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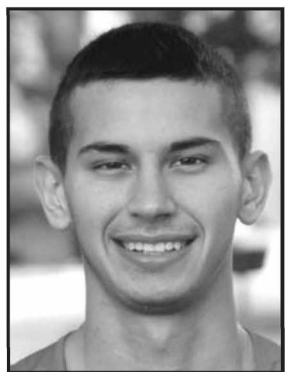
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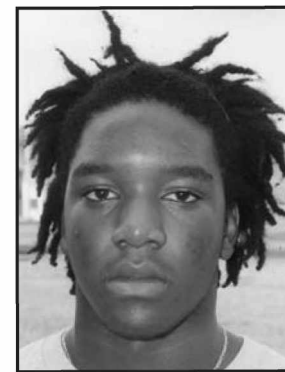
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Rebecca Stover is the only candidate for next year's SGA president. Stover, a sophomore art major, is originally from Quinter.

Stover is involved in a number of activities on campus. She is a member of the track team. She serves on SGA as the sophomore representative and is the editor of the features page for the Spectator. Stover is also involved in choir and drama.

Jen Schuyler, a junior from Tulsa, Okla., also has no competition in her bid for vice president. Schuyler is majoring in elementary education.

Schuyler has participated in various activities in Mac. Currently she is the secretary of KNEA and serves as the junior class representative on SGA. Last fall she served as the dorm president of Morrison and played volleyball her freshman year.

"I have really enjoyed being a part of SGA during the school year of 2002-2003," Schuyler said. "I feel that taking on a higher position I can make more of a difference for the student body."

Jaymie Bickford is running unopposed for SGA secretary. She is a freshman from Wiley, Colo.

Bickford currently serves as a freshman representative on SGA. She is the sports editor for the Spectator and is on the cheerleading squad. Bickford is majoring in biochemistry.

"I got to know what SGA was like this year as a freshman rep," Bickford said. "I think I can contribute a lot to the organization and do more

for our students."

The candidate for treasurer is Troy Hernandez, a freshman from Ottawa.

Hernandez also serves as an SGA freshman representative this year. He is involved in cross country and track and is a member of the Business Club.

Hernandez works in the communications department with Channel 13 and is majoring in business and finance.

Hernandez said he was convinced to run for office by the current treasurer, Shane Netherton, sr., Colorado Springs, Colo. Hernandez feels that he would make a good treasurer because he previously served in two management positions. He was in management at McDonald's and served as account manager at a collection agency.

FEW STUDENTS SHOW INTEREST

Students have taken little interest in running for SGA offices this year.

Candidate petitions were due Tuesday, March 11. Only six petitions were received for the five position openings. The openings include the offices of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and activities and publicity coordinator.

The only opposed race will be for activities and publicity coordinator.

Students interested in running for office are required to get 20 signatures in order to be on the ballot. Elections will take place online Thursday, March 20.

Hernandez feels that he is fair, honest, and will get the job done.

"I believe that I made that apparent this year as the freshman rep," Hernandez said.

The only race with opposition is for the position of activities and publicity coordinator. The candidates are Saraphin Kasparie, jr., Spearville, and Gad Jacobs, fr., Miami, Fla.

Kasparie, an elementary education major, has been involved in many activities. She has worked in the cafeteria for three years and is involved in cheerleading and band. She has been in the theater productions "Cinderella," "HMS Pinafore" and "Lysistrata." "I feel as though the students have not been notified of the activities provided by SGA in time to plan and to attend," Kasparie said. "I feel that I can give this position fresh ideas as well as the time and energy that has been missing in the past."

Kasparie says she would like to see more diversity at the school activities.

"I am willing to do anything for them that I am able to," Kasparie said.

Jacobs, the second candidate for the office, is on the football team and involved in M.U.S.I.C. He is double majoring in physical education and business.

Jacobs is running for the position because he wants to have fun and do what everyone wants to do.

"If I am elected, I'll do everything to the best of my ability to take care of business," Jacobs said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Choir ends tour with spring concert

The McPherson College Choir will end their Spring Tour with a concert in Brown Auditorium Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Currently the choir is touring in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

The choir along with the McPherson College trombones are performing five concert in the duration of the tour. The group left Wednesday and gave a concert in Quinter. Thursday they performed in Enders, Nebraska. Today they will perform in Littleton, Colo. and Saturday will give a concert in Wiley, Colo. Steve Gustafson, professor of music and Larry Kitzel, professor of music are accompanying them on the tour.

Candlelight Vigil to take place

A candlelight vigil against the war will take place at the flagpole Sunday, March 16, at 7 p.m. These vigils will be happening all over the world.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other leaders have called for the vigils as a worldwide statement for peace.

Contact Adelina Cripe at ext. 7615 for more information.

"Know Thyself" theme of third Leadership Forum

Student Services will host a Leadership Forum on Sunday, March 16, at 8:30 p.m., in Mingenback Theatre.

The forum entitled "Know Thyself" will be led by LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, and Michael Schneider, director of career services and internships. In exploring self-assessment strategies, they will help participants determine strengths and weaknesses related to collaboration with others.

The forum is being funded by an endowment from the Sharon Knechel Memorial Fund.

For more information about the McPherson College Leadership Forum, contact the Deans Office at 620-241-0731, ext. 1141 or Career Services at ext. 1227.

Administration reviews bookstore, considers options for future

Matt Tobias

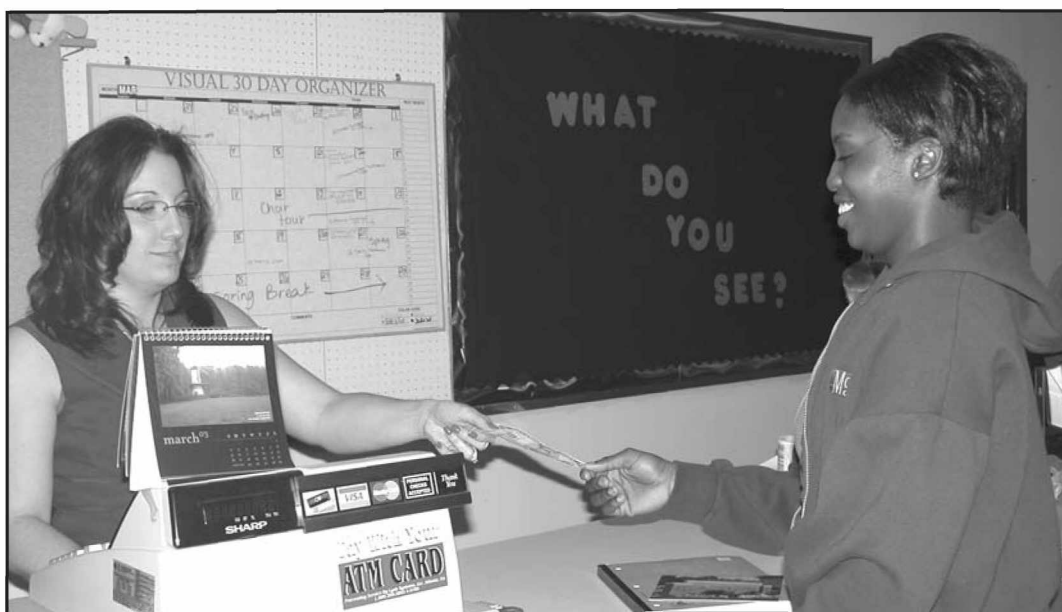
Spectator Staff

Though rumors have spread around campus that the bookstore will be closing, there are as yet no definite plans to shut down the campus store.

The bookstore is currently losing money due to low traffic and long hours. The administration is still reviewing what should be done to fix the problem.

According to Gaylon Green, business manager, three options are being weighed: maintaining the bookstore as it is now, bringing in outside management, and closing the bookstore.

Currently the administration is in the process of evaluating the current bookstore



Desiree Bostic, soph., Hugo, Okla. makes a purchase in the bookstore from Betty Guffey, bookstore manager. Administration is in the process of reviewing options for the bookstore in coming years.

operations considering changes that could make it more cost efficient.

"We want to have a book-

store to provide the necessary services to students and faculty," Green said.

These necessary services,

according to Green, include maintaining good hours and selling goods at a reasonable price.

The administration is also looking at the projected enrollment for next fall, which could bring increased traffic and sales to the bookstore.

Another option being considered is to sell the bookstore to an outside source, which would mean management would handed over to a company unaffiliated with the college.

The worst-case scenario, according to Green, would be that the losses in the bookstore would be too great to sustain, causing the college to close the store. If that happened, students would have to buy books on the internet or from another outside source.

Although this would be the last resort, Green said, the college has to consider it as an option.

photo by Laina McKellip

STAFF EDITORIALS

Where is the interest in SGA?

Issue 1: SGA candidates.

PETITIONS CAME IN FOR SGA CANDIDATES this week to a less than enthusiastic reception. For five executive board positions, six candidates applied. This means that virtually all of the races, including that of president and vice-president, will have unopposed candidates.

Our Position: We need more activity.

Why are students not more enthusiastic about SGA? Is it because the way things are set up SGA is ineffectual, or because of a general lack of campus morale? SGA controls roughly \$60,000 from student dues each year at current enrollment rates. The more students that show up (a projected 415 next fall), the more money SGA candidates control, and the more influence SGA has on student life.

SGA positions provide benefits to every student who participates. As well as giving students influence over the Mac community, it provides a line on a resume, a campus name, and a salary.

