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Student accounts policy continues to evolve

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News Editor

A new student accounts policy will take effect beginning next fall.

Over the past few years, the college's accounts receivable have steadily gone up, which, according to Gaylon Green, business manager, "is not doing anyone any good, the college or the students." Earlier in the year, the college had over \$400,000 in outstanding student balances.

"No organization can stay in business if its clients don't pay for the services they receive," President Ron Hovis said.

At the beginning of fall 2002, students were allowed to carry \$3,000 over on their student account. In the spring, this amount

decreased to \$1,500.

The new accounts receivable policy means that students will be allowed to carry \$500 a semester plus the cost of books on their account, but this balance must be paid in full before they are allowed to enroll for the following semester. Students will be expected to make full payment at enrollment for their remaining balance.

The college will set up monthly payment plans to ensure that the balance is paid off before the next semester's enrollment.

"We need to be responsible to the college, and we need to be responsible to the students," Green said.

If students are unable to make their payments, they have the opportunity to enroll with Tuition

Management Systems (TMS) to meet this requirement. TMS will offer students and parents a ten- or twelve month payment plan to pay off a remaining balance.

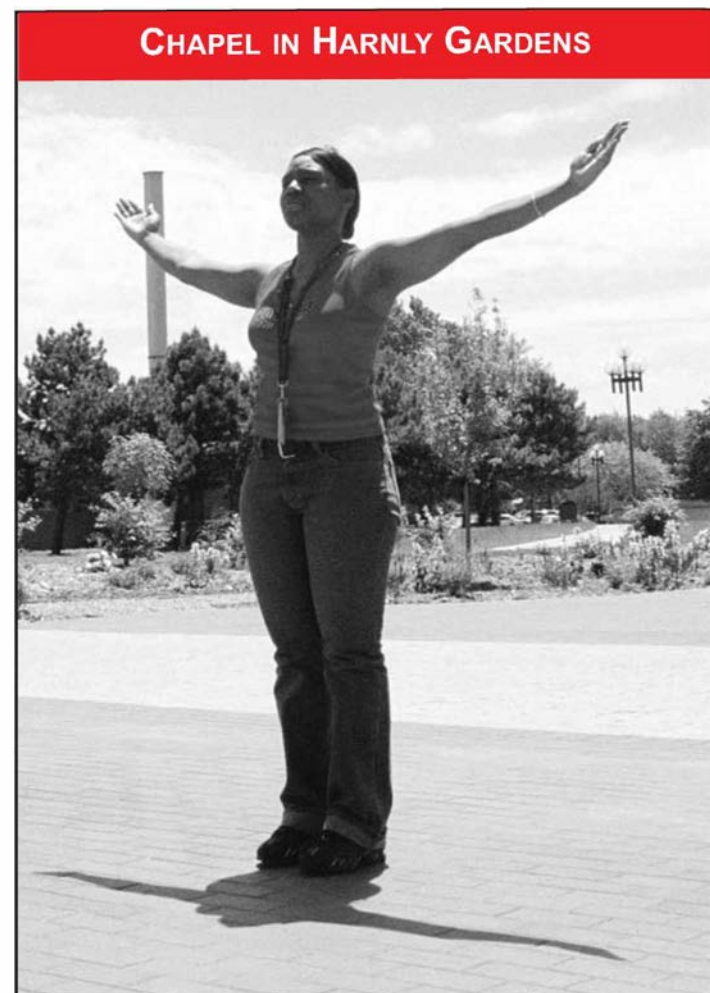
A student who fails to make a scheduled payment with both the college and TMS will be notified and have 48 hours to make payment. If a payment is not received by this time, the account balance will be due in full. If the balance still remains unpaid, the student will no longer be able to attend classes or participate in extra-curricular activities. The balance then will be turned over to a collection agency.

"We hope the students understand that this is reasonable," Green said. "We are trying to make sure that

accounts are taken care of in a timely fashion. The majority of students do this anyway."

Students also will not be allowed to enroll if their financial aid packages have not been completed. The business office will be working with the financial aid department in an effort to get students' financial aid packages to them sooner. This will allow the college to know the package and will ensure that students are not denied aid due to their forms not being completed in a timely manner.

"We are looking to hold students accountable to help them learn the appropriate behavior in regard to paying their bills," Hovis said. "We're trying to set the right expectations."



CHAPEL IN HARNLY GARDENS

Lovie Pace, jr., Kansas City, does an interpretive dance in chapel Wednesday. The final chapel took place in Harnly Gardens and was dedicated to graduating seniors.

photo by Laina McKellip

Projected increase in enrollment will bring changes to Mac campus

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A projected increase in next fall's enrollment will bring some changes to the McPherson College campus, school officials contend.

Currently, the college has received over 100 freshmen tuition deposits and over 20 deposits from transfer students.

According to Karlene Tyler, registrar, it is safe to say that the number of new students on campus next fall will be "as many if not more" than the number of returning students.

"Returning students need to be prepared for crowding," Tyler said. In the past, it has been hard for returning students to adjust to sig-

nificant increases in numbers.

Along with crowding, returning students will need to realize that it is going to be much more important to enroll on time because classes will fill sooner.

"Classes will be bigger," Tyler said. "But, we are still trying to hold to a 39-40 limit in classes."

"It should make the campus more vibrant and alive," President Ron Hovis said. "There should be many more students in the dining room and walking between buildings."

The increase in enrollment will also bring an increase in funding for activities planned by student groups. "Additional students brings additional resources," Hovis said. "With more income we

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-LaMonte Rothrock

will be better able to provide quality programming."

The college has taken a different approach to recruiting this year. Presidential and Dean's Scholars have been named. "We targeted students who had leadership experience in the past," Hovis said. There

also has been a significant focus in the athletics and fine arts areas.

Existing faculty, staff and students should view next fall's group not as large, but as a normal group, according to Hovis. "What we're doing is returning to a normal size," Hovis said. "We expect at least this large a group for the next several years."

"Welcoming and embracing this group is critical to retaining students for their educational career," Hovis said.

Not only is the admissions department on track recruiting new students for next fall, goals have been met for retention as well.

"We have met or exceeded our projections in every classification," Tyler said.

"We have the best retention of full-time freshmen in eight years."

The projection for freshman retention was 60 percent. This has been exceeded with 61 percent of freshmen returning. Sophomore retention was projected to be 70 percent and 72 percent are returning, and 89 percent of juniors will return compared to a projection of 82 percent.

Tyler attributes this retention success to the goals set by the retention task force.

"Next fall will be a great opportunity for sophomores, juniors and seniors to take leadership and show freshmen and new students how things are done at McPherson College," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

NEWS BRIEFS

Smith edits book

Jeanne Smith, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, recently edited a book that will be published in India.

The book, "Scarlet Daughters of South Asia--A Poignant Portrayal" was written by Sarada Sreedeviamma. Smith wrote the preface to the book.

The book recounts numerous case studies of females that Sreedeviamma has counseled.

Smith served as faculty-in-residence at Cochin University for Brethren Colleges Abroad. Cochin is the university where Sreedeviamma is a professor.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ALL SCHOOL'S DAY PARADE



photo by Laina McKellip

McPherson College students and their "miniatures" ride on the McPherson College float. The float was created by the admissions counselors. Anthony Kelley, fr., Perry, Utah, walks along with the float. The annual All School's Day parade took place last Friday, May 9, in downtown McPherson.

McPherson College to celebrate 115th commencement exercises

Shandi Schoming

News Editor

Approximately 68 students are expected to graduate on Sunday, May 25, when McPherson College celebrates its 115th commencement.

The commencement procession will be led by two McPherson community bagpipers. Ron Hovis, McPherson College's 13th president, has been chosen to give the commencement address.

A senior class vocal ensemble, led by Steve Gustafson, professor of music, will perform as part of the program.

A reception with refreshments will follow in Heaston Gazebo.

Commencement weekend is also Alumni Weekend, an occasion highlight-

ed by class reunions and the Alumni Awards Banquet.

Alumni will join in the dedication of Hamly Gardens on Saturday, May 24 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The awards luncheon follows at noon in Mingenback Theatre.

Special recognition will be given to the Citation of Merit recipients who include Edward Butler, '53, McPherson; Tom Crago, '68, Colorado Springs; Leona Dell Ikenberry, '48, LaVerne, Calif.; Barbara Holderread Smith, '48, Newton and Kenneth, '61, and Elsie, '58, Lucore Holderread, McPherson.

The college will also recognize the Citation of Merit recipients during the commencement ceremony.

STAFF EDITORIAL

A year at Mac: the good and the bad

Issue 1: 2002-2003 school year reviewed.

Our Position: Despite the tough losses Mac experienced, the future looks promising.

THE END OF THE YEAR HAS COME, IT'S TIME TO TAKE STOCK OF WHAT'S HAPPENED ON THIS CAMPUS OVER THE PAST YEAR.

