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Hovis tackles financial status, highlights areas of concern

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Editor in Chief

Addressing pressing financial challenges ranks among the top of priorities of new president Ron Hovis. Hovis briefed the campus community on the current financial status of the college in a meeting on March 10, reporting on several key areas that were positive and several that needed work.

"For a long time, we have had the idea that we were sitting on a large pile of money in the endowment," Hovis said, "But we must realize that we have spent money on improving things and that it had to come from somewhere. The endowment has fallen as a result."

In an interview with the Spectator, Hovis identified four areas of financial concern for the college and provided information on how the college is or plans to address each concern. The four areas are the endowment's status, student accounts receivable, giving and advancement, and enrollment.

Endowment status

Currently, the college has approximately \$25 million in its various endowment accounts. These endowment accounts accrue interest

income, which is then used in the operation of the college.

However, over the past three to four years, decreasing enrollments, increased spending and an approximate 40 percent plunge in the stock market have

taken a toll, depleting the endowment fund from a high of \$32 million in 1999. Hovis emphasized that this was not a serious concern. "Much of the decline in this endowment fund has been due to the decline in the stock market. Our basic assumption is that the stock market will begin to recover. Over the long term, this is a reasonable assumption."

Other drains on the endowment include several other programs that

the college has undertaken in previous years. Increased faculty compensation was funded by drawing from the endowment, as were the bond issues for improvements to the campus infrastructure in 1999 and the current athletic facility

enhancements. These factors have caused the \$7 million decline in the overall endowment over the past four years. Hovis believes that turnaround measures have improved the viability of the endowment, however. "We're assuming that it will begin generating again in the next fiscal year."

Student accounts

Student accounts receivable currently total nearly \$400,000. The uncollected revenue has accrued

from students simply not paying the college after incurring expenses. Previous enrollment policies allowed students to re-enroll with an outstanding balance. Many students took advantage of this, incurring debt that they did not then repay.

Policies have since changed. To enroll for classes, a student must now have a zero balance at the time of enrollment. The policy has reduced the growth of student debt but has recouped little of the previously accumulated debt.

"At this time, the business office and financial aid office are working together to come up with a plan to collect on as much of the student accounts receivable as possible," Hovis said. The plan should be ready by the first of May, he said.

Some of the debt, however, will be written off. The board of trustees wrote off nearly \$150,000 of bad student debt at its spring meeting.

The future aim of the college is to prevent such debt from occurring. "Our goal is to get it so that students have no outstanding balance when they get in the enrollment line so that they have no outstanding balance when they exit the line," Hovis said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

SGA amends active member definition

SGA has made an amendment to the active club declaration dated March 11. The change is in regard to the definition of active club members. After discussing with various clubs, SGA has decided to amend the line of the declaration that reads an active member must attend 50 percent of the activities. The line now reads that one must attend three club meetings with an advisor present or pay dues to be considered an active member of a club.

Metzler Hall hosts all-night party

Metzler Hall's all-night party will take place tonight beginning at 5:30 with steak and shrimp night. Activities include swimming, bowling, a movie and breakfast. Schedules are posted on campus.

Officers elected, SGA plans change

Matt Tobias

Spectator Staff

SGA officers have been elected for the 2003-2004 school year.

Rebecca Stover, soph., Quinter, was elected president. One of her main goals for next year is to help students understand that she and the SGA members are here for them. If any students have questions or concerns, they should feel free to talk to the SGA, Stover said. She feels that communication is the key—nothing positive will happen without it. She says that SGA is the students' link to higher powers.

"We've done a good job of communication this year," Stover said, "especially with the cafeteria and the grounds crew."

One thing that Stover wants to change is the campus morale. She said that she takes a lot of pride in the college and wants others to do the same.

Elected as vice president was Jen Schuyler, jr., Tulsa, Okla. Her main goal for next year is to improve student involvement. She said that it is hard to plan things when only a few students attend

events. She also wants students to know that it is okay for them to come to SGA meetings and voice their opinions.

"I have a lot of school pride and I really respect the college and students," Schuyler said. "My role in SGA is to help them."

Jaymie Bickford, fr., Wiley, Colo., is the new SGA secretary. She said she has no set agenda, but she wants to work out the internal kinks and have everyone work as a team.

One thing that she hopes will continue is the participation and enthusiasm among SGA members. Bickford wants students to know that she is a down-to-earth person and very approachable. She wants to hear the students' questions and concerns.

The newly-elected SGA treasurer is Troy Hernandez, fr., Ottawa. Hernandez says his first goal as treasurer is to implement the new constitution as fairly and justly as he can.

"Things are going to be different than they have been in the past as far as club funding," Hernandez said. "I'm going to try to do things the best I can."

"We wanted to do some

big events this year that fell through because of budgeting." Hernandez feels that the changes to the constitution will be positive for going in to the next few years. "I hope to take us in that direction," he said.

Gad Jacobs, fr., Miami, Fla., was elected activities coordinator. The main thing that he wants to stress is that he is open to any and all suggestions.

"I want to know what the students want so I can make it happen," Jacobs said, "I'm a nice guy and very easy to talk to."

Along with the new officers, there will be other changes to the structure of SGA as well. The biggest change is that LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, will no longer be the SGA sponsor. A new sponsor, most likely an RD, will be hired.

There will also be a new student activities board, which will implement and oversee many of the college activities. SGA will still be responsible for some activities such as movie and bowling night but will mainly focus on the mission of the college, policies and procedures, and student needs.

Campus security new to Mac

MCCORMICK HIRED AS SECURITY COORDINATOR

Shandi Schoming
News Editor

"Mike McCormick was recently named campus security coordinator as part of a new security program on the McPherson College campus.

According to Phil Hudson, director of facility management, the program was designed to support students and those who need assistance on campus.

"The security program was prompted by the question, 'Are we in good standing if something were to happen?'" said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

"When we began thinking about implementing this program, we realized it would be a totally new position for this campus," Hudson said.

In the past, students had been hired for lock up positions, and there was no other form of campus security. Under the new security plan, the student lock up crew reports to the security coordinator.

The security plan includes more than locking up, though. Campus security duties include touring the campus and removing unauthorized persons. Campus security also reports on a watchman's check-in system.

"Basically we put the campus to bed," McCormick said. "We make sure rooms are secure, lights are out and there are no unwanted people in the buildings."

Security checks all buildings except dorms.

"We only go in the dorms if we are asked by an RA or RD," McCormick said.

The goals of the program include creating and maintaining a feeling of security on campus, assisting those who need it, raising awareness of crime prevention and developing strong relationships with local law enforcement.

"Having a security plan on campus is a proactive measure," Rothrock said. "It was not prompted by something that happened. We are hoping

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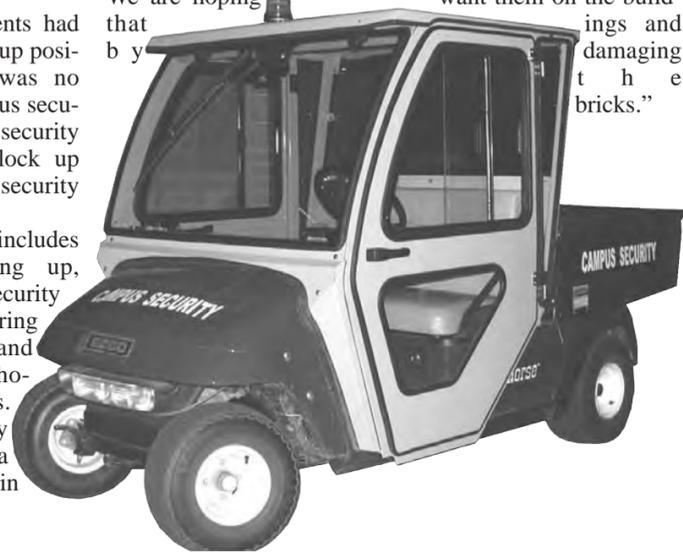
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having a security plan, things will be less likely to happen."

