



Pain can be used to heal

Klein delivers message of hope to capacity crowd

Kara Reiff
Spectator Staff

Healing and stories of the Holocaust may not seem compatible, but Gerda Weissman Klein believes that sharing her experience as a Holocaust survivor can help others.

"Pain must not be wasted, pain can be used to heal," Klein said, quoting her husband.

She spoke to a full auditorium at McPherson College, Sept. 14, telling not only of the inhumanity of the Holocaust but also what she took from it.

While Klein has painful memories and suffered from losing her family, she did not emphasize the negative in her life.

"We must look at things that have been granted to us," Klein said. "The way you take freedom as your birthright, I do not."

Using vivid details and her storytelling ability, Klein brought audience members to where she was the day her life changed, when she was only 15 years old.

On a serene, Sunday morning in September 1939,

Klein's 19-year-old brother was taken away. She never saw him again.

Then, Klein and her family were forced by Nazi soldiers to begin living in their basement with no electricity.

Three years later, her family was again separated. Her parents, being too old to be used as slaves, were taken to a concentration camp. Klein was sold into slavery for about \$3.50.

Nearly six years after that peaceful Sunday, which Klein described as utopia, an American Army intelligence officer, the man who would later become her husband, liberated her.

Upon finding Gerda, who weighed 68 pounds and had not had a bath in three years, Kurt Klein asked to see the other ladies and held the door open for his future wife.

"With this simple gesture, he restored me to humanity," Klein said.

Klein asked that when audience members returned home to approach it slowly, look to see what's there and ask, "Why am I so lucky? Why am I so blessed?"

Several audience members reacted to the suggestion by nodding in agreement.

TauLyn Johnston, soph., Arlington, Colo., said Klein sent out a good message in saying that we need to focus on the good things in life.

The lecture featuring Klein was co-sponsored by the Mohler Lecture Series and the Religious Heritage Lecture Series.

Susan Taylor, library director and member of the Mohler family, has heard a lot of positive comments. She says that her grandparents, Dr. Robert and Mrs. Fern Shoemaker Mohler, would have been pleased to have Klein as a lecturer.

Taylor recognized the importance of remembering the Holocaust and was affected by Klein's message.

"It made me realize how small my problems are sometimes," Taylor said.

In addition to the lecture Sunday night, Klein also spoke to some students in class and was available after the Sunday lecture to sign her books and visit with people.

Beginning her public



Gerda Klein spoke to special guests of the R.E. Mohler family, who shared dinner with her prior to her lecture.

speaking career soon after her arrival in the United States in 1946, Klein has shared her message with many people. Klein and her husband, who died 18 months ago, spent their lives

using their experiences to help others.

Klein has appeared on several television shows, in an award winning HBO docu-

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NEWS BRIEFS

Minnich to retire

Dale Minnich, chief financial officer and executive director of college operations, announced his retirement last week, effective in May 2004.

President Ron Hovis has already made personnel adjustments that anticipate the need to reassign Minnich's responsibilities.

Gaylon Green, business manager, is replacing Minnich as the member on the president's cabinet responsible for business management and computing issues. LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, is assuming responsibility for facility management matters.

Minnich's own role has been adjusted to that of assistant to the president for special projects. The change allows Minnich to devote attention to the upcoming Higher Learning Commission accreditation process and to provide leadership in the completion of the recent construction and associated bond financing, Hovis said.

While the position of CFO and executive director of college operations will not be filled, Green is actively looking for an accountant who will provide leadership and expertise in the recording and reporting of financial matters, Hovis said.

College to host Bulldog Days

High school students and their families have been invited to the McPherson College Campus for Bulldog Day, Saturday, Sept. 27.

Visitors will be arriving at 1:30 p.m. for a campus tour and a majors and activities fair.

Prospective MC students will also be encouraged to attend the tailgate party and football games.

Scottish Festival starts tonight

The 10th Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games will begin at 7 tonight at Lakeside Park.

Admission for Friday night is free and open to the public. Spectators need not wear kilts.

Entertainment Friday evening is provided by Alex Beaton, the most popular and successful Scottish folk singer in North America.

Events continue throughout the weekend, though tickets are required to attend. Tickets will be \$11 for adults, sold at the gates.

Weekend activities will resume Saturday morning at 9 and then again on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with a worship service.

NEW REQUIREMENTS

- Algebra and pre-calculus added to courses fulfilling mathematics foundation
- Introduction to education and intercultural education seminar added to courses fulfilling global/intercultural experience foundation
- Science foundation requires one less hour, but a lab is now required
- Aesthetics perspective eliminated
- Humanities foundation added, which includes at least one class in the arts and one in literature
- Technology and culture perspective eliminated
- Introduction to business, personal finance, and historical introduction to politics added to courses fulfilling social institutions requirement

General education requirements change

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The new general education program being implemented this fall means fewer convocations and more choices for students.

The convocation requirement is a significant change to the program. Previously, students were

required to attend 10 convocations each semester.

"There was a very strong feeling among many that convocation was not accomplishing any of the goals of the program," explained Dr. Laura Eells, provost and dean of the faculty. The current convocations "keep a sense of community and bring the

campus together," Eells said.

Under the new requirements, there is a minimum of two required convocations. These convocations are now considered part of the new seminar program, another of the significant

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SGA & SAB get busy

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Spectator Staff

Student Government Association, along with the newly founded Student Activities Board, is busy finding ways to enhance the lives of students, as well as to entertain them.

"Right now we are starting the process of changing visitation hours on the weekends. It is going to be a very slow process, but it has at least begun," said Rebecca Stover, president of SGA.

Changes are also underway with the Homecoming ceremonies this fall. "There will still be a royal court. The structure just might be somewhat different from previous years," said Stover.

This year, each class will choose a couple to represent it in the Homecoming court. Three couples will be chosen from the senior class, and these couples will be voted on for Homecoming king and queen.

In the past few years the SGA has been overloaded with responsibilities that took away the time and efforts needed to meet the



Rebecca Stover

demands of the students. That is where the newly formed SAB comes into play. The SAB was formed this year to relieve some of the strain of planning activities and to allow SGA more time to concentrate on larger issues.

SGA mainly deals with the constitution, policies, wants and needs of the students and communicates with the higher powers of the college. Students elected by their peers fill these positions.

SAB plans and advertises the activities on and off campus throughout the year

that they feel the students want. Students apply for these positions.

SAB is planning some exciting activities for students to look forward to.

"I know a few more outdoor concerts might be in the works and there's talk of some dances coming up, including the return of the winter formal," Stover said.

The easiest way to get your voice heard on campus issues is to contact your class or dorm representative. "Really, telling anyone on SGA will give the same result," Stover said. "We are listening."

SGA meets every Sunday at 9 p.m. in the glass meeting room of the Student Union. Students are always welcome to attend.

Stover is feeling very excited about this year's progress. "We are all really busy people as it is, so I am astonished each and every time I realize how much hard work everyone is putting in to make what we do successful," Stover said. "This is really going to be a good year."

