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From student to president

Hovis to be inaugurated today as 13th president of McPherson College

Dean Feasenhiser
Spectator Staff

Students will be part of a historical moment today when Ron Hovis is inaugurated as the 13th president of the college since McPherson College's founding in 1887.

According to Donna Swenson, assistant to the executive director of college advancement, the ceremony will be simple but elegant.

Hovis said that it is more important to focus on the college rather than him as an individual. "The reason I'm here is because I believe in what the college is doing," Hovis said.

Although the actual ceremony will be similar to those in the past, fewer activities will surround the inauguration event than were seen for the inauguration of past presidents.

After Vincette Goerl, chair of the McPherson College Board of Trustees, invests



"The reason I'm here is because I believe in what the college is doing."

—President Ron Hovis

William Goering, School District 418 Superintendent Dr. Robert Shannon, and Dr. Paul Forno, chair of the ACCK Board.

Students are encouraged to attend the inauguration and the following reception.

The inauguration events began yesterday with a reception at 6:30 p.m. in the large gym of the Sport Center followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. The inauguration ceremony succeeded the reception and dinner.

Members of the community, faculty, staff, trustees and several students helping to host the event viewed a multimedia presentation created by the communications office. In addition, Goerl and Hovis spoke.



President Hovis dines with family members last night at the inauguration dinner.

President Ron Hovis: a product of McPherson College

Patricia Goering
News Editor

Twenty-six years ago Ron Hovis, then Student Council president, participated in the inauguration ceremony for Dr. Paul Hoffman. Today, Hovis

will participate in another inauguration ceremony; his own.

From student to board member to faculty to president, Hovis has personally experienced almost every aspect of McPherson College.

He is a product of McPherson college. Larry Kitzel, professor of music, said.

As a student, Hovis participated in the M-club, Golf team, and the Educational Policies Committee. He was also

chosen as a Who's Who student.

Two weeks after marrying Robin Kinkead, they became the resident directors in Metzler Hall.

Hovis also played football. His moment of glory came during the 1974

Homecoming game. Late in the first half the bulldogs were down 17-3. The Coyotes completed a 50-yard touchdown drive in seven plays.

With six seconds left in the half, Hovis received the kick-off and ran 88 yards

for a touchdown, putting the Bulldogs back in the game.

"Ron did stand out in my mind at the time as one of the student leaders," Kitzel said. "Ron has a perspective that, I think, none of our presidents have had."

2003 HOMECOMING ROYALTY



Matt Tobias, Conrad, Iowa, and Lisa Salazar, Brownsville, Texas, were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at the Honors Convocation. Morrison Hall came out on top of the dorm competition earning \$900. Metzler Hall came in second with \$700. Dotzour Hall finished third. Staff and faculty beat Bittinger Hall by 1,479 points.

SGA announces 2003-04 budget

Casey Durst
Spectator Staff

Student Government Association released its budget report this week. The report includes the amount of funds allocated to campus clubs for the semester.

SGA receives all budget money from student activity fees.

"This year we did have a \$10,000 increase in our budget, a direct result of an increase in the student body," Stoddart said.

After the expense of salaries, the movie contract, Homecoming and other activities, Spectator and club funds, SGA has \$1,154.25 available for the rest of the semester. "It's exciting that we have more money available to do things for students," Stoddart said.

"SGA is trying to do bigger things with SAB," Stoddart said. Potential events for the rest of the semester include a winter formal and activities during finals week to help students relieve stress.

ALLOCATED CLUB FUNDS

Business Club.....	\$4,860.00
Chess Club.....	\$129.25
Cultural Dance Club.....	\$30.00
G-Clef.....	\$70.00
KNEA.....	\$470.00
Peacefully Simply Together.....	\$440.00
Spectator/Barker.....	\$3,950.00
Tri Beta.....	\$50.00
Ultimate Club.....	\$405.00

Clubs must turn in a list of active members to SGA in order to receive funding. SGA allocates \$10 for each active member. Clubs can also request additional funding for activities.

Allocation of additional funds is based on how active on campus the club is, how many students will benefit from the use of the funding, the type of activity the funding is for and how much money SGA has.

"The more specific a request is, the better [SGA] can tell if we should allocate the funds," said Tracy Stoddart, SGA adviser.

Although there is no limit to the number of times clubs can request additional fund-

ing, Stoddart encourages them to request funding early in the semester. "The closer it is to the end of the semester, the less money we have," Stoddart said.

The Business Club, the Chess Club and the Ultimate Club requested additional funding this semester. The Business Club will receive an additional \$4,410 for its power dining event and trip to Kansas City. The Chess Club will receive an additional \$119.25 for a chess set and membership to a national chess organization.

The Ultimate Club will receive an extra \$325 for tournament expenses, travel and lodging.

OUR LEAD EDITORIALS

Hovis' knowledge of Mac bodes well for future

THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW PRESIDENT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA FOR McPherson College.

Issue 1: Inauguration of President Ronald Hovis
Our Position: Great changes are here already

During Ron Hovis's presidency, we have seen the renovation of the Sport Center and residence halls, a larger incoming freshman class and a positive retention rate.

Hovis brings with him experience from nearly every aspect of the college. He remembers his student days, serving as SGA president, dorm parent at Metzler and playing football and golf. Hovis has been a member of the board of trustees as well as a member of the faculty.

Having lived all these roles, it's no wonder that Hovis interacts with everyone on campus through frequent visits to the cafeteria, learning everyone's name and something about them, and traveling to sporting events.

President Hovis is off to a good start. McPherson College is lucky to be inaugurating a president who is ready to pay attention to not only the issues of the college, but the students and faculty as well.

Keep up the good work!

College works to upgrade safety standards

Issue 2: Safety standards
Our Position: College is working towards total preparedness

After a seemingly alarming report on the campus's lack of preparedness of blood-borne pathogen issues a few weeks ago, the college has taken steps to heighten overall safety on campus.

Under new leadership, facility management is taking steps in the right direction. Many important issues have been cared for, and others soon will be.

Trees have been trimmed, phones have been installed, and most importantly a first alert contact for bodily fluid spills has been named. Staff and faculty will be notified where to find kits to handle spills and by January 1, a crisis plan is to be in effect.

These safety precautions are in the students' best interests. It is important to provide a safe living environment; these steps are doing just that, and it is encouraging to see the school promptly tackle the problem head on.

