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## Enrollment on the increase again

KANA BESSHO  
Spectator Staff

With larger freshman classes the last two years, enrollment is on the rise. Almost everywhere is filling up with people compared to the last few years.

The admission's office's recruitment plan includes several different initiatives that have led to the enrollment growth, says Carol Williams, director of admissions.

First, admissions counselors are staying focused on increasing their number of contacts. Second they are contacting recruits earlier than ever, focusing not only on high school seniors but also juniors, sophomores, and even freshmen.

The addition of men's and women's soccer in 2003 is another change that has positively affected enrollment, Williams said.

One of the most noticeable results of several small freshman classes followed by two relatively large classes is the disproportionate number of underclass-

men as compared to upper-classmen. William said the admission's office has tried to offset this imbalance by working harder to recruit transfer students from community colleges.

Historically, McPherson College has always been a very small college. The college started with only two students in 1889. The college experienced its largest enrollment in the late 1960s.

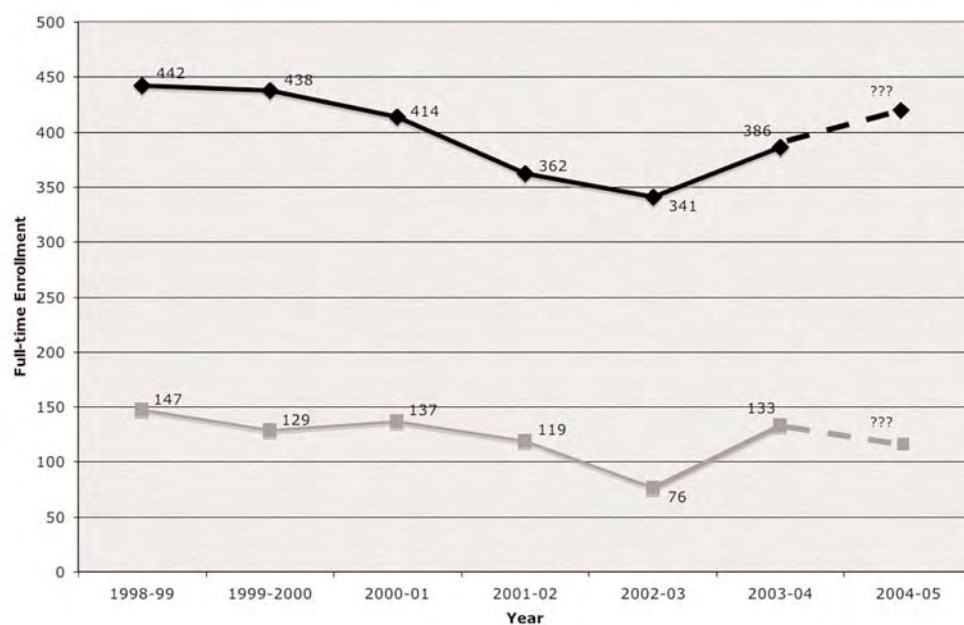
Between 1965 and 1969, enrollment remained over 700. In 1966 and 1968 there were over 800 students, the biggest enrollment the college ever had.

Laura Eells, provost and dean of faculty said that although the enrollment is increasing, McPherson College limits class size to 39 or 40 students. Our college considers interactive classes important.

Another result of the growing enrollment is that students are experiencing more waiting in the cafeteria and in the residence hall bathrooms.

Students are finding that

### Upward trend expected to continue



When official 2004 enrollment figures are released, overall enrollment is expected to grow, despite a slightly smaller freshman class. Full-time enrollment had been on a steady decline until last year, when the college experienced a significant increase, especially in the freshman class.

parking is tighter. Some have questioned whether or not the college has adequate parking space, but LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, says the college

still has enough parking. The fact that students are not able to park as close as they once did has created the perception of a parking shortage. Enrollment num-

bers will be official after today, the 20th day of classes.

The admission's office appreciates referrals from students.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Prospects to be on campus Oct. 2

McPherson College will host Fall Fest, a visit day designed to introduce high school students to the opportunities available at McPherson College on Saturday, Oct. 2.

The day will include campus and automotive restoration tours and admissions and financial aid presentations.

The highlight is a majors fair where prospects and their parents can with professors in their areas of academic interest.

Fall Fest participants will be able attend volleyball, football and men and women's soccer games free of charge during their visit.

Visitors are also invited to attend a lecture hosted by the Center for Religion Science and the theatre production "Any Number Can Die" at 7:30 p.m.

#### Student work makes juried show

McPherson College student Michaela Groeblicher has been selected to participate in Kansas Collegiate Aesthetics 2004, a juried art competition for Kansas college and university students. The exhibit runs Sept. 7 to Oct. 24 at the Birger Sandzen Memorial Gallery in Lindsborg.

McPherson College is one of only two private Kansas colleges represented in the exhibition. Sixty-five pieces were selected from over 200 entries. Groeblicher's entry, "Little People Pot I," represents her work with raku stoneware.

#### O'Dell serves state organization

David A. O'Dell, professor of accounting at McPherson College, is currently serving as chair of the Kansas Association of Certified Development Companies (KACDC), a state-wide collaborative effort to provide businesses in Kansas with access to capital.

While working with other KACDC members, O'Dell assists with the development of loan packages for entrepreneurs. He also provides leadership in the areas of preparing business plans, obtaining state and federal incentive programs for employee training, and developing and implementing strategic plans.

O'Dell was also recently elected treasurer and secretary of the South Central Kansas Economic Development District. SKEDD is an organization that provides professional leadership and technical assistance in finance packaging to companies and government agencies for the purpose of stimulating the economy within a 14 county area.

## New food service comes to McPherson

MARYBETH  
Spectator Staff

One of the most significant changes returning students noticed as they settled back onto campus this fall is McPherson College's new food service provider.

"HDS Services is proud to be part of McPherson College and looks forward to a great partnership," said Peggy Vultaggio, interim director.

Many returning students were also excited about the change.

"As with any sort of change there will be a rough period of transition," said Rebecca Stover, student government president. "But so far I'm very impressed with the new food service. They are eager to please the students, listen to our concerns, try new things and, most importantly,

provide us with quality, edible food."

"HDS Services is committed to bringing a higher level of quality to the college dining experience here at McPherson and will try every avenue possible to exceed our customers' expectations on a daily basis," said Vultaggio.

Among the new services for staff and students are all day cafeteria hours for in-between-meals, snacks, fast breaks, and beverages. Every day HDS attempts to vary the menu, as well as accommodate as many individual preferences as possible. In an attempt to serve vegetarians, HDS has added a variety of items to the salad bar and always offers two veggie choices and a starch from the comfort station, Vultaggio said. They also hope to add more meat-free options to the entrée

menu.

Under the expert eye of Chef Mary Mummy are 18 other staff members: Rita Cassatt, Jenee Enoch, Patty Wiens, Ben Hoke, Steve Zerkel, Dallas Unruh, Tabitha Hall, TR Keagle, John Hawk, Charles 'Chaz' Potter, Charles Hall, Liz Rauer, Corey Cranford, Ashley Fors, Alysha Dockum, Patty Hanley, Elaine Leatherman, and Kelly Young are hard working employees of HDS..

Of course there is always room for improvement. Vultaggio and the HDS staff "invite everyone's comments" in order "to make your experience better." There are comment cards in the cafeteria to place suggestions or students may call extension 1222 or email HDS services.

To keep service efficient and friendly, HDS



PHOTO BY BEN HOKE

Chef Mary Mummy cooking stir fry. Mummy is heading up the food preparation for HDS.

## Homecoming; coming soon to McPherson College

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Homecoming is one of the events that students look forward to whether in high school or in college. It's the one game you want to win, and if you are the opponent, it's the one game you want to upset.

The week of Homecoming is a great time for students to show their school pride. And McPherson College will provide plenty of opportunities for students to do just that during Spirit Week, Oct. 4-8.

A food relay in the cafeteria at 12:30 p.m. gets the fun started on Monday, Oct. 4. The relay will include five different events.

Tuesday evening, Oct. 5, features a tug of war contest - but with a twist.



Instead of pulling the other team into the mud, everybody will start out in the mud. This event will take place at the mud volleyball courts.

