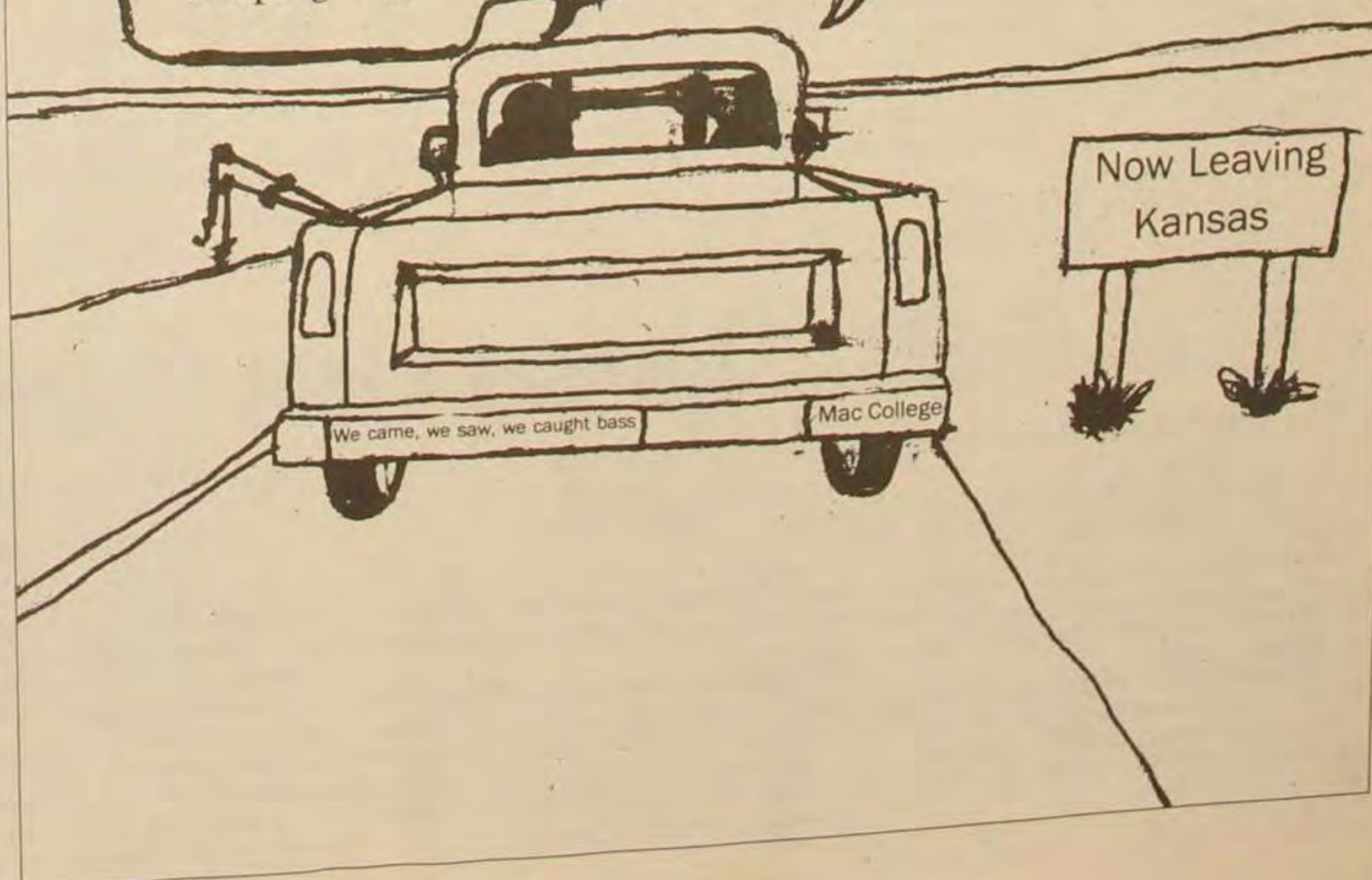
As Americans, maybe even as humans, we like to think we are in control and that we make the choices to do the things we do, like living in Kansas. If we all made that choice ourselves, why did we? Sure, many of us can list off a few good reasons (and not so good reasons) to be here, but maybe this is where we are supposed to be at this time.

Maybe we are supposed to experience the things we experience here and grow from it. There's no way to know for sure, is there?

COUNTRY MIKE'S CORNER

I sure hope I got everything for spring break. I got my fishing poles, my tackle, my tent and my sleeping bag.

Uhh... Country Mike? Where's Dirty Luke?





Where does our money go?



Amy Sellke
Features Editor

After leaving the enrollment line each semester, students are reminded of the heavy financial burden they bear attending McPherson College. The money leaves student bank accounts without warning, and the question lingering in its place is, "Where is all my money going?"

For starters, tuition is rising again for next year. Next year's tuition will be \$13,125. \$17,700 is total cost. Tuition for this year was \$12,500. To help offset the higher costs, academic scholarships will be on the rise as well.

