



# SPECTATOR

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## Gustafson named professor of the year

RUTH TURNER  
*Spectator staff*

Steven Gustafson, professor of music, was announced as the professor of the year at the Annual Celebration & Awards Convocation last Friday, May 6, in Brown Auditorium.

The students recognized as Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges presented Gustafson with this award and a hat celebrating his 25 years with McPherson College.

Herb Smith, professor of religion and philosophy, and Kermit the Frog introduced the Who's Who students.

"It was really hard for us," said Who's Who recipient Danielle Lucore, sr., Springfield, Mo. "Steve was one professor we had all had experience with and we felt he deserved recognition for the hard work he put in for the last 25 years."

"It was a wonderful surprise," said Gustafson. "Nothing is more flattering than being recognized by your students."

A video presentation designed by the communications office titled "the year in pictures" was shown at the beginning of the convo. The presentation included pictures and

video-clips from different sporting events and other school activities throughout the year.

Immediately following the presentation, the awards recognition part of the program began. Many students received honors and awards recognition, including Joe Blas sr. Sumner, Wash. and Matapony Collette sr. Lecompton who were named male and female Athletes of the Year. Blas also won the Burkholder Research Award for excellence in research in natural science.

The Outstanding Business Student Award went to Jamar Turner, sr. Oklahoma City, Okla. The Model Educator for 2004-05 was Casey Durst, sr., Moundridge, and the Model Educator for 2003-04 was Heather Elrod, sr., Kansas City. The Jay Leno/Popular Mechanics Scholar was Ross Barton, jr., Golden, Colo. The Jay Leno/Popular Mechanics scholarship is worth \$20,000.

"I was pretty shocked," Barton said. "Out of all the students in the program I was surprised they chose me."

The purpose of the convocation is to honor students, faculty, and staff for their hard work.

## Seniors to say their goodbyes to Mac college

KIMBERLY MORRIS  
*News Editor*

It will be time to say goodbye to the approximately 95 seniors who graduate on Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

"This is one of our truly special days," said Laura Eells, provost and dean of faculty.

During the ceremony the commencement speaker will be Katherine Melhorn. Melhorn is a 1977 graduate of McPherson College and was named an Outstanding Young Alumni in 1997. A pediatric physician and an advocate for children who have suffered abuse, she has testified as a medical doctor in court about different cases of abuse.

"She's a great doctor and advocate of children," said Ron Hovis, president.

The seniors have been led in the processional by bagpipes at recent commencements and will likely be led by them again this year. They start at the library and walk around the sidewalk square in front of the Hoffman Student Union and then finally into Brown Auditorium.



Dr. Kathy Melhorn

During commencement an ensemble made up of senior class members will sing. After the ceremony it is a tradition for the faculty to line the sidewalk leading to the gazebo and applaud while the seniors walk past.

Seniors will rehearse on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m., but first they will take a group photo in their caps and gowns in front of the arch between the student union and Dotzour residence hall at 9:30 a.m. On graduation day the seniors need to line up at the library at 1:30 p.m.

## Hubin not to return next year

TRICIA RITCHA  
*Editor in Chief*

Tim Hubin, assistant professor of chemistry, will not return to the classrooms of Melhorn Science Hall next year. Hubin's position is being cut, college officials say, to reduce expenses in an area that suffers from low enrollment.

McPherson College has experienced significant operating deficits in recent years. As a result, the Board of Trustees has directed college administrators to balance the budget. Among other steps toward this end, administration and faculty reviewed every program, making many changes, said Laura Eells, provost and dean of the faculty.

Hubin received his terminal letter of employment in mid-January. The letter stated that Hubin would be offered a contract for the 2005-06 school year, but that year would be his last. The letter also offered a voluntary severance package should he choose to leave at the end of this year.

Enrollment in the sciences does not support the number of professors that it employs, Eells said. The number of declared majors in the natural sciences had decreased from 67 in the fall of 1998 to 45 last fall. Since Hubin is the least senior, untenured faculty member, his position was the one eliminated.

The decision has created concern and regret among Hubin's colleagues and students.

Both Jonathan Frye, associate professor of biology, and Allan van Asselt, associate professor of chemistry, said administrators did not follow general procedures for eliminating a faculty position. Although they acknowledged that the president has the authority to make personnel changes without consulting anyone, they said they wish administrators would

have set up a meeting with the department to discuss the change and to look into other options.

