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## SGA to research dorm visitation hours

Survey gets the pulse of students' opinions of dorm visitation hours

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Editor In Chief

Reviewing the dorm visitation hours will be at the top of SGA's agenda next spring.

SGA president Rebecca Stover said SGA members have divided into four committees in order to do proper research on the issue. One committee will look into statistics on campus, including visitation violations, history and current trends. A second will research other ACCK schools' policies, collecting information on the schools' visitation hours and their history of violations. A third committee will do the same research as the second, but will look at the visitation policies at the five other Church of the Brethren affiliated colleges

across the nation. "We want to get an idea of what other schools' policies are. We want to know what works for them and where they've struggled," Stover said. "It helps to put our policy in to perspective. Maybe we think ours is very strict and we have no freedom, but maybe we are one of the more liberal schools out there... We won't base our decision on what other schools are doing."

The final group will survey the student body.

A freshman seminar group led by Kelli Johnson, personal counselor, conducted a survey last week regarding the student body's positions on the current visitation hours. Johnson's class got the idea from their creative controversy project, in which they had to research

### VISITATION SURVEY

Have you ever violated visitation hours and not been caught?

- 100 students..... "Yes, 1 or 2 times"
- 26 students..... "Yes, about once a week on average"
- 44 students..... "Yes, several times a week on average"
- 82 students..... "No, I have never violate visitation hours"

visitation hours and then argue either for or against changing the hours. One group member came up with the survey to aid in the research, and later it was opened to the entire campus. "My class learned that complaining does nothing, but taking appropriate, well-planned steps improves the chances that change can be made," Johnson said.

While the survey showed that the majority of students were in favor of open visitation the entire week (134), others would rather see open visitation just on the weekends (54) or kept the same as they are now (12).

Stover said that SGA does have the results from this

survey and will take them into consideration with the "lump of materials" they consider. SGA will be distributing another, more complete and specific survey once their research is finished and they know what issues they will be taking into consideration.

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, says the college has decided "ultimately this is not a trustee action item. It's a college operations item." The administrative cabinet will discuss visitation hours, and the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee will inform the trustees what is taking place.

"This is really about stu-

dent interest," Rothrock said. "Looking at that survey, a lot of comments were 'treat us like adults.' We're trying to set them for what the expectations would be in society."

"I think we do treat people like adults on campus because there are rules, and we expect them to abide by rules. It's no different than society. There's rules about being loud, there's rules about parties," Rothrock said. "It's our responsibility to provide a safe environment for all students."

Although discussion is taking place about dorm visitation hours, Rothrock stresses that it's too big an issue to say "here's what we're going to do." He says he is open to trying different ideas for a short period of time and looking at how it went and what problems occurred.

"I'm willing to look at all kinds of things," Rothrock

said. "Once we make final policy, we don't want to turn around next year and make another policy and another policy."

"We want to hear the majority's cries and act on them," Stover said. But, we will not forget about the minority's wishes."

Stover wants students to realize that the potential change is not something that will happen overnight.

"This is a slow process that we are going to make sure is done correctly and thoroughly," she said. "We want to make these changes be advantageous to the college as a whole."

"It's got to make sense for who the college is and what we're about," Rothrock said. "How does it enhance the experience of McPherson College is really what I'm going to look at."

The four committees will report to the group at SGA's first spring meeting.

## Campus ministries suffer low participation

Laurie Neiman  
Spectator Staff

While Wednesday chapel may be the most well known aspect of the college's Campus Ministry program, the campus minister's office offers many more activities through which students can grow spirituality.

Chapel services take place every Wednesday in the Siek Dining Room in the Student Union between the hours of 12:30 and 1 p.m.

"We are still looking at ways to make chapel more exciting as well as meaningful," said Kenny Manhamo, campus minister. "It is the campus ministries' job to bring spiritual awareness to those on campus."

Chapel attendance has been negatively affected by its place in the revised class schedule that was put in place this fall. Classes this semester run until 12:20 and then begin again at 1, leaving those students who would like to attend chapel little if any time to eat before heading off to class.

"Given our overall enrollment, and the number of related activities happening on campus this semester, the average number of students attending Wednesday worship services is not discouraging," Manhamo said.

Manhamo said campus ministry is seeking suggestions and ideas from students for changing chapel so that it can meet each student's need to worship.

"This semester we have tried to promote diversity by having persons from all different aspects of the church speak in chapel," Manhamo said.

"Campus ministry is in the process of assessing the degree to which it currently incorporates student learning and student development in line with the college's mission statement," Manhamo said. "It is important for this office to set up the goals that feed into the mission of Student Services



Kenny Manhamo

along with the overall ideals of this institution."

A lot of dynamics and other options on campus dealing with religion come into play, and campus ministry has to be aware of such things to be able to come up with relevant activities.

Campus ministry provides other opportunities for students to get involved as well.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which is not limited to just athletes, meets on Sundays at 9 p.m. at the Sport Center.

A student-facilitated evening prayer group meets every night at 10:30.

Praise time offers students a chance to come together to praise and worship God through music.

Praise time had been meeting at 8:30 p.m. on Fridays, but due to basketball season, organizers are looking for a more convenient time to meet. Like all other campus ministry activities, it is non-denominational and everyone is invited to participate.

Each semester, the campus ministry tries to sponsor two Bible study groups that meet on separate days and times, making it more convenient for students who wish to participate.

Head football coach David Cunningham always invites members of the football team to attend a voluntary chapel, held each time the team has a Saturday game.

## College to increase tuition

Patricia Goering  
News Editor

Colleges and universities around the country are bumping up the cost of tuition, and McPherson College is no exception.

The Board of Trustees approved the 3.7 percent cost of attendance increase at its fall meeting. The increase for the 2004-05 school year will raise tuition from \$13,830 to \$14,385. Room and board charges will also increase slightly next year.

"The cost of operating the college continues to increase, and a modest rate increase in our prices is necessary to allow us to continue to provide students with all of the services and programs needed," business manager Gaylon Green said.

Green said he believes the tuition at McPherson College is still affordable and competitive, especially among private institutions in Kansas.

In comparison to other colleges and universities, McPherson College's tuition increase is minimal.

According to a survey conducted by the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, more than 25 state colleges or universities increased tuition between 10 and 20 per-

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cent. Kansas State University is one of the institutions preparing for a 20-percent increase.

Even wealthy institutions such as Harvard University, Dartmouth College and Brown University are turning to students to fill holes in the budget, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

"The states are responding to the budget crisis by passing major cuts on to colleges and universities, and colleges and universities are responding to these reductions by passing on the cost to students and families," Patrick Callan, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, said.

"This is all happening at a time when student financial aid is not keeping pace with increases in tuition." Only 14 states increased the student grant aid by more than 10 percent, and

MCPHERSON COLLEGE TUITION INCREASE	
Current Tuition	\$13,830
2004-05 Tuition	\$14,385
Percent Increase	3.7%

17 states decreased their total aid, according to a report released by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education.

"There is no question that when tuition prices go up, it tends to discourage kids from lower-income families from going to college," said Donald E. Heller, a senior research associate at the Center for the Study of Higher Education at Pennsylvania State University. "They are the students who are least likely to know about financial aid and the fact that a college's sticker price is not the price they would end up paying."

The national average published price at private four-year colleges was \$19,710, but the actual average price students paid was about \$12,410 after adjusting for financial aid.

Although he couldn't quote the actual numbers, President Ron Hovis told staff at last month's meeting that few, if any, students at McPherson College pay the full sticker price.

Over the last decade, grant aid has seen a meager 85 percent increase compared to the 173 percent increase in the education-loan volume. More and more students are resorting to private loans in addition to federal or state loans and grants to pay for college.

Amy George, a sophomore from McPherson and mother of three, said that although she gets a lot of funding from grants and scholarships, she also has loans. Any increase in tuition will eventually come back to haunt her as those loans come due.

"It definitely makes it tighter at home," George said.

To lighten the financial burden the tuition increase may place on students, Green advises them to prepare a realistic budget that includes all expenses related to attending McPherson College. Green also advises students to secure all the financial aid and scholarships possible, which may include student loans or part-time employment.

### FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Final Exam Time	Monday Dec. 15	Tuesday Dec. 16	Wednesday Dec. 17	Thursday Dec. 18
8:00 a.m.	2:00 Classes MWF MTRF	9:30 Classes MWF MTWF	10:30 Classes MWF MTWF	8:30 Classes MWF MTWF
10:30 a.m.	10:30 Classes TR	2:00 Classes TR	9:30 Classes TR 4:00 Classes MWR	1:00 Classes MWR
2:00 p.m.	11:30 Classes TR	3:00 Classes MWF MWR	8:30 Classes TR	11:30 Classes MWF
7:00 p.m.	Monday Night Classes	Tuesday Night Classes	Wednesday Night Classes	Thursday Night Classes

OUR LEAD EDITORIALS

SGA responds to students' concern

Issue 1: Visiting hours could see a change. Our Position: SGA is handling it the right way.

