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\$4.4 million athletic facility proposal would renovate stadium, Sport Center

Shandi Schoming
News Editor

The Board of Trustees will meet on October 11 to consider a \$4.4 million proposal by the administration to expand and remodel the athletic facilities.

David Cunningham, head football coach, feels that if the proposal goes through, it will help the campus immensely. "Everyone on campus can enjoy the facilities," Cunningham said.

According to Dan Hoffman, athletic director, the proposal includes revamping the outdoor facilities and building a new addition to the Sport Center.

With these changes, the administration is considering bringing a soccer program back to McPherson College.

Nathalea Stephenson, head volleyball coach, said she thinks the facilities would have a huge impact on the entire campus. "I think it shows athletes, and others on campus that the college cares about helping everyone succeed," Stephenson said.

The outdoor renovations will consist of adding permanent visitor bleachers, resurfacing the track, putting in a synthetic field to serve both football and the proposed soccer program and building a new press box. Remodeling under the stadium

will include new restrooms, a concession stand, and visitor locker rooms.

"It's very exciting," Cunningham said. "I think it will help retention of current athletes and help in the recruitment of new athletes."

The proposed addition to the Sport Center will be located on the north side and will be identical to the south side in terms of space. The proposal includes adding wood floors and a center volleyball court in the gym, a lounge area, new coaches offices, a classroom to hold fifty students, and a weight room with forty stations.

"I see nothing but positive from moving this direction,"

Hoffman said. He feels that the renovations to the facilities will help draw new athletes to campus and build programs such as volleyball, football, cross country and track.

"Obviously we have no soccer program, so we can add students to our campus this way," Hoffman said.

"I'm so excited," Stephenson said. "A lot of times in college, football and basketball get the focus, and programs like cross country, golf and even volleyball don't get as high a profile. This just shows that here, everyone is on the same playing field and at the same level of importance."

The proposed primary funding of the renovations would be done through a bond. Dale Minnich, executive director of college operations, said the recommendation to the board would be to finance the project through long-term, tax-free bonds and by refinancing previously borrowed bonds.

"The idea is to not use student tuition dollars for this project," Minnich said.

The local school district, USD418, recently passed a proposal to partner with the college for the updates to the football facilities.

Bob Knechel, vice president for institutional advancement, feels that this

partnership will be beneficial to both the local high school and the college. "The high school sometimes uses the facilities more extensively than we do," Knechel said. He feels that their cooperation will be to the advantage of both programs.

If the board passes the proposal, updates to the outdoor facilities would be finished by fall 2003, in time for fall sports. The Sport Center addition would ideally be ready for the start of the winter sports season.

"There's a lot that has to come together," Knechel said, "but hopefully by the Trustee's Meeting, everything will fall into place."

28th Mohler Lecture features Noel Grove's cultural comparison of Yanomama tribe to American society

Luke Chennell
Editor in Chief

Noel Grove presented the 28th annual Mohler Lecture Sept. 22.

Grove, a former editor for National Geographic and a 1959 McPherson College graduate, spoke to an audience of roughly 100 people, composed of both the McPherson College campus community and residents of McPherson.

Grove's lecture, entitled "Lessons from the Yanomama," covered his work with National Geographic Magazine, including his work from various locations around the world. He spoke about a range of work, from fighting lava flows in Iceland to following animal poachers in Mexico.

The main focus of the lecture, however, was on a Venezuelan people and their relevance to American

society today. The Yanomama are a stone-age people only recently put into contact with the outside world. They have virtually no technology, and as a result are highly valued by anthropologists.

Grove's conclusions were that the Yanomama possessed something lacking in American society today: family bonds. He urged Americans to take heed from different peoples, step back and look at what benefits technology has really brought.

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-Eric Vrtiska, fr.

Some were in agreement with Grove's sentiments. "I thought he had positive, informative things to say. His ideas about our culture

and its path were well-taken," said Eric Vrtiska, fr., Beatrice, Nebr.

Others were not so enthusiastic.

"I enjoyed his style of presenting, and his work was very interesting, but he seemed hypocritical. He talked about how good these primitive people were, but he was bringing them the same technology he was arguing against," said Chris Mather, soph., Kansas City.

Most all in attendance agreed that Grove was an excellent speaker.

"His presentation was entertaining and well-thought out. His experiences in foreign countries were just amazing," said Tom Miller, soph., Charlotte, N.C. Grove was very receptive to McPherson College. A graduate, he says, "When I went to Ivy league schools for my graduate work, I was always proud to tell them I graduated from McPherson

MOHLER FAMILY ATTENDS ANNUAL LECTURE



photo by Laina McKellip

Noel Grove poses with extended members of the Mohler family Sunday, after the lecture. Pictured left to right are Susan Taylor, Roberta Reed, Noel Grove, Tom Taylor and Barbara Flory. Grove is a McPherson College alum and former National Geographic editor.

College." Grove spent a number of years in McPherson, serving as a staff writer for the McPherson Sentinel for eight years. In his career he published six books, including a number of pieces in

National Geographic.

His work for Geographic included stories on wildlife management, Mark Twain, Nigeria, and supertankers in Alaska.

The Mohler Lecture Series was established with a gift

by Dr. Robert and Mrs. Fern Shoemaker Mohler in 1975. Designed to bring traveling lecturers to campus, the lecture series has featured such luminaries as Alex Haley, Dave Grossman and Dr. Millard Fuller.

Assessment strategies focus of ACCK fall meeting keynote address

Shandi Schoming
News Editor

"Assessment Strategies from the Trenches" was the theme of Dr. Cecilia Lopez's keynote address at the ACCK fall meeting Monday, September 23.

The meeting was held in McPherson with about 220 faculty in attendance.

Lopez is the associate director of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. According to Dr. Laura Eells, provost and dean of faculty, Lopez is one of the leading authorities on student learning.

"I think that passion came through very clearly in her address," Eells said.

Lopez defined a successful assessment program as

ing and sustainable.

Eells commented that the way Lopez helped the faculty understand how the HLC views assessment was very useful.

Lopez believes that faculty, administration and students all play a role in the assessment process. "Faculty and senior administration need to be knowledgeable and supportive of assessment," she said. "Students need to have respect for learning."

Lopez helped the faculty to understand the strengths that smaller colleges can highlight in the assessment process.

"You know your students better than faculty in a larger university probably do." She said that this knowledge should be helpful with assessment. Meaningful assessment improves the quality of student learning

Lopez said," and this is what a quality education is."

"We are not new to assessment," Eells said. The full faculty and Higher Learning Commission approved the college's original assessment plan in January 1995. Since then the college has engaged in ongoing assessment of both general education requirements and majors. Eells looked at Lopez's address as an opportunity for the McPherson staff to reenergize and refocus in the assessment area.

"This gave us an opportunity to share what we've been doing with assessment and to hear from a nationally recognized expert on assessment," Eells said. "I'm quite sure we'll see our plan continue to evolve and change."

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS BUILD CHARACTER



photo contributed by Samantha Bishop

Samantha Bishop, soph., Texas, participated in Theological Exploration of Vocation in Lancaster, Pa., Bishop spent ten weeks working with Children of Brethren Youth Services. Above, she is pictured with one of her co-workers in the group. See page 4 for more pictures and stories of students' summers.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Students to benefit from new addition

Issue 1: Building a new sports facility.

Our Position: A new sports facility should help our athletic department and enrollment.

PLANS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE WORKS TO enhance campus athletic facilities. The new facilities will feature a refurbished track, a new weight room with 40 centers, an improved fitness facility and a new gym. Also, with these changes the softball and cross-country coaches will be able to move out of the Doghouse and into the same building as their coaching peers. Our entire student body will benefit from the upgrade. All students should get in the sports center and put the new equipment to use. It is also the hope of all sports programs that these changes will make McPherson sports teams more marketable, thus increasing enrollment.

Shrinking enrollment has been an issue for the past three years, and changes are needed. Changes have been made in other areas. Melhorn supplies a highly advanced facility for science majors, smart classrooms in Mohler have been an extreme benefit and Hess has housed the fine arts students beautifully for the past two years. McPherson must grow, and it is up to the campus community to keep it alive. Enhancing the sports facilities is one way to do that.

A community needs to support those who dwell within it. It's time for the athletics to feel it, too. Just as each student has enjoyed the benefits of other buildings, they will enjoy the sports center improvements.

The new changes made to the seminar program this year

Seminar brings new importance to curriculum

Issue 2: Credit for seminar.

