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Campus addresses Iraq conflict

STUDENTS AND FACULTY FEEL CONFLICT MAY LIE IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

Shandi Schoming

News Editor

Last week, President Bush was given the OK by Congress to wage war against Iraq. Since then, Bush has put the "just-war" theory in to action in defense of his plans.

Because McPherson College is associated with the Church of the Brethren, a peace church, one could expect to find the campus community taking a peace position.

"Before the vote in Congress, I called my Congressman every morning for a week or more. I remember Vietnam. Although this is not the same situation, it's just as pointless," Kim Stanley, professor of English, said. "I think we'd probably win, but the Iraqi people don't want us there."

Over the past week, many students and faculty members have shared their views on the situation with Iraq,

and what it means in their lives and the campus community. Most feel that war is not the answer.

"Of course fighting should not be an option. It just leads to more conflict," Marie Rhoades, sr., Harrisburg, Pa., said. "Nations, especially first-world countries like America, should focus more on humanitarian issues because those are what cause war—things like poverty and the unequal balance of powers."

"I'm scared. I don't agree with our government's willingness to go to war," Adelina Cripe, sr., Nogales, Ariz., said. "I don't think that war is the answer. I think that there is something that needs to be done on a different level than war. I think that if we fight this problem with war, it will never go away."

Though many members of Congress don't believe that Iraq and Saddam Hussein pose enough threat for war, the vote to give Bush the

THE "JUST WAR" THEORY

A major issue in the debate over war with Iraq is the plausibility of the "just war" theory.

According to Ken Yohn, assistant professor of history and political science, the theory of "just war" originates primarily in the doctrines of St. Augustine in the fifth century. Others before him, notably the Greek historian Thucydides, had the beginnings of a philosophy of "just war," though it came to full fruition in Saint Augustine's doctrine.

In the doctrines of Augustine, there are three possible reasons for a war to be considered "just": war in self-defense, war to rectify misdeeds, and war to punish wrongs.

The Church of the Brethren does not accept the "just war" theory as valid.

power to declare war was overwhelming. Bush says that declaring war will be "a last resort to remove a threat to world peace and America."

"There's no need for it. It's purely political. Bush has no real evidence and what he has is out of date by ten years," Gary Entz, assistant professor of history, said. "It's really shameful that our country would do this. It is mass killing and mass

destruction for political purposes. It is not a good day for our country at all."

Philip Michael, sr., Haven is studying in England. He said that being in another country during this time sheds a lot of light on the negative image America has in the rest of the world. Newspapers abroad are blaming America much more for the rise and continuation of terrorism.

"I believe that our govern-

ment is trying very hard to have their war, and our President is not going to stop until he settles his very personal hatred for Iraq and its leader," Michael said. "I do not see the benefit in another senseless war, in which the only ones that can possibly be hurt are innocent people both Christian and Muslim. I cannot blindly follow a government that has not earned my belief in its ability to govern America, let alone Afghanistan and Iraq."

As a student in the military, Demetree Gaines, sr., Hutchinson, has a more personal view on the recent action. "Because I am one that can be directly affected by war—my location, my family, my mortality—I could be hurt or killed, because of that I don't like to think about it," Gaines said.

"I don't dwell on if we're going to go to war, it has different effects, different outcomes on me than other people. I make sure I stay

aware though, of what's going on," Gaines said. "My personal opinion I want to keep to myself because I represent an organization that may not believe the same way I do about why we're there."

"If I'm called to go, I'm ready, my gear is packed," Gaines said.

In November, the theater department will be performing "Lysistrata."

Katherine Perrault, assistant professor of theater, hopes that this will help the campus to get involved and share their feelings about what is going on in the world.

"Here's the challenge," Perrault said, "Get involved, read about what's happening in the world, our nation, state, region, city, campus. Let's open up, talk with one another. Let's find better alternatives to death and destruction."

"Let's celebrate our common humanity," she said. "Let's celebrate life."

Soccer program scheduled to return Fall 2003; plans move ahead for facility improvements

Luke Chennell

Editor in Chief

With the recent approval of the \$4.4 million plan for facility development, the athletics department announced a return of the defunct soccer teams.

Soccer will come back to McPherson College in 2003-2004, with both a men's and women's team planned. "With the renovation and upgrading of our stadium facilities, we feel

this is the right time to get back on the field," said Dan Hoffman, director of athletics.

Hoffman believes that with the support of the administration, soccer is a viable proposition at McPherson College. He says he believes things "are in place to support these programs in the manner they deserve."

Others on campus hailed the coming of soccer as a boon to the development of the college. "Soccer is a

growing sport," President Neil Thorburn said, and as the only school in the conference not fielding soccer, "it makes sense that we move in that direction as we work to broaden our participation base."

Students were enthusiastic about the return of soccer. "Soccer should help attract more students to campus, and hopefully will be a useful addition in the athletic department" says Andrew Gustafson, jr., McPherson.

"Especially with the new facilities, soccer has the opportunity to be a strong program."

The search for coaches for the soccer program is currently underway. These positions will be a full-time position with on-campus offices so as to provide support for the soccer program. These coaches, once hired, will actively recruit students for the upcoming soccer season.

The approved proposal

includes renovations to the stadium, new permanent visitors bleachers, artificial turf for the football field and a resurfacing of the track. A total of \$1.8 million will be spent on the stadium. The remainder of the money will go to several projects, including the remodel and addition to the Sport Center, deferred maintenance to be performed on Dotzour and Metzler Halls and air handling equipment for Miller Library.

Included in the deferred maintenance of Dotzour and Metzler are plumbing and electrical work and new carpet for rooms in Metzler Hall.

Work will begin in February on the stadium and remodel of the Sport Center, and the track will be resurfaced in May. "We'd like to have it ready when school starts," says Dale Minnich, chief financial officer. "We're going to have to push very hard."

Gen Ed requirements under review

Dean Feasenheiser

Spectator Staff

Changes may be coming to McPherson's general education requirements. A General Education Task Force formed last July concluded that, besides being hard to understand, the current system did not address the issues of career, ethics, service, and Church of the Brethren values.

To better address these issues, the task force has proposed a new seminar program that would give each year its own seminar class, similar to the freshman and senior seminars. According to the proposal, the sophomore class seminar would be grouped by division, while the junior seminar classes would be grouped by department.

This seminar class would replace a majority of convo-

ocations. Instead of the convocations system as it stands now, the seminar classes would occasionally meet for speakers. The main goal of the sophomore and junior seminars would be to address career preparation. To accommodate the seminar classes, the maximum course load would be changed from 15.5 to 16 credit hours.

"It makes things easier on students, easier to get a job and decide what to do when they graduate," said Kim Stanley, professor of English and chair of Educational Policies Committee.

The change in convocations is not the only one proposed, however. The general education requirements will also be changed. Rather than the four competencies that the current catalog requires, the new system

would require five foundation courses. The aesthetics that are required now would be replaced by courses that are distributed between the sciences, the arts and the social sciences. "The changes will make gen ed requirements easier to access and make it easier for transfer students," Gary Entz, assistant professor of history, said.

The proposal will go to Faculty Meeting on Nov. 5. If it is approved by the entire faculty, divisions and departments will begin planning what classes will be offered for general ed credit in their respective departments.

If the proposal is approved, it will take effect with next year's freshman class. Current students will finish their program with the catalog they entered with.

SONIC SPONORS TAILGATE PARTY



Levi Mason, '02, goes through the line at the tailgate party Saturday Oct. 19 before the football game. Sonic donated all the food at the tailgate party.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Soccer's return a milestone

Issue 1: The soccer program returns to McPherson College
Our Position: The soccer program should help with our enrollment

IT'S BACK AGAIN, FOR ANOTHER TIME AROUND. With the newly planned improvements to Bulldog Stadium and the Sport Center, soccer has returned to McPherson College. It's a move that seems somewhat bittersweet. With declining enrollment, and hence declining funding, soccer programs were cut two years ago to the dismay of a number of active campus students.

Now, with the return of a soccer program, it shows something about the college and the direction in which it is headed. Before, the soccer program was cut without much communication, and it left more than a few people staggering in the wake. This new program seems to be avoiding much of that. Officials involved in the execution of the new plan often hinted that a return of the soccer program was a probable result of the athletic facilities improvements.

Thus, as the announcement was made last week, it was little more than a confirmation of what many had expected. Compare that—no sudden bombs, no nasty surprises—to the previous administration's tactics of communication. It all comes down to a clean, simple, and effective strategy of administration that should set the college on its feet and improve things dramatically. The return of the soccer program should be hailed as a milestone—a milestone of an administration willing to take the steps necessary to set things right.

Proposed gen ed changes would benefit students

Issue 2: Possible approval of a new seminar program for new students.
Our Position: This will give students more choices for their gen eds.