While the SGA workload can be a bit hectic at times, it's nothing that can't be handled by mature, reasonable students who aren't afraid to work.

Money controls almost everything, whether we like it or not. The control that SGA has over money gives them control over campus life, including additions to campus (our unused sand volleyball court), student activities (concerts, Casino Night, Bingo, etc.), and are our voice in the administration.

If we want to see change on campus, we need to see more people enthusiastic about SGA offices.

Bookstore should be a profitable venture

Issue 2: The Bookstore

PLANS ARE AFOOT TO CHANGE THE SETUP OF THE BOOKSTORE. Though definite plans aren't available yet, we are enthusiastic about it. The bookstore, with its lackluster operations and overpriced merchandise, is in dire need of revamping.

Our Position: A campus store is important.

Currently, the bookstore operations aren't bringing in enough cash to offset expenses. As Ron Hovis has brought about a new attitude towards college functions, his ideas mean changes are on the way.

Though plans aren't definite, Hovis has declared that the bookstore should be a self-sustaining enterprise and not be funded by gifts, endowment spending, or grants.

We do, however, like having a bookstore on campus. It can provide quality college merchandise and school supplies for students who are unable to leave campus. (Only 30 percent of students here have a car.)

Nonetheless, the bookstore needs to be able to do these things in a reasonably competitive environment and provide merchandise that students and visitors to the campus really want.

We hope that in deliberating the options for the bookstore, it remains an integral part of campus. We also hope that it can be competitive enough to sustain itself.

MAC OPINIONS

Are next year's dorm changes good?



"Sounds exciting!"
-Tricia Laughlin, sr., Wray, Colo.



"Depends on who my neighbor's gonna be."
-Tara Haffner, jr., Hillsboro.



"It doesn't bother me. Upgrades will be nice."
-Brad Lawson, fr., Lyons

"I don't have an opinion."
-John Seyler, fr., Chickasha, Okla.



"Why does this always happen when I leave?"
-Marie Rhoades, sr., Harrisburg, Pa.



"I like it."
-Paul Hase, soph., Hutchinson



Of metal, paint and men

I've always been a lover of cars, and car people. I'd rather spend a month trying to diagnose an ignition problem than five minutes trying to work a statistics problem.

I have my brethren; they work on cars in Templeton hall all day and all night, and I envy them greatly. But one of them died a week and a half ago. He wasn't an active member of the restoration community, but his contributions to it will last forever.

I don't think any of the students in the restoration program ever met Jim Willems, and I'm very sorry for them. My own experiences with him were very limited. We traveled one day on a class field trip out to his farm to see his current project.

At the time, Jim was making steering wheels for customers around the world for any sort of old vehicle they wanted. He was a master of woodworking. He had jigs set up for every phase of steering wheel making, from cutting the initial pieces to figuring out how to make the finger grips. He took us through the intimacies of all the routers, saws, and processes that he used to create these works of craftsmanship-of art.

I wasn't much interested at the time; I stood out back and looked at some of the old tractors (one of my other loves) he had sitting around, and discoursed with my friends on some now-forgotten subject.

But the longer I went on in the program, the more I learned about



Ramblings from a Room

LUKE CHENNEL

Jim. My instructors mentioned him more than several times in passing, telling me stories about his abilities to do anything-paint, weld, metal-finish, wrench, machine, upholster, diagnose.

A bigger picture started to emerge; it was one of the men who could do anything, and do it well. Later in the year I saw a 1913 Oakland that he had restored, and restored quickly. It was a beautiful exercise in craftsmanship, from the brasswork on the engine to the tacks in the upholstery.

I heard my final assembly instructor tell me a story of how Jim had told him stories of painting. He worked in an era when safety was simply not the issue that it is today; when he painted a car, he would shoot himself with paint to keep dust from getting on the car.

I thought about it, and I realized that that exemplified what I love about car guys: the genuine ones sacrifice everything-their looks, their health, their very sanity sometimes-just for a mechanical object, a piece of transportation.

The expression that runs around anymore is "Jack of all trades, master of none." If I've learned

anything, it's that most expressions aren't true. I didn't realize it until he died, but Jim proved that, at least in the sphere of automobiles. He could simply do anything.

Another instructor told me of his house. On the outside, it looked like a standard Kansas farmhouse-clapboards and big rectangular windows. On the inside, though, Jim had gone through and arched all the doorways, collected a series of clocks for the walls, and rebuilt all the furniture inside to his liking. He had, in other words, revamped everything in the house to make it fit himself.

The next day, I thought more about it, and I remembered one more thing from the day I went to his farm.

After we wandered through his shop looking at things and equipment, he took us to a neighboring stall-small enough that none of us even guessed that there was anything attached to his shop. Opening the door, we were all stunned. Inside, in a space hardly big enough to fit it, was a 1938 Rolls-Royce sedan, stunningly sedate in its black and chrome glory.

That amazing car, sitting in the middle of a barn in the middle of Kansas, told me a lot about the man who worked on it.

He died late Wednesday, March 5. I don't know if giants like him will work on cars or be attracted to other professions in the future, but I hope, for my sake, that they go for the gasoline.

Hussein: a tyrant whose time has come

Watching the recent press conference got me to thinking about the issues facing our country at this moment and the reactions of the American people toward these issues. Since others on campus have definitely voiced their opinions through different media including the school paper, email, posters, and just day-to-day discussion, I felt that I'd just put my opinion out there as well.

Violence is always a bad thing, no matter what way you cut it, splice it, cook it, or try to rationalize it. So violence may not be a good thing, but there is a point at which it becomes necessary. Some people just don't listen to reason, compromise, or diplomacy.

There comes a point when these means of resolve can only do so much and then something else must be done. And sadly that "something else" is usually violence.

The problem with Saddam Hussein is that he will not listen to reasonable means of resolve. The man is a tyrant, we all know that. He kills, tortures, and terrorizes his own people and is a threat first to the nations around his, and second to the rest of the world. This is why he needs to be taken out of power and replaced, by any means necessary.

Now, many people would say, "Why? His country is a fairly weak one militarily, and why should we stick our nose into the problems of a nation (or group of nations) half way around the



Guest Columnist

MATT MARCUS

world?" These questions remind me of the reasons we went to war over a half century ago in the second world war. There was a country, with a dictator, that didn't seem that powerful. But as time passed, that nation did become powerful, and even made alliances that increased its power, leading to an invasion that started a war that cost millions of lives.

Many people say, "Give Saddam or the inspectors more time." He's had 12 years. I think that is plenty of time. Do we want another Hitler on our hands? Do we want another world war? I know I don't.

Another reason for our actions toward Saddam: we know that he and his nation have ties with the Al Qaeda, the group responsible for the attacks on the WTC of 9/11. When 9/11 happened, it was a horrible time for our country, people were sad, upset, angry; a whole soup of emotions swept across our country. But only a year and a half later, with the threat of war facing our country, it seems that emotion has been almost completely forgotten.

When the Japanese empire attacked Pearl Harbor, with no

warning, no mercy in 1941, the people of the United States collectively called for retribution for the attack. The attacks on Pearl Harbor were mainly on military targets, where the majority of loss of life would be of those who knew of the dangers of being in military.

The attacks of 9/11 were made on civilian targets, where the killed had nothing to do with military. What I don't understand is how the people of America can now rally in the streets in protest of retribution for what happened to those 3,000+ people who lost their lives for no reason and for the damage that those attacks did to our country as a whole.

I know that everyone is entitled to their opinion. I know this because for the past two months I've been hearing, reading and seeing a number of those opinions all over campus.

While others may scoff at those opinions (possibly by "tearing them down"), I listen to them and take them into account when making my own. This is why I am writing this. Without opinions, this country would not be what it is today. And that, ultimately is what we are going to be fighting for in the next couple of weeks: our right to think, write, and say what we want, when we want.

That is one of the freedoms that I would do anything for.

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War signs: Is there a better way?

I've been pleased to see all the wonderful posters and signs around campus recently. They are a good way for a person to anonymously state his or her opinion on anything from the war on Iraq to environmental issues. Some posters use humor to invoke thought, others are as blunt as anyone could want them.

But the fact is that even though posters can teach us something, they are not the most effective way to promote change.

First, we must ask ourselves what we want to change. Then we must find out who can change it.

In most cases, the only people who can make real



Guest Columnist
AMANDA SNELL

changes are ourselves. It seems logical that putting an idea on paper for all to see would be great.

But how many people actually take any time to consider what they see on the walls on their way to class? And even if we did take time to consider them, a poster provides no forum for discussion. You can't debate with a poster.

Here is what I suggest: yes, start with a poster, mass e-mail or an editorial if you want, but follow it up by talking to people. Talk to your friends first because usually you can feel comfortable enough to disagree with them and still be civil. Then move on and talk to your acquaintances.

Talk to people you meet on the street. Talk to people you know through other people. Talk to people of all generations, creeds, nationalities and religious backgrounds.

The thing about opinions is that they must constantly change to be successful. I'm not talking about a major change, but opinions should

evolve little by little with every piece of knowledge gained. The knowledge we need is increased by learning about others and how they think, act and feel about things.

Of course, in order to make a change we must all be willing to change a little ourselves. We can't go into a discussion with someone thinking that we have nothing to learn from them. Every person has a unique outlook, and my guess is that everyone has an opinion about everything, whether they know it or not. Chances are, it's a good one.

Present your idea, but take time to listen to what others have to say about it. They

may show you something you had never thought of before. If anything, it will help you to know your opposition better.

