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## Hovis ready to assume Mac presidency next week

**Shandi Schoming**  
News Editor

Ron Hovis will begin his service as president of McPherson College effective next week.

Hovis attended Mac from 1973 until 1977 when he graduated summa cum laude with a business degree. While he was a student at Mac, he participated in football for two years, golf for two years and served as student body president his senior year.

After graduating, Hovis moved to St. Louis and took a job with Southwestern Bell where he worked in computer operations. For four years he was on the midnight shift of this job. He worked in human resources for his final 23 years with the company.

In 1993, he and his family moved to San Antonio until returning to McPherson in 2000 when Hovis joined the faculty as an associate professor of business.

Hovis is positive about his presidency and the direction he sees the college heading.

He sees the work in the facility renovations as a big help in the recruitment process.

"The work in the athletic facilities will really give a positive, first-rate impression that should really help recruitment," Hovis said.

"Admissions," he continued, "is in the midst of a gigantic turnaround." As of now, the admissions staff has inquiries and applications from more students than they had total last year.

He also feels that the implementation of new programs, such as career orientation, is helping the college head in the right direction.

"I think we are positioned for really good things to happen," Hovis



Ron Hovis, president-elect, and Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, share a laugh at Neil Thorburn's farewell party yesterday. Hovis will begin his service as president on March 1. Hovis, a 1977 graduate of McPherson College, has positive goals as he begins his term as president. Hovis previously served as an assistant professor of business on the McPherson College faculty.

said. Hovis has many positive goals for his term as president.

"It is critical that the college grow in terms of enrollment," Hovis said.

He feels that better education as well as student life will make the college more economically valuable.

"We will continue to work on the quality of all our programs," Hovis said.

This will take effort from everyone involved in the college, Hovis said, including professors to bring the

programs to life, student life staff who provide campus programs and facility management that "create an environment conducive to learning and living."

Although Hovis will be inaugurated next fall, it will not be the first he has participated in on campus. While acting as student body president, Hovis participated in the inauguration of Paul Hoffman.

"This time I'll have to say more than just a couple of sentences," Hovis said.

It was while he was a student at

McPherson College that he married his wife Robin, with whom he has two sons, Andrew and Tyler.

The Hovises served as resident directors in Metzler for two years while attending classes.

Hovis also worked at Dillon's for one year and did an internship with Farmer's Alliance for a year and a half while a student at Mac.

A welcoming party for Hovis will take place Monday at 3:30 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre. The entire campus is encouraged to attend.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**College to host  
visiting professor**

Dr. John Fredrick Humphrey will visit McPherson College next week. His visit will include a four part discussion entitled "Myth, Philosophy, Citizen and the City." The discussions will take place in Mohler 218 from 4-5:15 p.m. Students can earn up to two convo credits for attending Humphrey's sessions. For more information contact Bruce Clary, English, at Ext. 1245.

**CRS to host  
speaker**

The Center for Religion and Science will host Dr. Ted Peters on Sunday, March 16. He will give a presentation titled "The Cloning and Stem Cell Controversy: a Theological and Ethical Perspective in Mingenback Theatre at 3:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

**Students elect  
SGA rep, veep**

SGA elections recently took place on campus for an off-campus representative and a vice president. Congratulations go to Reuben May, soph., Warrensburg, Mo., who was elected off-campus representative and Matt Tobias, jr., Eldora, Iowa, who is the new SGA vice president.

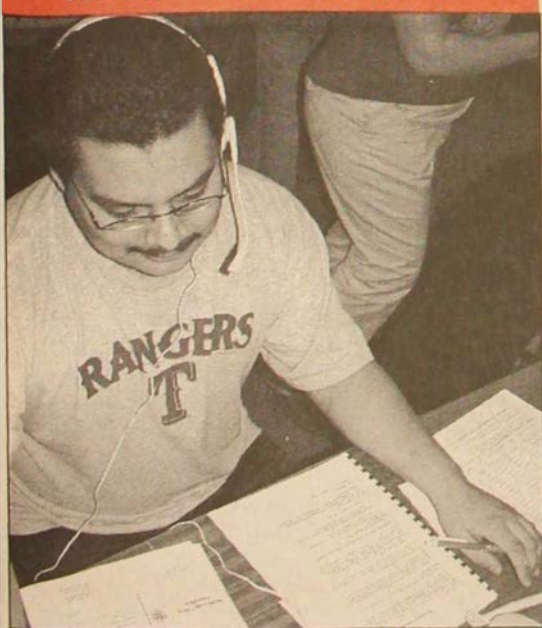
**Yohn teaches  
seminar in France**

Ken Yohn, assistant professor of history, recently returned from France where he was teaching a five-day seminar entitled "The International Political Economy of Trade in Agriculture." This was Yohn's eighth year as a visiting professor.

**Perrault publishes  
dramatic paper**

Katherine Perrault, assistant professor of theater, recently published an article in *The Journal of Dramatic Theater and Criticism*, a semi-annual journal of the University of Kansas. Perrault's paper, entitled, "Beyond the Patriarchy, Feminism and the Chaos of Creativity," was published in the journal's Fall 2002 issue.

## ANNUAL PHONATHON UNDERWAY



Mario Castro, fr., Chickasha, Okla. calls alumni during the annual phonathon. Members of the business club are calling alumni and friends raising money to support the general operational budget. \$42,000 have already been raised including \$18,000 in advanced gifts. The phonathon is acting as a fundraiser for the business club who are making special appeals to business alumni seeking support for their activities.

## Tuition increase sparks mixed student reactions

**Maribeth Turner**  
Spectator Staff

Tuition for academic year 2003-04 will increase \$705, or 5.3 percent, college officials announced Feb. 14.

According to Neil Thorburn, interim president, the tuition increase corresponds with the rise in operating costs, including staff and faculty compensation.

Thorburn believes that the increase is minimal, leaving McPherson College "highly competitive with other independent colleges."

Full-time students this year paid \$13,125 in tuition. Next year the bill will be \$13,830.

Room and board costs will also go up next year. Double rooms, which cost \$2,205 this year will be \$2,300 in 2003-04. Single room costs will go up significantly, from \$3,638 to \$4,600.

The meal plan will increase to \$3,150 from this

term's \$2,995.

The one cost that will remain steady is the Student Activity Fee, which will again be \$220. The total cost for a full-time student in a double room will be \$19,500, an increase of \$955.

Carol Williams, director of admissions and financial aid, assures that the financial aid department will adjust monetary aid according to each student's need so that students can still afford to attend.

"Carol does a conscientious job" in making sure each student gets the financial aid he or she needs, Thorburn said. The best advice he could give students is to get the financial aid FASFA information in as soon as possible so that Williams and the financial aid staff can help.

While students have mixed reactions about the tuition increase, most feel that it is

a necessary step that the college must take.

Lindsay Gribble, jr., McPherson, doesn't see the tuition increase as a "big difference."

"What does \$1000 matter when we're already paying close to \$20,000," Gribble said. "It's not as bad as some colleges, like KU, who are planning to raise their tuition by 50 percent next year."

"I wish they did not have to raise tuition, but I understand the reasoning behind it," said Jennifer King, soph., Eskridge. "Every college is making increases. I would rather stay here than go to another college anyway. Besides, the college is making great improvements, so at least the money is used for a good cause."

Cori Coleman, jr., Chase, shares their feelings. "I'm not surprised," Coleman said. "It happens every year."



STAFF EDITORIAL

# Thorburn leaves bright future

**Issue 1:** Thorburn's departure.

**Our Position:** Neil Thorburn should be recognized as a leader of a new transition for Mac College.

THE END OF INTERIM PRESIDENT NEIL Thorburn's term brings us to the end of a transitory period in McPherson College's history. After years of declining enrollments and angry sentiments everywhere, we finally seem to be heading toward brighter times.

The previous administration often got itself into sticky situations, seemingly changing positions constantly, announcing changes without much forewarning. Thorburn's presidency, however, has been the mark of excellence. So many good things have come about during his term that they are almost too many to list. From career services to admissions to auto restoration improvements, Thorburn has figured out what the college needs and has implemented it.

Turning to the future, we feel confident that Ron Hovis will be an excellent leader. His commitment to the college has always been strong, and we feel that Hovis knows what needs to be done to keep us moving on the path that Thorburn started.