A PROPOSAL IS AFOOT TO MAKE CHANGES IN the general education program. These changes include adding sophomore and junior seminars to replace convocations. Other changes include moving from four competencies to fulfilling five foundation course, and replacing the mix-and-match perspectives with 25 hours of distribution classes. With the new system, students will find that they have a much wider variety of classes to choose from in their gen eds. Transfer students will find it easier to get their previous work to count for general education credit. This should help to make McPherson more appealing to incoming students.

If this proposal is approved by the faculty, it will greatly benefit future students. Not only will they have a broader choice of coursework, but they will also be better prepared for the workplace they will enter upon graduation.

MAC OPINIONS

What did you do for fall break?



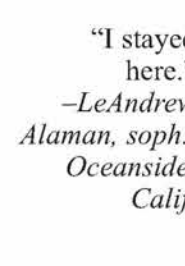
"I went to Arizona to see my grandmother."
—Doug Consaul, jr., Center, Colo.



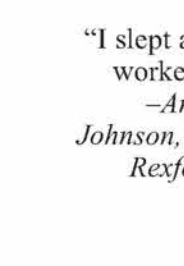
"I was sick."
—Kimberly Hernandez, sr., Hutchinson



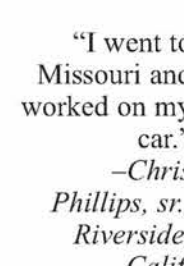
"My mother visited."
—Heidi Bailey, soph., Versailles, Ohio



"I stayed here."
—LeAndrew Alaman, soph., Oceanside, Calif.



"I slept and worked."
—Andy Johnson, jr., Rexford



"I went to Missouri and worked on my car."
—Chris Phillips, sr., Riverside, Calif.

War crisis can be reduced to terms of the schoolyard

Violence begets violence. It says this in the Bible and, more realistically, life experience tells us this. Think back to your days as a carefree child on the playground. What did you see little Johnny do when he was accidentally hit by a flying projectile? He either let the tense situation roll off his back, or he sought out the guilty party and exacted some revenge.

Most likely the latter of these two outcomes happened. Johnny did not want to look like a "wimp" or "wussie boy" in front of his other friends.

Let's say Timmy was responsible for the mishap. If he was punched by little Johnny, he would most likely not just stand there and take it. He would either run, be interceded for, or, living up to the macho mentality, fight back.

In a very simplistic way, this is how I view the United States' predicament with violent retaliation. If we-and I use the term "we" loosely-were to attack a foreign country, in retaliation we would undoubtedly succeed in soliciting more ill will from the people of that country.

Usually a small right-wing group would initially support the plans for a terrorist attack. Just enough people are involved in



Guest Columnist
AMANDA SMITH

order to supply sufficient political and monetary support to the cause. Once such an attack is carried out, the global opinion is one of pity for the country that is attacked. The Red Cross and other non-profit organizations flood in to provide aid. The number of blood donors and business donations skyrocket. This initial onset of assistance is what the goodness of human nature is all about.

If the country attacked were to react with retaliation, it would be like Johnny beating Timmy to a pulp. All of the other kids on the playground-or, in this case, other nations-would change their views on the situation and might intercede. They would not jump into the mayhem to help Johnny, but to protect Timmy- the foreign country instigator.

Or, even worse, the teacher on recess duty—the United Nations—may feel the need to get involved. This would cause

"Human lust and greed for power will constantly motivate both good and evil human beings."

increased confusion and bring a major authority, with the force to back up their actions, to come into the picture. Tensions would escalate and diplomatic words would be exchanged in an attempt to quell the potential danger.

After this fails, as it undoubtedly would, threats would be made: threats involving bigger and bigger weapons.

This is only one young woman's views on war. Just as Sir Thomas Moore's theory on Utopia was a perfect one in theory, in real life it could never be carried out. Human lust and greed for power will constantly motivate both good and evil human beings.

Possessing the power to dominate over another, weaker culture is rarely attained through honest means or for pure reasons. Until the global population as a whole can realize the need to end violence and retaliation, peace will never prevail.

Challenge to students: Let's be fanbase so powerful KCAC hates coming to Mac

As I sat in Honors Convo the other day, I was appalled. Our student body does not appreciate the musical talent that we have on this campus. People were talking throughout the choir performance, and I heard some of the comments that were said. I would like to point out that our choir sounded excellent for the six weeks they have had to prepare.

I also have heard comments about the band and how bad they sound. For as long as I have been here (and it has been a while), the band has never sounded better. Yes there are moments when we don't always sound our best but that happens to everybody.

That first football game was rough, I admit. Three rehearsals and we were in front of the crowd with only three songs. But if we were any other group, we probably wouldn't have done it. We all love to play at the football games, and we didn't want to miss it.

The pep band is there to add pep, but it's hard to do that when nobody responds. Don't get me wrong, there are students who have a lot of school spirit, but that is a very small number compared to the number of people in the stadium for a game.

If our fans responded to the cheerleaders and our students did-



Guest Columnist
SYDNEY WHITE

n't just sit through the game and actually stood up to cheer, nobody would notice we were gone. Standing during cheers and throughout the game is great and most of the band would do it if it were possible to do so. We play before the game, through halftime, after the game, during the game, and sometimes even when we're not supposed to be playing. If anybody has a problem with it you can come and play my part for me.

Another thing: why do students stand on the track? I can't imagine that it's a good view. I feel that if our students all sit together, maybe we could become quite the home crowd and help our team to victory.

I can imagine that the football team would like to know that the whole school is behind them instead of a few students.

Homecoming week was impressive. All the dorms were very active with the Homecoming dorm challenge. I thought for sure that

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spirits would be high for the game, but of course, they weren't.

There are also those who don't want the band there period. That is fine. We can be annoying, I will admit. But we are only trying to have fun and cheer on our team that, in my opinion, is the best it has been in awhile.

If you don't like us, that's fine, but don't make fun of us and don't mock us because we like being at the game and cheering on our team.

Here is my challenge to you: let's all become a fanbase that is so powerful that other teams in the KCAC hate coming here to play. Let's all learn to respect each other and our groups that we are involved in. I'm not saying we have to like everything, but don't knock other things that others are having fun doing because you might find you like something new.

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Will these minor disturbances go away?

I hit the door to my room the other day, and a new sound greeted me. My hearing has never been particularly good, so I try to keep as many sounds going at a time as I can, but this was a new one, one I wasn't familiar with.

The smoke detector battery had run down, and the alarm now emitted a nice, steady, fixed, annoying chirp. Every minute or so, my ears were regaled with a short, high-pitched "blip."

I pondered for a while what to do. The sound was too annoying to contemplate not doing anything about it, and I believe in smoke detectors and the safety they ensure.

So, what was I to do? Should I try to tolerate a harsh noise until our crack maintenance staff could get around to fixing the thing? Or should I just disconnect the smoke detector (a relatively simple task), and fix it myself?



Ramblings from a room

LUKE CHENNEL

I pondered for a while more. I've always believed in being something of a handyman. Whenever something reasonably easy to fix breaks around the house, it annoys me to no end until I finally pull out a barrage of screwdrivers and pliers and fix the thing.

Living in an ancient house that's been ridden hard and put away wet over the years, I've learned how to fix a lot of things.

When I came to college, I was always amazed that when something broke, I didn't have to deal with it. No more late-night encounters with clogged drains and no more days without power due to wiring problems

enthralled me. Suddenly, I could just pass off the responsibility to someone else. I learned the standard phrase when something broke: "I'll call maintenance."

It took a while to get used to. After a while, though, it made perfect sense. These people, were, after all, paid to do this stuff. If I didn't send my requests to them, they wouldn't have anything to do but lie around and drink coffee all day. So, I began putting in requests.

And a lot of times, stuff happened. Drains got unclogged, wiring was set right, and all was right with the world. But there were other times, times when work orders simply seemed to get lost.

For instance, a drain in Templeton Hall was strangely clogged for most of my freshman year. Despite pleading, begging, and cursing, we suffered that drain for a long time.

And then, my sophomore year, the bomb really dropped. I moved over into Morrison Hall, a definite upgrade from Metzler Hall in any sense, and living in the palace as I was, I still had problems here and there.

My door, for instance, didn't latch. It was a simple matter of carpentry: the door, being screwed into a weak stud, sagged and put the latch below the catch. Nothing that a clever bit of carpentry or a little modification of the latch wouldn't solve.

I never considered it a serious problem, though, as I didn't really care to latch my door anyway. I left the thing unlocked all the time (in fact, I have never locked my door regularly since the beginning of my sophomore year—I have faith in homo mcphersonibus enough to walk about the dorm freely) and was happy and free. Until one day, when a resi-

dent director looking through rooms over a break noticed the broken door. He put in a work order.

It wasn't any big deal, I figured. So, the thing would get fixed, and I might actually have had a door that latched. I waited patiently. They never came. I left for the summer. I came back for my senior year (to the same room). It still hasn't even been touched. And there are other examples: nagging little things around campus that just seem to evade the reach of a close-at-hand wrench.