A major problem on campus, according to Hudson, has been skateboarders who do not attend the college. Campus security has been keeping a close watch on this.

"Our biggest predators have been skateboarders, bicyclers and rollerbladers," McCormick said, but emphasized that the actions are not prohibited but the damage caused by the activities is.

"People can rollerblade and bike across campus," McCormick said, but those skating and blading on entrance steps, ramps and seating walls will be confronted. "We just don't want them on the buildings and damaging the bricks."



STAFF EDITORIALS

Raiding the financial cookie jar

Issue 1: The latest school finance projections.

Our Position: We aren't rolling in the dough anymore.

THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE COLLEGE has been overlooked by much of the campus community for a long time. For too long, the college sat on a pile of money in an endowment fund that trustees and administrators were too reluctant to draw upon, even as programs died and enrollment dwindled. More recently, interim president Neil Thorburn took the lid off the endowment—and we raided it like kids left alone with a cookie jar. For a while, we acted like the cookie supply was endless—fear that we would run short of money vanished as we received more facility enhancements, an increased staff, new athletic programs and increased scholarships.

New president Ron Hovis has taken an essential step in telling us that our funds are not unlimited. President Hovis believes that things are looking up for the future, and looking at the figures, we agree with him.

But we must take into account that the endowment has decreased significantly due to operating deficits. These deficits have been an investment in our future. The signs are encouraging that college is in a turnaround. However, if the turnaround takes longer than expected, the endowment is bound to decrease more.

For the most part, college money is carefully spent, and we appreciate the careful decision-making that goes into that process. In recent years, however, tuition revenue simply hasn't been sufficient to cover the compensation increases, campus improvements and program upgrades we've all benefited from.

Hovis's fiscal projections remind us that every cookie jar has a bottom—and that it's good to curb our appetite before we consume the whole stash.

Anti-sport signs: unsightly, but necessary

Issue 2: The new signs prohibiting skateboarding, rollerblading, and biking.

Our Position: We need the signs, but make them more inviting.

FROM WAR SIGNS TO ANTI-SKATEBOARDER signs, everybody seems to be in an uproar about posted messages. The round of bellowing over the signs posted to discourage skateboarders and rollerbladers on campus is the most recent in the ongoing drama.

The signs are important. Stopping damage caused by sport skateboarders and rollerbladers should be a priority. By preventing damage to campus fixtures, we can save money on repairs.

However, the signs do lend a menacing look to our otherwise friendly campus. Signs screaming "NO, NO, NO" at entrances and other prominent locations of campus intimidate even those of us who call this place home. To our visitors, the signs probably seem unwelcoming if not forbidding.

Still, they are necessary, and for the time being they must be tolerated. We hope, that once their effectiveness has been proven—i.e. there are no more damaging skateboarders or rollerbladers on campus—that their prominence is reduced and that they are better integrated with the overall look and feel of campus.

MAC OPINIONS

What do you think of Kansas weather?



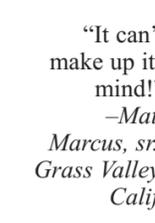
"Unpredictable, but much like at home."
—Danielle Lucore, soph., Springfield, Mo.



"There are four seasons instead of two!"
—Rylee Miller, jr., Rangely, Colo.



"Windy."
—Lucas Lanning, jr., Cherryvale.



"It can't make up its mind!"
—Matt Marcus, sr., Grass Valley, Calif.



"Too cold."
—Reuben May, soph., Warrensburg, Mo.



"I don't like winter."
—Phyllis Schmidt, cafeteria worker, McPherson.

Social circus drives editor back to solitude

Recently I had an experience that made me pay close attention to my values. Needless to say, my values didn't change much, if at all, due to this experience. However, I think it's very important to reiterate my values to myself, and try to make sense of why I have these values.

Friendship was a key value that was brought to the forefront.

What is friendship? Friendship has a different meaning to everyone. To some, friendship may mean that you can just say "hi" to someone on a regular basis and then automatically the person that was greeted is a friend. Personally, I don't share this view of friendship.

To me, a friend is someone whom you can go to and share things that you wouldn't normally share with just anyone. There is a certain amount of trust that should be involved in a relationship of any kind that goes deeper than just a classmate or an acquaintance.

These two different views on friendship can lead to friction between two "friends." Say that the person who has the looser interpretation on friendship is "friends" with the type of person with the same view that I have. The person with the looser interpretation will think he or she has the other person as a friend while the other thinks he or she is merely an acquaintance. This can lead to some hurt feelings and bruised egos.

It is sad to watch or be a part of such confusion. Both people did nothing to try and hurt each other, but their values are different. It would be terrible to have a friend of yours not feel that you are a friend of theirs.

Something that I learned concerning this value of friendship is that people can also easily misinterpret something that is said and make things far more personal than they need to.

It is easy to come up with something to joke about behind people's backs. However, there are people that are a bit more sensitive to what is being said, especially if someone is talking bad on a friend. Okay, I have no reason to argue if someone gets upset. But if I know that what is being said would not be said in front of the person that the subject concerns, it is something that shouldn't be taken seriously.

I listen to people talking behind other people's backs and cracking jokes about others all the time. If I could talk behind my back without my knowing, I'd do it. I know that there may be people out there that say mean things about me and laugh about it. Hey, what they say might be true. Better yet, it may be hilarious to listen to. I value laughter.

However, if someone was talking bad on someone with the person being talked about standing close by with the intent to hurt him or her, that is unacceptable and will be put to an end by some-



Ground-level Pedestal
MICHAEL WARNER

one, if not me.

But in one instance, I was placed in a position where I was in a room full of people, some of whom were talking behind someone's back. The person being talked about just happened to be an acquaintance of mine. It was nothing serious. Did I enjoy listening to it? No. But who was the bad guy in this picture? Well, someone pointed a finger at me. Why? Because I didn't stick up for a "friend."

I was upset. I was not going to take the blame for anything. People are going to say what they want whether or not I say anything. We are all adults. I am not

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going to try and father those who choose to talk bad about other people and have them sit in a separate corner for time-out.

Religion and cleanliness, of all things, later became an issue.

Cleanliness is a value that I don't take for granted. I shower twice a day, brush my teeth at least twice a day, I make sure everything is sanitary in my room and leave other places clean for others who may use the facilities. I make sure I and everything around me is squeaky clean. I don't have much of a problem. Unfortunately, that can't be said for everyone.

I prefer not to get in great detail with what happened that triggered this, but to put it fairly and simply, someone made a mess. The mess did not get cleaned. Instead, I had to become a father figure in this instance. I literally had to sit down

and lecture someone why the person had to clean up a mess he or she made. It was a mess that was left behind to get under the skin of one person, but it got under the skin of everyone in the place.

Where I come from, if you make a mess, you have full responsibility to clean it up. That value will never change in me, and I think it is a value that anyone over five years old should have for the rest of their lives.

Though I don't fully remember its validity to one's argument that brought the religious discussion on, it did spark something in me. Someone was discussing his values to a group of people. God is a very high priority in this person's life. Great, nothing too shocking. However, what got me was something that was said later.

While arguing back and forth between religion and our little cleaning crisis, I decided to stand up and be a man. I told everyone in the room that I cared for them, even though I didn't know any of them very well. Do I consider them friends? Not necessarily. But I do care about them and will help them if they ask for it or if I think they need it. I was going to take responsibility for my actions, and my actions only, but I was also going to stay out of other people's way when I'm not needed.