We've been dogged by issues that have haunted us for a long time. Our enrollment started off at a low level, and it has had the usual attrition.

We've had turmoil in SGA over issues ranging from elections to funding to constitutional changes.

We've seen turmoil on campus over national events, and over theatre productions relating to national events.

We've seen Ron Hovis tell us the bad news about our financial status, something that we should have realized was going to happen.

We've seen the passing of several former professors who made a large impact during their time here.

We've seen our Sport Center mauled by construction. But we've also seen a lot of good things.

We've seen the passing of the torch from an esteemed interim president, Neil Thorburn, to our new esteemed president, Ron Hovis.

We've seen admissions do staggering work toward bringing us more students.

SGA has taken a number of steps toward bringing positive attributes to campus. They've just recently revitalized themselves into a different organization that should eliminate much of the turmoil that went on this year.

National events have served to provoke debate among us, something that is laudable in a bunch of collegiate scholars. If nothing else, the debate and uproar over signs and theatre productions goes to show that the campus community cares. And that's good.

Our financial situation is sticky. There's nothing wrong with that. We should have expected it with an overall downturn in the markets and declining enrollments. It only logically follows that fewer students means less money. We can thank Ron Hovis for waking us up to what we should have seen a long time ago and forestalled. Now that we're aware and thinking, things will change.

We will miss our departed professors. But we also know there are professors who are currently working hard to fill their vaunted shoes. Gary Entz's naming as Professor of the Year tells us that. There was a long list to choose from.

Our Sport Center will soon be finished, and we're glad for that. It will be great to have it filled with the athletes that admissions and coaches have recruited.

And we can thank a number of people for all of this. Credit should go to Neil Thorburn, our departed interim president, and to Ron Hovis, our new president. When he speaks at Commencement on Sunday, May 25, he will take over an institution that is turning itself around.

We will turn out graduates who have seen some four bad years of declining enrollments, declining morale and who have hung on through it all. We are proud of them, and we will be proud of what they do in the future.

MAC OPINIONS

What are you doing this summer?



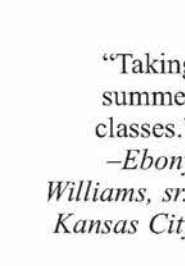
"Preparing for graduate school in Lawrence."
-Trenton Parsell, sr., Raymond



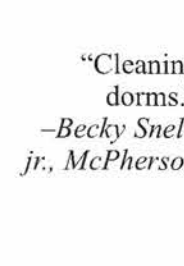
"I'll be a therapeutic aid and be with my family."
-Jana Powell, jr., Mechanicsville, Va.



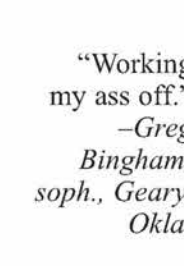
"Working in construction and relaxing."
-Tim Cox, fr., Lyndon



"Taking summer classes."
-Ebony Williams, sr., Kansas City



"Cleaning dorms."
-Becky Snell, jr., McPherson



"Working my ass off."
-Greg Bingham, soph., Geary, Okla.

Four years of collegiate progress—mostly

Summary: I came here, four years past, to seek something. I called it various things; an education, a refuge from what I knew, a journey into Kansas. I tried it; adrift from my natural landscape, I decided I needed a change.



LUKE CHENNELL

*Hey, Colorado,
It was not so long ago,
I left your mountains,
to try life on my own.*

-The Flying Burrito Brothers

Four years later, I'm not sure where it leads. I know a lot of things that have happened along the way, though, and for the most part I'm pleased with them.

*I was down at Green Gables,
a-hawking them tables...
generally blowing all my hard earned pay,
Piano rolled blues, danced holes in my shoes,
There weren't another other way to be.*

-Waylon Jennings

So, I've apparently wound up here, about to graduate, and scared of it.

I'd love to say how I've learned this, learned that, learned how to behave, learned what I ought not to do. But in reality, I've learned none of those.

I'd love to go off on what I have picked up in school, the grand things I have to tell you that are of such vast importance that I cannot

deny them. But the truth is, I haven't learned anything of the sort.

Whatever knowledge I have gained has mostly proved to me that I know little about the universe; that I literally know nothing about the subjects I pretend to study.

*Walking down Main Street,
Getting to know the concrete,
Looking for a purpose
From a neon sign.*

-Son Volt

Detailed summary: I've been here four years. I've worked on decrepit vehicles doggedly through my freshman year, researched and wrenched on decrepit vehicles my sophomore year, researched decrepit vehicles my junior year, and become a liberal arts scholar in my senior year. It's been a varied experience.

I've learned a lot about how academic institutions operate, about how people operate, and about how people view the objects of the world around them. I'd love to condense it into something simple, into some grand thesis that

encompasses the entire cosmos and our role in it. I'd love to tell you all about the grand plan that someone has, the order that will soon overtake us.

But what I'm left with is mostly fragments—single situations that illustrate some bigger point but miss the essence of what really goes on in the world.

*My brain is cloudy,
My soul is upside down,
When I get that low-down feeling,
I know the blues must be somewhere around.*

-Bob Wills

But it's not all bad. I've done good things, and I'd like to think I'm headed good places. Time will tell, I suppose; no one truly knows what's going to happen tomorrow.

I'd like to leave you with some profound message, some foretelling of the future. After 23 columns, I think I owe you that. But the truth is that I really can't provide it. The most I can provide you with is someone else's words:

*Been warped by the rain,
Driven by the snow,
I'm drunk and dirty,
Don't you know,
But I'm still,
Willin'.*

-Little Feat

It's about time to reflect and recharge... and work hard to pay debts

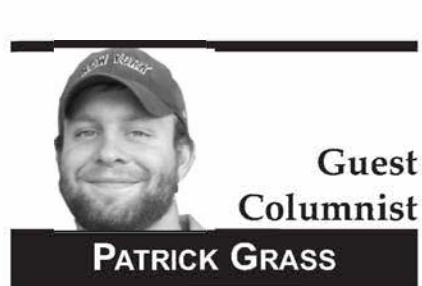
I'm looking forward to summer for many reasons. It will give me time to squeeze plenty of quality time in with my family, friends and girlfriend and time to squeeze in many labor-intensive money-making hours to carry me through the next school year.

Although I do enjoy classes at McPherson, I really enjoy being at home. Some people have the luxury of being close enough to drive home on weekends and some people don't. Although I could do the 14-hour drive home on the weekends, it's not financially feasible.

This summer is probably going to be the last one where I'm working a job that will strictly pay the bills. By this time next year I'd like to have a position lined up where I'd like to be and thoroughly enjoy the 40-plus hours a week I will spend there.

This summer will be a time of organizing my finances and remembering what my hard-earned dollars look like before I start giving them to the organizations that lent me money for school. Ahh, good times.

It's also going to be the first time I spend a night in my mom's new house. I've seen the place once, but haven't spent any time there. I hope I remember where she lives.



PATRICK GRASS

Other than sleep-in when I get home, I have a ton of other stuff to do. But at least I'll be doing it on my home turf.

The summer has always been a sort of recharge for my personal battery. I love coming home after working all day and not having to worry about morning classes, night classes, homework or anything else that accompanies a full class load and on campus housing.

Little to no commitments and freedom to do what I want in terms of leisure and work activities are things I enjoy about summer. Although I'll be busy, the activities I take part in will be because I want to do them.

In addition to the job I accepted during the length of my stay at home, I also have two other projects to do on the side for some play money. Hopefully I can make my annual trip to the Gulf of Mexico for a few carefree days of

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beach lounging, provided it doesn't interfere with my work schedule or my girlfriend's summer school schedule.

There are many things I would like to get done while I'm at home. I hope have time to do the necessary things on my plate.

With the end of the school year coming, I've realized one thing: life is short. It's hard to believe that I've finished two semesters of classes here already, and I know this summer will be all too short. Before long I'll be back at Mac, headed to my new room with a bottle of Clorox and a vacuum to clean up the place before settling in for another two semesters. Then I'll only have to wait another nine months for summer.

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Final insights for the school year: encourage yourself in your short life

Test Life

I was watching a snowboarding movie the other day while I did laundry (I have to make it interesting somehow), and I realized that if you don't push your limits of fear and endurance and control on some sort of regular basis, you aren't really living. Pain makes you realize you're alive.

The majority of people walk around in an anesthetic bubble, not doing anything exciting, just going through the motions of being a person, only performing the bare minimum required to survive. A lot of people end up sitting behind a desk convincing themselves they really do enjoy their job, while a select few are actually doing something they love.

It is possible to make money doing something you hate, but if you do something you love, you'll most



Indiana Insights

LUKE EBERLY

likely make good money at it. On the other hand, I know a few people who go through life in their bubble and are very content right there. But scare yourself at least once, and make sure to enjoy it!

