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Faculty offered voluntary severance

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Editor in Chief

Several faculty members recently received letters offering a voluntary severance arrangement with McPherson College.

The offer does not mean that decisions have been made to close departments or to terminate faculty positions, according to a campus announcement dated Jan. 14.

The announcement, which was released to all faculty and staff, lists the reasons for the offer as follows: "some tenured faculty mem-

bers have informally expressed interest in potential severance benefits; voluntary severance benefits may be helpful to those interested in making a career change by providing financial resources to assist with such a change; and, severance benefits may provide an attractive alternative to any tenured faculty who does not wish to participate in potential departmental or program changes."

The campus was notified Wednesday of Dr. Larry Kitzel's intention to accept the offer and retire from his 34-year position as profes-

sor of music at McPherson College.

"We viewed this basically as an alternative that faculty members wouldn't have if we did not provide it," President Ron Hovis said. The voluntary severance offer "was simply an alternate track to all the other work that's going on," he said.

The voluntary severance letters were released parallel to faculty discussions about program revisions that were triggered by the recent cost of instruction study.

The cost of instruction study began last summer,

and was finalized and shared with faculty early last fall.

The study revealed the extent to which enrollments in individual courses and degree programs did or did not cover the direct costs of instruction.

Faculty members were then given the opportunity to provide preliminary responses and the results were shared with the Board of Trustees at the November meeting.

The board expressed its appreciation to the administration and faculty for tackling the issue, and directed

administration to report back to them with progress at March meeting. It also directed administrators to prepare a voluntary severance plan.

The Board of Trustees have instructed the administration to update the cost of instruction study for at least the next two years and to have an action plan ready that defines the changes required to improve the quality and financial feasibility of current academic programs.

"There is a separate faculty review process that addresses individual perfor-

mances, and such," Hovis said.

"Unless there's something that comes from there, it's my expectation that every full-time faculty member will be offered an agreement to come back next year."

Hovis said that the faculty members who received the severance offer know they will be offered an employment agreement next year if they choose to stay.

Announcements about other faculty members who have accepted voluntary severance offers will likely come later this month, Hovis said.

BRIGHT IDEA: College replaces outdoor lighting



photo by Sheila Bevan

One of the Welco Electronics technicians works to replace the light pole in the circle drive.

Patricia Goering
News Editor

A musty, dense fog cloaks the ground and blots out the stars. The piercing wind chills her to her bones. She silently wishes she were anywhere else as she pulls her tattered coat around her shivering shoulders and ventured out across campus.

Just about every urban myth set on a college campus begins in this manner; a lone girl on a dark and dreary night forced to venture out into unknown dangers. LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, along with the cabinet and Welco Electronics, has found the answer to avoiding these kinds of situations at McPherson College.

The campus lighting project entails the installation of new light poles, which will increase the amount of light on campus as well as reduce the maintenance costs.

Over the past three years McPherson College has spent almost \$62,000 to maintain its outdoor lighting system.

The current lights' design flaw allows water to collect on the ballast, which causes it to burn up. To replace the



photo by Sheila Bevan

Welco employees work in the chilling cold to replace the old outside lighting system.

ballast, the college must contract the work out since ballast replacement is an electrical procedure and facilities management cannot safely do the job with extension ladders.

Before classes began in August, the college replaced 49 lamps and as of last week, 24 lamps were already burned out, Rothrock said.

"We were throwing money down the drain trying to keep the old lighting system going," Rothrock said.

The lighting project will set the facilities management budget back approxi-

mately \$70,000, said Rothrock, but with the money saved on maintenance costs the college projects that the new lights will pay for themselves in two years.

"It will be a whole lot easier to maintain and cheaper to operate," said Brad Stucky, lead maintenance systems technician. Maintaining the new bulbs only requires facilities management to lean a ladder up to the pole, flip the cover and switch the bulbs, Stucky said.

The new bulbs cost only \$9.55 compared to \$30 with

the old system.

Even with fewer bulbs-26 instead of 109-the new lighting will give out more candlepower than the previous system. McPherson College estimates an extra \$500 on the utilities bill for the extra power required with the new system.

The new poles are designed to direct the light down on the sidewalk instead of straight up or into people's eyes as the old lights did.

The new lighting system maintains the security lighting level all over campus, said Chuck Gibs, electronics department manager/estimator for Welco Electronics.

The enhanced visibility should provide greater protection from theft and vandalism and a safer environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Welco Electronics has almost finished the installation of the new lights. They did all of the piping and wiring in late December and January and all they have left is to take down the old light poles and put up the new ones.

"We are about three weeks from completion if Mother Nature would give us a

Center for Religion and Science provides more than books

Casey Durst
Spectator Staff

Room 209 in Melhorn Science Hall has a lot to offer students but few people make use of these facilities or even know they are there.

The Center for Religion and Science provides activities, public lectures, reading material and a quiet place to sit.

The center provides free coffee and a collection of books. The books, which can be checked out, offer a perspective different from what most students learn in the classroom.

Jonathan Frye, director of the Center for Religion and Science, encourages all students to visit the center at least once during their four years at McPherson College to read about their field of study from a different point of view.



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Jamie Rodriguez, fr., Oklahoma City, and Callie Crist, fr., McPherson study in the Center for Religion and Science in room 209 of Melhorn Science Hall.

"There's something here for every major," Frye said. He also encourages students to use the center to study, read, reflect, hang out and drink coffee.

In addition to offering coffee and reading material, the center sponsors a series of

public lectures each year. This semester Dr. John F. Haught, author of "Science and Religion: From Conflict to Conversation," will lecture on "Science, Religion

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Automotive restoration receives new scholarship

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

Hagerty Insurance, the largest insurer of classic cars in the U.S., has joined the lengthy list of groups providing scholarships and awards to McPherson College's automotive restoration students.

The Hagerty Fund for Historic Vehicle Preservation and Education, a program dedicated to the growth of the collector car hobby through restoration and design education, will annually donate \$5,000 towards the tuition of a freshman, sophomore, and junior student pursuing a bachelor's degree in the restoration program. A scholarship aimed at

"Based on our first hand experience with the members dedication...we know that the Hagerty Fund will accomplish great things."

—McKeel Hagerty,
Hagerty Insurance

senior year students is also planned.

McKeel Hagerty, president of Hagerty Insurance, is a member of the National Advisory Board for McPherson's Auto Restoration program.

David Henderson of Parkville, Mo., was the fund's first recipient. In his search for assistance in paying for school, Henderson learned of the

newly established award. "I wrote an application essay outlining my experience in restoration and my plans for the future," said Henderson.

In addition to the financial benefit, Henderson notes the "fair amount of exposure" he has received as a result of winning the scholarship, including having his name and picture published in a Hagerty newsletter. As a representative of the school, Henderson stands to gain more than the sum of his award.

Expressing his gratitude to McPherson College and Hagerty Fund organizers, Henderson offered

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OUR LEAD EDITORIALS

Voluntary severance: why is it happening?

Issue 1: Voluntary severance agreements Our Position: Mixed feelings arise as college faces change.

THE IMPACT OF LAST fall's cost of instruction study is becoming visible. The voluntary severance agreements offered to several faculty have sparked the retirement of one professor, and could perhaps mean that more faculty will resign their positions. The process also raises questions about the future of certain programs.

Historically, thorough program renovations have benefited programs, as was the case with the auto restoration program around five years ago.

Assuming the cost of instruction study is valid, changes in programs do need to be made. But will the loss of long-term faculty really help to turn programs around?

To those of us with little knowledge about this issue, it is hard to see the positive effects of these severance agreements when admired faculty begin to resign and smaller departments have even less to offer. But, perhaps with limited options, this was the only logical answer.

For the sake of the college's future, we will hope that the right decisions were made. Until then, we will wait and see.

Black history deserves attention

Issue 2: The importance of Black History Month Our Position: Black History month should be more embraced at MC.

FEBRUARY'S ARRIVAL AS Black History Month seems to go unnoticed by the McPherson College campus as a whole.

Sure we see it on calendars, and bulletin boards, but how many of us, really, have thought about the importance of the month in American culture?

Originally, Dr. Carter G. Woodson called the second week in February

"Negro History Week" to mark the birthdays of two important men in the emancipation of black Americans: Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

But, February, in its duration, is a month filled with much more than that.

W.E.B. Dubois was born in February 1868. In February of 1870, the 15th Amendment was passed, granting black men the right to vote. That same year, Hiram R. Revels stepped in to office as the first black United States senator. In February 1909, the NAACP was formed. February 1960 was a milestone in the civil rights movement, and in February 1965, Malcolm X was killed.

It is important that our campus eventually follows the example of others and addresses what is an extremely important month to many of our classmates, students and friends.

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MAC OPINIONS

What are you doing for your Valentine?

"I'm going to a track meet." Dan Hudacheck, fr., Stillwater, Minn.



"I'm going to enjoy a basketball game." Jamie Rodriguez, fr., Oklahoma City



"I don't have a Valentine." Derrick Ward, fr., Chicago, Ill.



"Small dinner party with old friends." Kelli Johnson



"Nothing." Adam Prince, fr., Rochester, N.Y.