Such a meeting might have produced other answers to the financial problems, said van Asselt. For example, Hubin was working on incorporating forensic science into the program, which might have positively affected enrollment. Without Hubin, this addition is really not an option. Likewise, other effects of eliminating the position, such as the change in course loads that will occur to cover the classes that Hubin taught, could have been more thoroughly considered.

Joe Blas, Sumner, Wash., a senior biochemistry major, said students didn't understand why administrators declined an invitation from science majors to talk about the decision.

"It just seems to me that this administration has ostracized the students that their decisions intimately affect," said Blas.

Blas and other science students praised Hubin as a teacher and as a person. "Dr. Hubin has done as much academically as I could have ever imagined to prepare me for my educational journey after McPherson College," Blas said. "More significantly, though, I believe Dr. Hubin and I have developed a friendship immeasurable by academic standards. He is a passionate researcher and educator, a extremely knowledgeable individual, and a loyal and compassionate man"

"Dr. Hubin is superior in his teaching technique, whether it be in presentation of material or in getting assignments graded with scores back to students," said Jenny Harper, sr., Grimes, Iowa. "It is too bad the underclassmen will not have the same opportunities and experiences that I have had."

"Dr. Hubin possesses all



Tim Hubin

the qualities of a great educator," said senior science major Danielle Lucore, Springfield, Mo. "Not only is he very knowledgeable, but he is also compassionate, dedicated and fair. Through his efforts as a researcher, he has received multiple grants that have given students the opportunity to participate in exciting research. It is very disappointing that the school is not willing to keep such an accomplished professor," Lucore said.

Hubin was recently recommended for funding from the Research Corporations for his proposal "Antiviral Bridged Macrocyclic Derivatives and Metal Complexes: CXCR4 Co-Receptor Antagonists." The grant totals almost \$50,000 to be expended over two years. This is the third significant research grant Hubin has been awarded in his five years at Mac.

"Tim is one of the most productive members of the faculty," said Frye. "It is hard to estimate what the cost [of his leaving] will be in the long run." "The elimination of Dr.

Hubin's position does not imply any criticism of his performance as a scholar and teacher," Eells said. "In fact, the college provided Dr. Hubin with a positive reference letter for use in securing future employment."

Van Asselt said that Hubin's classes will most likely be taught by himself and Kent Noffsinger, associate professor of physical science.

Noffsinger is teaching math and physics classes this year. Adding chemistry to his course load will affect the schedule for the mathematics department as it tries to find a way to cover the classes that he normally taught.

Noffsinger is a capable teacher, but he is a physicist, not a chemist, and this will affect the quality of the program, said Frye.

"There are qualified faculty in the program who will continue to uphold the high academic expectations and traditions of the college," Eells said. "Students will be able to complete their programs of study in a timely manner."

## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Fall 2004 Semester

Final Exam Time	Monday May 16	Tuesday May 17	Wednesday May 18	Thursday May 19
8:00 a.m.	<u>9:30 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>10:30 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>8:30 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>2:00 Classes</u> MWF MTRF
10:30 a.m.	<u>2:00 Classes</u> TR	<u>9:30 Classes</u> TR <u>4:00 Classes</u> MWR	<u>1:00 Classes</u> MWR	<u>10:30 Classes</u> TR
2:00 p.m.	<u>3:00 Classes</u> MWF MWRF	<u>8:30 Classes</u> TR	<u>11:30 Classes</u> MWF	<u>11:30 Classes</u> TR
7:00 p.m.	Monday Night Classes	Tuesday Night Classes	Wednesday Night Classes	Thursday Night Classes





I CAN JUST SEE US FIVE YEARS FROM NOW, WHEN WE ALL COME BACK AND WE'RE RICH AND FAMOUS...



YEAH, MAYBE

WELL, SEE YA LATER.



Good Dog



BAD DOG

Good Dog

Six seniors for putting together an outstanding art exhibition and being the first to graduate in their major.

Bad Dog

Intramural softball statistical crew for the mistake made in the scoring.

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**What is your favorite memory from MAC college?**

"Hanging out in the bar with my buddies."