"The costs of doing business such as utilities, health insurance premiums for employees went up, and the staff just got a significant raise," Fred Schmidt, dean of enrollment management and director of admissions, said.

Ebony Williams, jr., Kansas City, is not in favor of the tuition increase.

"I don't like it. I've been here three years and tuition has gone up all three of them. It's getting to the point that I can't afford it anymore. I keep having to take out bigger loans," Williams said.

On the other hand, students who receive the additional scholarship based on their GPA will save money. They will receive from \$500-\$750 and the tuition increase is only \$625.

"They're doing a pretty good job with the scholarship in-

"They're doing a pretty good job with the scholarships, but they're just trying to sit on the problem."

—Ebony Williams

creases, but they're just trying to sit on the problem," Williams said.

The money students pay to residence halls goes towards utilities, maintenance, etc. Meal plan money is applied toward the meal contracts with Sodexo Marriott to replace equipment taken out of the cafeteria by students, and repair new equipment such as ovens or dishwashers.

Two years ago, Sodexo also invested in new carpet and tables for the cafeteria.

Actually, tuition money received from students covers only approximately 41.6% of the actual costs of operation, Schmidt said.

The remainder of the money must be raised in gifts. It also comes in as income from the college endowment.

Most students don't even pay the full amount, and receive aid through scholarships and grants.

One common misconception is that the college uses students' tuition dollars on new buildings and construction jobs.

Over the next months there will be improvements to the new dorms, Harnly Gardens will be beginning to form,

DID YOU KNOW...*

- It costs \$10 million per year to operate Mac
- Only \$4.5 million comes from student tuition
- \$1.7 million is awarded back to students
- Repairs, electricity, etc. by Plant Operations cost \$500,000 per year
- It costs \$100,000 a year to update computers and leases
- \$300,000 is given back every year to students with campus jobs
- Faculty and staff salaries and benefits cost \$4.5 million per year
- Gifts and donations bring in \$850,000 per year
- The McPherson College endowment fund earns \$1,007,000 a year. (Only a certain amount is usable due to donation restrictions)

* All amounts are approximate and subject to change

Templeton Hall will continue to be updated, the library will receive new additions and improvements will be made to the Sport Center. However, the money to complete these projects does not come from students' pockets. Rather, it is raised or donated by alumni and friends of McPherson College.

"As students care for the facility better, the cost of maintenance is reduced," Schmidt said.

Williams hopes that her mon-

ey can be used for things that she can appreciate.

"I would like to see the campus get more vending machines," Williams said. "And maybe a better sound system in the gym."

Williams said that if the school stays on one steady tuition rate and focuses more on retaining students, the price would be cheaper for each student. She feels that the school could do this if "they had better facilities and gave out more money."

"What the school charges is very reasonable in comparison to other small private colleges."

—Carol Williams

Schmidt said a key to lowering individual bills is to "encourage others to attend here."

Carol Williams, financial aid, said, "What the school charges is very reasonable, in comparison to other small private colleges. It is quite an undertaking to operate the campus."

Students also pay a general student fee of \$220 per year. Almost all of that goes to SGA, the rest to the Dean of Students office.

The Dean of Students office uses its share of student fees to fund student activities.

SGA full board meets once a week, and the executive board meets twice a week. At every meeting money is discussed.

"We're funded well compared to other small schools," said LaMonte Rothrock, associate dean of students.

In return, SGA funds all clubs, intramurals, bowling nights, movie nights, dances, bingo, service projects and the Barker and Spectator staffs.

The last major project by SGA was the outdoor basketball courts.

"They were very expensive, but needed. We feel good about it," Rothrock said.

The next goal for them is to

put in sand volleyball courts and a barbecue pit with tables by May 1.

As student enrollment goes down SGA has been forced to cut budgets.

Rothrock said that there were many things SGA wanted to do with the money, but they had to be realistic at the same time.

"Every semester, based upon enrollment, we have to have a budget meeting," said student body president, Chet Buchman.

Ebony Williams is unimpressed with the way SGA handles the funding.

"I don't think they are doing a very good job at asking students' input. Unless you're in a club, you get no funding. We've talked to people before in meetings and it's always talk, not really putting anything into action," Williams said.

Rothrock feels that students aren't using the elected representatives to channel input to the student government.

"I would encourage people to be more vocal, and to do a better job communicating," Rothrock said. "Our hope is to try and represent all groups. It is a matter of who you choose to represent you."

It's important to realize that the money that students pay is used to improve the quality of their experience at McPherson College, Schmidt said.

"Just remember that none of the charges we make here are for profit," Schmidt said. "And that faculty is the biggest expense."

PJ Harvey's "Rid of Me" grunge album still fresh; Warner suggests listeners add Harvey to collection

PJ Harvey "Rid of Me"
Produced by: Steve Albini
Island Records 1993

Making her arrival into the music scene during the grunge rock movement of the early '90s, PJ Harvey, an English-born woman of pure emotion, was easily accepted into the world of rock with her unique musical style. She was only part of the rise of female rock acts in 1992 along with such acts as Aimee Mann and The Breeders.