A change in dormitory visitation hours such as SGA is currently exploring could have both positive and negative effects. Although it seems to be what the majority of the students want, the life in the residence halls must still reflect the college's values and mission. Would a change in visitation hours take away

from this? SGA seems to be taking the appropriate steps to find an answer. The research and effort SGA is giving the visitation issue should be commended. This proves that SGA is serving its purpose to respond to student concerns. Comparing the practices on our campus with the policies and practices of other Brethren and ACCK colleges is important, in that SGA is also attempting to fulfill the needs of the college as a whole.

SGA plans to survey the student body, and not only respond to the concerns of the majority, but take the minority's concerns and struggles into consideration as well.

Whether or not changing visitation hours is something that needs to happen on the McPherson College campus, it illustrates SGA's members' concern for students and their willingness to do what they were elected to do.

Bulldogs mentioned on ESPN

Issue 2: Bulldogs in the limelight. Our Position: Let's use it to our advantage.

The recent ESPN radio broadcast on the "Dan Patrick Show" declaring the Bulldogs as Sugar Bowl contenders seems a good way to kick off the recruitment season.

Not only did the Bulldog football team receive

national recognition, the broadcast provided invaluable national publicity for the entire college. By naming the Bulldogs "The Official College Team" of his program, ESPN radio host Dan Patrick has added an extra push for the college's recruitment team.

Even though it turns out that the Bulldogs may not be contenders for a national championship, the ESPN broadcast gave Bulldog fans and team members something to talk about, and a little extra post-season pride.

Perhaps bringing the Bulldogs into the limelight for a few days will spark a some new interest in McPherson College that may not have existed before. With the admissions staff pushing hard to reach ambitious goals, this could be the lift they need in order to achieve them.

As for the Bulldog's run at the Bowl Championship Series championship-better luck next time.

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MAC OPINIONS

What do you think visitation hours should be?

"Open all the time, but a certain time to have the right to kick the opposite sex out." Amanda Harkness, fr., Hays



"Open all the time for long study groups." Ryan Torsell, soph., Rangely, Colo.



"They should be open; it would improve academic and student relations." Kevin Lamm, soph., Wichita



"24-hour visitation all the time." Seth Cavaneer, soph., Tribune



"I think they're a little ridiculous. I'm old enough to take care of myself; we should have the responsibility to do it." Laura Engquist, fr., McPherson



"Keep them the same or increase morning visitation." Jenny Harper, jr., Grimes, Iowa

Bush's agenda not reflecting nation's best interests

When George W. Bush was elected three years ago, Ralph Nader said Bush would be "the corporate President." I also recall an editorial that predicted Bush had what it takes to set this country back 50 years. Well, we are seeing it now, right before our eyes.

Three weeks ago, Congress very nearly passed a \$32 billion "energy bill."

The Democrats tell us that its provisions were negotiated and written behind closed doors, with only Republicans and utility company lobbyists being allowed to participate. The bill itself is 1100 pages long, and contains something for every corporation and every lobbyist with connections. All of Mr. Bush's political contributors, you see, have to be repaid.

One of the most egregious provisions of this bill is the provision that makes MBTE manufacturers immune from court damage awards-which means they can no longer be sued. MBTE is the toxic additive that makes gasoline more oxygenated, making it easier to combust and giving it less volatility and creating less air pollution. However, many cities and towns, espe-

cially in older, more congested parts of the country, have recently found MBTE contamination in their public water supplies, creating a health risk far greater and more immediate than polluted air. Our fine Republican administration, however, thinks the MBTE people should be immune from any lawsuits that cities or other affected parties might bring against these corporations.

It is a classic case of putting corporate interest above the interest of public health and safety. And don't go away-I understand the next immunity proposal in Congress will be for the gun manufacturers, to be voted on as soon as Congress gets back in session.

Two weeks ago, Congress passed the Medicare prescription drug bill. The Bush administration made sure that all of its pharmaceutical corporation and insurance company contributors were well taken care of in this bill.

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-Peter Phillips

The bill makes it illegal for Americans to import cheaper pharmaceutical products from Canada, even though they are 50-70 percent cheaper than the same product in the U.S.

Another provision of the Medicare bill prohibits the government from putting any price controls on prescription drugs or negotiating price reductions on these drugs. To obtain prescription drug coverage, the individual must join an HMO and/or some other private insurance outfit, thereby privatizing this new portion of Medicare, and guaranteeing the insurance and pharmaceutical companies an unlimited supply of customers paying top dollar for the product.

Is this a pharmaceutical lobbyist's dream, or what? Do I detect a pattern here? Whatever happened to the

public interest?

The week before that, women who want to make a personal choice on whether to carry a fetus to full term, lost part of that liberty to make a decision. As I stated above, Mr. Bush has what it takes to reverse this country's progressivism of the past few decades.

And now, thanks to the warmonger in the White House, we are stuck in an unwinnable war against terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan-shades of Viet Nam all over again. Bush's unilateral insistence about resorting to war and violence, which was in direct violation of the United Nations charter and international law, will create enemies of the United States for years and generations to come.

With that one act of war making, Mr. Bush took this country back to the mid-1940s, before there was a United Nations.

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Christmastime dreary not cheery

Stress of growing up makes enjoying the holidays, especially while in school, more of a chore than ever imagined before

'Tis the season to be jolly... I guess.

I don't mean to say that to make it look like I'm unhappy. Frankly, I'm miserable.

Perhaps one of the biggest disappointments I've endured as a college student is that the Christmas season, despite the joyous festivities that come with it, is a time of great stress.

I wish I didn't equate the birth of Christ with finals and bitter traveling conditions. It was easier in elementary school back when homework was minimal, everything I ever did in class was related to Christmas, and I was immature enough to want everything at Wal-Mart I could get my hands on.

Now I'm scrambling to find the time to be jovial.

Perhaps my biggest mistake was that I let Christmas become a routine thing. It shouldn't be like that.

When I was younger, Christmas meant receiving presents and spending time with the family-and traveling to different places to visit the not-so immediate portion of the family-my other grandmother in Arkansas City and my aunt and uncle in Kansas City. Well, time changes a lot of

GROUND LEVEL PEDESTAL

Michael Warner



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-Michael Warner

things. Since those days, both grandmothers have perished along with my uncle, and my sister has moved out entirely and now stays in the guest room. I celebrate the holidays with those who remain, but I don't recognize them like I did back when I could pretty much assume Christmas would be like it was the previous year.

It feels strange moving back into my own home for these few weeks.

It's not like I get out of bed anymore and walk to the kitchen to get a drink of water expecting to see my father making coffee and emptying the dishwasher.

It's not like I can be 10 again and run across the hall to my sister's room and pounce on her and drag her out of bed so we can open presents. The room is empty now.

Sleep doesn't even feel the same anymore. When I was younger, I felt like a spring uncoiling when I got out of bed. Now? I spend the first 10 minutes waking up trying to figure out where I am.

It's difficult adjusting to this change. The temptation is to do nothing, to retreat to bed to ease the damage caused by the first semester, to regress back into my routine childhood.

But I know I need to address this whole maturity issue. I need to learn to handle the holidays with more grace and less hubbub.

Being around my immediate family is a rare occasion for me now. A good chunk of them are permanently gone. Family and Christmas

should not yield to these times of academic hardship.

So this year is going to be different. The folks in my family are good people. The holidays will probably bring stress, but the payoff will come in one form or another. It may be the eggnog, it may be the open houses, perhaps the luminaries. Hey, it could be the sleep.

But this year, I'm going to see through the changes. I know Christmas may not be everything it was when I was a kid. I'm realizing how Christmas means different things to us during different periods in our lives.

When I was a kid, Christmas meant presents. As an adolescent, Christmas was for celebrating the birth of Jesus and giving thanks with the family. As a college student, Christmas is still for celebrating the birth of Jesus, but now I'm approaching the holidays with greater appreciation for a family I don't see near as much as I used to.

Merry Christmas, everyone. I have some calls I need to make to help me get in the Christmas spirit.

Win

I should be elected president of McPherson College. Why? I have an eye for the people everywhere I go. I questioning about that. get things accomplished. I have an ear for the conservative with an eye for in ment. I strive to help (Except for E-Bay.) I would raise mo changing a nickel time you access. Don't use the Intern toilets. They have France. I would know ev name, and you would blowing leaves off walk, cutting g pulling dead flo would attend all of social occasions an visit local drinking e ments on the wee make sure ever enjoying themsel each other, and to le to your newfound is concerns. Although this Brethren-affiliated and my background Brethren church, many of you heathe enjoy the convenie on-campus house o think the gazebo lends itself as such Church attendan be required. Every religion. Perhaps a would be excused i a really good reas you involuntarily the sound of hymns Of course, due to o of this controversia

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# Winds of change whisper "Luke"

I should be elected secret president of McPherson College. Why? Because everywhere I go I hear people questioning this or whining about that. I could get things accomplished. I have an ear for the people and an eye for improvement. I strive to help, yet am conservative with money. (Except for E-Bay.)