Then I heard this question coming from the person that started discussing religion: "Why do you care so much?" At first, I didn't know what to think. As flawed human beings who follow God, we need to appreciate God's other creations and help them through their troubles if they need it. Life is hard sometimes, and sometimes people need help.

Then I asked the person why make a mess that will negatively affect everyone. The response: "Because I don't care." It took several minutes for this idea to fully register. I was infuriated. There was a person in my presence who loves and follows God, but yet this person doesn't care about what happens to the people around him? I thought I was going to go mad.

Maybe I'm being too harsh. I'm confused. Amidst all this madness, I felt sick to death of everyone trying to get on someone else's nerves or saying things they didn't mean to say. I'm certain there were many false impressions made because perhaps people didn't think things through properly before presenting their values or arguments.

I had no idea trying to be social with people would be such a circus. It is experiences like these that lead me to value something that has always kept me out of trouble: solitude.

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CAMPUS FORUM

Student body president seeks to set the Spectator record straight

Dear Student Body,

After many negative and uninformed articles in the *Spectator*, Student Government feels that it is our turn to speak out. We know that many students on campus feel we do not do anything that benefits the student body. We do. Since money seems to be the touchiest subject, I will start there.

The last issue of the *Spectator* stated that, "SGA controls roughly \$60,000 from student dues each year with current enrollment rates." Let me clarify.

In short we have only a total have \$52,000 to work with for the whole year. Every full-time student pays a \$110 fee at enrollment every semester. Seventy-five dollars of that money goes into the SGA fund. The rest goes into student services fund, which LaMonte and the residence life staff get to play with. That means that with this semester's enrollment figure (299 full-time students), SGA receives \$22,500 and student services receives \$10,465.

Out of SGA's \$22,500, \$5,350 goes towards the salaries for the students on SGA, Barker staff and *Spectator* staff. Two thousand eight hundred dollars goes to the salaries of the staff of the *Spectator* and the Barker, which is more than the total salaries for all SGA members put together. After these allocations we are left with \$17,150.

One activity I know we all love is Movie Night. SGA pays for this. Yes, you do pay \$2 when you go, but we also cover the additional cost of \$1.50 for your ticket every time you go to the movies. This year the theatre increased its prices and we could not negotiate the usual \$2 price. So, SGA covers about \$1,400 a semester for movie night because we felt it was not

support these student-run publications, chances are they would be funded out of the educational fund and then students would not have as much freedom with these publications as they have now. We feel that it is very important for students to run these programs. Although it is mainly an educational experience for students involved, we feel that these publications are one of the key ways in which students can voice their opinions.

We are then left \$2,350 to allocate to clubs. Due to our new policy on how we give clubs money this semester, we are no longer obligated to give clubs on campus half of whatever figure they submit in requests for funding. We now are only obligated to give clubs \$10 per active member. We felt this was a better way to go for clubs. Now clubs on campus that are the most active will be receiving the most funds for the members involved. The old way we funded clubs was giving anywhere from \$800 to \$900 to a club with only 10 participants whereas a club with 30 participants would only receive \$200. We did not feel that this allocation was fair, which is why SGA changed it this year. Granted, there are a few kinks still to work out with the new way, as there is with any new system in place.

Also, there are a few side notes regarding clubs: SGA for about three years now has wanted to get away from doing activities. SGA has just never taken the steps to change that until now. We feel the money we do spend on activities in many ways has been wasted, which is why we are now holding clubs more accountable.

A student is going to go to an activity geared toward what they are interested in.

SGA cannot sponsor activities that appeal to the whole body. We want the money that we do have to go to clubs, which will foster and give students what they want. SGA is very supportive of clubs and organizations on campus. We wish we could give all clubs more money for this semester's activities, but right now, after giving the clubs the allocation for their active members, we will be in the hole. The figure is not quite known yet, but we know that is how we will be at the end of the year. SGA has had a deficit budget for as long as I have been here. We wanted to get past that this year. We are better off than other years, and we do not doubt that next year's board will be fine when it comes to money. Yes, we do have an unused sand volleyball court that has not been worked on all year, but it has never been forgotten. The sand volleyball court has not been our priority. Clubs have. I am sure we all agree that clubs are more important right now and the court will always be there. Some other things that have happened that are positive for the campus this year that SGA has done for students is helping with the new equipment in the residence halls and the Doghouse, such as darts, checker/chess boards, and ping pong tables. Most of the credit goes to the student services staff, but the money we give to student services was part of that. We are also responsible for the complete purchase of the XM satellite radio in the cafeteria and the dog house. When student government members are asked the question, "What do you gain/take away from SGA?" I am sure you would be surprised at the

body was more willing to communicate with us, things would not have happened like they did this year. An example, the Kramer package. It was our understanding when we purchased that package, in the spring of '02 that students liked that deal. We now realize that students do not, and because of students telling us those things we will not longer consider that package. We work really hard every week. Many of our meetings this year lasted for two hours or more. We have all worked many long hours within this board. When you happen to see a Student Government member in class, thank them. Do not take the time to harass them when they are just one person within the board. Come to the board meetings, have your voice be heard since you feel cheated. As we have said all year long, our doors are always open. We wait for students to drop us a line, but that is what we have done all year...waited for you, the student body, to speak to us and nobody comes. That is not our fault, and we will continue to wait and be there for the student body.

Granted, like any organization dealing with changes, we hit bumps in the road and no one is perfect. Our door is always open. You are always welcome to talk with us, visit in on our meetings if you feel we are not doing anything. We are one student has done that all year, and that only happened last week. We realize that some things such as the Homecoming elections were the lack of understanding on our part. Communication might have been a fact, too. But everyone knows the rules of elections. Everyone has a school handbook which has the SGA constitution. We cannot help those students who choose not to read what is given to them. We feel that if the student

body was more willing to communicate with us, things would not have happened like they did this year. An example, the Kramer package. It was our understanding when we purchased that package, in the spring of '02 that students liked that deal. We now realize that students do not, and because of students telling us those things we will not longer consider that package. We work really hard every week. Many of our meetings this year lasted for two hours or more. We have all worked many long hours within this board. When you happen to see a Student Government member in class, thank them. Do not take the time to harass them when they are just one person within the board. Come to the board meetings, have your voice be heard since you feel cheated. As we have said all year long, our doors are always open. We wait for students to drop us a line, but that is what we have done all year...waited for you, the student body, to speak to us and nobody comes. That is not our fault, and we will continue to wait and be there for the student body.

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-Laura L. Morgan

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

War: what's going to happen next is unanswered

I'm worried. It seems the easiest thing to do these days is be worried. As a kid, I didn't worry about money, the future, or the mud. All I cared about was having a good time no matter what I did.

Nowadays, a person has to be on top of their budget for all the top, have a plan for the future, and they tell me some people care about what others think of them. Also, one has to be aware of world events, I guess.

Opinions are all well and good, and they are what make us who we are. Or is who we are what forms our opinions? Anyhow, my opinion and outlook are most likely not going to affect much in the grand scale.

I haven't heard many people say what I've been thinking lately about the war in Iraq.

The television news is all about the minute-by-minute progression of the uniformed masses. Every once in awhile I hear something a bit more ominous than bombs falling here or missiles landing there. On one level there are the reports of a severe depletion of our munitions. I hear the Muslims are beginning to view the war as a war on them as well. Furthermore, the Iraqi army is fighting back, and the voices that speak sound surprised. Hello, people! That's what



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militaries do.

The country has been starving due to UN sanctions put in place after the last war, and because of that, some of the natives view Saddam as a man standing against oppression. You don't hear that on the news do you? Wouldn't fit I guess. We'd hate to think they actually like a guy who produces weapons of mass destruction! Oh wait, where are those weapons? Uh-huh.