Nothing ever changes when an idea is slapped up on a wall. The idea just stays there. Nothing ever changes when an idea is voiced to millions without any lively discussion. I'm not saying to spend all your conversation time talking about the big issues of today; small talk is important too.

But when you really care about something enough to want to make a difference, you should learn to engage yourself in discussion with other people.

Opinions are important. And it's important to voice your opinion if you feel comfortable. But someone has to take time to listen as well. We aren't all assigned as talkers and listeners, so where is the happy medium?

It only seems fair that we all do a little of both. We all have something to teach and we all have something to learn. No one is above that.

Ironically, I'm learning more from my intelligent and opinionated classmates each day. This column is only a starting point for me. I hope to discuss it more with all of you in the future.

Pledge of Allegiance should be heard loud and clear throughout public school systems

I and many others try to be patriotic citizens. The acts of 9/11/01 spurred the patriotism of this great country to new levels. American flag stickers and paraphernalia sold out immediately after the 9/11 at an auto parts store where I was working at the time. I contributed a large six by eight foot American flag that was proudly displayed over the cash registers in front of the entrance.

Heads were high and a new wave of patriotism swept through the country, surprising the jerks who tried to hurt us. Up until now, I thought that national patriotism was at a relatively high level.

I say "up until now" because of something that I



Guest Columnist
PATRICK GRASS

recently read that disgusted me. I read something I never thought I would see: according to CNN news, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals gave public schools in nine states until March 10 to stop reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. What the hell? What are we teaching these 9.6 million young Americans? The court ruled that the words "under God" are a government endorsement of religion in the schools. Give me a break.

The words were added to the pledge in 1954 amid a Cold War push to distinguish the United States from an atheistic Soviet Union. "Under God" simply means that we recognize and want the country to be viewed as under protection of a higher power.

It was intended to unite and distinguish the country. It doesn't specify which God or single out a particular group's interpretation of a higher power. The phrase can be ignored by those who don't recognize a higher power. It can be viewed as the cornerstone figure of anyone who does practice an organized religion.

I'd like to meet the folks who have a problem with our nation's pledge. Isn't

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there something else for them to complain about?

It goes to show that no matter how small a percentage of the public finds a problem with something that a majority believes in and has no problem with, there is always some sympathetic idiot with an ounce of power who will make sure everything is unobjectionable.

The truth is, if you dislike something in this country, there is always someone who is willing to change it to cater to your feelings. This is terrible.

Don't most of us remember when our parents told us no? Is this what a generation of parents afraid of telling their kids "no" is going to come to? I hope not. People need to be told NO! Get

over it or get out. You can't always have your way.

Does this mean that I don't like a political figure perhaps, and they offend me, I can just complain about them and they'll be kicked out? I don't think so. Why should this be different? If you don't want your kids to say the pledge, go to Canada. The only hope of good news is there is nothing written in stone-yet. The movement is believed to be headed for the final word of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Attorney General John Ashcroft has said, "The Justice Department will spare no effort to preserve the rights of all our citizens to pledge allegiance to the American flag."

I hope they do.

CAMPUS FORUM

"Tree Hugger" takes aim at anti-war posters, trash, oil abuse, and preservation of resources

I deeply apologize to the fellow tree huggers on campus who were campaigning for saving the trees while the anti-war posters were being put up. I did not realize that there were people on campus who actually respected the environment. I would like to thank you for voicing your concern for the trees on paper that was incidentally not even recycled.

I have been contemplating why I did not realize that there was such a concern for the environment. It could be that when I went through your trash for my senior project I saw that the campus community threw away clothes, furniture, aluminum cans, cardboard boxes, plastic and glass bottles, and, of course, paper.

As you know, by throwing these goods away and not donating or recycling them, you are contributing to the waste disposal nightmare that is facing this country and the planet. But as environmentalists I know you are well aware of this issue and are doing all in your power to solve the problem.

I wonder if you as fellow environmentalists are aware that many students on campus drive their cars from Morrison, Bittinger and Metzler to the cafeteria when they are tired or when it is cold. As most environmentalists know the use of oil has a tremendous effect on the environment and on the world.

Oil is a natural resource that is being depleted and is only expected to last 100 more years. The United States' demand for oil is yet another reason that there is conflict between the United States and Iraq.

Oil also pollutes the air and is a main contributor to global warming. I am sure that all the environmentalists on campus are aware of the side effects that excessive oil use has on the environment and the world and they would never be careless and lazy. In addition these tree huggers probably carpool with their friends when they go off campus or else walk everywhere they go.

I am also positive that the environmentalists on campus take short showers, turn off their lights when they are not in their room, and save water when they brush their teeth and wash their hands. Water and electricity are two other important natural resources but are exploited by many people in this world, country and on campus.

Yes, trees are a very important natural resource and it is important to use them wisely—there are other natural resources out there that need to be treated with respect and used as wisely as trees.

I am happy there are people out there concerned for trees, but let us not use trees as an excuse to stifle war protests. As the only declared Environmental Stewardship major on cam-

pus, I am very concerned for the environment and try to save natural resources as much as I can.

I did, however, print anti-war posters on non-recycled paper. I was aware of that but I could not find paper to recycle without students' names and other confidential information on it.

Life is about making choices and at that moment in time I decided that it was more important to protest a war that will devastate the environment than to save the resources I used protesting that war.

Saving the environment is important, but there is one

natural resource much more valuable than any tree and that is people.

Since our government has chosen to be more concerned about "preserving"

the precious natural resource oil, I have decided to speak out in favor of protecting all natural resources, including people, just like you and me,

around the world.

-Adelina Cripe

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MACTOON

BY REBECCA STOVER



Spring Break 2003

WITH AN ENTIRE WEEK FREE FROM CAMPUS, WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GO?
NO SWEAT. NO MATTER WHICH DIRECTION YOU WANT TO GO,
OUR EDITOR IN CHIEF, LUKE CHENNELL, HAS GOT YOU COVERED.

NORTH SOUTH EAST WEST

Jackson Hole:

March is one of the best times to go to Jackson Hole. McPherson's Spring break falls toward the end of the ski season, and as a result it is easier to find room to breathe in Jackson at this time of year. The town during Spring Break takes on an air of festivity as the annual snowmobile hill climb brings in all the wild and hermit snowmobile racers to town for one last hurrah of the winter.

What to wear:

Jackson is the ultimate place of western chic; if you're going to dress western, this is the place to do it right. If you own a black hat, wear it. Cowboy boots are de rigueur. The weather can be anywhere from a blizzard to seasonable spring weather in the 60s. Heavy winter clothing and gloves are advised; though hedge your bets with some lighter wear.

Where to stay:

There is but one place to consider staying at in Jackson Hole. This is the Wort Hotel. Built in 1941, the Wort resides in downtown Jackson Hole and combines log cabin style with elegant city trappings. It is quite simply the best western hotel around. Be sure to spend plenty of time sitting in the spacious lobby watching tourists; the fireplaces and overstuffed leather sofas provide relaxation while the endless stream of sightseers entertain. Do not, I repeat, do not stay anywhere else. To do so is a crime.

Where to eat:

Jackson Hole has all sorts of eclectic cuisines, from Mexican to Chinese to authentic Hamburger stand. My picks: The Cadillac grille can't be beat for lunch; you must, however, arrive early and get a seat by the front window. Proceed to eat heavily and watch tourists. For a lighter dinner, go next door to Billy's burgers, an authentic '60s burger joint that usually is run by itinerant ski bums. The burgers weigh at least half a pound, and often you can get the college student ski bums to sing you Marty Robbins tunes.

Nightlife:

Jackson Hole has a number of bars; there's only one really worth going to. This is the Legendary Million Dollar Cowboy bar, a landmark in anyone's scheme of Jackson Hole. Look for the Charlie Russell paintings on the walls, the bar stools made out of saddles, and the saddle entrusted in diamonds. The bar was built in the 1940's at the supposed cost of a million dollars (it was actually closer to two). Live music is good in Jackson; the Wort offers some of the best, and the Cowboy often has mediocre country dance bands. If you're there on Sunday, head to Wilson to the only bar in town to catch a five-piece band that's been playing at the same bar (the only one in Wilson) for thirty years, every Sunday. Not to be missed.

What to see:

Jackson Hole in March is a weird time; Yellowstone isn't open yet, so that rules out the Park. However, there are attractions seemingly everywhere, from hiking to art museums to shopping. Shopping in Jackson Hole is highly recommended; it is the forefront of westernism in all its forms, and any serious collector should peruse all the stores. My favorite, though, remains watching the tourists and, in March, the snowmobilers. Most of the snow racers come to town to "cowboy" it up a bit, and it's great fun to watch them cruise the square in their four-door diesel pickups without mufflers.

For those interested in a little "calmer" entertainment, the elk refuge outside of town is at the end of its peak sleigh-touring season, and bargains can be had on sleigh-ride tours through the tallgrass prairie outside of town. If you're not into meeting tourists, don't do this.

How to get there:

Four wheel drive four-door heavy duty Ford pickup. Fortunately, toward the end of March, Jackson's weather usually precludes large snowstorms, though they aren't unknown. It's about a sixteen hour drive from Mac, so plan to stay somewhere in between. My recommendation: Saratoga, Wyoming is an up-and-coming resort town that has a charming western hotel replete with hot springs and fancy trimmings. And at this time of year, it's completely vacant-the last time I was there, I was the ONLY guest in the place.