"I can't tell you." Jeremy Hoffman, fr., McPherson

Do you want to make a difference and make your voice heard? Vote!

In a time of high alert security, reality programming, and small market football teams in the Super Bowl, I still manage to find the time to pry myself from these riveting TV topics to catch a bit of the on-going Democratic race.

Ah, yes. What can be more exciting to watch than politicians squaring off in a battle of wits? And with November approaching, my all-important vote is once again needed to decide the fate of our nation for four more years. One vote. One choice.

Being a registered Republican, I shouldn't care about who is winning the Democratic nomination. My candidate is already preselected. I have it easy. Just vote along party lines and call it good. My civic duty is fulfilled and I have added my two cents.

Then that conscience thing kicks in. Questions start to swirl in my head.

Did I pick the right guy? What was his stance on the issues? What has he done so far? Did I vote for him last time? I'm registered to a party. I shouldn't have doubts, should I?

Well they're there. I do have interest in whom the other party selects. I have watched Congressional and White House policymaking and enactment for four years. I have watched friends go off to war, some



Guest Columnist Daniel Butler

returning safely and others returning with life-altering differences. These are people performing a service so I can safely do my civic duty.

Suddenly, what should be an easy choice becomes a question of values. Does the other candidate meet my standards better? And more simply, why am I voting and do I deserve the right to vote?

The right to choose a representative to the government is a part of our constitutional rights. Once the age of eighteen is reached, we are granted this privilege.

As a tax-paying citizen, I like being able to choose someone to represent my interests on the national, state, and local levels. My opinion may not be the popular one, but it is at least voiced by voting.

Whether or not you are affiliated with a certain political party shouldn't be a reason for not turning out and voting. If I don't like any of the candidates running, I simply write one in.

Because I am registered with a party, it doesn't mean I have to vote along party lines.

Political parties are a way

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to meet and discuss topics of interest with like-minded people. I become better informed and can make a clearer decision.

So do I have the right to vote? You better believe it. I am old enough to have full citizenship. I can be drafted and I pay my taxes.

I categorize why I vote in two ways: immediate future and distant future.

What goes on in the world today is directly affected by whom we vote for. From war to the economy to education to standard of living and way of life, the little check you put beside a candidate's name will affect each of these.

I consider the immediate future to be my life now to when I die. I want to make sure that I can live in a state that is safe and stable. My vote now affects that. I don't want someone in office that will tax me into poverty or take away aid for my education. I want it known that I won't stand for

that. My safety and that of my fellow citizens should be a priority, whether it's from a worldly threat or from some drunk on a county road.

The distant future is that of my children and their descendants. What am I leaving them, as far as a legacy? I am concerned about the world my kids will one day grow up in. I don't want a gibbering, trigger-happy yokel in charge of keeping them safe. I want to make sure that they will have federal assistance when going to college, safe streets to walk down, and a strong economy to keep them employed.

My vote now and in the future will help keep those ideals alive.

So, what is it that is so important about voting? It's being heard on a level greater than the personal. It's about being able to change your future.

I feel we all have an obligation to vote. It's not a big hassle. You show up, wait a bit and then vote. If you are out of the state at the time, request an absentee ballot. You can go to or call your local city hall and request one. They are simple, confidential and easy to fill out and return. By taking a small amount of time out of your busy lives, we can shape our future and bring about change to help the next generation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dorm hours serve a good purpose

In making rules about personal lifestyle and behavior, the school should carefully articulate its justifications for those rules and be prepared to defend them when students object. In other words, when students ask, "Why do we have dorm visitation hours?" the school should have an answer.

The administration certainly has the legal right to make virtually any rules it wishes, especially at a private institution; but critics will infer from seemingly arbitrary rules that we suffer an unreasoning administration.

Why do we have rules about dormitory visitation hours?

A rule implies a problem,

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for which the rule is offered as a solution.

The rule in question is the limiting of dormitory visitation hours for members of the opposite sex. What does such a rule pretend to solve? Some answers:

1) Allowing unlimited visitation hours risks the creation of an environment that is not conducive to students meeting the academic demands of college.

2) Allowing unlimited visitation hours alienates a large portion of the school's supporters (alumni, donors, parents, etc.), who believe that unlimited visitation hours will encourage irresponsible sexual activity.

3) Allowing unlimited

visitation hours creates liability risks (particularly surrounding sexual activity and related privacy and security issues) that the school prefers to avoid.

Given that the rules apply only to visitation by members of the opposite sex (as far as I know, a guy can visit a guy at any time of day or night), the first answer suggested above obviously does not stand up to scrutiny all by itself.

Why would allowing women and men to visit each other be more problematic than allowing same-gender visits at any time of day or night? Well, sex, so we're forced to confront answers 2) and 3) above.

Finding the right answers requires asking the right questions. I won't suggest answers here, but I will suggest a few questions:

1) Should supporters and donors, not the least of which are the school's owners, have a say in such matters, when their dollars keep the school afloat financially?

2) Is sexual activity in college dormitories so problematic that colleges should establish restrictions on dorm visitation, where school liability is an issue if something goes wrong?

3) Are sex-related privacy and security issues serious enough to warrant restrictions on visitation?

As much as some students would like this to be a "why-can't-they-treat-us-like-adults" issue, it's inescapably more complicated than that for college administrations.

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The Just War Theory may not apply to U.S. occupancy in Iraq after further examination

It surprised me, when I first came to McPherson College, that in a predominantly Mennonite area so few people understand what it means to be a pacifist.

Many people cling to the misconception that a pacifist is a coward or a "door-mat."

There is nothing cowardly about persons who enter a war-torn nation with no guns and relatively no protection to advocate peace. Many pacifists have sacrificed their lives for their beliefs.

"For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps." 1 Peter 2:19-21

Jesus, the ultimate pacifist, not only told us to "turn the other cheek," he lived every day of his life peacefully.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Patricia Goering

He suffered through torture, humiliation and crucifixion as a common criminal and not once threatened to use force to free himself.

"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate, when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly." 1 Peter 2:23

Very few pacifists would allow anyone to "walk all over" them. Although we may not fight with guns or fists we will defend the things that are important to us.

Many non-pacifists love to ask, "What would you do if someone broke into your home and threatened your loved ones?" Truthfully, I don't know. I am not perfect and I am not sure if I could resist my violent instincts but ideally I hope that I could risk my own life to

shield my family from harm.

One of the guest columnists in the last issue of the Spectator referred to two Bible passages in an attempt to justify war, but neither passage refers to war among people but rather to the conflict within ourselves to live sexually pure lives. Perhaps the texts would be easier to understand in the New International Version.

"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel because you fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleas-

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ures." James 4:1-3
"Dear Friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul." 1 Peter 2:11

Although I am a Mennonite and a pacifist I have also studied the Just War Theory. The theologian Augustine developed this theory to convince Christians to participate in the military when Rome first formed a church-state alliance. Prior to this time, church leaders taught pacifism. The Just War view consists of seven rules as stated in "The Just War" in War: Four Christian Views by Arthur F. Holmes:

1. Just cause. Only defensive war is legitimate.
2. Just intention. The goal of the war must be to secure a just peace for all involved. Revenge, conquest, and economic gain are not acceptable reasons for fighting.
3. Last resort. War can be fought only when all negotiations and compromises have been tried and failed.
4. Formal declaration. Since only governments have the moral right to use military force, the highest government authorities must formally declare war.
5. Limited objectives. Since the purpose must be peace, objectives such as unconditional surrender or the destruction of a nation's economic or political institutions are never appropriate.
6. Proportionate means. The weapons and force used should be no greater than needed to achieve a just peace. Total war is not an option.
7. Noncombatant immunity. People not actively contributing to the conflict including civilians, casualties, and prisoners of war should be immune from attack.

A war must adhere to each of these rules to be considered just.

I do not believe these principles justify the war in Iraq, nor do I trust that President Bush considered this theory before waging war. The President has yet to prove that Saddam Hussein retained any weapons of mass destruction or that he was a real threat to the American people.

It is undeniable that Hussein treated his own people horribly, but I am not convinced that the freedom of the Iraqi people was all President Bush had in mind. Bush was in such a hurry to declare war on Iraq he practically kicked the United Nations' weapons inspectors out of the country.

I do not believe that war is ever the answer but at the very least it should always be the last resort. In any war civilian casualties are inevitable which reinforces my belief that no war could ever be considered just, even under the principles of the Just War theory.

News: from helpfully informative to tasteless, unethical entertainment

I have been told that important things that the general public really had a need to know once drove news.

Once upon a time, the things reported by the news folk were of national importance and had bearing on world issues; things that were important and every citizen should worry about. Yes, the majority of news is still pertinent, but the saturation of news by Hollywood actors and Top 40 singers when there are still starving children in Africa and civil wars in former Soviet countries makes me feel let down by those who have power to decide what is news.

To be a responsible member of society and the community that you inhabit, everyone must be well



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Luke Eberly

informed about not only the world around you, but the world as a whole.