Things look very positive. Enrollment will likely be up next year, and those eternal campus complaints that dogged us too often in the past seem to be going away. Credit it to the strong leadership of an effective communicator and a figurehead of excellence. Thorburn deserves every bit of recognition we can give him.

## Signs advocating anti-war stir up free speech issues

**Issue 2:** Use of free speech on campus.

**Our Position:** Students should be able to voice their opinions but be aware of potential disturbance.

THERE HAS BEEN A SMALL WAR OF SIGNS LATELY. Various signs with anti-war messages and anti-anti-war messages have seemingly popped up overnight, creating campus debate over war issues and raising issues of free speech.

The student responsible is an anti-war activist who champions the cause vehemently and is often the first to speak their mind. Is this free speech allowed on campus? Should it be allowed?

Over and over again courts have ruled that private institutions have no responsibility to protect free speech. They may censor whatever they want, or may let everyone discourse as they wish. McPherson usually takes the latter course. We have no stipulations in our community code or otherwise about protests, posters, or other paraphernalia of the free-speechers.

We should allow free speech on campus. Period. On the other hand, though, political discourse on charged ideas can distract from a learning environment. Volatility is not a desirable element on campus, though it may sometimes be necessary. No matter what, both sides of the issue should be allowed to be heard.

We hope that students will maintain taste and decorum in their debates. As college students, we should have the opportunity to hear all points of view, but rancorous or violent protest may lose us those rights.

MAC OPINIONS

## How do you feel about anti-war signs?



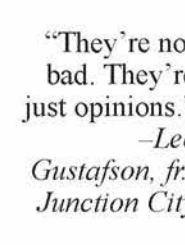
"We should protest with sidewalk chalk!"  
—Bryan Lucore, sr., Springfield, Mo.



"They're not going to do a lot of good."  
—Lindsay Krehbiel, jr., Pratt



"SAVE THE TREES serves more purpose."  
—Shelly Hulinsky, soph, Wamego



"They're not bad. They're just opinions."  
—Lee Gustafson, jr., Junction City



"Expose your basis!"  
—Felipe Bustos, soph., Xalapa, Mexico



"I ripped some down."  
—Eric Wenzel, fr., Melbourne, Fla.



## Can we agree on a time?

Though sometimes it feels like we have too much of it and other times we just don't seem to have enough, time, besides change, is the one constant in this world. It's not a matter of how much we "get" but how much we use—and how we use it. There are lots of issues that could be tackled on to the heading of "time." For example, I could lecture you on how college students need to learn how to make better use of time. Or perhaps I could comment on our inability to go to bed on time. I could even ponder the deep cultural differences on the perception of time. Lucky for you, my point is much simpler.

I think of myself as a fairly busy person. Whether I'm running around the track or handing out surveys, I'm always moving from one activity to the next. I am forced to budget my time and get to where I need to be on time. As a result, time becomes important to me. Whether I want to comply with its stipulations or not, I have



Stover's Soundoff

REBECCA STOVER

no choice. It is a qualification for being successful in what I attempt to do.

Unfortunately, this campus has a problem with time. Time varies from building to building on this campus (no deep puns or insightful meanings intended). For as small as this campus is, it amazes me that we somehow manage to have time zones. By that I simply mean that the clocks on this campus are not in sync.

Doesn't it seem strange that I can leave the Spectator office in Beeghly at 2:00 p.m. and arrive at my ceramics class in Hess (right next door) at 1:45? Sure, sometimes that extra 15 minutes can be nice; but think about when I am

leaving the ceramics studio to go to track practice and end up being 10 minutes late due to the change in time zones.

Compensating for these time zones is not impossible. In fact, I find myself subconsciously making the correct time alterations from building to building whenever I am headed somewhere. Keeping the time changes straight isn't so hard after a while, but is it really necessary?

It seems to me that getting all the clocks on this campus ticking together shouldn't be such a big deal. Surely we could find some master clock and follow its lead. Perhaps the cleaning teams could take a second to check the time as they painstakingly paint this campus clean, one building at a time.

Whatever the solution one comes up with, time zones should not be an issue on such a tight campus. But if we do get rid of them, be sure to let me know. I doubt the professors would excuse my lateness as jet lag.

CAMPUS FORUM

### Faculty member wrongly accused

FYI, I found a note posted on my door, and also under my door, "SAVE THE TREES!!! STOP PRINTING ANTI-WAR SIGNS." I protest this harassment, because I have not been printing the latest round of anti-war posters.

However, for those who really want to know, my oldest son is in London working in Navy Intelligence for EURCENTCOM, in the Admiral's office. He is scheduled to be deployed forward in the current conflict at any moment. I won't be able to know where he is or even if he will be sent.

FYI, I also lost my fiancé to this recent war on terrorism. He is currently serving, and has been since the fighting began in Afghanistan, in Special Ops under Central Command, overseas.

Neither of these persons wishes for war. I do not wish for war. I do not wish for the loss of my loved ones. No one wishes for the devastation of war in their own country.

However, it does seem that the one person who does want war is Saddam Hussein. He continues to flaunt international law and the human rights of his own people, and encourage extremist terrorism. He is the one who does not wish for peace.

I encourage everyone to continue to pray for peace, to turn Saddam from his intentions of war, to be accountable to the international community.

Also, in January, I was asked by two women in NYC to moderate a reading of LYSISTRATA here in McPherson on 3/03/2003 as part of a worldwide protest against war. (Check out the site, <http://www.pecodesign.com/lys/>) Currently there are 679 read-

ings being done in over 40 countries. At first I agreed, then later withdrew from participating, not only in support of my friends and family who are fighting to protect our freedoms, including our freedom to protest, but also to keep the peace of this community, which was upset with the sexuality of the play.

I would appreciate it if those who would protest the protesters here on campus would show more consideration before they start harassing people for utilizing their democratic freedoms in encouraging thought and debate on a most crucial issue that affects us all.

Dr. Katherine B. Perrault

### Tips for enjoying interterm abroad

Dear Spectator:

I would like to comment on the recent editorial entitled "Interterm trips don't fit the bill," especially the idea that students spend a lot of money on interterm trips "to simply do the same things they could have done here in McPherson" and that they "often feel that they do not get to experience as much of that culture as they would like."

Without minimizing the feelings of the editorial staff members who participated in the interterm trips, I have to say that I don't agree with those particular comments. However stimulating and exciting the classroom setting may be, I don't believe it can duplicate the experiences that one has when traveling.

However, I am curious to know how, in fact, the editorial staff would go about accomplishing that.

For example, how would a teacher replicate the feelings of walking through a city, hearing the chatter of people in the

streets, of smelling the air, of eating the local foods, of communicating with other individuals from a different culture, and of simply becoming aware of our reactions to cultural observations?

As far as not getting "enough out of the culture," I would suggest to those who feel that way to resist the temptation to watch American television shows in their bedroom, to not eat in American restaurants, to not visit internet cafes so they can chat with their American friends and instead get out into the city and explore it. If students choose to spend their time hanging on to their American comforts instead of actively getting involved with the trip, they could, in fact, then do those things here in McPherson for a lot less money, as the editorial suggests.

Students need to keep in mind that interterm trips are not about remaining isolated in our own cultural bell jar but rather are opportunities to experience an opening of the mind or a growth spurt in our social, emotional and intellectual curiosity and awareness.

Ocie Kilgus  
Assistant Professor of Spanish

### A word of thanks to a secret pal

Dear Secret Pal,

Thank you very much for the Carlos O' Kelleys gift certificate I received for Christmas! My husband and I enjoyed a wonderful meal over the holidays!

Also, I love chocolates! Thanks so much! You have made my day more than once!

Until May,  
Cindy L. Rundle

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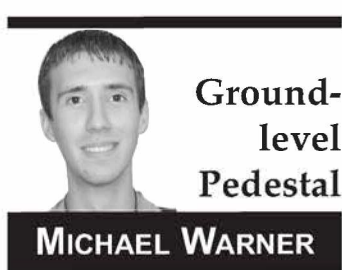
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# Pay attention to whatever mess you may leave

Look around yourself. Take note of everything that surrounds you. It could be walls. It could be windows. At least we are not bounded by much when we walk around outside, right? Wrong.

I know a lot of work goes into trying to maintain some degree of campus presentability. At the beginning of the school year, everything on campus looked excellent. Then the students just had to come back and make a mess out of what was done the summer before, with no regard for what work was put into it. I've worked maintenance the last couple summers,



**Ground-level Pedestal**

**MICHAEL WARNER**

and I know that working in maintenance is a tough and thankless job. Not many people stop and appreciate the hard work that goes into trying to keep this place looking nice.