"Rid of Me" is still looked upon today as one of the best and most influential alternative rock albums released during the grunge rock era.

Aside from the artists that play on the record, what listeners should pay close attention to is the producer of the record, Steve Albini. Albini helped produce another influential alt-rock record: Nirvana's platinum-selling album, "In Utero," which was released the same year



Musical Notes

MICHAEL WARNER

as Harvey's "Rid of Me."

PJ Harvey needed very little help for this music machine to run the way she wanted it to. In the album, Harvey wrote all the songs with the exception of "Highway 61 Revisited," originally done by Bob Dylan.

Backing PJ Harvey, is drummer Robert Ellis, and bassist Steve Vaughan, who have the tough job of trying to keep up with Harvey's varied emotion. The heavy drumline and fuzziest bass, however, do not compare to everything else Harvey contributes.

In "Rid of Me," we find PJ Harvey singing, playing a heavily compressed and distorted guitar, and even playing

cello, violin, and organ.

PJ Harvey's writing and singing style is an eclectic mix of agony, sorrow, power and rage. Her singing can be described as thick, energetic, and even seductive. Her raw style reveals a vulnerable side to her personality.

The envious lyrics and possessed singing in "Yuri-G" express Harvey's jealousy towards a girl more perfect for the man of her dreams: "She's so white/She's so clean/I'm telling you/She's everything/I'd give it all/My sorry eyes/Give just everything/She's got me so mesmerized."

On the other end of Harvey's emotional spectrum, we often find her showing off her inner power, as she does in "50-Foot Queenie." The song starts with little to pay attention to, but the sudden rush of energy exuded by crunching guitars playing seemingly indecipherable riffs and the song's tough lyrics make listeners think twice before seeing what's on the next track. The instruments

RATING (1-5) 5

in "50-Foot Queenie," drown out Harvey's vocals, but if you listen closely, you can feel her message. "Hey, I'm one big queen/ No one can stop me/ Red light, red green/ Sat back, I'm watching/ I'm number one/ Second to no one/ No sweat, I'm clean/ Nothing can touch me."

PJ Harvey also has the capacity to take a classic folk song, and spice it up into a loud and very emotionally charged rock cover. "Highway 61 Revisited" opens with a faint recording of Harvey singing and a compressed-sounding guitar playing a funk-fueled progression before suddenly coming to normal volume when you least expect it.

The loose interpretation of "Highway 61 Revisited" shows that not every cover song has to be played exactly the same as the original song. The melody and instrumentation are changed completely, making



one wonder if Dylan contributes to any aspect of the music at all.

"Rid of Me" might have been made nine years ago, but it captures every bit of emotion that you would hear from most any modern rock band. The record is still as fresh today as it was when it first came out,

and has made a great impact in the world of rock music. Open your minds. Give this a spin.

Rating (1-5): 5
Official Website:
www.pjharvey.net

Related Artists: Garbage, Tori Amos, Helium, The Breeders

Show price \$2
Includes: ticket,
popcorn, and water

Tuesday Night Movies

The Time Machine
Rated: PG-13
(1:45) 9:10 p.m.
Ice Age

Scientist and inventor Alexander Hartdegen is determined to prove that time travel is possible. His determination is turned to desperation by a personal tragedy.

Testing his theories with a time machine of his own, Hartdegen is hurtled 800,000 years into the future, where he discovers that mankind has divided into the hunter... and the hunted.

Ice Age
Rated: PG
(1:35) 8:40 p.m.

Twenty thousand years ago, the Earth was being overrun by glaciers and creatures everywhere.

This quartet of misfits unexpectedly, and reluctantly, comes together in a quest to return a human infant to his father. Braving boiling lava pits, treacherous ice caves, freezing temperatures and a secret, evil plot, these "sub-zeroes" become the world's first heroes!

E.T. The Extra Terrestrial
Rated: PG
(2:15 Min.) 9:15 p.m.

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, Universal Pictures and Amblin Entertainment are re-releasing this remarkable film.

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial is the thrilling and deeply moving story of the special friendship that develops between Elliott, a lonely young boy living in a suburban California community, and a wise, benevolent visitor from another planet who becomes lost on Earth.

Cinema IV Theaters
318 N. Main
McPherson, Kan.

Blade 2
Rated: R
(2 Hrs.) 9:20

The blood coursing through Blade's veins is half human and half vampire.

Whistler, is Blade's partner and their mission is to hunt vampires.

When Blade left Whistler he believed he was dead, but the truth is worse; he's been infected with the vampire virus.

Now living in Prague, Blade learns he is alive and sets out to find him.