A trivia contest Wednesday evening, Oct. 6, highlights the day's Spirit Week activities.

The traditional bon fire will occur at 10:30 on Thursday night. During the bon fire the dorms will compete in a cheering contest.

The Homecoming court will be introduced Friday at 1:30 as part of Honors Convocation.

On Friday in the afternoon classes will be canceled to allow for home-

coming alumni lectures after the honors convocation. The goals are for students to interact with alumni that had similar majors and gain insights on what it takes to be successful in a chosen field.

Majors have been clustered into the following groups: humanities panel, natural science panel, technology panel, behavior science and history panel, curriculum and instruction panel, and business and computer science panel. The lectures will be from 3-4:30. Students may choose to attend any lectures.

The curtain goes up on "Any Number Can Die," the Homecoming theater production at 7:30 Friday night. During the evening there will also be an obstacle course around the gazebo.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. PRESIDENT



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Tim Bruton, dressed as Marilyn Monroe sits on President Ron Hovis' lap during serenading for him on Thursday at the 100th birthday celebration for Provost Laura Eells and President Hovis.

STAFF EDITORIALS

Food service better but could still improve

**Issue 1:** Is the new food service provider better than last year?

**Our Position:** It's better, but there's always room for improvement.

The harsh days of living off pizza and hamburgers out of fear that the main course slop was toxic are over. The HDS food service has come to rescue the food-deprived returning students with meals that taste the way they look: pretty darn good.

Though the food has vastly improved, there are a few flaws in preparing for meals.

The current system of going up and picking up your meal requires a lot of extra work. Those who want a couple enchiladas to go with your hamburger have to pick up their precious enchiladas on round two.

Granted, this is all for the sake of eliminating wasted food, which is understandable. But much like our fellow students, we're old enough to know the size of our appetites.

Another common complaint is about prices for students without a meal plan. Meals for off-campus students cost \$7. This causes them to steer clear of the cafeteria and also excludes them from an important social aspect of campus life..

The college should consider negotiating with HDS for reduced priced meals for off-campus students.

Spectator needs student input

**Issue 2:** What is the role of the Spectator?

**Our Position:** The Spectator should be the fourth branch of our campus government.

The fourth branch of the government, the press, intends to serve the public by keeping them informed as well as by keeping the powers that be in check.

Shouldn't that same principle apply to our own student publication? Isn't a college essentially a miniature government? We have our own student body president and council, not to mention the college's president and board of trustees.

When students pick up The Spectator every other Friday, it should not only be for the chance of seeing yourself or your friend's picture in print but to be informed about what is going on around campus.

We will attempt to present you the facts without bias and inform you of the important and interesting occurrences on campus.

We also ask for your input for it is a student publication. We welcome opinion columns as well as letters to the editor.

Although, we will try to present you with all the important news we are not perfect and we welcome tips on story ideas.

As a mini-democracy, a government by the people, this campus needs every student to become involved and to take and active interest in the community and its newspaper.

How does this year's food service compare to last year's?

"Since I work in it, it's much better."

Chaz Potter, fr., Wichita



"Good, I like it better. I like the hours."

Chrystal Banz, soph., Hutchinson



"It's a heck of a lot better."

Derrick Ward, soph., Palos Heights, Ill



"It's better, but there are not as many options."

Heidi Baily, sr., Greenville, Ohio



"Pleasantly surprising ... in an intriguing manner."

Daniel Butler, sr., Eldora, Iowa



DOG BITES



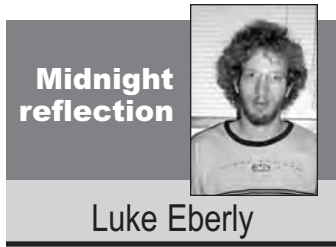
Late night musings reveal advice for freshman

A person's passage through life is a complex thing. The fight between ebb and flow, the constant change; it is a never-ended battle. Every little thing that happens, every event, no matter how small or inconsequential it may seem, is an atom in the making of the complete person. A side comment, quickly forgotten, or a thought-out decision, right or wrong, they all impact you eventually.

Here it is, midnight, my homework has stumped me, and tomorrow looms closer and closer, no matter how hard I wish it away.

Freshman Orientation Weekend reminded me of my first days of college. So many things I thought I knew, so many starry-eyed dreams...and so little did I really know. Over these last three years, I have endured enough to wear out one body, yet I feel I've missed so many opportunities.

Freshmen, this lowly col-



umn is my attempt to pass a small, yet hopefully helpful, bit of advice on to you.

First of all, take naps. After your first year, you won't have time.

Secondly, learn how to manage your time. No matter how hard it seems, put your studies first. I put socializing first and now those skills I never learned haunt me.

Thirdly, your teachers are here to teach you. Believe it or not, they do exist outside of the classroom. The second you begin to struggle seek them out and nip it in the bud, as Barney from The Andy Griffith Show says. Make money during the summer. As fun as lying around not doing homework sounds, juggling a job

and schoolwork to make ends meet is a real drag.

Ask advice from other people. As I get older, my parents get smarter. They have been through almost everything I encounter, and if they haven't, someone else has, and they can help you get through it.

One thing I learned very quickly last year: we attend a school of approximately 400 people. Not regular people, but over-grown kids who have just escaped the clutches of their parents and are trying out life on their own for the first time. These kids talk, and they don't really care how true what they talk about is. Reputations come from a few reckless, seemingly harmless moments and no matter how flimsy the base of truth is, they are impossible to escape.

Don't barge through full speed ahead; rather, think critically, act rationally and once you make a decision, follow it through with dis-

cipline and completeness.

It is not wrong to follow your heart and disregard obligations *du temps en temps* (from time to time), but you'd better have a plan in mind to make up for whatever homework you're putting off on Friday night.

It is very hard to adjust from one way of life to another. At the time I began school, I thought it a piece of cake. Now I realize that adaptation that came so easily was an exercise in how to do it right then, but if I'd have known I'd be here tonight, doing this, I wonder if I would have done it differently.

I wish I would've known then what I know now, but on the other hand, I see things the way I do because of the last three years, and I'm glad I had the experiences I did. There are so many things I would've done differently, and so many little things I look back on fondly that I never want to forget.

When it means the most

SEX SHOULD BE SAVED FOR MARRIAGE

I recently talked with a friend from Japan. I asked her, "What is the first thing that comes to mind when you say 'American Guy.?' Without hesitation she said, "Sex." I asked her if that's the way it is in Japan. She said no. She said men respect women more in Japan.

I feel sorry for women and men, but especially for women. Why? Because of the culture that has come about in the world and especially the United States. A culture where the number of girls I slept with last night determines my popularity status.

During the summer I went through a depressed stage in my life because of one main reason. I didn't think any "PURE" girls existed anymore. I thought for sure when I came to McPherson College, a church-related school, I would find some special girl whose values haven't been corrupted by today's cultural. Well...I was wrong.

Not to say there aren't "wholesome" girls here... there are many...but it seems like the majority in today's age aren't.

Now guys, don't get big heads...we are worse than



the females. That is why I feel more sorry for them. Being a guy, I know how guys think. I know how guys act. I know what guys talk about, and I know what the majority of guys want from a girl. And you don't have to be smart to know what I am talking about.

It hurts me to see people treat themselves like they do. Every time I see more of a girl than I would like to, and that happens often - just walk around campus for a few minutes - I think to myself, "How can they treat themselves like that? They are so much better than they portray themselves to be."

I wish every person here on campus knew how special they are as a person and would treat themselves with more respect. Because before you can really love someone, you have to love yourself first. When we don't love and respect ourselves, we don't love and respect others either. The

two go hand in hand.

I was brought up in a Christian atmosphere and was always taught that waiting for marriage to have sex was the right thing to do. But it is more than that. Even if you are an atheist, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or whatever, when it comes to sex, it doesn't matter.

As humans we were made to love. We can't live without it. We have to have it. But I believe we were made only to have sex with one person, the person we marry, and I think many of you do, too, you just don't want to believe it.

I went through a stage in my life were I didn't want to believe it, but it's the truth.