I think about how nice everything looked at the beginning of the school year, and I compare it to what I see now: hair or veg-

etables dumped from Cup O' Noodles covering the drains in bathroom sinks, utensils from the cafeteria lying on the ground outside, broken glass in the parking lots.

I see sidewalks that were made, smoothed to perfection, but are not being used. I see students taking the shortcut, plowing their way through the grass. Okay, maybe they are in a hurry. Or, perhaps they don't care. Either way you look at it, the sidewalks seem to have no purpose.

Thankfully, there are rope barriers to help keep out those who lack the respect for what was made for them.

At least that was what the point of having those boundaries was.

Many spots on campus grounds have been trampled. There are even places with nothing but dirt where grass used to grow before people's negligence or utter disrespect was unleashed on the green grounds they traipse across. Then I look at the roped barriers along the edge where nature ends and pavement begins, noting that even the ropes have been walked on and are wearing thin from frequent abuse.

This is hard work that has been left ignored. Think about it. If you spent so

**"We need to be more aware of our surroundings."**

much time working on a project to the point of excellence, would you want it to be ignored and abused?

I know that taking the shortcut is the easiest way to go about things. Believe me, I take them as often as I allow myself to help get things accomplished. However, some people have been creating a mess for others, not just maintenance workers, to deal with.

Personally, I like walking through bathrooms where I don't have to worry about

getting my feet stuck in pop that was spilt the night before. I like washing my hands in sinks clear from garbage that could have been easily picked up by whoever left it there. I like watching people not walk over the rope barriers and walking through areas they shouldn't.

We need to be more aware of our surroundings. Please note that it is not just you who exists at this institution. We all have our own business to tend to, and it would be good if we can focus on what we have to get done without the messy disruptions. Respect what you are bounded by.

## Miscellaneous ideas from a pressed mind

I'm not very focused tonight and, as a result, instead of talking about one topic in this column, I offer you a bit of stream of consciousness.

The first "Survivor" broke viewing records and TV producers saw reality shows as their new cash cow. Unfortunately, they have taken it beyond the realm of reality anymore.

Who expects to go on TV, find "true love" and then live happily ever after? Sounds foolish to me, but millions tuned in every week to see who got a rose or a necklace.

Remember when the Jim Carrey movie, "The Truman Show," came out? I don't



**Indiana Insights**

**LUKE EBERLY**

know if I fabricated this memory just to back up my opinion, but I seem to remember people thinking it ridiculous that a producer somewhere would actually do such a thing. Well, at the rate we're going, I can see it coming. You bet your bottom dollar I'm going to put on a ski mask and run around behind the scenes causing havoc.

Spellchecker is something else these days. Half of the words I type are miraculously fixed before my eyes with no input from me.

Maybe it's the little man inside my computer that makes it freeze up all the time; or maybe the massive audio/video library I've collected causes that. I will trade anyone some hard physical labor for a new computer without a baby Satan inside dancing a jig on the circuit boards.

Speaking of Satan and dancing reminds me of "Devil's Dance Floor," a song by Flogging Molly. No it's not a scary anger ritual;

it's the name of a traditional Irish band with heavy punk rock influences. They are awesome. I can't help but kick it up a little now and then when I listen to them, and they always bring a smile to my face. That's probably why I have been listening to them so much this week.

It has been a rough one in the life of. The new job at the cafeteria has both benefits and downfalls. On one hand, it cuts down on the idle time spent staring at my computer. On the other, I feel as though I'm much more rushed. I no longer have that lingering feeling of thinking there must be something else to do;

instead I have a haunting feeling of having forgotten something, of life streaming past and me being too busy to notice.

I wonder sometimes if life will be like this for the next 68 years.

A perk of the new job is having an excuse to talk to every single person that eats in the cafeteria at night. Sitting here in my room or shooting pool in Metzler isn't exactly a good way to meet the student body, but now I have no choice but to talk to you every night. I have enjoyed it quite a bit.

The only thing that would make it better would be if my feet didn't hurt so badly

at the end of the night. Oh, and if food and litter didn't get on the floor.

Overall, the job is a step in a positive direction.

Well, I see my word count is almost to an acceptable level. I'm sorry if you feel jilted by this rambling journey through room 119, but I have a couple rough ideas that I will develop soon into some seriously heavy topics.

Until next time, think on this: Nothing ever came from a simple life. Oh, you can live a great life simply, but if you want to be the next Franklin or Newton or Ford, you have to make it happen. Food for thought.

## Where it all begins: Women working hard for the future

"We're all really burned out," says Angie Gribble, admissions counselor. Whether or not you've noticed it, there are a bunch of women in Mohler who are working hard to underpin the future of this college, and they're doing a good job of it.

Most of the time as students we don't see what goes on behind the scenes; we complain about things amongst ourselves, never thinking to really work for change. We become disconnected from the administration, and rant and rave about what we think we need to do to get students here.

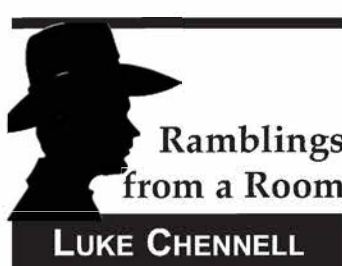
It's always been my contention most of our campus problems can be solved with more students. More students will bring us more SGA money, more students will bring us more diverse opinions, and more students will bring us all the things we need.

Whether or not we like to admit it, most of us think about it a lot. We talk amongst ourselves, standing back and saying, "what we ought to do," most of the time. We sit back and play armchair mechanic.

But these women in the front office are doing what we won't: they're going out and pounding the pavement, finding recruits, showing them this place, and signing the deals. They're getting us more students, slowly but surely, and they deserve all the recognition they can get.

Angie tells me what they're doing, how many high school fairs they go to, how much traveling they do. She tells me about recruits that she's really excited about, high school kids who do amazing things and will hopefully do amazing things here. I can see her excitement brimming.

As of February 21, the admissions staff has received the same number



**Ramblings from a Room**

**LUKE CHENNEL**

of applications that they did for the entirety of last year, and has already admitted 120 percent more students than the same time last year. Consider those figures for a minute. Why such a big change?

"We're all working really hard," Angie says. "We go places that the previous admissions staff didn't go." Whatever they're doing, it works.

The next important question: will all these new students stay? Probably not. The cold reality of it is that not all people are cut out for the college life, and there are going to be a good number of people that come in that won't make it through.

They'll yell and scream about how bad this place is, how horrible the campus is, how backwards it is, and they'll leave. My personal experiences have shown me that these aren't the people who will make it through college anywhere.

Of my freshman class, 28 are left as seniors. I can name every one of them. All of them work in their classes, take their responsibilities seriously, and I fully expect to graduate with all of them.

What about the ones that left? I can't say as much. Many of them are now in low-paying, menial jobs (which, coincidentally, they complain about most of the time), or at other colleges that they dislike nearly as much as they did this place.

I stray from the point, though. Most of the time here we keep what I call the "farmer attitude": things

will get better next year. Before, they never did. We kept losing students, kept hearing worse and worse figures, and kept losing programs. Not this time around. We have solid, concrete figures that prove to us that things will be better next year. We have solid,

**"Of my freshman class, 28 are left as seniors."**

concrete facilities being built that will help to bring back programs we have lost.

"It's hard to keep going sometimes," Angie says. "I don't know when we'll see the end of it... but it's worth it when we get good new students."

I don't know what to tell her. I think the words are "thank you."

## Student, friend, and Marine departs

As I sat reading the latest edition of the Spectator, I was disappointed. I guess that maybe people didn't realize that Demetree Gaines was important to our campus because I didn't until he was gone and I started doing things that he was involved in.

Take, for instance, band. Who else can stand through an entire game and yell and scream and add energy to our ensemble? He may have seemed to ask a lot of questions at times but got everything cleared up in the end, since we were all confused. He was the one who was initially excited about Bobby McFerran this weekend and in the end will never get to see him.

He also added a father-type attitude when it came to something serious. This is because he is a father of three.

He also was a full-time student and for a time had a part-time job.