So, what to do? Listening to my beeping smoke alarm, I took a course of action. I pulled the thing off the ceiling, and disconnected it for the evening. The next day, I went out, bought a nine-volt battery, and fixed the thing. It satisfied me to no end.

But, the door still sags, and it still doesn't latch. I'm still not perturbed about it, mainly because by lifting

the catch into place, I can still lock it if I ever feel the need. But, it should be fixed, and fixed right.

The maintenance staff has to be incredibly busy here. There isn't a day that goes by that I do not see their smiling faces (they are some of the cheeriest people on campus) cleaning, mowing, working. The grounds are beautiful (especially the flowers), and generally things (including those nice campus lighting fixtures that make such nice tackling dummies) are fixed promptly and well. I can't reasonably fault our maintenance staff at all.

But, at the same time, it seems that something needs to be done about fixing the niggling little things that make life annoying. Maybe it's a never-ending battle. Maybe it's a battle that can be easily won. I don't know either way. What I do know is that we need more troops on the field.

What can keep or attract more students?

One of the most discussed subjects at Mac is how small we are, or why no one comes back. I have wondered why, as many times as it has come up, why there have been no solutions. Even the staff has no real answer.

The only thing to fall back on is the fact that our retention rates are down. But, why?

Don't students like it here? What is it about Mac that they like, and what is it about Mac that makes them stay? If they like it here, why wouldn't someone else like it here?

This leads to the puzzle of why people don't stay at Mac. One of the major reasons that people find Mac unattractive in the first place is the exceeding abundance of males over females. Wouldn't it be great to speak to someone of the opposite sex who hasn't been talked to by 10 other people?



Guest Columnist

NICK GRIGGS

After adding soccer, hopefully we will be able to get a little bit more attendance at Mac. But once again, once they get here, the question is will they stay here?

If you were a girl, what would be wrong with Mac? You can't beat 3/1 or 4/1 odds (guys/girls). Are the guys here so bad that they would drive a woman away? Who knows? These are just the constant questions that everyone asks but no one answers.

I hope that we do something fast because as we continue to lose enrollment here, it makes it harder for people who like it here to stay because tuition goes up.

We have to evolve with the rest of the world. I am sure that we all know that, but it hurts even more because we have to adapt for those people who leave as well. Who cares about how much prices are increasing because people are leaving?

A similar analogy is a sales person and a customer. You go to the store because you see something you are interested in. But what is it about that store that makes you go back on a normal basis? They need to be selling awesome things, right? What would make you leave that store and go to another? Hmm...is that another question that goes unanswered?

Some of you guys may understand if you are the only person in your class in your major. I am the only sophomore music major on campus, unless we have some undecided sophomore out there.

I know for a major like mine there are advantages to just having one student in a classroom, but overall I think it is possible to do more harm than good.

Unfortunately, it is not getting any better: there was one in my class, and no freshman music majors this year. I love my major, but why is it not attractive to more students? We have all these wonderful facilities and we can't even use them.

There are things like this in everyone's major I am guessing because we are private and there is a decent amount of money per student coming into the school.

If we have all of these great facilities, why don't others see that? I know there are many people who are leaving in the middle of a semester, or planning on leaving next year. Why? Once again, these are just more unanswered questions.

Campus needs a universal place of worship

McPherson College has been under construction as long as we have been students. The campus looks beautiful. However this campus needs a make over that is not just skin deep.

We need a permanent chapel. We need a place where all faiths can pray and worship. Mingenback Theatre is well used for Wednesday chapel services, but we need a place to seek God any time, a place devoted to worship.

This school declares a need for diversity, but does not provide for diverse religions. In the past we have had convocation to celebrate different December holidays.

We can celebrate other religions at anytime if we had a place. Religion includes regular worship. We are not accepting diversity until we provide a place where diversity can grow.

The McPherson Community has many churches, but it does not provide for every religion. No community this size can. But if we really want to embrace religious diversity on campus, we should be prepared to try. We built a new science hall, a new fine arts building, and new residence halls, but the college has no building plans to provide for spiritual needs.

We understand that the Morrison family donated



Guest Columnists

NICHOLE WILLIAMS & LAINA MCKELLIP

the money for Harnly Gardens, but this campus needs a chapel more than additional landscaping. The garden will add to the appearance of the campus, but a chapel would help the soul of this campus.

We think the soul is more important than outward appearance. The mission statement states that the college desires to develop whole people. We, as Christians, feel in order to become whole persons we need Christ. In order for the mission to help us become whole persons, we need a place to worship and grow in our relationship with Christ. We can worship anywhere, but why doesn't this college help us by providing a convenient place to praise God?

The McPherson Church of the Brethren is located adjacent to campus. However, every student may not feel comfortable worshipping there, especially if they are not from a Brethren background. The Church hours are not geared toward a typical student's schedule. We respect the college's church

affiliation, but to be a diverse campus we must embrace other religions with an on-campus chapel.

A campus chapel would narrow the social gap between different types of believers. Our campus struggles with its Church of the Brethren affiliation, but as long as we are church-affiliated, a chapel or a permanent place of worship should be a priority.

Is this a personal issue or a campus community issue? It should be both.

CAMPUS FORUM

Cars and ideals strike a note with professor

Dear Editor:

Thanks for printing the columns by Patrick Grass and Luke Eberly in the last two issues of the Spectator. I learned something interesting from both of them.

Mr. Eberly's column was welcome to me because I've been concerned for years about students—both male and female—who struggle to make their bodies conform to ridiculous standards set by advertisers and millionaires like Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein.

Mr. Eberly's remarks might help to reassure young women that those are not necessarily the standards of the young men they know.

And Mr. Grass's column helped me to see my world in a new way.

Now, when we drive through the countryside, my husband has to put up with my hollering, "Look at that car! That man's not going to work on that car! He's probably had it out there in that field for years. He ought to

SELL that car. . . ." I look forward to the next edition.

-Kim Stanley
Professor of English

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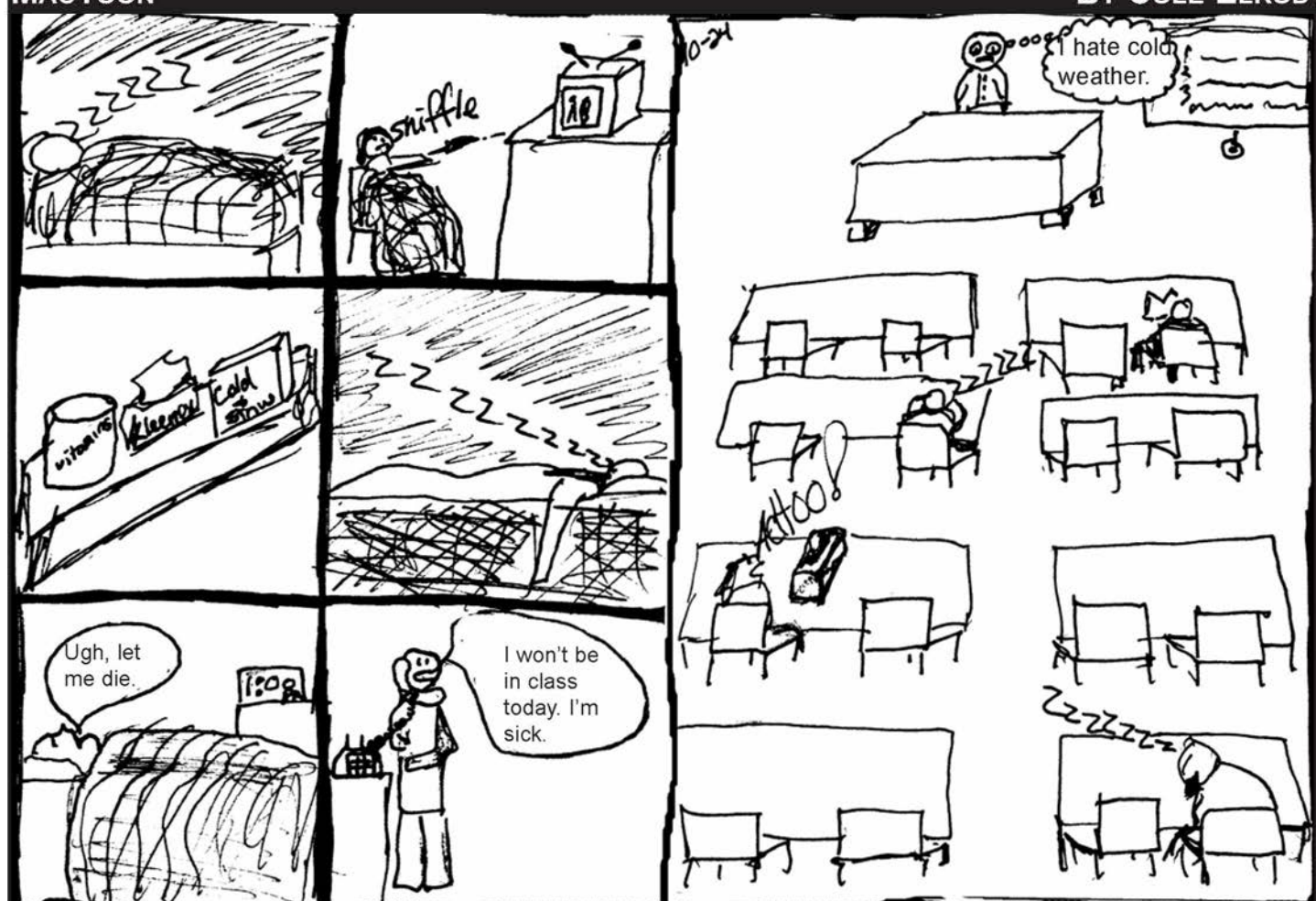
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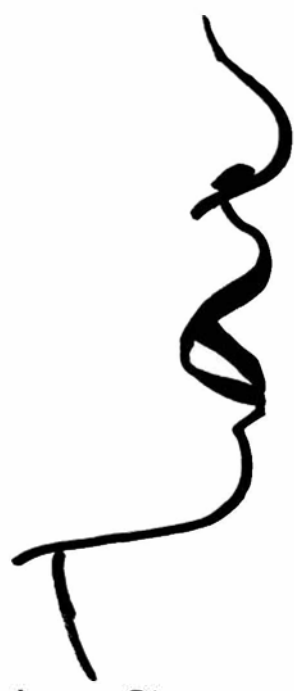
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MAC TOON