Our Position: This is a good way for new students to put more effort into their academic work.

are a welcome and positive change. Seminar has always been something of an anachronism at McPherson college. A not-for-credit class at first, it was tied into the freshman English class (known by various names) without any definitive connection. This led to confusion and general disdain for the institution as a whole in the past. This has changed with the implementation of credit for the class, and genuine, meaningful activities during it. Too often in the past, seminar was simply a time-killer. Banal lectures and poor planning often brought students to ridicule the class, and even brought some to not attend it at all. However, with the added impetus of being worth two academic credits, it has made students in seminar, and the leaders of seminar, put into the class more effort and planning, and meaningful experiences should now result. Seminar is an important part of the experience at McPherson College. Its value as a "hook" to bring students in and keep them here should not be overlooked. It helps to build a sense of community, and gives otherwise isolated freshman people to connect and bond with. We would like to take this opportunity to venerate an institution that should have been more thoroughly integrated into the college curriculum a long time ago. Freshman Seminar's current status is a strong step toward the better.

MAC OPINIONS

What did you do this summer?



"I worked with handi-capped children."
—Kate Bauer, jr., Ness City



"I drove a tractor."
—Colleen Porter, fr., Quinter



"I ran a fire-works stand."
—Roy McDonald, soph., Houston, Texas

"I did work for the Theological Exploration in Vocation."
—Lovie Pace, jr., Kansas City



"I worked for the city street department."
—Eric Vrtiska, fr., Beatrice, Neb.



"I waorked at a small-engine shop."
—Tom Miller, soph., Charlotte, N.C.



Who are we fighting? What are we fighting for?

I'm probably just as jaded about the whole 9/11 thing as the next person. I'm reading several people stopped reading this once they read the numbers "9/11."

However, after reading some of the students' responses to the event one year later, it struck me that this event is still very important, and our morale as a student body towards the event really must change.

I'm sure we are all agreed that something must be done to punish those responsible for the terrorist acts of last year. However, some of us have really lost touch with those who were responsible.

Please remember, we are seeking justice on the Taliban and not the people of Afghanistan. Further bombing and making Afghanistan into a "lake" are clearly not good ideas.

Retribution only calls for more retribution, and would give the Taliban all the more reason to attack again. If anything, Afghanistan needs our help.

Please note that the Taliban is a dictatorship. A few days after the attacks, techno star Moby, posted a letter on his online journal from Tamim Ansary, a native of Afghanistan. Ansary flat out told anyone reading his letter, "The Taliban and Bin Laden are not Afghanistan."

Ansary also summed up how this dictatorship should be viewed: "When you think Taliban, think Nazis. When you think Bin Laden, think Hitler. And when you think 'the people of Afghanistan,' think 'the Jews in the concentration



Ground-level Pedestal
MICHAEL WARNER

camp."

Let's not go around pointing fingers at the innocent people of Afghanistan. They are powerless against those who have taken charge of their country.

One idea I remember reading in the student union was to "require all airline passengers to carry firearms to enforce peace aboard every flight."

Okay, for one thing, you can't enforce peace. Force often causes rebellion.

Second, guns and peace do not mix and do not belong in the same sentence. Guns kill. How can you kill and keep "peace"? If this idea did come into play, put yourself in the passengers' shoes. Would you trust the person next to you if you knew he/she was carrying a gun?

One thing that is being done to help prevent a terrorist attack of this nature is to protect the pilots. The doors leading to the cockpit were originally designed to keep friends out. If a terrorist wanted in, they could get in easily.

Doors with better resistance are now being installed to help provide safety to the pilots, thus preventing a hijacking.

Another thing that is being implemented is assigning trained and

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legally armed guards to commercial flights to help prevent this kind of assault.

Some of the other comments suggest that a handful of students want those responsible killed.

I disagree. Unlike those affiliated with the Taliban, I treasure human life. I think after the events of 9/11, we should all come to realize that we should not take even the simplest things in life for granted.

I also believe that if we spare as many lives as we can while seeking justice, fewer people fighting for the Taliban will feel like they are martyrs dying for their own skewed beliefs, believing that God wants certain people to die.

If we are to establish peace in the world, we have to learn to love and accept. I'm sure after 9/11, they are tough ideas to grasp, but it is certainly a sign that something must be done to save those that occupy this world from such evil.

If we are to live in a world of peace, we need to look inside ourselves and eliminate whatever triggers those emotions that drive us to say some of the mean things that were written on that big sheet of paper in the student union.

But I do hold faith in one of the things that was written, and it was small enough that could be easily overlooked, but demands attention: "The circle of hate must stop."

Here is the point of reading something you can't understand

It is early in the year and already I am on my soapbox. It could be just an ego trip that makes me want everybody to hear what I have to say, as if it were something monumental. Oh well, none of that matters.

I am complaining about people complaining. Lord knows I would be the first to tell you that I am a busy person and that 18-and-a-half credit hours, a wife, three kids, and two part-time jobs have me spread pretty thin. The little bit of hair that I do have will probably be salt and pepper come Thanksgiving.

The school isn't very transfer-friendly, and because of the size and number of students, there are certain classes that are only offered at certain times. So this has left me to pile up classes in certain semesters.

My son gives me the guilt trip about not being available to throw the football or play Playstation. After I think about this for a while and crawl out of the abyss of self-pity, I ask myself, "Where would I be without my pain? This pain that I choose? This sort of self-inflicted pain in the brain? Flipping burgers at McDonald's or working a 12-hour shift at Certainteed?"

A lot of my family are skill-work-



Guest Columnist
DEMETREE GAINES

ers. They do upholstery or auto-mechanic work, and I've said this before, but I'm the first person in my family to go to college. More than likely, I would have a different type of pain, some other source of self-mutilation.

If I had gone active duty in the Marine Corps, I could be in that big beautiful sandbox over in the Mediterranean sending rounds down range for a crooked president. Nevertheless, I definitely prefer my first choice.

I have chosen this, and I'm sure that every other person on campus has chosen the same. No matter what your reason, be it higher education, finding a husband, or just getting out of your parents' house, you've chosen this.

So why complain about what is expected of you? Do you think that you aren't going to be asked to push yourself, or have to work out of your comfort zone a little bit? I understand we should give lever-

"Do you think that you aren't going to be asked to push yourself, or have to work out of your comfort zone a little bit?"

age to culture shock, but some of you are being weak about it. Suck it up.

This is a privilege-the chance to better your situation, to prepare yourself for the world. It is a privilege, not a right, that you get to attend and experience college.

This is the difference between most freshmen and seniors. We see the so-called "light" and look back and see how our choices have affected us.

In a nutshell, I would rather toil with the writings of Mencius than not have the opportunity at all.

As McPherson College history professor Gary Entz has said, "The purpose of reading something we do not understand is to understand and if you cannot understand that, maybe it is time to consider something else."

Maybe I am just getting old.

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No room for rude behavior

The football team is on a great start to a winning season, the grounds look better than ever and even the professors have a somewhat new and excited look for the new school year.

There's just one problem. It seems that McPherson has lost something since last year. Those of you that toured the college might notice it, and those that have attended here in the past should notice it.

Mac has lost some of that friendly quality that all of us have come to associate with the campus. It's not just that people rarely smile or say hi when you pass them.

There have been some incidents of out-right rude behavior on campus. Some people are making catcalls



Guest Columnist

JAROD WRIGHT

across campus. Others are yelling less than complimentary remarks at passersby. There have been incidents of students being rude to professors in class, and even a few cases of theft have been reported.

I'm not here to lecture about the way people act. We're all adults and all know what's right and wrong, or at least we should.

My problem is that it's not only the distastefulness of

the rude behavior but it's simply unbecoming of the campus. All students of McPherson represent a part of this school. We all should take great pride in the way our school is represented.

What if a visitor had been the target of one of those remarks? In business they say that one displeased customer can cost you 20 customers and affect you for the next 20 years. Would it not be the same for a school?

As far as being rude to the professors it's a simple matter of respect. We have some of the greatest teachers I've ever met. In some of the larger colleges it is VERY rare to have a professor that sends their students reminders that they have a reading due, and for a

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teacher to call a student that missed a few classes is unheard of.

These professors have already put in their time on the books. I would wager that there were times that they were as bored with a class as you might sometimes be. The point is they stuck it out and got their degree. Maybe, if you do the same, in a few years you can be underpaid to have students cut up and make snide remarks in your classroom, but until then, try showing a little respect.

The reports of theft were actually a shock to me. We've been on campus for three weeks and people are already stealing. This is more than a prank or a few rude remarks. Stealing is just wrong. I believe that famous guy said something in his book about stealing being wrong. His name was God or something like that.

Anyway, I know that stealing is illegal, so what's the point of taking the risk? If you get caught, there's a good chance that the college will come down hard on you.

Is something small worth spending time in jail and losing a college education?

I know that the things that are going on aren't everyone's fault. Some people are still trying to get in the swing of things and might be a little stressed so they don't feel like smiling that much. Others might just be cutting up to get attention or for the comic value of it.