**Guest Columnist**

**SYDNEY WHITE**

He was afraid he would get shipped off all year and never wanted to leave but had no choice. Those of us in the music department dearly miss him and the spice he added to our lives. I would like to send a package of letters from students on campus sometime this semester, so if you would like to write Demetree, go for it and send them to me via campus mail and I will bundle them up and send them to him.

World issues have now hit our little community, and we need to see it is only the beginning. We also need to realize that there is a thing

called freedom of speech and that we all have different opinions of what the U.S. should be doing right now and to respect each person's right to think the way they do.

"...look at that word blame. It's just a coincidence that the last two letters spell the word 'me.'" But that coincidence is worth thinking about.

"Other people or unfortunate circumstances may have caused you to feel pain, but only you control whether you allow that pain to go on.

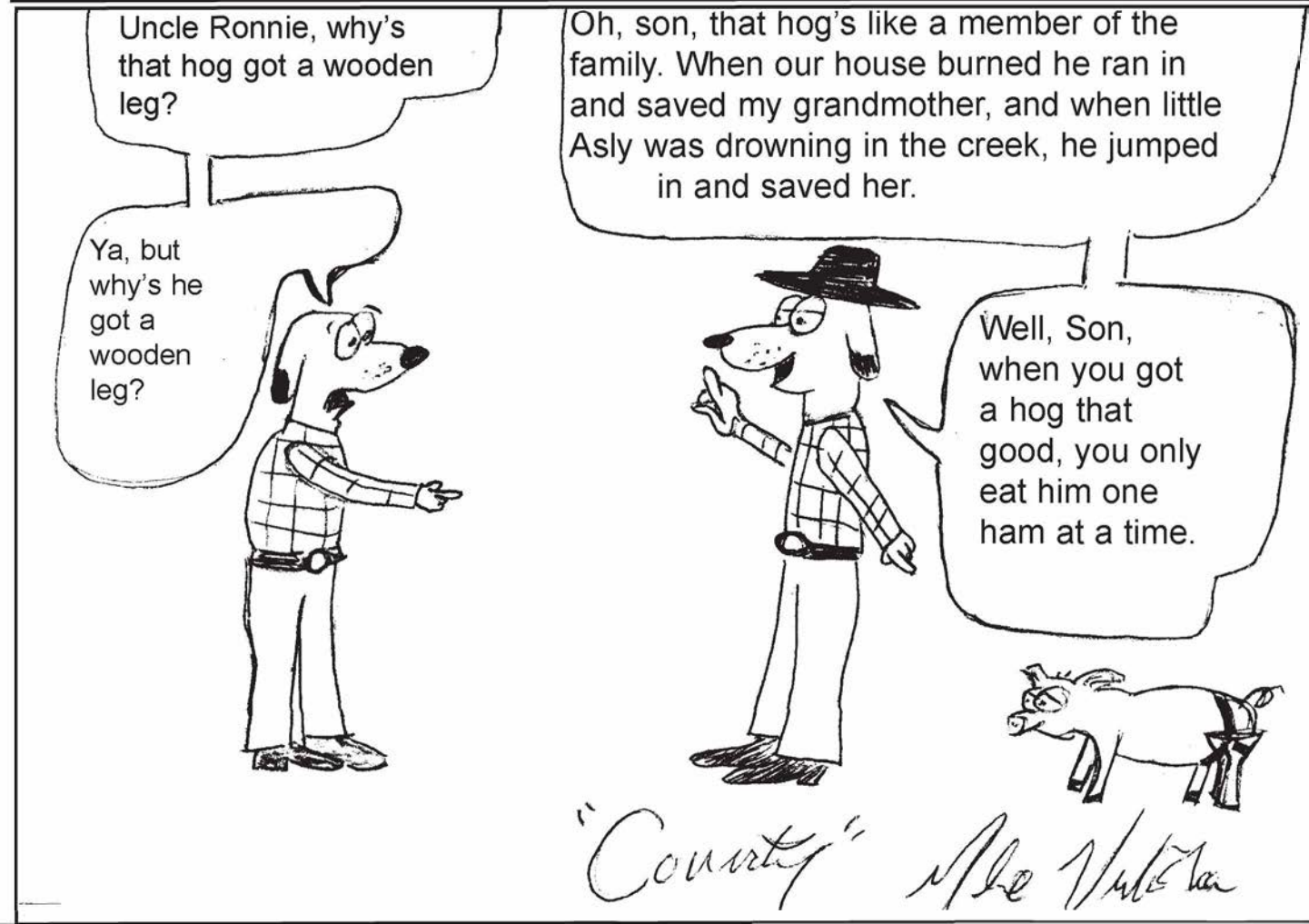
"If you want those feelings to go away, you have to say: 'It's up to me.'"

--Arthur Freeman

I hope that is an inspiration to go out and do what you feel is right and to remember that Demetree is always here to make us comfortable even in spirit and that there are better times ahead.

### COUNTRY MIKE'S CORNER

BY MIKE VRTISKA



"Country" Mike Vrtiska





# Fabulous Feet



**Rebecca Stover**  
Features Editor

Try to imagine a day without your feet. You wake up in the morning with the sun shining brightly off the newly fallen snow. You sit up and stretch, breathing in another wonderful new day. But as you swing your legs over the side of your bed and try to take those first few steps of the day, you fall to the floor in a crumpled heap. Not too productive, is it? There's no question that feet play an important role in each and every one of our days.

These magnificent structures that support all of our daily activities are often overlooked. Sure, most of us put on shoes in the morning before we head out to classes, and they get wet every time we stand in the shower; but is that really the thanks they deserve? Surely there is something more we can do to ensure the health of our feet.

Let's start with the basics of this biological masterpiece. Though relatively small, the human foot is incredibly complex. In fact, your feet contain 25 percent

of all the bones in your body. Each foot contains 26 bones, 33 joints, and a system of more than 100 muscles, tendons, and ligaments.

The skin, which holds all these parts together, is also unique. Much like our hands, the skin on the top (dorsum) is very thin with hair follicles but minimal amounts of underlying fat.

**"The human foot is a biological masterpiece, but subject to many ills."**

*-American Podiatric Medical Association*

The skin on the bottom (plantar) however, is very thick and compact, enabling it to act like a shield. All of these components together create a strong and flexible unit that allows us to carry out numerous activities.

Whether we want to admit it or not, our feet are important. Studies estimate that for the average person, daily walking can put a force

equal to several hundred tons on one's feet. Other studies report that the average person will walk over 100,000 miles in a lifetime. We could take the time to do the math, but it's pretty obvious how much strain we put on our feet. That is why keeping your feet healthy is important.

Even though some foot problems are passed down through genes, according to the American Podiatric Medical Association (AMPA), "Many of them stem from the cumulative impact of a lifetime of abuse and neglect." Though few ever seek treatment, about 75 percent of all Americans will experience foot health problems during their lifetime.

It is not uncommon for systemic diseases, such as diabetes, arthritis, anemia and circulatory disorders to be detected first in the feet. The detection of these diseases along with maintaining general health and well-being are just a start to the list of reasons to be conscious of our feet. Remember, they have to last us a lifetime.

Without proper care, numerous conditions can infect our feet. Though some are common and can be cared for with time or ointments, others are more serious and may even require surgery to correct. Being aware of these conditions and how to handle them can increase our chances of avoiding serious procedures.

### Athlete's Foot

Anyone who has ever played a sport might be familiar with athlete's foot. Though it may sound like some sort of compliment, it is really a skin disease that usually first appears between the toes or on the



**Bunions**

**Foot Odor**

soles of our feet. This fungus brings along symptoms such as dry skin, inflammation, itching and even blisters.

The best prevention for athlete's foot is simply washing your feet with soap and water every day. Drying them thoroughly, especially between the toes, is very important in decreasing a moist climate in which the fungus can survive. There are several over-the-counter treatments for athlete's foot, but consulting your doctor is never a bad idea.

### Blisters

Most likely, anyone who has ever broken in a new pair of shoes understands the term blister. When the foot is subjected to constant friction, blisters occur. Though it may be tempting, do not pop them. That layer of skin will help to keep the raw skin infection-free. Moisturizing it and covering it with tape or a bandage is the healthiest option. If the blister pops on its own, wash the area and disinfect it before putting a bandage on it. Let the bandage fall off naturally, perhaps in the shower or bath.

One foot ailment that tends to be passed down through families is bunions. When joints are misaligned so that the big toe slants in towards the other toes, bunions occur. Wearing shoes that are too narrow in the toe cavity can sometimes cause bunions. Though there are products to reduce the pain of bunions, surgery is usually the most common treatment.

