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Students to test new visitation hours

Shandi Schoming
Editor in Chief

Trial visitation hours will be in effect at the beginning of next week.

Starting Monday, weekday hours will be 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. and weekend hours will be from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Visitation hours currently run from 11 a.m. to midnight on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. on weekends.

After one week of the trial hours, resident assistants will be in contact with students to do a survey, developed by SGA, which will evaluate student concerns,

New Visitation Hours	
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Weekends:	9 a.m. to 2 a.m.
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said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

The survey will be done privately so students have a chance to voice their true opinions of the policy.

Although SGA proposed open weekend hours to the president's cabinet, those hours will not be tested this year.

Next year, SGA will do more research to outline the benefits of how open weekend visitation enhances students' college experiences. In particular, SGA will how the other Brethren colleges' structure their visitation policies.

Rebecca Stover, SGA president, said the board

wants students to see results.

"We've been trying hard to make something happen," Stover said. "We're taking it in steps so it doesn't fall through."

If the new hours are a positive change, Rothrock said they would remain in effect until the end of the year.

"We've (SGA) done all we can do," Stover said. "Now it's in the hands of the students. Their behavior will make the final decision."

Rothrock said results from the surveys should be reported back to the student body early in the week of May 10.

Campus remembers fight to end segregation

Patricia Goering
News Editor

A recent reading of "Now Let Me Fly," a play based on oral histories and personal interviews from the Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education*, reminded students and staff of the fight to end segregation and the ongoing struggle to diversify McPherson College.

The April 20 reading was part of the A Nation Acts program, which is attempting to organize simultaneous readings of the play across the country to mark the 50th anniversary of the landmark integration case.

An eight-person cast, composed of faculty and students, managed to read the 22-part play.

Readers included: Bruce Clary, professor of English; Kelli Johnson, personal counselor; David Barrett, academic counselor; Nancy Pennell, assistant professor of theater; Brandon Pitts, soph., San Antonio, Texas; Kari Kresky, sr., McPherson; and Sandra Isom, sr., Inman.

Although LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, said he does not remember any conscious segregation at McPherson College, he does recall trouble getting the surrounding community to accept diversity.



Bruce Clary, professor of English, Jill Brax, library tech, and David Barrett, academic counselor, take part in the reading of "Now Let Me Fly" in honor of the 50th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court case.

Susan Taylor, librarian, also remembers trouble with the community. When her grandfather worked at the college, he would invite the African American members of the opposing basketball teams to stay in his home because they were not welcome in the area hotels.

When the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision desegregated public schools this also brought more diversity to McPherson College because minorities were more likely to attend the schools MC had connections with, Rothrock said.

This opened the door for minorities to find out about higher education opportunities, Rothrock said.

Pitts said he believes McPherson College has good diversity. He sees the college trying to increase diversity on campus and believes it is doing the best it can in central Kansas.

"I can see the effort [to increase diversity] and I applaud it, but there is always room for improvement," said Kenny Manhamo, campus minister.

Even with all the effort to increase diversity the college has to overcome a few hurdles. It is hard to get students from different backgrounds because the majority of today's students are staying closer to home, Taylor said. This poses a problem for McPherson since the surrounding communities are predominantly white.

McPherson is trying to recruit in some minority publications and in areas with larger minority populations, Rothrock said.

SPRING IS A RINGER



photo by Sheila Bevan

Laura Engquist, fr., McPherson is playing horseshoes on the lawn outside Metzler Hall. The warm weather has lured many students out of their dorm rooms and Engquist is no exception.

Honors Convocation to undergo changes

Tiffany Barry
Spectator Staff

The annual student honors convocation will undergo some significant changes this year.

"This year we are going to make the award convocation fun and meaningful for all the students," said Laura Eells, dean of the faculty.

The convocation begins at 1 p.m., Friday, May 7, in Brown Auditorium. All students are required to attend and must produce their student I.D. to receive credit.

Everyone in attendance will receive a keepsake booklet that will have a list of all the student organizations and activities that students have participated in this year. As part of the booklet, professors have been asked to submit the

names of all the students who have participated in an activity.

The communications department is also producing a multimedia presentation highlighting the year's events that will be shown during the convocation. Faculty and student organizations were asked to submit photos.

"It will be fun to reflect on truly memorable events that have taken place throughout the year," Eells said.

The awards convocation will be limited to the Who's Who faculty member award and awards for students that have been defined as outstanding in their area.

In addition, an insert will be distributed after the program that will list recipients of the various awards.

Local pastor to assume campus minister position

Patricia Goering
News Editor

The McPherson Church of the Brethren approved a proposal last Sunday to allow one of its co-pastors to assume the college's campus pastor position.

Either Pastor Chris Whitacre or Pastor Shawn Flory Replogle will be working quarter-time as campus minister next year.

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, said he hopes to announce which of the two pastors will take the position before students

leave for summer vacation.

The campus minister's responsibilities will include directing spiritual life on campus, planning chapel, organizing Bible studies and leading the campus ministries team.

The changes were initiated by budget constraints in student services, Rothrock said. An adjustment in priorities had to be made and now multiple people will be working in the campus ministries area.

This team approach

should allow improvements in campus ministries by bringing several different strengths to the program and allowing more diverse activities and experiences, Rothrock said.

Kelli Johnson, personal counselor, will cover the counseling side of campus ministries while Tracy Stoddart, resident director and SGA and SAB advisor, will coordinate volunteer and service work and plan work camps and religious retreats.



Patrick Grass
Spectator Staff

After wading through snowdrifts and leaning into sub-zero wind walking around campus, spring is finally here. Birds are singing, flowers are blooming and everything is becoming fat and full. Springtime activities, sports, and car washing without a parka resume once more.

This spring also brings the fifth McPherson College C.A.R.S. Club car show to campus on May 1.

This year's show will

C.A.R.S. Club show features Phantom I

include many custom cars, restored vehicles, original vehicles, motorcycles, hot rods and the feature car—a 1929 Rolls Royce Phantom I that was awarded Best in Class and Most Elegant Closed Car in the 2003 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

This year's show will include vehicles from all over the country, which will help gain publicity and support for the college and restoration program on a national level.

Tours of the restoration facilities will take place all day long.

Vendors will be on site and there will be goody bags, dash plaques, raffle prizes and trophies for the top 20 vehicles.

The show will be a good way for McPherson College and students of the automotive restoration program to build good relations with the automotive restoration industry.

This is one way the club gives back to the community—by hosting a day of fun, displaying rolling art, and allowing the public to see the fruits of the educational endeavors undertaken by students.

OUR LEAD EDITORIALS

Diversity is plentiful, but not taken seriously

Issue: Diversity on campus.

Our Position: Diversities aren't receiving fair attention.

The recent "Now Let Me Fly" reading to mark the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education case hopefully got some members of the campus community thinking about diversity. For a small, private college in central Kansas, McPherson College has a fairly diverse population. Not only do students come

from a variety of cultural backgrounds, but there is also a good mix of different interests. The campus as a whole seems to be making an attempt to increase students' knowledge of diversity, but have students taken advantage of it?

Throughout the past academic year, there have been several campus events that acknowledged diversity and encouraged members of campus to become more aware. When Nancy Sanchez, a Colombian speaker, came to campus only one student in attendance, and about four students attended the "Now Let Me Fly" reading.

Last month a Kaleidoscope representative came to discuss an allies group, but has any action been taken to go any further on the issue of homosexuality?

This weekend the C.A.R.S. Club is holding its annual car show. Students should take some time to attend the event and support one of the larger groups on campus and get a feel for what this group is doing.

While the campus provides students the opportunities to be involved and to educate themselves on the diversity issue, it seems that many students aren't taking the opportunity to embrace it. The end of the academic year is quickly approaching. We hope students will step outside their circle to see what their peers have been up to for the past year.

GOOD DOGS / BAD DOGS

GOOD DOGS

Staff Association for the free donuts.

Nancy Pennett, Rick Tyler, Steve Gord, and the entire cast and crew for "The King and I" for an outstanding music and theater experience.