Lately, the news and media corporations have been letting the public down and making a bad name for themselves. It is hard to trust someone to give you honest news when Michael and Janet's poor decisions take top precedence.

It's entertaining to a point, but it's just that-entertainment.

People all over this world face inhuman living conditions, political instability, and civil unrest. Yet, the

people who decide what is news here in America would rather show us wardrobe investigations than civil wars and political power struggles.

We all flipped through National Geographic when we were a kid, it's nothing new. It's not as if CBS has anything to be ashamed of. It's been contributing to the decrease of the average American's I.Q. for years now. Flashing a little skin shouldn't anger them.

Americans supposedly have achieved the dream all humans strive to have, but when I look around, when I read the statistics, I do not see any dream. I see 98 percent of households having televisions and too many families sitting in front of those them becoming grossly overweight, dysfunction-

al, and out of touch with each other.

What I'm trying to get off my chest is: I can take a tough schedule, shovel snow for \$5.25 an hour, endure some schooling to get a degree, and get my news from NPR and other reliable sources, just so long as I don't end up as the average overweight, over-dumb and over-lazy American who cares more about Janet's whatever-she-was-wearing than the well-being of my brothers and sisters who are not "lucky" enough to live in America.

True, I would not have the time to think about such things if I was born anywhere else. I'm glad I am an American. But I'm disappointed in the majority of my fellow citizens.

Valentine's calls for a deeper look into love

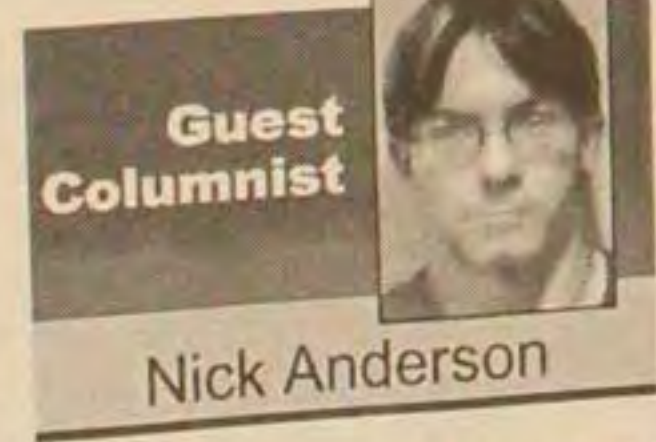
Something special is coming up this weekend—the infamous Valentine's Day.

Ah yes, but of course; the national celebration where chocolate and lingerie and flowers are marketed under some assumption that all those things carry some sort of relevance to love.

From what I gather, some of you out there don't know what love is about at all.

I don't know if you've checked out one of these so-called "love tests" lately, but I saw one last night and figured I would see what they were all about. I thought it was a joke - stuff like "When you fight, who usually wins?" and "How much of your relationship is based on sex?" If questions like these are seriously applicable to your relationships, then you need to listen to some of this.

First, let's talk about who you want to look for. Find someone who is worth your while, your time, your ener-



Guest Columnist

Nick Anderson

gy, your life. Make sure whoever you become interested in is your best friend, because if he or she can't be your friend long before becoming your significant other, they never will be.

Find someone who makes you feel good about yourself, but is so highly valuable that you have to earn the "right" to belong to each other. Someone who helps you realize all that you believe in, helps you see all that you want to live for; that you want to live for; your partner, your better half, your soul mate. If a prospective date cannot live up to any of your anticipations, then why bother starting what you can't finish? You do not have to settle for second best.

Then there's why: why does someone love another someone? Is it because of what they look like? How they dress? That 'hot bod' or whatever?

Well, if this is how you choose your date or mate, you will be sorely disappointed, because one day that good-looker won't exactly be all that good looking. If you haven't noticed, one thing that all humans do sooner or later is age. Yes, even you and that fine "whoever" that you want to get your hands all over.

So what to do? Find the one that you can love forever no matter what they look like.

All right, so how do you love? First, remember forever is a long time, and genuine love will last forever, because it is not dependent on feelings or physical influence, but is instead a decision of the soul to bear all things and remain com-

mitted through whatever comes along. Real love is shown by means of mutual respect, undying loyalty, and giving more than taking. You pick each other up, work everything out, and never give up.

I believe the biggest key to understanding true love is gaining a grip on the reality of the author of love, God. He made us, He knows how we work best, so it only makes sense to throw all of our imperfect attempts to Him and ask Him for the help that we need for such an important decision. [I have a book about this that changed my life, if anybody's interested.]

Life is much easier when we stop trying to act like we can do everything ourselves, and give the One who made the map the chance to guide our paths.

If you want to find a bit of good stuff, try dusting off that Bible and find 1 Corinthians chapter 13.



Students model school's motto by participating in intertravel

Looking into personal accounts of McPherson College world travelers...

Mi Viaje a Guatemala...glad to be home

Amanda Harkness
Guest Writer

I went to Guatemala for interterm, along with three other McPherson students, Kana Bessho, Amanda Smith, and Bethany Lohmeyer, and our professor, Ocie Kilgus. This trip was a four hour credit, in whatever class we chose from Service Learning, Spanish II, or Spanish for Travelers. We were there for four weeks during the month of January. The following is a brief personal account of my experience on this trip.

We left for the airport from McPherson at 4 a.m. on the Jan. 3. We only had about five hours of airtime, and by mid afternoon we were in Guatemala City. In the car, riding from the airport to the bus station, was when I realized that I was actually in a completely different country, and would be for the next four weeks.

We boarded the bus, and were expecting a four hour drive until we arrived in Xela, the city we stayed in. Riding in the car was scary, but on the bus, this fear was exemplified. There were traffic laws and signs, but nobody really obeyed them or the lane markings and crosswalks.

I began to think I could relax, try to sit back and enjoy the ride. Wrong. After three hours of the scary driving, we were in the mountains, so it was scary mountain driving.

Then our bus broke down. We had been told earlier by our Guatemalan contacts that we should not get off this bus. For safety reasons it was crucial we should be in Xela before night and in time to be picked up at the bus station. None of that happened. Everyone got off the bus, gathered luggage, and started to hitch rides.

We rode what is called a "chicken bus," an old, worn school bus that has been converted into a bus for public

transportation. The buses usually had been repainted on the outside with bright colors and designs. I read before going to Guatemala that one should not take chicken buses, for not only are they unsafe because of the vehicle's poor condition and the driver's lack of caution, but also because they can be a haven for criminals.

Finally, we arrived in Xela. There we were on a random street corner in an unknown city with all of our luggage. To top it off, it was night time. After finding a taxi, and going through a few other minor adventures, we made it to a hotel. At last I had a chance to rest and feel some sense of safety.

The next day we were taken to the houses of our host families, where we would adjust to a new way of life, culture and school. I was fortunate to be placed with a family that was financially secure, as well as a mother who was an extremely good cook.

I attended the school, Casa Xelaju. Spanish class began at 8 a.m. and ended at 1, with a 30-minute break in the middle. The student population was small enough to allow a 1:1 student/teacher ratio. I really enjoyed the atmosphere at the school. The teachers not only treated students as equals but also as friends.

We did a service-learning project while in Guatemala with the reforestation organization, Chico Mendez. I absolutely loved the work because it involved going to the country, away from Xela, and experiencing more of the Mayan culture. We did jobs such as collecting seeds, picking up litter and gathering mulch.

I wasn't a big fan of Xela, and I often used profanity when I referred to it. For starters, it was overpopulated and extremely poor. The streets couldn't accommodate the traffic that went through the city, and the sidewalks were narrow and rough.

The city smelled like trash,

sewage, dead animals and body waste. People thought nothing of using walls or curbs as bathrooms and beds. The common method of security was men with really big guns. There was a constant flow of noise pollution from the traffic, especially buses, and fireworks that went off every five minutes (a way of celebrating a birthday).

Stray, un-neutered/un-spayed, starving dogs were everywhere. The air was extremely polluted; I couldn't walk a block without having a guy, usually gross and old, yell some phrase of broken English to me hoping to entice my love. This is just a brief description of Xela. Needless to say, I became a little tired of it.

I was able to travel a little to other parts of Guatemala while I was there, and thank God, because it provided both a break from Xela, and a chance to see a Guatemala different from than the city we were living in.

I went to Lake Atitlan for two nights, which was phenomenal. The lake was huge, with clear water, and was surrounded by several volcanoes. The nice hotels I stayed in also added to the experience. Another weekend I went to some hot springs, and on another, I went to the city of Champerico, which was on the Pacific coast.

On our last full day in Guatemala I was able to visit Antigua. This was a major tourist city, but it was clean, and very relaxing.

By the end of the trip, I was definitely ready to be home. Maybe I was ready at the beginning of it, too. However, being back in the States makes me miss things already. I miss the awesome food, the great friends I made, and being able to hear and communicate in Spanish all the time.

I had many adventures and learned more about what it means to live and what really matters in my life. Altogether, it was a great experience.



Nathon James, Colleen Porter, Amanda Snell, Beth Krehbiel, Josie Ireland, Seth Schoen, Lara Lichty, and Nick Barrows enjoy their time in Thailand and Cambodia this interterm.