The military appears to have a very definite idea of what they want to accomplish with this war and how they're going to do it. However, I have heard nothing about how we are going to deal with the place after we blow it up. You folks who say it's a bad idea to rebuild a country after you beat it in armed conflict need to do some research, or at least sit and think about it for awhile. Anyhow, how is the new government going to be set up once we turn Iraq into a wasteland? Any talk about that?

The United States is out on a thin limb in the arena of world politics. On the way

home for break, I passed a house with a huge sign in the yard: "Get US out of the UN!" I was so outraged I couldn't think right. I spent my January term studying the United Nations and I feel a little edjumicated on the topic, enough to say that without the UN, the world would be a lot worse off than it is now.

By acting without the UN, whether it was a good decision or not, the United

States put itself in position to fall very quickly from an already eroding pedestal. Face it, friends-as much as we like to think we're the greatest place on earth, millions hate us. Our country made a daring step here, and now it looks as though we are not prepared to follow through after the conflict is done. What's to stop other countries from joining our opposition just because they don't like us?

I listened to David Radcliffe speak a little on the situation before the war began yet was imminent, and he related some information that really makes a guy think. Astronomers have looked out into the blackness and seen billions of galaxies, each galaxy holding billions of stars. They have also concluded that there is a pretty high likelihood that among those billions of billions of stars,

there exist nowhere the conditions leading to life like ours. That means, in the midst of all this rock and space that is a creation of some kind, we, the people of the planet Earth, are the only ones that exist, and we're on the road to killing each other. I guess it's no one person's fault. It just makes it all seem worthless, small-minded, and extremely depressing.

MACTOON

BY REBECCA STOVER



A Night with Campus Security

DYNAMIC DUO EXPERIENCES CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE 'MAC' KIND

Rebecca Stover

Features Editor

It was a Tuesday night. Darkness had fallen upon the empty campus. I spotted two figures standing alone as I crossed the cool lawn. After a quick greeting we got right down to business.

10:00- Officer McCormick and Deputy Joe meet to start their nightly round.

10:03- Campus Security Vehicle emerges from the warehouse.

10:05- Stop at Melhorn. Student found in hall leaves with no resistance.

10:07- Lights left on in 112 Lecture Hall and the men's restroom. Deputy Joe has already left the scene.

10:15- Final watchman scanner is activated and building is left secured.

10:16- Lights spotted in the Sport Center. Officer McCormick calls Deputy Joe to investigate.

10:17- Code 12: sidewalk light burn-out near Melhorn. Report to be filed on 4/9/03.

10:18- Enter Miller Library for basic check-up. The area seems secure.

10:20- Lights on in Career Services office. Blinds are down. Scene looks suspicious. No response to knocks. Officer McCormick calls in back up, unlocks the door, and enters. All seems fine. Lights are shut off. Resident will receive an email on 4/9/03.

10:21- Mechanical room is checked and scanned.

10:23- Upon leaving Officer McCormick spots a figure near the desk area. A flashlight is brought to the scene. False alarm. The figure is identified as a rack of pamphlets.

10:24- Deputy Joe is sent to Mohler to survey the premises.

10:25- Double Code 12: sidewalk lights out along gazebo walk. Report will be filed 4/9/03. Unidentified blue bike spotted outside of Brown.

10:26- Admissions office inspected and cleared.

10:28- Final watchman is scanned and handicap door is deactivated.

10:29- Blue bike is gone.

10:32- Brown is surveyed. Slight break taken to get a pop and chat with several thespians.

10:34- Deputy Joe calls Officer McCormick for a potential code violation. Jammed door lock is fixed with a pocketknife. No report necessary.

10:40- Black and

white cat darts in front of the campus security cart.

Dotzour basement clears inspection.

10:45- Code 6: Suspicious Character—unidentified man in red sweater walking outside of Dotzour. Officer

McCormick circles the Mingenback Mall one more time as the stranger crosses the street away from campus.

10:48- Multiple Code 6: numerous students spotted in the Doghouse. Deputy Joe shoots some pool while Officer McCormick deals with some hecklers near the snack bar.

10:50- Lights spotted in Brown.

10:55- Parking violation outside of Brown garage. Owner of the silver Nissan is interrogated and after mild resistance the car is moved. A potential \$90 fine is avoided.

10:57- Softball player found in basement of Brown past curfew. She claimed to be doing laundry.

11:05- Two young males found working late

in ceramics studio. The subjects were issued a 15-minute extension to remove them selves from the secured building.

11:07- Open room discovered containing high-priced technical equipment. The door was closed and locked.

11:11- Female was found by the bike-rack outside of Hess alone. Officer McCormick allowed her to enter the secured area to retrieve a personal item.

11:12- Code 12: sidewalk light out in front of Metzler.

11:13- Code 6: Man in blue fleece is spotted smoking outside Templeton. Seems harmless.

11:16- Electrical room in basement of Bittering Hall is checked. Campus Security team takes a break to throw some darts. No successful bulls eyes due to faulty trajectory.

11:18- Lighted greenhouse seems suspicious. Sign was discovered upon entry requesting the lights remain on.

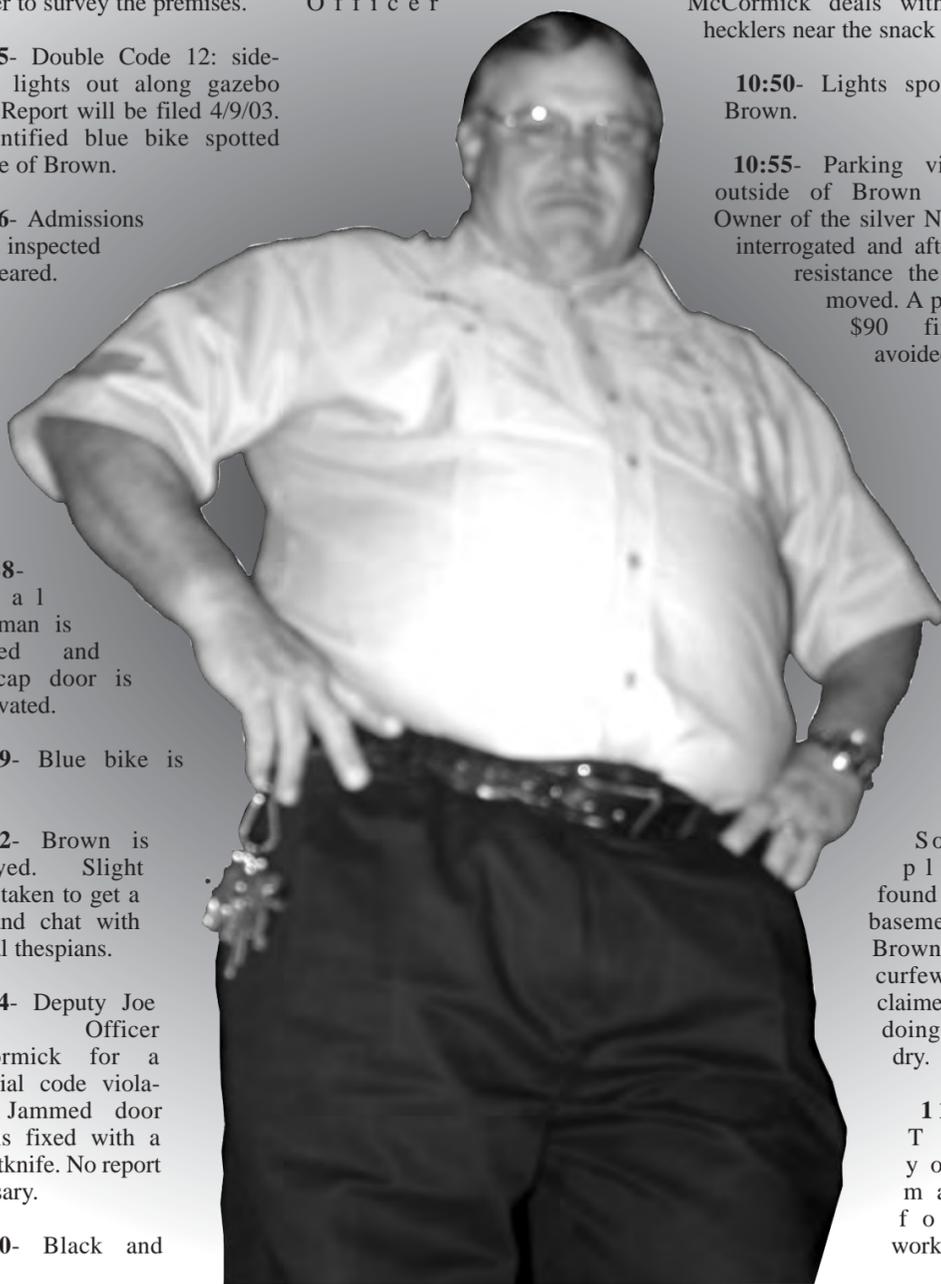
11:25- Deputy Joe finishes the round in Templeton while Officer McCormick heads back to Plant Ops.