Susan Taylor for hosting the Brown vs. Board of education reading.

Student Services for coming up with All-School's Day Blowout.

BAD DOGS

LaMonte Rothrock for not providing the Spector staff a reason to give him a Bad Dog award.

Person(s) responsible for buying prizes for All-School's Day Blowout from Wal-Mart rather than local businesses.

Mac student body for its apathy about filling elected SGA positions.

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MAC OPINIONS

What would you like to change on campus?

"This school definitely needs to recruit more girls, and hot ones at that."

Lucas Oswald, fr., McPherson



"I would like for students to be better-advised or have have classes offered every year."

Samantha Bishop, jr., Ft. Worth, Texas



"Later visitation hours"

Deidre Frager, fr., Morrowville



"More well-equipped dorm kitchens."

Rylee Miller, soph., Rangely Colo.



"I'd like to see more diversity."

Justyn Shaw, Jr., Tulsa, Okla.



"Dog chow in the salad bar."

Elsie Therapy Dog

Instead of objectivity to guide debates, the latest trend suggests violence



Guest Columnist

Adam Peer

I was watching 20/20 recently and saw something that astonished me.

As an accomplished, Harvard-educated African American writer and scholar came out of a crowded college auditorium where he had just been booed, heckled, and prevented from finishing his remarks, he was pelted with fruit, called a racist, and sent reeling back into his tour bus.

What was doubly shocking was that his assailants were predominantly Caucasian.

I thought to myself, "What on earth could this poor man have said to provoke such a response from a Caucasian crowd?"

Could he be stating the case for slavery reparations? Was he pigeonholed in some ultra-racist southern town and speaking against the local chapter of the KKK?

As the story unfolded, I not only learned that he had received similar treatment in locations all over the country, but he was speaking on a college campus, which is supposed to serve as the last bastion of free speech and thought.

What is even more outrageous is that he was speaking against affirmative action!

So here he is, an African-American gentleman, being

heckled, assaulted, and disallowed to present his message on affirmative action by Caucasian audiences. Peaceful protests are a great way to express a dissenting opinion. I believe in openly debating topics and expressing opinions and ideas in any and all possible situations.

But this man wasn't even allowed to speak. He was forcibly removed by the mob, and received minimal protection from the university.

This seems to be the norm these days. Emotions have overrun objectivity, as those who yell the loudest usually get the final word.

On topics such as economics, race relations and foreign policy, internalized belief structures and personal ideologies provoke emotionally-charged combatants to take the place of objective and thorough thinkers. Morality, personal agendas, belief systems and a broad sense of moral superiority permeate modern debates as most people seem to take a question about any one of

their closely-garnered beliefs as an attack on them as a person.

No wonder apathy is so widespread; stating one's opinion has become synonymous with streaking at a rifle range.

Who is to blame for all of this? What menacing element has catalyzed such a disturbing development in the evolution of rhetorical goings on?

I would say that it is a culmination of factors.

The first problem is that people take good ideas and opinions and twist them into internalized beliefs. They become a part of the person until those good ideas become permanent parts of one's own being, no more open for debate than an arm or a leg, inasmuch as that suggesting that the leg is incorrect implies that it should be amputated.

The next time you get into a discussion with someone over a belief of theirs, think to yourself whether or not it would actually be easier to persuade that person to cut off an arm or a leg than to change his or her belief on the topic. The answer may surprise you.

The second problem is the social dogma of political correctness.

A sense of political correctness has turned the

world into a big bunch of divisive spinsters.

We live in an imposed state of perpetual apology. Before we speak, we must first put our statements through the filter of political correctness so as to avoid conflict or hurt feelings. You will be bought and sold 10 times behind your back by the time you hit 25 whether you know it or not, and more times than not it will be in the name of your own feelings, or your assailant's fear of conflict.

When will people wake up and start saying what they mean? How can anything ever get solved if we're always speaking in code, too afraid to hurt each other's feelings to afford the common courtesy of honesty? Political correctness is now to the point of social dogma, and it's limiting us as people and as a society.

In the end, it's up to us as individuals. We must learn to be objective, open and tolerant.

We must be willing to examine our thoughts and ideas objectively so that those good ideas don't turn into internalized beliefs.

Will this happen anytime soon? Probably not. Though free speech isn't dead, modern society barely affords it a leg to stand on.

Our generation is finally on a quest for truth



Guest Columnist

Nick Anderson

It's more apparent to me that there are too many people wasting their lives because they don't know what they're living for. Look around you, and it's easy to see that a large cut of our society lives with their day-to-day grind going nowhere fast.

The last several generations have been progressively falling away from having lives of purpose.

I think the 60s and 70s got some of the hardest hits, with much of the under-50 crowd getting heavy into drugs and "free love."

Then there was the 80s. The 80's stunk all the way around; the cars, the clothes, most of the music, and check those hairstyles!

Anyway, the point is that you didn't see a lot of people coming from those years that made much of a positive influence on anybody. Most of the names remembered -the rock stars and celebrities etc.- were mostly famous for not-so-great endeavors. The last few generations have been brought up by parents who were immersed in this same

world, which becomes arguably worse and worse each time.

Only recently has there been an advancing movement of the masses looking for truth.

The film industry, which for several years had all but given out on making any meaningful movies, has been responding to the increase in interest.

In the last five or 10 years, dozens of films such as "Remember the Titans," "Braveheart" and the Matrix trilogy have been feeding the hunger of the general public for taking in something with reason and purpose behind it. Too obvious to need mention, "The Passion of the Christ" made the biggest impact on the contemporary world with its contentious portrayal of uncompromised depth. People are looking for pur-

pose and truth. Each of us is nothing on our own. We always need someone to love us and need someone to love. We're always in need of something; we're reliant on outside forces bigger than just ourselves.

Many people don't know how or where to look for the truth, meaning and purpose that they need to live a free life. I see a lot of people around me who are using drugs or alcohol or sex to try and fill these dependencies. In trying to make their lives fuller, they bring on other things that only become addictions. There's a craving for the next fix; the next high that will keep you going above this life that seems to drag you down.

Do I have a suggestion for

what the answer is? Not anything more than I have found from experience.

Whoever you are, and wherever you are in life, the answer to the problem is Jesus. God created us all with only one dependency, and that was the need for the freedom only found in knowing Him.

I would be doing a disservice to anyone I considered a friend if I didn't tell them how to find help, as well as dishonoring my King who was killed for me.

The only way to fully experience anything your Creator has to offer is to give up trying to do everything on your own, make yourself available to Him, and fully believe and expect that something will happen. What the rest of the world has to offer might look like more fun, but it will always sell you short in the end.

It's just like committing your life to a career or spouse or a family; it will take everything you have to make it work, so in the same way, always remember that there is no such thing as a part-time Christian.

April 30, 2004
Question: What do if you had to like you were a when you were a full-time under I ask because position my peer soon be in as we degrees. The college's c cy says a senior commencement or she has six or to complete the the degree. However, education major English m instance, need finish their Eng But if they also certified to teach have to add courses on to major requirem

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Graduation policy needs work

Question: What would you do if you had to pay school like you were a graduate when you were actually still a full-time undergraduate? I ask because this is the position my peers and I may soon be in as we pursue our degrees.



Guest Columnist

Nick Griggs

The college's current policy says a senior may walk at commencement only if he or she has six or fewer hours to complete the bachelor's degree. However, many students, including myself, are education majors in a specific area.

English majors, for instance, need four years to finish their English degree. But if they also want to get certified to teach, then they have to add education courses on top of their major requirements.

Here is where the twist is thrown in. Many are unable to complete degree requirements and endorsement requirements—including a full semester of student teaching—in eight semesters. Some require nine or even ten semesters to finish. Then what?

Most people choose to walk with the class they entered with, how they have been classified from the beginning of their attendance at McPherson College. However, the policy now states that you can't

walk with your class and come back the next semester and still be considered an undergraduate student. Are you finished with your degree though?