Bookstore acquires new manager

Tricia Goering
News Editor

The bookstore is undergoing many changes this year in an attempt to resolve the financial problems it has experienced in the past.

Last year, the bookstore had trouble keeping its expenses from exceeding its revenue.

"We do not expect the bookstore to be a huge source of revenue," said Gaylon Green, business manager, "but it would be nice to at least cover our expenses."

Bringing in a professional management company, like Barnes & Noble, was considered as a solution to the financial problem. Luckily, in Green's opinion, our bookstore is too small to attract much interest from larger companies.

Closing the bookstore was also brought up as a possible solution. "It was not really ever seriously

considered," Green said.

To decrease expenses, the bookstore is now only open until 2 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. The increase in enrollment also boosted bookstore revenue. Green said that there appears to be improvement at this time but with no hard numbers, it's too early to tell.

Becky Dockum took over the bookstore manager position at the start of the semester. Dockum formerly managed the bookstore at Central Christian College and brings with her many fresh ideas. She plans to start a team of four to five students and a faculty advisor to help her select which merchandise to stock in the bookstore. She has asked the SGA for help with selecting students for this team. She also plans to emphasize the school colors more with the new merchandise.

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STAFF EDITORIALS

Campus morale high entering new year

Issue 1: Is it a "great-day to be a Bulldog?" Our Position: Yes.

Enrollment is up. The dorms are alive. Athletic events are being well attended. The campus has more energy and is more focused on excellence. And everyone is making an attempt to get involved. The admissions staff has begun recruiting for next

fall. They are working to achieve a 40 percent increase in next year's freshman class. They are targeting students with records of high academic achievement.

The sports complex and dorm renovations were successful and have boosted the campus morale. The soccer teams are also a positive addition to campus life.

SGA and SAB are working hard to address and respond to the students' wants and needs. The addition of SAB will give SGA time to focus on policies and student issues, and SAB can devote its time to planning campus activities.

With 30 percent of the student body freshmen, the future of Mac is looking up. The new student accounts policy has been enforced, and the college is actively working to collect outstanding accounts. The bookstore is in the process of making changes to increase its revenue.

The new general education requirements better define the liberal arts ideals that motivated many of us to attend a small private college. The program assures that McPherson College graduates will be broadly educated—and well prepared to embark upon prosperous careers.

It seems that Mac is gradually digging itself out of its enrollment slump.

The most popular saying on campus right now is, "It's a great day to be a Bulldog." So far, it looks like they're right.

SGA makes right choice

Issue 2: Change of Homecoming tradition. Our Position: It's the right thing to do.

SGA recently modified the structure of the Homecoming court. This year, instead of consisting exclusively of juniors and seniors, the court will include representatives from the underclassmen. SGA has made a positive change.

According to enrollment figures, the number of new students equals the number of returnees. First-time freshmen make up over 30 percent of the student body. Freshmen and sophomores are the majority on campus. Given these figures, it is critical that they are included.

It is important that younger students be given an opportunity to participate and be represented in every aspect of campus life.

We congratulate SGA on making a sound change in policy and tradition.

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MAC OPINIONS

What are your Fall Break plans?

"Going home for the town festival and family reunions."

Lindsay Boese, Haven, KS Freshman



"Staying for the football game, and hopefully my best friend is coming."

Tommi Saldana, Lexington, OK Sophomore



"Going Home."

Ross Barton, Golden, CO Freshman



"We're going skiing."

Holly Helm and April Stos, Conway Springs, KS, and Hoisington, KS Freshmen



"I'm staying here."

Art Soto, San Antonio, TX Sophomore



To the victor goes the bill of war

Ken Yohn Faculty Contributor

History teaches us that what you do after victory is all important. Historians, who generally like to disagree with each other, will agree on this. After the Napoleonic wars there were decades of European stability because of the international cooperation and agreements at the Congress of Vienna in 1815.

And history teaches us that the costs of ignoring this lesson are profound: the rise of Mussolini, the rise of Hitler, and the roots of WWII were consequences of not dealing with the problems existing at the end of WWI. The war America and Britain just fought in Iraq was fought because the United Nations Coalition failed to deal with Saddam Hussein at the end of the last war.

While military victory may be swift and decisive, winning the peace is costly and tedious—and necessary. Consider four American objectives of the invasion of Iraq:

- 1) providing for American security, 2) providing for the human rights and freedom of Iraqis, 3) pursuing the war on terror, and 4) promoting stability in the strategically important oil producing gulf region.

Not one of the war's objectives will have been advanced if we simply walk out of Iraq.

But the problem of winning the peace is a tough one for several reasons. The expected financial cost is

substantial. On April 16 the President requested \$80 billion as an initial payment to cover the costs of the war.

A few weeks ago another \$87 billion was requested for Iraq and Afghanistan. This supports the cost for military occupation as well as for fresh water, food, medicine, electricity, roads and sanitation in a ravaged land. It includes the training and staffing of a domestic police force and support for a criminal justice system to establish civil order.

Some bristle at this liberal tax-and-spend social policy. But the American public wrote the I.O.U. themselves when they supported the invasion—the event that makes this necessary.

Costly and tedious, winning the peace will take many years. The Director of Relief at the United Nations estimates a minimum of 10 years to get Iraq back on its feet. The U.S. government has not speculated how long it will stay. But note that America still has troops fighting and dying in the program to stabilize Afghanistan, 20 months after military victory, with no end in sight.

Note that the U.S. still has peacekeeping soldiers in Bosnia. Remember Bosnia? American soldiers have been there since the 1995 Dayton Peace Accord, and there is no projected end to their mission.

Costly, and tedious, and bloody. While precise public opinion survey information is not available, it is clear that much of Iraq resented Saddam Hussein's

presence, and also resents the American presence.

Current plans call for an extensive American presence. American corporations are bidding for the spoils of war—the lucrative reconstruction contracts. American technical workers in reconstruction, American aid workers supporting the humanitarian relief, American soldiers to prevent a backslide into dictatorship, and at the same time there are a lot of Iraqis who really want Americans to leave right now. Some are willing to kill, and to die, to make it happen. The tragic loss of life is by no means over.

The purpose of this article is not to ruin your day, it is to highlight key features of our situation, and to call for action. The international community, including the United Nations, wants to take an active role in the reconstruction of Iraq, but some Americans view this with distrust. After all, since America bore the cost of the war, shouldn't American business benefit from the reconstruction?

History says no. Now is the time for restraint by the victor, now is the time for international cooperation, now is the time to appeal to law and justice because justice in Iraq is in America's interest.

Current U.S. plans transfer all Iraqi oil revenue to a U.S. government account. Propagandists in the Arab world have claimed all along that America went into Iraq just to take the oil, and it is time to prove them

wrong. Place Iraqi oil revenues into a U.N. account for use in Iraq. Spread the corporate contracts for reconstruction around the world. As the costs of reconstruction mount, the economies of many nations are prepared to bear the weight. Let them contribute their wealth to the reconstruction costs.