Learn more every day

Every day I'm breathing, I have to adjust what I believe. I had a conversation a couple years ago wherein I thought adults had forgotten the joy of living, of looking up at the sky and realizing you are alive and well, and were just going through the motions. The girl I was conversing with was adamant

that I was wrong, and today I decided she was right. It's a good excuse to get in touch with her again. Seriously though, every day I think I have something figured out, something else happens to convince me I was wrong or at least not quite right. And that is what life is all about; that, and scaring yourself.

Getting old

I enjoy what some would refer to as an addiction to human communication. With the arrival of electronic communication, this expanded to include e-mail and instant messenger. A number of my friends with whom I chat have mentioned the fact that we are half way through college. Incredible. It's frightening, yet in a way, exciting because everything I want to do relies upon time moving forward. I've got to remember the good old

days, but try not to hold onto them.

Summer plans

It seems like every day somebody mentions something else I need to do this summer. Two people want me to go to a number of concerts, there's family vacation and two reunions, about five or six auto races, ten or so friends to visit all over the state of Virginia, weekends cruising the Smoky Mountains on the bike, and let's not forget the 40-plus hours a week working.

Any way you shake it, it's going to be a blast and I can't wait to get there. I wish it started today.

Plans for next year

If I make it through this summer, my plate is full for next semester too! Two jobs, 16 credit hours, hopefully a project bike, and if I can get it together, an apprenticeship. On top of

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that, I hope I can be disciplined enough to better manage my undertakings so the end of the semesters isn't as busy as this one. Not that I'm getting anything done, but there sure is a lot I should be doing.

A few side notes

I talked with Greg the other day, the guy in charge of the cafeteria. The menus

we are now suffering from are given to him; he has no control over them. Next year, he will have come up with his own menus. Hopefully they will include mints.

He also related to me a number of often-overlooked expenses related to moving off-campus, namely furniture, cable, utilities, Internet access and kegs.

Well, that's what is on my mind. Not much of an opinion, but I want to say this: whatever you do this summer, be you busy or be you bored, make sure to have a blast, do as much as possible, and take pictures. This is your life; it is what you make it. Sooner than you think, it'll be over and we'll all be old and wrinkly and all we'll have is the memories and photographs, like Jim Croce sang about.

Students need more awareness of social consequence and be more open minded towards different people

One might think from the history books that racism is far from over. Look at today's world. There are minorities in major offices all over the world.

Well, what about the United States? What about Kansas? What about McPherson? What about Mac College? Does racism still exist here?

I have been here two years, and gratefully, headed on to a third year. In my short, but influential experience here at Mac, I would say overall that racism here is... well you know what? I don't know what to think.

I look at the cafeteria and most of us do not sit with others of a different race. The black and Hispanic people sit with black and Hispanic people and the white people sit with white people. Sometimes you get a few mixed in here and there, but it sure doesn't stick for very long-maybe



Nick's Niche

NICK GRIGGS

because students that come to Mac more often than not come from small towns with few if any minorities.

In March right before Spring Break, I went on the College Choir Tour to Nebraska, Colorado, and western Kansas. I am the only black person in choir. The towns we went to represent most of the community here at Mac. It wasn't exactly a culture shock for me, but it might have been for some of the families we stayed with. Most of the towns had very few black residents.

That isn't too hard for me because I didn't exactly

grow up where there were a lot of black people. I am used to it, but some people are not.

I know I talk to many of you and you say the same things. "Nick, I don't think of you as a black person when I think of you." That is but one of many comments I receive, but there are things that race separates. One thing is how someone is brought up, and yes, that does separate our campus.

More of us grow up with white people around so more minorities are used to the majority. Some of the majority, however, is not. I involve myself in a lot of activities at Mac on purpose because most participation is dominated by the white majority. I don't accuse anyone of being racist or anything, but I dare some of the white people to go sit with the minorities on campus, and I dare the minorities on

campus to go sit with some white people. Most of the time the only way that this happens is if someone is interracial dating; if not, then we don't sit together. I don't understand that.

We claim how much this college is a family and how much we supposedly support and encourage everyone on campus, but it doesn't happen. Some people I have observed are so naive they don't even know that what they do can offend someone.

Some people are aware but don't how much they might intimidate someone. I have to say that there is probably not much racism that exists here on campus among staff vs. students but with students vs. students.

Last year I know that one student said something inappropriate to me but I let it go, just like most Christians would or should.

However, if it had not been me or someone more aggressive, there would have been a fight. For what?

Of course, on the surface none of this stuff is ever said and most people would never let what they truly think about someone out of their mind. But sometimes what we are thinking emerges in our actions. For example, when we fail to respond to someone who speaks to us, or when we act like we're ready to fight when someone bumps into us. I don't get how someone can be so used to thinking like that in their head they don't care to change.

I am sorry to anyone reading this column who doesn't like the black students who are sometimes loud in the cafeteria. I am also sorry to anyone who doesn't like the white people who are sometimes loud when they play

Frisbee golf all night long.

These are just few examples of how people think distastefully about others and of course you have to label the people as white, black, Hispanic, Asian and on and on and on. I say this because it is mostly white people who speak about the "loud black people in the back of the cafeteria." It is mostly black people who talk about the white people playing Frisbee golf all night long. The truth is, we are very separated as a college and there is a lot of tension under the surface. I don't know how long that might go unsaid until someone snaps at someone because they are offended or intimidated by the opposite race.

Racism does exist on campus. This needs to change. Or does it? Or does no one else see a problem?

Students need to make efforts to stay informed

This has been one eventful year for us at Mac.

We had an awesome football season, great productions, and great music came to campus. The new addition to the Sport Center and all the changes to the area around it have been exciting to watch.

But do we all get so caught up in our lives that we don't pay attention to what is going on outside of our little community? I would say yes more than no. How can we lose touch with things that are as scary as things are now?

I was looking at what I needed to catch up on for my summer job [It would be helpful to know what I'm talking about] so I am not unprepared when some kid comes up and asks "What does this mean?" I saw the news change drastically from September to November. Boy, did I miss a lot of news over the last eight months.

How do we keep up on the times and the news? I hate to say this, but ignoring it isn't the way to go (although that is my method of choice). I am a prime example. I should be studying for my classes and getting



Sid's Schpeel

SYDNEY WHITE

ready for finals instead of looking at the news so I don't look like an idiot in

LETTER POLICY

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

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front of 12-year olds.

Here are some ideas to help with this problem: look up your local newspaper and try to read it on a daily-basis or at least every other day, ask Gary Entz to trans-

late the news for you (if he has time, of course), or ask friends if they know what is going on.

You may be asking why I am writing about this. I want you to be prepared for

this summer because I am sure someone will ask what do you think about this and you are going to be saying, "ummm... well, i don't know."

This may not be not be

helpful now, but pull out this Spectator next fall and refresh yourself on this topic. As for what to do now, you can do what I am doing: searching the Internet for news.

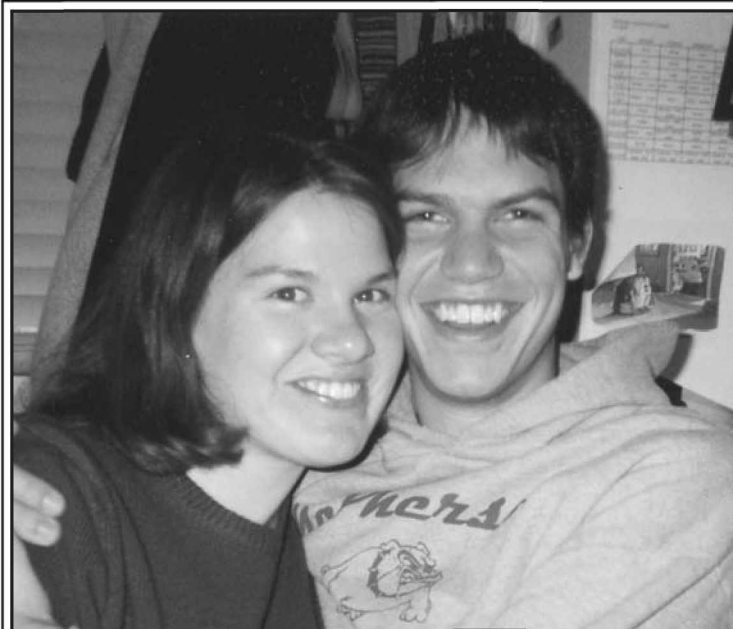
COUNTRY MIKE'S CORNER

BY MIKE VRTISKA



Love is in the Air

College has always been an opportunity to search for that special someone. This year, over a dozen couples have decided to tie the knot.



Fiancé: Wes Hoffert
Hometown: Golden, Colo.
Class: Senior
Major: Chemistry

Hometown: Abilene
Class: Senior
Major: English & sec. Ed.