BY COLE ELROD



Transfers

Talk it up

Rebecca Stover
Features Editor

For returning students at McPherson College, new faces don't always belong to incoming freshman. More so this year than last year, the campus is brimming with transfers.

Over the past nine semesters, 212 students have transferred to McPherson College, making up 25 percent of the total new students. This year, the college is accommodating 123 new students-the lowest figure of new students in several years. Of this number, 47 transfer students make up a whopping 38 percent.

So what draws these students to McPherson College? After tracking

down numerous transfers in classrooms, dorms, on sidewalks, and over the phone, it's clear to see that Mac pulls a variety of students for numerous interests.

About half of the transfers this year were drawn to campus through coaches and heavy recruiting for sports.

Taylor Demesmin, jr. Boca Raton, Fla., attended Sunycanton in upstate New York and was recruited to Mac to play football.

"The football team is more like a family here, and as far as education, the professors are much more helpful," Demesmin said.

Also new to campus through football recruitment is Eddie Chavez Jr., soph. Santa Barbara, Calif. Coming from a local college in Santa Barbara, Chavez plans to finish out his degree in physical therapy here at McPherson College.

"All the students are more united here," Chavez said.

"It's more like a community because there are more

people involved in other things-a lot of things, which creates a nice, homey environment."

Kenan Davis, sr., Houston, attended McPherson College for two years and then transferred to the University of Houston his junior year. Although he had intended the change to be permanent, Davis transferred back to McPherson College after one semester.

"I came back for football mainly, and because all of my friends are here."

Among numerous transfers recruited by Coach Wright, Andrea Wilder, jr., Fort Collins, Colo., transferred from Otero to complete her degree in elementary education.

"The classes are harder here, but there is more variety of students on campus. I like the diversity."

LouAna Nuss, jr., Abilene, transferred from Neosho Community College to play softball and finish out her elementary education degree.

"I like the atmosphere here, and it's close to home. It's nice to be able to go

also tried his luck in Manchester. After three semesters there, with interterms at McPherson College, Hoffman was convinced to return close to home.

"The fact that this is a small school gives students more opportunities. Besides, Frisbee is better here," Hoffman said.

After trying one semester at Hastings, one semester off, and one semester at the University of Nebraska, Shandi Schoming, jr., Davenport, Neb., has settled down at Mac. Though she had originally considered McPherson College and her family had a strong tradition here, Schoming wanted to try something different.

"When I visited McPherson I liked the atmosphere and thought that small classes would be a benefit...and they are. Personal attention and small

classes are a major benefit to everybody. I made a good choice."

Matt Tobias, jr., Eldora, Iowa, transferred from the University of Dubuque because of football conflicts and because they did not have his major. At McPherson, Tobias has found a strong history department and success on and off the football field.

"I love it here -especially because of Gary and Ken. They are good men."

Brandt Busse, soph., McPherson, transferred here after only one semester at Bethany.

"The reason I chose Mac was because I liked the atmosphere. The teachers were so nice; everyone was really friendly and ready to help you with what you needed; and the students are much nicer and make you feel very welcome right away. Mac also has very well-known, successful programs."

There's no doubt that transfers are very important to keeping enrollment numbers growing. Though many find that the transition time can be hard, working through it with an open mind can make all the difference.

"All the students are more united here...there are more people involved in other things -a lot of things, which creates a nice homey environment.""

-Eddie Chavez Jr.,

soph., Santa Barbara, Calif.

Features Spotlight: Jana Powell

Rebecca Stover
Features Editor

Fifteen days in Southern Brazil proved to be an amazing experience for one McPherson College freshman. Jana Powell, Mechanicsville, Va., and seven members of the Ashland First Baptist Church in Virginia traveled in July and August to offer their services to a community in need.

Their task was to construct a new building for a church growing so rapidly it had outgrown its facilities. The group spent its nights in a nearby hotel and commuted early each morning to the worksite. During the day they worked alongside locals. At first, it seemed that only men did most of the work. However, after seeing Jana and the other females in the group hard at work, the Brazilian women soon outnumbered the men.

Besides building the church, the group installed plumbing and completed

"If I can't be generous with my money, I might as well be generous with my time."

-Jana Powell, fr.,

Mechanicsville, Va.

electrical systems. For meals, the group enjoyed getting a taste of the culture at local restaurants. Not only was the group successful in changing the lives through the construction of the church building itself, but also in forming relationships with the people.

"The last day we went to church with them to worship, but it wasn't the first time we had worshiped with them," Jana remarked. "It felt like we had been worshipping with them all week as we built relationships side by side."

Jana felt especially connected to Camelia, a seven-year-old autistic child who

lived next to the church. Interacting with her sparked Jana's desire to work with children with special needs. The hardest part of the summer was saying goodbye with the realization that she may not be returning to anytime soon.

Although Jana has done numerous volunteer projects in her life, this was the first international one. Now, at McPherson College, Jana plans to continue this service by seeking out new volunteer opportunities in the area. She is currently a volunteer at Eisenhower Elementary and works whole-heartedly with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

Jana is a big supporter of volunteer service and feels that it is something everyone should experience. "It's worth it," she says. "Even one hour a week to help someone other than their selves. If I can't be generous with money (since I am a college student), I might as well be generous with my time."



photo contributed by Jana Powell

One of the most important aspects of giving service is connecting with the people you are working with and for. Jana Powell found a special connection with Camelia, an autistic child who lived near the church in Southern Brazil where construction was taking place.

Tuesday Night at the Movies

Red Dragon

Rated: R
9:40

Starring:
Anthony Hopkins, Edward Norton, Ralph Fiennes, Philip Seymour Hoffman, and Harvey Keitel

In this prequel to "The Silence of the Lambs," the story of former FBI agent Will Graham, who was nearly killed by Hannibal Lecter, is told. It includes the initial capture of "The Cannibal."

Sweet Home Alabama

Rated: PG-13
9:20

In this romantic comedy, a New York fashion designer (Reese Witherspoon) suddenly finds herself engaged to the city's most eligible bachelor. But her past holds many secrets including the redneck husband (Josh Lucas) she married in high school, who refuses to divorce her. Bound and determined to end their contentious relationship once and for all, she returns home to Alabama to confront her past, only to discover that you can take the girl out of the South, but you can't take the South out of a girl.

Jonah:

A Veggie Tales Movie

Rated: G
6:35

Starring:
Phil Vischer, Mike Nawrocki, Kristin Blegen, and Lisa Vischer

The first feature film based on the popular direct-to-video children's series featuring talking Christian vegetables. This is an animated retelling of the story of Jonah and the whale by the well-known and loved Veggie Tale characters.

The Ring

Rated: PG-13
9:05

Starring:
Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson, Chris Cooper, Brian Cox, and Shannon Cochran

A female journalist (Naomi Watts) discovers a disturbing videotape with a bizarre history...everyone who's seen its contents has died within seven days. Is she next? A remake of one of Japan's highest-grossing box-office hits ever.

Jackass: The Movie

Rated: R
9:25
Full Price

Starring:
Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Steve-O, Chris Pontius, and Preston Lacy

Johnny Knoxville and his crew of crazies take the concept of the MTV show "Jackass" -a bunch of guys doing dangerous and disturbing stunts just to see what happens -and turn it into a movie, where they can get away with more than they could on TV, including a climactic stunt of immense insanity.