While American soldiers are viewed with increasing distrust in Iraq, they are placed increasingly in harm's way and their mission becomes increasingly difficult. The Blue Helmets of United Nations peacekeeping troops have far more legitimacy. Where danger remains, it will be shared by the soldiers, and peoples of many nations.

Internationalizing the reconstruction of Iraq makes good political sense. Things will go wrong, there will be mistakes, scandals, and suffering no matter who administers the reconstruction. It makes no sense to let all the blame fall on the U.S.; let the blame be shared too.

In the end, when all is said and done, America will only have won the war if it can bring some measure of justice to the Iraqi people, in their eyes. The key to providing American security, Iraqi freedom, Gulf stability—to winning the peace—is finding a legitimacy that can only be found through international support and cooperation.

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Tragedy strengthens outlook on life

I have experienced tragedy, disappointment and surprises in my life. The worst of these experiences is tragedy.

I thought that the September 11 attacks were the biggest tragedy I would ever experience in my life, but within the next eight months it got worse. When I was a junior in high school, my best friend and another close friend were killed in a car accident and my grandfather died of heart complications caused by diabetes.

I would not have gotten through this without my family and one of my best friends to help me.

Then another tragedy struck. A good friend that I played baseball with was killed in a car accident. This accident did not affect me as much as what was fixing to strike me.

A couple of weeks later the



Corey Ferguson

good friend that had helped me through all of this was driving to school and ran a stop sign while another vehicle was in a blind spot below a hill. About the time that her car rolled out into the highway, an '89 Lincoln Town Car struck the driver side of her 2001 Ford Escort. She died on impact.

But that wasn't all. Her brother, who is the same age as me, was also in the vehicle. He was in critical condition and was air lifted to a hospital that was about an hour and a half away.

Tragedy is a hard thing to come through, but I'm sure everyone has been on the other side. Listening to

Gerda Klein and her story about the Holocaust and how to handle tragedy brought back old memories of sitting on my grandfather's lap while he told me stories about when he was a kid in high school. (He was an All-American athlete.)

It also brought back memories of my good friend and me playing on the baseball field together or against each other, but we always got along. It strongly brought back memories of my best friend, her brother, my sister and me camping out on the trampoline, looking up at the stars and alking about who was the coolest character on the X-Men video game.

I fought back the tears that were welling up inside of me because I did not want any one around me to see me cry. I just wish that I could call my best friend

and my grandfather to tell them I love them. I also wish I could run around that baseball diamond one more time after hitting a home run off my good friend.

Those days are over but I know there are many lives that are helped because of what Gerda Klein says in her speeches and seminars. I know her words helped me.

If you're experiencing tragedy in your life, it really is helpful to talk about it to someone and listen to other peoples' stories and how they got through it. I know these tragedies helped me personally more than they hurt me because they gave me a better outlook on life and made my decisions smarter and stronger.

Life is short. Handle it the right way, and in such a way that keeps you happy and your life pure.

Spectator does not go unnoticed; will you use your voice?



Love, patience needed to help one another adjust to Mac

Discussing culture shock brings up an important socio-psychological question: Are we a product of nature or nurture? The fact is, when dealing with new surroundings, we have only where we come from to relate to.

No matter where you grew up you always make your own decisions about who you build your bonds with and how to prepare yourself for the "real world." Many of us grew up in a small town where our choices were limited, but we still always single out those who are most like us.

We all have inherent traits that we were born with, such as our personalities (introverted or extroverted); our inclinations to drink or smoke, to like fast cars or love football; even our sexual preference. Some things we can't help; it's just who we are, how "God" made us. However, the bonds and surroundings we grew up with ultimately brought these factors into play and made us who we are.

After we become confident about who we are and what we are going to do with ourselves, we set out to accomplish what we felt is our destiny. Then, BAM! -people don't know what you are trying to do, let alone understand what you are saying, even though you both speak the same language. Beyond accents and dialects, if you don't understand someone's vernacular, it is a whole different language. For example, how can mud be as gooey as gopher guts? And how do you know the consistency of gopher guts?

Throughout my first few weeks here in what I like to refer to as the middle of nowhere, I have met people from all over the country, and I have found it absolutely fascinating. Although the large portion of our campus comes from Kansas, some of us have traveled over the rainbow to get here.

In these first few short weeks I've learned that some of us are country boys, city boys, or just some suburban miscreant, whether or not we are from Kansas. Most importantly, we are all here to better ourselves because this is the best place for us to become who we WANT to be.

What I am trying to say is pay attention to your surroundings. Don't rag on someone because they sound different, or for what they wear or what kind of music they listen to. Maybe where they come from it's all the rage. Then again, it could be all they know. Of course, they could be a dork at home, but so could you.

Whether you're a freshman, a transfer, or a returning student, remember that we are all struggling to adapt ourselves to a place a little less than home. In this fast-paced college life (if anything is fast paced in Kansas), we are more or less all the same, although growing up on a farm in Kansas may put a little different spin on things than growing up two blocks from the beach.

Love thy neighbor.

For those who don't know me, I'm from a small town where high school sports are the main attraction, moisture reports make the front page of the paper, and people listen to me if I speak loud enough.

Mac is no roaring university, but things just don't work like that here. This semester there are new faces popping out of new places each time I turn around. With all this happening, how does one keep up to date? With so many people around, where can a person get the recognition they deserve for doing worthy deeds and accomplishing great feats? And if we are really a "community" like everyone says, how do we go about making our voices and opinions heard?

My friends, I have the answer. TA DA! You're reading it. I hope returning students are familiar with the Spectator and its appearance on campus every two weeks. But for all the new Bulldogs out there, the word "Spectator" may mean nothing more than the fans that crowd into our new sports facilities. (Just in case you haven't noticed, the words you are reading right now, at this very moment, are printed on newsprint that we around here call the Spectator.)

Besides talking to your student leaders and faculty, the Spectator is one of the best ways to stay informed about issues, events and people connected to McPherson College.

As features editor last year, I got to see first hand how the publication comes into being and how it affects and reflects the readers. The positive or negative, write it down. Nothing can be accomplished to better or maintain a situation if people keep their viewpoints stashed inside. If you're not willing to put the effort into contributing, you have no right to put effort into com-

plaining. I know that it takes energy to sit down and write out thoughts, but isn't it worth it?

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Templeton neglected in recent renovation



This isn't to say that Templeton doesn't have financial support, but that the money coming in doesn't seem to be prioritized. We have a new air conditioning and heating system, which is a nice addition, but at the rumored cost of \$60,000, it shouldn't be the first priority. The majority of the students are here for the months of September through May, during which time the temperatures are relatively mild.

New additions to the restoration department include new storage racks to hold the parts that are taken off cars, but we have screwdrivers with broken tips and wrenches and sockets needed to dismantle a car are missing. We were advised to bring in our own toolboxes,

but we don't have an appropriate space to store them. In addition, my toolbox, which is relatively small, weighs over 160 pounds. It's not very easy to move it.