The Spectator
Fall sports
recruiting
athletes
DeAnn James
and Elissa Thompson
Spectator Staff
Editor in Chief
Gearing up for
the volleyball and
grams are heavily
Nathalea Stephen
leyball coach, in
phone calls and tra
rado, South Carol
Iowa and Kansas
nab prospective p
team. She has als
different schools.
Her search has
future players. Te
setter from Min
School intends to
son College in
Andrea Gonzalez
fer to McPherson
as hitter for the L
year.
Stephenson has
new in the past an
tracted McPherso
in becoming part
squad.
"They're already
looking at five or
Stephenson said.
David Cunning
ball coach, has a
the recruitment t
with student enr
to host special vi
spective football
bined total of Fi
have attended.
Aside from the
ningham is finish
visits to high s
phone calls and
Cunningham t
defense while re
for next year's t
Chris Shields,
Martinez, Okla
tackles, have ex
tent to play at M
ing them on defe
Patton, Kan., and
Kan., playing o
Anthony Kelley,
stand on the defe
Stepping in for
the offensive lin
Whitehill, Kan. a
Texas. Wade M
take running bac
Binfet, Texas, is

Intro
[Image of a person]

Fall sports recruit athletes

DeAnn James and Elissa Thompson
Spectator Staff,
Editor in Chief

Gearing up for next year, both the volleyball and football programs are heavily recruiting players.

Nathalea Stephenson, head volleyball coach, has been making phone calls and traveling to Colorado, South Carolina, Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas in an effort to nab prospective players for her team. She has also sent flyers to different schools.

Her search has landed her two future players. Terra Simoneau, a setter from Minneapolis High School intends to attend McPherson College in the fall. Also, Andrea Gonzales, a spring transfer to McPherson, plans to serve as hitter for the Lady 'Dogs next year.

Stephenson has known Simoneau in the past and Gonzales contracted McPherson with interests in becoming part of the volleyball squad.

"They're already signed, and I'm looking at five or six other girls," Stephenson said.

David Cunningham, head football coach, has also been hot on the recruitment trail. He worked with student enrollment services to host special visit days for prospective football players. A combined total of Fifty-five recruits have attended.

Aside from the visit days, Cunningham is finishing his personal visits to high schools, making phone calls and sending flyers.

Cunningham tried to focus on defense while recruiting players for next year's team.

Chris Shields, Kan., and Ivan Martinez, Okla., both defensive tackles, have expressed their intent to play at McPherson. Joining them on defense are America Patton, Kan., and Lucas Lanning, Kan., playing defensive back. Anthony Kelley, Utah, will also stand on the defensive line.

Stepping in for the Bulldogs on the offensive line will be Drew Whitehill, Kan. and Jesse Wagner, Texas. Wade Martin, Kan., will take running back, and Timothy Binfet, Texas, is a place kicker.

Track is back: let the games begin

Contributed by Janar Bradford
Spectator Staff

McPherson track and field team members have stepped back onto the track for another season on the blacktop. With one meet down and the McPherson Invitational this Saturday, athletes are ready to go.

"I feel like it will be a good season, and a lot of fun," said Rebecca Stover, triple jump. "I know we have lots of potential."

This attitude has stemmed down from coach to player, for it is the same goals that coach Erik Dickkut has set. "I hope to be able to some of our players to Nationals. That's a goal for me every year."

This year's squads are filled with variety- experienced players and newcomers. The men's team consists of a new 4x100 m relay consisting of Michael Jameson, Randy Ladd, Brandon Pellerin, and Dennis

Joiner. Other new faces include Kenneth "R.J." Davis, high jump; Brandt Busse, long jump, javelin, 100m; Jason Benavides, javelin; and Wes Hoffert, 800m and 1500m.

"I'm looking forward to accomplishing a lot, like winning conference again, maybe more," Billy Ray said.

Ray and Shane Netherton are the only returning team members. Netherton plans to compete in the 1500m and 800m. Ray was All-Conference last year in the men's triple jump.

On the women side Treaset Horner, 100m; Sharla Odhams, 100m, 200m; Ashley Wilhite, 100m; Erin Marshall 100m; and Stover will work to earn points for the Bulldogs.

With a total of sixteen athletes out for track and field this year, numbers may still be a weakness for the teams.

"Everyone's got heart. We don't have many in number but having heart counts as well," said Ray.

Coach Dickkut feels that his squad's strengths will be in the 1500, 800, and field events.

The Dogs' competitive season began last Saturday, March 14 in Winfield. The Southwestern Invitational proved to be a good stepping-stone for all involved.

In the 100m dash, Horner placed 4th (13.19), Odhams 5th (13.39), and Wilhite in her first sprint 13th (14.59). Stover finished 4th in triple jump at 33'1". Cutburth grabbed 14th in shot put with 31'9".

"Coming in as a freshman and having no idea how things work, the Southwestern meet showed what competition is like and encourages me to work towards improving," Stover said. Stover's season goal is to jump 34-35" consistently. As for the men, Busse earned 3rd in



Brandt Busse takes a leap during track practice after the first meet of the season. Busse competed in long jump, javelin, and the 100m dash.