One of the first things these new "graduates" will have to do is file for an extension of any loan payment: the six-month grace period will end while they student teaching. It is impossible to pay for loans and student teach at the same time.

With all these decisions, what do you do? Some people have figured, "What is the point in walking if I can't be considered an undergraduate and receive my institutional aid or federal grants when I return?"

Walking across the stage and receiving that piece

paper that only symbolizes a diploma is symbolic in itself. It means a lot to people to participate in the walking ceremony. It's a sign of completion.

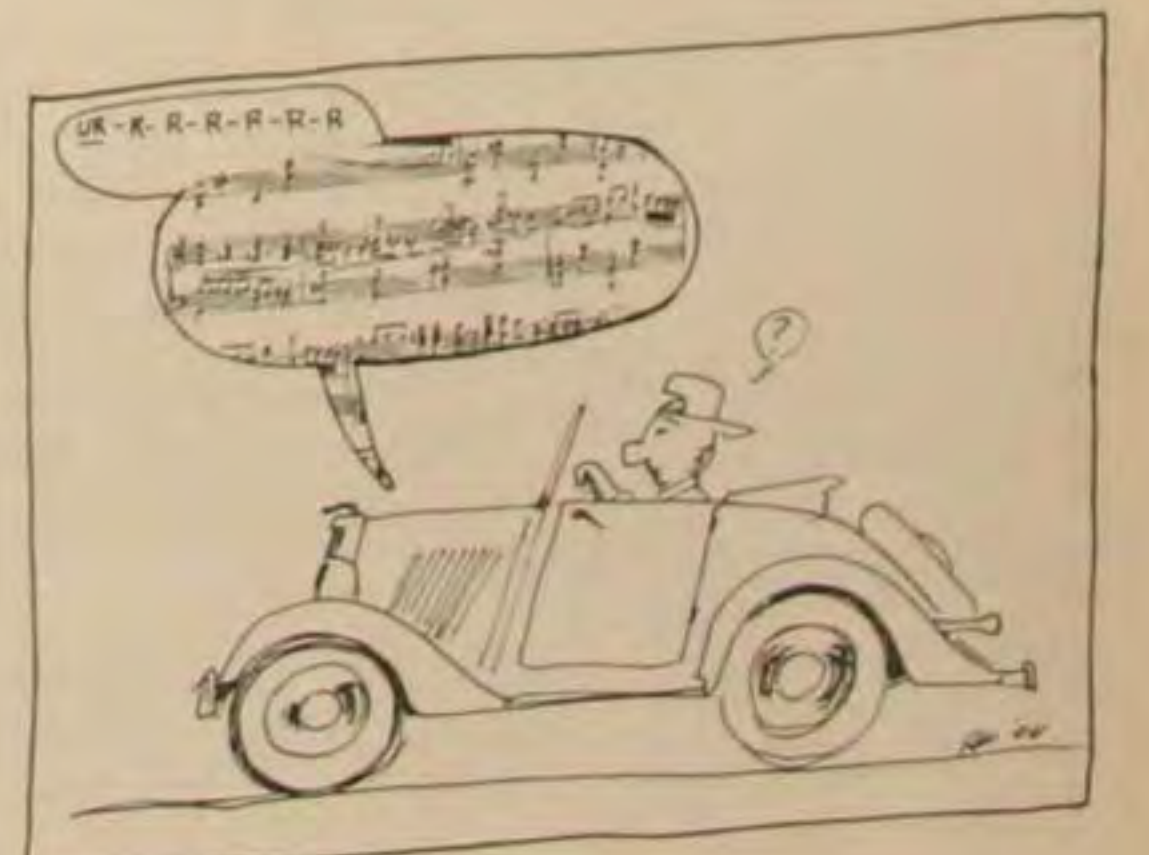
But some people haven't had that choice. Their choice has been walk now and pay a lot more later, or don't walk and pay normal prices later.

I hope that those who are reconsidering the policy keep in mind all of those students who are currently stuck between a rock and a hard place, and the ones who follow who will be stuck the same way.

Editor's Note: The EPC met Friday morning to reconsider the policy requiring seniors to be within 6 hours of graduating to walk at commencement.

MAC the MECHANIC

by C.A. Gray



What dictates who our enemies are?

In these days of what seems to be unending war, I find myself wondering why we are at war.

Why are we really there? Why aren't our reasons for our pre-meditated attack finding backing and substantiation? Why isn't a resolution coming soon? Why are these people "my" enemy? Who is my enemy?

Our social system seems to run on having a common threat or enemy to motivate the people. It is a state of mind that appears to be a part of human nature.

War is the biggest influence on the common enemy. The Crusades pitted European Catholicism against Near Eastern Islam. The people were told that the other side was their enemy. These wars were fought for control of a city that had been in conflict for centuries.

Native Americans were perceived as the enemy for centuries of European encroachment. It resulted in one of the largest genocide movements the world has ever seen.

The advent of propaganda increased the common awareness of the "enemy." For the U.S. in World Wars I and II, it was the Germans. For the Cold War, it was the communists of Russia. The Iraqis and Saddam Hussein became our enemies in Desert Storm and now Iraqi Freedom. Terrorism and its participants are our greatest enemies today.

Why are these people my enemy? That is a thought



Something Derivative

Daniel Butler

thrown around today; the idea of "an enemy of the American people."

We fought the evil dictatorial regime of Hussein and his Baath followers. They made biological weapons and tested them on civilians. They became enemies of humanity. Thus they are the enemies of the American people and must be my enemy, but it is hard to accept that justification for one reason.

We went into an uneasy world of religious tension and turned that world upside down, and now we are trying to apply a quick fix of democracy and good ol' American know-how. We took out the bad guy, our enemy, and saved the people.

What exactly did we think would happen by creating a power vacuum in the area? We Americans have now become the enemy of many Iraqis. So do they become my enemy because, by the government's actions, I have become theirs? This is another frightening tale of Islamic and Christian worlds colliding at break-neck speeds.

Look at domestic violence and hate crimes. As long as there have been differing opinions, there seems to be some form of stupidity following.

The Civil Rights movement was whites and the repression of those not white. The Eugenics movement was good Americans against foreigners and the feeble-minded. The KKK seems to hate everything not white, Christian, and straight.

There are bigots for everything and more people that don't like bigotry.

Why in a world of so much frustrating nonsense is there the incessant need to point a finger and say "I don't like you 'cause...'"? Maybe what I'm looking for is too utopian and can only be found in a sci-fi book or in a state of extreme medication.

Why do I need a common enemy? Why do we need that sort of pigeon-holing of a secular, ethnic, or political group?

One thing I find refreshing on campus is the appearance of a non-homogenized group. We are different and accept it.

There are quarrels and spats, but I haven't seen an all-out fight between two groups that are only separated by the ideas in their minds. Here there is no common enemy (I am excluding homework and college debt, they are in a different category).

I am brought back to "who are these people and why have they been chosen as my enemy?"

I don't like being told that I have to hate someone just because and without proof. Like in Afghanistan, the country was a known harbor

for terrorist groups. We carpet-bombed them back to the Stone Age. I love a good explosion now and then, but we destroyed an entire country.

The Afghani people went from evil terrorism sympathizers to those unfortunate souls that were caught up in the destruction. What a load of crap.

We knew we were attacking civilian targets. Many were wounded and killed to get a few terrorists. These people were not my enemy. They did nothing wrong.

By the way this all works out, I must be my own enemy because of who we are told to like and not like. My conclusion is that it is not the people that are the enemy but the people that are in the government and those that are influential in society that proliferate this sense of a common enemy. War mongers, homophobes, racists, religious extremists, people that find a cause and vilify someone in order to sway the peoples' opinions.

It seems counter-productive to label someone as an enemy of the people when I am saying not to. This is why society needs to evaluate, person to person, why they have this enemy. Is it because the bomb hospitals and churches, or is it because they have a different ideology and culture?

Focus not on what you are fed by the government and extremists, but search out why we have these enemies and if they are really our common enemy.