I still believe, however, that Mac is a great place to go to school, and I hope that everyone else feels the same way. So if you see someone looking down, give them a smile or a wave. If you see someone making cracks at someone else, ask them to lay off.

Let's all have a great year together.

Car lover: fix it up, or give it up

One thing auto enthusiasts and restoration students have in common is running across the dreaded "fix it up" car, with the owner who refuses to part with it. Of course these abandoned beauties of yesterday can also be found in garages, driveways and front yards.

These are vehicles that virtually everyone can relate to (whether they have any interest in them or not), and are usually there because of one of a few reasons.

One of the most common reasons that antique or classic cars sit for years and rot unattended is that the owner is on some fictional planet where he believes he will someday put down his PBR, put his pants on, and go work



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PATRICK GRASS

on his highly desirable "insert name here" car. A lot of enthusiasts and restoration students would love to own some vehicle that an owner will not touch or part with for very vague reasons.

Face it. If you say you are going to "fix it up someday" and it sits there totally untouched for a couple of years, you are probably not going to do anything with it. Why not let someone who is truly in love with a car take it

home and do with it what you are not going to?

I run across people who say they are going to fix their car up someday and realistically are never going to touch it. This disturbs me because I can't go buy a brand new 1964 Pontiac GTO. I couldn't afford it if I could, but I know where one sits completely intact in a field that I could repair and restore myself.

Although the car was last registered in 1974 the owner says that he is going to restore it someday. I know many auto restoration students and in fact many people with less interest than us auto enthusiasts who have similar stories of vehicles that are impossible to buy

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because of an overzealous owner.

Another reason people give for not wanting to part with their vehicles is the sentimental value. I respect a large number of people that keep vehicles for that reason.

But there are the folks who have their deceased uncle's or grandmother's vehicle sitting out in the hog pen. These people are intent on keeping an old car simply because it belonged to a loved one but will not repair, restore or even take the time

to put a tarp on it to keep out the weather.

This always infuriates me. I'm pretty sure that most of the auto enthusiasts reading this would rather have their beloved ride sold to someone who would care for it rather than have a family member use it as a storage shed in the back 40 in the event of their passing.

To me, finding old vehicles that are absolutely unattainable is one of the most disappointing aspects of the auto hobby. It makes my blood

boil to know that there are prime vehicles that are no longer being produced, and I can't buy them because somebody thinks they are going to work on them on some far-off day.

I think that finding the treasures of the automotive world that are rotting into the oblivion hits me hard because they will never be produced again. At the very least, unattended vehicles should be covered and kept off the ground to preserve what is there.

I know I can't afford to buy many of the vehicles I find even if they were for sale, but I can't stomach the sight of a piece of the nation's history and culture disappearing, never to be seen again.

Contrary to popular belief, Kansas has its cultural treasures and unique traditions

Once again, I find myself in Kansas. Ah, Kansas, land of wheat and wind. It has its pitfalls and problems, but in the end, I have come to appreciate a number of aspects of life here.

Last weekend, I had the chance to drive a vintage Cadillac from Louisiana, Missouri (right on the Illinois border, on the Mississippi) back to McPherson. The experience was a cultural enlightenment at best, and an enjoyable drive at worst.

I decided that a vintage Cadillac is quite possibly the best possible conveyance known to man to traverse Kansas in. The car weighs roughly six thousand pounds, and as a result is hardly affected by crosswinds. Fuel mileage? Ha! The only thing that would make this car veer suddenly in any direction was a gas station.

Floating along the plains, the mush-bucket suspension easing every last pothole and patch in the road, I thought about a number of things.

I picked up a station on the radio out of some far-fetched town, and, being Sunday morning, they had given the station over to whatever whacko wanted to put something on. The whacko of choice that morning was playing neo-rhythm jazz music, Dixieland, and a collection of other odd early-twentieth century music.

It was a marvelous scene. Floating past fields of corn, milo, and stubble to the sounds of a clarinet, piano and horn section was



Guest Columnist

LUKE CHENNEL

enchanting. I lounged back in the living-room easy chair of seat, set the cruise, and let my mind drift.

I came up with a theory. Kansas gets knocked often for its lack of high "culture." A mostly universal reply I get from people when I tell them I'm going to school in Kansas is, "Education exists in Kansas?"

The truth is, culture, and hence education, exists out here in voluminous quantities. It just takes different forms.

It's at the State Fair. Wandering around, taking in the smells of animals and engines, sitting and watching the tractor pull, enjoying a ride on the old mill, watching the carnies. It always somehow brings me back to days of yore.

Life is somehow simple at the Fair. Everyone is your friend, and intends to sell you some miracle product that will revolutionize your life and make you the cleanest, best-looking, smartest person around. Things are somehow utopic at the Fair.

Yet another one of those bits of culture passed me by on my way back in that Cadillac. I passed a small town, Groveland by name, population 128. They know how to have a good time out in Groveland. Posted all

over the streets were banners for an upcoming fall street dance.

A street dance in Kansas is the gaudiest, most unimaginable show around. Filled with farmers and fun-lovers, everyone at a street dance seems bound and determined to have a good time. It would be downright criminal to do anything but enjoy yourself at such an event.

It's not the enjoyment that you find at a dance club in the city, however. Instead, it's a wholesome sort of fun, free of any sort of dereliction or son. Fun is fun.

The musicians play for the

sheer enjoyment of it, and the people are merry for no other reason than to be merry. It simply uplifts the soul to see people having an unadulterated good time.

The Cadillac floated along, passing more and more scenery. I turned off the Interstate. It was time for some bona fide Kansas scenery. I took Highway 77 south through the Flint Hills. Highway 77 is one of those roads set in the midst of beautiful, rolling hills. It just simply rolls up and down with them.

I floated south through the hills, and as I passed pickups

filled with well-dressed farmers on their way to church, I lost my prized Dixieland show. A Southern Baptist minister came on the radio and began to whoop for Jesus. It seemed somehow appropriate.

All good things must come to an end, of course, and eventually the Cadillac had to go back to its rightful owner. Still, though, I can't help but stand in awe at the things I saw that day. They might be subtle, but they are the foundations of the Kansas life. And they are as unchanged and strong as ever.

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COUNTRY MIKE'S CORNER

BY MIKE VRTISKA



What did YOU do this summer?

MCIPHERSON COLLEGE STUDENTS SHARE ABOUT THEIR BREAK

Real encounters with Urban Life

She said...

Amanda Wells
Spectator Staff

This summer I spent two months at the Urban Life Center in Chicago, Ill. I went to Chicago because I have never lived in a city larger than McPherson, and I wanted to do an internship in the finance field. This was the definitely the greatest summer I have had since coming to college.

I loved living in Chicago and definitely enjoyed the program that Urban Life Center provides to Midwest

students from private colleges. When I arrived in Chicago, I was moved into an apartment with three strangers.

Immediately, the Urban Life Center staff pushed us out onto our own. We were hardly settled, and I hadn't even learned anyone else's name before we were herded out and immersed into the city.

My first glance at a map of the buses and trains gave me chills. I thought I would never figure out where I was going or be able to get anywhere all summer. I thought my boyfriend, Peter, would be a huge help, figure out the

map for me, and tell me where to go. I was wrong.

For my internship, I worked for the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group, a watchdog on Chicago's budget. With this group, I had many projects and even got to make my own hours.

The people I worked with were great. When they learned I was from Kansas, they decided to show me some of the sights of Chicago. One night, my boss took Peter and me to a famous bar under Michigan Avenue.

Chicago is full of activities and sights to see. I had the chance to meet Mayor Daly, who is a very short, fun, man. I ate vegetarian soul food, Lebanese, Vietnamese, and many other ethnic dishes for the first time. I saw my first Cubs game and had the chance to see Sammy Sosa hit a home run.



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Wells and some "friends" at a community outreach center in Chicago.

One opportunity I had was to listen to Reverend Jessie Jackson, Sr. during one of his PUSH programs. After the program, he met with students to take a picture and talk briefly.

Chicago has so much to offer. I encourage anyone who wants to live in a large city and do an internship to participate in the Urban Life Center. The experience is beyond words and emotions.

I came away with so much more knowledge about the world and different cultures and people. The time I spent in Chicago is something that I will always keep with me. I can't wait to go back.