I would raise money by charging a nickel for every time you access a website. Don't use the Internet? Pay toilets. They have them in France.

I would know everyone's name, and you would see me blowing leaves off the sidewalk, cutting grass or pulling dead flowers. I would attend all off-campus social occasions and would visit local drinking establishments on the weekends to make sure everyone is enjoying themselves and each other, and to lend an ear to your newfound issues and concerns.

Although this is a Brethren-affiliated college, and my background is in the Brethren church, I realize many of you heathens would enjoy the convenience of an on-campus house of spirits. I think the gazebo naturally lends itself as such a place.

Church attendance would be required. Everyone needs religion. Perhaps attendance would be excused if you had a really good reason, (say, you involuntarily vomit at the sound of hymns).

Of course, due to the nature of this controversial and forward-thinking position, we would have to keep it a secret from the alumni. And everyone else. Since I'm but a student, I could pull it off quite successfully, while the current president remains in office to...to...well, sign papers and handle press events. That's why my title would have to include the word "secret."

In fact, I like the ring of "double secret student president commander in chief" better. Yea. Soft water for Morrison and Bittinger!! Heated sidewalks for snow and ice removal!! And of course you would witness the return of the mint basket in the Dining Hall. That, and someone standing by at all times to ensure no more griping about things being depleted. Bowls by the cereal would be an every-meal occasion. Carrying out a few rice krispie treats wouldn't be a crime.

No classes would begin before 10:30, but they would run later at night, since we're all up anyway. Attendance at sporting events would contribute to your GPA, as would the mandatory church attendance.

I fully expect every student to pitch in and help keep the campus clean and orderly.

Not only will each student be expected to work somewhere on campus, but failure to attend work or pathetic attempts at work will detract from your GPA.

These jobs will be just like the work-study jobs, anything from keeping score at ballgames to working in the cafeteria. Bear in mind that your wages will be credited to your student account, not paid to you in cash. It's more important to have less debt later than a little bit of spending money now. View it as our way of teaching you how to manage money without attending accounting class.

Speaking of class, the class work would be bumped up a notch. It's time to take responsibility, buckle down, and be a dedicated student. You will be a better person for it in the end. But you can't thank me publicly you know, because this is all double extra secret.

Another class related issue to attack is the clocks. Via a computer system (computers never fail, so we'll use them. Plus it's impressive.) all clocks will display the same time.

College is a time to experiment, push your limits, and discover what it is that really

makes your time bomb tick. For this reason, McPherson will, under my direction, sponsor one free tattoo or body piercing to each student.

Another, more serious idea is that every student must take a tour of Templeton Hall. Those of us in Templeton understand, for the most part, what goes on in the other classrooms on campus. I get the feeling a lot of people have no idea the sort of stuff we're learning on the east side of campus. It's not just brake pads and oil changes. In fact, its rarely either. Ok, maybe brake pads, but also a complete brake system rebuild at the same time.

As you can see, the decision to shoo me in as the double secret student president commander in chief is a no-brainer. Perhaps double secret student ambivalent dictator would be a more accurate title, but nevertheless, the issue should be addressed immediately.

Votes can be submitted via email to me; I'll tally them.

—Luke Eberly

## INDIANA INSIGHTS

Luke Eberly



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# War justified, after careful examination

Most people are either for or against the war in Iraq; very few are neutral. Many of those for the war are Just War Responders. Most of those against the war are pacifists.

Just War Theory is based on these principles:

The damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave and certain.

The responder must have the probability of succeeding and may be used only as a last resort.

The use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition.

The case for just war begins with an aggressor that attacks or encroaches upon the territorial integrity of another country without provocation. If an aggressor, such as Saddam/Hitler, engages in unjustified unilateral attack, war is inevitable. In 1990 Iraq invaded Kuwait and the US/UN conducted what was said to be a Just War against Iraq.

Our current war in Iraq is not as clean-cut. Is it wrong for the US to step in when an estimated one million people are being tortured and killed in contrast to a few thousand deaths that will occur from a Just War?

When an aggressor commits acts of violence, two responses are possible.

The first is the response of the pacifist. The dictionary defines a pacifist as one who opposes war or violence as a means of settling disputes, i.e., refusal to bear arms on moral or religious grounds. War is defined as a state of open and declared armed conflict between states or

nations. A conflict is competitive or opposing action of incompatibles and the antagonistic state, the action of divergent ideas, interests, or persons, or the mental struggle resulting from incompatible or opposing needs, drives, wishes, or external or internal demands.

These definitions suggest that a pacifist is one who stands in opposition to a state of usually open and declared armed hostility or opposing action of incompatibles and the antagonistic state or action of divergent ideas, interests, or persons. This is not an interpretation, only an analysis of the interpretations others have made over years of experience before writing out definitions. Therefore, the only stance the pacifist can take is to go about apprehending the aggressor without violence.

The Just War Responder, on the other hand, using the justifications of the Just War Theory to be sure they are doing the right thing, will take all measures to ensure that a Just War is the last and only way to bring about peace in the end. Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick."

In other words, as one anonymous person put it, "Don't be a pacifist and let everyone walk all over you." Not even a superpower like the United States can fight every battle. The Bible states, "And when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled; for such things must needs be;

**"We need to protect what is ours. This nation fought for freedom and bought it with the blood of our ancestors."**

—James Conley

but the end shall not be yet," meaning there will be times of war throughout this life time.

The security for the American public must be the number one goal when going into any war. The Just War Responder asks the question, if I stand by and watch genocide do I become guilty? His response will be, I must act. Yet he still has to be reasonable in the battles he chooses to take on.

Pacifists must rely on the common good of mankind, or a higher power, i.e. God, to live peacefully. From their standpoint, war can be solved the same way Gandhi held peace demonstrations.

Jesus says in Matthew, "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also." There is absolutely nothing wrong with living peacefully and simply, since the Bible agrees with that. The question is, will God always intervene at the prayers of pacifist, or does He require us to respond?

In the King James Version of the Bible, James says, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" Peter says, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul."

Since the Bible clearly states that war resides in every man, there is no such thing as a pacifist. We all have roots of violence within. But what about the aggressor? Obviously, if war is in every man, i.e., good against evil, there is good in every man.

When the violent side wins out, a man becomes the aggressor type. The pacifist would argue that we should not stand up to another man but should "turn the other cheek." If someone holds a 44 magnum to your face and pulls the trigger, there will be no other cheek to turn. Turning the other cheek works as a principle to develop a servant's heart and to move toward forgiveness, but it only feeds the ugliness of the aggressor.

But there must be a level of common sense when dealing with an aggressor since they dictate a strong response. Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." The pacifist will rely on the goodness of man, and in order for him to keep people happy he will be on a lifelong retreat. The Just War responder recognizes an aggressor, evaluates the situation and possibly acts.

President Bush has taken this nation with a majority support of the people to war with Iraq. It is my belief that Bush has reviewed the situations and is using the Just War theory as a backing for his actions in Iraq.

If we act as a doormat to an aggressor we lose that freedom. For us to do nothing is to surrender to the most evil, aggressive types of people in our society.

We have the ability to help ourselves. Like Burke I believe good men must stand up.





"It's the most wonderful time..."

Find gift ideas, discover the Christmas wishes of a few Mac students, and quiz yourself with some Christmas trivia.

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Christmas Gift Ideas 101

Lara Lichty
Features Editor

Christmas season is in full swing and places are swamped. Do you have the time, money, or energy to get your Christmas shopping done? Maybe you just need a few reminders of how simple gift giving can actually be...

Let's face it. As college students, most of us lack money. This makes gift-buying difficult, so let's look at a few "cheaper" items offered downtown for \$10 or less.

Java John's, located on the 100 block E. Marlin, offers various flavors of ground coffee such as cinnamon almond, hazelnut, caramel, etc...Any coffee drinkers in your family?

The Gallery, an art store on 300 Main has various items on sale. You can buy pottery ranging from candle holders to scented pots for only \$3. Or, buy mom some straw jewelry, and a Christmas card painted by a local artist.

Maybe someone you know would enjoy a pedicure or manicure kit. Hair, cosmetics, and nail supplies can be found at Bello Capelli, 202 North Main. If you want to get creative, offer to do the dirty work yourself: offer to give mom a manicure. (She'd enjoy

spending time with you anyway.)