Fiancée: Elissa Thompson

First sighting: Wes transferred from Manchester

Wes and Elissa

College his sophomore year. Elissa was on SGA and had to go to the transfer luncheon. Elissa sat at his table and reports that Wes wouldn't even talk to her. Wes doesn't remember any of that. His first recollection of Elissa was when he was introduced to her in the Dotzour lobby by their mutual friend, Peter Samland.

First date: During late September, Wes invited Elissa to lunch at the Main Street Deli. When he arrived to pick her up, Elissa, not realizing it was a date, had invited the entire third floor. "I guess I didn't get the

whole 'date' thing across," said Wes.

Proposal: On April 13, 2003, the couple went out to eat and afterwards Elissa wanted to get a frozen Coke. "They are my favorite thing in the world...besides Wes," said Elissa. They went to Coronado Heights, where Wes pulled out the ring and asked the question.

Wedding plans: Oct. 4, 2003, First Christian Church in Abilene

Future plans: They plan to stay in the McPherson area for now, but eventually they want to move to Colorado and find job opportunities.

Fiancé: Louie Schneider
Hometown: New Orleans
Class: Sophomore
Major: Mathematics

Louie and Melissa

during finals week of their freshman year...at least that is the first time they really talked to each other.

First date: Six months ago they went on a walk through

Lakeside Park.

Proposal: On April 11, 2003, while they were talking outside of Brown Auditorium, Louie simply asked her and she said yes. The couple

picked out a ring later.

Wedding plans: June 10, 2006

Honeymoon: There are no set plans yet, but they'd like to go to Tahiti.

Future plans: After they finish school, they plan to settle down in New Orleans.

Fiancé: Kevin Torano
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Computer technician

Andrea was having a bad day. It was about midnight and they were getting something to eat. As the hotdogs cooked in the microwave, Andrea pulled out a bottle of wine even though she had been saving it for a special occasion. Deciding to make it a special occasion, Kevin popped the question empty-handed and she said yes.

Wedding plans: April 22, 2004, at the Botanical Gardens in Wichita

Future plans: They plan to live in Wichita. He's starting his own computer business there and she's looking for a job.

Fiancée: Andrea Bolhaus
Hometown: Tescott
Class: Junior
Major: Psychology

First sighting: About a year ago, Kevin came to McPherson for a party and they were introduced by a mutual friend.

First date: In February the couple went to Wichita for a movie and dinner at the Olive Garden.

Proposal: They were at his house the Monday of Spring Break and

Kevin and Andrea

Levi and Sarah

Fiancé: Levi Mason
Hometown: Moulton, Iowa
Class: Mac Grad Dec. '01
Job: Stellar Auto Restoration

Fiancée: Sarah Hoffman
Hometown: McPherson
Class: Senior
Major: Early Childhood Special Ed. and elem. Ed.

First sighting: These two met at church. She was a senior and he was new at Mac.
First date: Aug. 31, 2002. Levi said he couldn't and Sarah insisted, "Any guy can cook...even if it's just mac and cheese." So, Levi invited her over for a meal of mac and cheese and a movie.

Proposal:

On January 18, 2003, Levi invited Sarah out for dinner (tuna casserole). He took her out to a windmill at his house. He was talking about how much he loved the view, and nature, and etc., when to the complete surprise of Sarah, he knelt and put a ring in her hand saying, "Will you be my wife?"

Wedding plans: Oct. 11, 2003 at the Monitor Church of the Brethren.

Honeymoon: This is Levi's secret...all she will know is what to pack.

Future plans: On a farm somewhere in Iowa or Kansas...wherever they can find good job opportunities.

Fiancé: Santi Cañez
Hometown: Nogales, Ariz.
Class: Graduate student at UC Berkeley
Major: Mathematics



Santi and Adelina

in an attempt to drown herself. A few questions later, Santi was questioned about his feelings towards Adelina. Cool and composed atop his floating perch, he said "yes" quite matter-of-factly. Then, a friend declared them boyfriend and girlfriend. In the car on the way home, Adelina proceeded to question Santi about what had just happened. She repeatedly asked, "Are we dating?"

First date: During their senior summer (four years ago), at a pool party with friends they decided to play "truth or truth." As Adelina had predicted, the first question that came her way was "Do you like Santi?" Panicked, she thought for a while, said yes, and plunged under the water

and he would reply, "I don't know," until finally Santi lengthened his answer to "I don't know...but I think I love you." Still, Adelina's reply remained constant. "So, are we dating?" His answer, "We can give it a shot."

Proposal: This couple has been doing the long-distance thing for the past four years. It was almost time for Christmas, and Adelina

planned to meet Santi at the airport that coming Thursday. Monday night, Dec. 16th, he called and told her to go to a Web site he had been working on. Even though it seemed unusual, she went to the site. It was filled with messages about how much he loved her. As she read, there was knock on her door...it was Santi and the rest of her third-floor Dotzour girls. In complete shock, Adelina was so excited that she actually forgot to answer, and Santi didn't even make it down on one knee.

Wedding plans: July 19, 2003. The service will take place 15 miles from Adelina's home in Rio Rico Resort.

Future plans: They will move to San Francisco and remain there until Santi finishes graduate school. After that, their plans will have a lot to do with job opportunities. They don't plan to have kids for a very long time.

Fiancé: Mitch Cromwell
Hometown: Hope
Current Location: Abilene
Occupation: Cromwell Construction

Fiancée: Kara Reiff
Hometown: Hope
Class: Junior
Major: Communications

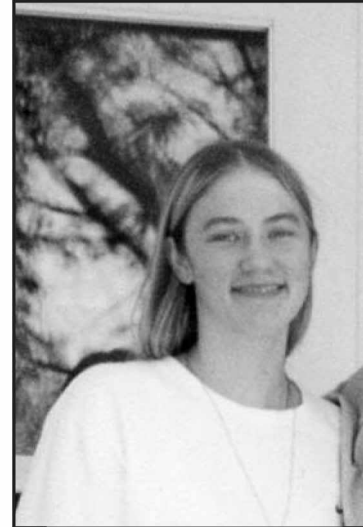
First sighting: Mitch, two years older than Kara, was her older brother's good friend during their grade school years.

First date: On June 2, 2001, Mitch and Kara went on a double date with her older brother and his girl friend. The group went to the movie "The Animal" and had dinner at Carlos O'Kelly's in Salina.

Proposal: On May 9, 2003, Mitch came over to Kara's house on Friday after work to pick her up to go to Salina

for the evening. She left the room to get him a drink, and when she came back he was down on one knee and asked her to marry him.

Wedding plans: Fall 2004 after Kara's graduation. The service will be held at the New Basel United Church of Christ in Hope.



Kara and

Erik and LouAna

Fiancé: Erik Johnson
Hometown: Caldwell, Idaho
Class: Junior
Major: Sec. Ed.

Fiancée: LouAna Nuss
Hometown: Abilene
Class: Junior
Major: Elem. Ed.

First sighting: Erik first noticed LouAna at a volleyball game this past fall. She spotted Erik on the football field and after talking to him after the game she had her roommate give him her number. He called five minutes later.

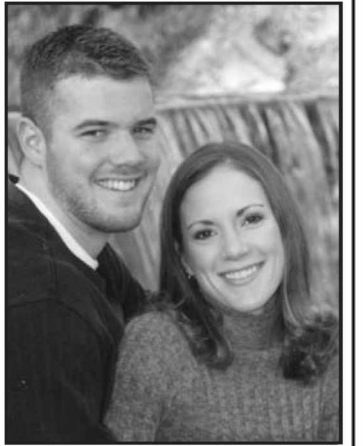
First date: On Sept. 14, 2002, they went out to eat Chinese before catching a movie. LouAna's fortune read, "The love of your life will appear in front of you unexpectedly."

Date engaged: On Feb. 14, 2003, Erik had LouAna over for a candle-lit Chinese din

ner re-enacting their first date. This time her fortune read, "The love of your life you've found will love you forever." Later she found out he had written the fortune. Erik read her an original poem. The last line asked her to marry him.

Wedding plans: June 26, 2004 in Abilene at the Garden of the Gods.

Future plans: They're moving to Idaho after he graduates. She will find a teaching position and his plans to teach and coach football.



Josh and Betty

Fiancé: Josh Laney
Hometown: Mannford Okla.
Class: Sophomore
Major: Secondary physical education

Fiancée: Betty Guffey
Hometown: McPherson

Class: Senior
Major: Sociology with emphasis in criminal law

First sighting: The couple met during fall semester '01 when Josh came into the bookstore to cash a check.

First date: Late night



walk around Lakeside Park 18 months ago.

Proposal: Officially Dec. 22, 2003, but Josh actually proposed twice...even though Betty said yes the first time. In lieu of seeking the father's permission, Josh asked approval from Betty's oldest daughter first. The first propos-



Future plans: They'd like to live in the same area that they both grew up in. Mitch will continue his work at Cromwell Construction and Kara would like to find a position with a newspaper or magazine in the area.