### Corns and Calluses

Falling in the spectrum of blisters to bunions, corns and calluses are caused by excessive friction between bony areas of the foot and ill-fitting shoes. Corns most often appear on toes, while calluses take residence on the soles of feet.

Made up of compacted, dead skin cells, they form in order to protect us from the wear and tear of the impact. However, corns and calluses can often be very painful themselves. Padding them can help, but never cut at them with any sort of instrument. Again, getting advice from a doctor might be a good idea.

Even though it might not be looked at as a disease, foot odor is a condition that plagues many people. With 250,000 sweat glands in each foot, it's no wonder that our feet may suffer from excessive perspiration. Specialists say that the average person will produce about a half a pint everyday.

Foot odor can be reduced by simply changing shoes and socks everyday, giving them a chance to air out. For more extreme cases, powders, antiperspirants and special odor-fighting socks and insoles are available. One may even try soaking their feet in a vinegar/water solution to eliminate odors.

The list of foot health problems could go on and on. From conditions such as hammertoe and heel spurs to ingrown toenails and neuromas (irregular growths of nerves), the foot is vulnerable to many ills from the inside and out. If we take the time to treat them kindly now, they will return the favor many times over as we walk down this road called life.

## PAW POLL

**A survey of 100 Mac students reveals the good, the bad and the nasty.**

- The average shoe size of males is 11 1/2.
- The average shoe size of females is 8 1/2.
- 85 percent of males own fewer than 10 pairs of shoes. None reported owning more than 20.
- 22 percent of females own fewer than 10 pairs of shoes. About 20 percent own more than 30 and a few said more than 50.
- 71 percent of males and 80 percent of females say they wash their feet (other than just standing in the shower).
- 98 percent of males cut their toenails regularly while only 91 percent of females say they do.
- Only 19 percent of males own foot products like scrubs and lotions compared to the 68 percent of females that do.
- 26 percent of males and 30 percent of females have had warts, while only 9 percent of males and 5 percent of females have dealt with corns.
- 35 percent of males prefer being barefooted over socks while the females preference was double that percentage.
- 86 percent of males are comfortable with their own feet and 60 percent of them are comfortable with others' feet as well.
- 78 percent of females say they are comfortable with their feet, but only 35 percent feel at ease with other people's feet.
- Though answers ranged from soccer cleats to moc-casins, tennis shoes proved to be by far the favorite shoe of males. For females, slippers and go-go boots made the list, but couldn't beat out good ol' flip-flops.



## FOOT FACTS

**Did you know...**

- ...More than 75 percent of Americans will experience foot problems in their lifetime.
- ...The foot contains 26 bones, 33 joints, 107 ligaments, 19 muscles, and numerous tendons.
- ...The 52 bones in your feet make up about one quarter of all the bones in your body.
- ...Women have about four times as many foot problems as men (high heels often are the culprit).
- ...The average person takes 8,000 to 10,000 steps a day.
- ...The average person walks about 100,000 miles in a lifetime—more than four times the circumference of the globe.
- ...Shoe shopping should be done in the afternoon (feet swell during the day) and you should always try on both shoes (it's common for one foot to be bigger than the other).
- ...Sometimes when you walk, the pressure on your feet exceeds your body weight. When you run, it can be three or four times your weight.
- ...There are approximately 250,000 sweat glands in a pair of feet, which can excrete as much as half a pint of moisture each day.

## TOP TEN FOOT HEALTH TIPS

from the American Podiatric Medical Association

1. **DON'T IGNORE FOOT PAIN.** It's not normal. If the pain persists, see a podiatric physician.
2. **INSPECT YOUR FEET REGULARLY.** Pay attention to changes in color and temperature of your feet. Look for thick or discolored nails (a sign of developing fungus), and check for cracks or cuts in the skin. Peeling or scaling on the soles of feet could indicate athlete's foot. Any growth on the foot is not considered normal.
3. **WASH YOUR FEET REGULARLY.** Especially between the toes, and be sure to dry them completely.
4. **TRIM TOENAILS CORRECTLY.** -Straight across, but not too short.

5. **GET A GOOD FIT.** Make sure that your shoes fit properly. Purchase new shoes later in the day when feet tend to be at their largest and replace worn out shoes as soon as possible.
6. **BE SELECTIVE.** Select and wear the right shoe for the activity that you are engaged in (i.e. running shoes for running).
7. **ALTERNATE SHOES.** -Don't wear the same pair of shoes every day.

8. **AVOID WALKING BARE-FOOTED.** -Your feet will be more prone to injury and infection. At the beach or when wearing sandals always use sunblock on your feet as the rest of your body.
9. **DON'T BE TOO SMART.** Be cautious when using home remedies for foot ailments; self-treatment can often turn a minor problem into a major one.
10. **KNOW THE RISK FOR DIABETICS.** If you are a person with diabetes, it is vital that you see a podiatric physician at least once a year for a check-up.





# THORBURN ■ Interim president leaves campus with long list of accomplishments

Christine Sheller

Spectator Staff

Interim president Neil Thorburn's term concludes today.

Students, faculty, and staff say they have observed a long list of positive changes at McPherson College during Thorburn's year as president.

Thorburn came to McPherson College in February 2002 with past experience serving at other colleges in times of transition.

Laura Workman Eells, provost and dean of faculty, credits Thorburn for a great deal of the new energy and enthusiasm on campus this year. She feels that he is responsible for stimulating the excitement in our students, staff and faculty.

As highlights of his tenure, Thorburn named the approval of the addition to the Sport Center and renovation of athletic facilities, revision of general education, changes in career services, the introduction of the degree completion program and the revival of the college's relationship with Hutchinson Community College.

The idea to improve athletic facilities came into existence early in Thorburn's term. He said he noticed a lot of nice buildings on campus, but that the Sport Center didn't seem like it quite kept up.

The renovated facilities is a positive change for the campus, Thorburn said. Prospective students will be impressed with the forthcoming new track, new floor, new fitness room, and the modernized facility.

Another change Thorburn pushed was revision of the general education program. Under the new curriculum, there will now be a sophomore seminar with a career and volunteer emphasis. This idea began in late summer 2002, and the faculty as a whole approved it at the end of October.

Another significant change occurred in career services. Hiring Michael Schneider

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-Laura Workman Eells

Provost and

Dean of Faculty

has really made a difference on campus, Thorburn said. He has a strong background in the field and has been successful in providing career opportunities and initiating enthusiasm on campus as well.

Lastly, the new degree completion program and the 2+2 program will be another positive change.

Advertising for the degree completion program will take off this March.

The program, which will serve adult students who have already been working, will expand the student population and enable the college to compete with other colleges. Professor Jessica Brown will head both of these programs.

The 2+2 Program with Hutchinson Community College is a program that existed for many years but that had slowly died. Thorburn saw the program's potential and recommended reviving it.

In addition to these visible changes on campus, President Thorburn also mentioned the significant changes that have taken place in financial planning. He feels that McPherson College is now in a stronger position to succeed in the future.

Along with faculty, students, and staff, Thorburn said he had also noticed a positive change in campus morale. In addition, the number of applications for this year is up from last



photo by Laina McKellip

On February 27, 2003 a farewell party was held in honor of interim president, Neil Thorburn (right). Ron Hovis (left) will be the new president after Thorburn's term is completed.

year and has good expectations of enrollment for next year.

Thorburn shared that the fall to spring retention is up this year 4 percent. These increases are partly due to better recruiting as well as an effective admissions office.

Thorburn said one of his goals for the future of McPherson includes increasing enrollment to 500 students. McPherson College can teach that number of students without much difficulty, he said. Other goals include continued fund raising for the college and keeping an emphasis on giving a high quality education to students.

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-Kim Stanley

Professor of English and Communications

The new program for graphic arts and the well being of the Auto Restoration program are

good ways to see the changes in an already strong academic environment. Keeping the physical plant, the grounds and buildings of McPherson College in good shape is another goal.

Thorburn feels the people of McPherson College-the quality faculty, staff, and students, and the education offered are two of the college's major strengths. The extreme success of the NCATE accreditation Process shows that McPherson has an excellent education program. However, the weakness is the size of the student population.

Eells said Thorburn's abil-

ity to listen and absorb information and envision faculty's dreams for the institution had been especially instrumental in improving faculty and staff morale.