Colleen Porter
Guest Writer

All around me I see thousands of faces, hear numerous varied pitches of car horns blaring, and smell the remains of fried pork, chicken, insects, and interestingly, canine. So now, without further ado, I introduce to you the remarkable lands of Thailand and Cambodia, to which nine McPherson College students, myself included, just traveled.

After two weeks of class with Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy/religion, reading the abridged histories, religious practices and cultural customs of both exotic destinations, we finally made the journey to the Golden Peninsula on Jan. 18 to put our newfound knowledge to the test.

Along with a group of adults including Herb and Jeanne Smith were students Nick Barrows, soph., Zionsville, Ind; Callie Crist, fr., McPherson; Josie Ireland, soph., Howard; Nathon James, fr., Lyons; Beth Krehbiel, soph., Pratt; Lara Lichty, fr., Quinter; Seth

Schoming, fr., Davenport, Neb.; Amanda Snell, soph., McPherson; and me, Colleen Porter, soph., Quinter.

After 20 hours of flying, the group finally landed at the Bangkok airport at 11:30 PM Thai time. We were all a bit disoriented. We couldn't decide if we should be tired or wired or hungry or content. Central Standard Time is 13 hours behind Thai time, so day was night for us, and our eating schedules were completely opposite of what they should have been. Also, we crossed the International Date Line while flying through the air, so without even a sunrise or sunset, the day had passed.

The central religion in Thailand is Buddhism, so naturally we visited many spectacular temples and Buddhas. Three Buddhas that made a lasting impression in my mind were the Emerald Buddha, the Reclining Buddha, which measures about 130 feet in length, and the largest solid gold Buddha. Although the shrines and statues were impressive in size and ornamentation, not much could top the brilliance of

some of the temples, palaces we visited, such as Wat Arun, which is adorned with millions of shards of pieces of pottery and precious metals by gold and bejeweled statues. Within the temple walls, we observed the once bestowed upon and precious offerings will be donated in praise of Buddha by his many followers.

We boarded several boats while on the trip, some for the sole purpose of leisure and tour, others to get from A to point B, as is in the case of the ride to our raft on the Beautiful River. We were enveloped us as we checked into our rooms at the Kwea Floating Rafts houses performed while on the trip, some of the fastest group in the world. We visited the Mon Golden Splendor school, a one-room school as part of our education program, I was left in a surrealistic world of children, ranging from age and education to pumping out gratitude for meager gifts we handed out in pencils, pens, coloring books, pieces of candy. Since kids did not speak Thai, our guide did not speak English, there was a dialect, there was a deflection and king.

Discovering "amore" in Italy

Joe Blas
Guest Writer

The plane landing in Rome after an eight-hour flight from Kennedy International in New York could have been described as amore. Immediately after deplaning, the atmosphere hit your senses, as if welcoming you into the center of one of the greatest empires time itself could have built. Rome had an aura about it.

Our destination that night, we decided, would be Vatican City. The architecture, the history and the massiveness of the city was unlike anything I had ever experienced.

The next day, with free time to explore Rome, our group decided that we would return to Vatican City to the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica.

We first toured St. Peter's Basilica. After our time in the Basilica, we ventured off into the Vatican Museums. Up close and in front of the artwork in the Sistine Chapel, words are useless and cannot adequately describe its genius.

The next item on the agenda was to visit the Roman Forum and the Flavian Amphitheater (mistakenly known as the Colosseum). The immensity of the Flavian Amphitheater

can be done no justice by a page in a textbook where its dimensions are not accurately depicted.

We then decided to walk to the Pantheon, the only standing ancient Roman building intact. It is now a church, and inside, it houses the tombs of some very famous people, namely Raphael.

The third day on the tour, we left Rome and headed toward Siena. On the way, we stopped briefly in two small medieval towns—Viterbo and Orvieto. That evening, explored Siena. The center of Siena was characterized by streets lined with shops and in the central square, a church, as was a common theme throughout all of Italy. Siena was quite a charming town; it merged the tourist atmosphere of Rome with the little-town beauty of Viterbo and Orvieto.

En route to Florence the next morning, we stopped at one of my favorite small medieval towns, San Gimignano. It was similar to Viterbo and Orvieto in many ways, but San Gimignano housed a museum of particular interest to us, Museum of Torture, which housed the methods and machinery for torture from medieval times through the present day.

After San Gimignano, we

headed toward the Tuscan hills. We stopped in the Tuscan hills at a winery, Castello Vicchiomaggio. Afterwards, we continued toward Florence where half our group decided to attend the optional Tuscan Dinner excursion and the other ventured into the city.

The next day, we visited a goldsmith shop. We were then scheduled to view a demonstration on the techniques of treating leather and manufacturing goods out of it. Since we arrived early to the shop, a few of our group, decided that we would visit one of the churches instead. The Santa Croce church with a monument dedicated to Dante Alighieri outside, housed the tombs of many of the most famous Italians. We were then greeted by a local Florentine tour guide who led us to the Piazza Signoria, the site where the statue of David used to be located—now the statue is replaced by a replica and the original is housed in the Academy.

Then a few of us decided to venture off to explore Florence a little deeper. We visited the famous Ponte Vecchio, the only bridge spared by the Nazis, which now is lined with jewelry stores on both sides. From

there, our group divided into two, and half went toward the Uffizi Gallery, where Renaissance artwork by Raphael, Botticelli, and Titian are housed, while the other half went toward the Piazza del Duomo, or the square of the Church of the Dome. I chose to visit the church and climb the dome, which was the largest dome structure of its time. The view was worth climbing 400 and some odd steep steps.

After descending the dome, we made our way toward the Uffizi Gallery. The gallery rivals the Vatican Museums. Every room was filled with astonishing artwork and the halls are lined with statues of hundreds of paintings and statues.

The next morning, we left Florence en route toward Venice. On the way, we stopped in Pisa, the little town known more for its architectural blunder (which now may be viewed as an architectural wonder) than any other feature.

Now it was on to Venice, a long trek across Northern Italy. Upon our arrival in Venice, the entire group decided that we would partake in the Venice by Night optional excursion, where we were able to view Venice under the

moonlight. Indeed, the atmosphere of Venice at night was romantic. During a meal of several courses we enjoyed the sounds of Venetian music.

The next day, we returned to the island to explore Venice during the daylight. We were led to a demonstration on Murano glass. The main attraction was St. Mark's Basilica. Adjacent to the Basilica was the Doge's Palace, the seat of the government during ancient Venetian times.

The group split up, then. Some went on a traditional gondola ride, where in keeping with a romantic theme, some chose to declare their life-long intentions. Others visited stores and shops, immersing themselves into the Venetian ambiance.

On the road back to Rome, we stopped in the small town of Assisi, famous for being the residence of Saint Francis, the patron saint of Italy.

Our last night in Rome, we decided to have our last authentic Italian meal.

The Italian culture embraced a laidback atmosphere and the food was phenomenal. The one impression, however, that Italy leaves with someone as they depart back to their origin is "That's Amore."



The Leaning Tower of Pisa is one of the sites visited by art students while in Italy.

Black History Month: do students take an interest?

Nick Griggs
Guest Writer

How do Mac students respond to Black History Month? Do students care that the month of February continues to honor African Americans and their important contributions to American history?

Voices vary, reflecting the different backgrounds they come from. However, should these different backgrounds really affect how one feels or reacts to a nationally-observed month in our country, or more personally here at Mac?

Black history seems to win favor with some audiences and not with others. Do students view its importance as important as any other history we are required to take in our nation's school system?

"It's a requirement to take American or world history,

but all the discussion about blacks in those history classes mainly refers to slavery," said Jason Henry, jr., Houston, Texas.

Henry doesn't feel that black history is any more important than the history of any other race, but rather deserves recognition as much as anyone else's history.

Anthony Kelley, soph., Perry, Utah, responding to the question; "Do students in general recognize Black History Month here at Mac?" answered truthfully,

"No, I don't even know what month Black History Month is," Kelley said.

Kelley's situation suggests that in the United States, where we all live and learn together, there are certain towns, states, or entire regions that don't teach Black history in schools or even recognize its significance.

Black history plays an important role in American

history and culture. For instance, a few inventions of everyday life that came from black individuals include traffic lights, invented by Garret Augustus Morgan, patented Nov. 23, 1923; folding chairs, invented by Nathaniel Alexander, patented July 4, 1911; fitted bed sheets, invented by Bertha Berman, patented Oct. 6, 1959; spark plugs, invented by Edmond Berger, patented Feb. 2, 1839.

Although only three patents were ever issued to him, George Washington Carver had many discoveries including adhesives, axle grease, bleach, buttermilk, chili sauce, fuel briquettes, ink, instant coffee, linoleum, mayonnaise, meat tenderizer, metal polish, paper, plastic, pavement, shaving cream, shoe polish, synthetic rubber, talcum powder and wood stain.

Do students at Mac care that Black History Month continues? Some do.

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Chris Polanco, a senior from Oceanside, Calif., said that continuing Black History Month helps those of all races gain exposure to knowledge that we don't normally encounter.