Melissa Cutburth practices the shot put at the Sport Center. She threw 31'9" in competition.

javelin (164') with only a single day of practice. Hoffert crossed the line in 11th place in the 1500m (4:28) and 15th in the 800m (2:07). Benavides finished 15th in javelin (117'3").

The McPherson College Invitational Track and Field meet will be held at the Bulldog stadium with field events beginning at 11:00 a.m. and track events at 12:00 p.m. Convo credit will be offered.

"This should be a good meet. With half of the KCAC plus a few out-of-state teams, it should help us get a better idea where we are with some of our folks," said Dickkut.

Colleges expected to participate are Bethany, Friends, Tabor, Ottwa,

Sterling, Bethel, York, College, Austin College, University of Dallas, and Fort Hays University.

SCOREBOARD	
Women's Softball	
0-2 KCAC	
2-6-1 Overall	
L v. Concordia (NE)	0-3
L v. Doane (NE)	2-9
T v. Iowa Wesleyan	3-3
L v. Tabor College	0-1
W v. Haskell	5-4
W v. Central Christian	5-2
L v. St. Mary College	0-8
L v. Sterling College	6-13
L v. Sterling College	1-8

Intramural play concludes Sunday



Erik Dickkut, head track coach, wins the tip-off for the faculty team in semi-final play against a student team. Omar Mireles, football coach David Cunningham and two others are also pictured. Bryan Hookes was one of three student referees officiating the tournament.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Crystal Richardson is a freshman from Muskogee, Okla., where she played varsity right and centerfield on her high school softball team. Richardson continues to play centerfield at McPherson, where she has become a key player on the squad.



Crystal Richardson

"She's been hitting real well," said head coach Mike McCormick, "and she's been doing alright on defense."

Richardson had four hits from five at-bats versus Sterling, one of which was a double. She also crossed home on two of the seven runs of the evening.

Peoples Bank and Trust

Member FDIC
Visit our website. www.peoplesbankonline.com
Now at three locations:
Main & Kansas
First & Main
North Dillons
620-241-2100

Treasure Chest Pawn Shop
1100 W. Kansas
McPherson, Kansas 67460
(620) 241-4022
\$\$\$\$ Need Cash \$\$\$\$ Cash to Loan or Buy

-We Sell-
Playstation
N-GA
SEGA
NES
Dressmaker Games
Plus Much MORE!

TV's and Stereo's
Computers
Tools
Musical Instruments
Cultures

BARB'S BAIL BONDS
Steve Sechler
(620) 242-5238 24 hr. number
(620) 241-4022 office
(620) 242-9569 pager
24 Hr. Service
"In Jail? Need Bail? Call Steve"

Religion, science center opens in Melhorn Hall

Lindsay Krehblel
Spectator Staff

The Center for Religion and Science has recently opened. The center, in Room 209 of Melhorn Science Hall, has been funded with the help of a \$5,000 grant from Rhodes Consultation on the Future of Church-Related Colleges and the McPherson College administration.

Jonathan Frye, assistant professor of natural science, applied for the grant last year while he was on sabbatical. When Melhorn was being built, Frye realized there would be an empty office and jumped at the chance to make use of it. He wanted a place for people to be able to meet and study or just to talk.

"I want to encourage discussion amongst the campus, but not just with the science and religion majors," Frye said.

He wants the student population to know that the CRS is open to anybody and everybody. Frye welcomes study groups and bible studies to use the room because it is a quiet, out-of-the-way place to meet.

Approximately half of the Rhodes grant money has been and will be used to provide the center with materials such as books, magazines and periodicals.

Currently, the CRS contains subjects ranging from biographies of Charles Darwin to stories about religion in higher education institutions. There is also a whole section about colleges and religion and how they have been merged together in institutions such as McPherson College.

Some books available in the center are copies of materials Frye used for his interterm evolution class and are available in the library.

"Now, there are approxi-

"I want to encourage discussion amongst the campus, but not just with the science and religion majors."

—Jonathan Frye

mately 50 books in CRS and I plan to have 100 by the end of the semester," Frye said.

The other half of the grant money will be used to provide for communication and hospitable surroundings. Guest speakers will be provided.

From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., daily, students are invited to bring their lunch and openly discuss anything. From 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., all students are welcome at the center for private reading and reflection.

Frye will be available in CRS from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays to meet in the center with anybody interested in discussion. Manny Diaz is available on Thursdays at 4 in Hoffman Student Union for open discussion as well.

CRS opens at 7:30 every morning and will close when Melhorn closes.

"I want CRS to be available whenever the building is open for students to utilize it," Frye said.

Currently, Frye is working on applying for an additional \$15,000 grant.

Frye encourages opinions about CRS, recommendations for additional books, and any ideas to add to the center. Frye plans on making CRS as large and as usable as possible. He has set no completion date, because he plans on continuing his project as long as he can and adding to it as much as possible.