We applaud the efforts that the college is making in its strides toward safety.

MAC OPINIONS

What is the least important thing in life?

"Rap Music."
Chris Phillips, sr.,
Riverside, Calif.



"Money, because money can't buy you happiness."
Nick Barrows,
soph.,
Indianapolis, Ind.



"Stirrup pants."
Rylee Miller, soph.,
Rangely, Colo.



"Sunglasses."
Mark Tobias, fr.,
Conrad, Iowa



"Pickles."
Caesar Nguyen,
fr., Hanoi, Vietnam



"Male nipples."
Jay Derbidge, fr.,
Ely, Nev

College is a place to foster lifelong friendships with a variety of people

Over the past several weeks I've noticed anti-social behavior developing and quickly increasing among the student population on campus.

As the school year has progressed certain groups or cliques have formed that can really be broken down into three distinct groups the athletes, auto-rats, and well, other.

Fifty percent of the students are athletes. About 25 percent are in the auto restoration program, which makes up another group, and then there are those students who are here for other reasons, which would make up the third and final group. Each of these groups then branch into other smaller groups, creating a high school-like atmosphere that college is supposed to alleviate.

I understand that many of us come to McPherson not knowing anyone else, so when you find a group of people you like and who came to McPherson College with the same interests, you don't really care to venture outside that group.

As innocent as these intentions are, they are slowly eating away the sense of community that this school



Guest Columnist

Luke Spence

strives for. All colleges have these problems, but the difference between our school and other schools is the size. A problem such as this at KU or K-State is barely noticeable because a lot of the so-called small groups are bigger than our school.

Everyone is so involved in their own cliques that very few try to meet new people. The first week I was on campus, everyone was so nice to one another. People were saying hello and being generally nice to everyone. I don't see that anymore. I notice more and more students are staying within the safety zones they have created.

College is hyped as a place where you go to learn and meet people. How is someone supposed to meet new people if very few people will open up to someone new? Everyone is in some way guilty of not opening up to people outside of their group. I'm just as guilty as anyone else in contributing to the problem, but now I've noticed it and I'm going to

make an effort in trying to curb this snowball that can quickly turn into an avalanche of a problem.

Why should the people that we are nice to and hang out with have to be the same people day in and day out? As the year progresses and these groups become more and more separated from each other, tensions and conflicts arise. A school is reflected in its students, and if the students separate themselves into small groups that dislike or even hate one another, what does it really say about the school? I don't want to go to a school where people can't feel comfortable around one another.

I want to be able to meet people who don't share all the same interests that I have. When everyone first got here they formed groups out of the basic human need to have people around. For those who are athletes, it would be other athletes. For those of us who are in the auto restoration program, it would be those who are also in that program. With each group that is formed here, it's a similar story. Now that everyone has settled into their place, it's time to expand outside those groups. There are so many people at this school working to become so many dif-

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—Luke Spence

ferent things I would really hate to let someone who could be a great life-long friend pass by because they aren't in the same small group I have surrounded myself with.

We all came to McPherson for different reasons, but we all have to live with each other, either for a year or possibly for four, so what does it matter if someone is an athlete or auto-rat, old or young, staff or student, male or female? Each person on this campus serves a different purpose and function of this community, which everyone should learn to respect.

I propose that everyone make an effort to correct the problem while it can be corrected. Starting this week, today, I propose that everyone make a stride outside of his or her group. Let's try to take the small groups that have slowly developed and merge them into one big group called McPherson College.

Car kulture provides a prime example of tolerance

I went to the Bookstore the other day to retrieve my most recent E-bay conquest and I noticed this board behind the counter. I was handed a note card, and my winnings, and was asked to write down the one thing you believe in. I said that I would be back.

I had to give this some thought. I was struck dumb by what was asked. Certainly a miniscule thing like a bulletin board posting should not require much deep thought. I pondered the insightful Sharpie-inscribed beliefs already tacked up there. How much thought did they give to this? One person believes that outliving their mother-in-law is the #1 answer.

Am I insane for dwelling on this topic this long? I am not sure, but that mother-in-law one was pretty good, wish I believed it.

A widespread and all-consuming search of my cranium yielded no beliefs. So to



Guest Columnist

Michael Peters

Life can be a hard journey, and there are many big questions. Why am I here? What is life all about?

—Michael Peters

instead of my paraphrasing it:

It is a story as old as time, conflict and war, god and country, the have and have-nots. The violence is legendary, reprisals are common and revenge is expected. There are grieving mothers with husbands and sons who will never come home. Hate, persecution and terror are constants. The victims are many and belief has itself by the tail.

Life can be a hard journey, and there are many big questions. Why am I here? What is life all about? Is there a heaven, a hell, and an afterlife? Will I go there?

As it is with any belief, the belief itself provides an escape from having to deal with the really hard and unanswerable questions of life.

You can rest easier knowing that someone else handles all the difficult questions and uncertainties. This, I guess, is supposed to make you feel more self-assured, knowing that even if you don't know the answers personally, someone else does, or is working on it on your behalf.

Why are the true believers always trying to kill each other and everyone else in the process? Am I to believe that all the gods have murder on their minds, and in their hearts and mankind is merely their instrument?

The true believers need to wake up and start working on those hard questions for themselves. Even a nonbeliever knows that it is wrong

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Freedom rider explains motorcycle intricacies to unknowledgeable

There's something about motorcycles and the aura around them—the leather, the customizing and the motorcyclists' mindset, which refuses to expose itself on paper or in music. You must experience it yourself. Herein I attempt to expose to you, dear reader, an inkling of what lies in wait for you. If you haven't already, I hope you will be convinced after reading this to grant yourself the elation of experiencing the bliss of a motorcycle ride.

Motorcycle riding isn't something you get good at right away, as anyone who rides or has tried can tell you. You can climb on a bike and ride it, but achieving true skill takes many miles of experience. However, the basics are all things you know from other situations; it's only a matter of combining them. The balance and turning comes from the bicycle. Shifting comes from driving a manual transmission. Using two hands comes from anything from washing dishes to tying your shoes—any activity during which each hand performs an operation separate of the other. Time, practice, perseverance, patience; I deem all necessary to learning the art.