Being happy is too easy; try being content

A couple weeks ago I was at the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press conference in Wichita and had the pleasure to hear Larry Hattberg from KAKE-10 give a presentation on some of his experiences as a journalist and news anchor.

One story that stuck out in his mind from his 40 years on the job was a story he did about a man who lived on an 80-acre stretch of land without a home. Instead, he made do literally living in a hole in the ground.

He hadn't bathed in about 25 years. He was toothless. Whenever he scratched his neck, Hattberg watched the layers of dirt flake off the skin.

Hattberg was awestruck by what he saw. He wondered how a man could handle these elements.

The reason was simple: he was happy with simplicity. He never left his land. He had a few friends who



Ground-Level Pedestal

Michael Warner

would run errands for him and bring back food for him and take care of his finances. He had the money stored away in the hole he made for himself.

But something that intrigued Hattberg was that this guy was not only happy, he was content.

It was about 11:30 a.m. when I heard him speak, so my mind was more on food than anything. But when I started to think about Hattberg's point, it made me think hard about my desires in life and what it would take for me to reach that level of contentment.

Life is good right now. My grades are high, my health is good, school is almost out,

I'm about to embark on an internship and I'm always able to enjoy solitude.

However, these happy feelings are a chore to maintain.

I find it a little ironic that I'm preaching about how to be content when I recently had to be treated for anxiety.

But during that time, I came to find that I wasn't the only one going to war on mind troubles. It turned out a friend near and dear to me was experiencing the same problems.

Is this anxiety thing the latest fad? Has Western culture worked itself mad? What price do we need to pay to be content in life?

What am I talking about? My idea of being content is being able to sit back and breathe a sigh of relief I don't have anything to get done for the next day. The good feeling lasts two minutes. It makes my week.

What upsets me most is

that the things that I need to be fully content are out of my reach, or are things that I can't control.

I want to find a well-paying job that will support my family and keep me interested. First, I need to go through college and, possibly marry. I have a year to go before I graduate, and my girlfriend is in Scotland at the moment.

How can I be content now?

Well, maybe I can try enjoying college. It's almost finals time. It's not possible to relax.

Perhaps I should play my guitars. No, I'm too busy. Food is a nice getaway. It would be nicer if the cooks in the cafeteria were a little less onion-crazy.

Isn't this pathetic? I've got a long way to go to be as content as that guy who lived in a hole.

I'll start digging when I find the time.



P O E T R Y

Month

Students, faculty and staff had the opportunity to submit original poetry to be posted on McPherson's National Poetry Month Web site. Here are some of their submissions.

Twelve and Traveling Alone

by John Hawk, Staff

Stepping outside
Today
Feels like
Stepping off a bus
In a new town
Where
Little black bugs
Disappear into cracks
Disappear
Beneath my shadow
Everyone sleeps
Under lamppost
light...Tonight
No one talks of love
Or war
Or commitment
The bus fades
Staccato of heels
Or hooves
Diminishing
Taking my thoughts
And leaving me
Daydreaming

I Did Not Know

by Jonathan Frye, Faculty

I did not know, before this trip,
how lonely it would be
to rise and work, to eat and sleep,
without your company.

Nor did I know, before we met,
how blessed my life would be:
to sleep and rise, to work and eat,
to join, a family.

But now I know, we'll share a prize,
the best is yet to be:
to work and eat, to sleep and rise
together joyfully.

Bright

by Val Inniss-Thompson, Freshman chemistry major

light as day
sweet as night
i wait all day
to hear your voice take me away
to a place of sweet symphony
and beautiful grace
how much i want to kiss your soft face
lying here in wait
the words do escape
that i love you
and when i can't talk to you i feel so blue
i love to hear your sweet voice
and the things you have to say
but in the same token i'm scared you'll go away
and leave my heart in shambles
as it's always been
but still with your sweet symphony
playing in my head.

Untitled

by Sarah Vermillion, Freshman English major

The dark, warm night sky
covers her naked body
Her only respect

Now she has freedom
No more will she be sneered at
She made her way out

Tonight was the night
Liberation finally She is free now, gone

46th and Lee

by Gwendolyn Mattson, Junior art major

And out he leapt like a lion from a
sea of mist, his gloved hands sliding strands
of iridescence from his eyes
and sheets of sun from his brow,
he emerged from the gray truck
to gather trash.

And as he worked
his mind stretched in visions of earth and song,
memories of touch and the taste of sweat
sweet on his lips,
he plucked morning from the air, the wind bowing
to his face,
and chucked the garbage into the night.

Now I Cry Myself to Sleep

by Desiree Bostic, Junior

Now I cry myself to sleep
Hoping that I won't get beat
If he comes before I wake
I know my bones he will

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Slamming me against the walls
I try to ease my fall
Hands too strong and full of pain
I know he thinks he's not the blame

Blacks and blues cover my face
Glass and furniture all over the place
Hope no one heard my screaming voice
I should have done all the chores

Before I cried myself to sleep
Wishing I could one day leave
Now I lie here in this box
No longer a refugee in his life.

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BY TIM COX, SOPHOMORE CHEMISTRY MAJOR

THE WIND'S FURY SPEAKS TO ME
TELLS ME TO NEVER SIT, JUST RUN
RUN WITH FLOWING SPEED
DEPEND YOURSELF, BUT ALLOW LOVE
AND LIGHT IN YOUR LIFE
LET THE SUN'S MIGHT, BRIGHTEN YOUR
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TO OPEN THE GATE, WALK THE PATH,
BUT REMEMBER THE DAYS
SEARCH THE DEPTHS OF YOUR SOUL,
FIND PEACE
DON'T BE ASHAMED AND LOVE YOURSELF
LET'S GO AND FINISH OUR LIVES
LOOKING BACK AT THE CONFUSING TIMES
ALLOW PEACE TO SETTLE

Hands

by Derrick Mead,
Freshman communications major

Idle hands tied-
Behind my back and wait
For you or what s to come.
Another pair tick-
Slowly round the clock.
Tick away the time,
I sit here in the dark.
My world is the future and
In your hands it sets.
All the different types-
Shapes and all the colors,
Sizes of all might vary.
All the hands-
The hands of yours and mine.
All across the world-
Holding all our fate,
Only at the palm.
Careful not to tremble,
The world then would tumble.
And fall just to the ground, so
We could only pick it up,
And hold it once again.
Now it s all in pieces, but
Slowly we will mend.
Using nothing but our hands,
We can slowly mend it all.
And once the world s fixed,
We then can walk away.
Off into the sunset,
With your hand holding mine.

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Lara Lichty
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Freshmen practice third part of college mission

Lara Lichty
Features Editor

Only eight months have passed, but memories of orientation weekend seem far away. I remember the bewilderment among us freshmen as we were forced to line up in straight lines to process to the hum of bagpipes.

It didn't take long for the "letters" given to each group to fade and for seminar groups to feel routine.

Seminar groups, said Kevin Hadduck, director of the center for academic development, are just one puzzle piece in completing McPherson College's mission of developing whole persons through scholarship, participation and service.

The group sessions make an effort to orient students to college life and to prepare them for what comes after college, but some would argue the group has a much greater purpose.

In previous years, freshmen participated in service projects during freshman orientation. This year that changed. Each freshman seminar group was expected to do at least one project together as a group during the semester.

Hadduck believes there is a great need for greater emphasis on community service. He also believes these service projects are a vital part of education.

"We want students to understand the importance of being involved in the community, to understand how a community works and what a community needs," Hadduck said. "We want them to experience education outside of the classroom, beyond book learning, in the context of being involved with and serving the community."

So what has everyone been doing? Has the college truly given something to the community of McPherson? I'll let you decide...

Group A, led by Dave Barrett and Shandi Schoming, sr., Davenport, Neb., spent time in December working as Christmas elves. They



photo by Anne Kirchner

Ryan Souter, Wichita and Tyler Soeken, Scott City, work on a new path for their freshman seminar project.

helped children pick out Christmas gifts for their families and then entertained them while they waited for their parents to return. Some helped with crafts, others fed the children cookies, while others shopped with children, advising them on what to buy.