Safety is another important factor and concern of restoration. Safety glasses, a mandatory part of our lives, are provided. Earplugs are also provided for students. However, students taking a paint class are required to provide their own respirators, which cost over \$100. The filters and cartridges for these respirators, which need to be changed every 24 hours of use, cost anywhere from \$15 to \$30.

Most students can't afford a new set of filters and cartridges after 24 hours. But neither can they afford the alternative.

Inhalation is the number one way for chemicals to enter the body. Short term effects for the chemicals found in the paints we spray include coughing, dryness of the lungs, acute asthma-like symptoms, chemical

bronchitis, and pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs). Long-term effects include decreased lung function and breathing capabilities, respiratory sensitization, asthma, severe dermatitis, and damage to the liver.

A fresh-air system would provide students with clean, filtered air through a hose to a more universal type mask or hood to be worn on the face or over the entire head. These systems are not only cost-effective for the students, but are also much safer. Fresh-air systems are the only type of protection that is close to being 100 percent safe. A fresh-air sys-

tem is an investment worth making-an investment in the long-term health of restoration students.

Templeton Hall needs new tools and equipment, a cleaner work area, and a safer environment. The restoration students need these improvements, and I guarantee you they will do what it takes to get it done. Last year, the restoration students had the highest cumulative G.P.A. of any major on campus. Our department has gained McPherson College national recognition through television hosts such as Jay Leno and Dennis Gage.

There are seven art majors this year, and a modern facility to work in. The restoration department has 93 students, and a building that is over 25 years old.

The improvements made to this campus over the last five years have been much needed and well deserved, but now it is Templeton's turn. Templeton Hall can no longer be neglected.

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by chaimyamih

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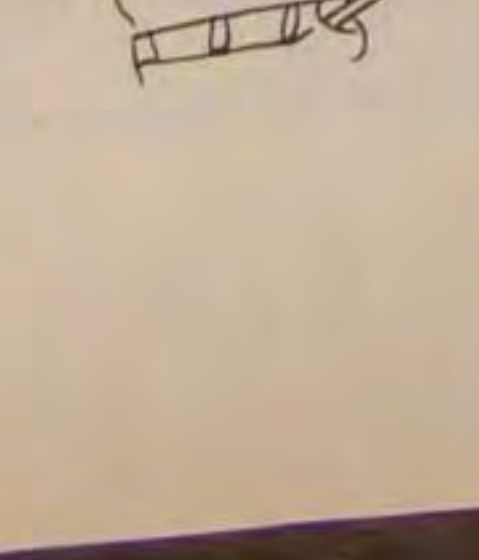
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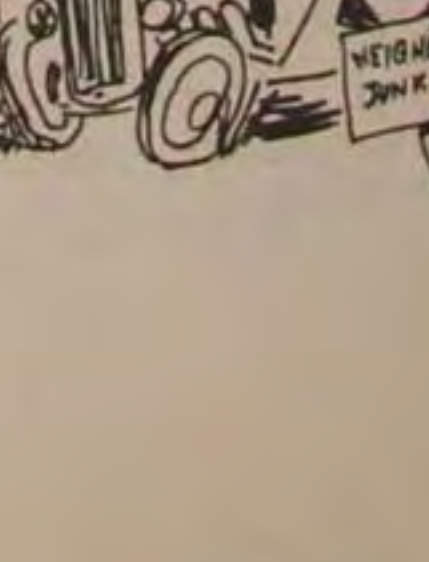
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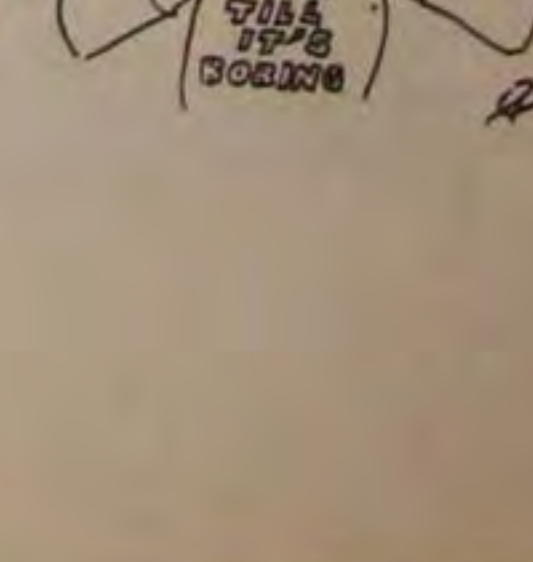
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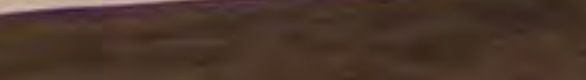
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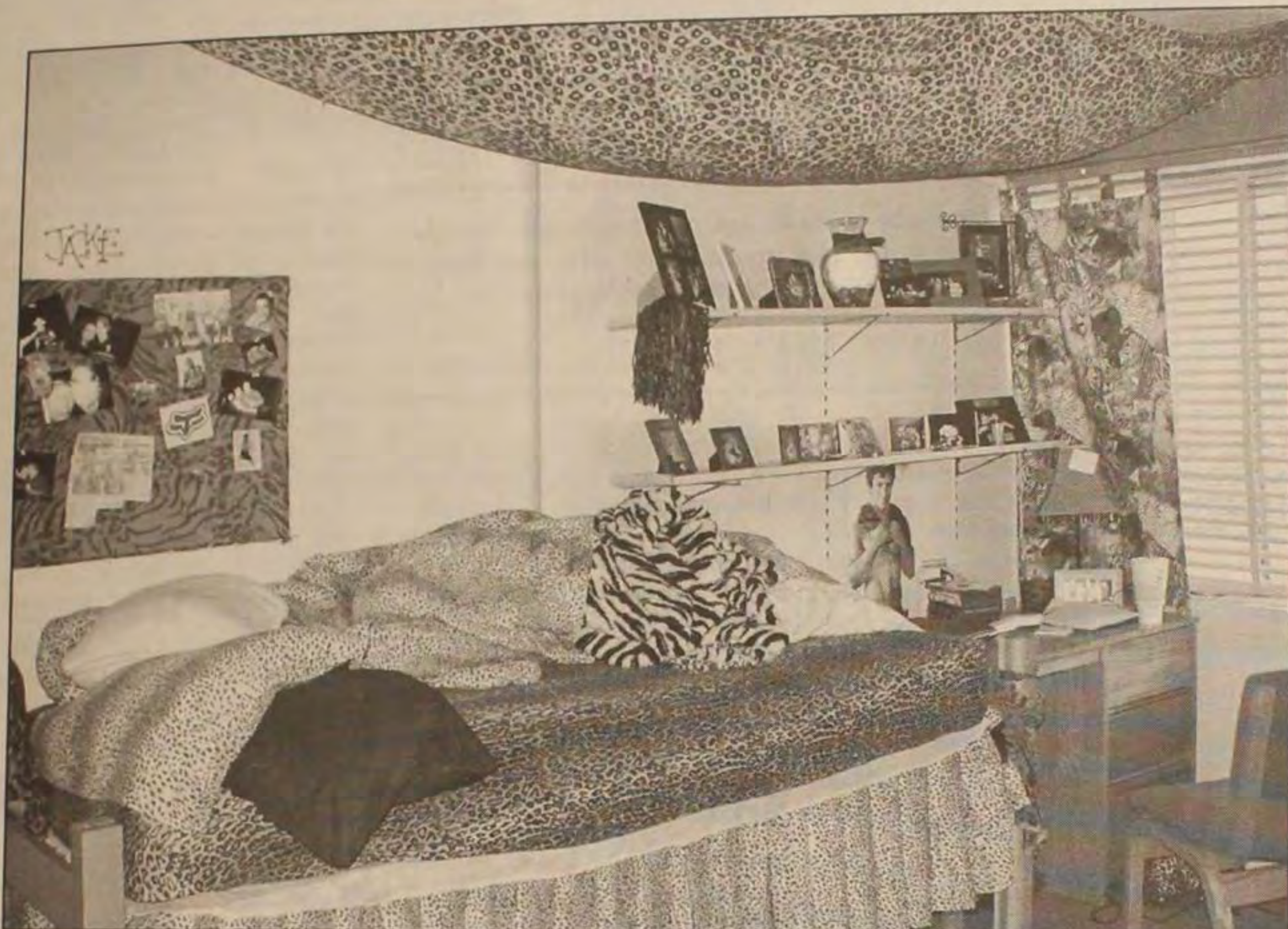
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Dorm Decor:



Jackie Kreis, fr., decorated her room in various animal prints.

Photo by Sheila Bevan

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A desk, a chair, a closet, some drawers, some shelves, and a bed are the building blocks of what you will find; unless of course you have a roommate, and then you will be seeing double. Besides the door, some windows, a bulletin board, and some carpet, these are the complimentary components of your new womb. (Well, you will be there for nine months, won't you?)

The process of filling a dorm room and transforming it into your very own space can be frustrating,

even painful. Room after room of the exact same format can seem nauseating. Lucky for us, no two people on this campus are of the exact same format and so no matter how they try, no two rooms can ever be identical.

Some people love the aspects of interior design. These people are balanced out by the ones who learn by example. Once an idea is borrowed, a new one is usually fabricated. Hence the endless cycle of dorm decor.

For those of you who know me, you've probably picked up on my obsession with making things aesthetically pleasing. (Give me a break; I'm an art

major.) At least I try. After two years in the dorms, I have arranged and rearranged my room countless times. I have also been in countless rooms across campus where I have subconsciously collected ideas and information of dorm room dos and don'ts.

Because I have lived only in Dotzour's old wing, the tips in this article may not apply to every other dorm on campus. For that, I apologize. If nothing else, let these ideas spark your imagination and get your brain thinking about innovative ways to transform your new abode.

LIGHTS

Light is a fundamental key. Without good lighting, most of your room becomes non-existent. Adequate lighting not only allows you to read without straining your eyes (yes, college does involve some reading every now and then), but it also, believe it or not, can affect your mood.

Though I have no solid research to support my opinion, I know that living

in a well-lit, bright environment makes me feel more alive than slugging around in a half-lit dungeon.

Put a lamp on your desk or by your bed for reading when you don't want to light up the entire room (your roommate might appreciate that), or get a bright floor lamp to help supplement the overhead lighting.

Don't forget about natural light either. Open your blinds. You'll be amazed at the difference.

BEDS

Be creative with your beds. Keep in mind that they will get as much use (if not more) as couches than as beds. Installing a loft, or simply bunking the beds is a good way to acquire more floor space. Try putting the bottom bunk extra low and the top one a little higher (as long as the occupant isn't afraid of heights or doesn't fall out of bed routinely). This provides enough space for people to sit down without hitting their heads.

If you don't want bunks but want to save space, slide the end of one bed under the end of the other to form a right angle leaving enough of a gap so that the person on the bottom can stretch their legs out completely.

Beds take up a lot of space, but don't forget about all the room that's left below them. (For once, someone is telling you to shove stuff under your bed.) If you have a small refrigerator, try raising your bed enough so you can put it underneath. This is also a nice space to utilize with makeshift shelves. If you have out-of-season clothing, store it in a box or container under the bed. Just keep it somewhat organized, or you will be left with a mess.

DESKS

Depending on what kind of a student you are, your desks can be manipulated into something more useful. Put them against the window for lighting. If you are easily distracted, put them against the wall.

Beth Krehbiel, soph., Colleen Porter

are rarely used by both customized. you at the same time. They are interchangeable in a corner at a 45-degree angle (to create an L-shaped arrangement so that both sets of drawers can be accessed, but remember though one chair is accommodated must be returned. If you don't think your original location ever sit at your desk. end of the year. can still make use of your bed is high enough slide it underneath and the drawers as storage items you don't need every day.



Photos by Sheila Bevan

Seth Schoming, fr., Davenport, Neb., shows us his turtle, Bear (above). Plants add life to any room (right).

If you get along with your roommate and need to extend the tabletop area, place the desks so they face each other. Or, if the desks



Rod Boatner, jr., Henderson, Nev., shows off his car decor and Christmas lights outside of his door (above). Austin Klumpe, fr., Madison, relaxes on his loft (right).



Try turning the entire desk around, on its side upside-down. Use it for entertainment system by setting it at the end (drawers down) placing your TV or stereo system in the gap. would normally be filled with a chair. Use the drawers for CD's, videos, or books. Be aware of weight though. Keep in mind that is still a desk and may be fashioned to suit whatever you have sioned. Be creative, but use good judgment.

CLOSETS

Dorm closets provide a lot of space to store stuff. Don't overlook the space within limits, they

Divinity or Disaster?



Photo by Lara Lichy

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PETS

one of you might ve had le saying goodbye to favorite animals at e. Get one for your room! As long as your mate doesn't mind, can be a simple addi- to your room. Buy a bird, or even a rodent the sort. Just be sure to the cage occasionally.

PLANTS

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Try to keep clutter to a minimum. Store your shoes in your closet or under your bed, someplace out of sight. Store your food away from the surface. This will help to eliminate a potential mess and keep you from snacking every time you walk into your room. Have a laundry basket accessible, but tucked away somewhere. Most importantly, use it.

As a basic rule, don't let your room be a place that stresses you out. College is hectic enough. Create your room to be a restful, inviting place. Fill it with the stuff you love, the stuff that makes you yourself. Be innovative and creative while creating the design of your room.

But don't forget: what goes in must come out.



Photo by Sheila Bevan

Kendra Stephenson, fr., Salina, enjoys her volleyball loft. Lofts are just a simple way to conserve space in your dorm room.

What's the best feature in your room?



The stuff on the walls, of course; it reflects my personality.

-Myles Regier, fr., Henderson, Neb.



I like my curtains. They're cheerful.