Once you get the basics down and can successfully pilot a bike, the experience gets much more enjoyable. You can focus on the ride, the scenery, the ultimate freedom, and the miles and miles that lie in wait of you. Just in the last two days I have reminded myself, quite accidentally (no pun intended), of two absolute truths that every person who endeavors to ride a motorcycle must know.

First, never, EVER, forget that you are on a motorcycle. Unlike in a car, when

you approach a turn and see a pretty girl on the side of the road, you can't leave driving to your subconscious and check her out. No no! You have to take a quick peek and pilot that bike around the turn. Remember, you can always turn around and look again, but if you don't focus on the turn and ride right into oncoming traffic, you'll never see another girl. Thankfully my guardian angel kept pace with me.

Secondly, when you ride, you become one with the bike. It may sound like a bunch of nonsense, but try it and tell me you don't feel like a singular unit. You tell the bike what to do, and it responds and rewards you with a sweet ride. You tell it something incorrect, and it will bruise, scrape and scar you for disrespecting its capabilities.

The self-governing rule of bikes: just as soon as you think you're hot stuff and can do anything, the rear tire will slip out from underneath you and drop you and the machine straight to the ground. I turned onto a dirt road and corrected a slide, rode to the other end and purposely hung the rear tire out sideways twice without dropping it, yet when I thought "Hey, I can really do this!" the bike swiftly showed me where I could rest to think about such extravagant flourishes.

When things aren't going right and life throws no favors, motorcycle riders have one thing the rest of the crowd doesn't: an iron steed waiting and willing to carry us over the next hill, around the next bend, to a place more peaceful, more accepting, and more to our liking. Just yesterday I saw that same pretty girl that earlier I almost killed



INDIANA INSIGHTS

Luke Eberly

myself in oncoming traffic for-with another man.

Sure, I have no claim on her, but I was disheartened just the same. All my plots and schemes could do nothing in the face of pure disinterest. I did the one thing he could not do if faced with that same situation, something that was sure to raise my spirits and make me forget all women and all worries. I jumped on my home-built no-seat loud pipes rigid-framed death machine and took off to see what I could see. I returned to the dinner table to discuss bikes with a fellow rider and, by golly, I almost couldn't remember her name.

Another very enjoyable aspect to riding a motorcycle hinges on women's ability to sense that invisible freedom, that intangible feeling of something wild, free and untamable. For whatever reason, be it taming the beast or feeling the release of worries for themselves, they will ask to ride, and pester you for a ride for days or weeks until they either get one or give up.

This exists as perhaps the only way a guy can get a girl near to him without an extreme amount of effort on his part, unless she happens to like him for more than just his looks or his mode of transportation. By no means should you purchase a motorcycle for only the interest of attracting women, but conditions being what they are, you may get more than just

“Enjoying bikes exists not merely as hobby or a pastime. It's a way to escape, to go off to a place where the cares and pressures of the day have no effect whatsoever.”

—Luke Eberly

another way to get to work when you obtain a scooter. Be warned it may be a good idea to carry a billy club to keep them away, or a side-car and a trailer to transport them all. My bike having only one seat, I had to make emergency modifications, only for the left-side carburetor to decide to lose a seal and dump gas everywhere. Few things are absolute—death, taxes, and the fact that she'll get a ride. Someday.

Some people just like to ride their bikes. My dad is one of these guys, and I take after him somewhat. As long as the bikes run and drive, we're on the road. His exhaust lacks proper compression rings between the pipes and the jugs, and mine has poorly-adjusted brakes, turn signals that don't blink, and no horn (just the tip of the iceberg). When the wind blows just right, you cannot resist the urge, the desire; no, the physical need to ride. I'm constantly looking over my shoulder—the mirrors lie on the floor of the shop—for cops just itching to burst my happy bubble.

That said, wrenching on bikes is another huge draw to join the club. Something about creating something from something else, making it uniquely yours, and being able to ride it and get admiring glances, grins, and comments is awesome. I even welcome the stares and glares; it just shows me more people who need converted!

Creating your own bike is better than building a wicked car or mean truck. Trust me, I have a neat four-wheeled toy.

A bike can set you free if you possess the right mindset. In a metal box you enjoy a radio, seatbelts, climate control and a myriad of other handy yet unnecessary accoutrements. These can be found on a Goldwing, but any garage-built horse will most likely be without. This lack of extra contrivances demands that the rider take a more active part in the ride. He or she (what's hotter than a girl riding a bike?) must find entertainment in the passing scenery and—without air conditioning or a CD player to distract you—commit active thought processes to decisions like modulating the throttle.

Your position in the lane of traffic is also up in the air, unlike when driving a car. It may not seem like much, but white-lining (when you ride as close to the white line as possible) or swerving from line to line (not recommended, yet fun) make a bike highly superior to a car. Enjoying bikes exists not merely as hobby or a pastime. It's a way to escape, to go off to a place where the cares and pressures of the day have no effect whatsoever. I view a custom bike as a way to express your

individuality in a functional manner, kind of like making pottery. If a component of your bike no longer conforms to your liking or needs improvement, you need nothing more than a creative mind to modify it to better suit you.

The lessons learned while riding also apply to all areas of life. For example, looking at pretty women is not always beneficial and could prove hazardous to your health. Getting a big head about your abilities is never a good idea. Wearing protection is a great idea. Sometimes you need to relax and escape, change the scenery for a while. The two most important lessons: don't fear showing your true self and exercise your brain muscle.

Learning to ride a bike may seem like quite an undertaking, and it's nothing you can pick up right away, but it isn't too hard once you get on one and start thinking critically about how your actions affect your experiences.

And, once you have mastered the ultimate freedom machine, when things don't go your way with the ladies or the day or work or whatever else, you and I have one thing that the other shmos don't have...and that's two wheels to freedom, to losing our cares in the wind and the exhaust, the vibration through the bars, the seat, your feet...leanin' deep into the curve, forgetting that other guy on her side with every passing yellow line.

Here's to smooth roads, sunshine and uncloudy skies.

Luke, Freedom Rider on the Plains.

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to kill. It is time to stop hiding behind God. Recognize that men, not gods, cause the carnage.

Yes, there are many unanswerable questions, maybe that is the way it is supposed to be, a bit of mystery, while we spend our lives trying to work out the answers. If life

has taught me anything, it is that those who work the hardest to force their beliefs on others are the least secure in them. We need a new dream, a dream in which we all survive. There is something understood by free and peaceful people everywhere, there can be no peace with out tolerance.