**Tickets are \$2
with ID and
include popcorn**

What do artists, concrete and barb wire have in common?

You'll never know if you don't check these attractions out

Luke Chennell
Editor in Chief

With fall break just a week in the past, many students around campus are talking about places they would like to go. However, there are a number of other places in Kansas that are only a short drive from McPherson, and offer interesting sights to see, places to dine, and people to talk to.

These destinations offer small-town attractions that range from the quirky to the cultured, and few are very expensive. None of these are in cities of more than 20,000 people, but all offer an interesting view of Kansas that is sometimes overlooked on the interstate.

In and around a hundred-mile radius of McPherson, there are a number of places of interest. Here are a few:

The Garden of Eden

Much to the discontent of biblical scholars, it turns out that the Garden of Eden is not located anywhere near the middle east, but instead

outside of Lucas. Started in 1907 by S.P. Dinsmoor, a civil war veteran and Populist politician, the Garden of Eden consists of a faux-log cabin made entirely of cement. It is surrounded by numerous concrete and limestone sculptures fashioned by Dinsmoor.

The Garden of Eden took 2,273 sacks of concrete to build, and features among its statues a cross upon which a representation of labor is crucified while businessmen and politicians nod approvingly. Other oddities include a concrete American flag, and Dinsmoor's handmade concrete coffin, covered with a glass top, in which he still visibly resides for those who pass by.

The Garden of Eden is open May through October 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and November through April 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$4.50 for adults.

Brookville Hotel/Abilene

Originally residing in

Brookville, Kansas, the Brookville hotel started in the 1870's in Kansas. As a place for cattle-drivers and cattle barons on the trail, the Hotel served a wide clientele of people during Kansas' wild west days. Buffalo Bill is reputed to have stayed there.

In 1915, the hotel began serving fried chicken dinners, and soon acquired some fame for its home-style food. Renting rooms became less and less of a priority for the historic hotel. Until in the early 1970's the three remaining rooms not used for dining were finally no longer available to rent. Fried chicken dinners with all of the trappings are the hotel's major claim to fame.

In 2000, the historic hotel packed up from its original location, and moved to a replica building in Abilene, Kansas. Modeled to look exactly like the original, the "new" Brookville hotel includes many of the fittings of the original, and all of the charm.

Fried chicken dinners are

still the mainstay of cuisine, and the ambience of an era gone by greets diners. Cost is \$11.55 per person for a fried chicken dinner. Lunch and dinner are served Tuesday through Sunday.

Lindsborg

A short distance to the North of McPherson, Lindsborg offers a number of cultural attractions. Billed as a traditional Swedish town, Lindsborg features a prominent main street filled with Swedish crafts, traditional Swedish food, and a prominent art gallery.

For traditional Swedish food, try any of the numerous restaurants on Main Street. Swedish pancakes are a mainstay. Some of the best food to be had in town is at a restaurant of local fame, the Swedish Crown.

Art in Lindsborg is a major attraction. Visit the Birger Sandzen gallery to see much of this artist's work, as well as a sampling of other local artists. For those with more classical tastes in art, the Red Barn studio of Lester

Raymer (south of the Brunswick hotel) is a place not to miss.

Raymer, a local painter, lived much of his life in Lindsborg and devoted much of his time to creating art for Hyllningsfest, a local festival held bi-annually in mid-October. Raymer died in 1991, but his studio remains. A rambling place, put together from scraps of lumber he salvaged where he could, the Red Barn is an interesting place to tour and explore. Much of the work in the studio was produced by Raymer, and the competent guides will be more than happy to explain them.

Lacrosse Barbed Wire Museum

Located in Lacrosse, Kansas, the Barbed Wire Museum houses the most extensive collection of barbed wire types in the world. Lacrosse, a town of five hundred people, is home to the museum that houses the rancher's friend.

Included in the museum are numerous strands of barbed wire, ranging from

designs of the incredible to the common. As well, the museum houses an eagle's nest made of barbed wire, and a section on the proliferation and cultural influences of barbed wire.

The museum is open by appointment in the winter.

Buhler

Just south of McPherson lays Buhler, Kansas, a town of roughly 1400 people. Buhler offers two stores, which would make for a useful afternoon diversion. Adrian's A to Z and Bartel's cabinet shop offer unique Kansas collectibles, western-style furniture and fittings of the highest quality, as well as small-town charm. Both are open Monday through Friday 8-5, and on Saturday from 12-5.

Traveling in and around the McPherson area can yield pieces of Americana that often are overlooked while traveling through the vast expanses of Kansas. Local color can often be hard to find, but it is rewarding when one does.

Fifty-yard fantasy comes true for blushing McPherson bride

Rebecca Stover
Features Editor

Homecoming Coronation this year held an extra surprise for almost everyone at the football game. Not only as was there anticipation for the announcement of King Dallas Blacklock, sr., Houston, and Queen Ebony Williams, sr., Kansas City, but also for the events which took place at the 50 yard line directly following.

With the whole stadium fixed intently upon them, King Blacklock took a knee and proposed to his Queen, Miss Ebony Williams. The crowds awed and cheered as she eagerly accepted.

Starting at McPherson College as freshman in '99, the two immediately found a connection. However, the two did not begin dating until about two years ago.

Williams recalled with a laugh, "We were really good friends...well, basically...yeah, really good friends, and it turned into something else."

"I knew I was "in"love the first time we were distanced from one another," explained Blacklock. "I felt an empty space that no one could fill but her. That saying is true that you never know how much you love someone until they are gone."

The proposal was completely unexpected. Only two of the couple's friends, Moriah Hicks, soph., El Dorado, Ark., and Lovie Pace, sr., Kansas City, were in on the secret.

"I had the ring for a long time, but I was just being patient, waiting for the right time," Blacklock said. "I wanted to make it very special, because she is a very special lady."

Though it went over without a hitch, the initial idea was shot down.

It was not in the scheduled plans of Homecoming events.

"They said I couldn't do it because time wouldn't permit it," Dallas recalled, "But I did it anyway. I wanted her to know that there is no shame in my love and I'll go to the extreme to prove it to her. Sometimes, you just can't stop fate. Besides, there's always time for love."

"It was a complete surprise," Williams said, "I had no idea what was going on."

Blacklock, who is majoring in philosophy and religion with a minor in business administration, will be attending graduate school at Bethany Seminary. Williams, who is majoring in physical education, plans to pursue a degree in physical therapy while preparing for the wedding, which is set for June 12th, 2004.



Dallas Blacklock, sr., Houston, proposes to Ebony Williams, sr., Kansas City, at the half-time of the Homecoming football game. She accepted.

Music Review: "OK Go"

Produced by: Howard Willing & Damian Kulash Jr.
Capitol Records 2002

Michael Warner
Opinions Editor

With their self-titled debut, OK Go presents a not-so-original but sonically refreshing and straightforward pop/rock compilation that is destined for attention. In a musical era riddled with artists who sell for their appeal, can't play instruments, or don't write their own lyrics, OK Go knows how to play music and play it well.

Damian Kulash Jr. (vocals, guitar, keyboard, programming, percussion), Tim Nordwind (bass, vocals), Andy Duncan (guitar, keyboard, vocals), and Dan Konopka (drums) mix youthful frustration and humor with edgy guitars, playful keyboards, heavy drums, precise vocal harmonies, and a knack for creating a catchy pop tune that hasn't sounded so perfect since The Beatles were together.

Though the record is mostly mid-tempo, OK Go takes various approaches to each song. From the heavy stomp and adolescent rage of "Get Over It," to the low-key and light-hearted reverberated

tones of "1000 Miles Per Hour," to the sly rhythms of "The Fix Is In," there is never a moment that can go unappreciated.

It's hard to argue against the thought that the record is all 100 percent fun, but when trying to dissect the lyrical concepts in such songs as "Return," and "There's a Fire," OK Go softens up on their unforgiving distortion, and substitutes soul-baring lyrics and lingering melodies hypnotic enough to perhaps get you to reflect on a time in your life that you didn't want to part with.

In their opening track and first single, "Get Over It," a heavy synchronized foot stomp, hard claps, and a crunched guitar rhythm thump your ears just before Kulash painfully belts out "lot of knots, lot of snags/ lot of holes, lot of cracks, lot of crags/ lot of naggin' old hags/ lot of fools, lot of fool scum bags." It sounds like a harsh song, but OK Go knows how to make an angry tune into a fun and infectious pop ditty with a playfully vibrato synthesizer solo repeating the theme: "Hey! Get over it!"

On a more lyrically forgiv



ing note, in "Shortly Before the End," Kulash leaves plenty of room to bare a much more sensitive side to his otherwise harsh song-writing.