You might also be surprised at the number of gifts offered at 100 N. Main, at the Health Food Market. Kits for facials, mini spas, aromatherapy, and cookie making will greet you at the front door. You can also find health foods for the family health nut, candles, incense, tea or gourmet candies.

Fruits of the Spirit, 112 W. Euclid, can supply you with cheap board games, "cool" school supplies, and fun key chains for your little brother or sister.

Selected frames at Mann's Studio, 212 N. Main range from \$5-10. Again, put some thought into your gift by personalizing the frame. Make a collage of pictures for your girlfriend or boyfriend. Frame the picture you took of you and your little sister to give your parents, or scan a vintage family photo from an album, print it on photographic paper, and frame it as a gift for parents or grandparents.

Looking for something for a "hard-to-shop-for" dad? Walk the aisles of Ace Hardware, 319 N. Main, to find something he'd actually use, even if it's just some paint brushes, tools, or masking tape. You can also visit Brown's Shoe Fit Co.,

118 N. Main, to find socks or gloves.

Buying for a college student? Buy gift certificates to useful places around town: Blockbuster, Dillons, Applebee's, Walmart, or the Hearth Room.

Put together a snack food pack, or a kit filled with the essential dorm room supplies that you never thought of buying when you first came (a doormat, a stapler, a mug, dish soap, or a message board).

Gift giving doesn't always have to involve material things either. Most people enjoy gifts with meaning anyway. Use your own skills to create a gift that will be remembered for years to come.

If you're an artist, offer your skills in whatever form the person on the receiving end would most enjoy. If your grandma has always wanted her bathroom painted, paint the design of her choice on the walls. Maybe your dad wants a mural painted in his office, or a picture to hang up in his bedroom. Make the newly wed couple in your family a set of matching mugs. Paint cartoon images of memories on a trash can or a cheapo T.V stand from Walmart for your best friend.

Musicians can write songs or give personal

"recitals." Offer to sit down with grandpa and play or sing carols with him.

Write a poem or a letter expressing how you feel about someone and how their being a part of your life has affected you.

Repay your roommates by giving them a box of items that you always borrow from them.

Give a gift of time to family members. Over the break, send your parents out on a date together, or take your grandma out to see the Christmas lights up around town. Take your little brother ice skating. Spend an hour typing up a few Christmas memories of the older lady next door, print them on nice paper and give them back to her so she can spread them on to her grandchildren.

The truth behind giving gifts at Christmastime is this (at least in the heart of Lara Lichty): Christmas is not going to be about the red sweater your boyfriend got for you. You won't even remember who got you what a year from now, so don't stress out about what to give to the people you care about.

The point of gift giving is to let people know you care. Spend time with the people you love and find simple ways to thank them for being a part of your life.

Santa's Wish List

What are Mac students dreaming of for Christmas?

"I'd like Jesus to come back, but if he doesn't, I'll settle for a McLaren F1."

-Jon Toland, soph., Plano, Texas



"I want a pony."

-Amber Wright, soph., Cushing, Okla.



"Money."

-Andrea Gonzales, soph., Elizabeth, Colo.



"A car because mine's broken."

-Matt Herber, Jr., Wood River, Neb.



"I'd like a laptop with music programs on it."

-Jesse Beard, Jr., Olathe



"The damn wind to stop."

-Jon Rothrock, soph., McPherson



Test your Christmas knowledge

1. Which of the following is an explanation of the origins of the Christmas stocking?

- a. Children would take off their socks and leave them by the fire for St. Nicholas to fill
b. St. Nicholas left gold coins in the stockings of 3 girls who needed money for their wedding dowries
c. Stockings seemed like the cheapest/most logical item

2. In which country did the tradition of the Christmas tree originate?

- a. New England
b. Poland
c. Germany

3. Which American department store was the story of Rudolph created for?

- a. Macy's
b. Liberty's
c. Montgomery Ward

4. Before turkey was introduced to Britain from the US what did the wealthy eat for their traditional Christmas Dinner?

- a. Buzzard
b. Peacock
c. Ostrich

5. "Hot Cockles" was popular at Christmas in Medieval times. What was it?

- a. A dish of oysters and mussels
b. A hot, spiced drink
c. A game in which a blindfolded person was struck

6. How did the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe start?

- a. It was associated with the Scandinavian love goddess
b. The Druids used it in marriage ceremonies
c. Eating it makes your mouth pucker

7. What gender are Santa's reindeer?

- a. Female
b. Male

8. How many homes does Santa "have to visit"?

- a. 842 million
b. 600 million
c. 3 billion

9. True or False? It was commanded in the New

Testament to celebrate Jesus' birth.

10. What gift was given on the 9th day?

- a. 9 Piper's piping
b. 9 Ladies dancing
c. 9 Lords-a-leaping

11. Which country just declared Christmas as a national holiday in 1958?

- a. Nigeria
b. Thailand
c. Scotland

12. When is it "lucky" to eat Mincemeat pie?

- a. On the 12 days of Christmas
b. Christmas Eve
c. Christmas day

Answers: 1. b, 2. c, 3. c, 4. b, 5. c, 6. a, 7. a, 8. b, 9. false, 10. a, 11. c, 12. a

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Amanda Smith
Guest Writer

"White tea... Red team, go! No, this isn't inside a foot... Every day... College has gifted players... way across campus... Do we as a community... their never-ending... Each of our... considerably... literally—at... these two teams... Have you... Although you... know their... faces are familiar... said, "Hello!"... Day after... teams clean... the McPherson... campus... With... these teams... bathrooms... would not... immaculate... students find... after day... The "Red Team"... Janelle Miller... of Cheryl... Carry Long, S... and Lorelei J... Two students... soph., M... Craig Ba... McPherson, h... to an hour a... times a week... This team c... izes and dis... Morrison, M... Fine Arts Ce... and Melhorn... The White... lar challenge... Beeghly, M... Library and D... Elisa Cline... members are... Liz Skipworth... Prickett... To some, th... of keeping ca... clean... we... impossible to... these teams... teamwork as... the day flies... Each team

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# "Red" & "white" teams surface where least expected

## Mac cleaning crew sets an example of the importance of teamwork

Amanda Smith  
Guest Writer

"White team ready, set, Red team, go!"

No, this isn't a glimpse inside a football huddle. Every day McPherson College has two teams of gifted players that buzz their way across campus.

Do we as a campus community benefit from their never-ending efforts? Each of our days is made considerably easier—literally—at the hands of these two teams.

Have you seen them? Although you may not know their names, their faces are familiar. Have you said, "Hello!"? Maybe so.

Day after day these two teams clean every cranny of the McPherson College campus. Without the effort these teams exert, dorm bathrooms, for example, would not be in the immaculate condition students find them in day after day.

The "Red Team" is led by Janelle Miller and consists of Cheryl Hammarland, Carry Long, Steve Anderson and Lorelei Jordan.

Two students, Kyle White, soph., Mound City, and Craig Baum, soph., McPherson, help for an hour to an hour and a half four times a week.

This team cleans, deodorizes and disinfects Bittinger, Morrison, Metzler, Hess Fine Arts Center, Templeton and Melhorn.

The White Team has similar challenges as it tackles Beeghly, Mohler, Miller Library and Dotzour. Led by Elisa Cline, white team members are Christy Lam, Liz Skipworth and Heather Prickett.

To some, the arduous task of keeping campus facilities clean would seem impossible to enjoy. Not for these teams. They attribute teamwork as the reason why the day flies by.

Each team member has a

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—White team member

specialization to hone in on as the team moves from building to building. So that no microsecond is wasted, team members who finish their tasks pitch in to help someone else on the team finish.

Early in the morning, long before most students are even stirring, the alarms of these team members sound. By the time 6 a.m. rolls around, the teams are already being briefed about the day of cleaning to come.

Team members witness on a regular basis what sickens most mothers if cleaning up after their own children.

The teams' biggest complaint is summed up by what one member of the Red Team calls "The 4 P's": cleaning up poop, puke, pee and pickers." The tasks these people carry out are sometimes best described as grotesque.

Surprisingly, team members do not think of their jobs as being deplorable. Six of the eight members interviewed responded that they did not want any other job on campus.

"I don't want any other job - I like what I'm doing," one enthusiastic member of the White Team commented. These team members say working with a great team of hard workers, meeting and getting to know the students, and having the students talk with them makes their job rewarding.

Team members say that they are treated well by the student body.

One member of the white team said, "We are treated very well. They are great kids and I enjoy them very much."

With compliments like these, don't we want to make these persons' lives easier?



Liz Skipworth, Elisa Cline, and Heather Prickett are three members of the white team that cleans Dotzour Hall.