Perhaps our own car culture microcosm could serve as a model for tolerance. There are few arenas of interest that have a broader cross section of different kinds of people, in all shapes, sizes, age groups, creeds and religious denominations. Car culture goes beyond borders, to include people in such countries as

Japan, England, Germany, New Zealand, France, Australia, Sweden, Canada, Mexico, to name but a few. Why does it work?

Certainly there is a wide range of ideas about what is cool. How do all of these different people manage to get along? Tolerance, the

power to have sympathy or indulgence for beliefs, taste, or practices differing from or conflicting with one's own.

Car people seem to recognize that it is better to stick out your hand in friendship, than to raise your fist in anger.

Oh, by the way my 4"x6" declaration of belief for the hallowed Bookstore wall: Commonwealth Jones. No explanation needed.

(The Kent Bash article first appeared in issue #5 of Car Culture Deluxe)

MAG THE MECHANIC



TO BE CONTINUED...



Ryan Torsell, soph., Rangely, Colo., and Alex Holtry, fr., Nampa, Idaho. show off their locker room as several St. Joseph Catholic students eagerly take notes and pictures.

photo by Lara Lichty

Athletes and resident assistants volunteer as mentors at grade schools

Lara Lichty
Features Editor

With the help of Coaches Stephenson and Cunningham the volleyball and football teams are mentoring at local grade schools.

The volleyball and men's basketball teams have been corresponding with Lee Ann Reiss and Jeanne Gunn's third grade classes at Lincoln Elementary School.

Players spend time helping the kids with their homework, reading to them and doing odd jobs for the teachers two to three times a week. Each player has one or two pen-pals with whom they correspond on a weekly basis as well.

"It's been a wonderful experience for these kids," Reiss said. "They are so excited when they are invited to the girls' volleyball games. Thirty out of the 45 kids showed up to the first game we were invited to. All the girls have been excellent role models for the kids, and sometimes I think they are as excited to be here as the kids to have them here; it's funny to see them when they have mail."

"It's kind of fun having them here. If you're stuck on something they can help you out," said third grader, Brooke Gaeddert.

Some of the volleyball players remember similar

experiences from their own childhoods. "When I was in third grade we had junior high buddies. I remember how fun they were, and I know how much it helps the teachers out," said volleyball player Deidre Frager, fr., Morrowville.

"It's great to see them get so excited when we come," said Nicole McGee, fr., Clay Center.

The football team can be found at Saint Joseph Catholic School playing

"I went to school there, so it's cool that I can give something back to them."

—Jared Heinen, fr., McPherson

with fifth and sixth graders. Twelve players volunteer to see the kids and play games with them two times a month as well as write letters to their pen-pal students.

Football players participating in the mentoring program are Omar Montoya, jr., Roma, Texas.; Val Thompson, fr., San Antonio, Texas.; Anthony Kelley, soph., Perry, Utah.; Seth Cavenee, soph., Tribune; Jared Heinen, fr., McPherson.

Mike Miller, fr., Bennet, Colo.; Aaron Rothenberg, fr., Madill, Okla.; Colt Knigge, fr., Nampa, Idaho; Alex Holtry, fr., Nampa, Idaho; Jarrod Zerr, fr.,

Lyndon; Eric Perry, fr., Solomon; and Ryan Torsell, soph., Rangely, Colo.

"This is an opportunity to interact with the community and hopefully be positive role models as well as expose them to McPherson College," said Coach Cunningham. "It's good for our players as well."

The players, too, feel it has been a positive program.

"It's pretty cool to have a little buddy and to be a role model for somebody and have them look up to you," Montoya said.

"I went to school there, so it's cool that I can give something back to them. It's also cool because they're always sending letters," Heinen said.

The mentoring will continue throughout the year, with hopes that the men's basketball team, along with Coach Trimmell will join the volleyball girls at Lincoln Elementary.

As part of their positions, the resident assistants also spend time with local children to build interrelations between the campus and the community.

Each of them have been paired with one or two children from Washington Elementary School whom they visit once a week for approximately an hour.

Time with the kids is spent reading, playing, or helping them with homework.

Resident assistants are



Val Thompson, fr., San Antonio, Texas., and Jared Heinen, fr., McPherson, get a kick out of showing kids the football field and Sport Center on Wednesday.

photo by Lara Lichty

Shandi Schoming, sr., Davenport, Nebr.; TauLyn Johnston, jr., Arlington, Colo.; America Paton, sr., Kansas City; Jonathan Klinger, sr., Winnebago, Ill.; Landon Snell, soph., McFarland, Calif.; Matt Tobias, sr., Conrad, Iowa; Brian Veal, sr., Belton, Mo.; Adam Martin, sr., Bloomington, Minn.; Brian Glover, soph., Miami, Fla.; Erik Johnson, jr., Caldwell Idaho.

"It's been a fun program; I enjoy it quite a bit," said Adam Martin. "At first my student didn't know how to react, now he's happy and waving every time I show up."

"I think it's a really good experience and I think it's a great opportunity to give back to the community," Taulyn Johnston said.



April Stos, fr., Hoisington, helps a student with his math homework at Lincoln Elementary School.

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Features Spotlight: Adam Peer

College student attempts to educate McPherson area on key economic factors

Kara Reiff
Spectator staff

Building an attractive resume seems to be at the top of Adam Peer's list of things to do at McPherson College. On top of doing an internship at Farmer's Alliance Insurance and studying in Barcelona, Spain, Peer, a senior from Crag, Colo., has now added another experience-publishing a monthly piece in The McPherson Sentinel.

In cooperation with the Sentinel, Peer has developed a half-page business section entitled "The Bottom Line." The monthly column includes accurate, current data on key economic factors that are important to the McPherson area.

"It's an opportunity to practice in his field and

serve the community," said Michael Schneider, career services director.

Peer's new section first appeared in the Saturday, Oct. 25, issue of the Sentinel. The section was created at the college and then taken to the Sentinel's office.

Topics featured this month were sales tax received, unemployment rates, transient guest tax collection, electrical usage and building permits.

The section is allowing Peer to apply his interest and knowledge of economics to compare data from year to year as well as month to month.

In addition to these comparisons each month, Peer also writes a column analyzing the data.