11:27- Skid marks are spotted on the driveway outside of Campus Security garage.

11:30- Officer McCormick retreats to his computer to check watchman scanning times and file a report.

Another peaceful round completed on the McPherson College campus. Until tomorrow night...

A special thanks goes out to Mike McCormick and Joe Blas for allowing me to tag-along with them during their rounds.



TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES

April 15th

What a Girl Wants

(PG)
9:05 pm
A ground-to-earth American girl struggles to fit in with upper-crust British society in this teen-oriented comedy. Daphne Reynolds (Amanda Bynes) is a sweet but street-smart 19-year-old from New York City with an outgoing personality and a firm sense of her own personal style. Daphne lives with her mother Libby (Kelly Preston), a foot-loose musician who never married Daphne's father when she learned his family did not approve of her. While Daphne loves her mother, she's long wished for a relationship with her dad, and when she discovers that her father lives in London, she hops on a plane in hopes of finding him. Before long, Daphne learns that her father is Lord Henry Dashwood (Colin Firth), a powerful and prominent politician. While Lord Henry tries to make a place for Daphne in his life, her free-spirited style runs counter to what is expected from the daughter of a lord, and his wife-to-be, Glynnis (Anna Chancellor), and her daughter (Christina Cole) make no secret of their dislike of Daphne. With the help of her new friend (Oliver James), a musician who understands both fashion and the social ladder better than most, Daphne is able to smooth her rough edges and pass as a respectable British debutante. But has she traded in her own personality in order to please people she barely knows?

Anger Management

(PG-13)
9:20 pm
A man comes face to face with the rage he didn't know he had in this comedy. Dave Buznick (Adam Sandler) is an even-tempered businessman who, after a series of strange misunderstandings on an airline flight, finds himself accused of air rage. A judge sentences Dave to undergo anger management therapy, and he soon finds himself in the care of Dr. Buddy Rydell (Jack Nicholson), a celebrated therapist. However, Dave's group therapy sessions with a handful of truly disturbed individuals — among them jumpy ex-con Chuck (John Turturro), obsessive sports fan Nate (Jonathan Loughran), slow-motion Lou (Luis Guzman), egocentric Andrew (Allen Covert), and bisexual porn stars Gina and Stacy (Krista Allen and January Jones) — leave him far more unsettled than when he arrived. Later, when Buddy decides to move into Dave's home for intensive therapy, he soon discovers Buddy has more than a bit of his own anger to resolve, and that no one brings out Dave's deeply buried inner rage quite like Buddy.

Phone Booth

(R)
9:15
One man's life is thrown into turmoil by picking up a telephone in this claustrophobic thriller. Stu Sheppard (Colin Farrell) is a brash, cynical, and self-centered public relations man who juggles a busy career with both a wife, Kelly (Radha Mitchell), and a mistress, Pamela (Katie Holmes). Stu steps into a phone booth on a busy New York street to make a call to Pamela without Kelly being the wiser, but as soon as Stu hangs up, the phone begins to ring. Curious, Stu picks it up — and a stranger on the other end (voice of Kiefer Sutherland) informs him that if he hangs up the phone, he'll be shot. The red dot of an infrared rifle scope convinces Stu that the caller means business, and when another man tries to make his way into the booth, he's shot mere inches from Stu, calling the attention of the police. Captain Ramey (Forest Whitaker) naturally assumes that Stu was the killer, as Stu struggles to find a way to convince the police of what's happening before more lives are lost, without leaving the booth and putting his own life on the line.

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Mac track battles frigid weather at Friends



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Anthony Kelly winds up as he practices throwing the discus to be better prepared for the Bulldog's next meet. The Bulldogs will compete in their next meet tomorrow, Saturday, April 12, at Bethel College for the ACCK Championships. Field events are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. and track events will commence at 2 p.m.

Jaymie Bickford

Sports Editor

With only two meets under their belts, Bulldog track and field athletes are looking forward to the ACCK Championships at Bethel College this Saturday, April 12.

The Bulldogs go into the ACCK meet after a competitive showing at the Friends University Invitational on April 5. McPherson tracksters had not competed in a meet for three weeks due to a rainout and a week off for spring break. Despite their time off, the 'Dogs performed well.

Rebecca Stover started things for the women, winning the triple jump with a jump of 33' 4.75" and finishing in fourth place in the long jump event. Terra Simoneau upped her school record for pole vaulting and brought home second place with a vault of 9' 3".

Alyssa Rumble also broke her Mac record in the hammer throw, tossing 101' 0". Rounding out the top results for the women, Beth Krehbiel placed sixth in the 400 meter with a time of 1:07:23.

For the men, Thaddeus Haldeman ended the day with a victory in the 400 meter with a time of 49.7. Haldeman also finished second in the 200 meters, running 22.22.

Freddie Nails, Eddie Chavez and Ivan Martinez brought home third, fourth, and fifth place finishes in the shot-put. Nails threw 41' 7", while Chavez finished right behind with 41' 3". Martinez threw 40' 11", and also finished fifth in the hammer with a toss of 113' 11". Martinez ended his day with three new personal records.

Also contributing to the Bulldogs success was Tim Cox. Clearing the bar at 6' 2", Cox brought home a fourth place finish in the high jump after previously teaming up with Bryan Grosbach, Wes Hoffert, and Shane Netherton to take fourth in the 4x800 relay (8:28:50). Brandt Busse rounded out the day for the men, placing sixth after a 20' 3.5" jump in the long jump event.

"After having a week off for spring break, I thought our performances were pretty good," said head coach Pete Seal. "I believe that we would have had some better times in the sprints and throwing events had it not been so chilly and windy today.

"The weather was definitely a factor for



photo by Laina McKellip

Terra Simoneau and Sharla Odhams run a lap around the track to warm up during practice.

all the teams here today. We are just going to pray for nice warm weather the rest of the season and get ready to have a good showing at the ACCK meet at Bethel College next week."

The 2003 Bulldog outdoor track season commenced on March 15 at the Bethany Invitational. Several Bulldogs brought home first place finishes.