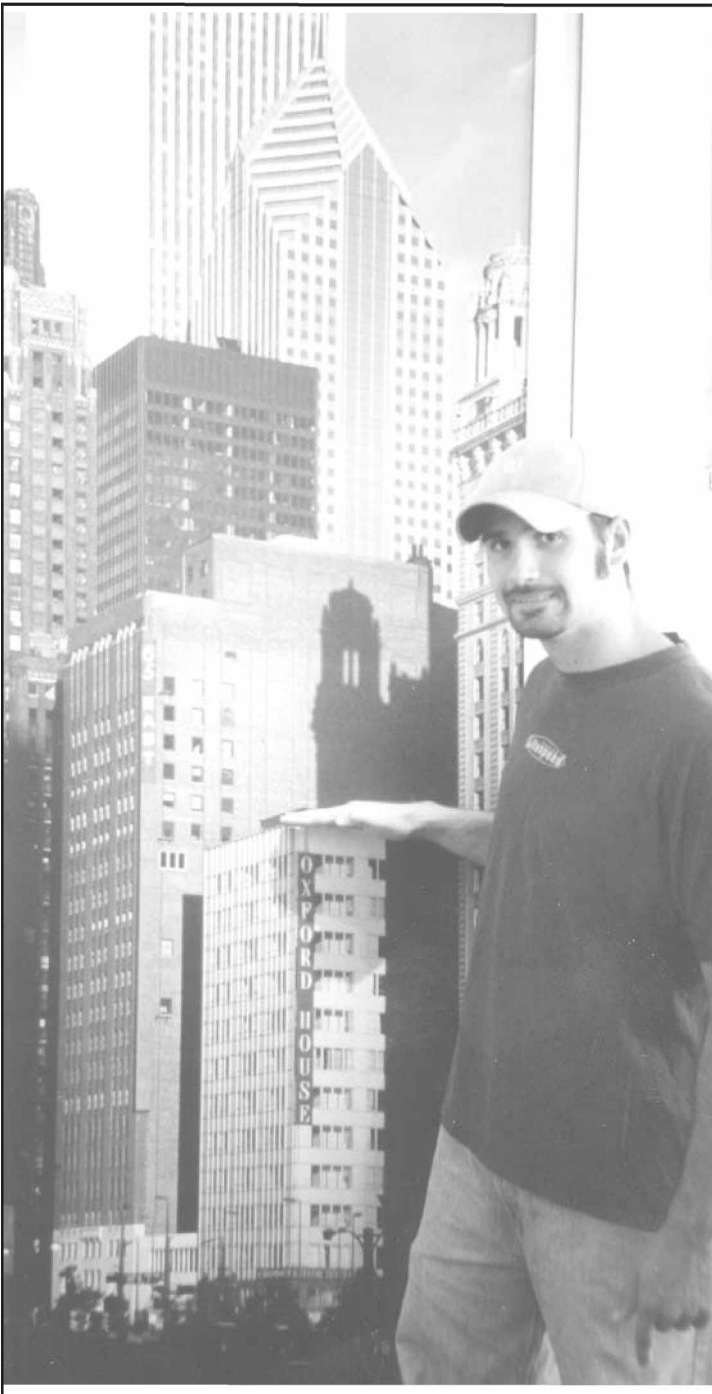


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Samland shows his dominance over the big city of Chicago. Samland spent the summer working with the Urban Life Center.

He said...

Peter Samland
Spectator Staff

This summer I dared to venture outside of my idea of a conventional summer to travel into a new realm. This summer I threw my monetary concerns to the wind and said, "Charge it."

I spent this summer at the Urban Life Center (ULC) in Chicago, Illinois. The ULC is a program that allows students from small midwestern colleges and universities to spend a semester, summer or even interterm living in Chicago.

I spent my summer working as an intern at the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT), attending a cultural immersion

class, and experiencing the city. There was never a time when I was not busy.

The single event that best describes my summer in Chicago involves my girlfriend Amanda and I trying to find a Target.

The problem with this is that all businesses in the neighborhood were small, local enterprises. When your Target/Wal-mart type of store arose, there was nowhere to put it.

So, I glanced at its address, approximated where it was, and figured we would come back afterwards so I could get better directions. I have made better judgments in my life.

After riding the El, the bus system, and wandering around many unnecessary city blocks, it was around dinnertime. We decided to stop and get something to eat. There was a little restaurant that advertised Lebanese cuisine, with rea-

sonable prices, so we decided to go in. This was a fairly classy restaurant.

I was the only person in the place wearing sandals, shorts, a T-shirt and a baseball cap, but they seated us in the back and everyone was happy. Amanda kept it safe and ordered the special, which involved lamb and eggplant.

I however went straight for the authentic cuisine and picked the first thing on the list, Lamb Tartar, which turned out to be raw lamb. But, I was here for the adventure. There was not a crumb left on my plate.

So, how does this explain Chicago? It shows how a simple trip to Chicago can be a unique experience full of adventure and things you never plan on. It gives you the ability to do something new and spontaneous. Just jump on the El and you will always end up somewhere.

Thomas teaches migrants

Jadelle Thomas
Spectator Staff

This summer, I got a job teaching migrant school for six weeks in Lamar, Co. It was the most amazing experience I have ever had in my life!

I learned so much about teaching and speaking in Spanish. I had the opportunity to stand up in front of a classroom of students and give a lesson.

The students were awesome. Each one of them touched my heart with their will to learn. I taught the high school class, which was an extra challenge considering I was only one year older than some of the students. With this knowledge, the students still treated me with the same respect they showed to the teachers who were older than me.

The students made the whole experience worthwhile. I'm anxiously looking forward to spending next summer with them.

Harper journeys to Brethren Woods

Jenny Harper
Spectator Staff

This summer I was accepted into the Lilly Grant. I was able to do 10 weeks of service any place in the US. I accepted a position at Brethren Woods Camp and Retreat Center in Keezletown, Va.

During the last week of May, I helped get the camp ready for campers—there are about 800 campers a summer, approximately 100 a week. Once camp began, I became a camp counselor. Together with a male counselor, I was in charge of about 16 kids. Some of the kids came from good homes, while others were from homes we could not even imagine.

I helped a lot of kids deal with homesickness while dealing with my own. I helped a boy realize what he could accomplish during our climbing and repelling camp. There were good weeks and bad, but in the end they were all great.

I cannot even begin to tell you all that I got out of my experience this summer. I learned that communication is key; whether it be to an employer, to a co-worker, to campers, or to friends, com-

munication is important.

I also finally understand that I have to listen to what God is saying to me. I cannot be so busy that I only talk to Him. I have to have the time to listen to what He says back to me.

Volunteering makes you a better person. Nothing compares to seeing the joy in someone's face as they real-

ize they can do something or that there are people willing to give a helping hand.

"I have to listen to what God is saying to me."

-Jenny Harper, soph

Davidson treks West

Lois Davidson
Spectator Staff

This summer, as part of my placement in TEV (Theological Exploration of Vocation), I worked at the Guadalupe House in Tacoma, Wash.

I awoke every morning ready to cultivate the gardens. The food we produced went to shareholders and the extra food would be distributed to local charities such as an AIDS foundation. I did this for 10 weeks, as well as handing out food to the homeless and just sitting and talking with them.

It was a life changing experience that I would do again in a heartbeat.

I lived in a transitional house with people who were trying to get their lives back on track and a few Catholic Workers. The community there is

awesome! The people that I worked with this summer—like the twin girls that I babysat while I was there—touched my life more than I will ever realize. They brought to my attention that life is not to just be lived, but enjoyed at every possible moment. I'll not forget what I learned this summer. I encourage anyone to take the risk of discovering the enjoyment of being a volunteer.

"It was a life changing experience that I would do again in a heartbeat."

-Lois Davidson,



photo contributed by Jenny Harper

Harper with her campers at Brethren Woods Camp and Retreat Center

Manhamo fills campus minister position

Jaymie Bickford
Spectator Staff

One of the new faces around campus is that of our new campus minister Kenny Manhamo. Kenny studied at Bethany Theological Seminary for three years, and this is his first job as an official campus minister. So far, Kenny's favorite thing about his position is the opportunity to give to others as well as having the oppor-



Manhamo

tunity to learn from everyone else on campus.

Kenny comes from Harare, Zimbabwe. He resides here in McPherson with his wife Ivy and daughter Claire.

He enjoys all types of things and culture. "I look at things from a cross cultural perspective." He would gladly eat corn-pudding, chicken or meatloaf any time of the day. He likes to play tennis, but has the idea that, "most anyone could beat me." As well, he enjoys playing chess in his spare time and watching movies.

Kenny has several goals for this year.

"I want to make campus ministry an aspect of McPherson College that reaches out to all members of our community, to help others/students realize who they are and what they can become, to help members of the community realize they can be a positive and meaningful presence in the larger scope of things, and to work

with everybody else for the benefit of the students, faculty, staff, and community."

Kenny loves McPherson. He likes that the town is quiet and safe. He feels it is an ideal place to raise his family. On campus, Kenny's favorite place to be is in the Doghouse. Manhamo says he is a people person and loves to be around the students and staff, to be involved in campus life and socialize with others.

Marie Rhoades has had the opportunity to work with Kenny already this year, and she believes that once he gets settled in "he will do an exceptional job as he has an exciting outlook and good ideas."