Spring break service trip to fulfill college's mission

Rebecca Stover
Spectator Staff

About 19 students and two adult volunteers will head east March 28 to April 7 to donate their spring break to service opportunities.

Marie Rhoades, jr., Harrisburg, Pa., played a large role in the event's organization.

"I personally felt like I wanted to do something service-related for spring break," Rhoades said. "The more I thought about what I could do, I realized that other people might be interested in doing something too."

The trip fulfills the school mission, Rhoades said, and she believes it should be school-funded. She was amazed with the support she received.

"Lots of people are going, and lots of people showed interest but had conflicts. I wish it could be something the college does annually," Rhoades said.

With two 15-passenger vans for transportation, the group's first stop is Harrisburg, Pa. The group will work with two organizations, the first of which is the Brethren Housing Association.

The mission of BHA is to provide transitional housing for individuals and families with housing needs in an atmosphere of hope, respect, humility and patience. Emphasis is placed on goal setting and developing life skills and self-esteem.

Those who come to BHA are usually poverty-stricken and come with their children seeking shelter and a better life.

The other organization with which the group will be working is Brethren Community Ministries. Strongly rooted in the First Church of the Brethren in Harrisburg, BCM strives to promote Christ, peace, unity, and personal



photo by Janelle Flory

Marie Rhoades, jr., Harrisburg Pa., discusses the itinerary of the service trip students will be taking during spring break. The group of about 20 people met Wednesday in the lobby of Dotzour Hall to talk about some of the details of the trip. Also pictured are Mary Heape, vocal music; Jodi Good, soph., Anneville, Pa.; Danielle Lucore, fr., Springfield, Mo.; Christine Sheller, jr., Eldora, Iowa; Ana Benitez, sr., Quito, Ecuador; and Yazmin Carcamo, jr., Veracruz, Mexico.

growth while also tending to physical, emotional, educational, social, spiritual and financial needs of the community.

Jenny Harper, fr., Des Moines, Iowa, is no stranger to volunteer work.

"People can't always do things for themselves," Harper said, "I want to help them accomplish something. There is no better feeling in the world than knowing that you have brightened someone's life. Just seeing the way their face lights up makes it all worth it."

The group's work will include tasks such as cleaning and painting houses, visiting with children, folding and sorting clothes, and working at a local soup kitchen. In addition to five full days of work, the group will also spend time traveling and touring multiple cities in the area, including

New York City, Washington D.C., and Baltimore.

Easter Sunday will be spent at Camp Swatara, Pa. The Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren will provide lodging.

Mike Warner, fr., Hutchinson, Mo., has participated in volunteer work before and is looking forward to the trip.

"I want to do the service trip for a new experience," Warner said. I would like to be more productive during the break and experience a different part of the country that I have never been to."

Finances for the trip have been acquired from Bob Knechel, advancement, the Student Government Association and student fundraising. So far, the group has earned money through baby-sitting, car washes and personal donations. The group plans to do

more activities after the trip to help with final expenses.

With Larry Kitzel, instrumental music, and Mary Heape, vocal music, as sponsors, the tentative group is as follows:

Ana Benitez, sr., Quito, Ecuador; Yazmin Carcamo, jr., Veracruz, Mexico; Dean Feasenhiser, fr., Fruitland, Idaho; Jodi Good, soph., Anneville, Pa.; Nicholas Griggs, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Munira Hamud-Socoro, sr., St. Louis, Mo.; Harper, Kerstin Heist, sr., Loshausen, Germany; Moriah Hicks, fr., Eldorado, Ark.; Danielle Lucore, fr., Springfield, Mo.; Rhoades, Shandi Schoming, soph., Davenport Neb.; Christine Sheller, jr., Eldora, Iowa; Becky Snell, soph., McPherson; Matt Tobias, fr., Eldora, Iowa; Warner, and Sydney White, sr., Topeka.

Redesigned Web site launched

Attempting to improve recruitment, Mac redesigns its Web site to attract prospective students

Kerstin Helst
Spectator Staff

The college recently redesigned its Web site to improve the effectiveness of recruiting and to create a more student-oriented image.

After two years of planning, the Website was launched at the March 1 Board of Trustees meeting.

Both Joy Mehulka, director of communications, and Fred Schmidt, dean of enrollment management and quality assurance, are pleased with how it was accepted.

"I think the Board of Trustees responded favorably to it. One of their goals was to have it up in time," Mehulka said.

According to Fred Schmidt the meeting went well.

"The trustees were pleased with the design. I'm glad that they like it, but it is more important that the people like it," Schmidt said.