Due to their bustling schedule the Red Team has only 15 minutes to clean each bathroom in Bittinger and Morrison. The cleaner each restroom, or any other place on campus is initially, the cleaner the finished product will be.

Renee Carlson works independently of the colored teams but helps out whenever it is needed. We have her to thank for cleaning the Facility Management Office, Student Union, Brown, Friendship, Mingenback and the President's home.

Michael Miller is neither "red" nor "white," but cleans the Sport Center and stadium.

We are a campus composed of young adults. Let's have respect for this campus and the diligent people who work to make McPherson College a place to be proud of.



Red team member, Lorelei Jordan, wipes the counter in the Bittinger kitchen.

# Barbara Cole announces retirement after 3 years

Lara Lichty  
Features Editor

Barbara Cole, a familiar face in the education department, has announced her retirement. Cole has served as the assistant professor of education for the past three years and plans to retire from McPherson College in January.

"I'm going to miss it, as well as the students, a lot, but there comes a time when you know it's the right time to hang it up," Cole said.

After graduating from Kansas University, and then going on to complete her master's degree from Kansas State, Cole started teaching English and drama in the McPherson school system.

In 1989, Cole took early retirement from the public schools and began serving as the vice president of the Kansas chapter of the National Education Association. She later served for four years as the president of the association.

In 1997, Barbara's term as president was up, and she actually had a few years to be semi-retired. She spent her time doing free-lance education consulting.



Barbara Cole will be retiring after teaching one last class over interterm in January.

Cole realized she wanted to work with student teachers and began working for McPherson College in 2000. Barbara feels the most rewarding aspect of her job has been working with the student teachers and feeling

like she's prepared them to be successful in the work force.

"It's been rewarding to hear students say they've learned a lot," Cole said.

She has also enjoyed the people she works with.

"My colleagues have made this a nice place to be," said Cole. "You can have a beautiful campus, but without the colleagues it wouldn't have been the same. The people make it a good place to work."

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—Barbara Cole

Cole's colleagues also respect her work.

"She's been one of the easiest colleagues to work with. I've enjoyed her level-headedness and work ethic," said Marilyn Kimbrell, professor of education and chair of the curriculum and instruction department. "Besides being great with the students and other educators, we wouldn't have been as successful as we were in the accreditation process last year. We're going to miss her a lot."

"I'm on sabbatical this year, and I can't think of anyone to make me more comfortable leaving things here. She's made it a lot less worrisome," said Kimbrell.

Cole's students respect her good nature, her ability to help out when students are in need, her positive attitude, and will miss having her around.

"She's easy to talk to and she likes to help you out.

I'm going to miss her," said Mike Hill, jr., Cedar Lane, Texas.

When her husband, Ken, sold his business, Raleigh's Drug Store, in September, Cole felt led to retire.

Cole looks at McPherson College in high regard.

"I think Mac is a wonderful place. If I had children of college age, I'd have them look twice. We have a beautiful campus, dedicated faculty, and quality programs."

After retiring, Cole and her husband plan to stay in McPherson for awhile, and then later move to Colorado to be near two of their three children, as well as Barbara's mother. The couple would also like to travel and have already made plans to travel to England and France with some friends. Cole said she would like to spend more time with her five grandchildren and participate in outdoor activities.

Before moving on, Cole would like to leave a message with her students.

"Believe in your abilities, and make a difference for your students. You have the capabilities to be good teachers. You need to use those capabilities to help your students."

# Men go 3-0, win brawl with Sterling

## Undefeated in conference play, men prepare for Saturday's game with Friends

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The Mac men's basketball team moved to 3-0 in the KCAC and 9-2 overall after last night's "street fight" against Sterling.

Despite being out-rebounded 38 to 47, the Bulldogs were not phased by bad officiating, knocking out Sterling 58-44. The first half saw 14 points from Romero and 12 from a red-hot Brian Hooks, as the Dogs averaged 45% from the floor. Leading by 11 at halftime, McPherson "slept walked" through the first six minutes of the second half but picked up the pace again after a hard foul by Romero and never gave up the lead. They built a 14-point cushion with 3:35 remaining and held it until the end.

"It was brutal out there at times," said Trimmell. "Despite their record, (Sterling has) a very good team. We knew they would come out and make a good run at us."

"Our defense really stepped up," Trimmell said, noting in particular the contribution of Cody Rierson. "We just have to continue to

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give this kind of effort each and every night."

Bethel College's number 15 ranking in the NAIA failed to intimidate the McPherson Dogballers at home in the Bulldog's first KCAC match-up. Though the Dogs won by a wide margin (88-62), the victory was far from certain in the first half. Trailing 12-3 after six minutes, McPherson rallied back, trailing by one seven minutes before halftime. The Bulldogs then outscored Bethel 17-11 to take a 41-36 lead at halftime.

McPherson dominated the second half, extending their lead to ten after four minutes. With two minutes remaining, the Dogs were up by 30. "We kept our composure (after trailing by nine early)," said

McPherson coach Roger Trimmell. "Then we started getting out on defense. That and rebounding."

The Bulldogs shot 54.7% from the floor for the night, with Romero contributing 28 points, followed by Cody Rierson with 13 and Roy McDonald with 12.

Hitting the road to Leavenworth, the men never trailed against the Spires of St. Mary. Despite a 19-3 run which gave the Dogs a 36-19 advantage, St. Mary closed the lead to ten by the half.

In the second, the Spires narrowed the lead to three (48-45) before a huge effort by Brian Hooks put the Bulldogs back on top by 12. St. Mary failed to make a substantial cut into McPherson's lead, and the Dogs won a free throw contest in the final minutes, hitting 5 of 6 attempts and closing out the game 74-62.

"This was a very physical game," said Mac coach Roger Trimmell. "But, you have to learn to adjust, particularly on the road. We never quite got a flow going, and maybe that was because of the fouls."

Romero led the Bulldogs



photo by Sheila Bevan

Already holding the school rebounding record, Kenny Romero continues to climb towards the scoring title.

with 26 points and seven rebounds, moving past Daryl Elmore (1621 points) into second place on the McPherson College all-time scoring list. Romero finished the evening with 1629 career points, 153 points short of tying Jonathan Coachman's school career record.

Brian Hooks added 18 points to the effort, while Roy McDonald had 13. Rierson recorded seven rebounds, and Lee Gustafson finished with eight points and six rebounds in his first start.

The Bulldogs face Friends University at home on Saturday night at 7.

# Dogballers 6-2 heading into conference play

The McPherson men finished the non-conference portion of their schedule with three straight wins on the road, leaving them with a 6-2 record before heading into KCAC play.

After dropping their first match of the Southwestern Christian University Classic in Oklahoma City to the Mid-America Evangels, the Bulldogs recovered during their next game, never trailing the tournament hosts, Southwestern Christian.

Tournament officials apparently thought McPherson center Kenny Romero was the devil incarnate as he was tagged with two fouls in the game's first three minutes of the Mid-America game, then was slapped with his third and fourth early in the second period. As a result, the Dogs' leading scorer spent 17 minutes of the first half and 10 minutes of the second on the bench next to Coach Roger Trimmell.

While the Bulldogs held a 36-34 lead at the break, Mid-America, the defending National Christian College

Athletic Association national champion, went on a 16-4 run as soon as Romero joined Trimmell on the bench in

the second half. McPherson was able to get back within three (79-76), but the Evangels took advantage of untimely turnovers by the Bulldogs to hang on for the 85-78 win.

Roy McDonald kept the Dogs in the game with 14 of his 16 points coming in the first half. Romero, who came in averaging 25.0 points per game through the Bulldogs' 3-1 start, still came through with 15 points in 15 minutes. Brian Hooks had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Jordan Carter added 10 points coming off the bench. The defeat dropped the Bulldog record to 3-2.

Without dwelling on the loss, the Bulldogs rebounded the following night, soundly beating Southwestern Christian, 83-57. McPherson was up by eight early and extended the lead to 20-8 after a McDonald four-point play. The burst occurred without the help of Romero, who scored his first points nine minutes into the game.

"It was good to see we had other people who could step up (when Romero wasn't scoring)," said Roger Trimmell, Bulldog coach. "I felt our defensive intensi-

ty was a key (to the good start)."

Rallying behind McDonald (14 first half points), the Dogs expanded their lead to 22 points (36-14). McPherson failed to score during the final three minutes of the half, but still led 36-18 at the break.

McPherson slowly began to pull away, gradually building its lead to 30 points (55-25) six minutes into the half. Art Soto gave McPherson its biggest lead of the night at 31 points with just under five minutes left in the contest. From there the Bulldog bench put the finishing touches on the win, highlighted by a Brandon Pitts dunk and a trey and a deuce by Justyn Shaw, who saw his first action of the season.

"Our defensive intensity got to them," Trimmell said. "You could see the frustration on their faces at times."