Kulash reveals his soul with lyrics of a sentimental departure: "How long did we all think this would last?/ Who could have counted days as they flew past?/ But before we go, sing us a song./ Sing us a song to hum through the hours of dying." Clearly, "OK Go" has a wonderful variety ranging from fun, to angst, to a desire for reliving a special part of the past. The record might not be ground-breaking, but it is not, by any means, a disappointment.

Rating (1-5)- 4.5
Related Artists: Good Charlotte, Modest Mouse, The Promise Ring.

These Mac students put the MUD in MUDhucker. Frigid, wet weather isn't enough to keep these dedicated Ultimate Frisbee players from doing what they love.



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Bulldogs tally two KCAC victories

Confident 4-2 Bulldogs approach the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes in away game on Saturday

Troy Hernandez

Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs hope to continue their winning streak this weekend at Kansas Wesleyan. McPherson College and Kansas Wesleyan both come into their seventh game of this season with 4-2 overall records.

However, KWU is 4-1 in the KCAC race and tied for the conference lead with Bethany and Ottawa, while McPherson is 3-2 in the KCAC and tied for fourth.

"This is the first time in three years that we're catching Kansas Wesleyan coming off a win rather than a loss to Ottawa," said Cunningham.

"We have a good chance," said defensive back Brandon Kelm. Kelm marked a season high last Saturday against Sterling, returning an interception 45-yards for a touchdown.

After last week's 35-14 win against Sterling, the Bulldogs are ready to bite the Coyotes tomorrow.

"I told our guys of the best lessons you can learn is when you win and you can make corrections off that," Coach Cunningham said.

The 2-2 Bulldogs went from being underdogs to turning conference team's heads, beating Southwestern 31-29 and snagging a 3-2 record overall.

With the momentum of the win, the 'Dogs dominated Sterling and that win moved the Bulldogs to 3-2 record in the KCAC. Mac's defense gave up just 211



Darrell Cole slips away from a Sterling Warrior defender in Saturday's home game while Lou Schneider (77) and Andres Alcalá (70) provide blocking. The Bulldogs raised their KCAC record to 3-2 by defeating the Warriors, 35-14.

yards that game.

The Bulldogs had four sacks, led by Freddie Nails, who had two.

"We played four quarters, that did a lot for our confidence," said quarterback Erik Johnson.

"The defense played well and for the most part they've played well all year," said Cunningham, whose team is now 4-2 overall, surpassing last year's victory total with

four games still remaining.

"We play to have fun without worries," said slot back Omar Mireles. Mireles caught three passes for 27 yards against Sterling Saturday.

The Bulldogs wanted to prove that they could play with any team, and this week, with quarterback Erik Johnson feeling healthy, and strong defense, they hope to live up to recent success.

Quarterback Erik Johnson attempts to escape a tackle from a Sterling Warrior in Saturday's game. This Saturday, the Bulldogs will take on Kansas Wesleyan away.

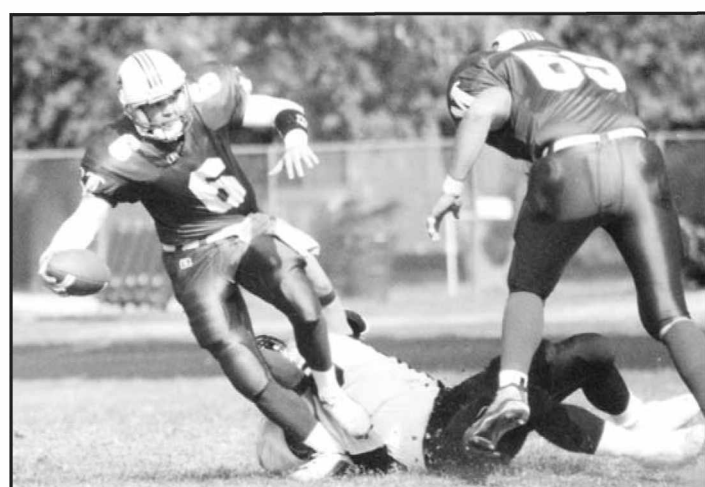


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Lady Bulldogs sneak past Sterling in five games, will use momentum to attack Tabor on Monday

Moriah Hicks

Spectator Staff

Taking the match to a grueling five games, the Lady Dogs posted another conference victory last night at Sterling.

Early in the first game, the Lady 'Dogs came out strong with their first point coming off a serve from Terra Simoneau. Amber Ontivero picked up several digs, aiding a Lady 'Dog 30-28 victory.

In the second game, the Lady 'Dogs came out slow,

falling behind 5-0 within the first opening hits of the game. The Lady 'Dogs could not recover, falling 20-30.

"In the second game, I felt as though we could have played a lot better, but we still didn't get down. We stayed up so that we could come back in the third game, and that's what we did," said Treasett Horner.

Entering the third game, the Lady Bulldogs held their enthusiasm, creating the first point with an Erica Alvarez kill. In the end,

McPherson was just too much. The Lady 'Dogs battled back to defeat Sterling, 30-28.

Going into the fourth game, the Sterling Warriors took the upper hand, gaining a kill in the opening play of the game. In the second play, the Lady 'Dogs came back with an ace serve given by Audrey Garcia. Sterling hit hard, and began to take over the game, leaving the Lady 'Dogs behind to gain the win at 30-26.

"We played very aggressively. We were hitting

"We gained this victory because we wanted it. We played well as a team, had vital plays and incredible bench support."

-Terra Simoneau

hard, but Sterling returned our hits with harder ones. We didn't let them get us down, we kept our momen-

tum, and our aggression, and that took us into the fifth game," Garcia said.

In the beginning of the fifth game, Sterling took over gaining the first three points, putting the Lady 'Dogs at 3-0. However, the Bulldogs answered those points, making some vital plays and taking a 12-8 lead.

Simoneau served as a key player executing a solo block and a kill, gaining two points.

McPherson College secured a 15-8 victory over the Warriors moving them

higher in conference play. "We gained this victory because we wanted it. We played well as a team, had vital plays, and had incredible bench support," Simoneau said.

Coach Stephenson was extremely proud of her Lady Bulldogs.

"We need to keep this momentum to beat Tabor," Stephenson said.

The women go on to play Tabor on their home court on Monday, October 28.

Mac harriers challenged in Ottawa, anticipate positive KCAC race

Luke Chennell

Editor in Chief

Coming off a solid performance at Ottawa, Mac cross-country runners will forge ahead to KCAC championships at Kansas Wesleyan Saturday, Nov. 2, at 10:30 a.m.

At the Bo Boucek Invitational at Pamona Lake, the Mac runners did their best to overcome injuries on a course longer than regulation size.

"Today's race was all about a three-mile plan. They went through one well, two they were still cooking, but the times at three indicated that someone just flat turned the burners off," said coach Pete Seal. "There were definitely some extra meters in there somewhere."

Troy Hernandez took an early lead by the 100-meter mark, but fell back into the pack for the rest of the race. He finished 12th with a 29:28. Shane Netherton, coming off of an injured hamstring, ran a 30:01, putting him in 21st place.

Aaron Borger ran a 30:36, putting him in 30th place. Wes Hoffert, feeling strained, came in 39th with a 31:31. Nathan Porter finished 41st, but clocked in at the same time as Hoffert. Bryan Grosbach came in with a 31:56 to place 43rd.

Michelle Schulz, alone on the women's team, made progress with 27th overall and a time of 25:37.

"She's doing pretty well," said Coach Seal. "When you've got a team of one, you can be pretty flexible."

Though some runners are feeling stiff, the team feels it can run well at the championships in Salina.

"If we can get everyone healthy, and get everyone runs a solid race, I think we can run a second place," Hoffert said.

"We've beaten all the teams in the conference except Southwestern at least once," Seal said. "Everybody's going to know we're for real."

Seal feels that his team is capable of running together close enough to place in high standings.

"If we run together close enough at one minute, we've definitely got a shot," Seal said. "We're shooting for 45 seconds, but I'm pretty sure we can hit one minute."

ATHLETES OF THE ISSUE

Coach Nathalea Stephenson has nominated the entire volleyball squad for this week's Athlete of the Issue.

"This is a unique team," Stephenson said. "We have no seniors, so the leadership that usually comes from the seniors is coming from our juniors and underclassmen."

Stephenson feels that each girl has unique qualities that contribute to the team's success.

"We wouldn't have won the games we have if each girl wasn't doing her job and playing the role that has been assigned to her."

Since the team changed to a 5-1, it has been successfully executing offense and running plays.

Stephenson said that Erica Alvarez, Andrea Gonzales



and Lisa Salazar, team captains, have been doing a good job, and the underclassmen have been stepping up and taking leadership roles at different times.

"It would be hard to pick out one or two players and say that they were the reason our team had won," Stephenson said. "It is a team effort and each player does her part."

Stephenson feels that her players work hard each time they take the floor.