Simoneau was the lone first-place finisher for the women as she won her competition with a vault of 8' 6". Cox secured first place in the high jump for the men, with a leap of 6' 4". Cox also teamed up with Troy Hernandez, Hoffert, and Netherton to bring home a victory in the 4x800 with a time of 8:24:07. Finally, Haldeman rounded out the first-place finishers with a win in the 400 in a time of 49.13.

Although others did not finish first, they earned quite a few team points. Nails placed fourth in both the discus and hammer throw, while Chavez came in third in the shot-put. Cox finished fifth in the triple jump, with a bound of 40' 7". Sean Eason ended in sixth place in the 100-meter run. Also finishing sixth was Haldeman in the 200-meter dash. Hoffert finished an impressive third in the 800, and sixth in the 1500. Netherton ended the 3000-meter run in sixth place with a time of 10:39:63.

Both the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relay teams finished fourth at the end of the day. The 4x100 relay team comprised of Eason, Haldeman, Hernandez, and Eric Johnson finished with a time of 44.98. The 4x400 relay team made up of Haldeman, Hernandez, Hoffert, and Johnson ended their race in 3:36:04.

The Bulldogs hoped to get in a second meet before spring break, but the Hutchinson Invitational was cancelled due to rain.

Seven successful signings for 2003 Lady Bulldog volleyball season

Jaymie Bickford

Sports Editor

Recruitment for the 2003 volleyball season is underway. Six women have signed to play for head coach Nathalea Stephenson.

Deidre Frager of Morrowville has signed a letter of intent for both volleyball and track and field. At 5' 6", Frager was an All-Pike Trail League volleyball selection following her junior and senior seasons at North Central High School. Previously, she had earned honorable mention All-Pike Trail and All-Area as a sophomore. Frager was part of the Cougars' third place state medal winning volleyball team in 2000. Frager contributed to her team by posting 243 kills, 30 kill blocks, and also had 35 ace serves that helped her have a 97-percent serving rate.

"Deidre is a very smart young lady," Coach Stephenson said, "and her work ethic is very evident in the classroom as well as on the court. She comes from a good program that knows what it takes to win. She has very good fundamental skills. We are excited about her having decided to be a Lady Bulldog next fall."

Frager plans to major in marketing/business.

The Lady 'Dogs have also added Sacred Heart's Sarah Vermillion of Salina to the volleyball program. Sarah intends to major in educa-

tion with an emphasis in special education. Vermillion also signed a softball letter of intent for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Vermillion was selected for Sacred Heart's "most improved" volleyball player award following her senior season.

"Sarah is a very hard-working young lady that will bring very good skills to our program," Stephenson said. "She sees the court well and can read the hitters, knowing where they are going to put the ball. She should be a very good defensive specialist for us."

Another volleyball signee is Kelsey Crist of Bennington.

Crist was a first-team, All-Eisenhower League volleyball performer as a junior for Bennington High School, where she was a four-year starter and captain her junior and senior years. Following the end of her senior volleyball season, Crist participated in the Central Kansas All-Star volleyball game. She was named to the Kansas Sports magazine Class 2A volleyball honorable mention team as a junior as well as receiving many other awards for her athletic talent.

"We feel very fortunate to find and sign someone that can pass as well as Kelsey," said Stephenson. "This is

sometimes hard to do. Her passing ability will help us get into our offense quicker."

Crist plans to major in elementary education.

A fourth recruit signed to play for the Lady Bulldogs next season is Stefanie Slinkard of Howard.

"Stefanie is going to bring height as well as skill to our program," commented Stephenson. "She is a middle-right hitter and will be able to help us fill that spot."

A 5' 10" outside hitter, Slinkard was an All-South Central Border League volleyball selection following her final season at West Elk High School. Slinkard was also named to the All-Grasslands Conference squad this past season and participated in the Central Kansas All-Star volleyball game after ending her senior season.

Slinkard plans to major in education.

From Hoisington, April Stos recently signed her volleyball letter of intent for the 2003-2004 academic year. She plans to major in business/marketing.

Stos participated in the 2002 Central Kansas All-Star volleyball game, and was named All-Area after her senior season. Stos was an honorable mention All-Mid State League performer as a junior, and received Golden Belt honors as a senior.

"April will bring a wealth of volleyball experience as she begins her college career," said Stephenson. "She loves the game and it shows by the way she plays."

Kendra Stephenson of Salina is the daughter of Tim and Nathalea Stephenson and has recently signed to play as a Lady Bulldog for next fall. Kendra plans to major in nutrition.

An honorable mention I-70 League performer for Salina Central High School as a senior, Stephenson had been named to the Class 5A all-state honorable mention squad following her junior season. She was named to the All-Saline County first team in volleyball as a junior and All-County honorable mention this past season. As a junior, she was named All-I-70 league second team as well as All-Area second team. She was twice named to both the I-70 Academic All-League and Kansas Volleyball Association Academic All-State teams.

"Kendra has a passion for the game," said Stephenson, "and because of that, she wants to do whatever she can to help her teammates succeed. Kendra knows most of the players on our team. She gets along well with them and they are excited about having her at McPherson and playing with her."

JAYHAWKERS ROOT FOR VICTORY



photo by Laina McKellip

Josie Ireland, Rylee Miller, Terra Simoneau, and Krista Mayes show some raw emotion while watching the NCAA Championship on Monday night. KU battled it out with Syracuse to the end, but came out short as the Jayhawks lost 78-81.

Swenson devotes time to recruitment

Jadelle Thomas

Spectator Staff

Carol Swenson is McPherson College's new director of sports information and coordinator of athletic recruitment.

As reported in the March 14 Spectator, Carol has had a lot of experience in sports with his work in the Olympics and Goodwill Games.

Swenson said one of the most important parts of his new responsibility is keeping track of and coordinating the status of athletic recruits to McPherson

College. He works with admissions and coaching staff to write letters and figure scholarships for recruits.

When a recruit wants to join a sports program, Swenson provides the letter of intent the athlete will sign. Each week, Carol has to post sports updates and report statistics for the booster club and the media.

In the off-season and prior to each sport season, Swenson prepares pre-season materials such as the roster and team pictures. After each season, he gathers statistical composites and reports the results.

Signings begin for new soccer program

FIVE MEN, THREE WOMEN BECOME BULLDOGS

Jaymie Bickford

Sports Editor

Doug Quint, head coach of the newly reinstated men's and women's soccer programs, had already signed five impressive athletes before announcing his most recent recruits Wednesday, April 9.

Quint's newest signees are three current McPherson College students: Jon Rothrock, Rylee Miller, and Becky Amiot.

The first to sign a McPherson soccer letter of intent for the 2003-2004 academic year was Richard Brad Cates of Lawrence. Cates, a 2002 graduate of Lawrence High School, spent the past year attending Johnson County Community College.

"Brad is a mid-field player with good speed and mobility," Quint said. "I see him flourishing at the collegiate level."

Cates received the "Iron Man Award" for outstanding work ethic following his final season at LHS. He intends to major in education.

Second to join the Bulldog soccer program was Brian Trussell of class 6A Northwest Wichita High School.

"Brian plays an attacking

type of game. He is very quick, is excellent when going one-on-one, and is left-footed," Quint said. "Brian has the skills necessary to hold the ball well under pressure, and is strongly built, just right for the college game. The thing that sets Brian apart from many players is his ability and desire to take other

players on, one-on-one. He wants to beat other players, head-to-head, and is always looking to do so. The third men's soccer signee was Tyler Lawrence of Hutchinson. Lawrence played under Quint last fall at Hutchinson High School.

A second team All-State honoree, and a first team All-Region and All-Ark Valley League first team selection this past season, Lawrence led the Hutchinson High defense, which did not allow a goal in Ark Valley League play.

"This is a huge signing for our program," said Quint. Tyler is an impact player who has been through many

battles with me over the years. He is a winner wherever he goes, and is technically one of the best players I have coached."