Sex before marriage has many dangerous outcomes. When we connect with somebody in that way, actual chemical changes take place in our brains and we become "attached" to the person, whether we like it or not.

In females this part of the brain is a little bigger. That is why more often than not girls become more attached than guys do, but guys that is no excuse for promiscuity. There is no excuse for

having multiple sexual partners in your life. You might be fine with it now, but it will come back to haunt you.

Now you don't have to be a Christian to have these values, because they are universal...everyone has them, they just choose to hide them or ignore them. I encourage everyone to stop and think the next time before they get into a heated situation...is this what I really want to be doing?... is this what I should be doing?...Will it really kill me to say no?

If you happen to be one of the few people who die if they don't have sex, then have it. If you happen to be one of the six billion who can wait until it means the most, I encourage you to wait, because your wedding night will be far more special than anything you could have now.

Now, if you have made mistakes in the past, congratulations, you're human. But the neat thing is you can change now. It doesn't matter what we have done in our pasts. It matters what we do in the future.

Have a wonderful, wholesome year, McPherson College. God bless you all

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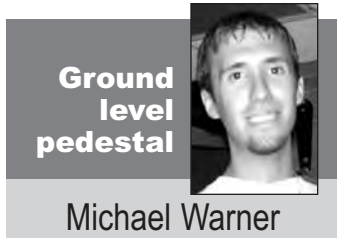
## Bible should not be used to oppress others

Something I find encouraging about the student body here is the enthusiasm many have for religion. I'm pleased to see many people congregate independently to worship their God and try to help others who are curious about what and why God is and what role God plays our lives.

However, sometimes when I overhear conversations about religion, something is said that makes my object so much it makes my soul cringe and I walk away burdened by one's bigotry.

I'm not accusing all Christians of hatefully judging certain people and how they choose to live their lives, but it does irk me when I hear people using the Bible as a reason to oppress and to try to lead people to be like them because their way is the way to get to Heaven and to earn God's love.

Seeing people try to care for their brothers and sisters whose faith is low or are trying to achieve a more divine existence is a beautiful thing to watch. But when we try to teach people what is right or wrong in a life devoted to God, we teach what we believe is right or wrong. It doesn't necessarily mean our teach-



Ground level pedestal

Michael Warner

ings are correct.

The Bible is a good source for trying to figure out what is right for a more divine life. A key to understanding it is to study it and ask questions. I like to take it one step further and ask daring questions about its relevance.

The last thing I want to do is make it look like I don't take scripture seriously and prefer to walk alongside a life-long path with Satan. Religion is important to me, but I have a different approach than many when it comes to getting answers from the Bible.

Sometimes I am confronted by people that say that the Bible is the word of God. When I look down at it, the Bible is a long document written by people like you and me who had their own views of religion and God.

This document has been translated many times and has many different versions. How am I to know that it has been translated correctly over the millen-

nia? Like many historical documents, the Bible tells tales that the author didn't see. How are we to know that these writings are all accurate? Can it possibly be true that such a long book with several different tales and authors can be without mistakes? It's just a thought.

I think many people who read the Bible overlook or toss out some scriptures and put too much emphasis on what they believe is important.

For example, the Bible, when taken literally, has been used to endorse many evils, such as slavery, mass murder, and oppression against women and minorities. Many Christians look back at such occurrences and shake their heads in disgust, as well I think we should. But oppression driven by one's interpretation of the Bible is very much alive today.

Because of people's fundamental approach towards Christianity, we have some crazy leaders trying to prevent others from their rights to living a free life. We have George W. Bush trying to abuse the U.S. Constitution to deny committed homosexual relationships a fair chance to be recognized as sacred

unions. Jerry Falwell blamed feminism as a reason why God let 9/11 happen, and Fred Phelps frequents funerals of homosexuals, showing depictions of homosexuals in hell.

Is this the way God wants us to be? Are we so blind as to let other Christians be this hateful and ignorant to people like you and me?

I don't know about the rest of you, but some of the least hateful and more care-free and one with life group of people I know are atheists. They don't worry about the oppressive ways religion can often go. It's perhaps the greatest irony of this life I can think of.

If there's one thing that I understand about the God I believe in, it's found in 1 John 4:8, "Whoever is without love does not know God, for love is love."

Let's not try to spiritually defame people based on how they live their lives. Nobody is perfect. We need to realize we have our faults and our different beliefs.

I don't claim to have all the right answers, but I stay close to my beliefs that we all have an equal opportunity to embrace God's grace no matter who we are today, no matter what we've done before.

## WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH YOUR FIRST 4 WEEKS?



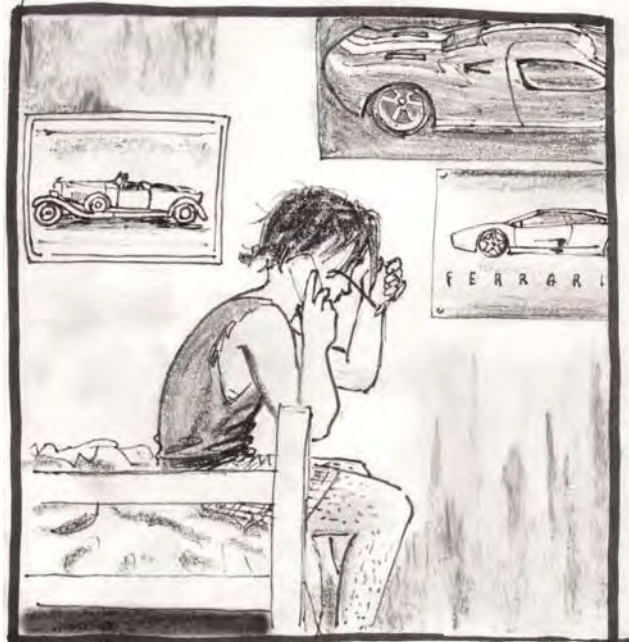
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WEEK 4: THURSDAY AFTERNOON CALL ASKING GUESS WHO TO DRAW CARTOONS FOR THE FRIDAY NEWSPAPER

*Nick Adams*

## Go together like a horse and carriage

NO MATTER HOW OLD YOU ARE

For those of you who don't know me, I'm the quiet girl that had braces last year.

My braces made me look even younger than I already do. I could easily have passed for 16.

Once, upon meeting my then 16 year-old brother and me, one lady deduced that since Chad was 16 I must be 14, a full four years younger than I was at the time.

Such occurrences have plagued me since I became a teenager. I never had any chance of sneaking into an R-rated movie. I even got weird looks when I attended PG-13 movies at the age of 14.

You can imagine the surprise for a lot of people when I married my

boyfriend of four years last summer. The most common comments I received were, "You're too young" and "It's about time!" Kind of ironic. I'll admit that we are pretty young - I'm only 19 and Jeff is 20 - but we dated longer than most older couples do before we married.

For example, one of Jeff's friends got married the week before we did. She had only been dating her husband-to-be for about four months when she started asking Jeff about how to plan a wedding. She's 24, so most people seemed to be more relaxed about their wedding than ours.

Personally, I think that four months is not a very long time to know someone before getting married, and



Guest Columnist

Tricia Ritcha

I am impressed that she could plan a wedding in less than two months. I thought I was pressed for time with five months!

Another of the more common comments I got was, "So, when's the baby due?" The first few times I heard that I was incredibly insulted, but after a while it became more of a joke.

My mother was actually approached in the supermarket after our announcement came out in the paper. This lady asked the usual questions, "When's the

wedding? Who's the maid of honor?" Then she lowered her voice and asked, "She's not pregnant is she?" My mother was taken aback but that wasn't the last time we heard that question.

I suppose it's not such a wild question given that many people who marry as young as we did do so because of an accidental pregnancy. By the way, I don't think I've mentioned yet that I was not and am not pregnant.

I guess my point here is that marriage does not depend on the age of the couple or how long they've known each other. It's really just a matter of love for the other person and a devotion to make the union work.

## World travels spur wake-up call

This summer I went to Antigua, Guatemala. For a town in a developing country, it is not what you would expect. Many buildings and homes are in great condition. The streets are clean, and filled with travelers from all over the world. However no place is perfect, and the reality that Antigua is in a developing country is not completely hidden.