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Jon Klinger, jr., Rockford, Ill. and Jim Payne, an alumni of the restoration program, show off their fancy ride in Leadville, Colorado, the highest incorporated city in the country.

Houston.

Houston is a great place to go in the spring, with beautiful weather and Spring Breakers galore. A city with four million people always offers goodly amounts of entertainment, and South Texas in the spring can be very good.

What to wear:

Weather can range from 60 degrees all the way into the nineties. Don't bring your winter clothes and snow boots. Local customs don't favor western dress, even though it is Texas.

Where to stay:

Houston offers a number of quality resorts and budget motels. Downtown, the place to stay for the more traditionally minded guest is the Lancaster. Modern types will enjoy the Sam Houston, a historic hotel updated to a modern urban environment. Either hotel is a bit pricey; but their prime locations downtown (no driving, just walking) make them worthy bargains in my book.

Where to eat:

First off, the seafood in Houston is incredible. Period. Eat as much of it as you humanly can. Anywhere you pick is bound to be decent. However, my best pick requires a short (30 mile) drive to Galveston, where good seafood is on tap at any of the restaurants in the Strand, patterned after London's famous eating district. Shrimp and crawfish are staples; those with more expensive taste can get any number of other epicurean delights.

As well, Houston's close proximity to Mexico means that Mexican food is great. Try to stay away from places with large quantities of neon that advertise margaritas. The best food is to be found at the Mexican cafes in the grittier areas of town that cater to working Hispanics. The enchilada dinner is the Mexican standard, and you're not likely to run across any bad ones at any cafe.

Nightlife:

Probably the most unique aspect of the nightlife in Texas are the "Icehouses," bars which allow patrons to bring in their own drinks. Most of these tend to be seedy little joints; befriend a local and ask him where to find a good one if you want to be safe. Better yet, recruit a local to take you to one. They tend to be clannish places, and a liaison can be very helpful.

What to see:

Houston offers so many cultural attractions that it's a rival of New York. My personal favorites: The museum district near Rice University. It's chock full of Texas, American, and all other sorts of history, and one can wander around for most of the day entranced by the proliferation of old stuff. Second: The Battleship Texas, the last surviving Dreadnought class battleship, marvelously preserved as it was in WWII. Even non war-time fans can find something to enjoy; look for what sailors called the "prophylactic" room.

How to get there:

Fast convertible. Houston is a twelve hour drive from Mac, but traffic can be unbelievably bad. Don't hit Dallas (seven hours from Mac) between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., else you'll be stuck for quite a while watching someone else's tail lights.

Kansas City.

KC is a close drive to McPherson, and while weather there can be spotty, its close proximity is an attractive factor. It offers all the attractions of a major city with an interesting blend of western culture, urban life, and down-home Missouri comfort.

What to wear:

Wear what you would here. The weather's the same. Kansas City is such a crossroads that really any sort of dress is acceptable there; I'd feel just as comfortable in a cowboy hat as a business suit.

Where to stay:

The Country Club Plaza, I recommend the Raphael hotel. Made out of a former apartment building, the place brims with European charms and since every room is different, staying there is always an adventure. Its direct proximity to the Plaza means that there's virtually no walking to be done, and the service there is generally very good. And, most of the rooms have good views.

Where to eat:

Kansas City has enough cuisines to drown someone; I prefer barbecue and good solid American cooking. Barbecue in Kansas City has its own unique spice, and there are many partisans as to which joint serves up the best brisket. My own tastes incline to that of Arthur Bryant's, of which Calvin Trillin said, "The best food in the world. You can't argue it." For good steaks, go down to the stockyards and eat at the Golden Ox steakhouse. It's straight out of a boomtime cattle days, and seemingly hasn't changed since about 1958. While a bit overpriced, the atmosphere of the place is worth every penny.

Nightlife:

Kansas City offers plenty of good jazz music and many good bars. Westport is full of trendy little clubs and discotheques that are interesting, if not charming. I don't care for them; the last time I was there, I inadvertently wound up in a gay bar. My personal preferences are some of the divier jazz joints. Watch out, though, and ask the advice of the locals on these. Not all are safe.

What to see:

The Arabia steamboat museum is often overlooked as a tourist attraction, but for my money is worth it. The Arabia sunk in the Missouri river in the nineteenth century and was recently unearthed. All of the artifacts show a great slice of 19th century life. Also good are the Jazz museum at 18th and Vine (contrary to the song "Kansas City," there is no 12th and Vine), and the museum of the American Royal, one of the premier horse shows in the country. The Nelson-Atkins gallery of art can easily pass the better part of a day; with collections of Thomas Hart Benton and Frederick Remington, one can wander for days.

How to get there:

Family sedan. Kansas City is like much of Kansas, in that inconspicuity is sometimes best. When cruising around the poorer neighborhoods of town (my own preference in KC), I don't like to stand out, and so a family sedan is the best. Traffic in KC is usually very light, and the city is one of the easier I've found to navigate.

Denver:

Being my hometown, I hold a soft spot in my heart for Denver. However, it's a good, close drive that offers mountain activities nearby and a good city atmosphere for the Spring Breaker. It's a good base of operations for Spring Break fun in that it is centrally located and nearby to all sorts of outdoor activities.

What to wear:

Denver has so many Californians lately that Californian dress has nearly taken over; however, boots and a hat are not yet considered eyesores. Weather in late March can be very unpredictable; blinding snowstorms can follow seventy-degree days. Pack a good range of clothes and don't be afraid to change.

Where to stay:

The Brown Palace, or the Windsor. Either are examples of Denver during its cow town boom days when gold mining excels and cattle kings brought in European excellence to complement their western skies. European monarchs reportedly used to frequent the Windsor bar, and afternoon tea at the Brown Palace is a Denver tradition. These two hotels are both in Downtown, within easy walking distance of the touristy Sixteenth Street mall. The newly constructed light rail can take one nearly anywhere in the city with ease from either location.

Outside town, I recommend taking a jaunt to Manitou Springs south of Denver for a stay at the Cliff House. While astronomically expensive, it is the best country hotel I've ever been to. It will relax one's nerves at the first instant. The best part of it is the penny arcade directly across the street. Its contrast: cheap arcade and expensive hotel. I begin to drool simply thinking about it...

Where to eat:

Denver's western heritage means that it offers up a diverse number of cuisines. I've found Mexican food to be the best. My personal favorites: the Stockyards Inn at the National Western Complex in the Livestock Exchange building, The Brewery Bar II on second and Kalamath (where Jack Kerouac did much of his wandering), or the next joint that pops up. They're all good. The key: eat, eat, and eat some more.

Nightlife:

Denver's favorite party district is the revamped LoDo, Lower Downtown. Formerly a collection of warehouses and decrepit buildings awaiting demolition, LoDo combines the charm of old Denver with some trappings of the new. History is everywhere; Market Street, one of the most popular for clubs, got its name because of the girls who used to "market" themselves there.

Good country music can be had around town; the Mercury cafe many nights offers a wild mix of honky tonk and rock that's come to be known as rockabilly. Get a copy of Timeout, the multinational entertainment magazine that's new to Denver. It will have suggestions galore.

What to see:

The mecca for tourists in Denver is the Sixteenth street mall, a three or four mile long strip of shops, cafes and buildings that offers up all sorts of Denver culture. While it is an entertaining place, I don't recommend it; panhandlers and vagabonds are seemingly everywhere. Instead, I recommend daily excursions to the mountains to see the sights. It's a bit late for skiing in March, though mountain attractions are best to visit at this time of year because they're not crowded. My favorite mountain destination is Leadville, the 1860's era mining town that's the highest incorporated city in the world. With stunning views around every corner and history on every block, Leadville never fails to enchant me.

How to get there:

SUV of some sort. Denver's vehicle of choice anymore is the SUV, and probably seventy percent of the vehicles on the road are the new Soccer Mom mobiles. There's a reason: SUVs have always sold well in Denver, even before the craze that set them off all over the country. They were tailor made for the landscape, with all its rugged four-wheel drive trails and piles of snow. Denverites usually keep two vehicles (it has the highest vehicle ownership per person in the nation-roughly 1.5), a nice summer vehicle and a winter SUV. You'll fit in perfectly driving an Explorer.

Feature Spotlight: Dan Hoffman

Maribeth Turner

Spectator Staff

Born in downtown Chicago to proud parents Paul and Joan Hoffman, Dan Hoffman entered in the famous McPherson Hoffman family. At the time, his dad -who became the 12th president of McPherson College, was the pastor of a Church of the Brethren in Detroit.

Hoffman's academic career got off to a rocky start. Because the family moved to Manchester, Indiana during Dan's kindergarten year, he had to repeat the grade. However, two years in kindergarten did not hinder his ambition.

"I am a shining example of someone who failed kindergarten," Hoffman proudly states.

Unlike his academic career, his career in sports started as many athletes do. Besides being involved in junior high activities such as choir, Hoffman proved his early athletic abilities by becoming the County Wrestling Champ.

Active in theatre, football, basketball and track, Dan was also busy in high school. He graduated from Manchester High School and remained in the area to attend Manchester College. His interests swayed from an elementary education major to a math major throughout his first few years of school. Towards the end, however, Hoffman re-

centered his focus in physical education, realizing that he had acquired the most credits in that area.

At Manchester, Dan earned many football honors including Most Valuable Defensive Player and Most Valuable Offensive player. He led the nation in pass interceptions with 11 in a nine game season. He was also voted Honorable Mention All-American as a junior, and Second Team All-American as a senior as well as All Conference and All District for three years.