McDonald finished the evening with 21 to lead the Bulldogs. Romero finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

"It was nice to see (every one score)," Trimmell said. "Some of them haven't seen much playing time. Matt (Vanasee) is one of our new ones and Justyn (Shaw)

doesn't get to play that much, and it was good to see them get some time."

"It's a lot easier driving back (the four hours) after a win."

In contrast, the drive for the last game before Thanksgiving break was brief—a cross-town trip to play Central Christian for the unofficial "Mayor's Cup." Cody Rierson hit a pair of free throws with six seconds left in overtime to give McPherson College an 89-87 win.

"That was a hard-fought game and I have to give Central a lot of credit," Trimmell said. "They played well. Fortunately, we made just enough plays and shot free throws very well. Every time we come over here, it's a great ball-game."

The Tigers led by as many as eight points in the first half before McPherson narrowed the margin to three (40-37) at the break. After Central led most of the second half, the Dogs appeared to finally pull away in the final minute, going up 76-72 with 20 seconds left in the game. But, Central nailed two treys around a pair of Rierson free throws to send the game into over-

time.

While the Bulldogs trailed only once in the extra period, Central tied the score with less than 30 seconds left to set up Rierson's heroics. After the Tigers tied the game, McPherson worked for a final shot, and Rierson was fouled on a drive to the basket. The junior calmly stepped to the line and drained both shots for the win.

The Dogs finished the second-half hitting 24 of 26 free throws. McPherson was able to go inside to Kenny Romero all evening, and Central could do nothing to slow him except foul. Romero proceeded to hit 13 of 14 charity shots.

Romero finished the evening with 31 points, his third 30-point night of the season. Rierson had a career-high 18 points and McDonald added 16.

With a team-high nine rebounds, Romero broke Jonathan Coachman's McPherson College career rebounding record. Romero's 31 points raised his season scoring total to 164, moving into third place on the McPherson all-time scoring list with 1,540 points.

The Bulldogs' final tune-up for KCAC play came in

### BULLDOG BASKETBALL

#### Men's Basketball

Dec. 13	Friends U	7:00pm
Jan. 5	U of Dallas	7:30pm
Jan. 8	@ Tabor	8:00pm
Jan. 10	Kansas Wesleyan	7:00pm
Jan. 15	@ Ottawa	8:00pm
Jan. 17	@ Bethany	7:00pm
Jan. 19	Central Christian	8:00pm
Jan. 22	Southwestern	8:00pm
Jan. 24	@ Bethel	7:00pm
Jan. 29	U of St. Mary	8:00pm
Jan. 31	@ Sterling	7:00pm
Feb. 5	@ Friends U	8:00pm
Feb. 7	Tabor	7:00pm
Feb. 12	@ Kansas Wesleyan	8:00pm

#### Women's Basketball

Dec. 13	Friends U	5:00pm
Jan. 2	Newman @ Sterling	7:30pm
Jan. 8	@ Tabor	6:00pm
Jan. 10	Kansas Wesleyan	5:00pm
Jan. 15	@ Ottawa	6:00pm
Jan. 19	Central Christian	6:00pm
Jan. 22	Southwestern	6:00pm
Jan. 24	@ Bethel	5:00pm
Jan. 29	U of St. Mary	6:00pm
Jan. 31	@ Sterling	5:00pm
Feb. 5	@ Friends U	6:00pm
Feb. 7	Tabor College	5:00pm
Feb. 12	@ Kansas Wesleyan	6:00pm

# Mac football 'robbed' of Sugar Bowl bid

Walker Phillips  
Sports Editor



Dan Patrick

Nearly every season, controversy arises over which college football teams deserve to compete in the highly coveted post-season bowl games, particularly the bowl which determines the season's national champion.

The Bowl Championship Standings (BCS) combines averages from polls of sports writers and coaches, computer-generated rankings from seven sources, win-loss records, and strength-of-schedule determined by opponents' records and rankings to determine which teams are

bowl-bound and in which bowls the selected teams will play.

Whew! With all these components, many of which are less than scientific, debates over what team should play in what bowl seem inevitable. This year, three teams believe they deserve to play for the national title at the Nokia Sugar Bowl in New Orleans

at the Superdome. Each of the three teams (Oklahoma, LSU, and USC) has accumulated one loss, opening the flood gates for controversy.

One team rarely mentioned among those clamoring for the top spot is McPherson College. A recent e-mail sent to The Dan Patrick Show on ESPN radio illustrates the Bulldog's claim to the number one spot in the nation for college football. The e-mail, which is posted on the Patrick Show's Web page shows a chain with Mac at the top, beating Kansas Wesleyan, who beat Bethel, who beat ... and continues

the link all the way to Kansas State, who beat Oklahoma. Subsequent chains also place the Dogs on top of LSU and USC due to their homecoming win over KWU, giving Mac "a lawful right to stake a claim in the national championship," according to Patrick.

In an interview Tuesday, Dec. 9, on the Patrick Show, McPherson defensive coordinator Bill Minard modestly conceded, "We thought we had a shot" at a BCS bowl bid. Minard also said the players were aware of the implications prior to the KW game, and sited his discontent: "We wish we could

be representing McPherson College in the BCS, but we were overlooked."

According to Patrick, the Bulldogs "got ripped off," and named McPherson "The Official College Football Team of the Dan Patrick Show" to compensate for the slight. "When McPherson College beat KW, I said, 'You know what, I think we got something special here.'"

Kidding aside, Patrick was right. Mac's win over Kansas Wesleyan on homecoming was something special. In the somewhat smaller world of the KCAC, Sadly, the e-mail was incorrect in using Bethel of

Minnesota to link the Bulldogs to those teams with a shot at the national title. However, Coach Minard set out to "have a blast with it," playing up the controversy to the school's advantage.

The e-mail and subsequent radio interview provoked substantial publicity for McPherson College and the football program, with three times the usual hits recorded on the school Web site in the following days. "I was pretty pumped for the school," said Minard. "We feel fortunate they picked us."

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Brenna Schierling and Crystal Richardson catch their breath during a physical match with Sterling last night. photo by Shundi Schomberg

# Run ends at home for ladies

After winning four straight, Bulldogs fall to a strong Sterling team

Walker Phillips  
Sports Editor

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McPherson	79
St. Mary	66
DECEMBER 11, 2003	
McPherson	60
Sterling	89

Though pre-season polls indicated low expectations for Bulldog women's basketball, the ladies' 2-0 record in the KCAC proves the capabilities of the team. In the KCAC opener, McPherson hosted the Bethel Threshers, a team with a proven starting lineup and several solid recruits. This was not enough to hold back the Bulldogs, who charged to a 10-point lead at halftime, thanks to 50 percent shooting from the field and beyond the arc. Erica Alvarez and Crystal Richardson led the squad's scoring effort with 13 points apiece. McPherson held control in the second half until four minutes to go when Bethel managed to take the lead. Tied at 64-64 after three lead changes, Brenna Schierling hit her second straight from three-point

range. Bethel's coach then earned a technical foul in protesting the shot, claiming that Schierling had traveled. Alvarez capitalized on the outburst by making both free throws, leading Mac to a five-point advantage. The Dogs held on to win, 76-72. The women proved their success was no fluke by backing it up with a convincing win on the road over the University of St. Mary, 79-66. With 6:30 left in the half, the Bulldogs had established a 29-10 lead, with six teammates contributing scores. Though St.

Mary made a 15-2 run to close the margin to six, a series of unanswered field goals and free throws helped McPherson re-establish a substantial, 40-26 halftime lead.

While the Bulldogs led during the second half by as many as 21 points, the Spires narrowed the gap to nine with 42 seconds left. The Spires' run proved fruitless, however, as a set of free throws by Brenna Schierling and a score by Crystal Richardson (McPherson's only field goal in the final five minutes) sealed the win for the Bulldogs, who advanced to 7-1 and 2-0 in the KCAC.

Alvarez had a huge game, scoring 24 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Schierling followed with 17 points. Christa Blose and Kathy Tello added 12 points each, and Richardson posted 10 points and 8 rebounds.

The winning streak ended at home last night against a

strong Sterling squad, with the Bulldogs losing 89-60.

"They could have just about named their score," said coach Mel Wright following the game. The officials allowed a very physical game, frustrating the coach and many of the players.

"They had a tremendous defensive game. Their pressure took us right out of our offense," Wright said.

The Bulldogs trailed by 16 at the half after shooting just 26 percent from the floor. The second half was not much better, with Mac hitting only 30 percent of its attempts.

"That's one of the better teams in the nation," Wright said. "If we learn from (tonight's loss), we'll be better down the stretch."

With a tough match at home against Friends scheduled for Saturday, "we've got to make sure we don't fall in the tank after tonight," Wright said.