Often in the afternoons I went to the central park, one of popular social spots in the town. One afternoon I noticed a man digging through the garbage. This sight is not unusual to me, nor others like it. Usually it saddens me for a moment, but then I push it away.

This time, it was different. I had been sitting on the bench contemplating some of the issues in my life at that moment; or rather, worrying about: wondering if the boy I liked could ever like me; agonizing over a disagreement back home concerning inheritance; thinking about the cultural and social formalities I would have to readjust to



Guest Columnist

Amanda Harkness

upon my return to the US; and more.

Then I noticed this dirty, homeless man, wearing a woman's shirt, some old rope around his waist to hold up his pants, and shoes that were falling apart.

I was struck. Here I was, distressing over things like youthful infatuation or how others may think of me, while this man frantically searched for anything that might be edible. I hadn't realized how self-involved I had become. How long had this been going on? At some point I had started placing money, facade, self-pity and who knows what all, first in life.

I closed my eyes. I focused on what was around me, in that moment. I felt the breeze on my face and in my hair. I heard the rustle of the branches above

me, and the sound of a guitar and people happily singing. I opened my eyes, still taking it all in. This is what matters. I am here, breathing. I have clothes, and food, and a house. I have a family and many friends.

This sort of wake-up call was continually reinforced throughout the trip as I lived in a world that is entirely different than the one I am used to in the United States. It wasn't as if before I had had no appreciation for the true blessings of life. I had simply become a little lost along the way, and pulled into the American blindness that consumes so many.

I still have a lot of traveling to do, and can only speak from my experiences thus far.

Every time I have come back to the United States, it has been harder to readjust to the culture and the mentality.

At the same time, I am able to appreciate more the wonderful rights and conditions of this country that I was fortunate enough to

have been born into.

But those rights and conditions can also be more depressing, as it becomes clearer to me what, and who, they have been founded upon. The reality of my life as a United States citizen is a confused blessing. How do I give thanks and still keep a clear conscience?

I am so rich and there are so many others in and outside the U.S. who have so little. I am aware of the expansive amount of injustice people have suffered, U.S. citizens and foreigners, in order to provide me with my happy American life; yet I go on living it as if completely ignorant.

What I am most blessed with has nothing to do with politics or nationality, or patriotism or money. The greatest blessing of all is love. I have people I love so much and people that have the same love for me. We all have the blessing of love; it's deciding what to do with it that matters.

I hope everyone meets their own garbage-can man some day.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Amy Porter, freshman, brother Nathan, senior and sister Colleen, junior are all from Quinter and all reside in Dotzour Hall this semester. Attending McPherson College is practically a tradition in their family.

# Porters invade co-ed dormitory

Amy, Colleen and Nathan Porter are three of the five Porter children to attend Mac. Each one lives on a different floor of Dotzour Hall.

LARA LICHTY  
Spectator Staff

About a month ago, I moved on to campus and was blown away by all the traditional routines going on around me.

Athletes gathered for skit night, old phrases were shouted across campus once again and I could hear bagpipes practicing in the distance. It was an instant "deja-vous" of the first days of my freshman year.

McPherson College thrives on tradition. What better example of the kind of tradition found at McPherson College than a family whose tradition is to attend McPherson College?

In all of MC's history, how many fourth-generation students have shown up? Better yet, how many have had four other siblings that attended the college? Even better, how many times have there been three siblings living on campus in the same dorm?

It is my pleasure to introduce to you the Porter family from Quinter, Kansas.

If we climb three flights of stairs in Dotzour Hall, we will find Colleen. She is a junior philosophy/religion/psychology major whose face is already familiar on campus.

Students may know Colleen as the goofy girl who is often found on stage during McPherson College theatre productions. She has also been involved in SGA.

Moving down to second floor we find Nathan.

Nathan can be found working on theatre productions, playing ultimate Frisbee, or enjoying one of Herb Smith's lectures. Unlike Colleen, Nathan enjoys running, mountain biking, playing the guitar and plans on graduating this year.

Down one more flight of stairs, we find the newest Porter, Amy. Unlike Nathan and Colleen, she does not plan on majoring in religion/philosophy. She is thinking of business instead.

She plans to be involved in campus life, and she hopes to be on SGA with her big sister.

However, Amy will be the first Porter to attempt McPherson College basketball.

The other Porter siblings, Matt and Landon, were here together in 1999-2000.

Do these three siblings think being here together is a positive thing? Overall answer: yes.

"At first I was unsure about them being here, especially with a protective brother, but I like it now," Amy said.

"It's neat that I get to share this time of their lives with them because most people don't," Nathan said, "especially Amy since I didn't get to see her the last three years of high school."

Colleen is also in favor of having her siblings here.

"It's really nice knowing that the support of Nathan and Amy would be there if an issue would come up that I wouldn't go to my friends for," Colleen said.

"I was happy Amy got to come," Colleen continued. "This school has a lot to offer her. I just hope that my presence here doesn't hinder or promote my family to be involved in something or not be involved because of what I'd think."

Are they glad the tradition pushed them to come here?

"Definitely," Nathan said. "I wasn't planning on staying after one year but I ended up staying because of the friends I made, but mostly because of the faculty and staff. There isn't an 'I'm a professor; you're the student' philosophy. When you get that kind of attention it says something about the college. That's what is unique about here."

"At first I was very obstinate. It felt like the only thing pulling me here was the tradition, but as time went by it made more sense to me," Colleen said. "I like the professors' sincerity. It adds a different dynamic to the campus."

Colleen said the one down side of this tradition is the cost of the school.

Amy really enjoys the size of the school and has enjoyed meeting new friends.

What's the strangest aspect of having siblings here?

"Well, Colleen started dating my roommate," Nathan said with a chuckle.

"It's interesting that we can all live in the same dorm but rarely see each other," Colleen said.

"Watch out for us," Amy concluded. "When we're together, anything can happen!"



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Alex Tyler, fr., McPherson works diligently on the set of "Any Number Can Die." Alex plays Jack Regent in this production.

## Mac theatre presents...

Jennifer King's senior production is Carmichael's, "Any Number Can Die"

SARAH VERMILLION  
Student Life Editor

Any number may die next weekend in Brown Auditorium.

Fortunately, the deaths will be staged as part of McPherson College's Homecoming theatre production of Fred Carmichael's three-act play, "Any Number Can Die."

Lois Davidson, sr., Mt. Ida, is directing the production, which is the senior acting project for Jennifer King, Eskridge. Rick Tyler, professor of theatre, is stage manager.

"Any Number Can Die" is a comedy set in the 1920s. After an uncle's death, crazy family members assemble at his island mansion. As murderous events arise, two elderly detectives are brought in.

Quick-witted jokes and costume/set humor provide a hilarious base for the comic murder mystery.

King said she chose the show for her senior project because "It's interesting in that it is both a comedy and a murder mystery. I like the time period and that it has all of the classic aspects... such as the will being read

at midnight and the damsel in distress."

She describes the story as a "parody of old mystery movies and plays of the 20th century."

"There are so many classic moments," she said, explaining that she couldn't select a favorite scene or line. "It is hard to pick one part. Each section plays on another."

Other cast members include Brian Grosbach, jr., Gladstone, Mo.; Dan Hudachek, soph., Stillwater, Minn.; Pam Osaige, fr., Brenham, Texas; Colleen Porter, jr., Quinter; Jon Rothrock, soph., McPherson; Seth Schoming, soph., Davenport, Neb.; Rebecca Stover, sr., Quinter; Mark Tobias, soph., Conrad, Iowa; and Alex Tyler, fr., McPherson.

"This is a must-see performance with a great ensemble of cast members," King said.

Performances of "Any Number Can Die" will be in Brown Auditorium on Oct 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for seniors. Students are admitted at no charge.

"Please come support theatre," Davidson said.

## McPherson throwback

McPherson Throwback is a regular feature in this year's Spectator. Each issue reprints a news item from Spectators dating from the early- to mid-1900s.

McPherson Throwback is researched by Spectator staff member Rhonda Hoffert.

## Night Shirt Parade Staged to Arouse Football Enthusiasm

Reprinted from the October 1921 issue of the Spectator.