Tyler intends to major in computer science.

Ryan Souter of Wichita has also decided to join Quint and the new soccer program.

Souter was a key player in the highly successful class 6A Wichita Northwest High School soccer program. His defensive play for the Grizzlies earned him selection as a second team All-Region honoree as well as All-Wichita City League honors.

"I am very pleased to have Ryan on my side of the field, again," said Quint. "Ryan is a quality player who tackles the ball well, and is very strong in the air."

Souter intends to study pre-law.

The women's program is off to a slower start, having signed only three athletes so far.

The first to sign was

"We are excited to have Nicole become the first of what we hope will be a long line of Bullpup soccer players becoming Bulldogs in the years to come."

-Coach Doug Quint



photo by Jaymie Bickford

Assistant coach Alberto Magona and head soccer coach Doug Quint look on as Becky Amiot, Jon Rothrock, and Rylee Miller sign soccer letters of intent for the 2003-2003 academic year.

Nicole Harkins, a soon-to-be graduate of McPherson High School and the daughter of Joe and Connie Harkins.

As a Mac High Bullpup, Harkins has logged most of her playing time for the McPherson High program on the defensive end of the field. McPherson High has moved quickly to the upper echelon of the state's top

Class 5A programs as it has qualified for back-to-back state tournament appearances.

"We are excited to have Nicole be the first of what we hope will be a long line of Bullpup soccer players becoming Bulldogs in the years to come," Quint said. "Nicole is an excellent student as well as a solid soccer player. She is

well acquainted with the college, and we appreciate the confidence Nicole is showing in us, as her coaches, and in the college, as it reestablishes its soccer programs."

Harkins intends to major in elementary education and earlier this year was named a McPherson College "Dean's Scholar."

Softball women victorious over Tabor Bluejays



photo by Laina McKellip

LouAnna Nuss sends a fast one towards home plate, looking to strike out a Lady Bluejay.

Shandi Schoming
News Editor

After sweeping Wednesday's double-header against Tabor College, Mac's women's softball team is in the top four in the KCAC, according to Mike McCormick, head softball coach.

"We hit the ball, scored runs and played good defense," McCormick said.

Three runs in the first inning of the second game got the Lady 'Dogs off to a good start.

"LouAnna Nuss and Tappy Collette pitched two great games," McCormick said. "Crystal Richardson hit a three-run homer over the fence in the first game." "Overall, we played well," he said.

Although the Lady 'Dogs won this week's double-header, their performance has not been consistent throughout the season.

The 'Dogs fell short in their opening games against

Bethany College after spring break. They struck out of the doubleheader with two losses 15-2 and 8-0 respectively.

"If your pitcher isn't striking them out, you hope they hit it where you can make a play," McCormick said. "They did, and we didn't."

McCormick felt as if the team was not "in it mentally."

Last weekend's trip to Omaha, Neb., was futile as the Saint Mary Invitational was canceled after the team arrived due to weather.

"It was disappointing," McCormick said. "We were looking forward to playing some new folks, and trying to get ourselves back on track."

A doubleheader versus Haskell Indian Nations was also canceled due to injuries on the opposing team.

The women will have their next match up as they travel to Leavenworth on April 16 to take on St. Mary's College.

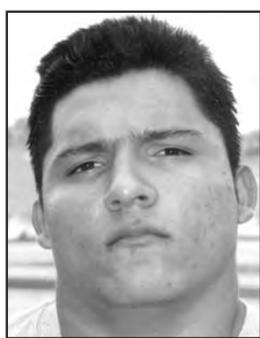
SPORTS IN SHORTS



Continuing to receive honors for the 2002-2003 season, junior forward Kenny Romero was recently named a NAIA honorable mention basketball All-American. Romero also received the honor of being named to the 2003 All-KCAC first team for the second time.. Romero was named KCAC Freshman of the

Year following the 2001 season. Romero ended this past season averaging 13.9 points and 8.1 rebounds per game. He shot 53 percent from the floor. Romero's 8.1 rebounds ranked fourth in the KCAC this past season and his field goal percentage put him in eighth.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE



Head track and field coach Pete Seal has nominated Ivan Martinez, a freshman from Meeker, Okla., as the Athlete of the Issue. Ivan recently set new personal records in three field events at the Friends Invitational meet on April 5. In the hammer throw, Martinez improved his best throw by 20' 4", setting his new record at 113' 11". He

increased his discus record to 124' 10" by increasing his throw 30 feet. Lastly, Martinez set a new personal record in the shot put with a 40' 11" heave, increasing his record by 3' 4".

"Ivan's been working really hard in practice lately, and it showed by setting personal bests in all three of his events," Coach Seal said.

Women dominate NCAA tournament picks

Matt Tobias
Spectator Staff

Move over men, the women are on top. The results of Metzler Hall's March Madness bracket competition are in, and they show that McPherson women know their basketball.

The only competition sponsored by the men's-only dormitory invited participants to pick the teams he or she thought would do best in the recent NCAA men's basketball tournament. A system was used that allotted points to each participant depending on how well their picks performed.

When all of the results were in, Tricia Laughlin, sr., Wray, Colo., emerged as the winner, with 160 points, taking home the first place prize of a \$75 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

"First I chose the teams that I actually knew," Laughlin said, "then I chose the underdogs."

Another strategy that Laughlin used was picking the teams with the cutest names.

The second place winner with 146 points was Melissa Segovia, who won a \$40 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

Coming in a very close third place victory was Lucas Lanning. Lanning also had a score of 146 points but he fell just short of second because of a tiebreaker. He used a much more traditional and common approach with his knowledge of college basketball and a little help from Dick Vitale.

Bringing home a \$10 Wal-Mart gift certificate and a fourth place finish with 144 points was Betty Guffey, bookstore manager. Guffey said she also used the insights of Dick Vitale to help her pick the winning teams. In addition, she used ESPN.com and the individual teams rankings and statistics.

"First I chose the teams that I actually knew, then I chose the underdogs."

-Tricia Laughlin

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Staff announces resignations, campus wishes luck in future plans

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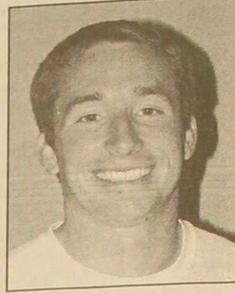
Three McPherson College staff have announced their impending resignations. Bob Knechel, vice president for institutional advancement, Linda Barrett, Dotzour Hall director, and Pete Seal, Bittering Hall director and head cross country and track and field coach, will be moving on next year.



Knechel



Barrett



Seal

Knechel has served the college for the past eight and a half years. During his time here, he helped complete the \$23.5 million "Enhancing the Legacy" campaign. He has been instrumental in securing numerous grants for various college departments.

"It has been my great pleasure to work with Bob for the past eight and a half years," said President Ron Hovis. "I have observed his efforts and accomplishments from the perspective of the board of trustees, the faculty, and now the presidency. We will miss his personal presence as much as we will miss his professional contributions. I know I speak for the entire

McPherson College community when I express our sincere thanks and best wishes for his future endeavors." Knechel declined to discuss specific career plans until all arrangements were finalized, but said the move will relocate him and his wife closer to family in

Indiana and Ohio. Barrett, a 1992 graduate of Mac, has served as resident director of Dotzour Hall for the past seven years. She, her husband Dave, academic counselor for student athletes, and their two children will stay in the McPherson community. "I would definitely stay if

the apartment were bigger," Barrett said. "I love my job and everything about it, but its time to move on for my family."

Dave plans to continue his job as the academic counselor for student athletes. As of now, Linda has no plans for the coming year.