Despite all the honors Hoffman received during his football career, track is still his favorite sport. His talent was obvious throughout his track and field career as well. One of his major feats was competing in the high jump and the decathlon at Nationals one year. Hoffman received the Most Valuable Trackman award numerous times, and Hoffman now laughs when recalling that Manchester changed the award titles around so that he would not win all three trophies.

Unlike his athletic career, Hoffman's academic career was not riddled with awards. "I was a very modest student. I did go to class...but I didn't do a lot of outside reading-until grad school...that's a different story."

Hoffman's musical claim to fame came with his rock and roll band, "Slingshot."

Along with some of his musically inclined sports friends, Hoffman played the lead guitar (a Gibson Marauder). The group made its appearance at Manchester's convocations as well as a few teeny-bopper dances.

Also while attending Manchester, he met his future wife, Dawn Robbins. Unfortunately, she transferred to another college half way through her education and the couple broke it off. It wasn't until a few years later that they reunited and were married in 1980 in her hometown, Fort Wayne, Ind.

The Hoffmans moved to Agate, Colo. where Dan taught science and math.

Expanding the family had to fit into Dan's busy teaching and coaching schedule. Their first child, Dave, was born in 1981, and is a current student at McPherson College. Hoffman remembers his second child's birth in a unique way.

"We had a week break between football and basketball, and we had a baby!"

Amy was born in 1982, followed by the third and final child of the family, Matt in 1985.

After two years in Agate, Colo., Hoffman decided to pursue a degree at Bethany Seminary in Oak Brook, Ill. After two semesters, he decided to apply for teaching at the college level. Wanting to stay with a Brethren School, Hoffman

accepted a job at McPherson College. He coached football, basketball, and track while taking six hours at Wichita State with Roger Trimmie to earn his masters degree.

Hoffman and his family moved in across the street from the president at the time, who just happened to be his father, Paul Hoffman. After seven years in that house, Hoffman bought a farm in the country and has been there ever since.

Hoffman is currently the McPherson College Athletic Director -a job he has had two other times previously. "This is my 21st year here. Every class in the physical education department I've taught or had a part in at some point."

In his time here, Hoffman has been head coach of tennis, golf, cross-country, volleyball and track teams. He enjoyed the competition and being able to interact with the students on a regular basis.

As athletic director, Hoffman is faced with different challenges.

"Being an athletic director is more stressful (than coaching), but it's a different kind of stress. As a coach, obviously the goal is to win. The stress is 'what price will you pay?' Now I deal with the public more."

Outside of the academic scene, Hoffman's good sense of humor follows him wherever he goes. He feels that "family is vital" and

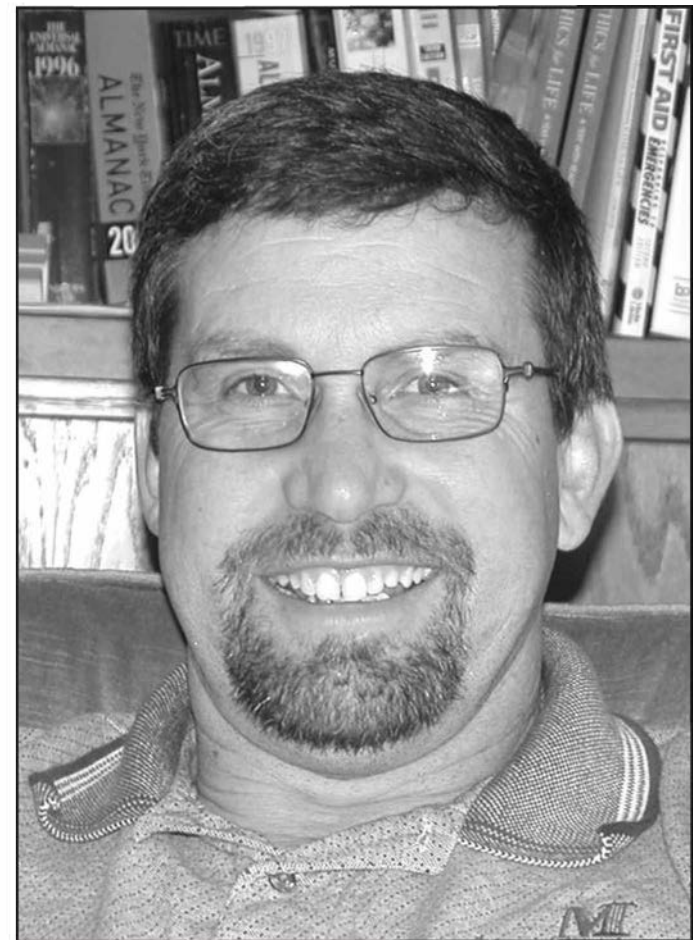


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Dan Hoffman

makes a point to keep it a top priority. He loves farming and enjoys his share of mechanics work. Besides several cows and chickens, Hoffman has also owned a few goats.

"I'll never have goats again," he stated firmly. "To walk out and find a stupid goat standing on top of your car? Never again."

Despite his busy life and numerous achievements, Hoffman has many goals he

still yearns to achieve. After surviving a family road trip all over the West Coast, he would love to visit the East Coast in the same way.

As for his future, Hoffman is unsure what lies ahead. He is very comfortable with the community in McPherson even though he says he's not wild about the wind and the lack of trees. "We've looked at Indiana," he confesses. "They've got trees there."

Music Review: Stoney LaRue, "Downtown"

Rating: Three Stars

Luke Chennell

Editor in Chief

Cain's Ballroom in Tulsa, Oklahoma has seen some sights. The venue, often called the "house that Bob built" (Bob Wills, that is), has seen all sorts of musical acts in its eighty year history, from Bob Wills himself to the Sex Pistols on their legendary U.S. tour.

So when you hear that Stoney LaRue recorded his debut album, "Downtown" in a series of private session at Cain's, it makes you wonder what you're in for. What sort of music comes out of a place that hosts Insane Clown Posse one night and Willie Nelson the next?

The answer is a mix of country-tinged rock that is at times delightful and at other times delirious. LaRue's band includes instruments as varied as a Hammond organ, a piano, and a mandolin. They're put to use in a series of self-penned songs on "Downtown" that reflect a number of musical genres and traditions.

It's what's been called the "Red Dirt" sound: it comes from original artists from Stillwater, Oklahoma and is centered around the Wormy Dog saloon in Stillwater. Jason Boland, Cross Canadian Ragweed (whose single "Seventeen" recently garnered attention from popular country radio and CMT), and The Great Divide (a cultish band) blend country and rock music into a form of charming music that's distinctly American.

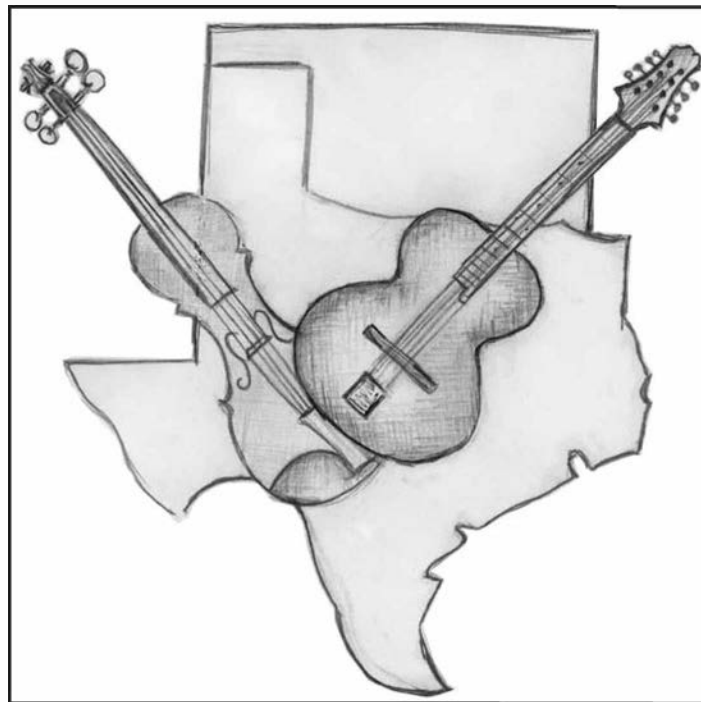


Illustration by Laina McKellip

album, "Texas Moon" is an exercise in organ underlines and acoustic guitars that is seductive, though sounds reminiscent of a Brooks and Dunn song, "Neon Moon." A song to a would-be lover, it brims with enthusiasm and boisterous braggadocio.

"Downtown," a soft acoustic song of growing up and the life of a musician, is easily the best track on the album. "Five years old with a smile on my face/mama's in the kitchen, daddy's playing bass downtown". The stripped-down sound of a lone acoustic guitar (not even a drum track) lends a coffee-shop atmosphere, and LaRue's wide vocal range gives the lyrics power and gravity that isn't often heard on pop country radio today.

LaRue draws from his many influences in the straight rock ditty "Goin' to Austin." He breaks into "That's all right Mama,"

best known from Elvis Presley, in the middle of the song, and the rendition is good. It's a classic blues rock tune that comes off well.

"Shot Full of Holes," a tune that LaRue wrote with fellow Red Dirt artist Jason Boland, is a moving and poetic ballad of a desperate car thief turned to Jesus for redemption. The lyrics are playful, enticing: "Two to four don't seem like much/until you're stuck in eight by ten."