Mitch

Fiancé: Peter Samland
Hometown: Edgewater, Colo.
Class: Senior
Major: Computer science & philosophy/religion

Fiancée: Amanda Wells
Hometown: Ellsworth
Class: Senior
Major: Business

First Sighting: Four years ago, while walking up the stairs of the library, Peter spotted her and asked, "Hey, aren't you Bethany's roommate?" As sweet as that was, Amanda was already dating someone else. Peter knew the guy, and was disappointed that she must have bad taste in men. ("And I did...before I met Peter," says Amanda.)

Peter and Amanda

First date: Three and a half years ago, he called her up and purposefully stuttered through an invitation to be his date at the SGA Halloween dance. She accepted and dressed as Barbie to accompany him (wearing pop bottles on his head) as a Cokehead.

Proposal: On Easter Sunday, 2003, the two decided to go camping and catch the meteor shower that night. So they pitched at tent at Wilson Lake and opened up the "skylight" in their tent. Unfortunately, there were no stars falling. Still, Peter began to ask questions about stars like, "If you could reach up and grab a star, would you keep

it forever?" Amanda thought Peter was acting very strange, but she cluelessly answered his questions. Finally, Peter stretched one hand up towards the sky holding the ring, shined his flashlight on it with the other, and said, "I have a star for you...will you marry me?"

Wedding plans: Aug. 9, 2003, at the McPherson Church of the Brethren

Honeymoon: To a bed and breakfast somewhere on the East Coast...probably in Maine.

Future plans: They will both attend grad school at K-State and then decide what's next.



to the movie "Apollo 13" even though the two, as friends, had said they would never date each other unless hell froze over.

Proposal: Scott took the traditional route by asking her father first. The next day, July 9, 2002, they went out to dinner at a Mexican restaurant and then to the

"Borne Identity." Afterwards, in the car, Tricia was instructed to close her eyes for a surprise. Scott drove out of town to a private lake called Crider's Pond. Unfortunately, it had slipped his mind that Tricia gets carsick easily. The combination of closed eyes and country roads wasn't good.

Nonetheless, they got there fine and Scott began to lead her to the dock. But out of nowhere, a llama appeared in their path, catching Scott completely off guard. With eyes still closed, Tricia continued following him until they had reached the dock. She opened her eyes to Scott down on one knee. He felt the proposal was successful because he managed not to drop the ring between the boards in the dock into the lake...and because she said yes.

Wedding plans: June 7, 2003, in Wray, Colo., at their home church

Honeymoon: To Orlando, but it's not finalized yet.

Future plans: This couple will be the new RDs of Bittinger Hall next year, but they eventually plan to end up in Colorado. While in McPherson, Scott will work as a caseworker at Prairie View. Tricia is still searching for opportunities.

Scott and Tricia



Fiancé: Troy Hernandez
Hometown: Kansas City
Class: Freshman
Major: Business finance and psychology

Fiancée: Christine Sheller
Hometown: Eldora, Iowa
Class: Senior
Major: Sociology/psychology with religion/philosophy minor

First sighting: In January, the couple was introduced

Troy and Christine

while Christine was being trained by Jodi Good in the Doghouse.

First date: Three months ago, for Valentine's Day they went to Outback Steakhouse in Wichita.

Proposal: The couple went to Christine's house for Easter. Troy had been carrying the ring around with him

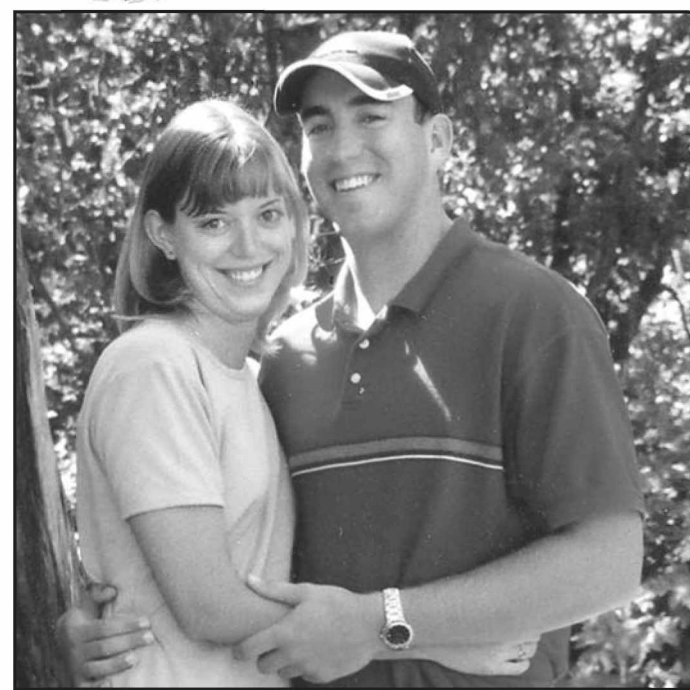
all break; wearing it, casually showing it to her, putting it on her face when she was sleeping, trying to get her to notice it. Still, she never caught on. So on Friday when they were in her basement, Troy was getting ready for an interview. He kept talking to her asking if he looked okay and she began talking about how gullible she was. He knelt down in front of her and held the ring out until she noticed. Eventually, she did.

Wedding plans: The wedding is set for summer 2004 at Christine's home church in Iowa, the Ivester Church of the Brethren.

Future: While Troy finishes school, Christine will look for work in town. She hopes to attend graduate school later on. They would like to end up on a farm in Kansas or Iowa.



Tim and Karen



Fiancé: Tim Hayden
Hometown: Rangely, Colo.

Class: Mac graduate '02
Major: Elementary education

Fiancée: Karen Leiker
Hometown: Salina

Class: Senior
Major: Elementary education

First date: Two years ago, Tim spotted her and used connections through her work place to prep her for the initiation of the first date. They caught a Tuesday night movie - "Driven." (Karen admits that she slept through most of it.)

Proposal: July 1, 2002. She flew out to visit him in Colorado for the week.

They went to the mall, and he led her into a jewelry store saying "Let's pick something out from here." Later as they were driving through the mountains, she was staring out the window. Thinking she was staring at the ring, he decided to propose right there. So he pretended to get down on one knee while he was driving and with a smile said, "Just marry me."

Wedding plans: July 5, 2003, at Karen's home church, Trinen United Methodist in Salina.

Honeymoon: Breckenridge, Colo.

Future plans: Tim is currently teaching in Andover, Colo., and Karen will join him there to complete her student teaching.

Chris and Lindsay

Fiancé: Chris Rice
Hometown: Clewiston, Fla.
Class: Mac grad '02
Major: Sociology & Theatre

Fiancée: Lindsay Krehbiel
Hometown: Pratt
Class: Junior
Major: English ESL Ed.

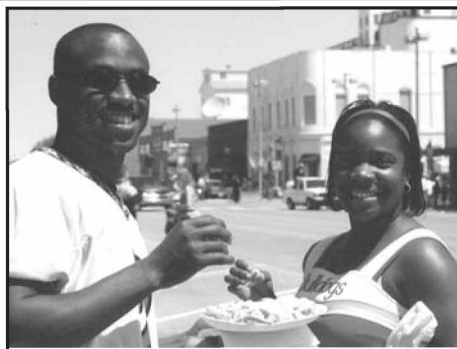
First date: These two met at a party her freshman year, and went to a toga party for their first official date.

Proposal: On Dec. 26, 2002 this couple got in a minor car accident. Afterwards, at his house they watched a movie and he proposed prepped with reference to their near-death experience.

Wedding plans: Sept. '05, in Pratt

Honeymoon: He's planning a surprise.

Future plans: They plan to settle down in Florida.



Dallas and Ebony

Fiancé: Dallas Blacklock
Hometown: Houston
Class: Senior
Major: Philosophy/religion

Fiancée: Ebony Williams
Hometown: Kansas City
Class: Senior
Major: Physical education

First sighting: This couple met their freshman year at Mac. Dallas' friend was interested in Ebony's roommate, so he was just a tag-along during one of the visits to Ebony's room.

First date: While talking on the phone, Dallas suggested that Ebony come down and visit him. So, in about five minutes, Ebony had bought a plane ticket and was in Houston two hours later. They went out for seafood,

caught a movie, and hung out in the plaza of the Transco Tower walking around, holding hands, and lying in the grass.

Proposal: On Oct. 12, 2002, to the surprise and enjoyment of hundreds of people, King Dallas proposed to Queen Ebony on the 50-yard line after the halftime ceremonies of Homecoming.

Wedding plans: June 12, 2004 in Kansas City

Honeymoon: Florida or the Bahamas

Future plans: Dallas will attend Bethany Seminary in Richmond, Ind. Following graduation, the couple plans to move to Houston. Ebony will pursue physical therapy, and Dallas will find a ministerial position.

al happened with everyone present by way of lipstick on the bathroom mirror accompanied by Josh down on one knee. The second proposal took a more romantic approach. On a night they had alone, Josh put on one of their songs, lit candles around the room and got down on one knee to pop the question again.