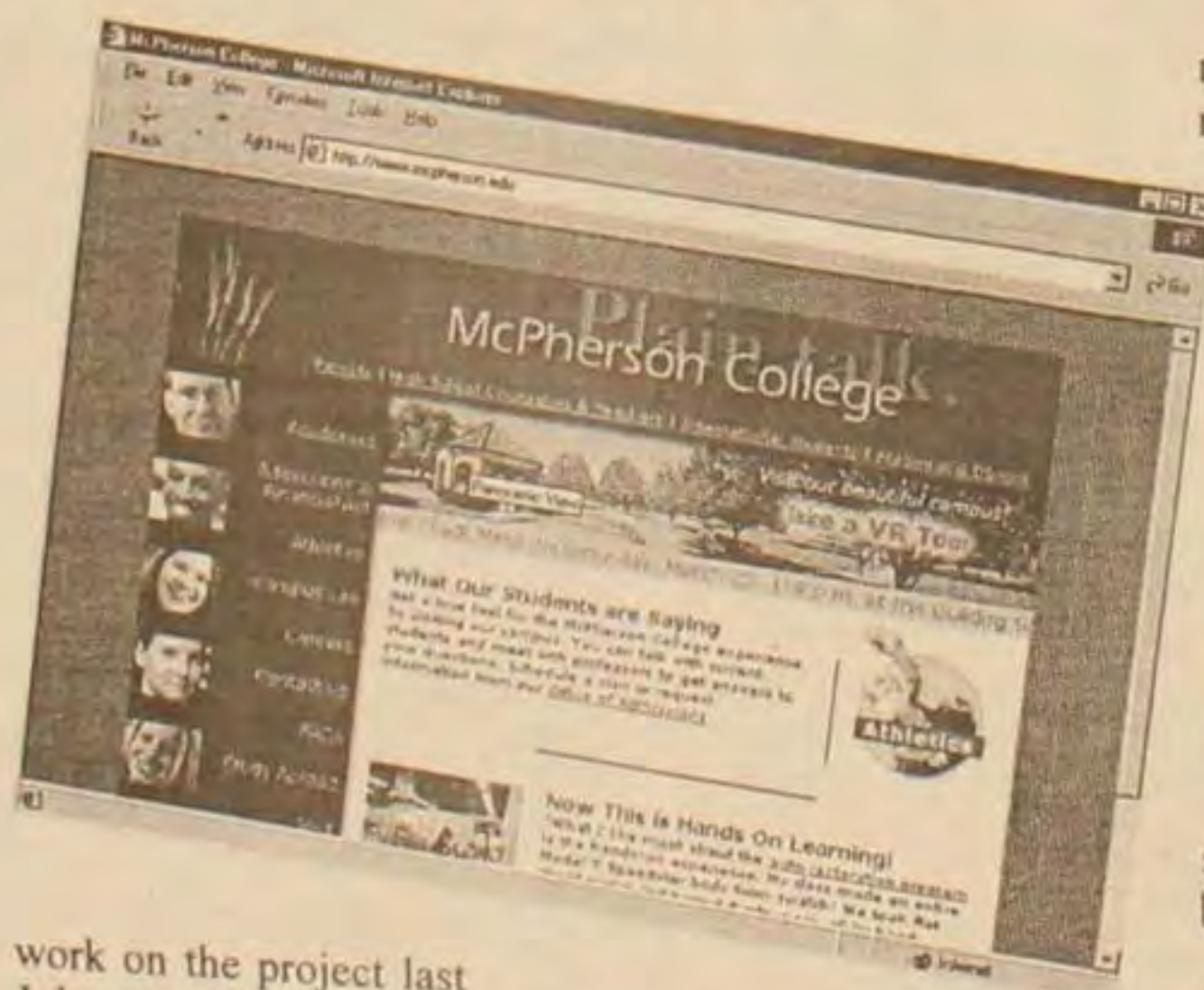
"Everything is integrated in the same concept and the same style of photography," Mehulka said. "The basic design of the former Web site was good, although in a different style, but the new Web site has more interactive possibilities, and is more personal because of the interviews."

Schmidt says that the new Web site is designed primarily for communicating outside of campus.

"The former Web site was like an archetype, and not really informational," Schmidt said.

Together with STAMATS Communications, the college gave its support to make the Web site much more effective in recruiting students and more student-oriented in navigating.

Mehulka, who began her



work on the project last July, says that the development of the new Web site goes along with the college's feature program. In July, much of the initial work such as structure, navigation and interviews was already in progress under Kristin Boyer, Mehulka's predecessor.

While the familiar URL <http://www.mcpherson.edu> and <http://www2.mcpherson.edu> give the general college information, <http://www1.mcpherson.edu>, as an intranet for serving the interests of current students, faculty and staff.

"As a major advertising tool the new Web site is intended to attract students to the college and to give the possibility to contact the college," Gitchell said.

Stressing the good cooperation with the computer depart-

ment, Mehulka, the webmaster and designer shares Gitchell's point of view.

"Our primary focus was to recruit students, so the new Web site has a contemporary look because college students are very aware of technology. From a marketing standpoint, it is such an easy way to compare, and easy to go online," Mehulka said.