Peer's project is part of the college's Leaders in Action program, which is designed

to facilitate student involvement in community leadership efforts.

In its move toward being a career-oriented liberal arts college, McPherson College has increased the number of internship and leadership opportunities for students.

In addition to Peer's project, several other students are getting involved with the community. These opportunities range from students serving on boards to a group of students working on a comprehensive marketing plan for McPherson Mainstreet, Inc., a community business.

"These are high profile opportunities," Schneider said. "We've got students all across the disciplines involved."

Schneider said that these positions give students the ability to begin networking with people in the

community. However, this is not the only benefit.

"This project helped me understand what really goes on in finding the information, analyzing the data, and sorting through it all," Peer said.

Schneider first heard about the opportunity for a student to publish in the Sentinel last spring. Local business leaders approached him with the idea to have a McPherson College student publish an economic piece and a column explaining local trends.

After Schneider advertised the project to students, Peer approached him and did some of the initial research. From there, Schneider put Peer in contact with several people in McPherson and the surrounding area.

In planning his project and what would be covered each month, Peer consulted many

people and sources, including government web sites and local sources.

After developing a composite list of all of the possible indicators, he narrowed the list using several criteria, including how useful and relevant they would be to the average reader as well as how understandable they would be.

"I got a lot of good opinions, feedback and cooperation from area business people, and outside sources," Peer said.

Schneider said the community was 100 percent supportive of the project.

In addition to coming up with content ideas, Peer went to work building the basic infrastructure so that information could simply be put in each month. Darren Hendricks, director of communications, is current-

ly doing the design portion of the project.

Next year, as Peer hands off his project to another business student, those involved hope that a graphic design student will be motivated enough to take on the design part.

Schneider describes Peer's venture as a true liberal arts project.

"I think that Adam understands how important it is to serve the community and make contacts in the community," Schneider said.

Feedback from the first edition has been very positive.

"People are really impressed with the quality of the content and the quality of the presentation," Schneider said.

If students have ideas for their own project, they can contact Schneider.

MEGA PETE

Giant fish circles around campus as display of FISH philosophy

Lara Lichty
Features Editor

Imagine walking on to campus and being tossed a wet, floppy fish. People are shouting out words of welcome to you, and are going out of their way to satisfy you, their customer.

It may sound far-fetched, and maybe a wet, floppy fish is too much to ask for in McPherson, but Lamonte Rothrock, dean of students, is working towards this vision.

Rothrock adopted the FISH Philosophy, as well as a gigantic fish, Mega Pete, the mascot and trophy, into campus life as a training device for the McPherson College residence life and student services staff.

The original program was designed by the Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle that wanted to become world famous. After the creation of Mega Pete and the fish Philosophy, the Pike Place Fish Market fulfilled its dream and is known worldwide.

The FISH Philosophy is a program developed as a "how to" to create a network of positive ideals within an organization, and consists of four principles.

The first principle of the FISH philosophy is "choose your attitude," meaning that

"We're here to serve our students, alumni, and staff. This FISH philosophy promotes fun and encourages students to not only stay here, but perform better as well."

—LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students

each person's attitude has an effect on the rest of the campus, and although you can't always choose your day's events, you can change your perspective on all that the day entails. All "fish followers" must master this principle or all the others are just a waste of time.

Next is "play." According to the FISH philosophy it is vitally important to make business enjoyable.

The third principle is entitled "Make their day." Just like Pike Place Fish, people are more likely to enjoy being at work (in our case, college) and are even more likely to stay around if you make them feel good about being there.

The final aspect of the philosophy is just "being there." Pike Place proves that each employee making it a priority to be available to their customer will pay off in the long run. Here at the college, it is an important goal to always "be there" for the students

and other members of the faculty.

Rothrock came by Mega Pete and the FISH program three years ago while working at Hesston. He liked the program and started it on the McPherson campus in the summer of 2002. The FISH video has been shown to Student Government as well as the faculty and has continued to be used as a regular training of Rothrock's residence life staff.

Mega Pete, a huge, colorful, stuffed fish is the trophy of the program. Pete travels around to any persons who display any of the four parts of the FISH Philosophy, and already has been in the hands of several fish-worthy people, as selected by Rothrock. Eventually, he would like to see those in possession of Pete choose whom to pass Pete onto next.

Metzler Hall was the first to be rewarded with Mega Pete, after promoting the "Make Their Day" piece of the philosophy before school started. While doing a residence life staff progressive dinner, the Metzler



Amanda Wolf, athletic trainer, holds Mega Pete, the traveling trophy that recognizes employees for positive contributions to the working environment on campus.

"Choose your Attitude"

"Make their Day"

"Play"

"Be There"

resident advisors and director dressed up in suits and ties, brought the women flowers, escorted their co-workers in the building, and made a delightful dinner.

The next recipients were SGA and SAB, who were acknowledged for their huge efforts during the first few weeks of school to make the freshmen feel at home.

SAB passed Mega Pete on to Randy Bryant and Tim

Bruton in facility management, congratulating and thanking them for always having fun while working on campus, a positive display of both the "choose your attitude" and "play" aspects of the philosophy.

Now Pete is in the hands of Amanda Wolf, the athletic trainer who spends all sorts of hours working, con-

tinually displaying a positive attitude towards her work.

Rothrock chose this program for McPherson College because it focuses on being service oriented. "We're here to serve our students, alumni, and staff," he said, "this FISH philosophy promotes fun and encourages students to not only stay here, but perform better as well."

For more information, visit <www.charthouse.com>.

Dotzour residents evaluate life in a co-ed dorm

Lara Lichty
Features Editor

Was the switch from an all-girls hall to co-ed dorm a positive or negative change for Dotzour Hall? Current residents conclude it to be so. Although results from a Spectator survey vary, the majority of students living in Dotzour agree that they enjoy the dorm's being co-ed and would keep it that way in future years.

Underclassmen agree (nine of nine returning their surveys) that they like

having both males and females in the hall. Many freshmen commented on how much easier it is to meet various groups of people when they are all living together, and with the exception of one male, who remarked that he wouldn't mind "seeing Dotzour full of women," said they would like Dotzour to remain co-ed.

The upperclassmen's results were split. Six returning surveys show the change as a negative one, while six also say it was a

beneficial change. All who didn't enjoy the alteration, with the exception of one male, were women who lived in Dotzour Hall previously.