A good song, it suffers from a problem that afflicts

most of the album: poor production.

Cain's was never known for its acoustics, and a lot of the album sounds just like it was recorded in Cain's, without the benefit of a crowd to liven it up.

The result is that many of the tracks sound hollow, and though the lyrics and LaRue's voice manage to power through, other bits are lackluster, and much of the album is inconsistent.

"Heather Grows" and "Downtown" are contrasts; while "Downtown" rings with heartfelt acoustic feelings, "Heather Grows" is a saccharine pop tune with bubble-gum lyrics and syrupy melodies. "Heaven only knows / that Heather is a flower / and Heather grows." Stinging bits of piano are interspersed, and don't make their desired effect.

Surprisingly, for a guy named Stoney LaRue, the album contains little work on drugs. However, one track, "Train to Sanity", a strong acoustic piece of work about relationships, provides all the drug culture on the album: "So I'll take a puff / Forget about that stuff / that makes me wonder how or why you're gone."

That's as hard as it gets. The lyrics of the song are classic, though: "You can take your train to emptiness / and I'll take mine back to sanity." My personal inclination is to call the album PG. This isn't Cypress Hill.

But for the bad tracks on the album, this is a shining

piece of work, especially for a debut album. No one ever gets it right the first time, and LaRue is no exception. But it's worth a listen, and whatever its faults may be, it is definitely better than anything on popular country radio (short of the Dixie Chicks).

TUESDAY MOVIES

March, 18th

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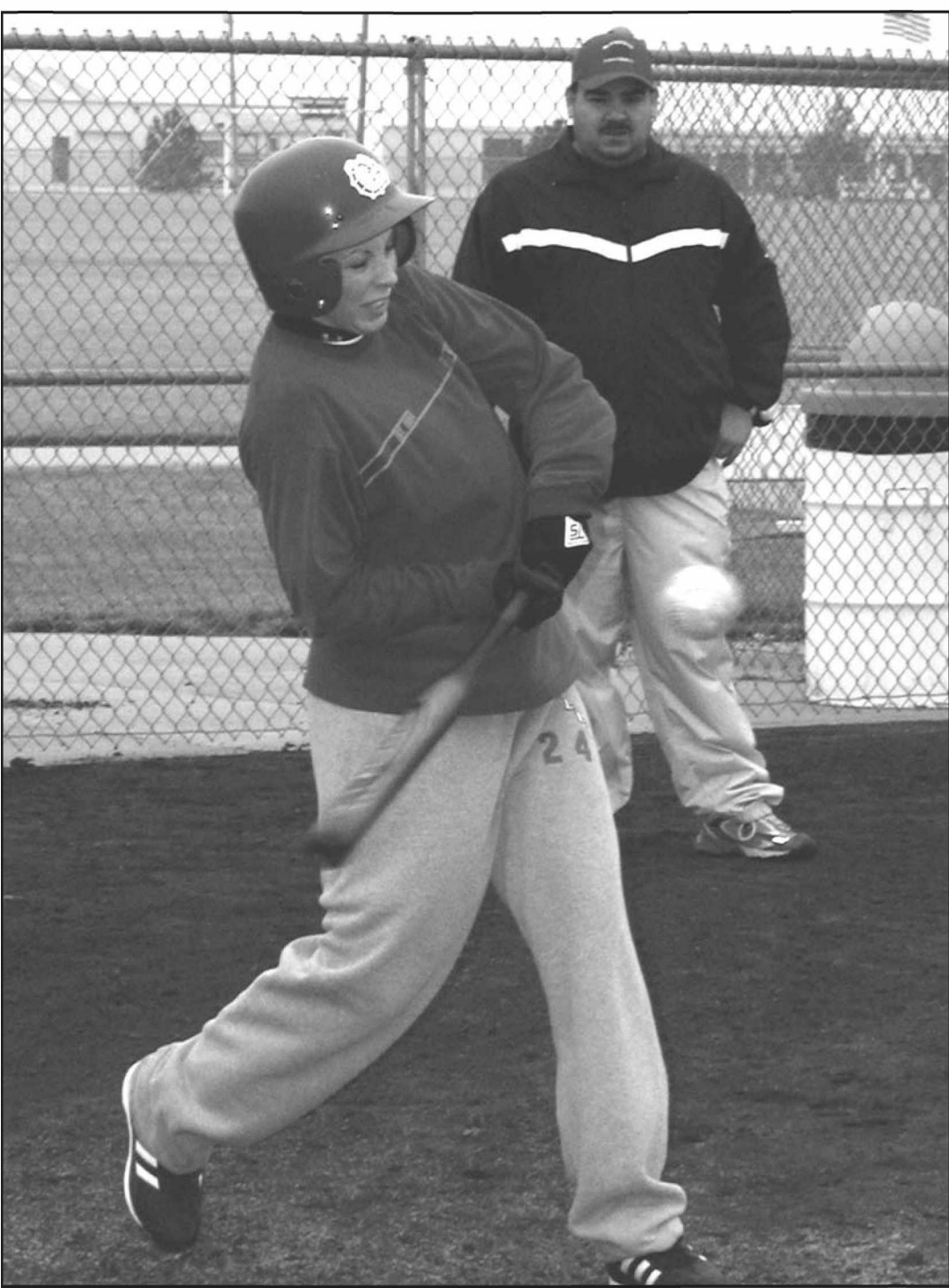
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Lady Bulldogs slide into first win



Krista Mayes shows her batting skills as she swings forcefully at a softball during practice.

Jaymie Bickford

Sports Editor

Winning the season opener for only the second time in McPherson College softball history, the Lady Bulldogs defeated the KCAC's top-ranked team, the Sterling Warriors, 10-9 and 5-2, in a doubleheader Wednesday.

"The ladies played very good," said head coach Mike McCormick. "We had too many errors to let Sterling back in our first game, mainly due to nerves because it was the first league game, but it showed the good character that we have on our team."

Although the 'Dogs had a tough time with their defense in the first game against Sterling, they came back in the second, showing that it just took some time for the women to get settled into the groove.

"Our defense is our strong point," McCormick said. "It is one of our better defenses here at McPherson, with the exception of our first game on Wednesday."

Andrea Wilder had an impressive premier, getting the game started and getting her teammates going with a two-run double. Although Wilder had never played softball before, spectators could not tell as she also made the game winning catch.

The softballers look to improve their 2-0 league record this weekend when they

host the McPherson Tournament Friday and Saturday at the Udie S. Grant Sports Complex on North Main.

The ladies face Central Christian College at 11 a.m. today, Tabor College at 1 p.m., Sterling College at 3 p.m., and then end the day against Haskell Indian Nations University at 5. Saturday the women's schedule goes in reverse as they play Haskell at 9 a.m., Sterling at 11, Tabor at 1 p.m., and Central Christian College at 3.

Many of the games scheduled early this spring have been cancelled due to weather, including their first tournament at Friends University. The four games the women have been able to play pale in comparison

to their recent wins against Sterling.

Last weekend the ladies played two games in the Kansas Wesleyan Tournament. Their first match up was against Graceland College on March 7. The ladies fell in a close game, 2-3. The ladies hoped for better luck the next day, but lost to Avila College 1-3.

Prior to the Kansas Wesleyan Tournament, the ladies traveled to Oklahoma for two exhibition games at the Hillsdale Freewill Baptist Invite. The two games, which they lost 0-2 and 2-3, did not hurt the women's record as the games were not recognized by the NAIA.



Kim Taylor practices her pitching during to prepare for the game against Sterling.



Above, Tara Haffner, enjoying the sunny weather, spends her afternoon playing soccer.

Right, Majory Araque and Bryan Lucore take a break from stressful college life and go contra dancing at Bethel College in Newton. Contra dancers make figures as the caller commands, much like old time square dancing.

Swenson appointed to new position

Carol Swenson was recently appointed director of sports information and coordinator of athletic recruitment. Swenson has served as director of annual giving and sports information since fall 2000.

"Working in the area of annual giving has given me the opportunity to become better acquainted with the constituency and support base of the college," Swenson said. "This will be a help as we work with our coaches and admissions counselors in the recruitment process."

Swenson served as assistant principal and activities director for 10 years at McPherson High School after teaching mathematics and coaching for 20 years in the McPherson school system.

Since retiring Swenson has



served as the media director for the Class 4-5-6A state wrestling tournament and Class 5A state basketball tournament. He has also served as an announcer for the state track meet, Kansas Relays, and a variety of collegiate meets in the Midwest, including the Big 12 indoor and outdoor track championships.

Swenson served as a press

steward for the track and field venue of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. He was the press officer for the USA team to three World Junior Championships, the Seattle Goodwill Games, and USA teams in international dual meet competition. Swenson also served as press officer at the 1984 and 1988 USA pre-Olympic games track and field training camps as well as working with the USATF staff for several national championship meets.

"Carol's knowledge of the athletic scene in Kansas, his superb work with the Athletic Booster Club, and his high expectations for student athletes makes this transition beneficial for McPherson College," said Bob Knechel, vice president for institutional advancement.

ATHLETES OF THE ISSUE

2003 Softball Team

The 2003 McPherson softball team has received the honor of Athletes of the Issue. Wednesday night the team traveled to Sterling College to take on the Warriors in a two-game match up and left the field with their heads held high as they defeated Sterling, 10-9 and 5-2.