Dave Hoffman and Nick Griggs, jr., Colorado Springs, led Group C. This group found time to be "college buddies" to local kindergarten students any Friday that the group could go together.

"I really enjoyed hanging out with the kids for awhile. We got to have recess and snack time," Mark Tobias, fr., Conrad, Iowa said.

Steve Gustafson and Rebecca Stover, jr., Quinter, led Group E in a more creative service project. This group of freshmen took elementary students bowling on various occasions.

Group F did not go unnoticed on campus. On several occasions they sat outside the cafeteria, surveying students about visitation hours.

"Doing those three surveys for fun brought us all together," Nick McKellip, Nampa, Idaho said.

This group's official project is in progress right now. Led by Kelli Johnson and Jenny Harper, jr., Grimes, Iowa, this group is making an attempt to collect

unwanted items from students to give to Good Beginning's Preschool. This is a continuation of a senior project from last year in which the environmental friendliness on campus was studied. Thirteen hundred dollars were raised last year for the preschool, and this seminar group expects to help the church earn even more for the children this year.

Tim Hubin and Luke Eberly, jr., Silver Lake, Ind., led Group H in cleaning up Lakeside Park. Group I, led by Bryan Midgley and Justyn Shaw, jr., Tulsa, Okla., also worked on the cleanup.

Herb Smith and Heather Elrod's, sr., Kansas City, group worked individually at the preschool located at the Brethren Church. They talked and played with the kids. One individual helped



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Kelsey Crist, fr., Bennington, and Lyndsi Dooley, fr., Sand Springs, Okla., prepare items for Group F's project of raising money for Good Beginning's Preschool.

the Kiwanis Club Food Drive. Two other members volunteered for the YMCA Punt, Pass, and Kick Contest.

Cody Chaffin, Hays, felt the value of helping with the

sr., Rangely, Colo., aside from keeping the deli in business by frequently meeting there, served the campus community by building a path from Mohler to the Sport Center this spring.

Group D, consisting mostly of auto restoration students, led by Gary Entz and Matt Tobias, sr., Conrad, Iowa, took on another campus job. They painted the campus greenhouse orange.

Painting the stadium's bleachers was the biggest project done by group J, led by LaMonte Rothrock and Kenny Romero, sr., McPherson. They also did some landscaping at President Hovis' home.

Overall, most students

seem to have enjoyed their projects, and the faculty members continue to stress the value of student service projects.

"I think service projects fall hand in hand with our mission statement at McPherson College," Trimmell said. "It's important rather than talking about it to get out and participate actively in the community."

Hadduck is constantly working to improve these seminar groups and looks forward to receiving student evaluations of their first-year seminar groups. Hadduck welcomes suggestions that students may have for next year's seminars.

"We want students to understand the importance of being involved in the community, to understand how a community works and what a community needs..."

—Kevin Hadduck

a lady move her belongings to the Cedars Village.

Another community project was accomplished by coach Trimmell and Rod Boatner's, jr., Henderson, Nev., group this winter. Group L collected food for

contest.

"It really felt good to help out the community," Chaffin said.

Other groups served the campus in some fashion.

Group B, led by Bruce Clary and Shanna Hayden,

Neufeld to say goodbye after 17 years at Mac

Laurie Neiman
Spectator Staff

The Spectator has featured faculty in the art and music departments who will not return next year. Now we say goodbye to one of the familiar faces in the science and math departments.

Robert Neufeld announced earlier this spring that he would be leaving McPherson at the end of this semester. Neufeld was planning to take a second sabbatical sometime in the near future. However, he decided to take action a bit earlier than he had planned when the voluntary severance package was offered.

"I have no big travel plans," Neufeld said.

Neufeld doesn't expect to end his teaching career yet.

"I would expect to be teaching somewhere in the fall," Neufeld said.

Neufeld is well known for his teaching of mathematics and computer science at McPherson College. However, many are unaware of the many other contributions Neufeld has

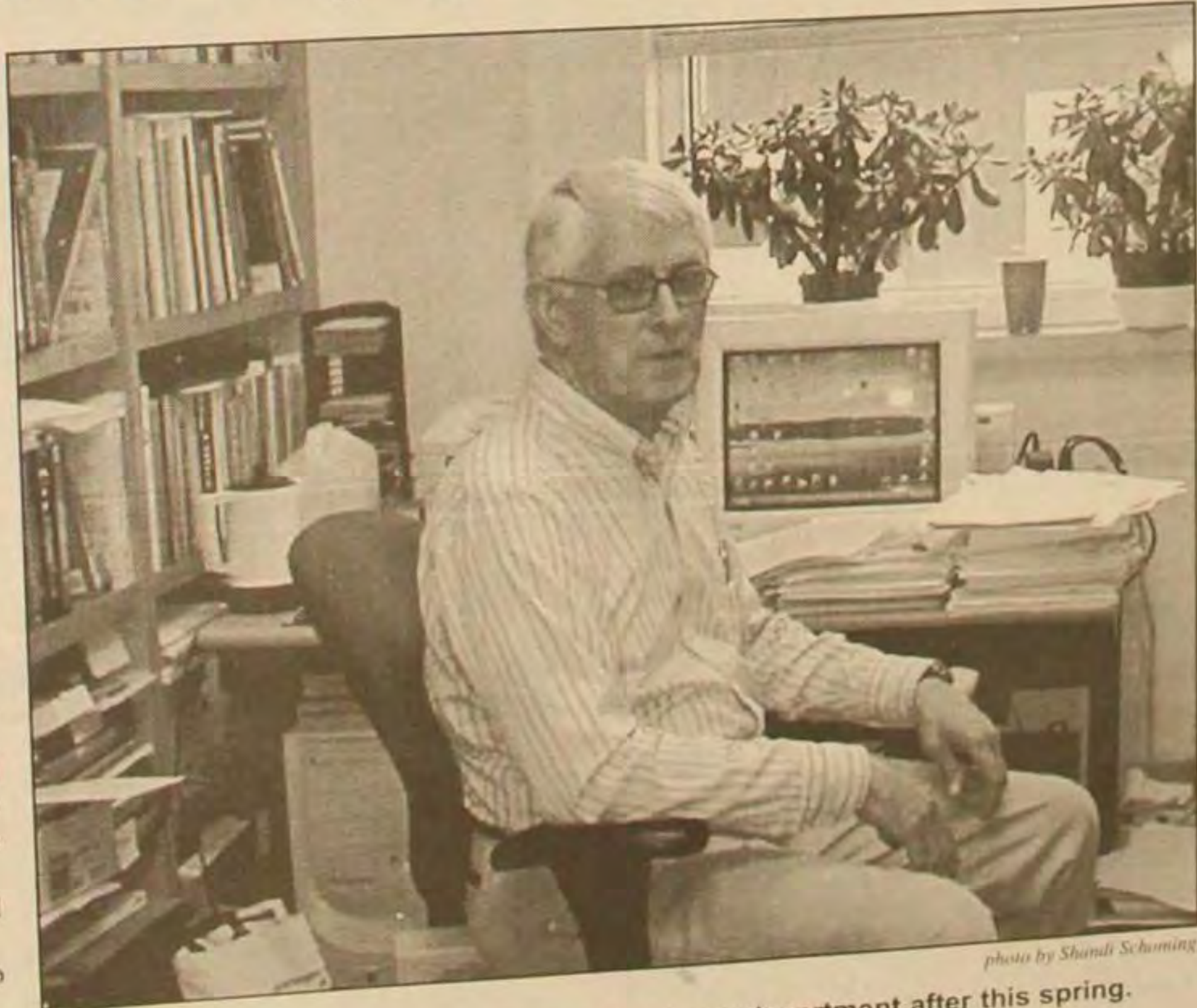


photo by Shandi Schoming

Bob Neufeld plans to leave the math and science department after this spring.

made to this campus. Among other things, Neufeld was involved in creating the college's first network, introducing campus email and putting the college on the Web.