# Dogs take Mayors' Cup, avenge season loss

Ladies' basketball holds 5-1 record prior to conference play

A typically competitive encounter between the Bulldogs and cross-town rival Central Christian ended with a 77-64 Mac College victory, giving the Dogs a 4-1 record at the Thanksgiving break.

After leading 49-25 at the end of the first 20 minutes, the Lady Bulldogs opened the second half by hitting a trey to go up by 27 points. But during the next 14 minutes, McPherson was outscored 35 to 13. Suddenly, with the score 62-60, the Dogs found themselves fighting for their lives.

"We really started pressing and rushing our shots," said McPherson head coach Mel Wright. "I have to give an awful lot of credit to the Central ladies. They never gave up and battled us all the way. But, I was really proud of our girls for regaining their composure to finish strong."

Up by four (68-64) with 2:25 to play, the Bulldogs scored the final nine points of the contest, including seven of eight at the line.

"We were able to hit some clutch free throws. But, that was really scary. When it was a two-point game, if they come down and hit a three-pointer, the course comes apart."

Junior transfer Brenna Schierling led McPherson with a career-high 19 points, keyed by five treys. Crystal Richardson, Erica Alvarez, and Abby Suiter joined her in double figures with 17, 14, and 10 points, respectively.

Having lost to York College on the road by a 27 point margin two weeks prior, the Lady Bulldogs returned the favor as hosts to the Panthers, winning 73-68 on Dec. 2.

McPherson outscored their guests from Nebraska 9-2 in the final 2 1/2 minutes to grab a 12-point lead at the break (39-27), thanks to Erica Alvarez's back-to-back baskets in a five second span as the half came to a close. "Erica came up big there at the end of the half," said McPherson coach Mel Wright. "She gave us a little breathing room (going

into the halftime)."

It didn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that York needed to slow Alvarez, who led all scorers in the first half with 13 points. That was what York did. Wright observed, "They knew Erica and what she was capable of doing. So they didn't just double down on her, they were tripling down."

While McPherson increased its lead to 19 points in the first nine minutes of the second half, Alvarez wasn't seeing the ball. York managed runs of 7-0 and 8-0, bracketing Bulldog baskets.

Meanwhile, having scored only one basket in the second half, Alvarez picked up her fifth foul, allowing York to pull within six. Then, with the shot clock running out, junior Crystal Richardson hit perhaps the proudest basket of her collegiate career, swishing a trey attempt in front of the Bulldog bench. That rainbow put McPherson back up by nine with two minutes left. The Dogs hit all four of

their free throws in the final 30 seconds to ice the win.

"That shot by Crystal got us the momentum back," said Wright. "Taking and making that shot with about four seconds left (on the shot clock) showed a lot of character on her part. Or, luck." Richardson also hit two of the late free throws to finish off her team leading 18 point performance.

Despite fouling out, Alvarez still had a double-double with 15-points and 10-rebounds. Joining Richardson and Alvarez in double figures were Brenna Schierling with 12, and Kathy Tello and Andi Wilder, each with ten.

"If we learn one thing from this (seeing a big lead evaporate for the second straight game), it is that we need to do better job of rebounding." After winning the battle of the boards 28-21 in the first half, McPherson was out rebounded 30-17 in the second 20 minutes.

# Pre-game Rituals essential for a competitive mindset

Michael Warner  
Spectator Staff

Many people can probably recall big moments in sport when an athlete resorted to using bizarre rituals to prepare mentally for a big game and get in their "zone."

To some people, those actions are purely laughable. But for some athletes in McPherson College, it's a way of life.

Amy George, a basketball player and a mother of three entered her sophomore year later than a traditional college student. She practices rituals based both on good health habits and superstition that help her on-court performance.

Her routine starts long before tip-off.

On the night before a game, she makes sure she gets a good amount of sleep. Her first meal in the day, usually consisting of a high-carb meal such as pasta, comes three hours before the game.

George also uses multi-vitamin supplements at mealtime and before a game for oxygen and muscle repair.

A mixed CD goes along with her to help with her focus on the game. The CD contains a variety of music ranging from Christian rock, contemporary hip-hop, as well as classic songs synonymous with pre-game intensity, such as "Eye of the Tiger."

George recognizes that part of views part of her routine is humorous.

"I'm the Mr. Pitt of socks," George says, referring to the obsessive-compulsive behavior of the character from Seinfeld. "I need a specific pair of socks."

Shortly before she steps on the court, George pulls a picture of her three sons out of her sports bag.

"It reminds me of why I'm doing what I'm doing," George explains. "It's a second chance at a dream... playing basketball and getting an education."

George recalls a time when she had many skeptics who doubted she would find herself in the position she's in now.

"I'm much more appreciative," George said, reflecting on the long road to make it to McPherson College and on the basketball team. "I'm trying to make it work."

Bryan Grosbach, sophomore, follows a complex and orderly ritual before every cross-country meet.

"I've been running competitively for six years now and many of my rituals are rituals I've picked up from fellow teammates."

Grosbach explains. On the night before a race, he washes his uniform for the first time since the last meet.

Breakfast is usually mini-

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—Michael Warner

mal, with just a bagel, preferably blueberry, and orange juice.

He carries his spikes with him to the race in the same box that he had purchased them in.

Upon arriving to the race area, he "scouts" where the port-a-potties are, and often uses them.

Music is also essential to Grosbach's routine. He has a CD with his favorite numetal, Christian rock, and 40s swing.

He picks one song to inspire him and to set the mood and tempo for his running. With this inspiration, he runs 100 yards and says a prayer for himself and the other competitors.

Grosbach stretches with his headphones on, and his uniform lying neatly before him on the ground. When he receives his number to place on his uniform, he crumples it up and unfolds it before placing it on.

Five minutes before the race begins, he slides his feet, covered in his lucky red socks, into his spikes.

If his girlfriend or his family are in attendance, he hugs them before the race.

Lining up, Grosbach gouges at the ground beneath him to make sure his spikes are sharp.

When the starter raises his gun and announces, "Runners set," he speaks quietly, "Lord, give me strength."

"Nine times out of 10 I can go through my rituals without thinking," Grosbach says. "I know all my rituals sound somewhat weird, but I run well, so I'm not changing anything."

Pre-game rituals aren't limited to athletes alone. Even coaches are apt to fall into a routine of their own.

"You get into a routine every week, really," said David Cunningham, head coach for McPherson College football.

The week is full of planned practices, scouting reports, meetings, and handing his players grade sheets relating to film sessions they watch of a previous game, which is normal for a head coach of a football team.

But on game day, Coach Cunningham goes by a special schedule, consisting of running in the morning, wearing the same shoes he wears for every game, and sometimes indulging himself at a favorite restaurant when the team scores a victory.

# Holidays spur donation drives

Casey Durst  
Spectator Staff

Getting in the holiday spirit and feeling the itch to spread a little peace and goodwill?  
Thanks to two freshman seminar groups, the biological honor society and Sodexo food service director, opportunities to give food, clothing, and other items to those in need abound.  
The freshman seminar group led by Kelli Johnson, personal counselor, is running a campaign called "Don't Throw It, Donate It."

They encourage students to recycle items in decent condition that they no longer wish to keep.  
"We are hoping to catch items that people would have otherwise thrown away," Johnson said. Students can place their donations in the boxes located in the dorm lobbies until Monday, Dec. 15. The items will be offered at the Church of the Brethren's rummage sale in the spring, which will benefit Good Beginnings Preschool. Any items not sold in the sale will be given to Goodwill in Hutchinson.

Members of Tri-Beta, the campus's honor society for biology students, are collecting donations of clothing "to help those in need this holiday season," said Jenny Harper, Tri-Beta president. Tri-Beta requests clean, new or slightly used clothing. All clothing will go to Goodwill. Students, faculty and staff can place their donations in any of the boxes located in Mohler, Melhorn and each of the dorm lobbies. The boxes in the dorms are the same as those for "Don't Throw It, Donate It." Tri-Beta will accept donations until Jan.

26.  
The freshman seminar group directed by David Barrett, academic counselor, continues its tradition of collecting toys from faculty and staff to benefit local youth. Toys must be new and can be placed in the box in the deans' office or dropped off at Barrett's office in the Royer Center in Miller Library. Seminar students will also pick up toys in Mohler, Beeghly and Hess between 1:30 and 2:00 today. Donations will be accepted until Tuesday, Dec. 16. After that, donations can be dropped off at

the American Legion building on Main Street.  
Greg Heimburger, food service director, is running the food drive, "Caring Cans," in cooperation with Sodexo, the campus food service company.  
Heimburger is collecting donations of food from students, faculty and staff that will go to the McPherson food bank.  
Non-perishable food donations will be accepted through the end of the semester and can be placed in one of the large cans in the cafeteria or the Doghouse.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Winter Formal canceled

Due to scheduling conflicts the Winter Formal has been canceled. The Winter Formal was originally to take place on Dec. 13. Any questions can be directed to Abby Harper, SGA freshman representative, at extension 4574.