The boys of McPherson College staged a rather unique Night-Shirt Parade last Tuesday evening in order to arouse interest among the business men of the city for the game with Fairmount which was waged last Sat afternoon.

About 100 pep-instilled students garbed in "ghostly apparel" departed from the dormitory about 8:30 and wended their way, single file, to Main St.

where a snake dance was soon in its height of glory.

Both sides of the streets were lined with great numbers of curious spectators. At the corner of Kansas Ave and Main, the zigzagging procession was greeted by a refrain from the College Band.

After numerous rousing college yells, the line of march was directed to the Tourny Theaters which surrendered to the invaders after a short siege. The soothing quietness and peacefulness which reigned supreme

there was suddenly broken by a half dozen peppy yells and cheers.

After informing the theatergoers of the mission of such [chaos], the train left and headed northward to the corners of Euclid and Main where another halt was made. Again the great crowd of curious on-lookers was favored by several band selections sandwiched with plenty of College yells. As the group disbanded the boys were picked up by good hearted business men and taken to the Hill.

The snake dance was a tradition that started in 1921 when the football team needed to pump up for their first home game. They started out at the dormitory (there was only one dorm in the early 1900s) on campus, and they walked to Main Street doing special dances and cheers. From the records, it looks as though this tradition stopped in the late 1960s.

— Rhonda Hoffert



# “Meditations”

“Meditation” by Shin-hee Chin is currently the featured exhibit in Friendship Hall from Aug. 30 to Sept. 30, 2004.

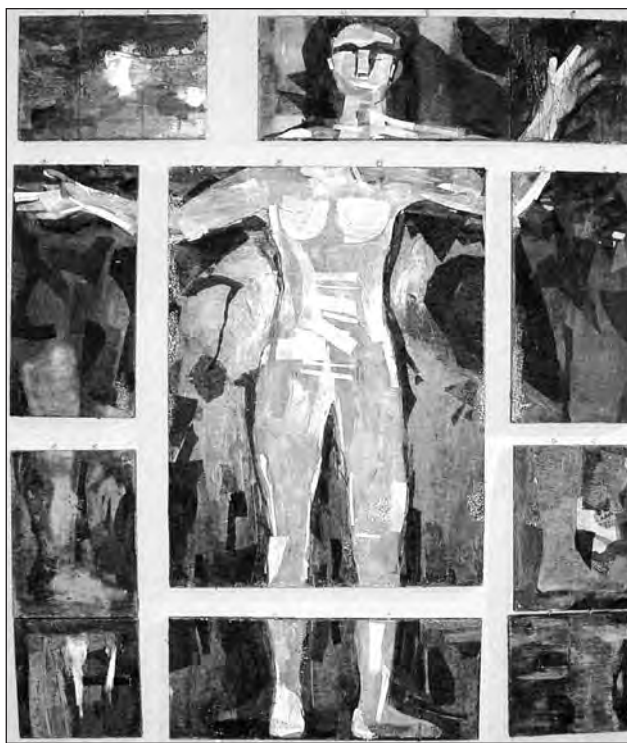
This exhibit features numerous pieces of mixed media sculptures, tapestries and collages.

In the artist’s statement, Chin says that the features “depict

female faces in different stages of life cycle and configure various features of the female body in the pro/creative act.”

“My work,” she says, “has been simultaneously inspired both by the Scripture and feminist traditions that emphasize the female reproductive body and liberate female creativity.”

PHOTOGRAPHS BY MICHAEL JARDON. TEXT BY SARAH VERMILLION



Top: “Shower of Blessings” hangs from the ceiling the entire length of the south end of Friendship Hall.

Left: “Song of Myself” hangs on the West wall. It is an oil collage on separate canvases.

Lower: “Meditation” is a wool, cotton, polyester medium. It depicts a woman’s image praying.



Far Left: “Seom” (standing) is a life-size sculpture of a woman standing. It is made of wool cotton threads; mono filaments.

Middle Left: “Embracing Grace.” Medium is cotton and linen threads

Near Left: “He has made everything beautiful in its time -spring” made of cotton threads, cotton and polyester.

# Bulldogs seek second KCAC victory over Threshers

DERRICK MEAD

Spectator Staff

The McPherson College Bulldog football team travels to Newton tomorrow looking to improve to 2-1 against the Bethel Threshers, who have already knocked off defending KCAC champion, Ottawa this season.

"Bethel is a big game for us," said head coach David Cunningham. "They have one of the better defenses in the conference and their offense is very efficient. We have had a good week of practice and are very excited about the game. It should be a great game between two up-and-coming KCAC teams."

The Threshers will likely present the toughest test to date for the Bulldogs. The game might well be a crucial point in the season, with an opportunity for the 'Dogs to move to 2-0 in the KCAC. Kickoff is at 7 tomorrow night at Bethel College in Newton.

For their home opener, Mac went into its Sept. 19 match-up against Sterling College looking to rebound from a discouraging opening week loss, with what

was presumably a much sharper focus.

The 'Dogs were able to move the ball much easier against Sterling than against opening-game opponent, Haskell Indian Nations.

Senior running back Nick Griggs and senior slot back Sean Eason filled the gap for senior running back, starter Lamar Jacobs, who was playing injured.

Griggs came up with some key runs, and Eason ran for 172 yards on 12 carries, including a 64-yard jaunt in the third to go along with two touchdowns.

The defense was solid throughout the game, shutting down the Warrior offense.

A key play in the game came when senior kicker Ziya Gunay stretched the lead to 17-6 with 4:04 remaining in the game with a 37-yard field goal.

Sterling answered with a late score of their own, but sophomore defensive back Mitch Maginot iced the game with an interception deep in Warrior territory, setting up a final Mac touchdown, sealing the 24-13 victory.



PHOTO BY SHEILA BEVIN

Senior slot back Sean Eason breaks away from Sterling defenders on one of his long gains in the home opener on Saturday, Sept. 18. The Bulldogs picked up their first win of the season against the Warriors, 24-13.

In the season opener, the Bulldogs went to Lawrence with high expectations and a No. 19 national ranking to face Haskell Indian Nations but wound up dropping a tough one, 18-0.

Sophomore defensive back, Preston Taylor got the

defense off to a promising start with a leaping interception on the Indians' opening drive. However, the Bulldog offense struggled to gain yards of any kind, finishing the first half with only three total yards.

"We had one good drive

to start the second half, but hurt ourselves with a couple of bad penalties. We had a chance to cut it to 12-7. That would've definitely changed the momentum, but we just didn't execute," said senior running back Lamar Jacobs, who led the

'Dogs with 93 yards on the ground in 10 carries.

Although yards did pick up a bit in the second half, the Bulldogs were still unable to convert the yards into points on the scoreboard and left Lawrence with a disappointing open-

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAMS GROW

INTO THE SECOND YEAR OF THE PROGRAM UNDER YOUNG COACH DOUG QUINT

# QUINT'S KICKERS

Men off to 5-1 start against tough, non-conference competitors

Women equal last season's win total in just five games

BY JEN MARQUETTE

Staff Writer

The McPherson men's soccer team traveled to Mid-America Nazarene University of Olathe on Tuesday, Sept. 21, to confront the MANU Pioneers. The men returned home with a disappointing loss, 2-0. The Bulldogs are currently 1-5 for the season.

Throughout the first half, the game was fairly even. McPherson created good opportunities to score, but had trouble executing. Midway through the first half, MANU found its way through Mac's defense to score.

Starting the second period down by one, the Bulldogs found themselves on the defense more often than not. Mid-America came out and set the tone for the rest of the game. MANU's second goal came when there was a scramble in front of McPherson's goal.

The Pioneers out shot the 'Dogs, 16-10. Senior goalie, Kevin Lamm and freshman keeper Michael Davis shared time defending Mac's net. Davis grabbed three saves and Lamm was able to save one.

Head coach Doug Quint said the men passed the ball better than they had all year and that he is looking forward to the Saturday, Sept. 25, game at home against Southwestern.

The men captured their sole victory for the season, 3-0 against the Bethel Threshers in Newton on Sept. 16.