Aaron Stanford, sr., St. John



"All of the fun I've had with my friends."

Jenny Harper, sr., Grimes, Iowa



"My sophomore year, when I took the spring break trip to New Mexico with Gary Entz and Larry Kitzel."

Nathan Porter, sr., Quinter



"The prank we pulled oh LaMonte last year at Awards Convo."

Nick Griggs, sr., Colorado Springs, Colo.



"Besides my friends, the January term trips abroad."

Rebecca Stover, sr., Quinter



**DOG BITES**



**Students discuss the "English Language Unity Act of 2005"**

The English Language Unity Act of 2005, introduced by Rep. Steve King from Iowa, argues for making English the official language of the United States. If passed, the bill will require that all governmental business (including such areas as election ballots or Social Security information, to mention a few) be conducted and/or issued in English.

For example, in the case of Social Security, non-English speakers would not have Social Security forms and information available to them in their own language. To meet the needs of non-English speakers, Social Security information currently is printed and available in 16 different languages. Election ballots and information are available in 28 languages. The pending bill has sparked much controversy and discussion among individuals, governmental organizations, political parties, social agencies and communities.

In Ocie Kilgus' Americanos class, four students (Brandon

**THE AMERICANOS CLASS**

Brandon Babcock, Wade Martin, Victoria Salas, D. J. Seghers, & Ocie Kilgus

Babcock, Wade Martin, Victoria Salas, and D. J. Seghers) debated the English-only proposition using strategies that they learned in previous freshman seminar classes. The students were required to argue both sides of the issue and then arrive at a consensus upon which all four could agree. Upon completion of the assignment, class members decided to share their thoughts with the student body in an effort to generate student discussion about this timely issue. The following is a sampling of the students' arguments in favor of implementing English as the official language of the United States as well as arguments against the pending bill.

The English-only argument: (1) English is recognized internationally as the language of business;

implementing an English-only policy would affirm and solidify that practice; (2) English-only will help to unify all people under one common language; (3) over 92 percent of all nations have an official language that helps to facilitate communication; (4) English-only would eliminate the dissemination of costly and ineffective multilingual information; (5) native language accommodations discourage immigrants from learning English and affects their adaptation.

The multilingual argument: (1) language is the most significant part of one's culture and should be affirmed and not denied; (2) the United States was built as a diverse immigrant nation, and we should proudly claim that more than 300 languages are still spoken within its borders; (3) exposure to

multilingual cultures expands one's own culture and world view; (4) participation in the international business community requires one to be familiar with other languages and cultures; (5) multilingual classrooms create the potential for a higher retention rate because of the attempt to include as opposed to exclude non-English speakers; (6) cognitive functions improve if one knows another language.

The consensus: (1) if one wants to live and work within the United States, it benefits him/her to adapt to the customs and language of the predominant culture; however, one should actively maintain his/her own language and culture as well; (2) a commitment to educating English-only advocates about the humanistic importance of cultural awareness and inclusion; (3) a commitment to actively oppose cultural discrimination.

Brandon, Wade, Victoria, and D.J. welcome any comments and input about this assignment.

**The ultimate prank: eviction of a student**

Last year, Tricia Ritcha and I wrote an article about pranks on campus. We talked to alumni and learned of several pranks in the past and decided that today's students are not the pranksters they used to be. I've changed my mind.

Since then, I have seen some funny mischief arise on campus. As upper classmen might recall, right after that article was printed, we witnessed Rothrock's office moved from Mohler to the stage in Brown. We also experienced the effect marbles can have on Honors Convo when they are released in the back of the auditorium.

More recently, I have seen a failed attempt to plastic wrap the campus. I have heard that several stu-

**GUEST COLUMNIST**

Lara Lichty



dents sneaked into Hess, rearranged the furniture in a clever fashion, and then got caught by BudMounts because they stood around and talked or played the piano afterwards. I have also seen a shaving cream paddle that has surprised several waking residents of Dotzour and Morrison.

I cannot include all the pranks I have seen, or possibly been a part of, and I'm sure I am missing an entire world of practical jokes that were more secretive or took place among

people I do not know as well.

However, I am confident that I can assume the following: we have all been demolished by the most recent prank on campus.