### Band presents winter concert

The Music Department will present its Winter Band Concert Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.  
Selections include How the West Was Won by Robert Hawkins. Proud Heritage by William Latham, and Sonus Ventorum by Claude T. Smith. The wind ensemble will perform a German choral, and Irish folk song suit and traditional Christmas music. The McPherson College Trombones will also perform a selection.  
Dr. Larry Kitzel, professor of music, directs the band.  
Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

### Choir presents Christmas concert

The Choir will present its Concert of Christmas Classics on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.  
The highlight of this year's program is Antonio Vivaldi's Gloria, including the choir, soloists, and an orchestra.  
Soloists include Kelsey Crist, fr., Bennington, Becky Snell, sr., McPherson, Brandt Busse, soph., McPherson, James Keith, sr., McPherson, and Nicholas Griggs, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Professional musicians from McPherson and surrounding communities comprise the orchestra.  
Dr. Steven Gustafson, professor of music, directs the choir.  
Amanda Snell, soph., McPherson accompanies the choir.  
A free will offering will be received to help pay for the choir's 2004 European Tour.

### Student artwork featured in Friendship Gallery

The annual exhibit of artwork by McPherson College students currently adorns the walls of the Friendship Art Gallery.  
The exhibit includes drawings, paintings, ceramics, jewelry, and basket weaving as well as work completed by graphic design students.  
Six new classes were added for the graphic design program.  
Said to be one of the best college graphic design labs in Kansas, the program is located in the new Hess Fine Arts Center.  
At a time when other colleges and universities are cutting back, I am excited that McPherson College has put this program into motion, Wayne Conyers, professor of art, said.

## Annual fund over \$250,000

Patricia Goering  
News Editor

In an attempt to partially offset its \$3 million operating deficit, the college has set high goals for fund raising this year but college advancement officers believe they are up to the challenge.

The advancement department is concentrating in particular on the annual fund and preparations for a proposed capital campaign.

Eric Vogel, director of development, mainly deals with the annual fund, which includes unrestricted gifts for student scholarships. Vogel devotes much of his time to doing donor research.

Donations generally come from the trustees, faculty and staff, local businesses and a group of elite donors called President's Associates who give \$1,000 or more each year. The advancement department also holds a phon-a-thon with help from students and sends out letters to alumni and friends of the college in December and May, Vogel said.

This year's goal for the Annual Fund is \$500,000. "Hopefully [we will receive] all of it," said

Michael Nealeigh, executive director of college advancement.

The \$500,000 goal represents quite a jump from last year's total giving of \$351,000 but "we've received over 50 percent of our goal and have not yet exhausted 50 percent of our effort," Nealeigh said.

A big reason for the success to date is a \$100,000 challenge issued from one member of the trustee board to the rest of the board. This donor will match every gift from other trustees dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000. The remaining trustees are only 10 percent short of the \$100,000 goal.

Another important goal for the year was to increase percentage of faculty and staff who contribute to the college to 85 percent.

This figure had languished well below 50 percent for several years. This year to date, 81 percent of all college employees have made a charitable contribution to the college.

Because of the added pressure from the operating deficit, the \$500,000 goal must be met, Vogel said. It is achievable, but it will take a lot of work, he said.

Nealeigh's biggest project is setting the stage for the

college's next capital campaign.

The college's last capital campaign, which ended in June 2003, the largest and most aggressive campaign in McPherson College history, Vogel said. It raised \$23 million, which is visible in the new Hess Fine Arts Center, renovated dormitories, Melhorn Science Hall and Mingenback Theater.

In a capital campaign, donors may designate their money to specific programs or areas of interest. This makes it somewhat easier to raise money, Vogel said, because, unlike donations to the scholarship fund, donors can see the results of their gifts.

Pitching a successful campaign requires two things, Nealeigh said, realistic goals and an understanding of the areas that donors are willing to support.

Nealeigh and the advancement staff are currently compiling statistics and goals for a feasibility study that will "get the pulse of our constituency" to assess the level of potential financial support for another campaign.

The Board of Trustees will determine the final scope and goal for the campaign at their summer 2004 retreat.

## RASURE INTERNS IN D.C.



Courtesy photo

McPherson College senior Danny Rasure assisted former Kansas senator Bob Dole with hosting and coordinating a meeting with young adults about the importance of youth participation and effectiveness in politics. The meeting took place recently in Dole's law office in Washington D.C. Nancy Engelhardt, who attended the meeting, said, "I was really glad Danny Rasure organized the event that encouraged us all. His efforts are exactly what Mr. Dole was trying to encourage. Rasure is an intern for Congressman Jerry Moran."

## Admissions applications up 26%

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Although admissions staff is short of the ambitious goals they have set for the freshman class of 2004, the number of applicants is up 26 percent over the same time last year, according to a new report issued by Carol Williams, director of admissions and financial aid.

The college had one of its best recruiting years in recent history when 135 first-time freshmen enrolled this fall. After the first week of December in 2003, 180 prospective students had applied. As of Dec. 5, 2004, 227 prospective students had applied.

According to Williams' report, at the current pace, 606 potential first-time freshmen will apply to come to McPherson College next fall. The entering class of 135 freshmen this past fall derived from a pool of 532 applicants.

Another important early indicator, total inquiries from prospective students, is up seven percent over last year. As of Dec. 5, the admissions office had received 3,927 requests for information. That figure compares to 3,663 inquiries at the same time last year.

Despite this encouraging

	FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN APPLICANT STATUS REPORT <small>(as of Dec. 5, 2003)</small>			
	2004 YTD	2003 YTD	2003 Final	2004 Projected
Inquiries	3,927	3,663	5,159	5,423
Applicants	227	180	532	606
Accepted	132	95	390	474
Enrolled	TBD	NA	135	155

progress, the pace of incoming applications and other indicators are falling short of admission's goals. The goal for total first-time freshman applicants for 2004 is 748, which, according to Williams' report, would convert to 186 new freshmen next fall. Given the current positive indicators, the staff projects a freshman class of 155 for fall 2004, which would be about a 15 percent increase.

The college's recruiting success reflects recruitment efforts during the past two years at Mac, Williams said.

Recent strategies for increasing enrollment have included variations on visit days as well as telephone contact with prospective students and letter campaigns. Admissions staff renewed the visit day concept by offering Bulldog Days, Scholarship Days and Mondays at Mac.

"The admissions team decided to revive and revise

the visit day concept because we believe that our campus and campus community make a powerful statement to visitors," Williams said.

A major effort has gone into introducing Bulldog Visit Days. During Bulldog Days, high school students and families visit the campus and explore the options Mac offers at a majors and activities fair. Prospective students can talk with professors as well as individuals from organizations on campus at the fair.

Staff remains positive about the Bulldog Day strategy, despite low numbers at the November visit day. While the numbers were not as high as previous Bulldog Days, the percentage of prospective students who said they would come and did was comparable to other days, Williams said.

The college has scheduled future Bulldog Days for, Feb. 7; March 19 and

May 1.

Scholarship Days are another new admissions program. At Scholarship Days, prospective students who want financial support for their education compete or audition for selected McPherson College scholarships, including theatre, music, journalism and presidential scholarships.

Saturday, Feb. 14 will feature auditions and competitions for music, theatre and presidential scholarships. March 6 will include scholarship competitions for music, art and journalism.

Students receiving music scholarships may renew them for four years. These scholarships are for students participating in music through college choir, college band or piano lessons.

Music auditions require students to perform one or two compositions in one area-voice, piano or another instrument.

Students interested in theatre scholarships must have recommendations, a resume and either a portfolio or a performance, depending on area of interest-either acting or stage production.

The college provides theatre scholarship amounts based on the quality of performance or portfolio, overall academic performance

and strength of recommendation.

Art scholarships also require a recommendation letter and portfolio.

These scholarship amounts will be based on quality of portfolio, overall academic performance and strength of recommendation. Art awards range from \$500 to \$5,000.

The journalism scholarship can be renewed every year as long as the student stays active with college publications. This scholarship awards students up to \$2,500.

In addition to Bulldog Days and Scholarship Days, admissions staff host Mondays at Mac, which give potential students the opportunity to see what the college is like during a regular school day and to experience a class in session.

Upcoming visit Mondays are scheduled for Jan. 5, March 1, April 5 and May 3.

Yet another key strategy for boosting enrollment is a multi-year recruitment process that allows the college to reach potential students earlier in their high school career. Although admissions staff has always focused on the coming fall, beginning in April 2003, they started looking further to fall 2005.