The Bulldogs overcame fatigue, injuries and the heat in the 3 p.m. game to defeat the Threshers. Quint said he was proud the players could put forth such a good effort.

Every one of Mac's points came from free kicks.

Junior forward Austin Bray was the first to step up, putting the ball in the back off Bethel's net.

Next, freshman midfielder Deno Bell dribbled past three Threshers before being fouled in the box. Bell then scored off the penalty kick to give his team a 2-0 lead at halftime.

Junior transfer Robert Garcia-Magana sealed the Bulldog victory with the final free kick of the match with 18:10 still left on the board.

Although this was a non-KCAC game, Quint said the game was an important one, putting the team back on the right track for the rest of the season.

McPherson fell hard to Midland Lutheran College, 1-2, in double overtime on Sept. 15

Not long into the game, Midland gained a one-point lead over the 'Dogs but couldn't keep it for long as freshman defender Ryan McAleer scored off a pass by fellow teammate, sophomore forward Chris Sweatman.

Both teams missed shots during the second period, and by the end of the game, the score was still tied, 1-1. Mac took control during the first overtime but was still unable to put the ball away, leading to a second overtime. With 6:42 remaining in the second OT, Midland scored the winning goal.

The men suffered a 5-1 loss to York College of Nebraska on Sept. 11. The men gave up early points and were unable to recover. With only 6:00 left on the

clock, sophomore midfielder Tyler Lawrence scored the Bulldogs only goal of the game.

Concordia University defeated the Mac Bulldogs 3-1 on Sept. 10 in Nebraska. Concordia made its way past the Mac defense for their first goal of the game, creating an early lead.

With a 2-0 halftime lead, Concordia soon took control, scoring again just minutes into the

the



half. Down 3-0, Mac was looking for a quick goal. With 33:00 on the clock, sophomore midfielder Matt Herber scored to get the Bulldogs within two. Unfortunately, the men never got closer.

The Bulldogs began their season with a Sept. 7 game at Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., where they fell in a physical match, 3-1.

Freshman forward Alex Meyers put the Bulldogs on the board for the first and only time of the evening with approximately eight minutes left in the game.

Quint recognized junior transfer DJ Townsend for his maturity throughout the match.

BY ALEX MYERS

Staff Writer

The 2004 women's soccer team traveled to Olathe on Sept. 21 for its sixth game of the season. The Lady Bulldogs battled against Mid-America Nazarene's Lady Pioneers. After falling to the Pioneers, 3-1 the Lady Bulldogs now own a season record of 2-4.

Shortly after the game had begun, freshman forward

strong the first half. Our defense kept them at midfield for most the game and made it difficult for them to make any easy shots," Fentress said.

The season began when the women traveled to Muskogee, Okla., on Sept. 7 to face the Bacone Warriors. Although head coach Doug Quint was pleased with the Lady Bulldogs' effort, they suffered a 4-0 loss to the Warriors.

"The Lady Bulldogs played with intensity throughout the entire game, and I could not have asked for more on the first game," Quint said.

The following weekend the women traveled to Nebraska to compete against Concordia

University. Despite their defensive efforts, Concordia was up 2-0 at halftime. In the second half, Concordia went on a four-goal run to win going away, 6-0.

"We just could not get into our own playing style and we played exactly the way they wanted us to," Quint said.

The following afternoon, the Lady Bulldogs matched up against the York Panthers on York's home field. The women were victorious, earning themselves a 1-2 season record.

"We kicked their butt, and I had fun doing it," midfielder Sarah Story said.

At one point the Lady Bulldogs were down in the match 0-1. But freshman midfielder Kate Deputy had a tremendous run down the field, making a hard shot on goal. York's goalie made a

good save, but could not endure all the pressure. Freshman forward Brittany Fentress was there to receive the ball off the goalie's hands and put it in the back of the net.

Deputy was still on the hunt for her own goal, and was able to create one in the thirteenth minute of the second half, leaving the Lady Bulldogs with a 2-1 victory.

"It felt good scoring my first goal of the season.

Everything clicked throughout the game. That's why we won," Deputy said.

The Lady Bulldogs returned home to face the Midland Lutheran Warriors on Sept. 15.

Junior midfielder Becky Amiot worked hard throughout the match and put a goal in with 15 minutes left, bringing the final score to 1-6.

"What was so frustrating is that we played really well in so many aspects of the game," Coach Quint said, "The worst part about it, we've been working on winning the ball in the air and on corners because this has killed us so far."

The women regained their confidence against Bethel College the next day.

By defeating the Threshers, the ladies improved their record to 2-3, equalling their win total last season.

Sophomore midfielder Laura Engquist was definitely the playmaker of the game. She had two remarkable goals, showing no mercy on the Lady Threshers' keeper.

"I played my heart out, and I just happened to get the job done that night," Engquist said.

Sophomore defender Tawni Camarillo scored late in the second half to clench

# Volleyball scores third straight KCAC win

**COURTNEY ROEPKE**  
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs stepped out on their home court to face Sterling College on Wednesday, Sept. 22, and walked away with their third straight conference win of the season, after sweeping the Warriors in three, 30-26, 30-20, 30-12. Before defeating Sterling, the Lady Bulldogs were in sixth place in the KCAC, but they now stand at second. "The girls really played well against Sterling. This was a nice win because we were standing at sixth and we needed to show that we are better," said head coach Nathalea Stephenson.

Game one started slowly for McPherson as they were down 7-2, and then again 23-17. The Lady Bulldogs were determined not to give up as they went on a 13-3 run, winning the game 30-26. Coming from behind and getting the win, McPherson was now pumped up and on a roll.

The Lady Bulldogs dominated game two, winning 30-20. Staying up and feeding off the large crowd, the girls had a 20-4 lead in what they hoped to be the last game of the match. They ended up giving a few points back to Sterling but had enough of a lead to win it, 30-12.

Sophomore middle hitter Jen Marquette led the Lady Bulldogs with a total of 10 kills for the night, and four total blocks. Senior outside hitter, Andrea Gonzales and sophomore right-side hitter, Chandra Mayhan, both contributed to the kill count with seven each.

Sophomore setter Kendra Stephenson had 30 kill assists and six ace serves. Sophomore libero, Kelsey Crist, led in the dig department with nine. Senior Alexis Garcia had seven digs of her own, followed by Renee Hall with six.

After traveling the short distance to Lindsborg the Lady Bulldogs defeated

rival, Bethany College on Monday, Sept. 20, improving their conference record to 2-2.

McPherson did not start the match well. The women fell behind and found it hard to catch up. The Swedes came away with the win in game one, 18-30. Game two was an intense match, going back and forth. The Bulldogs pulled away with a 12-point win, 30-18. With the game count at one apiece, McPherson managed to slide by for another win 30-23.

Aggressive attacks from McPherson's front row helped to give Coach Stephenson and her players a little breathing room.

With the momentum now on McPherson's side, the women were able to put away the Swedes in game three, 30-22.

McPherson was determined to take home the win. Although Bethany played tough the whole game, the Bulldogs won 30-24, and match ended, 3-1. The game ended with a perfect pass from senior Alexis Garcia to sophomore setter Kendra Stephenson who set up senior hitter Andrea Gonzales who put down an amazing kill.

"I'm just really glad we beat this team. I think we were pretty nervous coming into this game because Bethany has been playing pretty good, but we really came together and got the job done," said senior outside hitter and co-captain Gonzales. Andrea played at Bethany her freshman year, before she transferred to McPherson at semester.

Sophomore defensive specialist Kelsey Crist led McPherson with 28 digs. Senior defensive specialist Alexis Garcia added to the great play in the backrow with 17 digs and sophomore Renee Hall added 13. Sophomore setter Kendra Stephenson finished the match with a 32-assist, 13-dig double-double.