"I'm going to miss the students and the atmosphere," Barrett said. "I feel like I've never left since I graduated. This is my home."

Barrett said the positive part about leaving is that they will now own their own house and their own space.

"This is where I brought my kids to, this is the only home they have ever known," she said.

Pete Seal has served as Bittering Hall director and

track and cross country coach for the past year. Seal is getting married this summer and moving back east nearer to family.

"A future in Kansas will not be beneficial to our family," Seal said. "All our family lives in Indiana."

Seal plans to look for a coaching job closer to a city to support his fiancée in her professional pursuits.

"It's tough to walk away from recruits," Seal said. "With new facilities, this would be a good place to work and coach."

He feels like his time at McPherson was well-spent, though, "I helped to evoke excitement in the track and cross-country programs."

Education department announces success

Matt Tobias
Spectator Staff

The wait is over. The announcement is official and the McPherson College teacher education program has received national accreditation.

Though the campus was informed after the October visit that the visiting team would recommend national accreditation, the teacher education board received official notification two weeks ago.

Faculty and staff, not only from the education department but campus wide, had worked on accreditation for the past five years. Numerous tasks had to be accomplished, such as writing and collecting materials and evidence, training co-op teachers and developing an assessment plan. All of those involved put in many long hours to becoming accredited, which paid off in the end.

"The process was characterized by a spirit of cooperation on the part of all members of the college community and our constituencies," said Barbara Cole, curriculum and instruction and key coordinator of the accreditation effort. "We see ourselves as a community of educators, and we are working to ensure that our students have a quality, service-oriented education." "The campus collaboration was outstanding," President Ron Hovis said. "Our faculty from multiple disciplines engaged with the curriculum and instruction

We meet standards above and beyond what is required.

-Marilyn Kimbrell

faculty and the teacher education board in the joint planning and execution of the accreditation effort."

According to Cole, the visiting NCATE team said they rarely see such a high level of collaboration.

National accreditation enhances the college's status and shows that it has a high-quality program in place. The status assures future employers that McPherson College education graduates are well-trained and qualified educators. These graduates will now be more attractive in the job market.

"National accreditation reaffirms that McPherson College has a rigorous program and that we meet standards above and beyond what is required," said Dr. Marilyn Kimbrell, chair of the curriculum and instruction department. "Our graduates will have an additional advantage as they seek licensure across the country."

Even though the education department is now accredited, the work is not over. NCATE teams will visit campus every five years to ensure the continuation of the program's quality.

Hovis outlines financial situation: points out areas to improve on

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Charitable Giving.

McPherson College has long had a high rate of alumni giving. Over the past four years, however, the College's rate of alumni giving has fallen by nearly ten percent. In 1999, roughly 36 percent of alumni donated money or other gifts to the college. This figure has declined to 26 percent of alumni who give.

Hovis attributes the decline to several factors. First, the college recently completed a large capital campaign, Enhancing the

Legacy, and donors may still be working to pay off their pledges or may have just given large sums to the college, meaning that they are reluctant to give again so soon.

In addition, with a lagging economy, charitable gifts are down for all non-profit institutions across the country. McPherson College is not the only organization affected.

What this all means is that the college is about halfway to its annual goal of \$500,000 in charitable contributions. With only two

months to go, the pressure is on.

Alumni gifts are but one piece of the giving puzzle, however. For the most part, alumni gifts fall into the category of unrestricted gifts. Two other categories of gifts include estate gifts and designated gifts.

On the positive side, estate gifts are way ahead of the annual goal of \$500,000, Hovis said. Estate gifts this fiscal year total \$900,000. Another bright spot is the \$100,000 gift from Mercedes designated for auto restoration program

review and development. "Over the long term, we're in good shape," Hovis said, "but unrestricted giving has been low this year."

Enrollment

Enrollment at McPherson College has declined steadily for the past four years from a high of 471 students in 1999 to a total of 341 this year. This has had a significant financial impact on the college.

According to Hovis, determining the exact extent of this impact is difficult. The overall picture of student

revenue is a simple one: more students equal higher revenue, fewer students equal lower revenue. However, putting definite figures on the amount that decreasing student enrollment has had on the finances of the college is difficult, he said.

On the positive side, admissions is currently well ahead of its prospects last year. Figures have been running well above those of the past.

"By and large, we could add from one to ten students in 90 percent of the classes

on campus and still be within comfortable limits," Hovis said.

"It sort of brings things full circle," Hovis said. "By increasing enrollment we can decrease the amount of endowment spending required. By collecting on student accounts, we can reduce our deficit and increase the endowment."

"People want to donate to a viable institution, and since our mission is to educate students, we have to have students to do that. They're all connected."

Alum returns to Mac stage in "Company" performance



The Company cast rehearses Wednesday night. Ernest Figueroa, 84, returned to Mac for this weekend's performance. Figueroa works with the Pasadena Playhouse in California.

Amanda Wells
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College theatre and music department opened its production of "Company," a musical comedy by Stephen Sondheim, in Brown Auditorium last night. The show continues tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The musical follows five married couples and their mutual friend, Bobby, a 35-year-old bachelor. Bobby has been unable to connect in a long-term relationship. Bobby looks at the imperfections of his friends' mar-

riages and is uncertain about the purpose of marriage. But, he is also fearful about being alone in the future. He eventually learns that while relationships are not perfect, they are a necessary part of being alive.

Ernest Figueroa, a 1984 graduate of McPherson College, plays Bobby, the lead role. Figueroa arrived on campus two weeks ago to prepare for the role.

Figueroa is a free-lance director who has been involved with theatrical projects nationwide including California, Alaska, Hawaii, Connecticut, and

New York.

According to Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theatre, Figueroa is the only McPherson College theatre major who has stayed in professional theatre.

Figueroa is currently involved with the Pasadena Playhouse, one of the oldest professionally-operated theatres in southern California, where he works with artistic director Sheldon Epps, the director of popular television sitcoms, including "Friends" and "Frasier."

Figueroa credits Mac with providing him with a well-rounded education that pre-

pared him for professional work. "I had the best theatre experience possible at McPherson College," he said. "I came here because I could do theatre."

Dr. Katherine Perrault, assistant professor of speech and theatre, is directing "Company."

Ernie has spent months training vocally and physically for the show," she said. "He has brought a real sense of professionalism to the production—he's very disciplined, well prepared, and gives a lot as an actor in the process."

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A land-speed record car, some prominent restoration authorities and about 150 cars highlight the fourth annual C.A.R.S. Club car show.

The show, which is completely student-run and student-organized, hopes to draw many vehicles from the surrounding area, and even some from farther away.

The Mormon Meteor, a land-speed record car in which Ab Jenkyns made several attempts at Bonneville, will be on campus in Templeton Hall for the duration of the show. Marv Jenkyns, a descendant of Ab, will give several presentations on the vehicle

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Bob Knechel has resigned his position as vice president of institutional advancement.

Knechel, who has been at McPherson College for eight and a half years, has accepted a position at Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia.

Bethany is a Disciples of Christ affiliated college that was founded in 1840 in the Allegheny Mountains. The institution is a liberal arts college with around 900 students.

Knechel will work on a capital campaign that the college is starting. "Professionally, this is just another challenge, just like McPherson," Knechel said.

Mike Nealeigh, advancement department director, will head the next year. He hopes to continue with the work Knechel has done throughout his years here.

"Bob Knechel has done a tremendous job for the past 8 plus years," Nealeigh said. "My goal is to maintain his standards and to build on his successes."

Knechel has had many successes throughout his time here at Mac. He was hired to help with the "Enhancing the Legacy" campaign, which included \$23 million in college upgrades. The campaign included bringing new physical resources to

house stranger programs