While many parts of the site are up and running, it has not been finished.

"We need to complete a lot of links in the question and respond sector," Schmidt said.

He supports the idea of an automated email response for more personal contact and "to make things happen quickly."

According to Mehulka, the priority list including potential students, admissions, financial aid, feature program, athletics and alumni, had to be set first.

"Our secondary purpose is it to make it a useful site for students and other people," Mehulka said.

"It'll be exciting to work with different faculties concerning their activities as well as the students and their activities. All of it is important to show the college as a whole," she added.

Elections

from ELECTIONS, page 1

more about people and other parts of McPherson College.

"I think that being involved with SGA is the best way to become familiar with everything about the campus," Stover said.

Nathan Porter, fr., Quinter, is the unopposed candidate for vice-president.

"I am interested in being involved in SGA because I think it will be fun to be in a leadership role for the college and help decide what things will happen and what won't," Porter said.

Emily Tyler, jr., McPherson, will be running against Audrey Garcia, soph., Alpine, Texas, for SGA secretary.

"I wanted to get more involved in the college," Tyler said, "and I thought this would be a good experience to take with me."

Garcia wants to be able to

help students out and get them involved in SGA.

"I also want to bring in new ideas and have more activities for students," Garcia said.

Shane Netherton, jr., Colorado Springs, is unopposed for the office of treasurer.

Netherton is an accounting major and participated in SGA this year.

"I like putting together budgets, so I thought that this would be the best position for me," Netherton said.

Shanda Weakley, soph., Pryor, Okla. and Andrea Bolhuis, soph., Chapman, are running for the office of director of activities and publicity.

"I want to have better activities so students can do more things and become more of a community," Weakley said.

Bolhuis hopes to bring new ideas and have a better variety of activities for students.

Candidates will present campaign speeches Sunday, March 24, at 6 p.m. in the lobby of Hoffman Student Union.

Classes

from CLASSES, page 1

This change would allot more time to chapel and give students who don't participate in chapel an extra break.

Students are handling the news of the impending schedule changes in various ways.

"I think it allows the majority of students to function better," said Adelina Cripe, jr., Nogales, Ariz.

Cripe said that most students she knows go to bed late and have a hard time mastering their early classes.

"Calculus is hard enough as

it is. Scheduling it at 7:30 a.m. made it even harder," Cripe said.

Other students are worried that offering classes in the late afternoon will affect the amount of hours they can work at off-campus jobs.

"Seven thirty classes are not that bad," said Emmett Wemp, jr., Orland, Calif. "It gives you more time for a job."

Some athletes are worried that early practices will deplete their energy level.

"I think I'll be more tired at the end of the day from working out physically," said Amber Ontiveroz, soph., Goodland.

Beach is 60s ins creative power
S
Volume 86, No. 10
Meal plan to change next fall
Three meal plans will be offered next year, but they will cost the same amount of money as the current 19-meal plan. Through price may rise for some students, the new plans should offer everyone more options.
"We hope the students will enjoy the variety and feel that they are getting their money's worth," said Shirley Reissig, business manager.
Working together with Lamonte Rothrock, associate dean of students, and Dale Minnich, chief financial officer, Reissig was instrumental in planning the new meal program for the 2002-2003 school year.
The cafeteria service will be run on a card access plan next year. Meal plan options will include the current 19-meal plan in addition to a 165-block meal plan and a 130-block meal plan.
The two new options will operate with a declining balance. This means that students will have 165 or 130 meals a semester in the cafeteria, but they will go with the current 19-meal plan.
The 2002-2003 school year will be the first year that the cafeteria will be run on a card access plan. This means that students will have 165 or 130 meals a semester in the cafeteria, but they will go with the current 19-meal plan.
The 2002-2003 school year will be the first year that the cafeteria will be run on a card access plan. This means that students will have 165 or 130 meals a semester in the cafeteria, but they will go with the current 19-meal plan.
Diaz for Chamberlain
Rebecca Stover
Spectator Staff
Manny Diaz is saying farewell to McPherson College after three and a half years of service. Currently filling numerous roles on campus, including campus minister, director of church relations, and assistant professor of religion and philosophy, Diaz has decided to take a pastoral position in Chambersburg, Pa.
Almost four years ago, Diaz and his wife, Jan, were asked to return to McPherson College to serve as president of the Board of Trustees at a district conference. In accepting, Manny and Jan left their home and the community church in Lake Charles, La.
"I always wanted to do something," Diaz said. "Working with college students is a challenge."
Manny immersed himself in the students on campus. He later became heavily involved with the McPherson Church of the Brethren. Diaz has played the youth pastor for many of the important moments in the students' lives. He has been instrumental in planning a Regional Conference for Brethren in the area, providing an opportunity for students to meet and share their faith. Diaz often holds a weekly coffee hour with nationally known and local poets, harpists, and musicians on campus. Diaz often holds his way through the col-