Sophomore right side hitter, Chandra Mayhan had 18

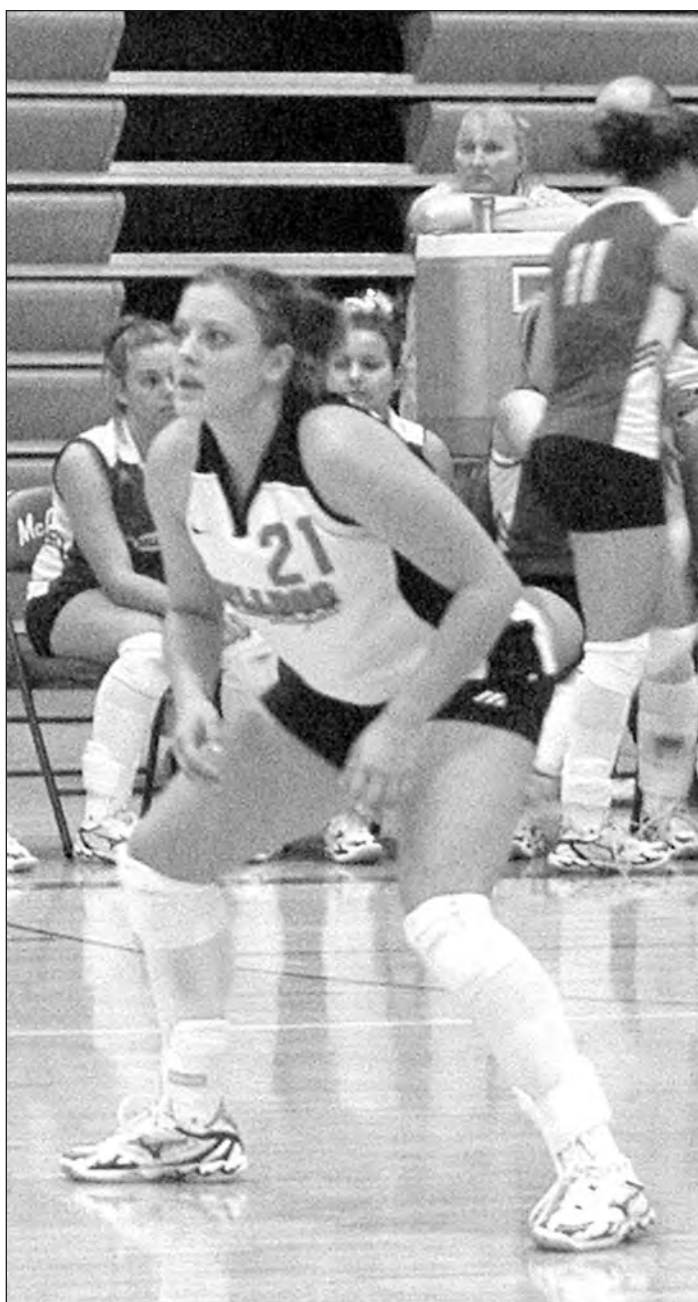


PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

**Sophomore libero Kelsey Crist prepares to dig out a spike from a Sterling Warrior hitter during Wednesday night's match in the Sport Center. The women defeated the Warriors in three straight games to move into second place in the KCAC standings.**

digs and nine kills. Junior Julie Wondra recorded 12 kills and two blocks. Gonzales had nine kills, eight digs and a two blocks. Sophomore Middle hitter Jenny Marquette ended the evening with eight kills and three blocks.

The team traveled to Wichita on Thursday, Sept. 16 where they earned their first KCAC win of the season, beating Friends University in four games.

The first game was won by the Lady Bulldogs, 30-17. The second game went back and forth until Friends upset McPherson, 28-30.

McPherson picked up the momentum in game three winning by four, 30-26. McPherson put the Lady Falcons in their spot after winning the final game of the match, 30-25.

Andrea Gonzales and Chandra Mayhan, both had an exceptional night with double-doubles. Gonzales had 13 kills and 12 digs, while Mayhan added 13 kills and 10 digs. Freshman outside hitter Jessica Miller contributed to the kill count with 13.

The women were on the road on Sept. 14 for their second KCAC match. The

Bulldogs won the first game 30-28, before dropping the next three games, 16-30, 26-30, 29-31. Ottawa won the match three games to one.

The Lady Bulldogs competed in the Newman University Invitational Tournament on Sept. 10-11. The team went 1-1 each day, finishing 2-2.

McPherson's first match was against Missouri Valley. The Bulldogs gained an early lead winning the first two matches, 30-23, and 30-20. The girls unfortunately let up after the quick wins, and ended up losing the match in the last three games; 30-21, 30-12, and 15-10. Junior transfer and middle hitter Julie Wondra, and Chandra Mayhan led with nine kills each.

For the second match of the tourney, the Bulldogs faced the Haskell Indians. McPherson won this match in three quick games, 30-15, 30-16, and 30-12. Mayhan and Gonzales led the game in kills, once again, with 8 a piece.

Saturday morning proved good for the Lady Bulldogs as they handed York College another loss, 30-24, 30-17, and 30-21. Gonzales contributed 10 kills in this game, and Jen Marquette added 9.

After this win, McPherson was ranked second in their pool and so they played the third-place team of the other pool, William Penn. McPherson was sent home by William Penn College after losing in single elimination play, 30-21, 30-23, and 30-19. Marquette had seven kills in McPherson's final match of the tourney to lead the Bulldogs. Marquette was also named to the Newman All-Tournament team for her contributions on the Bulldog team during the tournament.

"It was really nice to get someone honored during this tournament, because there was a lot of good teams there that had many

deserving players," stated Coach Stephenson. "Jen did a great job this weekend and is really hitting well for us."

"I really think we learned a lot this weekend. Although we didn't finish where we would have liked, we are playing better and that's all that matters," said senior defensive specialist Alexis Garcia.

McPherson College faced Kansas Wesleyan on Sept. 8 for both teams' KCAC opener. The Bulldogs had home court advantage, but couldn't pull away with the win, falling in a five-game match, 30-27, 26-30, 30-24, 25-30, and 12-15.

Head Coach Nathalea Stephenson commented on the loss, "This was important match to us because we wanted to set a tone of what we are going to be playing like in conference."

McPherson grabbed game one, 30-27. In game two, the Bulldogs fought hard the entire time but fell 26-30. The momentum kept swinging back and forth, as McPherson took the win in the third game, 30-24.

KWU won the fourth game, 30-25. With the match tied at two games each, both teams were determined to not give up. The game was tied at 11-11 before McPherson let down and gave the win to Kansas Wesleyan.

"KWU played strong the entire match, and kept putting it to us in the middle. We just couldn't make the adjustments to stop them," said Stephenson. "Middle blocking is something we really need to work on before we have to face them again."

Freshman outside hitter Jessica Miller led in kills with 17. Chandra Mayhan had 13 kills and 11 digs. Andrea Gonzales added 12 more kills and dug up 12 balls. Julie Wondra and Jenny Marquette added 11 and eight kills, respectively. Senior Alexis Garcia had 17 defensive digs for the night. The lone setter, soph-

## Athletic staff fills three positions

**DANE KINKEAD**  
Staff Writer

McPherson College has welcomed three new additions to the 2004-2005 Bulldog athletic staff. Two new athletic trainers Sheryl Peters and Denise Bayless have been hired as well as football defensive line coach Wylan Terrell.

Head trainer Sheryl Peters said she believes that McPherson College is a good fit for her because "it gives me the opportunity to have a good career-advancement experience."

Peters received her bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and master's degree from the University of Kansas. Before coming to McPherson, Peters worked previously as a

trainer for Johnson County Community College in Kansas City.

Denise Bayless, assistant trainer, comes to McPherson from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Mo. Bayless also worked at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. McPherson College is her first full-time athletic training experience.

Bayless said she sees McPherson as "an opportunity to experience a different level of college athletics." Bayless received her bachelor's degree at Oklahoma State and her master's at Central Missouri State.

Peters and Bayless summed up their experiences at Mac so far as very positive.

Contributing to the Mac football program this sea-

son is defensive line coach, Wylan Terrell. Coach Terrell was born in Muskogee, Okla. Terrell played defensive tackle for Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College in Miami, Okla., from 1992-93. He then transferred to Northeast Louisiana University (now Louisiana Monroe) to finish his college career, playing from 1994-95.

"I wanted to coach college ball," Terrell said, "and a friend of mine knew Coach Minard (defensive coordinator for the Bulldogs), and they were looking for a defensive line coach. The rest is history."