Wedding plans: Josh and Betty were married May 9. The service took place at the McPherson Church of Christ.

Honeymoon: The couple is planning a trip (without the kids) to somewhere in Mexico during the summer of '04.

Future plans: After Josh graduates, they will move to Oklahoma to search for jobs. He hopes to find work as a high school basketball coach, and she will look for a position in the judicial system.

Tracksters sprint to the finish

TWO ATHLETES

ADVANCE TO NAIA

OUTDOOR NATIONALS

Jaymie Bickford

Sports Editor

Terra Simoneau and Thad Haldeman will be the lone track and field athletes traveling to Olathe to compete in the NAIA Outdoor Championships on May 22 and 23. Simoneau and Haldeman were also the only two to win individual championships at the KCAC Championships May 2 and 3.

Simoneau not only grabbed a gold medal in the pole vault at the KCAC meet, but also set a new personal best by eight inches with her 10'2" clearance. Simoneau's NAIA qualifying vault set new school and conference records.

Haldeman's winning time of 48.68 seconds in the 400-meter run was not only a season best for him but also qualified him for nationals, the 18th best time in the NAIA this season.

As a team, the men finished the two-day KCAC Championship competition with 11 first-team All-KCAC awards (first, second, or third place finishes) and one honorable mention award (fourth, fifth, or sixth). The women also came home with two first-team All-KCAC and four honorable mention awards.

In addition to her winning pole vault, Simoneau also finished fourth in the javelin after improving by 14 feet, bringing her personal best to 111'1".

Beth Krehbiel competed in the 400-meter hurdles for the second time this season, and managed to walk away with a second place finish with a time of 1:12.03. Rebecca Stover added to the women's awards as she brought home three honorable mentions. The first was garnered in a fourth-place finish in the triple jump (33'7.25"), the second was a fifth-place finish in the 400 meter run (64.03), and the last was a sixth-place finish in the high jump (4'8").

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-Pete Seal

In addition to his 400-meter championship, Haldeman brought home a fourth-place finish in the 200-meter dash, finishing in 22.68 seconds.

Eddie Chavez also earned first-team honors in the shot put. Chavez went from fifth to first place in the shot put with a personal best throw of 46'8.5" only to watch the final thrower in the competition snatch the gold medal away.

Brandt Busse went through the same unfortunate ordeal after he improved his personal best in the javelin with a toss of 174'6", bringing home a silver medal. Another second-place finisher for the Bulldogs was Tim Cox. Cox cleared the high jump at 6'4" on his first attempt but was unsuccessful at 6'6".

Haldeman, Cox, Shane Netherton, and Wes Hoffert made up the men's 4x800 relay team that set a season best time of 7:59.19. The men finished in second place after several members improved their times. Hoffert also competed in the 1500-meter run, finishing in third with a seven-second personal best, 4:07.75. Finishing second once again, Cox grabbed another personal best in the 800-meter with a time of 1:56.58. The final award-worthy finish for the men's team was the result of a 13-foot improvement for Chavez in the discus as he



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Above, Terra Simoneau works on her vaulting during practice to help her prepare for the NAIA Outdoor National Competition. Right, Thad Haldeman assumes the starting position in the blocks during practice.

finished fourth with a toss of 133'7".

"This meet really exhibited all the hard work these kids have done during practices over the last few months," said head coach

Pete Seal. "If someone didn't set a personal best in an event, chances are it was a season best."

"One thing is for sure, these Bulldogs are out of the doghouse!" said Seal.



SPORTS IN SHORTS

LouAna Nuss, junior pitcher, was named KCAC Co-Pitcher of the Week for the week of April 21-27. The Abilene (Kan.) and Neosho County Community College graduate won four games during that week including three KCAC wins. Nuss finished the week giving up 27 hits, eight runs, only two of which were earned, struck out 21, walked nine, and posted an ERA of 0.50 for the week.



Nuss

Nuss opened the week by giving up five hits and no earned runs in turning back Central Christian College, 7-1, in a non-conference contest. In three KCAC contests, she pitched the Lady Bulldogs to a shut-out win at Saint Mary College, 1-0, striking out nine Lady Spirens while giving up six hits before completing her week's efforts by winning both ends of McPherson's conference doubleheader against Ottawa, 9-4 and 4-

3. In two games versus Ottawa, Nuss gave up her only two earned runs of the week while striking out six batters.

Nuss, who stood 10-4 on the season, has led McPherson College to a school record 15 wins in 2003, and was named to the first team All-KCAC. She currently leads the KCAC pitchers with a 1.24 ERA and in strikes outs with 58 in 130 innings pitched.

Eight women earn All-KCAC honors

Jaymie Bickford

Sports Editor

With a one-run win in both games—3-2 and 5-4—the Lady Bulldogs swept Kansas Wesleyan on April 30 to end their regular softball season as KCAC co-champions.

This was only the third intercollegiate season for the Lady Dogs, and after being picked last in the Media Day polls, the women ended the KCAC season in anything but last place. This conference championship was the first for any McPherson team since the 1970s, and the wins left the Bulldogs 17-11 for the season and 10-4 in the conference.

The women were led by the KCAC Co-Pitcher of the Week for April 21-27, LouAna Nuss. Lisa Salazar scored both of the winning runs during the doubleheader. Lois Davidson ended the first game with the winning RBI, while Tappy Collette had the game deciding hit in the second.

"The girls really left it all on the field. We could have let them have either one of those, but they just kept fighting," said head coach Mike McCormick.

"What's nice is we only have one senior (Michelle Johnson) on the team, and I believe we have some real winners coming in among our recruits."

After ending regular season play, the Bulldogs moved on to the KCAC championship tournament. The women turned back Sterling College in their opening game, but failed to do the same to Friends University and Tabor College.

"It (their tournament performance) was disappointing," McCormick said, "but, we can't let it lessen the fact that we tied for the conference championship and we finished the year 18-13."

After tournament play ended and All-KCAC honors were announced, the Lady Bulldogs reflected a winning team with four first-team selections and



photo by Jonathan Rothrock

Lois Davidson swings hard at a ball pitched during the women's last conference game.

four honorable mention selections. LouAna Nuss, junior pitcher, Julie Greep, junior first baseman, Tappy Collette, sophomore catcher, and Krista Mayes, freshman outfielder, were first team selections, while Lisa Salazar, junior outfielder, Kim Taylor, junior second baseman, Crystal Richardson, sophomore outfielder, and Christa Blöse, freshman shortstop were named to second-team. Along with the women's KCAC selections, coach

McCormick was selected as Coach of the Year.

"We made the kind of mistakes that cost us games earlier in the season. We were a young team, and sometimes we lost our intensity and focus. But, we saw what we could do when we stayed focused. We're already looking forward to next year. It will be different, knowing people will be getting up to play us because we're the defending champions."

Kitzel loses bike, picks up running shoes

Amber Wright

Spectator Staff

"Honor their memory, celebrate life, reach for the future, and unite the world in hope." The theme for the Oklahoma City Marathon emphasizes the purpose of the run. The marathon is a unique event, celebrating life, unity and reaching for the future. The third annual Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon was held in downtown Oklahoma City on April 27.

The challenging 26.2-mile course attracted 1700 participants from all over the United States. Six runners from the McPherson area made the four-hour journey by automobile to Oklahoma City to participate in the marathon; one of which was Larry Kitzel.

"I finished the marathon in 5 hours and 36 minutes, which is pretty good for my

first time," Kitzel said. Kitzel found out about the marathon through his nephew from Dallas, who had previously participated in the memorial run.

The marathon was designed to celebrate the memory of those who died in the bombing of the Murrah Building in downtown Oklahoma City. Families and friends join together at the Memorial site to encourage and support not only the runners but also one another.

Marathon finishers received a finisher's shirt and a custom made Marathon Finisher's Medallion. "Training for a marathon is a lot more grueling than riding a bike," Kitzel said. "It's the people you meet that are the most interesting. It's people that make it fun," Kitzel said. This was Kitzel's first time participating in the

marathon; he finished 1000th out of 1,700 runners. Kitzel has running in his blood. He reports that he is considering running in the Church of the Brethren Marathon in Boise, Idaho.

The Heartland Hospitality Booth, both on and off the course, provided a hero's welcome for marathon runners. Items such as food, beverages, the availability of medical care as well as a massage, were offered to aid in the runner's recovery. All marathon participants received a goody bag, marathon t-shirt, and poster.