"You can't walk from the shower to your room in a towel because there are always boys around," said one female. The one non-co-ed male had various suggestions on how he'd improve the change in future years.

"I would switch it back and make Bittinger and Morrison co-ed again...or if

it was to stay co-ed, I would make it an honors dorm with open visitation and much stricter quiet hours."

Upperclassmen who liked the modification had many positive things to say about the switch. "It is nice to know the two groups can respect each other," said one female.

"I like it," said another Dotzour resident of three years. "It brings the campus social scene to this side instead of always having to walk across campus...I like having co-ed opinions and

presence during meetings, competitions, etc."

Some changes noted from all groups: "It's louder. The lobby areas are always full. The kitchen gets messy and laundry flow is constant." Many residents don't like walking outside rather than through the opposite gender's hall to get to class in the morning. Most people enjoy the lively atmosphere while some feel that there is "too much constant movement and less privacy."

Several voices came

through wishing there were life on third floor, or adjustments made so there would be movement upstairs as well.

"I would like to see third floor used for living areas and first used as a passing hall," one resident suggested. "This way girls/guys could use all entrances on first floor. This would be especially nice when cold weather comes. Doing this would also open up more washers/dryers, computers, and another TV/lobby area."



Troy Hernandez

Hernandez makes all KCAC

Troy Hernandez earned All-KCAC honors with his 8th place finish at the KCAC Championships. McPherson College hosted the event last Saturday at Rolling Acres Golf Course. Hernandez's time of 27:47.7 bested the school record for the 8,000-meter distance by ten seconds, and was a breakthrough over the rolling terrain north of McPherson.

"It was a little cold," said Hernandez of race conditions. "It's a tricky course with a lot of hills and some tricky spots," but it "was nice and dry and offered good footing."

"Being all-conference was a goal Troy had set for himself at the beginning of the year," said McPherson coach and meet director Bart Gray, noting the sophomore had just missed the top 15 designation last year when he finished 17th.

"That was a great time for Troy, especially on this course," said Gray when informed of the Bulldog sophomore's time. Hernandez was equally pleased, stating "It was really exciting. I don't think it has all set in."

"Southwestern's men are ranked 13th in the nation, and (KCAC champion Brant) Littrell (winner in 26:13.3) will probably be in the top ten at (NAIA) National's, so to have Troy break up their top seven was great and gave us, and him, an indication of what he has the potential to do in the next two years," noted Gray.

Fellow sophomore Bryan Grosbach finished in a time of 29:51.8, also ran of PR for the RAGC layout, to place 31st. "For Bryan to go under 30 (minutes) out here was just super," said Coach Gray.

Top finisher for the McPherson women was Mandy Shobe, who placed 32nd and covered the women's 5k course in personal best 24:27.5. "Mandy showed just how tough of a runner she is," said Hernandez. Shobe was followed home by teammates Bethany Lohmeyer in 36th place (25:23.6) and Rachel Crist in 40th with a season best 27:02.3.

"These young ladies have continued to work hard all season, and it's good for them to see the fruits of the efforts," Gray remarked.

"We've just grown by leaps and bounds this year," said Hernandez of his team. "We have two new coaches and much of the team is young and inexperienced." Considering these challenges, Hernandez sights the Bulldog's "exponential growth" during the season. "I'm so proud to be a part of this team. Everyone has such a good time."

This Saturday, the Bulldog barriers will travel to Lincoln, Nebr., for the Region IV NAIA national qualifying meet. The women's race at Pioneer Park begins at 10:30 a.m., with the men's scheduled to go to the line at 11:15.

Soccer comes up short

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

The inaugural season of the renewed McPherson College soccer program ended quietly on the road at Friends University on Oct. 24.

The men lost 1-5 after facing a 0-3 deficit early in the game. Forward John White assisted mid-fielder Tyler Lawrence for the Bulldogs' lone goal. Friends went on to win the KCAC, while the Mac squad finished 6-12 overall and 3-6 in the conference, missing the playoffs by a single game.

Trailing 0-1 at the half, the Bulldog women also fell to Friends 0-3. Their season wrapped up with a 2-14

overall record and 2-7 in the KCAC.

Both teams surged during the second half of the season thanks to a new defensive strategy, constant improvement of the players, and a persistent coaching staff.

Defender Jon Rothrock sights the inception of the Zonal Flat Back Four defense pattern for the men's turnaround success.

"It limited the other team's goals while allowing our front runners to succeed. We had both (offensive and defensive) games going at one time," Rothrock said.

After a 1-9 start, the men won 5 out of 6 games following the implementation of this system, beginning

with a big victory over Bethany on Oct. 1.

The women also experienced success using this strategy. Forward Mandy Harvey admits frustration over "the fact that we lost so many games," starting 0-12. Unlike the men, Harvey feels the Bethany game "was probably the worst" since the team clearly "could have played better."

The squad's second match-up with Sterling on Oct. 11 was a different matter, however, when the women "had (their) heads in the game" and "came to play." During the game, Harvey credits the defensive effort for the team's impressive 2-0 win. "We hated that team and wanted revenge" for a loss

earlier in the season.

Both Harvey and Rothrock recognize the challenges of a first-year team. Harvey considers the opportunity to play with teammates of various backgrounds, experiences, and skills, as the highlight of her season. Rothrock notes that "individually (the team was) strong, but we had to get used to playing together."

Despite the positive growth and improvement displayed by both teams as the season progressed, the program faced disappointing losses to rivals Tabor and Friends to close the season. "After we had played so well, to lose to Tabor (2-14, 1-6) was really tough. It took us out of the playoffs,"

said Rothrock.

The players are quick to complement Coach Doug Quint and the coaching staff for their efforts throughout the season. "I think (Quint) did a really good job," said Rothrock.

"He figures out what we need to get better, both individually and as a unit," Harvey said. "He is an awesome coach. He worked with us a lot, and showed great patience."

The teams are optimistic and excited to play next season. "I think with recruiting in addition to the current players, we should be pretty good," Rothrock said.

"I just hope we win," Harvey said. "Let's go full throttle next season."



Lisa Salazar slams one in the opponents face during the Bulldog's 4-1 victory over top-ranked Friends last week. It proved to be the team's final regular season win.