-TauLyn Johnston, soph., Arlington, Colo.



No one's in there besides me right now. Too bad I'm fixin' to move.

-Corey Ferguson, fr., Guthrie, Texas



The best thing about my dorm is the comfortable bed.

-Matt Maxwell, fr., Garland, Texas



My TV. It keeps me entertained, unlike going to class.

-Omar Montoya, Jr., Pomona, Calif.



Our room has two separate nuances, one to work and study in, and a really awesome lounge area to kick back and relax.

-Amanda Smith, soph., Hutchinson



The pictures of my boyfriend.

-Katie Atwater, fr., Elizabeth, Colo.



Colt Knigge (#21), Caldwell, ID. works with the defense to stop a drive by opponent Bethel during the home game last Saturday. Knigge intercepted a Bethel pass during the 2nd quarter.

Football seeks to continue home win streak

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

After a road loss to Bethel last Saturday, the Bulldogs will try to keep their home winning streak alive against arch-rival Bethany at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Bulldog Stadium.

The 32-35 loss to Bethel last Saturday dropped Mac to 0-1 in the KCAC and 1-1 overall after its season opening win at home over the Haskell Fighting Indians. Bethel, 1-8 last year, got out to a 21-0 lead less than 30 seconds into the second quarter. Coach David Cunningham contributes a lack of attention to detail this season so far for a series of costly blunders early in the game.

The Threshers scored first on a 45-yard punt return, next after the Bulldogs failed to convert on fourth-down in their own territory, and then again after a blocked punt.

In step with Coach Cunningham's philosophy to stay calm, do not panic, and stick to your plan, McPherson responded with an 88-yard drive during the second quarter. The drive included a 33-yard run by Lamar Jacobs and a seven-yard touchdown run by

Darrell Cole.

Though special teams missed the point after kick, the Mac defense maintained momentum with interceptions by Colt Knigge and Dallas Blacklock. The Bulldogs struck again on an 18-yard run by Jacobs, narrowing Bethel's lead to eight by the half.

Despite stronger play in the second half, including another rushing touchdown by Jacobs and two by quarterback Erik Johnson, more missed PATs, questionable calls, and lengthy Bethel possessions prevented the Dogs from taking the lead. Trailing by three with less than a minute left, McPherson tried an onside kick but was unsuccessful in recovering the ball. Bethel ran out the clock, winning 35-32.

I was not happy with the officiating, Cunningham said, but I want to make it clear that Bethel just beat us, pure and simple. They outcoached and outplayed us.

While this defeat adds to last year's streak of five consecutive losses on the road, the season opening victory over Haskell extended the Dogs' winning streak at home to seven.

This weekend's game

against Bethany on the home turf provides a prime opportunity to avenge last season's 20-51 whooping at Lindsborg. Bethany has a proud football tradition, remarks

Coach Cunningham. They are always very well coached and prepared.

In the meantime, the Dogs have been focusing on doing the little things correctly, Cunningham said. I have always been told that if you take care of the little things, the big things take care of themselves.

The team has also concentrated more intensely on the kicking game after last week's troubles. The game plans for both offense and defense have been enhanced with a few wrinkles added in.

Bethany is a pretty physical team on defense, Cunningham said.

Traditionally they are very much a pass-oriented offense, but this year they seem to be running the ball a lot more.

Bethany lost their opening game to Ottawa at home last weekend, and will have their hands full this Saturday with the Bulldogs at Bulldog Stadium.



The Bulldog offense, led by quarterback Erik Johnson, Caldwell, ID., and running back Lamar Jacobs, Manteca, CA., scored five touchdowns during Saturday's game.

Women's soccer still searching for first win of season

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

Despite losing to Kansas Wesleyan at home on Monday, the Bulldog Women's soccer team continues to show improvement. The loss leaves the Dogs at 0-2 in the KCAC and 0-7 overall heading into this weekend's battle at Southwestern.

Though they have yet to record a victory, Coach Doug Quint believes the women played an excellent game from start to finish

against an undefeated Kansas Wesleyan team. Fighting until the end, KWU left (McPherson) with a lot of respect for us and knew they had to earn that win, said Quint.

As for Southwestern, the Bulldogs relish the opportunity for a rematch, having lost to the Moundbuilders at home 0-2 last Tuesday. The ladies really feel they should have won that game, remarked Quint. The Dogs took 10 shots at the goal to their opponents' 9. Coach explains, We

made a couple of mistakes that led to (Southwestern) goals and didn't finish our opportunities, and as a result, we let one get away from us.

During practice, the team has been busy sorting out technical aspects of their game. Quint hopes to make each and every player individually better with the ball and improv(e) play from the middle 1/3 of the field to the attacking 1/3. Furthermore, Coach Quint reinforces the notion that each player is getting bet-

ter everyday and learning from their mistakes. These ladies work so hard everyday and have a lot of fun doing it, he continues.

As the season moves forward, our players are growing up fast. Quint maintains his team's hopes of qualifying for the KCAC postseason, an ambitious start for a 1st first year team. A win against Southwestern in Winfield this Saturday (2 p.m.) would be a great start toward that goal.

Knigge named KCAC player of the week

Randall Colt Knigge was named KCAC player of the week after the Bulldog's season opener. Knigge, a freshman free safety originally from Caldwell, Idaho, played a major role in the Bulldog win Sept. 6 over Haskell Indian Nations University. Knigge ended the night with four tackles, three of which were unassisted, and an interception with a 10 yard return. Knigge also is credited with breaking up two passes, one of which caused a fumble. The coaching staff was



pleased with Knigge's efforts, and feel he will continue to be an asset to the Bulldog team.

Striker

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

McPherson volleyball truly on a roll. Wednesday's nail-biter with Kansas Wesleyan in the team's record equaling last year's victories just 12 games the season. McPherson advances to 3-2 in conference play.

Who is responsible for the team's winning five straight games? The one player who stands as a leader, Andrea Gonzales, Elizabeth, CO., is the whole team working together is responsible.

Andrea concedes the team has benefited from the effort of new freshmen transfer students that really added to the Gonzales also credited hard work of the coaching staff for the improved performance.

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Shandi Schoming
Editor in chief

The Bulldog cross country team has sustained morale despite dealing low numbers, according to head coach Bart Gray. The five-member team opened its season at Open at Rolling Acres Course Sept. 6. Hernandez, ran the course in 30:00, winning the division. Rolling Acres will be the championship course for the 2003 KCAC on Nov. 1.

Strikers look to improve on 8-4 record

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

McPherson volleyball is truly on a roll. Wednesday night's nail-biter win over Kansas Wesleyan improved the team's record to 8-4, equaling last year's total victories just 12 games into the season. McPherson also advances to 3-2 in conference play.

Who is responsible for the spiker's winning five of the last six games? There isn't one player who stands apart as a leader, explains Andrea Gonzales, #1, jr., Elizabeth, CO., jr. The whole team working together is responsible.