To involve yourself in such a difficult event you have to be committed to doing something that you truly enjoy. Other than running, Kitzel takes pleasure in teaching, playing his trombone in professional "gigs," mountain biking, collecting toy trains and license plates, working on

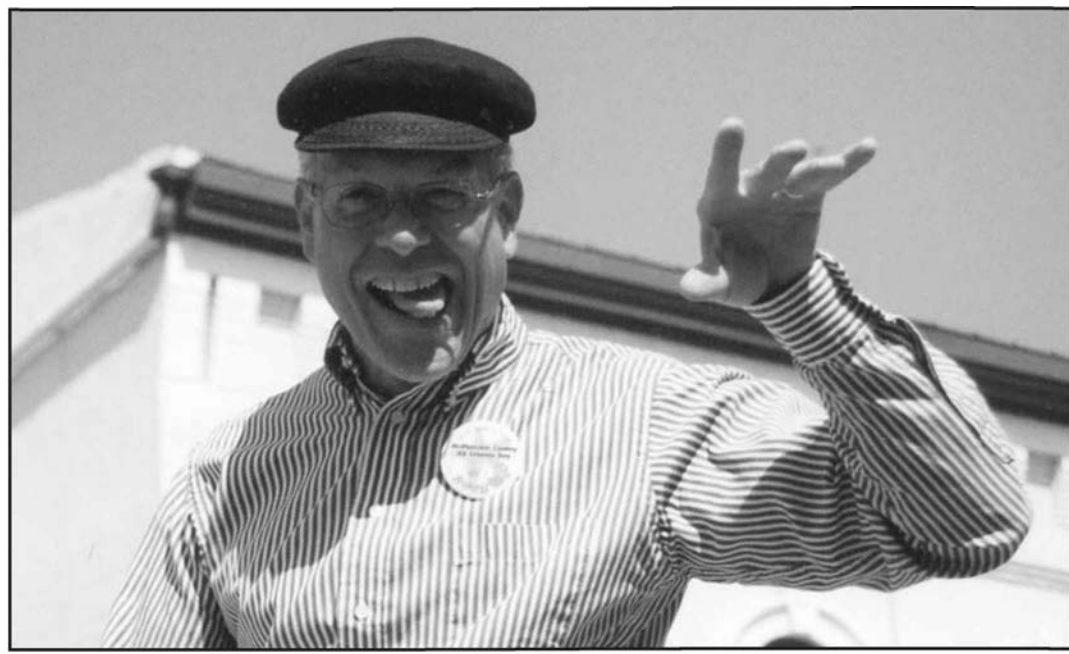


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Larry Kitzel poses while he takes part in the All Schools Day parade.

cars and photography, which is a shared hobby with his wife. Not only does he collect toy trains, but he is also an engineer at the Abilene Smokey Valley

Railroad. Every Tuesday during the summer months, he can be found driving a locomotive 24 miles.

Kitzel is the professor of music at McPherson

College where he has resided since 1970, when he and his wife moved here from Nebraska.

Odhams, Salazar, Sears named Athletes of the Year



Odhams



Salazar



Sears

Sharla Odhams, senior from Memphis, Texas, and Lisa Salazar, junior from Brownsville, Texas, were named McPherson College's 2003 Female Athletes of the Year. For the second consecutive year, Travis Sears, senior from McPherson, was named the Male Athlete of the Year. Dan Hoffman, associate professor of physical education and athletic director, presented the awards at the

college's annual Celebrative Awards Convocation on May 2.

Odhams was a three-year letter winner and twice of an honorable mention All-KCAC basketball selection. Odhams also is currently serving her country in the National Guard reserves. Salazar has been a two-sport athlete throughout her career at McPherson College. A starter in volleyball, she was an honorable

mention All-KCAC selection in softball as a sophomore and junior.

Sears was named to the All-KCAC first team defense following his senior season after being named second team as a junior. A two-time NAIA academic All-American, Sears was also named to the 2003 National Football Weekly NAIA honorable mention team.

87 new athletes signed for 2003-2004 sports season

Jaymie Bickford

Sports Editor

With next years sports season just around the corner, Bulldog athletic coaches have been on the prowl for new students who are interested in competing in inter-collegiate sports. As of May 15, 87 athletes had signed letters of intent to play for McPherson College, 12 of whom plan to be dual athletes.

Men's Basketball

The Mac roundballers add 10 new men to the roster for next year, eight of which are Kansas natives and two from Colorado. Joining the 'Dogs for the 2003-04 academic year will be Cody Chaffin, Jordan Carter, Travis Allen, Austin Klumpe, Cody Rierison, Stacy Cavenee, David Dunn, Rhys Roberts, Kevin Ross, and Jacob Walden.

"We've been working for the past three years to have Cody (Rierison) become part of our program," said coach Trimmell. "Cody has been part of two of the best programs in Kansas at McPherson High and Barton County. We're looking forward to the leadership, enthusiasm, and maturity he'll bring to our program beginning next fall.

"We are very pleased with the recruits we have coming in this fall. We've put a special emphasis on recruiting here in Kansas," said Trimmell. "And we've done a very fine job as we've

"We have a goal of having 40 new men on campus this fall, and we're halfway there, so we're excited."

-David Cunningham

signed several outstanding student athletes. We're just looking forward to getting the team together and having a great season."

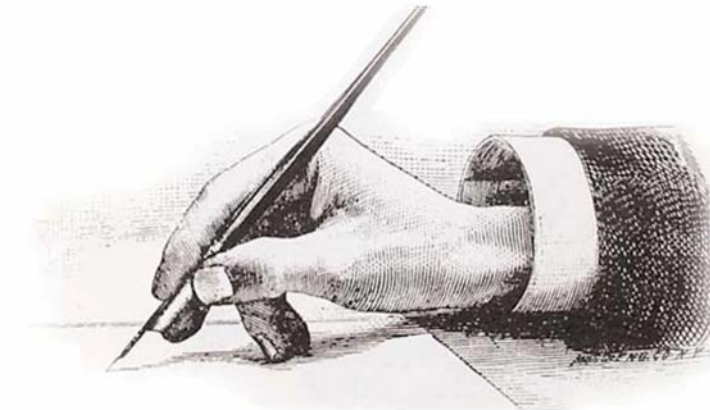
Women's Basketball

The Lady Bulldogs will begin the next years season with 10 new faces. Six of them will join McPherson College athletics in two sports. Chandra Mayhan, Renee Hall, and Jennifer Marquette, additionally signed volleyball letters of intent for next year, while Sheila Bevan signed for track and field, Jamie Rodriguez signed for softball, and Beckery Amiot and Lucia Guerrero signed for women's soccer. The other seven signees include Sheree Kriley, Abby Suiter, and Tamara Drescher.

"We are very excited to have Becky Amiot and Tamara Drescher returning to our team," said Wright.

Football

With the largest number of signed commitments for the 2003-04 academic year, Mac football is well on its way to replacing graduating senior players. With 31 signees committed to playing for head coach David



Cunningham, the men will soon be on campus to start preparing for their upcoming season.

Seven of the 31 men are already enrolled at Mac. Mark Bilbrey, Will Swanson, Sean Eason, Jason Stephens, Chad Wulf, Sean Bolden and Jason Henry will play next year.

The other 24 incoming Mac gridders join the McPherson community from eight states. There are six Kansans: Eric Perry, Klayton Keesling, Tyler Soeken, Jared Ratzlaff, Cal Tutak and one McPherson native Jared Heinen. There are also seven Texans joining the Bulldogs, three from Colorado, two from Idaho, two from Oklahoma, and one from Wyoming, Florida, and Arkansas.

"We have a goal of having 40 new men on campus this fall," Cunningham said, "And we're over halfway there, so we're excited."

Men's Soccer

Head coach Doug Quint has recruiting well underway with 10 athletes signed to start the new program for the Bulldogs. Although

most of the signees are from the Kansas area, Quint recently inked Dwayne "D.J." Seghers of Slidell, La. Seghers is a transfer from Neosho Community College.

Other members of the 2003-04 McPherson soccer team include John White, Daniel Carman, Jesse Beard, Richard Brad Cates, Brian Trussell, Tyler Lawrence and Ryan Souter. Two students already on campus are also among the soccer signees, Ziya Gunay and Jonathan Rothrock.

Women's Soccer

Just one player shy of fielding a team, the women's soccer program has already signed 10 women for 2003-04. Quint will also be taking on the head coaching position for the women's program. Four current students are among the 10: Becky Amiot, Lindsay Gribble, Sarah Hoffman, and Rylee Miller.

"Rylee jumped at the chance to play soccer when we announced the resumption of the program. She will provide us with much needed speed and dedica-

tion on the field. Rylee works extremely hard to maintain her physical condition and improve her athletic development. She is always working out and looking for ways to improve herself. I look for this dedication to rub off on all the new players in our program."

The other four women who have signed commitments to play for coach Quint include Lyndsi Dooley, Sand Springs, Okla., Lucia Guerrero, McAllen, Tex., Nicole Harkins, McPherson, and Sarah Story, Tulsa, Okla.