Although the college planned activities for Black History Month are limited, Jon Klinger, sr., Winnebago, Ill., thinks students are still aware of the month's significance.

Klinger also agrees that Black History Month should continue to be recognized. "It's a big part of America's history", Klinger said.

Whether we like it or not, America is famous for being a melting pot of cultures. Most Americans at least see advertisements for Mardi Gras, get pinches for St. Patrick's Day, receive hugs and kisses for St. Valentine's Day, or get invitations to celebrations in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King in their lifetime.

Unfortunately, we continue to see the occasional Confederate flags, racially-motivated hate crimes still make headline news, and some high school students may carry the hate that continues to separate us from unity and even sanity.

Perhaps over time, Black History Month can in some small way help our society overcome prejudice and hatred by heightening Americans awareness of the integral role that persons of all origins and colors have played in building the foundation on which we now stand.

Valentine sweethearts spotted on campus

Lara Lichty
Features Editor

While visiting her once on the University of Texas-Austin campus, Kim Stanley's mother spotted a familiar name of one of her former students on a list hanging on a bulletin board.

"Tom Halliburton...don't get to know him," her mother nonchalantly said. "He's just weird enough that you just might marry him." Little did she know that it wouldn't be long before Kim and Tom would be wed.

Kim was interested to learn more about Tom after hearing the comment from her mother. Previously she'd heard of Tom's love of reading, as well as his vast collection of books, and decided that she needed to borrow a book from him.

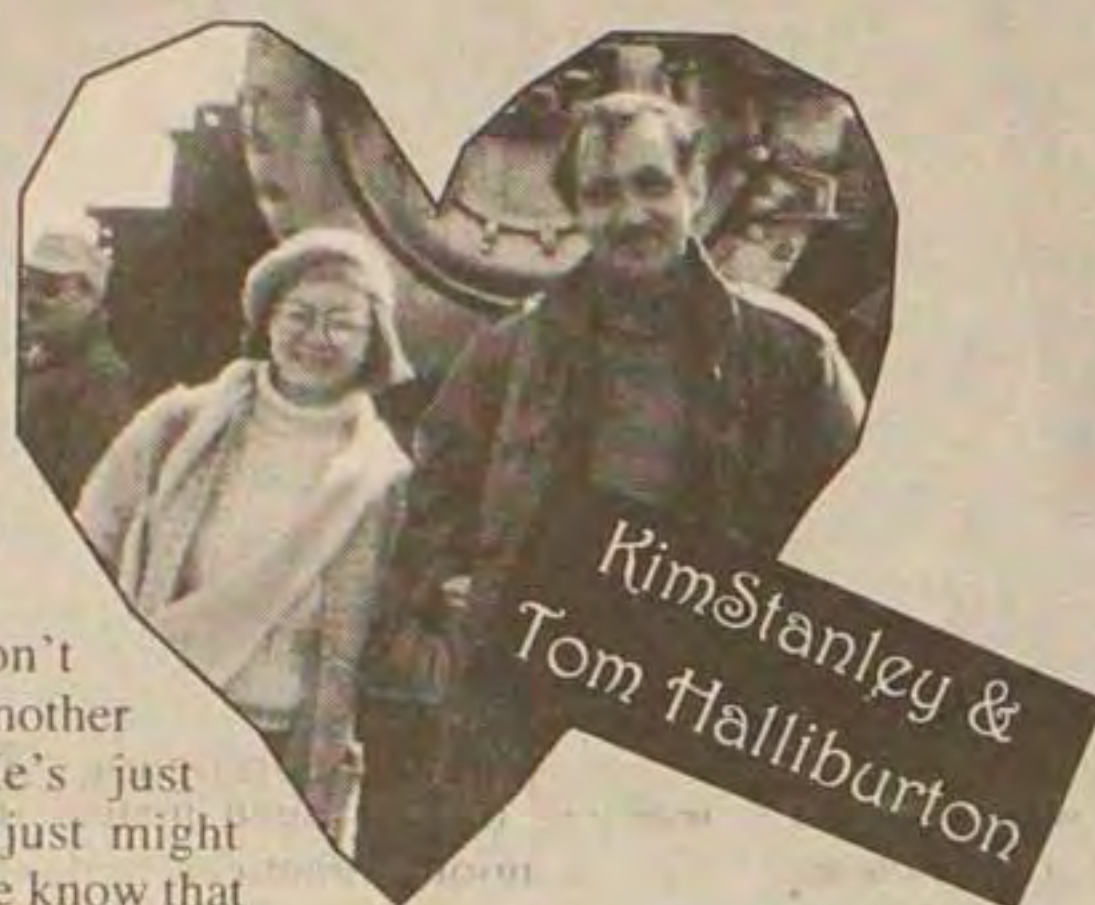
Kim and Tom, professors of English, were married on a whim after dating for six months. They were both graduate students in Austin and needed to renew their driver's licenses at the city hall.

While there, Tom simply asked Kim if she wanted to get married while they had a parking spot since parking in downtown Austin was difficult. She said yes, they went to the basement to be married and called her mother to let her know.

"My mom insisted that I make him wear a ring, so we went to the mall to find rings after we were married," said Kim.

It was there they had their wedding dinner of hot dogs.

While at the mall, Tom spotted



Kim Stanley & Tom Halliburton

some cheap roses and bought some for Kim. After she said how much she loved freshly cut flowers, Tom promised to buy some for her often throughout their marriage. However, that was the last time Kim received flowers from Tom.

"That has to be some kind of record," said Kim, "twenty-some years without buying flowers."

The couple have some remarkable practices that illustrate the simplicity of their romance.

"We don't keep track of our anniversary," Kim said.

While Kim says they don't actually know how many years they've been married, she guesses it's been 21. Birthdays and special events aren't celebrated. They agree that needing a special holiday to buy a gift pollutes the motive behind buying a gift.

"Anytime we see something we'd like to buy for the other, we buy it for them to be nice, not just for a holiday," Kim said.

Jeanne's intuition was correct, the couple married, and both finished graduate school.

Herb, who now has a reputation as a joker, says he was once very introverted. He attributes his extroverted personality and happiness to Jeanne's positive nature. He claims the two of them balance each other out perfectly.

Jeanne recalled the most passionate argument the two of them ever had that made a huge impact on their future.

Jeanne came home to find Herb trying to decide between two plans for their summer: staying in an Illinois church and saving their pennies or going to a church located in Wenatchee, Wash., for an adventure.

"Herb wanted to stay and save the money, and I'd always wanted to visit the west coast," Jeanne said. "We had an hour and a half to decide."

The couple argued until it was time for a decision. Both gave in almost simultaneously. However, Herb

Rick and Karlene
Tyler

Rick Tyler, professor of theatre, first noticed Karlene in a not-so-pleasant manner while here at McPherson College. She was the "new kid on the block," cast as the lead in "Barefoot in the Park." Rick felt that another woman should have been cast.

Poor Karlene, associate dean of academic records, was interested in Rick, but he already had another girlfriend.

The story of Rick and Karlene took a drastic turn in the spring of '72 when they were cast in opposing roles—the two "funny noses"—in "Once Upon a Playground." That was when Rick began to take an avid interest in Karlene and asked her to the prom. The only drawback in Rick's mind was the fact that he had to pick her up at LaMonte Rothrock's home, who was just a "snotty-nosed high schooler" back then.

The couple was engaged in '73 and married in '74. Their rings were engraved with "funny nose."

What makes the Tylers' marriage unique?

"Until I met Karlene, I never owned a pair of blue jeans," says Rick.

"He had to teach me to do laundry," said Karlene.

"...and cook," added Rick. While Karlene wasn't sure about Rick's cooking comment, she was sure that she taught him how to drive a standard transmission.

The couple has been married for

almost 30 years, and the humor didn't end after being "funny-noses." Rick bought Karlene a dried prune rose bouquet for her 40th birthday.

They also spend time doing things that are nice for the other as well. Karlene arranged for friends and family from all over the country to come to McPherson for Rick's surprise 40th birthday.

But perhaps the most unique aspect of their marriage is that they work together at the same place in which they met. When they began having children, the first child, Emily, came to work with Rick every afternoon. Papa Rick even had a cradle in his office, and Emily was often strapped to his back while he was working on a show.

"Rick was the pioneer of males on campus when it came to taking care of children," said Karlene.

The couple does get some time away from McPherson College every now and then. They travel to New York every other January for their "alone time" to do things they both enjoy, such as going to shows and shopping. This was a tradition they started as students in '73 and it still continues.



Rick and Karlene, '73 Prom

students as a fantasy job. He and Jeanne usually travel alone during the summer. This year they plan to travel to Russia.

As a couple, they almost always look at things from a global perspective. The Smiths often attend different types and places of worship and enjoy learning about other religious beliefs.

"The thread through our fabric of marriage has been the church," Herb said. "We've been so involved and we've always worked together. We're not a couple that needs much space."

"We are more in love now than ever," Herb said. "When you share experiences of both joy and sorrow, your relationship grows so much."

After almost 38 years of marriage, the couple is very much in love. "I'm one of the most fortunate people on the face of the earth to have married Jeanne," Herb says.