“He was also very helpful in seeing,” Eells said, “letting McPherson College see that we do know what we want McPherson College to be.”

Thorburn asked hard questions, Eells said, but pushed the faculty and staff to be able to answer them. She described his presence as “reassuring.” He is data-centered, and his knowledge of experts and consultants was a great benefit to the college, Eells said.

Thorburn knew the right kind of consultants and where to go to seek other consultants. He helped define programs and processes and strived to make them stronger.

Thorburn was very good at making McPherson College realize what they knew, and what they didn't know. He encouraged McPherson to go from “We think,” to go out and confirm these assumptions. He helped McPherson regain confidence in its own abilities that were already present.

Kim Stanley, chair of the Education Policy Committee that worked closely with Thorburn on curricular changes also credits Thorburn for many positive things at McPherson.

“I think Dr. Thorburn was just what we needed here. He's interested in everyone's opinion, but he can make firm decisions.”

Thorburn will be returning to Cincinnati, but does not have definite plans for the near future. He's open to taking more short-term assignments like his McPherson term. Thorburn also expressed his excitement for the future of McPherson College under the leadership of Ron Hovis.

To honor the leadership and service of President Neil Thorburn, a farewell party was thrown on Feb. 27.

## TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES

### How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days

PG-13  
9:15 pm  
1 hr. 50 min.  
A regular ladies man bets his friends that he can make a girl fall in love with him in 10 days. If he succeeds, he will land a huge deal at work. Unluckily for him, however, the girl chosen for him just happens to be a columnist working on a story that will make his plan tougher than he expected.

### Daredevil

PG-13  
9:05 pm  
1 hr. 42 min.  
Based on the popular Marvel Comics character, this is the story of Matt Murdock, son of a boxer who gets killed by petty criminals for refusing to take a dive. This drives young Matt to fight crime, despite a childhood accident that robbed him of his sight. That same accident, however, also granted him exceptionally advanced senses of hearing, touch, taste and smell, as well as providing him with a strange sort of mental radar that helps to compensate for his lack of vision. After training hard in the martial arts, as well as excelling in law school, Murdock becomes a lawyer by day and a vigilante calling himself Daredevil by night.

### Shanghai Knights

PG-13  
8:50 pm  
1 hr. 47 min.  
After taming the Wild West in the comedy “Shanghai Noon,” Chon Wang (Jackie Chan) and Roy O'Bannon (Owen Wilson) are back in the saddle, but off the range -this time, they're out to settle a score in civilized London in the sequel, “Shanghai Knights.” When a Chinese rebel murders Chon's estranged father and escapes to England, Chon and “Roy make their way to London with revenge on their minds. Chon's sister, Lin, has the same idea, and uncovers a worldwide conspiracy to murder the royal family - but almost no one will believe her. With the help of a kindly Scotland Yard Inspector and a 10-yr-old street urchin, the acrobatic Chon gives Victorian Britain a kick in the pants as he attempts to avenge his father's death - and keep the romance-minded Roy away from his sister.

### Chicago

PG-13  
9:25 pm  
1 hr. 40 min.  
It's the long-awaited film version of the Broadway hit. Set in the roaring 20's, this is the story of Chicago chorus girl Roxie Hart (Zellweger), who shoots her unfaithful lover (West). Landing in jail, she meets Velma Kelly (Zeta-Jones), another chorus girl and murderess, currently enjoying media attention and legal manipulation, care of her attorney, Billy Flynn (Gere), king of the old “Razzle Dazzle.” Soon enough, however, Flynn takes Roxie's case as well, and Velma finds herself old news as Roxie is now the most famous murderess in town, on her way to getting out of jail and becoming a star. The two go through a series of attempts at getting what they both want (often conflicting): freedom and fame.

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# Lady Bulldogs take their final stand

Jaymie Bickford

Sports Editor

What could have been the most predictable game of the Lady Bulldogs season turned out to be anything but predictable. Backed by a small but spirited crowd, the McPherson women took on the Tabor Blue Jays last night during the a quarterfinal match up for the KCAC league.

The Bulldogs held nothing back as they fought to keep their lead over Tabor during the first half. The Lady 'Dogs credited the first five points of the game to Amber Jackson, opening with a three-pointer. Getting a hold on the 'Jays offense early on in the game allowed McPherson to run with the ball, ending the first half 32-26.

"We played a really good and tough game tonight," said Coach Wright. "We came out and represented ourselves very well."

Returning from half time, the first four minutes of the contest the Bulldogs still remained in control; but soon after Tabor took over and dominated the scoreboard the rest of the game. The Lady Dogs would come back and tie up the game 47-47 with 10:40 left, but could not keep up with their opponents as Tabor went on to outscore McPherson 57-72.

Showing her senior leadership, Amber Jackson led the women in scoring with 15 points followed by Crystal Richardson with 13 and Sharla Odhams adding 8 points and ending with five assists. McPherson shot an impressive 81.3 percent from the free-throw line while Tabor shot only 76.2 percent.

Before tournament play began, the Bulldogs played host to their regular season finale game against the Bethel College Threshers where they fell 46-64. This game put the women 6th in KCAC standings.

"It was disappointing that our seniors had this for their final home game," said Coach Wright. "I know they wanted to have a better game in front of their families, but they never were able to get untracked. Sharla (Odhams), Amber (Jackson), and Amy (Gremmer) and Amy (Gremmer) have given a lot to the program the last three years, and I know they were disappointed, as we were that the year didn't go as well (as) we all expected going into it."

Earlier that week, the Ladies traveled to Sterling looking to upset the number five team again this season; unfortunately Sterling had other plans in mind.

The Lady Warriors played extreme defense on Erica Alvarez allowing her only 4 points and 4 rebounds before ending her playing time with an intentional foul. Amy Gremmer led MAC in scoring with 15 points while Odhams contributed 13 and Jackson added 12 points.

McPherson earned their last win of the season against Kansas Wesleyan University 72-48 on Saturday, February 15, evening out their KCAC record to 8-8 and overall record to 12-13.

After taking a substantial lead over the Coyotes, at the most was 28 points with less than a minute left to play, the Bulldogs looked to their younger players to take over.

"This was nice because we were able to get some varsity time for some of our younger players," added Wright. "Rylee (Miller) and Krista (Mayes) both got more than 12 minutes (of playing time) and did some nice things. And, we were able to get Desiree (Bostic) and Amy (George) some varsity minutes."

photo by Jaymie Bickford

Amy Gremmer goes up for a shot underneath the hoop during KCAC quarterfinal action last night at Tabor College.



## Men's basketball ends KCAC season 9-9



photo by Jon Rothrock

Roy McDonald soars in over the Bethel Threshers during the regular season finale home game.

Jaymie Bickford

Sports Editor

After a 79-92 loss to the Bethany Swedes Wednesday night, the Bulldogs said goodbye to any chance they had at the NAIA nationals. The men came out strong in the first half but just could not get the points they needed to keep Bethany from pulling away 40-23 at the half. With some very costly turnovers and missed shots the Bulldogs never got within double digits of the Swedes after half-time.

The men posted a 9-9 conference record going into the Wednesday game, after being defeated in their regular season finale by Bethel College 70-77. The Bulldogs blew open the game, scoring the first seven points but in turn had to answer to the Threshers as they came back to put the dogs down by 5 with five minutes left in the half. By the time the half-time buzzer sounded, the men had pulled back into the lead 37-33.

Again when MAC stepped on the floor they were the first to score, bringing the scoreboard to 40-33. But the Bulldogs did not keep their lead for long, as Bethel took

advantage of Mac's turnovers and upped the score 55-68, this would be the most the Threshers could pull away from the 'Dogs in the second half. Jose Morales, Roy McDonald, Jamal Norris, and Kenny Romero all did their part to get some points on the board, pulling the bulldogs to back within five with 1:42 left to play. Despite their strenuous efforts, turnovers and an intentional foul led to some easy points to end the game on for the Threshers.

In a battle earlier that week against the Sterling Warriors, the Bulldogs once again could not pull away with a win, and were taken 50-74. The dogs had high hopes, looking to defeat the Warriors for the second time this season, but could not find their rhythm. "That wasn't the kind of effort I've come to expect for our team," said Coach Trimmell. The loss brought the men to a 14-13 overall record.