Andrea concedes that the team has benefited substantially from the efforts of new faces. We've gotten a lot of new freshman and transfer students that have really added to the team. Gonzales also credits the hard work of the coaching staff for the spiker's improved performance.

Perhaps more impressive than statistical record is the fashion in which the Bulldogs are now accustomed to winning. Within the past two weeks, McPherson has come back to win games they had trailed by three points or

more four times. In addition, the team has won two 5th fifth game tiebreakers, including Wednesday's victory over Kansas Wesleyan. According to Gonzales, the team might not have had the confidence to come back and win last season. This year, having done it three times already, we are realizing how strong a team we really are.

Against the Coyotes, Mac won the 1st first game 30-28, but lost the second and third, 25-30 and 27-30. Backs against the wall, the Bulldogs won the 4th fourth game to stay alive, then overcame a 3 three point deficit in the final game to win the match 3 three games to 2two. Statistical leaders were Andrea Gonzales, credited with 12 kills, 3 aces, and 16 digs, and Erica Alvarez, with 14 kills, 1 ace, 11 digs, 5 solo blocks, and 1 assisted block.

Gonzales says the spikers continue to work on communication, consistency, and team building in preparation for this Saturday's 2 p.m. conference match against a strong Bethel squad.



The McPherson Bulldog volleyball team celebrates a hard-earned victory at home on Wednesday, defeating the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes in a 5 game match. Photo by Sheila Bevan

Bulldog men's soccer anxiously awaits breakthrough

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

The Bulldog men's soccer team hopes to pick up a conference win on the road against Southwestern on Saturday afternoon at 4:00.

Last week, Mac dropped three non-conference games at home last week. The 1st first was a 3-4 defeat by the Moundbuilders of Southwestern, followed by losses to Concordia (3-4) on Thursday and Mid-America Nazarene (0-9) on Saturday.

On Monday, Kansas Wesleyan beat the Dogs at the Sport Center, 0-1. This conference loss brings the men's record to 0-2 in the KCAC and 1-8 overall.

Despite a tough start for the 1st first-year program, Coach Doug Quint still maintains his intention for post-season qualification in the KCAC. While he admits our freshman are learning that things are a lot different at the college level, he feels we have the players to qualify.

Quint has been impressed by the caliber of the team's non-KCAC opponents. Concordia was by far the best tactical team we have played this year. They were

very hard to penetrate on. MANU was technically sound and had some great individual players.

However, the coach feels Quint said the loss to Southwestern was one we beat ourselves in. He sights the Dog's failure in shutting down the Builders' all-

front. Quint says, If we don't start getting some production from our flank players, we are going to struggle to score for the rest of the year.

The team believes by accomplishing these tasks, they will break out of their recent slump and take the victories they deserve.

It was just defensive breakdowns on our part. The men outplayed them all over the field, just not on the scoreboard.

In preparation for Saturday's game, the Bulldogs have worked at keeping possession of the ball and playing to each



Austin Bray, Broken Arrow, OK., shows off some fancy footwork on the home turf this past Monday. Photo by Sheila Bevan



Brett Livaudais, San Antonio, TX., runs past a Kansas Wesleyan defender during the game on Monday. Photo by Sheila Bevan

If we don't start getting some production from our flank players, we are going to struggle to score for the rest of the year.

—Doug Quint

Cross country strides towards conference

Shandi Schoming
Editor in chief

The Bulldog cross country team has sustained high morale despite dealing with low numbers, according to head coach Bart Gray.

The five-member team opened its season at home by hosting the McPherson Open at Rolling Acres Golf Course Sept. 6. Troy Hernandez, ran the course in 30:00.3, winning the men's division. Rolling Acres will be the championship course for the 2003 KCAC meet on Nov. 1.

Most recently the team traveled to Lincoln, Neb., to participate in the Woody Greeno Invitational. The race was held under NCAA guidelines, which added 1,000 extra meters to the women's course. Two hundred ninety two men and 253 women competed in the race, including some runners from half a dozen Division I schools.

Hernandez finished first for the Bulldog men with a time of 28:29, followed by Bryan Grosbach, soph., Gladstone, Mo., who ran a 31:03.

Bethany Lobmeyer, fr., led the Bulldog women with a 30:48 finish, followed by Mandy Shobe, soph., McPherson, in 33:38 and Rachel Crist, fr., McPherson, in 35:00.

The Bulldogs travel to the Marion Reservoir tomorrow to compete in the Tabor Invitational.

The course at Tabor is very flat, Gray said. Our runners are looking forward to some faster times than they ran at the very tough course in Nebraska.

Everything we do from the beginning of the season

Everything we do from the beginning of the season until Nov. 1 is prepare for the conference meet.

—Bart Gray

until Nov. 1 is to prepare for the conference meet, Gray said. All the meets leading up to the conference meet are a chance for our runners to experiment and test themselves so that we go into the conference meet confident about what each can do.

The team is looking to make small improvements each week, Gray said. At this point the runners are expecting more from themselves and putting more pressure on themselves than the coaches, he said.

The fact that there are only five runners on the team has

not been an issue, Gray said. If anything, it allows more one on one attention. The personalities of those that are currently on the team lend themselves to a diverse group that works very well together.

McPherson welcomes new faculty

Dean Feasenheiser
Spectator Staff

McPherson welcomes six new professors to the college faculty this year.



Karrie Rathbone

Karrie Rathbone, assistant professor of biology, is no stranger to the college, having taught at McPherson for several years before leaving last year to teach at Emporia State in order to be closer to her husband.

Dr. Rathbone grew up in the Mount Ida area. She attended McPherson College for one year before finishing her associate in business degree at Palo Alto in San Antonio, Texas. Rathbone decided to pursue a biology degree at Emporia State, where she also completed her master's in biology. She later obtained a doctorate in agronomy from Kansas State.

Several features of the college persuaded Dr. Rathbone to return to McPherson, including the small class size, more personal professor/student relationships, and the excellent facilities. Dr. Rathbone also enjoys the more diverse goals typical to McPherson students, who are often interested in more than going straight to a job after completing their undergraduate work.

Rod Geiselman

Teaching always interested Rod Geiselman, assistant professor of business. He decided to take the plunge after becoming frustrated with the amount of time his career forced him to spend away from his home and family.

Geiselman is originally from northeast Nebraska, near the town of Yankston, S.D. Geiselman attended undergraduate school at Bloomsfield College and the University of

Nebraska at Kearney. He later studied for his MBA at the University of Nebraska, the University of Michigan, and finished at Bellarmine College in Louisville, KY.

Before entering education, Geiselman worked for various divisions of ClarCor Manufacturing, where he was a vice president of finance and a general manager. Geiselman said he hopes to be able to guide students on the road to a business career, as well as to fill the role of a mentor as he was mentored in college.

Nancy Pennel

Nancy Pennell, assistant professor of theatre, is a returning 1986 graduate of McPherson College. She grew up in the Baltimore, Md., area. Pennell received her masters in theatre from Kansas State and completed her doctorate at University of Kansas. She hopes to instill a love and appreciation of theatre in her students.