"I've never regretted my decision to marry Herb," said Jeanne. "I knew what I wanted and he fit."

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—Prof. Herb Smith

made arrangements for Jeanne to have her way and travel to Washington. "That trip was the sprouting of the seeds of our traveling," Jeanne said.

The Smiths definitely have gained an appreciation for travel. The two of them have traveled all over the world to places such as Thailand, China, England, Japan, Korea, Greece and India, among others.

Of all the places they've been, they love Asia the most and see it as the "wave of the future."

The couple has lived in seven states and 12 different locations since they've been married. McPherson has been ideal for them, and Herb regards his trips with his



Herb and Jeanne Smith

As soon as Jeanne Jacoby-now professor of education saw Herb Smith-now professor of philosophy and religion—turn the corner into their Spanish class at Elizabethtown College, Jeanne was convinced that Herb was the man she'd marry.

"It sort of stuck in my mind and I never forgot it," said Jeanne, referring to her vision of marrying Herb.

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Seth Schoming, and Jeanne Smith.

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Bulldogs double-double past Wesleyan

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

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McPherson 74
Kansas Wesleyan 66

As winter draws towards a close, so too does basketball season, when the outcome of games are as furious and unpredictable as the weather.

There will be no shortage of heat in the Sport Center, however, when the fourth-place Bulldogs (9-6 KCAC, 17-8 overall) take on fifth-place Ottawa this Saturday.

With the KCAC tournament just 10 days away, the stakes are high and the margin for error low for the Bulldogs.

"The top four teams in the conference will have home court advantage for first round playoff games. It is important that we stay in the top four, so the next two weeks have some important games," said head coach Roger Trimmell.

Defeating Kansas Wesleyan in Salina last night was the first step for the Bulldogs in defending their seed. McPherson delivered an impressive performance, winning 74-66 against the Coyotes. An unprecedented three players recorded double-doubles: Lee Gustafson and Kenny Romero both with 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Brian Hooks with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Roy McDonald added 12 points as the Dogs shot 52% from the floor in the second half. "We extended our defense and we got some baskets," Coach Trimmell said after the game. "We were exploiting what they were giving us, and that was the inside

look." Despite the victory, without wins against Ottawa, Bethany (Feb. 19) and Southwestern (Feb. 21), home court advantage for McPherson is still in serious question.

A victory over the Braves would avenge a mid-season loss in Ottawa for the Bulldogs. "Ottawa is a huge game," Trimmell said. "It's Alumni Night, and we're looking forward to playing at home in the Sport Center."

"To win, we must play good defense and rebound. We have a veteran squad that has played a lot of basketball. The expectations are that we step up when the game is on the line and confidently run our plays, hit big shots, and are fundamentally sound."



Junior guard Roy McDonald (#12) floats towards the goal during last weekend's losing effort against Tabor.

Ladies lose crucial game

Walker Phillips
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McPherson 72
Kansas Wesleyan 80

Since their impressive effort against Friends on Feb. 5, the Lady Bulldog basketball team has fallen flat. Last night's trip to Salina gave opponent Kansas Wesleyan their first season victory, 80-72, despite a last minute surge.

This aggravates a Feb. 7 loss at home to the fourth-place Tabor Bluejays, 75-57. McPherson likely needs to win their three remaining regular season matches to avoid the KCAC play-in round in the post season.

This scenario hardly seemed possible on Dec. 6, when a victory over the University of St. Mary gave the Dogs a 2-0 record in the conference and 7-1 overall. The team's winning record

has slowly deteriorated since, now standing at 5-10 in the KCAC and 11-12 total.

Despite this decline, senior Erica Alvarez continues to produce impressive stats within the conference, averaging 16 points (third in the KCAC) and 7.86 rebounds (fifth in KCAC) per game.

To complete the regular season, the Bulldogs will face stiff competition against the third-place Ottawa Braves (Feb. 14) and fifth place Bethany Swedes (Feb. 19) at home in the Sport Center before traveling to Winfield to play first-place Southwestern on Feb. 21.



Andi Wilder (#33) dishes the ball to a teammate during the Feb. 7 game against Tabor.

BULLDOG ATHLETIC CALENDER

Men's Basketball
Feb. 14 Ottawa 7:00pm
Feb. 19 Bethany 8:00pm
Feb. 21 @Southwestern 7:00pm

Feb. 23 KCAC Tour. TBA
Feb. 26 KCAC Qtrts. TBA
Feb. 28 KCAC Semis TBA
Mar. 3 KCAC Finals TBA

Women's Basketball
Feb. 14 Ottawa 5:00pm
Feb. 19 Bethany 6:00pm
Feb. 21 @Southwestern 5:00pm
Feb. 23 KCAC Tour. TBA
Feb. 25 KCAC Qtrts. TBA
Feb. 28 KCAC Semis TBA
Mar. 2 KCAC Finals TBA

Indoor Track
Feb. 13 Prairie Wolf Invite
Lincoln, NE
Feb. 21 Kansas State Invite
Manhattan, KS.

Coaches vote softball first on Media Day

The McPherson College softball team was picked as the top KCAC team in a pre-season coaches poll at the second annual softball-baseball Media Day in Lindsborg. A vote of the conference media was also taken, showing the Bulldogs as the second strongest team.

Of the eight KCAC coaches, three chose the Bulldogs, 2003 regular season co-champions, as the first-place team. Sterling and Bethany were picked to finish second and third, ahead of Friends and Saint Mary.

Surprisingly, one coach tabbed McPherson to finish fifth.

While ice and snow limited the media turnout, McPherson garnered only one first place vote among the scribes. Last season's other co-champion, Bethany, grabbed two and came away the media favorite, while McPherson was tabbed for second. Friends, which received votes for both first and last place, snuck in to the third spot ahead of Sterling and Saint Mary.

"I feel that realistically we

should be one of the favorites," said McPherson College head coach Mike McCormick. "We were co-champions last year, we return seven of nine starters, and we believe we brought in a quality group of new players."

"It will be different being the ones with the target on our backs though, after they picked us to finish at the bottom last year and we surprised people by finishing first," said McCormick.

Meanwhile, the team has been working around the weather, but the coach indi-

cates the early workouts have gone pretty smoothly. "We have 16 girls practicing with us on a regular basis, and we'll pick up another four after basketball," said McCormick, KCAC Coach of the Year in 2003.

"We have a great nucleus back, and our new girls are pushing for playing time," coach said. With the addition of high school All-State pitcher Jamie Schropp to the already strong combination of LouAna Nuss (NAIA All-Region) and Tappy Collette, "pitching should be one of our real strengths now."

Unfortunately, poor weather continues to affect practices. "We need to get outside," said McCormick. "I don't like the thought of going into the season without some time on the diamond. If the snow ever melts off the (McPherson Stadium) football field, we're looking at laying out a diamond on it and scrimmaging there."

The Lady Bulldogs' scheduled season opener has been pushed back to Feb. 28 when they will travel to Bartlesville, Okla., for a doubleheader with

Oklahoma Wesleyan. The Bulldogs original season lid lifter on Feb. 21 at Mid-American Christian in Oklahoma City was cancelled after Mid-America informed McCormick they would have to forfeit due to a lack of players until the end of their basketball season.

The Lady Bulldogs' first home appearance will come March 12-13 when they host the McPherson College Tournament on the Grant Complex diamonds located on North Main Street.

Thinclads compete in Joplin and Lawrence

The McPherson College thinclads opened the 2004 indoor season in Joplin, Mo., on Jan. 23 and 24 at the Missouri Southern State Invitational. On Jan. 31, the team split up, with the throwing team attending a "throwers only" meet at Southwestern University while the rest of the team traveled to Lawrence to the Jayhawk Invitational. Last weekend, the tracksters were in Hays for the Fort Hays State Invitational.

In Joplin, the top finisher for the Bulldog men was sophomore Troy Hernandez with a ninth-place finish in

the 600-yard run in 1:20.85.

"If Troy keeps improving, he has a great shot at getting the national qualifier," said head coach Bart Gray.

Freshman Val Thompson led the McPherson throwers with 23rd and 25th place finishes in the shot put and weight throw, tossing the implements 33' 1.75" and 28' 7", respectively.

"We have a nice group of young throwers. This was the first time most of them have ever thrown the weight in competition. They'll get better," Coach Gray said.

For the Lady Bulldogs, Deidre Frager placed 11th in

the 600-yard run just ahead of teammate Mandy Harvey. Katie Atwater finished 13th in the weight

throw with a toss of 35' 3.25" while Kelsey Hendricks led the way in the shot put with a throw of 33' 1".

At KU, the top Bulldog performance came from Seth Cavenee, who posted a provisional NAIA national indoor qualifying mark of 7.13 in the 60m dash.

"Seth had a good race," Gray said.

Geralyn Hale recovered from back spasms suffered at the Southern meet to

record an impressive 8.38 in the 60m.

At the thrower's meet, Dan Hudachek improved his season best in the shot put by six feet. Anthony Kelley placed right behind Hudachek in the shot with a throw of 35' 0.14" and led the Mac 35-pound weight throwers with a throw of 39' 3".