Saturday, April 30, I walked up to third floor to see my boyfriend when I realized that the famous room 334 was no longer there. Matt Shroyer's beautiful wallpaper décor and heart shaped pictures, which usually cover his door, were no longer a part of the hall. His entire door

had been turned into wall with a drywall masterpiece. The only sign that a room had once been there was a note on McPherson College letterhead saying that Matt had been evicted from the dorm.

Soon people gathered and everyone began to read Jered Hannawald's proposal to LaMonte and Tracy which asked for permission for this prank. Students took pictures of the solid wall, and waited anxiously for Matt's return.

Matt eventually got into his room, and the prank became another memory. However, those of us who saw it are saying this just might be one of the better pranks of all time. My hat goes off to you, Mr. Hannawald.





# C.A.R.S. Club hosts annual car show

photos by Michael Jardon and Jon Toland

The May 7 car show featured three cars, a 1935 Bentley 3 1/2 litre Drophead Coupé owned by Roger Morrison (not pictured) and the 30th anniversary edition of the 1994 Lamborghini Diablo (above). The car was in the movie "Gone in Sixty Seconds" and was previously owned by Nicholas Cage.



The third feature car was the "Idaho Special," a 1954 Jaguar XK120 (above). The car, which was road raced in the 1950s, belongs to Lawrence Smith, a classic car collector from Wichita.



A customized 1960 Ford Thunderbird (above) was shown by owner David O'Dell, professor of accounting.

A replica of the 1887 Benz patent motor wagen (right), was shown in the gazebo. The '87 motor wagen was the first actual automobile ever made.

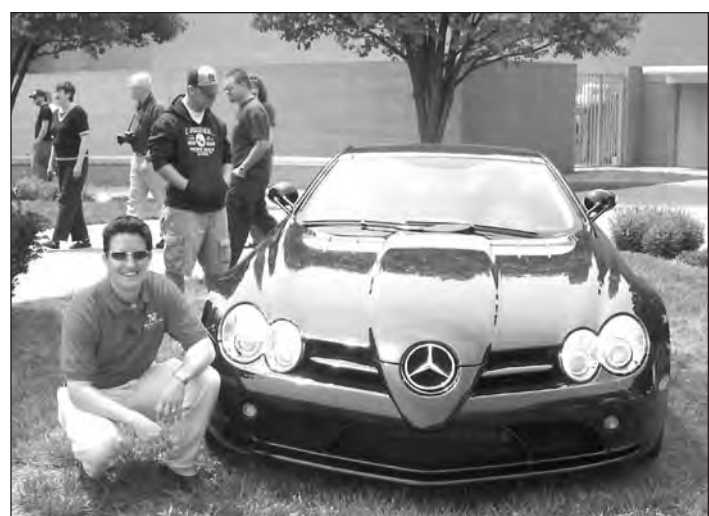


This three-wheeled vehicle (below) made a guest appearance in a James Bond movie.



A Rolls-Royce (left) which had been donated to the college was shown by the automotive restoration department.

Michael Schneider, vice president of advancement, poses next to a 2005 Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren (right).





# Three to compete at Nationals

NICK JANZEN

Spectator Staff

At least three track and field standouts will represent McPherson College at the NAIA Championships in Louisville, Ky., May 26-28.

Seth Cavane, Brooks Reale and Dan Hudachek have already posted qualifying times or distances, Cavane and Reale in the 100 meters and Hudachek in the discus.

They may yet be joined by other teammates. A few Bulldogs will be competing at Emporia Saturday, May 14, for one last shot at qualifying.

Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, were the Track and Field KCAC Championships. The meet was held at Tabor College in Hillsboro. McPherson's men's team achieved a fourth-place finish thanks to 12 season best performances.

Junior Tim Cox raced to a second place finish in the 800 with a time of 1:56.83.

Freshman Andrew Paull wasn't far behind with a respectable time of 2:01.43.

Sophomore Dan Hudachek threw his way to second place in the discus with a throw of 150'1".

Freshman Brooks Reale can't be anything but happy about his 100m dash performance. He posted a time of 10.77, qualifying him for nationals and securing him a third-place finish.

"[Brooks] worked hard all spring, and has been making the incremental improvements you have to have before the breakout mark comes," said head coach Dave Smith.