Kenny encourages any and all students to stop by his office. Though he does not have a set schedule yet, he is available by appointments during regular business hours at extension 1226 or by e-mail at manhamok@mcperson.edu

Student Publications

Vivos

Jaymie Bickford
Spectator Staff

"Vivos" is a newsletter that is published to help keep students informed and educated on what is going on in the natural science department.

The newsletter contains anything from articles about Melhorn Science Hall and new equipment to interviews with science professors and students who participated in science activities over the summer. All of the articles are written by students in the natural science department.

Elizabeth Stover, class of 2002, created the publication last year during spring semester. The word "vivos" means "life." Because natural science deals purely with life, "Vivos" seemed an appropriate title for the new publication.

This year Jenny Harper

and Danielle Lucore, both sophomores, will take over the student-run publication and continue the work that Stover started.

The publication comes out twice a semester. The first issue will be published around Oct. 4th and will be available on the tables in the front lobby of Melhorn Science Hall.

Science majors who would like to write an article or who have story ideas, may contact Harper and/or Lucore at ext. 7512.

Murales

Rebecca Stover
Features Editor

"Murales" is a student-run publication that aims to capture events happening in the Hispanic community locally, nationally and internationally.

Becky Ullom created the monthly, bilingual newsletter in 2000 for her

"We are looking for student guidance and initiative."

-Ocie Kilgus

senior project. The following year, two ambitious freshmen, Jadelle Thomas and Alyssa Rumble, took on the responsibilities of the publication.

This year "Murales" is looking for student guidance and initiative to keep it going. Student writers interested in the Hispanic community are welcome to contribute articles in either Spanish or English. Translators are available for those with limited Spanish capabilities.

Anyone interested in helping out should contact Ocie Kilgus at extension 1248 or e-mail her at kilguso@mcperson.edu.

Review: "Bus Stop"

"Bus Stop" by William Inge, takes place in a 50's diner in Kansas in the middle of a blizzard. The plot forms, thickens, and resolves as passengers on the bus pass time while stranded for the night.

Dean Feasenhiser
Spectator Staff

Last weekend I saw the theatre department's first production of "Bus Stop." I was impressed that the snow effect in the window on the set was maintained throughout the entire first act. Also impressive was the timing on the sound effects for the wind upon characters opening and closing the door. The crew did a good job using sound effects to highlight important sequences by removing the near-constant wind background from them. The one disappointment I had with the sound was the lack of effects for the brawl scene.

Another thing that impressed me was that, in general, everyone was always doing something. Even if the actors in roles that were not active were doing an activity that made sense for people stuck at a bus station. Whether it was checking their makeup, reading a magazine, or gossiping with another character, they were busy. This added to the believability of the play.

Another facet that helped with believability was the set. It was well designed, with everything you would expect in an old-time diner, complete with candies on the table. Adding to the realism of the play were the mannerisms of the cast. Rebecca Stover was especially good with working her character's southern accent and behavior. Amanda Snell also did a wonderful job with her character.

The only uncomfortable part of the play was the transition into the intermission. The night I was there, it took the audience a few minutes to realize that intermission was starting. The characters

were still onstage and the audience was waiting for the focus to shift, not realizing that intermission had begun.

Overall, "Bus Stop" was definitely a success. I recommend that everyone try to make it to a performance this weekend.

Jaymie Bickford
Spectator Staff

No single word could possibly describe my feelings about the premier of "Bus Stop." From the costumes and set design to the fight scene and the love spouts, the play kept the audience on their toes and rolling with laughter.

The cast and crew could not have possibly hoped for a better performance than the one I witnessed Friday night. The costume and set designs were unbelievable. And, despite the fact that it was the first night, the cast members presented themselves with such assurance and composure that no one noticed if they stumbled on their lines.

I would highly recommend that everyone take the opportunity to see "Bus Stop." There was not one aspect of the play that I didn't enjoy.

Erik Olson
Spectator Staff

I went to see "Bus Stop" a few nights ago. Was it good? Yes. Was it as good as "Wayne's World 2"? No. But let's face it, not very many productions are. Was it entertaining? You know it. Most of the productions I have seen from the Theatre Department have been surprisingly good. "Bus Stop" is no exception.

Walking into Mingenback, trying to find a seat amongst the intimate arrangement of tables that stretch right onto the stage, I couldn't help but notice the set. Not only is this set well built, it looks incredibly real. Subtle authentic touches make it very believable, and almost everything on it was used

during the performance. Right down to the snow outside, it was all quite realistic.

The performances themselves were also quite believable. Character development takes place during three or four different sub plots to make things very entertaining. The story casually shifts from one story to another. All are hilarious at just the right times, and slightly serious when need be. "Bus Stop" hardly provided a dull moment. Nearly every character had their own internal struggle that kept the audience waiting for resolution. Time flies; the entire thing is over before you know it.

So, should you go to see "Bus Stop"? Yes, you should. Should you compare it to you're favorite mid-90's dry comedy? No. But do yourself a favor and at least check it out. You will not be disappointed.

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Bulldogs trounce Threshers 29-6

Shane Netherton
Spectator Staff

Rocketing off their 2-0 record, the Bulldogs travel to Bethany College to go head to head with the Swedes on Saturday at 7 p.m. This week's match up is the third contest for the 'Dogs this season. After an overtime win in the season opener that ended with a final score of 24-23 against Haskell Indian Nations University on Sept. 7., the Bulldogs were ready to play against Bethel College on Sept. 21.

Scoring 29 and shutting down Bethel's offense to only 128 yards for the game, the 'Dogs held Bethel to 6.

"We were ready to play," Cunningham said. "We had a good week of practice, and Bethel's players may have overlooked us a little after seeing the Haskell score."

Igniting offensive fire was Erik Johnson, quarterback, in his first start as a Bulldog scoring the first touchdown with a 32-yard run.

"The team was really running on all cylinders," Johnson said.

The Bulldogs drove for 68-yards in nine plays on their second possession of the game, ending with a 21-yard touchdown pass to Robert Ullom, the first touchdown reception at McPherson.

Bethel started the second quarter with a short drive of 35 yards to score 6 points, pulling within 7.



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Kevin Steiner rushes in the Haskell game.

The Dogs took the rest of the quarter to retaliate, but lengthened the gap with a 23-yard field goal by Ziya Gunay. That score was followed shortly with Johnson's 1-yard run that ended the quarter 23-6.

The offense finished its evening with Johnson pushing in another 1-yard touchdown.

"The offensive line did a great job out there, they made the plays for me," Johnson said.

The 'Dogs held the number one NAIA ranked Thresher defense to only 48 yards of total offense in the first half.