Kelsey Hendricks posted a one-foot improvement in the women's shot, where she placed third with a throw of 34' 2.34".

Making their first appearance on the tight curves of the Fort Hays State Cross

Coliseum in recent years, the Bulldogs' top finisher came once again from Cavenee. A fall transfer from Fort Hays, Cavenee dashed to a third place finish in the 55m, clocking 6.73 seconds.

The Bulldogs came away with another third place finish in the 4 x 352 yard relay, which was run in place of the usual 4 x 400m relay. The McPherson foursome of Seth Cavenee, Kris Smiley, Preston Taylor, and Stacy Cavenee finished in a time of 2:55.93.

"I believe we found ourselves a quartermiler

(400m) today," said Gray. "We discovered that Kris (Smiley) is probably going to be a much better sprinter than even he thought. He stumbled in the 55 (meters) dash, and didn't have a real good time. But, boy, his leg (on the relay) was outstanding."

Top finish among the McPherson women was Kelsey Hendricks' fourth place in the shot put with 35' 5". Geralyn Hale placed seventh in the women's 55m in a time of 7.86.

Today the Bulldogs travel to Lincoln, Neb., for the Prairie Wolf Invitational.

Bulldog Head Coach

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In his 22nd season as coach of McPherson College men's basketball, Roger Trimmell posted his 300th collegiate career win on Jan. 19, 2004, as the Bulldogs defeated their town rival Central College, 68-65, at the Sport Center.

"Getting 300 wins really means I've been here for a long time, more than anything," said Trimmell. "But, that longevity is due to the fact I'm at a small college, private education, its emphasis on academic attention and the opportunity to be in and try out different things and the lifelong relationships that are developed."

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"Coach (Trimmell) has been like another father figure to me," said senior forward Kenny Romero.

Whether Trimmell got the benefit of some "home cooking" by the officials working that McPherson College-St. John's College game has been subject to conjecture for years. When the scheduled officials failed to appear by game time, a call went out locally in an attempt to find re-officials willing to work the game on short notice.

Finally agreeing to work the game was Brian Cordell, a Mac alumnus who was then coaching in the McPherson public school system, and Steve Schlife, then director of the McPherson YMCA. As the game progressed, the St. John's coach began to question the "integrity" of the officials and the way the game was being called. When the coach's protests became more vigorous than official Schlife felt was necessary, Schlife walked off the court. After about 10 minutes, he was convinced to return to floor to finish the game.

Noting that the final game statistics showed McPherson shooting 53 free throws to St. John's 17, Trimmell would only say, "Maybe there was a little 'home cooking.' But, if I did get any calls that night, it had to be the ONLY time in my 22 years!"

"I've really enjoyed playing and coaching in the KCAC. It has been a competitive conference with good coaches who aren't afraid to try some different things with their teams. And, there are and have been a lot more really good players come through the conference than most people realize."

During his collegiate coaching career, Trimmell has coached 23 All-KCAC first-team players, three KCAC Players of the Year, and one NAIA All-American first-team selection. He has also had 11 players named NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Four times his Bulldogs have been or shared the KCAC runner-up spot, and twice his teams have come up one win short of qualifying for the NAIA national tournament.

Trimmell, a 1973 graduate of McPherson College, still holds the Bulldogs' single-game assist record of 16, set during his senior year against Friends on Feb. 17, 1973.

Records fall to Romero



Kenny Romero captured the all-time scoring and rebounding titles during the 03-04 season. photo by Rebecca Stover

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

Who is the most statistically dominant player in McPherson Dogball history? Undoubtedly, the answer is senior forward Kenny Romero.

On Jan. 22, Kenny surpassed the previous Mac career scoring record held since 1995 by Jonathon Coachman. Furthermore, Romero's total of 1,787 points comes after just 99 games, whereas Coachman required 112 games to reach 1,782 points. This landmark achievement came just one month after Romero captured another Coachman-held title, the career rebounding record.

Romero's record breaking night (for scoring) came at the expense of Southwestern, who lost to the Bulldogs at the Sport Center due in part to Kenny's 23-point effort. With 4:22 remaining, Romero hit a baseline jumper in the midst of a personal eight-point run to

extend the all-time mark. The 72-62 win over the Moundbuilders also gave coach Roger Trimmell his 301st win.

Coachman, now an announcer for World Wrestling Entertainment, held the McPherson all-time rebounding record at 722 until being topped by Romero on Nov. 25, 2003. After 24 games this season, Romero had already accumulated a total of 863 career rebounds with plenty of 2004 action remaining.

In 2001, Romero scored 553 points in 30 games, earning KCAC Freshman of the Year honors. He has been named to the first-team All-KCAC for the past three years and holds a career scoring average of 18.1 points per game, hitting at least 50 percent of his field goal attempts. For 2004, Romero has upped the ante, averaging 21.6 points per game while hitting 59.5 percent of his shots.

Jacobs named 4th team NAIA



Lamar Jacobs earned 1,429 yards on 216 carries in 03. photo by Sheila Bevan

Lamar Jacobs, junior running back from Manteca, Calif., continues to receive national recognition following his record-breaking season at McPherson College.

On Jan. 17, Jacobs was named to the NAIA honorable mention list by Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette. This honor followed fresh on the heels of his selection to the 2003 NAIA All-American squad as an honorable mention running back.

Jacobs also made NAIAFootball.net's 2003 All-American fourth team offense in late December. In addition, he represented McPherson as a unanimous first team All-KCAC selection.

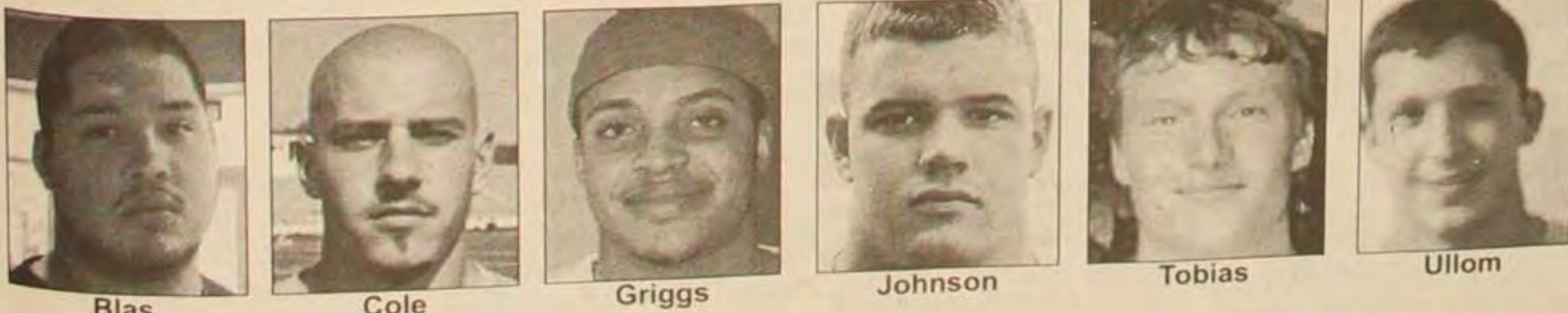
"Lamar was a huge addition to our program this past fall," said David Cunningham, McPherson College head football

coach. "We knew he would help us, but quite frankly, I did not realize how much until we saw him in person in a game situation. His big play capability helped open up our entire offense. We are looking forward to him having a fantastic senior season."

Jacobs set a McPherson College single-season rushing record with 1,429 yards on 216 carries, finishing second in the KCAC and eighth nationally among NAIA running backs for the 2003 season. Jacobs also finished 14th nationally in individual scoring, averaging 8.6 points per game.

A computer science major at McPherson College, Jacobs joined the Bulldog program this past fall after attending San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, Calif.

Six grididders named Academic All-American



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Players must have at least a 3.50 GPA, be a junior or

senior and fulfill a participation requirement in order to receive this award.

McPherson's football squad produced the largest number of Academic All-Americans in the KCAC this season, with Bethany and Tabor close behind with five players each.

Bart Gray, athletic director, credits both the coaching staff and faculty members for the athletes' success.

"It's a direct reflection on the kind of students that Coach Cunningham is recruiting for the program,"

Gray said. He also attributes this success to "the faculty's attentiveness to helping student-athletes achieve their goals both athletically and academically."

"I think it is a combination of recruiting kids who care about academics and stressing the importance of excelling in both the classroom and football field," Coach Cunningham said.

Cunningham credits former coach Dan Davis for "recruiting some very good students."

"We have continually stressed that education was

the number one priority of our football program," Cunningham said.

"I congratulate both the faculty and coaches, as well as the students for being diligent," Gray said.

"These six guys are all highly motivated people," Cunningham said. "We have yet to say a word to any of them individually about their academics. This is also a tribute to their families and what values they were taught before they ever got to McPherson College."