Tim Cox and Jose Morales both led the 'dogs with 11 points while Roy McDonald contributed eight. Jamal Norris and Kenny Romero aided with 6 points apiece in

addition to Romero leading McPherson in rebounds with seven.

The men suffered another loss on February 15 to the Coyotes of Kansas Wesleyan University 78-72. With Romero sitting the bench due to an injury during the Friends game two days prior, the Bulldog's inside game suffered against the 'Yotes. "That was a great game," said Coach Trimmell following the contest. "I was proud of the way we battled, but they were just too big and strong inside. Not having Kenny (Romero) really hurt there."

Norris was 4 for seven from the beyond the arc. Morales contributed 14 points while Brian Hooks led the defense pulling down six rebounds and also did his part offensively with nine points.

"After Christmas we showed great improvement," commented Coach Trimmell. "The men played a number of exciting games. We were disappointed about Bethany, but we do not want to detract from our good season."



# Out with the in and in with the out

## Track and field 2003

**Nick Griggs**  
Spectator Staff

Out with the indoor and in with the outdoor...Track that is. Yes, it is time again for track season.

Last weekend the Bulldogs had their last indoor meet at Central Missouri State University. The meet made history when Terra Simoneau became Mac's first ever female pole vaulter. Coming off of a broken arm her senior year in high school, Simoneau had not vaulted in a year. Although the injury did affect her first indoor college meet, her enthusiasm has not dwindled.

"I think track is a great experience for a college student," Simoneau said.

Some other stars of the indoor team stood out at the track meet also. Thad Haldeman ran three events and broke his current personal best in the 60m with a

time of 7.52 seconds. He also ran the 400m in a fast 52.36 seconds and ended the day with a blazing 23.85 seconds in the 200m. Wes Hoffert also contributed, winning his heat in the 800m with a time of 2:07.33.

The cold weather has been having a huge effect on the outdoor season. The month has been so cold it is even altering some of the runners' workouts. Bryan Grosbach is starting slowly with a knee injury and in addition has to deal with the cold, not the best for an injured knee. Despite his injury, Grosbach is handling it well. Grosbach, like many of the runners and throwers, is excited about young Coach Seal.

"I was impressed with Coach Seal. He knows what he is doing, so everything he tells me to do, I do," Grosbach said.

Everyone also agrees that although the late night practices are strenuous, Coach Seal will have everyone ready.

"I like how everything is going. Coach Seal is a really, really good coach. He pushes us, and that makes us better," Eric Johnson said.

Seal added that he thinks the season is going well. A lot of the throwers (who make up half of the team) are pretty raw, and Coach Seal admitted he has some work in front of him, but he said they will be ready by March 15, which is the first outdoor meet for the Dogs.

Seal said there are many positives despite the team's low numbers. He expects to be pretty solid in the middle to long distance events and believes that some throwers are going to make a difference in the conference this season. The smallest group is the sprinters, though they



photo by Rebecca Stover

**Ricky Gottschalk practices his power throwing form into Ivan Martinez's outstretched palm.**

feel confident nonetheless. "We need some more people, but I know we will have a good year with the people we already have," Sean

Eason said. One obstacle the Bulldogs will have to overcome is that there will be no home meets.

The way the schedule worked out this semester, the Bulldogs will have all of their meets away from home.

# High hopes for homeruns

**Luke Chennell**  
Editor in Chief

The sound of bat against ball cracks in the small gym as several lady bulldogs practice for softball. Softball is slated to begin again on Monday, weather permitting. The teams will play Hillsdale Freewill Baptist College in Oklahoma City.

"Overall, we should have a strong team," says Mike McCormick, coach of the team. "We've got some good returners. Julie Greep, Lisa Salazar, Tappy Collette, Michelle Johnson, Kim Taylor, Amber Ontiveroz, and Crystal Richardson are strong players."

As of right now, McPherson is ranked last in softball in the conference by the coaches of the conference, and sixth by the media. McCormick feels they're wrong. "I think we can come out of this season in the top 4," he says.

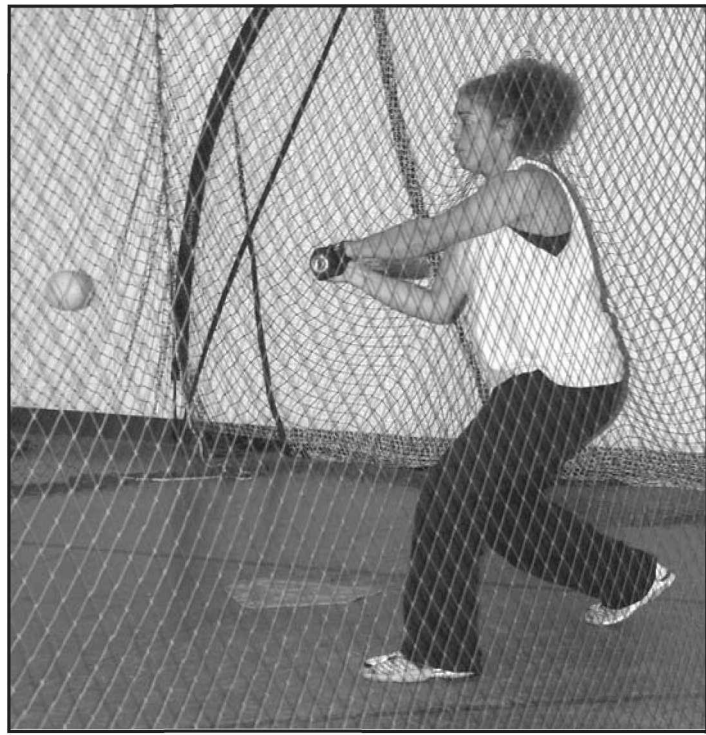


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**Practicing her swing, Amber Ontiveroz hits a round of balls during practice Thursday afternoon.**

are several new recruits that should help in several areas of the game. "Pitching is better than it has been." Louanna Nuss is an outstanding new recruit from

Neosho community college, where she pitched for two years, earning several honors. "Louanna's got the experience pitching. She should help us out a lot."

New among the recruits this year is something McPherson hasn't seen before, a left-handed batter. Krista Mayes, another fresh recruit, bats the "other" way. "A left handed batter will be interesting this year," McCormick says, "I think she'll strengthen our team."

Christa Blose, another recruit, brings more talent to the team. From Ripley, Oklahoma, and playing shortstop, Blose earned all-conference honors on her previous college team.

This year, five girls on the team also play basketball. "I think they're about ready for it to be over," says McCormick. The girls trickle in from basketball practice, ready to throw softballs back and forth, practice pitching, or practice their ability to pick up ground balls.

"I think it will be a good season," he says. "It keeps getting better."

## Mudhucker madness mounts again

**Matt Tobias**  
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College ultimate frisbee team, the Mudhuckers, will possibly start their season this weekend with a snow game in Wichita.

The team, which currently has 12 to 15 players on the traveling squad, including a few from Manchester College, adopted its name, the Mudhuckers, after running and catching frisbees in mud puddles. "Frisbee is a blast," said Dave Hoffman, jr., McPherson.

"It needs no refs so it is based on the honesty of the players and that is why I like it." The team has already been out this semester braving the elements preparing for the upcoming season. They practice four to five days every week. On weekdays the team is on the football field at 4 and Sunday they practice at Lakeside Park at 2.

The 'Huckers are trying

to set up a mini tournament in Manhattan with teams from Lawrence, Kansas State and the University of Kansas. Other games will include an uber, or super, tournament in St. Louis the first weekend of spring break and then the team will travel to Richmond, Indiana for the second weekend.

Mac has a good chance of hosting the sectional tournament toward the end of the season. Teams from Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma,

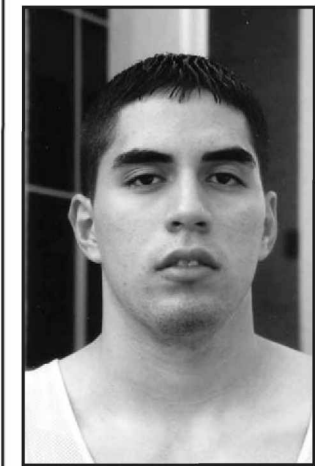
and Arkansas will participate in sectionals and if the Mudhuckers do well against them, they will move on to regionals. The final stop of the season will be nationals, which is in Austin, Texas this year where teams from across the United States will participate. "Come play Frisbee," says Peter Samland, sr., Edgewater, Colo.