"Our defense played great!" Cunningham said. "The defense caused Bethel

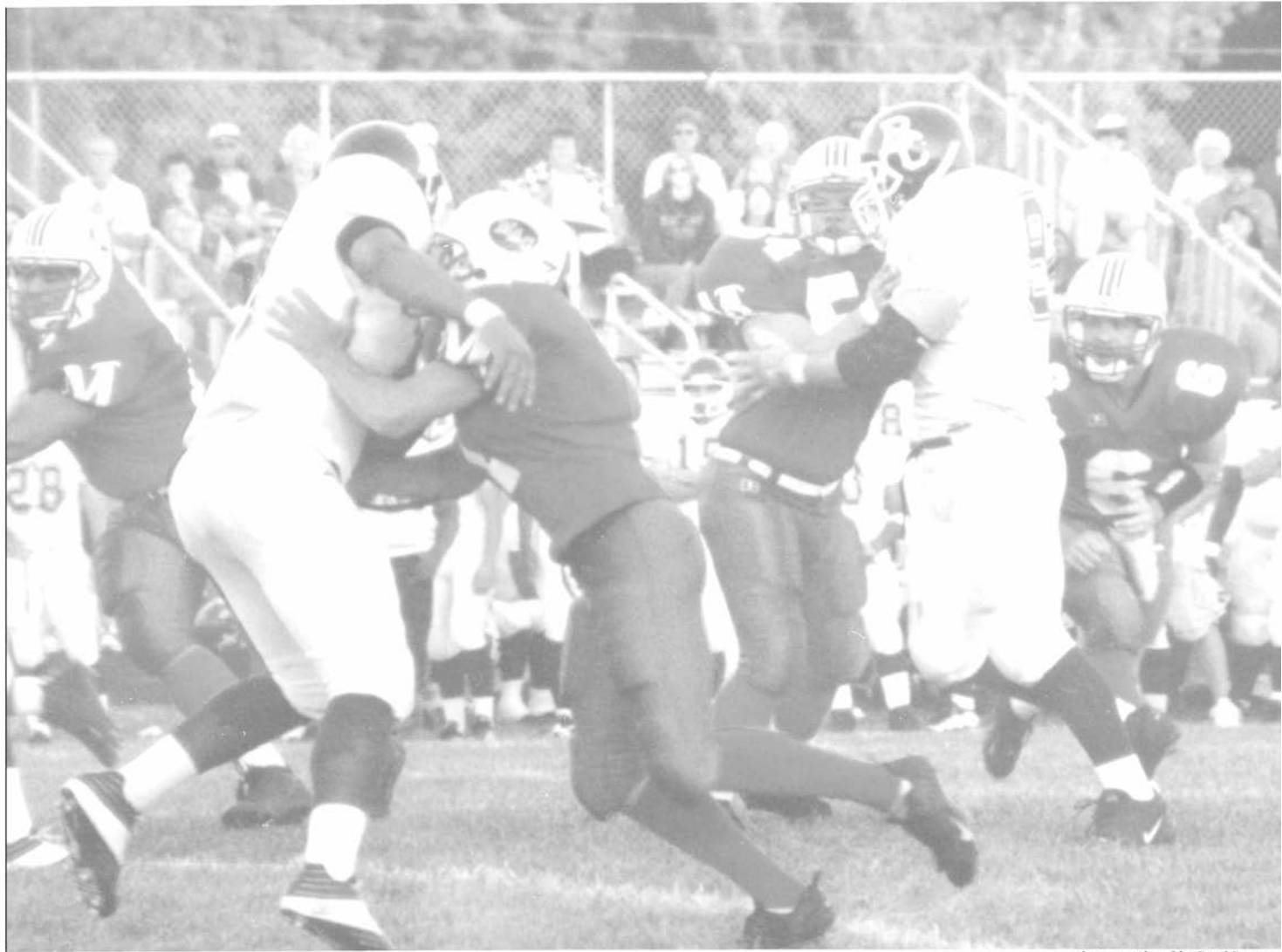


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Erik Johnson looks after a pass while Alan Childress and John Irvine hold Bethel defense. The Bulldogs won their first league game last Saturday. The 'Dogs will travel to Bethany Saturday.

to fumble the ball six times, four of which led to a recovery by McPherson.

Lucus Lanning led the Bulldog defense with 9 tackles and one pass interception.

Linebackers Kenan Davis and Chris Polanco both worked their magic, each

gaining six tackles. Polanco also caused one fumble and broke up two passes.

"They just kept attacking the football," said Coach Cunningham.

Travis Sears had 7 tackles, one for an 8-yard loss. He caused one fumble but

recovered. Dallas Blacklock, defensive back, had 5 tackles and broke up 4 passes.

"The defense made our job a lot easier on offense," said Erik Johnson.

The Bulldogs had 213 total yards rushing, of which Kevin Steiner contributed

108. The 'Dogs tallied 88 passing yards compared to Bethel's 63 yards rushing and 65-yards passing.

"I was very happy with the teams overall performance, the offense played efficiently and did what they had to do," Cunningham said.

Lady 'Dogs win league match; Sterling falls in four games

Elissa Thompson
Spectator Staff

Sealing the last game with a spike, the Lady 'Dogs fought past Sterling to win their first league match of the season.

"That was great," said head coach Nathalea Stephenson. "This first win gives us the confidence we need to keep strong."

The Lady Bulldogs started solid in the first game and served five before giving the ball to Sterling. Staying in control most of the game, the Lady 'Dogs tipped and spiked their way to a 30-10 win.

In game two, the Lady 'Dogs were in control after the second serve. With Terra Simoneau serving, and a kill from Andrea Gonzalez, the Lady 'Dogs brushed past Sterling's two point lead.

Spikes and blocks from Erica Alvarez and Lisa Salazar kept the Bulldogs on top, but Sterling was

"This first win gives us the confidence we need to keep strong."

-Nathalea Stephenson

biting at their heels. During the 16-12 Sterling serve, Amy Gremmer went down with a knee injury.

"That was a big loss with Amy," Stephenson said.

Gremmer's injury gave freshmen Angela Hagan and Amanda Hitschmann a chance to step up.

"They had some big shoes to fill," Stephenson said.

Stepping up for Gremmer was only Hitschmann's second time to play in a varsity match. When she stepped in she immediately jumped for a kill making the score 17-14 and giving Audrey Garcia a chance to serve.

"It was scary," said Hitschmann. "I felt great."

Sterling still stayed close. And as the Bulldogs battled at the net during the 29-28 serve, they lost the ball making the score a nail biting 29-29.

Getting the ball back at 30-29, Simoneau served the game point.

"The high point was in the second game when we were tied at 29 and won it 31-29," said LouAna Nuss.

Game three, was a replay of past performances. The Bulldogs lost momentum and fell to Sterling in an upsetting 17-30 loss.

However, they were able to come back in game four.

"The girls stuck together. They worked hard to get there," Stephenson said.

Though it was neck and neck most of the fourth game, the Bulldogs pulled away when Alvarez smashed a kill at 16-13. By the time she had finished serving, Alvarez had led the Bulldogs to a 24-16 lead.

"It was nice to see the students and faculty. It really helps to have them here."

-LouAna Nuss

Sterling recovered from the Bulldog run, and brought the score up to 26-21. The Bulldogs would not back down, and for the game point Gonzalez slammed a spike that Sterling could not answer, winning the game 30-26.

The team was happy that it could share its first win in front of the home crowd.

"It was nice to see students and faculty. It really helps to have them here," Nuss said.

On Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs travel to Nebraska for tournament play. Their only fear is covering for Gremmer.

"We have to work around that injury," Nuss said.

Nicholas Griggs
Spectator Staff

After a draft this Sunday, Fellow students will battle it out on the football field as intramural flag football kicks off its new season.

Nathalea Stephenson, intramural director, has plans in the works, but things will be different for returning players this year.

Coach Stephenson plans to instate a draft this year. In previous years, players got to pick their own teammates. She hopes this will make for more social interaction between returning students and freshmen.

As always, she hopes there will be a lot of participation this year. Last year there were four teams with about eight people or more composing each team.

"It was cool and competitive. It was really fun to play with friends," said Roy McDonald, soph., Houston, Texas.

A.J. Willour, sr., Ransom, agreed that it was enjoyable and fair because her team didn't lose every game.

New students agree that fun is of the utmost importance in intramural football this year.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to play football, though I wish we got to tack-

le," said LouAna Nuss, jr., Abilene.

Other new players hope that it will be fun and fair. But to some, it just doesn't matter.

"I expect to win, plain and simple," said Charles Potter, fr., Wichita.

To ensure that games are fair, Stephenson employs referees. The rulebook states that officials assume authority 15 minutes prior to the game and maintain authority through the end of the game. They have the final decision on anything not specifically covered in the rulebook, unless ruled otherwise by the supervisor or director of sports.

A rule intended to spice up play states that a female player must touch the ball at least once during a series of downs or a penalty of 10 yards will be assessed.

Stephenson was careful to emphasize that the final rule in the book is the most important—all players must have fun.

Games will be held on Sunday afternoons for about 4 weeks. How many people sign up will make the difference in the schedule and length of the season.

Klotz embarks on first year in athletic trainer

Elissa Thompson
Sports Editor

Waking up early to prep football players for practice, and then sticking around until evening to aid the cross country team, Amanda Klotz caters to McPherson athletes. And so far, all of her diagnoses have been accurate.

She's exceptional," said Dan Hoffman, athletic director. "She works extremely hard."

After finishing her undergrad at Missouri Southern, Klotz went to Fort Hayes State University for her Masters work. She decided to come to McPherson to start her career because it was in between her parents



photo by Laina McKellip

Klotz

and her fiancé.

Klotz loves sports. But after getting hurt in high school, Klotz could only watch from the stands. However, her injury is what attracted her to her profession. Klotz first became

interested with sports medicine when she went to a sports clinic for treatment.

"I was intrigued with the things they did," Klotz said.

Her interest led her to classes at Missouri Southern. Once she absorbed information from those classes, she decided that she had found the career she wanted. And in her first month at McPherson, she is happy with her field.

"So far things haven't been typical. We've had lots of injuries," Klotz said.

Klotz enjoys the interaction that she gets with everybody, and she feels that she is getting a chance to know the students.

"I like the people I work with, and the athletes are

very nice," Klotz said.

When she isn't icing knees, rehabilitating or teaching, Klotz likes to relax with family and friends. But leisurely activities have been on pause since fall sports started.


Klotz's services are not only meant for campus athletes. Everyone is invited to take advantage of her care.

Adelina Cripe, sr., Nogales, Ariz., fell while jogging around Lakeside Park, and she went to Klotz for help.

"She helped clean out my knee, and she saved me from going to the doctor," Cripe said.

Working as athletic trainer fits Klotz perfectly.

"I get to watch all the game from the sidelines," she said.



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McPherson Mudhuckers take three in St. Louis



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Brandt Busse and Dave "Big D" Hoffman battle for the frisbee.