"Of all the teams in the conference, I don't think I would trade one player," Stephenson said. "They are classy young ladies, and I am very honored to be able to be a part of their college volleyball career."

Bulldogs face alumni in opener

Elissa Thompson
Sports Editor

Running up and down the steps of the stadium, gasping for air after the last set of sprints, lifting the barbell up and down, sweat and work. For Bulldog basketball, there is no off-season.

But there was time for fun. The Bulldogs ditched their basketballs for baseball bats in the annual Softball Extravaganza at Wall Park on Wed., Oct. 9. The team scrimmaged in a double-header and then cracked Mt. Dews in the sun.

Now, their work will lay the foundation for regular season play. Practices began last week and head coach Roger Trimmell believes that he has the perfect combination of returning and first-year players.

"We're not very big, but we are quick and fast," Trimmell said.

"We hope people can show their school spirit by coming out and supporting Dogball."

-Roger Trimmell

Trimmell is looking to have an "up tempo team."

"That starts on the defensive end with defense and rebounding," Trimmell said.

In order to strengthen those skills, the Bulldogs have been running in order to maintain excellent physical condition.

Drills are made easier by the leadership of five returning starters: Roy McDonald, Jose Morales, Brian Hooks and Kenny Romero.

"We're also pleased to have Michael Perez, who was red-shirted last year, back," Trimmell said.

Trimmell says these players know the terminology and are familiar with the practice line-up and are willing to help teach new players.

The Bulldog basketball season started off on a positive note with Midnight Madness on Oct. 14.

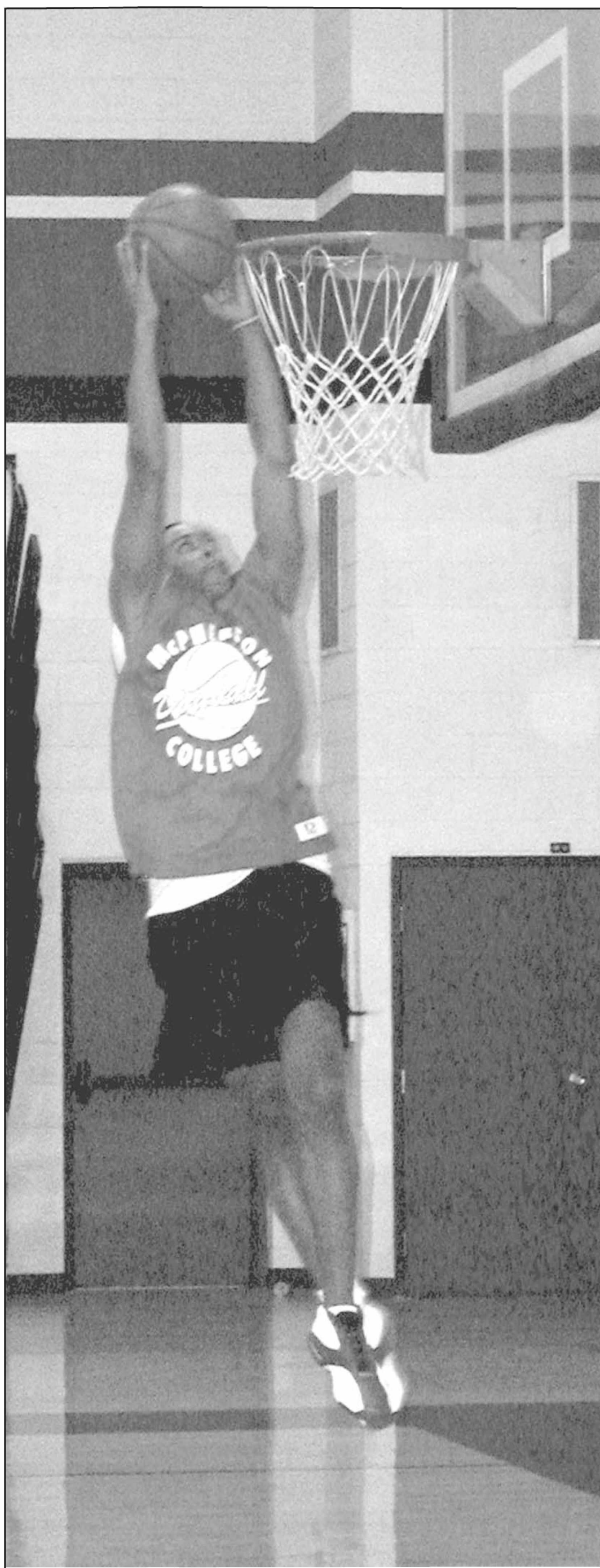
"We appreciated students coming out in support," Trimmell said. "It was a fun way to kick off the season."

Now, the team looks to scrimmage Hesston on Mon., Oct. 28, and the Alumni on Sat., Nov. 2.

"We have a very fine alumni team," Trimmell said.

Two notable alumni include Jonathon Coachmaen, who holds numerous school records and now works for World Wrestling Entertainment, and Josh Alexander, who was first team All-American just two years ago.

After these the competition scrimmages, the Bulldogs will take on Scottie D's, which is com-



Bryan Hooks, soph., dunks the ball in practice Thursday night. Hooks is one of the 'Dogs' key returners. He and his team began regular season practice last week.

posed of the three Alexander brothers, who are all former McPherson College High School players. Then, they will The

Bulldogs open their season at Haskell on Fri. Friday, Nov. 8.

"We are excited and optimistic about the upcoming

season," Trimmell said. "We hope people can show school spirit by coming out and supporting Dogball."

photo by Laina McKellip

Intramural football anticipates playoffs; Team Three shaping up to be the favorite

Nick Griggs

Spectator Staff

With two weeks left in intramural flag football, teams can smell the upcoming playoffs, and they are hungry for the competition.

Dallas Blacklock, intramural football assistant director, says that the games are getting competitive. Fans hope Blacklock is correct, so the games played Sundays on the practice fields from 1-4 p.m. maintain an interesting flare.

Not only are the teams playing for pride, but there is also a T-shirt on the line.

"I wear a XXL T-shirt."

-Irving Cabarcas

"I wear a XXL T-Shirt," said a confident Irving Cabarcas of Team Three.

Team Three seems to be on a roll and looks to dominate the playoffs with its 4-0 record. Coach David Snodgrass is one of Team Three's statistical leaders, having five TD receptions and three interceptions, and one of those going for a touchdown. Another Team Three leader is Jason Chalastari who has

thrown 21 touchdown passes.

Although Brian Hooks' Team One has yet to win a game, Hooks is enjoying intramural activities.

"We are having fun, and I like the way it is set up for both females and males to have fun," said Brian Hooks.

Hooks hopes that his team will be able to turn it around in the playoffs.

This Sunday, top-ranked Team Three plays the underdog Team One at 1 p.m. Immediately following at 2 p.m., Team Three will barely rest before meeting Team Two. The final game will feature Team Two and Team One at 3 p.m.

Lady 'Dogs snap into regular season

Elissa Thompson
Sports Editor

Led by All-KCAC performers Erica Alvarez, a unanimous first team player, and Sharla Odhams, honorable mention, Amber Jackson and Amy Gremmer, Lady Bulldog basketball looks to continue last year's success story. Last year the Lady 'Dogs finished 17-10, their best record in 20 years.

Head coach Mel Wright is confident that this is the best recruiting class he's had in his eight years. He brings junior college transfers Nidia and Nivia Garcia, twin all-conference performers from El Paso, Texas, and Clarendon Junior College in Clarendon, Okla. Also transferring to Mac are Andrea Wilder, Otera Junior College, and Crystal Higgins, Neosho Community College.

Incoming freshman include all-state performers Christa Blose and Krista Mayes, Amy George, Ashley Kline, Amanda Hitschmann, Rhianna Ray, Angela Hagen and Rylee Miller.

These new talents will combine with returning athletes such as Samantha Bishop, Treasett Horner, Crystal Richardson, Desiree

Bostic and Tiffany Conway. Margo Iglesias, a red-shirt from last year, will also be back and ready for action.

"The team is looking very good this season," Wright said.

After a 20-minute scrimmage at Midnight Madness Monday, Oct. 14, the Lady Bulldogs burst into their regular season practice schedule. Coach Wright feels that his women were hard at work and the benefits will be exposed as the competition mounts.

"Strength and conditioning in the off-season should help our team play," Wright said.

Wright is pleased with the way his team is comparing to last year's.

"We've got more speed and more experience this year," Wright said.

The women's first competition will be at Oklahoma Wesleyan Saturday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m.

"We don't know much about our first opponent," Wright said. "But we have very high expectations for this season."

Following the Oklahoma Wesleyan match-up, the Lady Bulldogs will meet Haskell here on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m.

BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

Football

Haskell Indian Nations	W 24-23 (ot)
Bethel College	W 29-6
Bethany College	L 20-51
St. Mary College	L 26-33
Southwestern College	W 31-29
Sterling College	W 35-14

Volleyball

Avila College	L 24-30, 19-30, 30-23, 30-25, 9-15
Central Christian	W 30-16, 30-24, 30-17
KWU	L 31-29, 30-28, 15-30, 17-30, 10-15
Haskell	L 29-31, 27-30, 30-21, 27-30
Ottawa University	L 28-30, 20-30, 21-30
Friends University	L 23-30, 28-30, 15-30
Sterling College	W 30-10, 31-29, 17-30, 30-26
Southwestern College	L 21-30, 24-30, 18-30
Midland Lutheran College	L 11-30, 16-30, 25-30
Northwestern College	L 10-30, 21-30, 21-30
Tabor College	L 19-30, 23-30, 24-30
Saint Mary College	L 30-23, 28-30, 16-30, 25-30
Bethany College	L 23-30, 23-30, 30-20, 16-30
Southwestern College	W 30-15, 21-30, 30-28, 30-26
Haskell Indian Nations	L 30-25, 26-30, 11-30
Bethel College	L 23-30, 26-30, 15-30
KWU	L 28-30, 23-30, 24-30
Ottawa University	L 24-30, 28-30, 28-30
Central Christian	W 21-30, 30-27, 30-26, 30-27
Friends University	W 21-30, 30-27, 30-26, 30-27
Sterling College	W 30-8, 20-30, 30-28, 30-26, 15-8

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NCATE to evaluate Teacher Ed program for national accreditation potential

Shandi Schoming

News Editor

Four years of hard work will be evaluated this week-end and part of next week when the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education visits McPherson College.

Every five years, schools with teacher education programs must renew their state-level accreditation. This year a national team will evaluate the college.

According to Barb Cole, assistant professor of education, National accreditation, will recognize that McPherson College teacher

candidates have graduated from a rigorous program of study where they had to meet certain high standards that make them more desirable in the job market.

The standards included in the conceptual framework include knowledge, assessment, field experience, diversity, faculty and governance.

The accreditation team will consist of nine people: four from the state level, four from the national level, and one representative from NEA. While they are at Mac, they will review all collected materials, meet

with random students—primarily teacher education students—and may observe some instructors.

Although the team will mainly be reviewing the teacher education program, Cole says the entire campus will be involved. Any general education class that includes teacher education candidates must meet the standards.

"Everyone has been preparing material updates and adding to the syllabi," Cole said. "Professors have also been keeping samples of student work."

"Being on the teacher edu-

cation board has made me realize how much effort our school is putting in to getting national accreditation," Karen Leiker, sr., Salina, said.

The teacher education department has been preparing for the visit for nearly four years. Marilyn Kimbrell, professor of education, said there wasn't a time over the summer that someone wasn't in the office. She sees the visit as a chance for MAC to "show off what we are."

"We already know we do a good job but this will make sure other people know it,"

Kim Stanley, professor of English and communications, said.

"I feel extremely gratified with the support and the effort that the entire college has put into this," Kimbrell said. "Because of that, I feel responsible for success. That's why I'm nervous—I don't want to let the team down."

The education program won't hear the official results of the visit until March, but, according to Kimbrell, they will have a good idea by Wednesday when the accreditation team conducts its exit interview

Career Services announces dorm competitions; offers students opportunities for career prep

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The Career Services office has announced a dorm competition in order to get students prepared to enter the job market.

Michael P. Schneider took on the position of career services director at the beginning of this year.

Schneider is not new to the college, however. He is a '96 communications graduate. Schneider lived and worked in Colorado until he and his wife decided to return to McPherson.

So far, Schneider has been working hard to promote his service in order to get students out in to the job market.

Schneider has been encouraging students to make appointments to meet with him. He hopes to sit down with each student individually to discuss their career goals.

In order to promote his service he has sent out many campus-wide emails to

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-Matt Tobias, jr.,

Eldora, Iowa

inform students of his program and current job opportunities.

The career services office has taken an active role so far this year in helping students secure internships and prepare for tests such as the GRE.

Schneider said the dorm competition is something that he has heard of other colleges doing.

Dorms will be awarded points on a quality vs. quantity basis each time students perform specific career related tasks.

"It ought to boost campus participation in chasing and capturing career opportunities," Matt Tobias, jr., Eldora, Iowa said. "Michael P. Schneider has done a great job promoting and enhancing his office's services."

The dorm competition encourages students to start planning for their lives post graduation.

Career-Oriented tasks include things such as attending career fairs, participating in career-sponsored activities, securing an internship and applying to graduate school on time.

"It's a way to get people motivated earlier rather than later," Michael Schneider, director of career services, said. Schneider said students have been responding well, so far he has seen over ninety students.

CAREER ORIENTED TASK POINT SYSTEM

10 pts	Resume
10 pts	On-Line Resume Post
10 pts	eCampusrecruiter Registration
10 pts	On-Time Grad School Application
10 pts	Portfolio
10-30 pts	On-Line Portfolio
20 pts	Career Fair Attendee
20 pts	Program Participant
20 pts	Contact McPherson College Mentor
30 pts	Qualified Employer Referral
30 pts	Career Plan
40 pts	Internship/Field Experience
100 pts	Program Organizer
100 pts	Job or Grad School Secure
TBA	Program Quality Points

New business manager "learning the ropes" of small college environment

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Gaylon Green has been named the new McPherson College business manager. He took over the position on Oct. 7.

Green graduated from Wichita State University with a degree in business administration. For the past



Green

28 years he worked in

Hutchinson with a construction company where he was most recently the director of finance.

Green said that right now his main goal is to learn the job, which, he feels, is a pretty formidable goal, as he is moving from working with a for-profit company to the college, which is not-for-profit.

"I love the job," Green said. "There are great people here, not just in this department, but everyone I've met has just been great. I really enjoy it."

Green is living in Hutchinson and commuting. Eventually he may move to McPherson, but has not made any final decisions yet.

CORRECTION

The September 27 issue of the Spectator included a piece on renovations to Miller Library. In it, it was stated that M. Clare Miller was Sadie Miller's sister. This is incorrect. M. Clare Miller, was, in fact, her husband. The Spectator regrets any confusion this may have caused.

NEWS BRIEFS

Last day to drop classes

■The last day to drop a course without a grade is Friday, Nov. 1. Students planning to withdraw from a course should see their advisors as soon as possible.

Morrison Hall cancels haunted house

■There will be no haunted house in Morrison this week-end as previously planned. Members of the dorm elected not to go ahead with plans for the spook-house.

Admissions staff welcomes new member

■Linda Ream recently joined the admissions and financial aid staff. Ream is an English graduate of Florida Atlantic University.

Wichita Children's Theater will perform "The Hobbit"

■The Wichita Children's Theater will perform "The Hobbit" Saturday in Brown Auditorium. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and admission will be \$5. Convo credit is available for attending this event.

Sophomores offered scholarship

■Sophomores are invited to apply for the Jack Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship Program. These awards will be applied to the student's junior year, and cannot exceed \$30,000 annually. For information, contact Jonathan Frye in Melhorn 212.

Renovation of Templeton Hall library creates new offices; plans underway to make Templeton "student friendly"

Patrick Grass

Spectator Staff

Dedicated to technology, Templeton Hall was built in 1976. Of course, in the 26 years Templeton has served McPherson students, electrical codes and fire codes have changed, carpets have worn. Ironically, much of the restoration building itself needed a restoration.

To ensure that every square inch was utilized during the renovation, a consulting firm by the name of Performa Incorporated was contracted in the summer of 2000 for a special assessment. Due to the addition of two new instructors, Tim Bowers and Cullen Crosthwaite, Templeton needed more office space.

"We're doing this project on a basis of when we can raise the funds," Robert Vaughn, director of technology, said. "Office space was the next step."

By remodeling the Templeton library, three more offices were created. The library and its resources were moved into the former electronics classroom. The project began in the last two weeks of August, but is not yet completed. Lights, wiring, ceilings and walls were all replaced and computer connections updated.

To keep costs down on the renovation project of the office spaces, as much work as was possible was done in house. Bud Mounts says that some students in his

woodworking class have built some of the bookcases for Templeton.

As well, the contractors who will do some of the future remodeling will use Templeton's wood shop and tools. Bud Mounts, Roger Stout, Garrick Green and Robert Vaughn are responsible for much of the construction. They worked on improving Templeton this summer and continue to aid in construction.

Other items remain on the list for the Templeton renovation. Air conditioning for the lab areas and a total reorganization of the shops remain on the list. Robert Vaughn says the idea is to "make it more student friendly."



Emmett Wemp, sr., Chico, Cali., looks at a book in the newly renovated Templeton library. Faculty and staff in Templeton are working to make changes that will make Templeton more "student friendly." When the library was remodeled, space was cleared for three new offices.

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