During the KCAC baseball-softball media day, held in early February, the McPherson Lady Bulldogs were picked for a sixth place tie by the media and picked eighth by the coaches. The Dogs proved to be anything but an eighth-place team against the number one ranked Warriors, as the ladies moved into first place in KCAC standings.

The women worked together as a team, bringing their season record to 2-0, said head coach Mike McCormick.

"We've never had a 2-0 record in past softball years," McCormick said. "Although this was a good start, we have a lot to accomplish."

Seven sign football letters

Luke Chennell

Editor-in-chief

Spring has brought several good signings for McPherson College football. Seven transfer and high school students have given their year to become Bulldogs.

Leading the list of recruits is Alex Holtry, brother of former Bulldog gridders Dan and Matt Holtry. Alex hails from Caldwell, Idaho, and as a high school linebacker earned all-conference and all-state selection. He was senior class president, and earned academic all-conference honors.

"I like the whole thing about the school," said Holtry. "I went back four times."

Head football coach David Cunningham is enthusiastic about Holtry's talents.

"We feel very fortunate to have another Holtry joining us," he said. "We believe he'll bring the same positive, competitive nature to the program that both Dan and Matt have."

Jared Ratzlaff, a 5'11, 207-pound defensive lineman from Coffeyville Community College recently signed to come to Mac.

"Facing the task of competing in the Jayhawk Conference every day for two years has made Jared a

better football player," Cunningham said.

Ratzlaff had a distinguished high school career, earning three letters in different sports at Fredonia High. Wrestling and track were his two other sports. As a junior he earned All-Tri-Valley status, playing as a lineman on the All-Tri-Valley team. He rushed for 612 yards on 99 carries as a senior fullback. He plans to major in computer science.

Another Jayhawk conference player, Cal Tutak, will come to Mac for the fall season. Tutak played for Hutchinson Community College for two years, and will join the defensive line, playing middle linebacker.

"Cal will provide us with immediate help at the linebacker spot," said defensive coordinator Bill Minard. "Cal is a very good player." In his high school career at Kingman High School, Tutak earned All-State honors, and was a three-time member of the All-Chisholm Trail League D-II team.

Korey Ferguson will graduate this spring from Guthrie High in Guthrie, Okla., where he was an All-District and All-Region linebacker. A three-sport athlete in high school (track, basketball, and football), Ferguson will play

defensively for the Bulldogs, and has shown an interest in track. At 6'1, 170 pounds, Ferguson should be well suited.

"We are very pleased to have Korey joining the McPherson College football program," Cunningham said. "As an athlete, Korey can be a factor on our special teams early, and as he learns our system he will be more of a factor offensively. On the offensive side of the line, Klint Green was signed to help fill out the ranks. As a high school athlete he was a two-time all-district offensive tackle at Sweeny High School, earning the rank of team captain his senior season.

"He's an intelligent young man who will be a good fit at McPherson College. He had a great visit earlier this winter and is anxious to get here and be a Bulldog," Cunningham said.

Also on the offensive side of the line, Jared Heinen, a former McPherson High Bullpup, has been signed. Heinen brings an average of 13.8 yards per reception on 13 passes during his senior season.

"I had a chance to see them play," Heinen said of the Bulldogs. "The program is going in the right direction and I liked the coaching staff."

Vaulter reaches new historical heights

Rebecca Stover
Features Editor

Terra Simoneau has made history at McPherson College. A freshman elementary education and spe-

cial education major from Minneapolis, Kan., Simoneau is the first-ever female pole vaulter in the college's track and field history.

Simoneau began her track career as a freshman in high school, but did not participate in pole vault until her sophomore year.

"It was something exciting and didn't require a lot of running," she said, "I have a gymnastics background, so that helped me to be determined

Simoneau, who was coming in with only two weeks of training, did not place with a vault of 8'2".

Nervous and intimidated by the skill and size of the

"I'm excited about track this year. I think the track program is going to go through the roof. Really, the way I see it, we have no where to go but up."



in it. It allowed me to be able to move in the ways I needed to move in order to be successful." Simoneau was the only female pole vaulter all throughout her high school career. Still, her hard work and perseverance took her to state track competitions three years in a row. Simoneau placed second both her sophomore and junior years, but with a broken arm her senior year, she came in 6th. Simoneau was recruited to McPherson College not only for her academics, but also for her incredible athletic abilities in both volleyball and track. So far this season, Simoneau has competed at only one indoor meet, a D-II meet in Missouri.

Photo by Laina McKellip
Left, Terra Simoneau releases the pole as she soars over the bar. Simoneau will have her second attempt at vaulting on Saturday as the track outdoor season commences.

girls competing, Simoneau looks back on the experience as an eye-opener. Now that she has that meet under her belt, she said she has a better idea of what to expect at future meets.

Coach Pete Seal says he is pleased with the progress that Simoneau has made already in the season.

"She did well at her first college-level meet. It was a good start to a successful season," he said. "Basically we keep raising the bar up a little more each practice. We're progressively taking it up and it's just getting easier and easier. We're on a roll now."

With a season goal to break her personal record of 9'6", Simoneau also feels confident about the season.

Photo by Laina McKellip
Simoneau takes a run at pole vaulting. Simoneau is the first female pole vaulter in Mac's history.

KCAC conference athletes announced Alvarez, Odhams receive recognition

Luke Chennell
Editor-in-chief

Women's KCAC all-conference athletes were named on Tuesday, March 11. Erica Alvarez and Sharla Odhams received honors.

Alvarez, a junior from Brownsville, Texas, earned KCAC "Player of the Week" status following the Lady 'Dogs' wins over Saint Mary College and Friends University in mid-January. Alvarez showed promise from the beginning of the season—she was named first team all-conference last year.

Alvarez led the Lady

"Dogs in scoring and ranked ninth in both scoring and rebounding in the KCAC. Her early scoring high of 16.5 points per game quickly dropped as she became a "target" for conference teams to contain. Her average dropped to 13.2 points at the season's end, still a McPherson College team high.

Erica found out what it was like to be a "marked" person the second half of this season," coach Mel Wright said. "After being first team all-conference last season, everyone knew about her. Teams believed that if they could take Erica out of our offense, we would likely

struggle to score points." Alvarez led McPherson 14 times, and had season highs of 23 points against

Oklahoma Wesleyan and Kansas Wesleyan. She became the third member of the McPherson College 1,000 point club this past season. She will enter her senior year with a career total of 1085 points.

Sharla Odhams, a military reservist from Memphis, repeated her all-conference honors this year after a season of high scoring. Odhams finished the season averaging 10.6 points per game and 4.7 rebounds per game. She led McPherson in scoring seven times and rebounding three.

A consistent performer, Odhams averaged 9.5 points per game her sophomore year, 10.7 as a junior, and then 10.6 points as a senior.

She accumulated nearly 100 steals during her career.

Wright had nothing but praise for Odhams.

"A lot of people didn't realize how valuable Sharla was to our team... She was the key to our defense with her quickness out front, and that was doubly important because when we were successful offensively, it was generally a direct result of our defensive play."



Erica Alvarez



Sharla Odhams

Romero, McDonald, Norris named to KCAC All-Conference team

Luke Chennell
Editor-in-chief

KCAC all-conference athletes and teams were announced Tuesday, March 11. McPherson had several athletes make the list.

Kenny Romero, junior basketball forward, was named to the 2002 All-KCAC men's basketball team. Roy McDonald and Jamaal Norris joined Romero in being named to the all-conference team.

Romero is from Pueblo Colorado, and at 6'5", 205 pounds, he finished fourth in the KCAC in individual rebounding, averaging 8.11 per game.

A devastating injury to his shooting hand impaired Romero through the first eleven games of the season, leading to an average of 10.01 points and 6.9

rebounds per game. After his hand recovered, Romero's tallies jumped to 15.3 points and 8.4 rebounds per game over the last 18 games of the season.

His best performance of the season came on January 16, when he socked it to the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes, accumulating a career high of 34 points and 23

rebounds. Romero was twice named the KCAC men's "Player of the Week," leading the Bulldogs in rebounding 19 times, scoring three times, and posting eight double-doubles. Entering his senior year, Romero will have 662 career rebounds, meaning that he is only 60 short of the McPherson College record.

He is currently fifth overall in college history in total scoring, and in his senior year will be looking toward the all-time mark of 1,782 points. He currently has 406 points to go.

"Teams knew that Kenny was our only consistent inside force, so a lot of teams doubled down on him, and made him earn each and every point and

rebound he got," said head basketball coach Roger Trimmell. "We're looking forward to him having a great senior campaign."

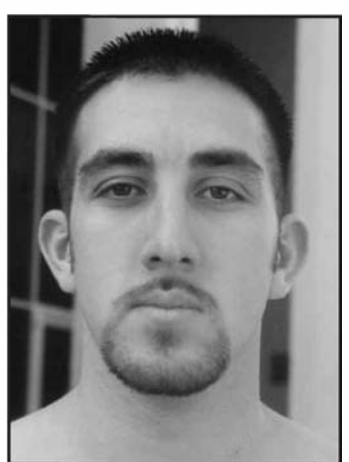
Roy McDonald, also a member of the all-conference team, ranked third among the KCAC's regular season top-ten in assists, averaging 4.82 per game. He averaged a total of 10.7 points per game. McDonald's high in rebounding came when he tied Romero for honors at Ottawa with seven rebounds.

McDonald three times led the Bulldogs in overall scoring, and on Feb. 6 posted his all-time high score of 20 points in a single game.