"I believe I was the third user to be entered. That's why my email address doesn't fit everyone else," Neufeld said.

Neufeld's other contributions range from serving on

committees to being the "Project Shepherd" during the construction of Melhorn Science Hall. Neufeld was the liaison between the faculty and the architects.

"There were so many

questions that needed to be answered during construction," Neufeld said.

As a reminder of his part in bringing Melhorn Hall into existence, Neufeld displays in his office the hard hat that he wore on the construction site.

"The design in the 'grand staircase wall' (in Melhorn) is based on Fibonacci numbers and is my own original design," Neufeld said. "That is likely one of the more enduring legacies that I leave ON campus."

Neufeld began his career teaching junior high mathematics at Emporia. He then continued his education before teaching at Wichita State and Emporia State, before coming to McPherson.

"Teaching is what I have always wanted to do since I can remember," Neufeld said.

"I am a professional student," he said.

"I enjoy the interaction with the students and noticing their minds click when they understand and learn from me," Neufeld said.

Neufeld has taught mathematics and computer science to students at McPherson for 13 years now.

"The science faculty was the deciding factor in coming to McPherson," Neufeld said. "The people I work with here are the reason why I stayed." "I have placed my roots down here. It will be hard to separate myself."

Neufeld is humble when he speaks about the impacts he may have had on any student's life. "As you grow older," he said, "you often wonder and you hope for it. You know that in some odd, little ways you have."

"I have a very good group of students to go out on," Neufeld said.

Along with the memories of the students he has taught, the hardest thing to leave will be the Melhorn Science building.

Neufeld says he will think back on his McPherson College experience in a positive manner.

"Looking back, it's been a lot of fun. The Lord's been incredibly good to me," Neufeld said.

Defending champs eliminated

Bulldogs fall to Kansas Wesleyan and Friends

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

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McPherson	0
Kansas Wesleyan	4
McPherson	0
Friends	5

The KCAC softball tournament, hosted by McPherson at the Wall Park Complex, ended early for the Bulldogs. Following losses to Kansas Wesleyan University (4-0) and Friends University (5-0), the Mac squad was eliminated from competition and will not compete in Friday's games.

After ranking number one in a preseason coach's poll (and second in a media poll), the 'Dogs hoped for a higher tournament seeding. McPherson's 18 regular-season wins equals the school record set by last year's team. An 8-8 conference record earned the Bulldogs a fifth seed in the tournament, forcing them to play the fourth seeded Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes in the opening round.

Despite sweeping a double-header against the Coyotes on April 8 (1-0, 14-2), the Bulldogs were unable to earn a run against the Salina-based opponent. "We hit the ball hard and well, we just hit it right at them," said assistant coach Tony Segovia. "We never could get that one hit to spark us."

"LouAna (Nuss) pitched a good game. Overall, we had no errors. They played well enough defensively to win

it," said Segovia. Having lost to the eighth seeded Southwestern Moundbuilders in the first round, top seeded Friends matched up with the Bulldogs in the double elimination bracket. Once again, strong play failed to produce a run for a frustrated Mac squad. "We didn't strike out a lot, we put hits in play, but we just couldn't win it," Segovia said. "Jamie (Schropp) played really well. There were a couple of infield hits that turned the game in Friends' favor.

The Bulldogs misfortune comes just as the team's performance appeared to be heating up. Though they dropped a twinbill on April 26 to the University of St. Mary (3-2, 5-4); McPherson swept doubleheaders at Tabor on April 24 (4-1, 7-3) and at Ottawa on April 19 (4-0, 9-8) thanks to clutch pitching and improved batting.

Against the Bluejays, Laura Reed hit a home run



Shortstop Christa Blose grabs the out during McPherson's matchup with St. Mary at Wall Park. Blose suffered a back injury later in the game and was unable to play during Thursday's tournament.

photo by Sheila Bevan

in the top of the fifth in game one, driving home Darci Davison and giving

the 'Dogs a two run advantage. During the opener at

Ottawa, LouAna Nuss pitched a shut-out despite the Braves' last second

effort, loading the bases in the ninth inning.



Erik Johnson (Benedict & the Cruisers) looks for teammates during the intramural tournament.

photo by Sheila Bevan

5 on 5 intramural b-ball

Benedict & the Cruisers won the intramural 5 on 5 Championship, defeating Old School in the championship game 61-55 Wednesday night in the Sport Center.

FINAL FOUR PAIRINGS: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

**Unknown vs. Benedict and the Cruisers.
Gunners vs. Old School**

Pre-tournament standings:

RED DIVISION		WHITE DIVISION	
Unknown	9-1	Gunners	7-3
Old School	7-3	GSN	5-5
Benedict & the Cruisers	7-5	Da Bus Drivers	3-7
Big Dawgs	1-9	The Players	1-9

Coppock recieves Pathfinder Award

Doris Coppock, McPherson College professor emerita of health, physical education, and recreation, recently traveled to New Orleans where the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport (NAGWS) presented her with the Pathfinder Award for her "outstanding contributions and endless dedication to advocacy, recruitment, and enhancement of girls and women in sports." Established in 1991, the NAGWS Pathfinder Awards

provide national recognition to women who have demonstrated continuous dedication to sport leadership in their states. Each state association represented in the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance selects a recipient to be recognized nationally as a Pathfinder. Since the award's inception, 410 women have been named NAGWS Pathfinders.

Coppock graduated from McPherson College in 1948

with a major in English and a double minor in music and physical education. As a student, she was involved with athletics though there were not many organized women's sports. She then attended the University of Iowa where she completed her master's and doctorate in physical education.

After teaching high school physical education for one year, Coppock taught and coached at McPherson College for 42 year where she was chair of the physi-

cal education department from 1964 to 1992. She coached every sport available to women during her tenure at the college. In 1977-1978, she was named the conference Coach of the Year in 1977-1978. She played competitive tennis herself, placing second in the Kansas Open in 1972 and winning the Missouri Valley over-40 competition in 1974-1975.

Coppock's dedication to athletics is evident in her many recognitions. She

was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1993 for "outstanding achievement and meritorious service" and received the Honor Award from the Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance for her service and contribution to the profession.

For two years, Coppock served as chair of the National Examinations and Ratings Committee for basketball. She is a former coordinator and chair of the

Association of Kansas Women's Intercollegiate Sports and a former chair of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

Coppock is a lifetime member of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. In 1999, she was inducted into the McPherson College Athletic Hall of Fame.

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KCAC Championship weekend

Injury-plagued thinclads hope to get well in Winfield

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

Mac's thinclads are hoping for good health this weekend at the KCAC Championship, hosted by Southwestern in Winfield.

"The conference meet is the peak of the season," said head coach Bart Gray. The team is striving to "continue to elevate the level of our program" through team success and visibility, he said.

The championship meet runs from 2 to 8 p.m., Friday and 1 to 8 p.m., Saturday. The tracksters return to action May 8 at the Bethany Open in Lindsborg.

The biggest blow to the Bulldog squad's chances this weekend is the likely loss of Seth Cavenee, an NAIA national qualifier in the 100 meters (and 200? ???), who suffered a hamstring pull during the opening leg of the sprint medley relay at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

"Seth was really running well coming out of the curve, when he felt the hamstring," said Gray. His status for this weekend's championship is doubtful.

"He won't go for a few days, and we probably won't have him for conference this weekend, unless (athletic trainer) Amanda (Wolf) can perform some magic," Gray said. "Hopefully he'll be able to go by nationals at the end of May."

Nevertheless, Cavenee, along with Kris Smiley, America Patton, and Preston Taylor, won the 4 x 100 relay [where? at Drake?] with a time of 42.69 seconds, just missing the NAIA national qualifying time of 42.30.

This came following the Doane Relays in Crete, Neb., where Coach Gray described the 'Dogs as looking "tired" at the Saturday meet. Cavenee finished fifth in the 100 despite sickness beforehand.