Freshman Chris Benisch made his first appearance of the season placing third in the long jump. A sprained ankle kept him from performing in previous meets but even a late addition is welcome.

"I would have to say Chris was our 'surprise' (to the other coaches) this year" said Coach Smith.

Benisch also filled junior Seth Cavane's place in the 4x100 while he nursed his hamstring before the NAIA Championships.

The high jumpers both soared higher than they had all season. Freshman Zane Walker cleared the 6'5" mark and Cox cleared 6'4" placing them fourth and fifth place.

The 4x800 team consisting of Paull, Zach Kimble, Chad Richert, and Tim Cox pulled together a time of 8:11.65 for second place.

Sophomore Sheila Bevan placed fifth in both the discus and shot put. She set distances of 104'5" in the discus and 35'11.75" in the shot put.

"Our goal was to perform as well as we could and compete to the best of our ability. In almost all events, we did just that. Coupled with an upper tier finish, we feel very satisfied," said Smith.

Complete McPherson results  
KCAC Championships  
Hillsboro, Kan., May 6-7, 2005

## MEN

**100m Dash** 3. Brooks Reale 10.77 SB/ANQ, 11.02p SB, 7. Preston Taylor 11.46, 11.01p

**200m Dash** 7. Preston Taylor 24.11, 22.98p, DNF Brooks Reale dnf, 22.98p SB

**400m Dash** Chad Richert 53.67 SB

**800m Run** 2. Tim Cox 1:56.83 SB, 8. Andrew Paull 2:01.43 SB

**1,500m Run** Zach Kimble 4:29.2h

**3,000m Steeplechase** 7. Jacob Merrick 11:01.0 SB, Bryan Grosbach 11:39.0 SB

**5,000m Run** 7. Jacob Merrick 17:43.0 SB

**110m Hurdles** Zane Walker 17.36

**4x100m Relay** 3. McPherson (Chris Benisch, Brooks Reale, Geoff Davis, Preston Taylor) 44.10

**4x400m Relay** 5. McPherson (Chad Richert, Zach Kimble, Andrew Paull, Tim Cox) 3:29.09;

**4x800m Relay** 2. McPherson (Andrew Paull, Zach Kimble, Chad Richert, Tim Cox) 8:11.65 SB

**High Jump** 4. Zane Walker 6-5 SB, 5. Tim Cox 6-3 SB

**Pole Vault** Jarred Smith nh

**Long Jump** 3. Chris Benisch 21-6.5, Stacy Cavane 19-9

**Triple Jump** 4. Preston Taylor 43-5.75, 8. Chris Benisch 41-10.25, Stacy Cavane 40-0.75 SB

**Shot Put** Eddie Chavez 42-5.75

**Discus** 2. Dan Hudachek 150-1, Eddie Chavez 113-11

**Hammer** 7. Dan Hudachek 123-9

## WOMEN

**5,000m Run** Mandi Shobe 24:20.0h SB

**Shot Put** 5. Sheila Bevan 35-11.75, 7. Kelsey Hendricks 33-6

**Discus** 5. Sheila Bevan 104-5, 7. Ashley Douglas 103-6; Javelin 7. Ashley Douglas 98-0



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Junior Crystal Thomas runs for the Lady Bulldogs in the 4x100m relay. The ladies finished with a time of 55.43, a season best for the three other girls and Thomas.

## McCormick has high hopes for next season

Lady Bulldogs end '04-'05 year with a 17-28 overall record

MALLORY YUNGBERG

Spectator Staff

To start off the tournament, the Lady Bulldogs took on Bethany. The Lady Bulldogs jumped right on top, when they took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning. But in the bottom of the first, the Lady Swedes took a 5-2 lead when McPherson committed several errors. That was all the runs either team could score, although both teams had several scoring opportunities.

The loss to the Swedes dropped the women into the losers' bracket where they took on the University of Saint Mary.

The game would prove to be the last of the 2005 season for the Lady

Bulldogs as they took another loss, 3-1.

Both teams were scoreless through three innings, until Saint Mary took the lead in the third, 1-0. St. Mary then added two more runs in the fifth to make the score 3-0. It wasn't until the sixth that the Bulldogs were able to score, and then it was only one run. But that was as close as the Bulldogs were able to get, as the Lady Bulldogs took the loss, 3-1.