Bryan Grosbach

Spectator Staff

Leaving last Friday for St. Louis, Miss., the McPherson Mudhuckers set out to play in the 2002 West Plains Sectional Ultimate Frisbee tournament. The Huckers team was composed of Pete Samland, captain, Nathan Porter, Andrew Gustafson, Wes Hoffert, David Hoffman, Beth Krehbiel, Colleen Porter, and Bryan Grosbach. They met up with Seth Hendricks, Chris Williams, April Schmidt and Jonathan Dutrow from Manchester College. They were also joined by Chad Pirotte, a K-State alumnus.

The Mudhuckers were promised four round robin games on Saturday. In their opening round match, the Huckers opened the tournament strong with a 13-2 win over a team from Oklahoma State University. Scoring leaders versus Oklahoma State were Andrew Gustafson and Colleen Porter.

Round two for the Mudhuckers was not as easy. They found themselves in a hole at half time, losing 2-7.

to S.O.S., a club from St. Louis, was the top seed in the tournament. Samland tried to motivate the team at halftime and implement a zone defense, but to no avail. The Huckers lost the match, 6-13. Dave Hoffman led the team in scoring.

Round three was another up hill battle for the Mudhuckers. Everything went well for the first half against Iowa State University (ISUC). They were only down 4-7 at half-time. This had the potential for the game of the day for the Huckers. But a total mental breakdown led to a devastating second half loss of 4-13.

"The other teams were faster and better than I expected," said Beth Krehbiel.

The Mudhuckers needed to win their last game of the day versus Nucleus, a club from Kansas City, MO, to finish the day with a 2-2 record. The first half was a tooth and nail battle with the Huckers taking to halftime lead and momentum up 7-5.

For the second half both teams stepped up all aspects of their game, especially the defense. The scores just kept adding up-9-7 Huckers, 10-7

Huckers, 10-8, 11-8. The game came down to the very last point. It took a drop and one throw to end the game. The Nucleus had beaten the Mudhuckers 13-12. The game lasted almost two hours with both teams about to collapse from exhaustion. Seth Hendricks had two amazing catches for scores to help the Mudhuckers.

Sunday morning brought the double-elimination round for the Mudhuckers. The early morning match placed the Huckers versus the Mutants, an alumni team from Missouri University. The Huckers took the first half with an 8-4 lead. The second half was a defensive battle with both teams playing a strong zone defense. The Huckers held the lead and won 15-9.

Up next for the Mudhuckers was St. Louis University. The first half was back and forth with St. Louis taking the momentum into halftime with a 4-7 lead. The second half was a physical, fast-paced battle, but the Huckers couldn't pull out the victory. The Mudhuckers lost, 9-13.

"I thought the tournament went well and the atmosphere was ultimately good,"

said Nathan Porter.

With one loss, the Mudhuckers needed to win their last game to finish with a 3-4 record for the tournament. Their next opponents were the Bud Lights, another team from the St. Louis area. With both teams looking like they had just run marathons, the Mudhuckers had a 6-3 lead when the teams stopped for half-time. Samland led the team, and won 11-5 to finish the tournament on a high note.

"I feel that we played well," said Jonathan Dutrow, Manchester.

Even though they were from two different schools, most of the players had played together before. It helped to bring the team together throughout the tournament.



photo by Lana McKellip

'Dog cross-country team speeds toward Tabor

Elissa Thompson

Spectator Staff

The Bulldog cross-country team will speed its way through the Marion Reservoir course on Saturday at 9 a.m. for the Tabor Invitational.

"Early in the season we went up there. It's a fast course," said Nathan Porter.

Last year the Colby and Hutch JuCo dominated the Tabor Invite, but Pete Seal, head coach, thinks his men have a good shot to run with them.

This is the first time in three years that the men's team will be full.

"It's cool to have a team of guys who like to run," Porter said.

Freshman Troy Hernandez has enjoyed his first year running for the 'Dogs.

"I feel solid. I've got competitive teammates, a young coach and a family-oriented team," Hernandez said.

Hernandez expects the

team to place in the top three and hopes to run the race in the low 29s.

"I feel mentally tough and physically ready," Hernandez said. "You'll never make a new you until you wear the old you out. I think about that every time I run."

The Tabor Invite will be 'Dog's third meet. They ran at the 54th annual John "JK" Kornelson Gold Classic Sept. 7 and the Colorado College Invite Sept. 14th.

Finishing first at the Gold Classic for the Bulldogs was Troy Hernandez, placing 33rd in 23:42. Wes Hoffert was right behind him, finishing 35th in 23:57. Other Bulldog finishers were Nathan Porter, 42nd (24:48), Aaron Borger, 45th (25:53), Bryan Grosbach, 52nd (27:26) and Pete Samland 53rd (27:47).

"The guys got out of the gate pretty fast, maybe a little too fast, but considering they were running

against mostly Division I teams, they just went with the flow," said Head Coach Pete Seal.

Running for time in the Gold Classic was Michelle Schulz. Schulz placed 41st, with a time of 25:04.

"Michelle is running for time at every meet since she is the only lady runner on the team," Seal said.

Traveling to Colorado College was the first time that Shane Netherton, Hoffert and Samland ever competed in their home state.

Casting knee pain aside, Netherton led the 'Dogs to the finish line, wrapping up in 30:05. Hernandez breathed down his neck, clocking in at 30:24. Hoffert and Porter came down to a sprint finish at the end. Hoffert ended with a 31:01 and Porter with a 31:03.

The 'Dog's sixth and seventh slots were just as close as Samland out kicked Bryan Grosbach to finish in 33:42 while Bryan finished in 33:48.

Schulz shaved more than 20 seconds off of her time, speeding in at 24:42.

"Our goal after last week was to go out a tad bit slower in order to main-

tain a faster pace throughout the race," Seal said.

Seal beefs up cross-country

Elissa Thompson

Spectator Staff

Whether he's driving around Kansas to watch a prospective student or hanging up signs that say, "You betta join the track team, sucka" new cross-country coach Pete Seal is on the move.

"Pete's got a lot of pizzazz and excitement," said Dan Hoffman, athletic director.

Seal heard of McPherson while he served as assistant coach for Hoffman's daughter at Manchester College in North Manchester, Ind.

"I was looking for a new job and other schools in the area," Seal said.

When McPherson's

cross-country coach position opened, Hoffman snagged Seal.

"One thing led to another and now I'm here," Seal said.

Seal's coaching career began after he tore his ACL at Hanover College. He began coaching at Southwestern Junior High in Hanover then coached two seasons at Southwestern High School.

Not only does Pete serve as a coach, but he is also Bittinger Hall director.

Calling prospective students three to four nights a week, keeps Seal tied to the campus, but enjoys McPherson. For now, Seal is already trailing new recruits, aiming to build a successful cross-country teams for next year.

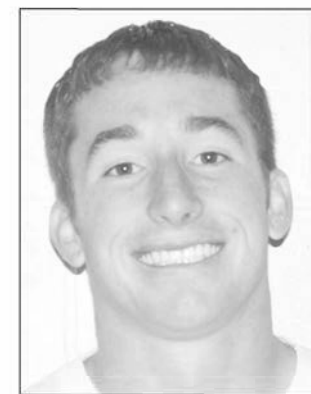


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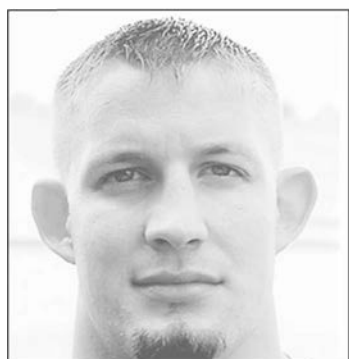
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"Ladies is the big thing," Seal said. "No one is returning next year."

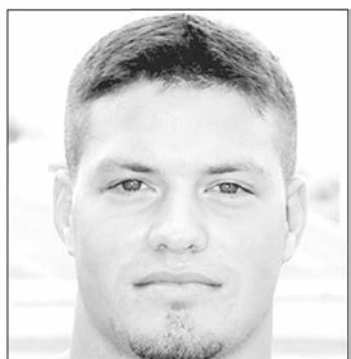
Seal is trying to sell the program to prospective athletes by highlighting the chance to make a new tradition.

"It's going to be a challenge," Seal said.

ATHLETES OF THE ISSUE



Kevin Steiner



Matt Holtry

Kevin Steiner, McPherson College senior running back from Lincolnville,

Kans., was named the KCAC (Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference) "Offensive Player of the Week" for his play in the Bulldogs' season opening, 24-23 overtime win against Haskell Indian Nations University on September 7.