Several team members were unable to make the trip due to illness, including GERALYN HALE, TROY

Hernandez, and Klayton Keesling.

"Klayton finally was able to get on a pole this week, and he looked ready to go Friday night, but, boy, was he sick Saturday morning," Gray said.

A bright spot came with Taylor's fourth place finish in the 200, setting a season-best time of 22.20. Mandi Shobe medaled in the 10,000, finishing sixth with a time of 49:03.35.

Many Bulldogs scored personal bests, including Tim Cox with a 4:13.31 performance in the 1,500 meters.

The throwers continued to show improvement, with Val Thompson and Hayden Owen recording season records in the hammer throw, as did Scott Phillips in the shot put. Justin Ratliff and Dan Hudachek launched season bests in the discus. "Dan's throw moved him to third in the conference," Gray said.

Sheila Bevan also posted a season best in the discus with 104-5. Beth Krehbiel equaled her best leap in the high jump, while Katie Atwater tossed a season high 104-2 in the hammer throw. The javelin event saw Kelsey Hendricks and Rachel Butler hit season bests.

"This meet was a good change for us," Gray said. "We've been seeing basically the same people at every meet to this point, and this let us see how we stack up against some bigger NAIA and smaller NCAA schools."

On April 24, with two men's events at the Drake Relays, the remaining squad prepared for this weekend's championship at the Southwestern Relays.

Beth Krehbiel "ran pretty well in the hurdles," placing third with a season's best 1:12.38 in the 400 hurdles. "That mark should move her into the top three or four in the conference," Gray said. Krehbiel also medaled in the high jump with a 4-6 mark.

Other Bulldog medalists



photos by Sheila Bevan

Above: Kelsey Hendricks throws during the shot put event. Right: Brian Grossbach crosses the finish line in the 5000 meter race.



included GERALYN HALE, placing fourth in the 100 at 13.2; Deidre Frager, whose 110-1 effort earned a fifth in the javelin, and Bethany Lobmeyer, finishing seventh with 23:39.6 in the 5,000 meters.

Klayton Keesling's eighth-place finish in the pole vault was the only medal for the men. "Klayton has finally had a chance" to compete in the event over the past two weeks, Gray said. Coach Gray feels Keesling "has a good shot at placing" during this weekend's tournament.

Commitments for '04-'05 continue

Successful seasons and persistent recruitment efforts appear to be paying off

Name	Position	Hometown	Comments
Jamie Adamson	linebacker	Solomon, KS.	transfer/ Dodge City CC
Chris Benisch	slotback	Inman, KS.	Sr. year: HS: 700yds rush, 400 pass 6'3", 270lb
Tim Benyshek	def. tackle	Agenda, KS.	
Clifford Covington	off. line	Bowie, TX.	2003: played in All Stars.com Bowl
Mark Crawford	defense	Bavaria, KS.	17 tackles, 6 sacks in 4 games Sr. yr.
Cory Elsen	def. back	Albert, KS.	2 int., 56 tackles Sr. year
Daniel Farley	off. line	Wellington, KS.	All-Chisholm Trail League, 2003
Vincent Ford II	def. line	Garland, TX.	30 tackles, 3 sacks Sr. year HS
Austin Froese	linebacker	S.T. Inman, KS.	avg. 12 tackles per game
Scott Hammarlund	linebacker	McPherson, KS.	66 tackles, 2 int., 1 td Sr. yr MHS transfer, Dodge City CC
Matt Housman	slotback	WR Hanston, KS.	
Tyler Hovis	runningback	McPherson, KS.	MHS: 1,119yds, 15 TD s 2003
Josh Hubin	outside LB	Hanston, KS.	2 state championships, Hanston HS
Troy McBroom	wide receiver	Manteca, CA.	transfer, San Joaquin Delta 6'0", 275lb
Robert Moreno	def. line	Gore, OK.	
Robert Justin Nicklaus-Ratliff	LB	Bowie, TX.	all-district def., Sr. year HS
Lucas Oswald	defense	McPherson, KS.	bio-chemistry major
Brooks Reale	special teams	Arvada, CO.	24yds. avg. kickoff return
Alphonse Richard IV	quarterback	Luling, LA.	2 time HS school champ
Jeff Samson	def. line	Atwood, KS.	1st team All-Northwest KS
Louie Schneider	offensive line	Arabi, LA.	returning to Mac, 6'3", 305lb transfer:KSU
Brandon Smith	def. back/safety	Buhler, KS.	
Dallas Stevens	slotback	Nickerson, KS.	4.7 yds. per carry, Sr. year HS

Name	Position	Hometown	Comments
Brian Weiser	outside LB	Salina, KS.	142 tackles, Sr. year
Corey Wren	defense	Cherryvale, KS.	7 int, Sr. year HS
Volleyball			
Ashlee Douglas		Toronto, KS.	4 school records, Eureka HS
Michelle Griggs		Solomon, KS.	competed in 3 sports, HS
Courtney Roepke	back row	Waterville, KS.	98% serving, 100digs as Sr.
Julie Wondra		Great Bend, KS.	career block record, Great Bend HS
Soccer-men			
Robert Magana-Garcia	center/midfield	Hutchinson, KS.	1st team All-Jayhawk Conf.
Soccer-women			
Kate Deputy		Hot Sulphur Springs, CO.	Presidential Scholar
Jamee Hand		Leander, TX.	transfer/ Austin CC
Victoria Salas		Wichita, KS.	15 goals in 2002, Wichita East HS
Basketball-men			
Mark Cooper		Hoisington, KS.	avg. 15pts, 5.5 rebounds as Sr.
Daniel Erb		Timken, KS.	avg. 17.6pts, 7 rebounds Sr. year
Basketball-women			
Samanthah Blough		Victor, MT.	Selected All-Valley All Star
April Woody		Tescott, KS.	16pts. in Central KS. All-Star game
Softball			
Sarah Mauck	pitcher	Wichita, KS.	All-Chisholm Trail League, 2003
Mallory Yungeberg	pitcher/3rd	Waterville, KS.	Summer league/Marysville Magic
Mandy Yungeberg	catcher/outfield	Waterville, KS.	Summer league/Marysville Magi

SPORTS BRIEFS

Football winds up spring drills

Two practices this week finished off the Bulldogs' allotment of 10, one-hour spring practices for 2004.

"We feel pretty good about what we've been able to get done this spring," said McPherson College head coach David Cunningham. "This time gives us a chance to get some of our offensive and defensive schemes in place with our returning players, plus getting out on the field this way is a great change of pace from the routine of off-season conditioning."

"Now we'll finish off the semester concentrating on getting in shape academically as well as physically," Cunningham said.

Coach, teammates visit Cole

Head football coach Dave Cunningham, Tony Segovia, Eddie Chavez and Erik Johnson, who took a road trip back to see Darrell Cole over Easter break and return his car and personal items.

Cole is still in a wheel chair most of the time after suffering serious injuries in an automobile accident over Christmas break. He has been able to use crutches some and took some steps last week without any assistance. Cole appreciates thoughts and prayers. He intends to return to McPherson by next fall.

College seeks new food service provider

Dean Feasenhiser
Spectator Staff

The food committee recently informed Sodexo that it would not serve as the college's food service provider next fall.

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students said six different companies, including Sodexo, competed for the food service contract.

The list of companies has been whittled down to two: Ameriserve and HDS.

Ameriserve interviewed with the committee again Wednesday, and HDS is scheduled to give its final presentation Friday.

The two companies have been asked to address 13 questions, which Rothrock said are geared toward making sure that "they understand what we want this experience to be like."

Rothrock said retaining students was the motivation for developing "a design of what we want the experience (eating at the cafeteria) to be like" and inviting food service suppliers to bid on the design.

The companies each made major presentations to the committee on issues such as policies towards special events, catering, pricing and menu plans.

Some points that Rothrock felt set the remaining two companies apart from the rest of the competitors include management systems that are set up around handling smaller accounts and a commitment to quality and freshness.