Spikers lose three in a row

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

Traveling to Leavenworth last night, McPherson volleyball was dealt a third consecutive loss, making a once certain playoff bid appear very questionable. The loss to St. Mary in four games (27-30, 30-25, 28-30, 27-30) leaves the team at 9-9 in the KCAC and 18-12 overall at the end of regular season play.

The Bulldogs have struggled to wrap up the year, starting on Oct. 27 at Ottawa. Like the Bulldogs, the Braves are striving for a spot in the post-season tournament. Away from their home turf, McPherson

struggled to suppress the Ottawa offense, losing three straight games (31-33, 17-30, 20-30) despite a double-double (10 kills, 10 digs) by Erica Alvarez.

"We just didn't show up," said coach Nathalea Stephenson. "We didn't serve receive well at all. They ran quick sets on us, like we knew they would."

At home on faculty night, the Bulldogs redeemed themselves, beating conference leading Friends University in four games, 30-21, 30-16, 31-29, and 30-27.

"The team just took one point at a time, one game at a time and one match at a time," Stephenson said, fol-

lowing the win.

Erica Alvarez recorded 18 kills, 17 digs, and two solo blocks, while Stephanie Slinkard had 11 kills and 7 solo blocks, and Kendra Stephenson had 18 assists and 11 digs.

"We took control of serve receive, the net, and hitting the ball in games one and two. I was very proud of the girls for stepping up their level of play and staying together. They worked hard in practice yesterday and they are determined to play each point their hardest," Coach Stephenson said.

Game four was particularly exciting. "We scored 10 unanswered points from Lisa Salazar serving and

the rest of the team blocking or putting the ball down," coach said. Tied at 27, a block gave the Bulldogs a 29-27 edge until Erica Alvarez spiked one for the win.

"This was a great win and a confidence builder. Now we know we can play with people in our conference, if we just believe in ourselves," said Stephenson.

The rollercoaster ride continued at Bethel on Nov. 1. The Bulldogs fell to the Threshers in a grueling five-game match, 31-29, 27-30, 21-30, 30-26, and 9-15.

After winning the first game, Mac dropped the second and third before

tying the match at two games apiece. The 'Dawgs failed to maintain the pace of the host, however, losing the final game by a six point margin.

The long-awaited match with Tabor on senior night also ended with disappointment, as the Bluejays delivered the Mac spikers a rare loss at the Sport Center. Tabor needed only three games to put away the flat-footed Bulldogs, 19-30, 24-30, and 27-30, and putting McPherson's playoff hopes in serious jeopardy.

If the team qualifies for the conference tournament, the Bulldogs will play for the KCAC title on Nov. 11, 13, and 15.

Outstanding teachers recognized

Laurie Neiman
Spectator Staff

Rick Tyler, professor of theater, and Allan van Asselt, associate professor of chemistry, became the first recipients of the new teaching awards at this year's Honors Convocation. The awards are presented each fall to one tenured and one non-tenured teacher selected by the faculty and the students. Faculty members and students received a letter requesting nominations earlier this semester. When Dr. Laura Eells, provost and dean of faculty, announced that the winner of the tenured Teaching Award was responsible for setting up the chairs on stage Tyler said he was "blown away."

"You've got to be kidding," Tyler said. "With all of the cost of instruction and my department not having as many students, I felt as if

I was not affecting students' lives."

Tyler, a graduate of McPherson College, has been teaching theater at McPherson for 27 years.

Tyler said he teaches to have an impact on students. The fun in teaching theatre is that "you don't have to do the same thing over again."

What excited Tyler the most about winning this award was seeing the looks on the faces of the students that he has been working with, he said.

"Those are the kids that I have been yelling at during the rehearsals and there they stood," Tyler said. "I like to pick on people I like and care about."

van Asselt, also a graduate of McPherson College, has been teaching chemistry for four years and was awarded the non-tenured teaching award.

"I must be connecting to students," van Asselt said. "The feedback I see is so hit and miss."

"I take joy in seeing students again years down the road," van Asselt said. "I know I have at least two handfuls of doctors out there or ones becoming doctors."

van Asselt said that what he likes most about teaching at a smaller college is that he has the opportunity to teach the students in more classes. "I don't want students to feel that I am superior to them," van Asselt said. "If the students already knew what I was teaching, why would I be here?"

van Asselt said he is liberal arts oriented and is interested in everything. "It's a nice change from the Who's Who with this award allowing students in general to have such an impact," he said.



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of chemistry



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—Rick Tyler,
professor of theater



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Kara Reiff, sr., Hope, enjoys a relaxing back massage from professional masseuse, Brent Bowen, in personal counselor, Kelli Johnson's, office.

Students and staff enjoy massages

Laurie Neiman
Spectator Staff

Brent Bowen, a massage therapist from Wellness Plus, recently began offering 10-minute massages to faculty and students at discounted prices.

Bowen has been giving on-site massages for the past six years as a way to help others while being self-employed.

Professional massages relieve a host of symptoms, from common stress to rehabilitating someone's muscles after an injury.

"Helping people out is what I enjoy most about giving massages," Bowen said. "Watching people get better after an injury is amazing every time."

Bowen uses the Swedish massage, which consists of deep muscle techniques that allow muscles to relax and the body to release tension.

Every aspect of the massage is customized for the individual, from simple adjustments with the chair to specific areas that the client wants massaged.

"You're in charge...what feels uncomfortable, just tell me and I will adjust. If there is a spot that feels extremely good, I can do

more of it."

"Massage is a major stress reliever. When someone is in pain, they leave feeling their pain reduced, if not completely gone," Bowen said.

Bowen started off giving massages to the faculty, but with the help of Kelli Johnson, personal counselor, students are now enjoying a little relaxation in their busy schedules.

"A lot of people have never had a professional massage and often wonder what it is like," Bowen said.

"With my 10-minute massages, it introduces them to relaxation and a break in a typical college student's day. It's a chance to take time away from being a student and gives you a time to relax."

"With a ten minute massage you will feel great," Johnson said. "He really focuses on your neck, shoulders, back and arms."

"You will feel so good. I felt like I was on the chair for 25 minutes. Everything was wiped away for a moment and I left feeling refreshed," Johnson said.

"It's worth the money. The best thing about getting a massage was how relaxed I

felt," said Nick McKellip, fr., Nampa, Idaho.