Softball

Five of the eight signed women that will play for head coach Mike McCormick next season are "softball only" girls. The other three signees, Sarah Vermillion, Holly Helm, and Jamie Rodriguez are each signed to play for other Mac coaches as well as McCormick. Darci Davison, Jamie Schropp, Laura L. Reed, Kendra Wolken, and Katie C. Hill are the six other new softball faces.

"Darci is going to be a big asset to our team as a first baseman and outfielder," said McCormick. "She knows the game and works hard. She has been part of a good high school program and has played a high level of club ball in the summers.

Track and Field

With no head coach yet hired for the 2003-2004 track and field season, current coach Pete Seal is still

in charge of finding athletes interested in McPherson athletics. Seal has signed 12 athletes so far to the track and field program, and lucky for Mac, all 12 are dual athletes.

Katie Atwater, Kelsey Hendricks, and Deidre Frager are signed to compete in volleyball as well as track and field. Sheila Bevan is signed for basketball, and Richard Brad Cates is signed for soccer. Klayton Keesling, Jacob Cherry, Korey Ferguson, Sean Bolden, and Sean Eason are also going to be representing the 'Dogs as part of the football team, while Stacy Cavenee will also be participating in basketball.

Volleyball

Head coach Nathalea Stephenson has increased her volleyball numbers with the addition of 15 signees for 2003-04. Eight of Stephenson's 10 recruits are signed to be dual athletes for next year.

The most recent signings include Katie Atwater from Elizabeth, Colo. (dual athlete), and Nicole McGee of Clay Center.

The McPherson campus will also welcome dual athletes Chandra Mayhan, Jennifer Marquette, Deidre Frager, Sarah Vermillion, Renee Hall, Holly Helm and Kelsey Hendricks. Other signees include Kelsey Crist, Stephanie Slinkard, April Nicole Stos, Alexis Garcia, Erin Pargman and Kendra Stephenson.

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Resident Directors named for 2003-2004

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Dotzour and Bittinger Halls will begin housing students next fall under new leadership.

Tracy Stoddart has been named Dotzour Hall resident director and Tricia Laughlin and Scott Musgrave have accepted the position in Bittinger.

Stoddart is a 1997 graduate of McPherson College. Along with Dotzour Hall, her duties include sponsoring SGA and the Student Activities Board. As a student at Mac, Stoddart served as president of the Student Activities Board.

Stoddart is currently living in Grand Junction, Colo., assisting the Grand Junction Church of the Brethren and directing Camp Colorado this summer.

Since graduating from McPherson College, Stoddart has been a middle school teacher and then worked for two and a half years with Brethren Volunteer Service.

According to LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, she is "excited about com-

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-LaMonte Rothrock

ing back to campus. She plans to plan a variety of activities in Dotzour along with the whole campus."

"I'm really excited about Tracy," Rothrock said. "She brings high energy and a broad background of experiences."

Two familiar faces, Tricia Laughlin and Scott Musgrave, will move in to Bittinger Hall next fall as resident directors.

Laughlin and Musgrave, originally from Wray, Colo., will graduate this spring. Laughlin will graduate with a degree in business marketing, and Musgrave with a psychology degree.

Laughlin and Musgrave

will be married in June following graduation.

"Scott and I are both really large supporters of McPherson College and the community," Laughlin said. "We couldn't think of a better place to live."

Laughlin has been a resident assistant in Dotzour for the past two years. Musgrave has served one year in Metzler as an RA.

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"Next year should be a lot of fun," Laughlin said. "I'm looking forward to the responsibility of the job and working with the Student Services staff."

Along with the resident director position, Musgrave will be working at Prairie View as a case manager. Laughlin is currently looking at other opportunities on campus.

"I'm looking forward to staying on campus. Scott and I are anxious to move in to Bittinger to make it our home," Laughlin said.

THEATER PREPARES FOR COFFEE HOUSE REVUE



photo by Laina McKellip

Brandt Busse, Jr., McPherson, and Mary Hughes, McPherson, rehearse "Coffee House Revue." Performances will be tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre.

Entz named Professor of the Year at annual Honors Convocation

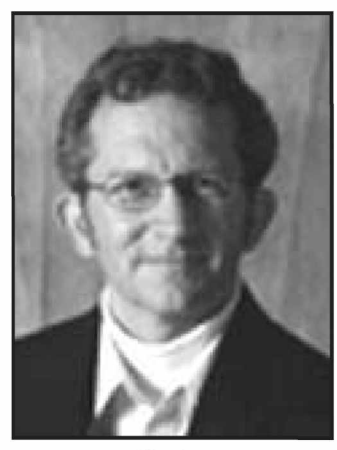
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The 2002-2003 Who's Who among American colleges and universities students named Gary Entz, assistant professor of history, as Professor of the Year at the annual Honors Convocation on Friday, May 2.

Numerous student academic and athletic honors were also presented.

Entz joined the McPherson College faculty in 1999. He received his bachelor of arts from Bethel College and then traveled to James Madison University where he got his master's. Entz earned his doctorate in U.S. history at the University of Utah. He has published numerous articles in the field of history and has traveled overseas extensively.

Who's Who students include Luke Chennell, sr.,



Entz

Evergreen, Colo.; Adelina Cripe, sr., Nogales, Ariz.; Laura Morgan, sr., Culpepper, Va.; Shane Netherton, sr., Colorado Springs, Colo.; Marie Rhoades, sr., Harrisburg, Penn.; Elissa Thompson, sr., Abilene; Emily Tyler, sr., McPherson and Nichole Williams, sr., Centralia.

"I think Gary exemplifies what this school needs to do by demanding quality work from himself and his students," Rhoades said.

Student award winners are as follows:

Christine Sheller, sr., Eldora, Iowa, was named the Behavioral Science Student of the Year.

Elissa Thompson, sr., Abilene, was named Model Educator of the year. This award recognizes her abilities as an education student and her potential in the education field.

Amanda Wells, sr., Ellsworth, was named the Business Department Outstanding Student for 2003.

Two awards were given to outstanding chemistry students. Wes Hoffert, sr., Golden, Colo., received the Outstanding Senior Chemist award for 2003. Eric Vrtiska, Beatrice, Neb., was recognized as the Outstanding First-Year Chemistry Student for 2003.

Adelina Cripe and Michelle Schulz were award recipients from the

natural science department. Cripe, sr., Nogales, Ariz., received the 2003 Merit Research Award, while Schulz, sr., Hunter, received the 2003 Burkholder Research Award, the highest research award in the natural sciences.

Two students received auto restoration awards. Adam Banks, fr., Topeka, was awarded the Jay Leno / Popular Mechanics Scholarship for the 2003-2004 school year. Matt O'Konowitz, soph., Avon Lake, Ohio, received the "Pop" Rice craftsmanship award.

Three awards were given from the history department. Matt Tobias, jr., Eldora, Iowa, Jadelle Thomas, soph., Wiley, Colo., and Philip Michael, jr., Haven, were named the Leland L. Lengel History Scholars for 2003. This award is given to students who show exceptional

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aptitude in the history field. Two history majors were accepted in the National Honors Society of History, Phi Alpha Theta. Those receiving this honor were Tobias and Luke Chennell, sr., Evergreen, Colo. The McPherson College chapter of Phi Alpha Theta is Epsilon Eta. Sharla Odhams, sr., Memphis, Texas, was named the Outstanding PE major for 2003.

Outstanding student athlete awards are reported on the sports pages of this issue of the Spectator.

NEWS BRIEFS

Student artwork featured in Friendship Hall

Student artwork is currently being displayed in Friendship Gallery. The featured work includes projects that were completed in the 2002-2003 school year.

The display will run through May 25th.

Campus invited to farewell reception

The McPherson College community is invited to attend a farewell open house in honor of Bob Knechel, vice president for institutional advancement.

The open house will take place Wednesday, May 21 at 4 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre.

Knechel has accepted a position at Bethany College in West Virginia after serving eight and a half years at

"THE ESSENCE OF PINE"



photo by Rebecca Stover

Alex Smith, Jr., Kansas City, poses in his Environmental Installation, "The Essence of Pine," which he created for Intermedia class taught by Kelly Frigard.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Final Exam Time	Monday May 19	Tuesday May 20	Wednesday May 21	Thursday May 22
8:00 a.m.	9:30 Classes MWF MTWF	10:30 Classes MWF MTWF	8:30 Classes MWF MTWF	2:00 Classes MWF MTRF
10:30 a.m.	2:00 Classes TR	9:30 Classes TR 4:00 Classes MWR	1:00 Classes MWR	10:30 Classes TR
2:00 p.m.	3:00 Classes MWF MWR	8:30 Classes TR	11:30 Classes MWF	11:30 Classes TR
7:00 p.m.	Monday Night Classes	Tuesday Night Classes	Wednesday Night Classes	Thursday Night Classes