It is also geared towards special events, themed meals and an accountability system that is centered on self-evaluation, rather than waiting for the college to identify problems.

According to student member Rhonda Hoffert, the committee is also looking for a company that is willing to listen to student input and to place an experienced chef at the college. They are also looking to be sure that the company adequately addresses nutrition as part of its meal planning.

The overall hope of the committee is to select a company that will work

with the college to make the food experience a fun one and increase students' enthusiasm about going to the cafeteria to eat. A decision on which company will receive the contract will probably be made before the end of school.

Changing food service companies is not the only way the committee is looking to change the food experience, Rothrock said. Food service hours will be changing next year, to a system where the cafeteria is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The committee plans on installing a coffee bar in the upstairs lounge area of Hoffman Student Union. The Doghouse will be phased out in favor of enabling students to purchase items upstairs with cash or cards. Also, the committee is looking into providing Internet service—possibly wireless—to the cafeteria.

According to Hoffert, "grab and go" meals are being discussed for those who oversleep or need to eat on the run.



Brandon Pitts, soph., San Antonio, Texas, picks up his tray in the cafeteria.

photo by Shiela Bevan

Spectator receives silver at KACP

The Spectator received the silver medal at the annual Kansas Associated Collegiate Press conference at the organization's annual conference in Wichita April 19.

The silver medal means the Spectator was chosen as the third-best student newspaper in the four-year, private college division. The (Benedictine College) Circuit earned the All-Kansas award for best overall newspaper. The Baker (University) Orange won the gold medal.

Three individual staff members won a total of five individual awards.

Charles Young, sr., McPherson won first place in the cartooning category for one of his "Mac the Mechanic" strips. A second strip of Young's also received an honorable mention.

Kara Reiff, sr., Hope, was awarded second place in the news writing category, and Patricia Goering, fr., Moundridge, received first place in headline writing and an honorable mention for front page design.

The Spectator staff attended an awards dinner on April 18 and multiple seminars as well as a keynote



photo by Bruce Clary

Spectator staff members, Michael Warner, jr., Hutchinson, Shandi Schoming, sr., Davenport, Neb., Lara Lichty, fr., Quinter, and Patricia Goering, fr., Moundridge, accepted the Spectator's silver award at the KACP conference in Wichita April 19.

address by KAKE TV's Larry Hattberg on April 19.

"Larry Hattberg was very good as a keynote speaker," said Spectator adviser, Bruce Clary. "He had a valuable message that the good stories are often about common people who are overlooked."

Although the Spectator received fewer individual awards than most years, by achieving the silver award

this staff has "achieved beyond what the experience we started with would have suggested possible," Clary said.

Last year the Spectator received the bronze medal overall. Since Clary began advising, the Spectator has achieved All Kansas, the highest award, twice.

"[This year's achievements] speak well for this staff and for coming years."

Poetry posted on Web site

Jennifer Marquette
Spectator Staff

As part of National Poetry Month, the college's English department sponsored during April the Poetry Month Project, a Web site where the college community could post both original and favorite poems.

English professor Bruce Clary, who maintained the site during the month, said the idea behind the Web site was to increase awareness of National Poetry Month and to genuinely get the community involved.

Submissions were accepted throughout April from all members of the college community.

Clary hoped that the students would be the ones who would get excited about sharing their love of poetry.

"For the most part I've not been disappointed. There has been very good student participation," Clary said.

While he said he had only anecdotal evidence to prove the project's success, Clary said he

hadn't spoken with anyone who didn't seem to be aware of it and that many of those who either contributed poems or simply read what was posted had volunteered their appreciation for the project.

The Academy of American Poets founded National Poetry Month in 1996. This is the first year that poetry month was celebrated on campus.

A few persons have expressed interest in making the Web site a more permanent place to share poems with others who could offer feedback through a discussion board or by e-mail, Clary said.

While he agreed that that would be a good idea, Clary said it would depend upon whether he could find the time or help to maintain the site on an ongoing basis.

To read some of the poetry submitted to the Web site, please turn to page 4.

Flory Lecture focuses on Supreme Court cases

Patricia Goering
News Editor

United States District Judge Thomas Marten focused his address at the third annual Flory Lecture April 18 on four cases the Supreme Court has agreed to hear.

In his lecture, "And What of The Constitution? An Independent Federal Judiciary in a Culture of Fear," Marten shared information about the cases and put them in a historical context.

All four cases concern Arabic persons arrested or otherwise detained during the post-9/11 climate.

Marten emphasized that he had no partisan agenda for the lecture and judicial



United States District Judge Thomas Marten

ethics would restrain him from discussing private opinion if he did. So he said he would discuss the facts.

Two of the cases, Hamdi v. Rumsfeld and Padilla v. Rumsfeld, involve two American citizens of Arabic descent.

Both have been held incommunicado as "enemy combatants." Hamdi was captured in Afghanistan as a Taliban fighter approximately two years ago. He has never been advised of the charge against him and was denied all contact with a lawyer or his family. Padilla was arrested as a "dirty bomber" in a Chicago airport. The Supreme Court was to hear the cases last Wednesday and decisions should be filed before July.

The second two cases, Al Odah v. United States and Rasul v. Bush, involve non-citizens who have been captured abroad and have never been to the United States. Both Al Odah and Rasul are detained at Guantanamo Bay by the U.S. military.

The executive branch will be arguing that the courts have "no business interfering in this matter in any way, shape or form," Marten said.

Marten pointed out that unlike similar cases in the past there was no declaration of war, the individuals were denied many fundamental rights, and there is obvious racial profiling.

The lecture drew quite a good crowd, Steve Gustafson, professor of music said. Students, facul-

ty, friends of the college and community members attended, as well as others from outside the McPherson area.

"The lecture has stimulated a lot of good conversation on campus and helps us to deal with critical issues we face as global citizens," Gustafson said.

"I am no philosopher, never have pretended to be," Marten said, "but I do know something of hopes and dreams and aspirations beyond the ordinary. And I wish you all the courage to be lions roaring in the forests of knowledge and wisdom, to seek the truth, and to live loud, live wide, live tall."

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NEWS BRIEFS

College to enter team in Relay for Life

McPherson College will enter a team in the McPherson Country Relay for Life, a fundraiser for cancer research.

The Relay is located at the concrete track around the lake at Wall Park and is scheduled from 6 p.m. June 4 to 6 a.m. June 5.

Teams raise money in advance then pitch tents at the park and keep at least one team member on the track throughout the 12 hour period.

So far there is a very small team of faculty and staff members, said Cyril Russell, director of alumni and community relations. Registration is due tomorrow so anyone willing to participate is welcome to contact Russell at extension 1254.

Campus to celebrate All School's Day

Student Services, SGA and SAB are sponsoring the All School's Day Campus Blowout on May 14.

"All School's Day is a big event in the community and we wanted to have something on campus to tie into how special the day can be," Tracy Stoddart, SGA and SAB advisor, said.

There are a number of opportunities for winning large prizes throughout the day, including prizes for specific events, the afternoon team competitions, a faculty prize and the individual grand prize. The winner of the grand prize will be drawn from the tickets students receive for attending events. The grand prize is a PlayStation 2, leather massage recliner and 27-inch flat screen TV.

Applications for SAB due today

Applications for the 2004-05 Student Activities Board are to be returned to Tracy Stoddart, SAB advisor, or Janice Haldi in the dean's suite by 5 p.m. today.

Seven paid positions will be hired for next year's board. SAB president is paid \$500 per semester, vice-president and publicity coordinator receive \$300 per semester, and four programming team members get \$100 each per semester.

Professors display artwork

Dee Erway, assistant professor of art and Wayne Conyers, associate professor of art, will have their artwork on display in Hays on April 30.

Erway will present her Master of Fine Arts Show as she completes requirements for a master's of fine arts from Fort Hays State University.

The evening will conclude with the Hays Gallery Walk, which features Kansas artists in a variety of shows throughout the downtown area. Two of Conyers' watercolors will be on display.

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