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-Dave Hoffman

### ATHLETES OF THE ISSUE

The four senior basketball players are being honored as the Athletes of the Issue for their outstanding athletic performances during their years here at McPherson College.



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## Glickman presents second annual Flory Lecture

Kara Reiff

*Spectator Staff*

Dan Glickman, former U.S. secretary of agriculture, will present the second annual Raymond and Rowena Flory Lecture in Public Policy on Saturday, March 9. The free lecture is open to the public and begins at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

In addition to his presentation, "Agriculture and Public Policy," Glickman will encourage audience participation through open dialogue.

Glickman was chosen for the lecture because of his experiences as the U.S. secretary of agriculture and his involvement in policy making.

"He's thoughtful and articulate, which makes him a good speaker," said Bob Knechtel, vice president of institutional advancement. "He's the kind of person we want to speak in the academic environment."

Knechtel says that agriculture is a critical issue for our government and the world right now and that Glickman understands the complexity of the issues and how the policies are made.

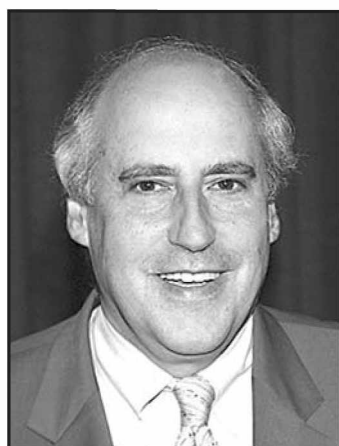
Agriculture is a topic of interest in McPherson with the possibility of a large dairy operation coming, according to Knechtel.

"There is support in the local community for Glickman to speak at the lecture," Knechtel said. "People are excited he's coming. They want to hear from him and ask questions."

Glickman is currently the director of the institute of politics at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

He served as the secretary of agriculture from March 1995 until January 2001. Under his leadership, the department modernized food safety regulations, forged international trade agreements to expand U.S. markets and improve its commitment to fairness and equality in civil rights, both in the treatment of its employees and in the execution of its program.

During his tenure, the department also focused extensively on fighting



Glickman

hunger and on improving the nation's diet and nutrition. Glickman led the effort to ensure that effective regulatory approval process, based on sound science, governs agricultural technology.

The Flory lectureship was recently established at McPherson College in recognition of long-time McPherson residents Dr. Raymond Flory and Mrs. Rowena Frantz Flory. Dr. Flory, who passed away in November 2002, was affiliated with the college for 51 years as an administrator and professor. Rowena Flory continues to reside in McPherson.

Dean Coughenour and Howard Mehlinger, former students of Flory, worked with the college to establish this series because of their experiences with him during trips to New York City and Washington, D.C. Coughenour and Mehlinger wanted to give others the opportunity to hear from world and political leaders because they valued the trips and the exposure to those types of individuals, according to Knechtel.

Coughenour currently owns AgPress in Manhattan, Kan., and Mehlinger is a professor emeritus at Indiana University.

Knechtel says that the exposure to individuals such as Glickman is beneficial to the McPherson College community.

"I'm thrilled with what the growing lectureship series can offer the college because it enriches the classroom experience immensely," Knechtel said. "We want students to be exposed to different and new ideas."

## Regional Youth Conference to provide spiritual growth for students in surrounding area

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Approximately 60 high school students from Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri will be on campus this weekend for the Regional Youth Conference.

The purpose of RYC is to enable spiritual growth, bring friends together, and introduce youth to new people, according to LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. The theme this year comes from 1 John 3:18: "Let us love not in word or speech, but in truth and action." The focus of this theme is on the hands and how people can use them to be servants of the Lord.

Throughout the weekend the students will attend various workshops that will consist of discussions on future careers, college admissions and financial aid, dating and healthy relationships and national projects.

Because attendance has been down the past few years, some widely known names in the Church of the Brethren will speak and lead activities. Included in these activities are David Radcliff, director of Brethren witness, Shawn



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**Mutual Kumquat, a nine-member band from Manchester College will be performing during Regional Youth Conference on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre. The concert is free and open to all McPherson College students.**

Kirchner, director of music for the LaVerne Church of the Brethren, and Mutual Kumquat, a nine-member band from Manchester College.

Both Radcliff and Kirchner have been active in helping with past National Youth Conferences and are expected to bring a lot of energy and excitement to the conference.

Mutual Kumquat plays a variety of music including folk, funk, a capella, jazz

and rock. They will perform a concert on Saturday at 9 p.m. in Mingenback. The concert is free and open to all McPherson College students.

RYC is more structured this year than in previous years but, according to Rothrock, this will help ensure that it is not just a social gathering, but a time of spiritual growth.

"I want the students to get back to the mode of wanting to come to RYC," Rothrock

said. "I want them to anticipate coming instead of just blowing it off because there is something better to do."

One major change for this year is that students and sponsors will stay in Dotzour rather than on the floor in the Sport Center. More comfortable sleeping arrangements should enable conference-goers to be more productive.

"This is one way to show them that they are important to us," Rothrock said.

## Enrollment lowest since WWII; changes expected for next fall

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Enrollment at Mac is up for the 2003-2004 school year.

Although enrollment has dropped to its lowest level since World War II, college officials are remaining upbeat, especially about prospects for a significant enrollment increase next fall.

Spring enrollment numbers are still unofficial, but according to the registrar's office, headcount should be around 349, with 299 of those registered as full-time students.

Spring headcount is down 7.6 percent from last semes-

ter's total enrollment of 379 students. Total enrollment in fall 2001 was 397. In spring 2002 it was 371.

Projections for enrollment next year are up significantly. The goal is to have 415 full-time students.

"All indications say the goal will be met," said Carol Williams, director of admissions and financial aid.

Recruitment is going so well that it is up 120 percent from last year at this time. Williams and other administrators credit the hard work and dedication of the admissions and financial aid staff for the improved prospects.

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rent admissions and financial aid staff," Williams said. They are "a good group of quality people dedicated to McPherson and committed to achieving our

recruitment goals."

"We're doing a better job, and the things the retention task force has put in place will continue to get better and work well," said Karlene Tyler, associate dean of academic records.

Along with enrollment, retention has also suffered the past few years. However, improvements both academically and physically, are underway and should help retention. The new general education program, dorm improvements, addition of a soccer program and renovations to the athletic facilities should all contribute to increased enrollment and retention.

### MAC BAND PEPS UP BULLDOG BASKETBALL TEAM



photo by Laina McKellip

Larry Kitzel, professor of music, directs the McPherson College pep band at last Saturday's basketball game. The band has performed at many sporting events including home football and basketball games. Pictured are front row L-R, Adelina Cripe, sr., Nogelis, Ariz.; Sydney White, Topeka; Rachel Butler, soph., Beaman, Iowa; back row, L-R, Mandy Shabe, fr., McPherson and Yumi Kawajiri, sr., Sapporo, Japan.

## Trustee plans include bylaws, recognition dinner

Shandi Schoming

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The Board of Trustees will meet on campus next week.

The trustee will begin Wednesday night, March 5, with a dinner in the Siek Dining Room and will adjourn Friday afternoon.

Included in their agenda will be new bylaws, which will take effect in July if approved.

The bylaws were amended during the October 2002 meeting. With the new bylaws, the board will have a new structure. Rather than having a board with over 40 members, the new bylaws state that the board will have a total membership of up to 25 persons.

In order to improve accountability of individual members, the majority of board members will be

McPherson College alumni and/or members of the Church of the Brethren.

The final major change in the bylaws is that the board felt that it should select its own membership so the overall composition would reflect a balance of desired characteristics. In order to achieve this, under the new bylaws the Membership and Development Committee will ask for suggestions for nominations from the Alumni Association and from the following Northern Plains, Western Plains, Southern Plains, and Missouri/Arkansas districts of the Church of the Brethren.

During the meeting, the trustees will be developing and considering a plan for a smooth transition within the board.

The board will also be discussing items including proposed budget and facility updates. They will also hear reports from their respective committees regarding executive committees, academics and student life, and more on budget and facilities.

Aside from the regular agenda, the annual recognition dinner for faculty, staff and trustees will take place in Mingenback on Thursday night. The dinner will recognize those faculty and staff who have been employed on five-year increments. It also will recognize a number of trustee's who are retiring this year or have retired in years past that have given a significant amount of service to the board.