Terrell says his experience at McPherson so far has been a good one. "I like it. It's small, but I like it," concluded Terrell.

## Harriers much improved over 2003

**BY JEN MARQUETTE**  
Sports Editor

The men's and women's cross county teams met at McPherson's own Rolling Acres Golf Course Sept. 18 for the Bulldog Invitational.

For the first time in three years, the Bulldog men were represented by a scoring team. The team finished third among the five scoring teams from the eight schools that attended. The Bulldogs finished with 85 points, just 10 points behind fourth-place Tabor.

Hutchison Community College swept the meet in both the men and women's divisions with perfect 15-point scores.

Freshman Jeff Ford led the men in the 8K race, finishing 15th with a time of 30:17.28. Johnson County CC transfer Jacob Merrick

was close behind, finishing 16th with a time of 31:30.17.

In 25th place was the only returning Bulldog harrier, Bryan Grosbach. Grosbach finished in 33:32.04, 1:30 better than the previous year on the same course.

Right behind in 26th place was freshman Andrew Paull, who finished in 34:13.16. Running a time of 38:04.46 was freshman Chad Richert.

"As a returning runner I was ecstatic when I found

out that I would be running with enough men to make a team," Grosbach said. It's great, too, that most of them are freshmen and will be here for a while."

Senior Mandy Shobe finished 29th in the women's 5K race with a time of 26:12.40. Sophomore Bethany Lobmeyer finished with a time of 27:59.12 for 35th place.

The harriers opened their season on Sept. 10 at the Friends Invitational meet.

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## STUDENT TALENTS HEADLINE AT COFFEE HOUSE



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Nathan Deel, soph., Baldwin City and Michael Warner sr., Hutchinson played an improvisational set at the coffee house. Students got a chance to display their talents Thursday night in the Student Union.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Schneider promoted, Wiens fills void

Michael P. Schneider, director of career services for the past two years, was promoted to the position of vice president for advancement this past summer. In his new role, Schneider gives leadership to career services, communications and fund raising at the college.

Filling the director of career services position is Chris Wiens.

Most recently, Wiens served as the executive director of McPherson Mainstreet. She is currently serving as the president-elect of the Kansas Downtown Development Association.

Prior to working at McPherson Mainstreet, Wiens worked locally in human resources. She has also worked in higher education as both an instructor and an administrator.

#### College advises against Citi Bank's college credit card

Two representatives from Citi Bank solicited students last Tuesday night in the Student Union to sign up for credit cards.

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students check with Citi Bank and found the two gentlemen were legitimate representatives from their college credit card division, but they did not have permission to be on campus.

Rothrock expressed two concerns as a result their visit. First, there is always the possibility of fraud, especially if students gave out their identification information. Secondly, the credit card rate goes up to 20 percent after the first three months.

"It's your business if you want to borrow money at that rate but McPherson College is not promoting this kind of financial decision," Rothrock said.

#### Scottish festival returns for the 11th year

This weekend offers one of the best chances students may ever have to learn more about traditional Scottish games, music and lore.

McPherson's 11th annual Scottish Festival begins tonight and continues throughout the weekend at Lakeside Park, just a half mile from campus.

Tonight's "clan gathering" begins at 7 p.m. and features the ceremonial introduction of the clans in attendance and a musical performance by one of the most popular Scottish folksingers on this side of the Atlantic, Alex Beaton.

The real highlight of the Saturday and Sunday events is the heavy athletics competition. Heavy athletics include traditional Scottish feats of strength such as the sheaf toss, hammer throw, and taber toss.

Friday night's activities are free, but admission

## RELIGION AND SCIENCE, MOHLER LECTURES SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEKEND

# Lectures to explore tensions between science and social responsibility

Two scholars with nationwide reputations will deliver lectures at McPherson College on consecutive days next weekend.

Dr. Theodore Hiebert will present a talk titled "Biblical Roots for Environmental Ethics" Saturday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. in the McPherson Church of the Brethren. Dr. Hiebert's lecture is hosted by the McPherson College Center for Religion and Science.

Dr. Paul S. Keim will deliver the 2004 Mohler Lecture on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. Keim, a scientist known for his anthrax investigations, will present "Science and Society in the Time of Anthrax."

Academic credentials for Hiebert include a Ph.D. in Classical Hebrew and Hebrew Scriptures from Harvard University, a M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a B.A. in English literature from Fresno Pacific.

Hiebert's research has been primarily in the Pentateuch and the



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Prophets. He has authored and edited three books in addition to writing entries for numerous scholarly handbooks and encyclopedias. His current projects include a commentary on Genesis for the Abingdon Old Testament Commentary series and a commentary on Joel.

Hiebert's lecture is funded by a Local Societies Initiative grant that has been awarded to the



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McPherson College Center for Religion and Science and the McPherson Ministerial Alliance (MMA). The two organizations have developed a plan to respond to the need for conversation between professionals in the fields of science and religion.

Keim's specialty is the development of DNA fingerprinting assays for understanding and tracking especially dangerous dis-

eases such as anthrax and plague. He is the director of pathogen genomics at Translational Genomes (TGen) Institute and is the Cowden Endowed Chair in Microbiology at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

During the 2001 anthrax letter attacks, Keim diverted his laboratory and personal efforts to the DNA analysis of the anthrax strain from the letters. His work resulted in one of the most tangible forensic leads in the investigation.

Over the years, Keim has provided expert witness testimonies to the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate related to homeland security. He has also completed various expert reviews of DNA analysis for murder cases.

Keim, who was a biology student for two years at McPherson College in the mid 1970s, credits his alma mater for influencing his career by providing "excellent teachers and solid scientists."

His professional accomplishments include 131

journal articles to his credit, presenting at 100 seminars, and receiving 55 scientific research grants.

Keim has received more than \$18 million in extramural research grants and currently receives \$3.5 million in annual research funding.

Keim has provided leadership in organizing two International Anthrax Conferences. He also chaired the American Academy of Microbiology Colloquia, which led to the authoring of "Microbial Forensics: A Scientific Assessment."

The lecture featuring Keim is sponsored by the Mohler Lecture Series and is the first event of the 2004-2005 McPherson Arts and Lecture Series, a collaborative effort between McPherson College and the McPherson Arts Council.

Begun in the fall of 1975 through the generosity of Dr. Robert and Mrs. Fern Shoemaker Mohler, the Mohler Lecture Series is celebrating its 30th year of highlighting excellence in all areas of life.

## Seven new faculty and staff join the Mac team

**DERRICK MEAD**  
Spectator Writer

As classes convened this fall, many new faces could be seen walking on campus. But the seemingly countless number of freshmen weren't the only new faces around campus. New faculty and staff members have also joined this school year.

Tricia Brothers joins the business department after earning her M.B.A. at Wichita State University.

Shane Kirchner fills a void in the education department after a stint of teaching Spanish at McPherson high school. Kirchner got his M.Ed. at Wichita State University,



**Chris Paulsen**



**Tricia Brothers**



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**Michael Reynolds**



**Ann Zerger**



**Scott Tomlison**

and his ESL licensure from Emporia State University.

Kirchner also fills the position of director of institutional assessment. Kirchner is a McPherson College alumnus and is familiar with the surroundings here at Mac. His wife Anne works in the college's communications office.

"I enjoyed the campus atmosphere as a student and, so far, it has been

exciting being back on campus. Even though I have been on campus and know a lot of the people, I am finding there is still much I have to learn in my new role," Kirchner said.

Along with Brothers and Kirchner, are a few other fresh faces Michael Reynolds joins the mathematics department after earning his B.S., M.S., and Ed.D. at the University of

Central Florida in Orlando, Fla.

R. Scott Tomlison joins the ranks of the music department after graduating and earning a Ph.D. from University of Missouri at Columbia. He also picked up his B.M.E. at Eastern Kentucky University, along with his M.M.E. at Murray State University.

Another new member of the staff is Christopher

He got his A.T. here.

Also new to the staff is Ann Zerger, part-time lecturer for the art department. She has earned her M.F.A.

Luke Chennell is not new, but promoted from part-time lecturer in the technology department to a full-time instructor position. At McPherson he earned both his B.S. and A.T. degrees in historic automotive technology.