History film series opens

Tiffany Barry
Spectator Staff

Every Wednesday, students have the opportunity to attend films that will potentially broaden both their history and cultural knowledge. The new History Film Series opened this Wednesday and will continue with a historical film every other Wednesday. The series kicked off with the movie "Gladiator." Gary Entz, assistant professor of history, said he hoped that

the major motion picture would draw a crowd that wants to see the film one more time on the big screen. The History Film Series is joining the Hispanic Film Series, which has been a tradition at the college for five years. "I want the students to see that history can be exciting and entertaining," Entz said. The films are not historically accurate, so he plans to send a mass e-mail addressing the inaccuracies in the films with links that provide more information about the

time period for people who are interested. The history films will be shown in chronological order with the exception of the film "Rosewood." Entz decided to show this film in February because of its relevance to Black History Month. Entz will continue to have a film series every semester as long as there is an interest in the films. Ocie Kilgus, assistant professor of modern languages, said she feels that the Spanish-language films in

her series are important for students. "They show culture in context to what we are learning in class," Kilgus said. "It helps my students to hear native Spanish speakers." The movies are not only for Kilgus' students. The community, as well as the entire student body, is invited to attend the film series. Students also might enjoy the films because "you see other people love, eat, and die just like we do but in their own culture," Kilgus

said. Kilgus uses some online resources and reviews on new movies to select movies for the Hispanic Film Series. She previews films that look interesting before including them in the film series. In the past five years, Kilgus has never shown the same movie twice. All films that have been part of the series are available in the library. The films are shown in Melhorn Lecture Hall, room 112, every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.



photo by Sheila Bevan

Laura Engquist, fr., McPherson, and Tyler Lawrence, fr., Hutchinson, enjoy lunch in the renovated cafeteria.

Committee works to improve cafeteria

Jennifer Marquette
Spectator Staff

Changes are in progress to improve the dining experience in the Hoffman Student Union cafeteria. A recently established food committee has been working together with Greg Heimburger, Sodexo food service director, to create a more positive environment in the cafeteria. The members of the food committee are McPherson College faculty, staff and students. Overall the food committee is responsible for improving the food service program, but they have also broken into smaller groups with more specific responsibilities.

Some subtle changes in the menu were incorporated during interterm. Aesthetic changes began to take place at the beginning of the second semester, starting with a new coat of red paint. Other improvements include the rearrangement of the tables, salad, dessert and cereal bars; weekly display of movie posters; circular tables; additional menu modifications; and new uniforms for the food service staff members.

Heimburger made the menu changes based on student and faculty suggestions and feedback, and he said he is pleased with the improvements made. "I definitely think the alterations have created a more positive atmosphere. The students and faculty have also provided very encouraging feedback," Heimburger said. "We have made a lot of constructive changes here in the cafeteria and more are to come. So far all of the changes have worked very well and we are very pleased."

Students should notice more menu changes when the food committee begins receiving responses from letters that will be sent to students' homes requesting

students' favorite recipes from home.

The intent is to add more "home-cooked" items to the cafeteria line. The food committee also plans to conduct surveys asking for student feedback.

A sub-group of the food committee has been charged with identifying and designing the best food service program for the students, faculty and community. Among other issues, this group plans to explore in the near future questions about meal plans and the role the Doghouse plays in food service.

"Our goal is by next fall to have an incredible dining experience here at McPherson College," said LaMonte Rothrock, member of the food committee and dean of students. "We hope for the cafeteria to be a place where students want to eat."

Sodexo, the college's current food service company, has cooperated fully to meet the specific requests of the food committee.

"We're not totally where we want to be just yet, but Sodexo is willingly working with us," Rothrock said.

To find the best possible food service provider, the food committee plans to interview five to six different food service providers. In addition, they will travel to nearby colleges that employ the prospective companies to eat in their cafeterias.

The college's Retention Committee will make the actual recommendation about which food service to retain for 2004-05.

This is because the college believes that food service plays a major role in students' overall satisfaction and decision to stay at McPherson College.

"We want students to pass along good words of the McPherson cafeteria to family and friends," Rothrock said.

Faculty develop new database

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Spectator Staff

Two McPherson College professors have been instrumental in developing an academic assessment database that has caught the eye of several area colleges, particularly Sterling and Bethany, who have expressed interest in obtaining the software for a trial run at their schools.

The idea for the Web Assessment Reporting and Recording Tool (WARRT) database actually took shape a few years ago with the senior project of Carolyn Harris, and was brought to fruition this last summer with the help of funding from the Kansas State Department of Education.

Mary Flagg and Bob Neufeld, professors or computer science, directed the project and led a student team that put together the database. The student team included 2003 McPherson College graduate Peter Samland Kim Stanley, professor of English, also contributed in helping with the instruction manual, and several other professors gave input on the format.

This new database system has two major goals: helping the college with self evaluation, and easing the accreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission, the group that oversees the accreditation of the

college as a whole.

Instead of using grades from classes, the database has professors look at how well students have understood specific concepts. They then rate the students as distinguished, proficient, basic or unsatisfactory. This allows for a uniformity in evaluation, since although everyone will have slightly different ideas of what these terms mean, the set categories will make evaluations more consistent than in the past, said Laura Eells, dean of the faculty.

Besides helping the college meet an accreditation requirement, the program will also help the college with course development, especially in language intensive courses. The system will help faculty with the evaluation of how well students meet the goals of the language intensive program through the different techniques used by professors.

One drawback for the rating process is that grades may cover some areas that the four categories of the database do not. For instance, professors may include attendance or class participation in the grading process. While important, these do not necessarily have a direct impact on a student's understanding of all concepts in the course. The new, web-based program will allow professors to access it at any

time. In the past, if a professor or group within the college wanted to look at information, even in their department, they would have to go to each professor and retrieve a large stack of papers, especially if they were looking for changes over time.

According to Flagg, the database will be beneficial in times of faculty change, since the data will not be lost in the shuffle when professors leave their office. The program also offers the ability to print reports in the format required by the Higher Learning Commission, which should save time when the reaccreditation process occurs.

Since it is Web-based, the group wanted to make the database user friendly. The two modes of the database allow professors to either simply record information from the classroom or while in advanced mode access reports from other departments and make reports for the accreditation process.

Besides being a helpful tool for the college, the project also provided real-world programming experience for the students involved. It also represents a new software development emphasis in the computer science department. It was "a really fun project, a good experience for students to do something real," Flagg said.

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ture on "Science, Religion and the Quest for Cosmic Purpose."

The presentation will be March 7 at 3:30 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre.

The Center for Religion and Science also sponsored activities on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

It sponsored "A Film Festival of Non-Violence in Action," which no students attended.

Frye would like to see students attend similar events in the years to come and thinks that low attendance is a result of the three-day weekend.

"I would like to see it not be a day off," Frye said.

The Center for Religion and Science is a result of two grants.

The first grant was from the Rhodes Consultation on the Future of Church-Related Colleges.

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encouragement for fellow apprentice restorers: "As the program continues to attract scholarships, the restoration students should continue to strive to do their best work. The opportunities exist to promote yourself and the school simultaneously."

A portion of each Hagerty Protection Network membership is donated to the Hagerty Fund for Historic Vehicle Preservation and Education, which provides the McPherson College scholarships.

"We're using the power of Hagerty Protection Network membership to give back," Hagerty said. "Based on our first-hand experience with the members' dedication to the hobby and its future, we know that the Hagerty Fund will accomplish great things."

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SGA to fill vacant positions

The Student Government has three vacant positions to fill this semester.

Elections will be held for the position of treasurer, activities/publicity coordinator and Dotzour Hall Representative on Tuesday, February 24. Students interested in filling one of the available positions can pick up a petition from any executive board member of SGA (Rebecca Stover, Jenn Schuyler, or Jaymie Bickford), Tracy Stoddart, or Janice Haldi in the Dean's Office.

Requirements for the treasurer and activities/publicity coordinator positions include at least two completed semesters at McPherson College and a GPA of 2.25 or higher.

The treasurer position also requires at least three semester hours of Accounting.

The Dotzour Hall Representative must be a resident of Dotzour Hall.

Petitions for each office are due by Tuesday, February 17.

The position of Dotzour representative was vacated when the last representative moved off campus.

The treasurer position was resigned effective last Monday, said Jaymie Bickford, SGA secretary, and the activities/publicity coordinator position has been vacant since the end of the fall semester.

Sanchez to address Colombian human rights crisis

McPherson College has invited Native Colombian, Nancy Sanchez, to explain the human rights crisis in Columbia and the effect of U.S. policy there.

The U.S. government has spent over \$2.5 billion to assist Columbia since 2000. Most of the money is used to finance the military and police which also finances Left-wing guerrillas and right-wing paramilitary groups.

These groups continue to commit massive human rights violations with U.S. money, while cocaine transportation from Columbia to the United States has not slowed.

In my work I have witnessed the terrible costs of war. I have documented horrific cases of human rights violations both by the left-wing guerrilla groups and the right-wing paramilitaries, Sanchez said.

Human rights organizations as well as

Colombian governmental institutions have documented the collaboration of the Colombia military with the paramilitary groups. Yet the U.S. government continues to finance this military.

Sanchez will meet with students and local community members on February 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Slek Dining Room. The U.S. Office on Columbia is sponsoring the talk.

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