"I got a massage the first time he was out here and will be getting my second today," said Abby Harper, fr., Grimes, Iowa. "It's worth the money. When my massage was over the last time, I had no tension between my shoulders. I was really relaxed."

Tennille McCormick, student enrollment services, was impressed with Bowen's low price.

"It's a good deal and he gives us a huge discount," she said. "It's a good way for someone who has never had a professional massage a way to start out and see if this is really what they want to do."

Massages will be offered every other week, with Wednesdays set aside for faculty and Thursdays set aside for students. Anyone interested in making an appointment for a massage should contact Kelli Johnson at ext. 1818. The cost is \$6 for faculty and \$5 for students.

"I wanted to give discounts to the students due to the fact that I totally understand what it is like being in college," Bowen said.

College is working to meet safety needs

Shandi Schoming
Editor in Chief

College officials are moving aggressively to address concerns about campus safety issues.

"Our intent is to be proactive," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, emphasizing that the college is not waiting until a serious incident occurs but is acting to minimize the risk of such an incident ever occurring.

Rothrock has assumed oversight for all facility management projects since the resignation in September of former director of facility management, Phil Hudson.

Safety issues being addressed include blood-borne pathogens, campus lighting, telephones, mirrors, trees and a crisis plan.

All staff will attend a training session on blood-borne pathogens Wednesday, Nov. 12, and each floor in every building will soon be equipped to handle the clean up of body fluids. The facility will be updated on where the kits can be found. Connie Stucky, facility management, has been named the first alert contact. Rothrock said that he intends to have residence hall RAs trained in handling blood-borne pathogens as well.

"Students need to be aware that whenever bodily fluids have been spilled, that if not taken care of properly, they could be infected," Rothrock said. He added that because McPherson College has students from so many different backgrounds-36 states and six countries-that the potential for a person carrying an infectious disease is greater.

Rothrock has instigated a number of other initiatives aimed at enhancing student safety. Trees were trimmed before Homecoming weekend to rid them of low branches and to make it easier for campus pedestrians to see a longer distance. The college is also in the process of improving the outdoor lighting on campus for enhanced vision and safety after dark.

Plans are underway to eventually remove all side-



LaMonte Rothrock

walk lights and replace them with pole lights. An example of the pole light being considered will be installed near Friendship and Brown within the next two weeks, Rothrock said. He intends to solicit student opinions on the light once it is in place.

Measures are also underway to enhance safety within buildings. Every campus building is now equipped with a phone in a central area so students can access it in case of an emergency. Mirrors are also being installed in long hallways and at corners of buildings so persons can see a longer distance and around corners as they walk through halls.

Finally, the first draft of a campus crisis plan has been written, Rothrock said. The crisis plan will cover areas such as what to do in case of a fire, tornado or death in the campus community. Rothrock said that the goal is to have the final draft completed by January 1.

Mike McCormick is still responsible for security, but "the college is continuing to work on making the campus a very safe and secure place for faculty staff, students and community," said Rothrock.

McCormick is responsible for the lock-up of all buildings around 11 every night. Students are allowed to stay in the labs later.

Rothrock also stressed that on-campus students have safety resources in their resident assistants and resident directors.

"The RAs and RDs are there and have been trained to deal with difficult situations."

Connie Stucky, first alert, can be reached at ext. 1240.

NEWS BRIEFS

Singer/Songwriter to perform at McPherson college

Steven Jackson will be performing in the Student Union on Nov. 10 at 9:30 p.m.

Jackson's roots-rock style is said to be similar to the Counting Crows, Bruce Springsteen and Tom Waits.

Jackson plays the acoustic guitar and spices up his performance with off-the-cuff humor.

Admission is free. More information can be found online at <http://www.stevenjackson.net>.

Puppet show to be presented

A Puppet show presented by das Puppenspiel Theatre is scheduled for Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

The Snow Queen, featuring puppets from Westfield, N.Y., uses life-size marionettes, beautiful costumes and lavish sets to entertain audience members.

The Snow Queen is the tale of little Gerda's journey through a land of wintertime to find her friends.

Puppeteers will be available after the performance to visit with audience members and display the puppets.

This performance is presented by the McPherson Arts and Lecture Series and funded by Ketcherside Family Foundation.

Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Board of Trustees meeting today

The Board of Trustees annual fall meeting began yesterday, Nov. 6, on the McPherson College campus.

In addition to the operating deficit, the upcoming Higher Learning Commission accreditation will be among the topics discussed.

The board's standing committees have additional agendas. The Academic and Student Life Committee will look into the cost of instruction study, admissions progress, campus life and career initiatives.

The Finance Committee will deal with the budget, tuition and fees, as well as a three-year financial plan.

The Advancement Committee will be considering a three-year strategic plan in addition to fund-raising options.

The 25-member board meets three times a year, during the fall, spring, and summer and is composed of alumni, Church of the Brethren members, parents and community members.

They are a group of people who are committed to the college's future success, President Ron Hovis said.

Although the meeting is not open to the public, the faculty chair, a faculty representative, the SGA president, and the seven members of the president's cabinet observe all processes except the executive sessions.

Dean Feasenthall

While McPherson is no research university, most professors have opportunities to do research about their field in some cases. The scope of their original research varies. Hubin, assistant professor of chemistry, teaches at different chemistry departments. Her career in the field is in the

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Don Vermilyea "plants seeds" trek across

Laurie Neiman

Don Vermilyea in his life's mission across America. The word of his mission is message through Vermilyea said.

Vermilyea, a member of the Brethren, across America every Brethren congregation that he invited. He almost 90 churches out of the 1,000 Churches in Traveling to the churches could to ten million Vermilyea spent on campus last he visited the Church of the Brethren. Vermilyea's journey four years ago worked at a church Southern California running errands camp. Vermilyea disgusted with that surrounded realized that he should instead of drive.

As Vermilyea went to America he planted "My seeds came California when that I needed to strengthen my relationship with God," he said.

Vermilyea has walked over 16 million steps.

One has to have huge amounts of money to do what I am doing, Vermilyea said. Discipline comes from Christ."

Vermilyea sold the house he owned before he started his journey. Vermilyea received a month or 11 cents from the church to do his next meal.

Vermilyea's only possession has been his backpack. Vermilyea wears a Balance shoes since he made in the United States. Vermilyea tried to Balance to

to