Steiner rushed for 150 yards on 34 carries and caught one pass for 13 yards. Steiner's longest run of the evening was a 22-yard dash early in the third period which set up McPherson's first offensive touch-

down of the season as the Bulldogs took a 14-10 lead.

"Kevin looked like he had been in a street fight today (Monday)," offered McPherson defensive coordinator Bill Minard. "But, you knew he would just keep fighting and getting his yards."

Matt Holtry, McPherson College senior defensive back from Nampa, Idaho, was named the KCAC "Defensive Player of the Week" for his play in the Bulldogs' season opening, 24-23 overtime

win over Haskell Indian Nations University on September 7.

Holtry picked up a Haskell fumble at the Indians' one-yard line and stepped into the endzone for the McPherson Bulldogs' opening score of the 2002 season. Holtry also had five tackles, including one sack for a five-yard

loss, from his strong safety position before suffering a strained hamstring early in the third period.

"Matt is a 'player'," said McPherson College head coach David Cunningham.

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Football game, dance, bonfire highlight SGA homecoming plans

Moriah Hicks

Spectator Staff

Homecoming, in conjunction with family weekend, will be celebrated Saturday, Oct. 12.

Nathan Porter, vice president of SGA, is in charge of planning the activities.

"Several activities are being put together, but nothing is quite set in stone yet," Porter said.

Homecoming activities will

be held throughout the week. Currently, Spirit Week is being put together.

Spirit week will include a number of activities, including dress-up days and other activities on campus.

Proposed activities include a dance either in Mingenback or the Student Union with a hired DJ on Friday, as well as a bonfire in the Metzler circle drive.

Previous bonfires in the Metzler circle drive have

attracted a number of students and have been a popular event.

"We want to bring campus together on this weekend, and really bring a sense of unity," says Laura Morgan, SGA President.

The annual 5K run will start at 7:00 Saturday morning with a 2K walk possibly to follow.

"McPherson College clubs and organizations will have booths containing helpful

information, and will have games set up as well to provide a 'carnival' type atmosphere," Porter said. RA's and RD's will be conducting a dorm decoration contest.

In the proposed dorm decoration contest, separate floors of each hall will decorate their floors in order to receive the prize of a pizza party.

Homecoming court nominees have not yet been

selected. They will be introduced and the Homecoming King and Queen announced during half time of the homecoming football game against the Southwestern Moundbuilders, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Porter is enthusiastic about Homecoming: "I feel it will be a great event."

Morgan echoes him: "I think we're doing really great. We were a little behind, but have caught up."

Hispanic students, Ybarra discuss minority campus involvement, unity

Kim Hernandez

Spectator Staff

John Ybarra of the Kansas Advisory Council on Hispanic Affairs visited the McPherson College campus on Sept. 23 to speak with Hispanic students about how to become more involved in campus life.

Ybarra spoke about clubs and their importance in the role of building racial unity

on campus. He gave the example of HALO, Hispanic American Leadership Organization, as an entity that helps to foster and perpetuate the traditions and customs of Hispanic people.

Ybarra noted that Hispanic peoples represent the fastest growing population in the United States. By 2005 the Hispanic population is estimated to rise to 36.1 million. He posed the question of

why Hispanic students aren't graduating from college. Since 1999 only 14 Hispanic students have graduated from McPherson College.

Ybarra focused on educational issues in the Hispanic community. He noted that many Hispanics are the first in their families to attend college. As a result, many Hispanic students may feel added pressure in college.

This issue seminar was

intended as a forum in which to hear these concerns.

Both Ybarra and the Hispanic students at the meeting agreed that one of the issues and concerns young Hispanic students encounter in today's society is the perception that they are lazy. All in attendance agreed that Hispanics work as hard as anyone else.

Some students expressed concern that living in a non-

Hispanic town "just doesn't feel like home." Others said that while visiting businesses in town, they felt like all eyes were on them.

Most, though, feel that they are treated equally on campus. As one student noted, "It's prejudice that makes us all foreigners in someone else's eyes."

The forum was put together by Ocie Kilgus, assistant professor of languages.

Meal plan, food service changes offer more choices, leave some students confused

Kate Bauer

Spectator Staff

There have been some significant changes in the dining hall this year. The seating arrangement has been modified, and meal cards can now be used in the Doghouse.

Many students are confused about the new meal plan options. Common questions include, "What meal plan am I on, and how much am I paying for, and how much?" Students now have a choice

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-Angie Grimes, sr.

in their meal plans. There are three options. The first is a

block of 19 meals per week.

The second is a block of 165 total meals, or two meals a day in the cafeteria for 85 days, with a balance in the Doghouse snack bar of \$55.

The final plan is 135 total meals, or 67 days' worth of meals in the cafeteria, and a \$125 declining balance in the Doghouse.

For those that intend to eat three meals a day in the cafeteria, the 19-meal block plan is best. However, if one does not use all of his/her meal

credits, the other plans may be a more viable option. The rest is simply a matter of weighing options.

Students were receptive to the new changes. "I sometimes don't have time to eat in the cafeteria. It makes it easier on me because the Doghouse is open so I can go downstairs and grab something to eat without having to worry where I'm going to come up with money at the time," said Angie Grimes, sr., Waynesboro, Pa.

"It's good. I like it, just as long as the cafeteria has good food," says Rachel Butler, soph., Beeman, Iowa.

"The quality of the food is much better this year," Matt Tobias, jr., Eldora, Iowa, said. "The only thing I think they need to improve on is brunch. Other than that, the cafeteria looks great this year."

Students may direct their suggestions or comments to Sandy Siperkno, food service director.

Renovations, services draw students to Miller Library

Heather Elrod

Spectator Staff

Miller Library has been changed and updated for this academic year.

The northwest corner of the main level has been changed into the Royer Career Management Center. These new offices include that of Michael Schneider, career services counselor, the office of career services, and Kevin Hadduck in the center for academic development.

Also new on the main level is the new multi-diversity room. It is open to all students as a quiet study space or a meeting room if students need to work on a group project.

The print indexes are now in the basement, and some have been integrated into online resources in order to save space. In fact, even more references are now available online through the library's college Web site (www.mcperson.edu/campuslife/library/resources/index.asp).

Students have reacted to the changes well. "It's real nice," observed Ebony Williams, sr., Kansas City. "It is much easier to get around."

Susan Taylor, head librarian, says that there have been even more changes than may meet the eye. New paint, bet-

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-Amanda Wells, sr.

ter lighting, new carpet on the main level and stairs, new furniture and recovered old furniture help add to the renovated look.

Taylor herself is a new addition, as well. A long-time McPherson College employee, she moved to the position of head librarian after a year on sabbatical.

Student library employees are pleased with the changes, there has been an increase of students coming in the library," says Amanda Wells, sr., Ellsworth. "I'm glad the school found the money to do these renovations, but I'm sorry it was neglected so long. The library should be one of the main focuses on campus."

These improvements could not have been possible without Sadie Miller, Anna Mas and D. L. Royer, whose bequests funded much of

them.

Sadie Miller is one of the library's namesakes. Along with her sister, M. Clare Miller, endowment for the library was founded.

Royer's donation went mainly for the Royer Career Center, which is intended to help students get a foot in employers' doors before graduation.

This new Career Center is part of the college's shift in mission, as detailed in previous issues of the Spectator.

Many things have changed in a short time span and many more changes are being suggested to make Miller Library an even more efficient and comfortable space.

"So many resources are available outside the library, I'm glad these changes have made it a more inviting place to come," Taylor said. "There has been more student traffic. I think people enjoy the leisure seating area."

Free coffee is available in the library against the north wall.

As well, the library now features periodic exhibits. The most recent was an exhibition of books that have been traditionally challenged in high school and college curriculum. Titles included "Catcher in the Rye," and "Adventures in Oz."

THEATRE PRESENTS "BUS STOP"



Bo Decker (Brandt Busse), listens as Will (Charles Potter), Elma (Amanda Snell), and Grace (Mary Hughes) talk at the counter. "Bus Stop" will show tonight and tomorrow at 7:30. Convo credit is available at both performances.

NEWS BRIEFS

Student publications office moves

■The student publications office has moved from its former location in the student union to a new office in Beechly Hall, room number 204. The new facility houses a number of improvements, including four new computers and a host of new furniture. Students may stop by and visit the office at their leisure.

Freshman SGA reps elected

■Freshman SGA representatives have been elected. Troy Hernandez and Jaymie Bickford have been selected to represent the freshman class on the SGA board. The elections were held Monday, September 22. SGA is still looking for off-campus representatives. If interested contact Laura Morgan at ext. 4430.

Mac professor attends conference

■Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, attended a conference on the Koran in conjunction with Muslim scholars in New Mexico. Attending the conference with a Smithsonian institute representative, Smith engaged in debates and scholarly discussion of the Koran and its current importance in western society. The conference will be featured in an upcoming issue of National Geographic.