Pennell is excited about the facilities that the college has to work with now, especially the presence of Mingenback Theatre. She encourages everyone, theatre major or not, to try working with a play if they have any interest.



Ku-Sup Chin

Ku-Sup Chin, assistant professor of behavioral science, is new to both the college and the area, having taught at John Hopkins University and the University of Michigan in Flint. Chin is originally from South Korea, where he served a mandatory three-year term in the military prior to coming to the

United States. He then worked as a reporter for five years in Los Angeles before attending graduate school at the University of California-Irvine.



The interplay Chin saw between the professors and students drew him to the college. He hopes to be able to become a part of this interaction, as it is also the norm in schools of his Asian homeland.

Dee Erway

Dee Erway, instructor and program director of graphic design, is new to the college, although not to the area. She is originally from Larned. Erway has always wanted to teach. She sees learning as a valuable gift to give students.

She received her bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University, where she is currently finishing her master's in graphic design. Erway is excited to be able to work with the development of a new program, and sees great possibilities for graphic design at McPherson.

Besides teaching at the college, she is also teaching graphic design workshops at local high schools to recruit for the college program.

Jean Ballew

Jean Ballew, assistant professor of education, previously worked at Kansas State as a graduate teaching assistant for two years. She lived in a Manhattan apartment during the week and returned home to McPherson and her husband during the weekend.

Ready to move onto her dissertation and a job in the professional world, she jumped at the chance to teach at McPherson College. Ballew is originally from a Washington, D.C., suburb, where she completed the first part of her undergraduate work. She eventually received her bachelor's in education at Southern California State, and completed her master's work at Indiana University. She hopes to instill a concern for students in her pupils, pressing them to help their students succeed.



Facility renovations completed

Tricia Goering
News Editor

Student and staff reactions to the improvements made to campus facilities this summer have been positive.

Major improvements were made to the Sport Center, stadium, Dotzour and Metzler Halls.

The Sport Center acquired new flooring on both courts as well as many other additions and improvements.

Mel Wright, women's basketball head coach, claims the lighter finish makes it easier to see. The cushion on which the floors were built is easier on athlete's legs.

"There have been fewer injuries because of the new floor, especially less shin splints," Wright said.

Now that the Sport Center has two quality courts for

teams to practice on, teams can get more done and do not have to practice at odd hours in order to use a good court.

The renovations benefit recruitment because visitors are impressed with the quality of the facilities.

The effort made to improve the athletic department has "given the coaches a lot of encouragement," Wright said.

The new stadium boasts of badly needed new locker rooms, synthetic grass on the field, and the best weight room in the conference, said Dave Cunningham, head football coach. The synthetic grass provides the benefits of real grass and turf without the drawbacks.

The improvements on campus are a "huge plus to the athletic program at

McPherson College," Cunningham said.

Dotzour and Metzler residence halls now sport updated or remodeled rest rooms and showers, new paint and carpet in the hallways and rooms, new pool tables, and a new fire alarm system.

Cora Coleman, sr., Chase, said the changes are certainly noticeable. The homier colors of the paint and the carpet provide "a lot nicer living conditions for us," Coleman said.

Dotzour's new pool table is used a lot, and "everyone really enjoys it," said Taulyn Johnston, soph., Arlington, Colo.,

Eric Vrtiska, soph. Beatrice, Neb. said his favorite improvement in Metzler is the carpet that was installed in the rooms.



Kris Smiley, fr, Houston, Texas, and Chris Polanco, sr, Oceanside, Calif., sit in the Doghouse, reviewing the special teams scouting report vs. Haskell.

KLEIN

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mentary and has written a variety of books, including one co-authored by her husband.

Besides educating people about the Holocaust, the Kleins were also involved

GEN ED

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changes in general education.

The old general education program required only freshmen and seniors to attend seminar. Both sophomore and junior seminars have been added to the program, so students will now attend seminar every year.

in helping the community of Littleton, Colo., several years ago after the Columbine school shooting. The couple spoke to the community and played a role in helping the school and community to change its image.

Under the old program, students could not count convocation hours toward graduation. With the changes in the program, seminar hours are part of the graduation requirements.

"This is a change that students will find to be to their benefit," Eells said.

In addition to the change in convocation, students may also notice a slight difference in course requirements,

Shandi Schoming
Editor In Chief

Full-time student enrollment is up 13 percent from last fall's count on the 20th day of classes. The freshman class is 71 percent larger than that of last fall.

Although the official count was not available at press time, 386 full-time students and 33 part-time students are enrolled this fall. Of the 386 full-time students, 193 are new students, and 193 are returnees. The retention of 66 percent of last year's freshmen exceeded the retention goal of 60-65 percent.

"From what I can tell, I think we've done a good job anticipating the equal numbers of new and returning

particularly the way they are catalogued. Students now have more flexibility in choosing their classes.

For example, students no longer have to have both a theoretical and a practical class in the arts. Under the old program, both classes had to fall under the same department. "A student interested in art history and playing the piano could not do both," Eells said.



Eric Perry, fr., Solomon, and Irving Cabarcas, jr., Miami, Fla. watch as Brian Goodell, fr., Eagle Mountain, Utah, gets his ankle taped in the new training room added on to the Sports Center.

Enrollment jumps 13 percent

students and tried to do things that made that transition work," said Karlene Tyler, associate dean of academic records.

The large incoming class brings with it a new feel to campus. According to President Ron Hovis, attendance and participation in campus activities are good.

FALL ENROLLMENT	
386	full-time students
33	part-time students
193	returnees

"The athletic contests in the first two weeks received great support from faculty, staff and students," Hovis said. "The opening convocation was well attended and students were attentive

BOOKS

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The bookstore Web page is also under reconstruction. Dockum will replace the pictures of the white dummies with photos of student models sporting the merchandise.

As with any other transition, things get lost and miscommunications occur. This was the reason many stu-

and courteous."

Hovis has received positive reports from both faculty and student life personnel. Two hundred fifty nine students are living on campus this year, which is 60 students more than last year.

"A really nice indicator of the focus that students bring this year is that the number of students who have not declared a major is the smallest number in many years," Hovis said.

According to Angie Gribble, admissions counselor, 2004 recruitment goals have been set, and efforts are already underway to reach these goals.

The admissions staff is working to acquire 6,500 inquiries, 748 applications, 561 acceptances and 186

deposits. "It works like a funnel," Gribble said.

The staff has set a 40 percent increase for next year's freshman class as their goal.

"We're trying to focus on increasing the number of female students on campus," Gribble said. Admissions will also be looking for students with higher average ACT scores than they have in past years.

Counselors began traveling to Oklahoma, Colorado and around Kansas this week. Student workers are also assisting the staff in tele-counseling four nights a week.

Visit days are also on the schedule for the admissions department, and have been posted on the college Web site.

ONLINE LINKS

To Visit the bookstore Web page go to mcpherson.edu and click on "Campus Life, Bookstore"

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