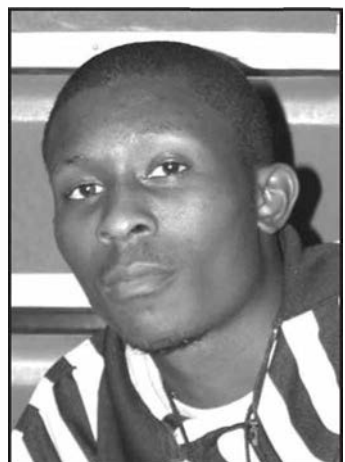
"When Roy concentrated on being our floor leader, and getting the ball to our other players in a position to score, we could be a very good team," said Trimmell.

"Roy hit some big shots that carried us at times during the season, but his leadership, both offensively and defensively, were still his biggest contribution to our team."

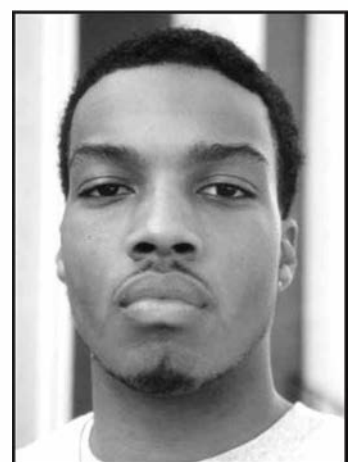
Jamaal Norris, a 6'2" freshman guard from Hutchinson, was also named to the KCAC all conference team. Norris led the 'Dogs in scoring with 14.9 points per game, ranking ninth in the conference. Norris' season high performance was 28 points against Oklahoma Wesleyan. Overall, he had nine games over 20 points. "Jamaal needs to improve his physical strength," said Trimmell. "The competition in the KCAC is much more physical than what he saw in high school. Jamaal has a big up-side though if he gets stronger and develops a more consistent outside shot."



Kenny Romero



Roy McDonald



Jamaal Norris

Football players sponsor babysitting

The McPherson College football team will hold a Bulldog Baby-Sitting Night tonight as a fund raiser. Parents are invited to leave children ages 5-12 at the Sport Center from 5-10 p.m., but kids can be dropped off later and picked up earlier as needed. Football players will offer board games, gym recreation, video games, and movies as part of the entertainment. Snacks will also be provided. The cost is \$15 per child. For two or more kids from the same family, the price will be \$10 per child. To reserve a spot, call the football office at 241-0731, ext. 1237.

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STUDENTS DISCUSS WORLD RELIGIONS



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Travis Clary, soph., Farmington, New Mexico and Bruce Bickel, fr., Hesston discuss the finer points of a text in Herb Smith's World Religions class. The class, a general education offering in religion and philosophy, deals with various cultures and their religious beliefs throughout the world. Smith recently headed a trip of 27 students to China as part of a religion course.

Three clubs denied recognition after SGA evaluation of charters

Shandi Schoming

News Editor

SGA has denied one student organization club recognition—and thus SGA funding—and has asked two other organizations to provide evidence they are meeting their charters or likewise lose their club status and funding.

According to a statement issued by Laura Morgan, student government president, the Computer User's Group was denied club status and funding because it is not meeting students' needs. G-Clef was not funded because no charter was turned in.

SGA denied the Behavioral Sciences Club because it has no known charter, but SGA is allowing

the group until March 21 to develop one.

In addition to those clubs whose funding requests were denied, Alpha Psi Omega was approved only with the understanding that they are not currently meeting their charter.

Along with charters, SGA reviewed lists of active members turned in by the respective clubs and redefined what it means to be an active member.

Twelve clubs had their funding requests approved, which under SGA's new funding procedures, provides approved organizations \$10 for each active member.

Because many of the membership lists submitted to SGA included more student members than those

actively involved, clubs are being asked to reevaluate their lists of active members.

"We had hoped the clubs would understand the intent," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. "An active member is one who is involved, not interested."

Rothrock feels that the change in SGA's support of clubs has thrown some clubs off.

Many clubs believe that they will be receiving less money from SGA, but in the long run could end up receiving more.

According to SGA's new guidelines, an active member of a club is one who attends 50 percent of club events per semester or who pays club dues of at least \$5

per year. Students who attend only required convocations, who major in an area that has a club, or who are spectators or fans a club do not qualify as active members.

To substantiate future claims for active membership, SGA is requiring all clubs to submit attendance reports

All club members will be required to sign an attendance sheet at every event. This sheet will be submitted to the SGA president or LaMonte Rothrock within one full working day of the event.

All persons must be full-time students in order to be considered an active member of a club and receive SGA funding.

Peters presents cloning lecture

Dean Feasenheiser

Spectator Staff

The Center for Religion and Science will host Dr. Ted Peters, professor of systematic theology at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union.

Peters' lecture is entitled "The Cloning and Stem Cell Controversies: A Theological and Ethical Perspective," and will be in Mingenback Theatre, Sunday at 3:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Peters has contributed numerous articles on bioethics including a 2001 article in *The Scientist* entitled "Theological Support of Stem Cell Research."

In this article, Peters outlined a theological basis for stem cell research by highlighting the enormous potential to improve mankind's ability to heal one another.

Besides being a professor, Peters has served in two theological administration positions and was the pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago from 1970 to 1972. He has also been a summer pastor on several occasions.

His current teaching areas include doctorate and master's of divinity theology classes, Lutheran Confessions, and evil, as well as several other areas.

Honors he has received include the Templeton Book Prize, Professor of the Year at Newberry College, and the Graduate Theological Union Distinguished Faculty Lecturer.

Peters is a member of several theological professional organizations, as well as the Human Genome Organization. Besides serving on several University boards, he is also a member of the Ethics Advisory Board of Geron Corporation, a pharmaceutical company.

Peters is being brought to

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-Jonathan Frye

the college with the use of funds from the Metanexus Institute of Religion and Science.

This program works to provide a forum of discussion of the interface of religion and science. Peters was invited to come by Pastor Blythe Sawyer of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in McPherson, who is a co-writer of the CRS grant and met Peters at Berkeley.

Jonathan Frye, associate professor of natural science, is also co-writer of the grant request, and met the speaker at a conference two years ago.

"CRS hosted Ely Wheeler from the National Institute of Health last October on this topic and Peters could shed light on the other side of the viewpoint," Frye said.

Besides sponsoring speakers, CRS maintains a resource room on the second floor of Melhorn Science Hall, which is stocked with books and articles pertaining to religion and science.

The room is also open as a general study room, and is kept stocked with tea and gourmet coffee. CRS also sponsors a monthly discussion for faculty and others in the community.

The forum topic this year is biomedical ethics.

Glickman addresses Iraq situation at second annual Flory Lecture

Luke Chennell

Editor in Chief

Dan Glickman, former head of the U.S. department of agriculture, came to McPherson College last Sunday and spoke to an audience of 250 people from the community and the college about his views on Iraq and possible policy options.

The evening started with a touch of humor. Glickman, who lectures regularly around the country, has had everything from tofu pies to buffalo offal thrown at him during previous lectures. This one, he said, was a little calmer.

Glickman stayed away from positively stating his position on war. Instead, he urged moderation and thought before action.

"I'm troubled by the rapidity with which this has happened," he said. "It's very hard to pull ourselves back out of this."

"I couldn't really make out what he said," said Andrew Gustafson, jr., McPherson. "He skirted the issues and didn't really make a point. I

enjoyed the lecture, but there didn't seem to be much purpose to it."

Glickman spoke for about 30 minutes before opening the floor to questioners. Students, members of the community, and faculty all asked questions about the current situation. For the most part, Glickman didn't have solid answers. "I can't second guess... what Bush knows about the current situation."

"I enjoyed the talkback he had," said Dan Butler, jr., Beaman, Iowa, "and I think people got some good questions in."

Overall, Glickman urged a policy of careful thought and action. He urged that the United States should only enter a war on a coalition basis, and that public officials should be flexible in their decisions.

"People in charge must not be ideologically governed," he said.

Glickman was secretary of agriculture from 1995-2001. He represented Kansas in both the House and Senate from 1977 to 1994.

"Most of you know it was-



photo by Laina McKellip

Steve Gustafson, professor of music, speaks with Dan Glickman, former head of U.S. department of agriculture, who spoke at the second annual Flory Lecture Sunday, March 9. Glickman addressed the campus on his views of the situation with Iraq. After the lecture there was a talkback session where a number of issues were addressed.

n't a good time to be a Democrat in 1994", Glickman said, "I found it out the hard way."

Before his term in Congress, Glickman was a partner in a Wichita law firm. He originally hails

from Wichita.

The lecture was provided for by the Flory Lecture in Public Policy, established to honor Dr. Raymond Flory and his wife, Rowena. Raymond Flory died in November 2002.

Overall, Glickman was pleased with the lecture and the opportunities it presented him.

"It's great when you're not running for office... you can say whatever you want."

NEWS BRIEFS

Smith presents Buddhism lecture

Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, recently presented "The Historical Development of Buddhism" at the East Asia Institute held at Kansas State University.

Previously, Smith published an article on "political violence in Buddhist traditions" in the Harvard Divinity Bulletin.

Brown participates in conference

Jessica Brown, director of adult education, recently participated on a discussion panel sponsored by the Kansas City Army Corps of Engineers Federal Women's Program Committee in conjunction with Women's History Month.

The 2003 theme, "Women Pioneering the Future," focused on those who participated in equal rights movements.