In their final game of the season, the Lady Bulldogs went without any errors. The loss ended the Bulldogs' season with an overall record of 17-28, and was the last game for the three seniors, Crystal Richardson, Matapony Collette, and

Tara Loyd.

"We're going to miss these young ladies," said head coach Mike McCormick. "They've been here as we've started the process of breaking a championship program, and Tappy and Crystal were part of our first conference championship team and have been all-conference performers throughout their careers. After transferring in, then missing most of last season with an injury, Tara played an important role for us this year."

"We have a solid foundation of players here, and with the new girls coming in, we figure to be back in the middle of the fight for the conference title again next year."

## Leach to coach new cheerleading program

JEN MARQUETTE

Sports Editor

McPherson has implemented a new cheerleading program for the 2005-06 school year. The cheerleading program brings Tia Leach to McPherson College as head coach.

Leach brings over 12 years of experience in cheerleading and dance. She has experience at the high school, collegiate and competitive levels.

Leach was a cheerleader throughout her entire high school career at Hickman High School in Columbia, Mo. She was selected as a NCA All-American cheerleader in 1999 and as a member of Missouri Elite Athletics All-Star Cheerleading in 2001.

After graduating from Hickman High School, she attended Columbia College, where she cheered for one year before transferring to

Southwestern College in Winfield. At Southwestern, Leach was co-captain of the dance team one year, then captained the cheer squad her last two years.

Throughout her college years, Leach was involved in a variety of leadership positions. A member of the ministry outreach team of Discipleship Southwestern, she was president of the Student Activities Board, dormitory representative and ambassador for the Student Government Association; a new student orientation leader and resident counselor for Builder Camp as well as vice president of recruitment for the Southwestern Student Foundation. She also served as a representative for Southwestern College to the National Conference of Student Leadership and was instrumental in the establishment of the campus

wellness center.

Leach will graduate from Southwestern College in Winfield this May with a degree in communications.

Leach will join McPherson in the fall and along with her coaching duties, she will serve as the new resident director for Bittering Hall.

"I am very pleased with Tia's abilities and knowledge to begin our new cheerleading program," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students and athletic director.

"Tia has been involved with cheerleading most of her life," Rothrock said. "Her background in student services, admissions, student government, dance and cheerleading, and her outstanding academic performance and preparation in communications make her a great fit for McPherson College."

## Three senior student athletes receive honors

JEN MARQUETTE

Sports Editor

Three distinguished student athlete seniors were honored this year for their efforts on and off the court or field. Two of these athletes were recognized at Honors Convocation on May 6.

Joe Blas, a defensive lineman for the McPherson Bulldogs was the 2005 Male Athlete of the Year.

Blas is a two-time NAIA scholar-athlete in addition to twice being named to the All-KCAC honorable mention squad. While Blas is listed as a junior athletically and is eligible to play the 2005 football season, he will graduate this spring with a degree in biochemistry and has been accepted into medical school.

This past season, Blas was credited with 23 tackles, 11 unassisted, after posting 51

tackles, 20 unassisted during the 2003 season. He had four sacks, three quarterback hurries, forced one fumble and recovered one fumble in 2004.

"I would be hard-pressed to find anyone who embodies the term 'student-athlete' as well as Joe Blas does," said McPherson College head football coach David Cunningham.

Matapony Collette was named the 2005 Female

Athlete of the Year.

Collette, a catcher/third baseman for the Lady Bulldogs, was named a four-time All-KCAC softball selection and was a four-year captain of the Lady Bulldogs. A first-team selection as a sophomore in 2003, and a second-team selection as a senior, she was named to the all-conference honorable mention team her other two seasons. Collette will graduate as the

Bulldogs' all-time leader in doubles.

This season, Collette surpassed the previous single season records for games played and number of at-bats. She tied for the team regular season lead in hits with 37 and was second in runs batted in with 21. She hit for an average of .341, and posted a fielding percentage of .921. She will graduate with a degree in business.

In April, Jamar Turner was named a 2005 Daktronics-NAIA Men's Basketball All-American Scholar-Athlete.

"Jamar's contributions to our campus haven't just come on the court or in the classroom. He is an example of the well rounded student we are proud to have at McPherson College," said Roger Trimell, men's head basketball coach.