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Nine seniors receive Who's Who award

KIMBERLY MORRIS
News Editor

Nine seniors have been selected by faculty to receive the Who's Who award this year. The honorees include Tiffany Barry, McPherson; Lois Davidson, Welda; Dean Feasenhiser, Fruitland, Idaho; Nick Griggs, Colorado Springs; Jenny Harper, Grimes, Iowa; Danielle Lucore, Springfield, Mo.; Nathan Porter, Quinter; Rebecca Stover, Quinter; and Jadelle Thomas, Wiley, Colo.

Students nominated for Who's Who must have a 3.0 G.P.A. Those students who qualify are invited to submit a list of their co-curricular activities.

Faculty then votes for those seniors they think should receive the award. The students listed by at least half the faculty receive the award.

"I hope that by being able to put this award on a resume, it will help my chances of getting the great teaching job that I want," said Barry, an English education major and member of the KNEA. "The most influential part of my MC experience has been the professors. I love the fact that I feel like their doors are always open to me, and that I can seek advice or help at any time."

honor," Davidson said. Working with the Mac theatre and traveling over seas were the most influential experiences she said she had while at McPherson.

"I was fairly excited" about being selected to Who's Who, Feasenhiser said. "I saw this as recognition of all the hard work I have put in over the past few years." Feasenhiser is an agriculture-science and pre-veterinarian major. He is a member of the band, Tri-Beta and Peacefully Simply Together. "I'd like to think that I've helped to contribute to the atmosphere of the college through some of the activities I've been involved in."

"I was pretty honored!" said Griggs about his recognition. "I know that it is quite a selective process and it is just really nice to be recognized with so few standout leaders on the McPherson College campus. I am really grateful!" "Finally! All my hard work has paid off," said Harper, a biology major. She is the Tri-Beta president. Harper is involved in choir, theatre and is a freshman mentor.

"I was excited when I found out I was selected for Who's Who," said Lucore. "It feels good to be recognized for the work that I've accomplished. The most influential part of my MC



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Tiffany Barry, McPherson; Jadelle Thomas, Wiley, Colo.; Nathan Porter, Quinter; Nick Griggs, Colorado Springs; Dean Feasenhiser, Fruitland, Idaho; Lois Davidson, Welda; Rebecca Stover, Quinter; Danielle Lucore, Springfield, Mo.; and Jenny Harper, Grimes, Iowa, were the nine seniors honored with the Who's Who award.

experience has been the personal attention that I've received from faculty and staff. Coming to college I never really expected to be invited to a professor's home or have staff greet me by name, so it has been awesome to experience the unexpected. I think that is what makes McPherson College special and sets it apart from other schools."

"It is a great honor to be selected for Who's Who and I think that other people, future employers, like to see that you have had

past achievements and recognition for those achievements," said Porter. "Receiving this award surprised me and it also made me feel honored."

"It is nice to know that someone somewhere appreciates the hard work that I have put into my college career," said Stover, an art education major. During her years at McPherson she has been a member of the choir, SGA, Spectator, track and basketball teams, theater, Creative Art Society, chapel, campus ministries,

and a youth advisor to the church of the Brethren.

"I was very honored when I found out I had won the award. I really didn't expect to be chosen," said Thomas, a history and Spanish major. "The education that McPherson College has given me has prepared me for the future and has definitely influenced me on the kind of teacher I want to be."

The students will be recognized at the spring Honors Convocation next May.

NEWS BRIEFS

Results for SGA elections

There are now three new SGA representatives. Students voted on Tuesday Nov. 16 for the new Junior rep, Morrison rep., and Bittering rep. Nick Barrows, Zionsville, Ind., won the election for Junior representative. Morrison's winner is Trenton Bell, fr., Oklahoma City. Bittering's new rep. is Sheila Bevan, soph., Macksville.

Jazz concert to be presented on Sunday

There will be jazz concert this Sunday at 3:00 pm in Brown Auditorium. The McPherson Arts Council is hosting Bryce Luty and his Big Band and the McPherson High School Jazz Band. The MHS Jazz Band will begin the concert about 2:55. This will be an incredible afternoon of jazz music.

Bulldog mascots needed

The communications office is seeking individuals to become the bulldog mascot. Qualified applicants must demonstrate an enthusiastic, positive attitude and athletic stamina. The bulldog will make special appearances at athletic, campus and community events. Those students that become the bulldog mascot will be responsible for attending monthly staff meetings and cleaning the mascot costume. Those interested should go to the communications office.

Fall band concert scheduled for Dec. 5

The McPherson College department of music will present its fall band concert on Sunday, December 5, at 3 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

The McPherson College Concert Band, which is composed of McPherson College students, local community members, and area high school students will perform songs from composers Clifton Williams, Alfred Reed, and John Philip Sousa. There will also be a Christmas medley.

The McPherson College Jazz Ensemble will also perform. Composers Sonny Rollins, Thelonius Monk, and Horace Silver will be highlighted as well as other styles of music including funk, swing and Latin.

Free movie tickets at game

Students wanting to get free movie tickets should go to the women's basketball game on Monday, Nov. 22. Those wanting them should look for the Students Activity Board.

STUDENTS LEARN CULTURAL DANCES



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Professor of computer sciences and math, Mary Flagg, leads cultural dance to Saraphin Kasparie, sr. McPherson and Yu Murooka, TR, Ebetsu, Hokkaido, Japan, in Mingenback Theatre.

Prizes increase participation

KANA BESSHO
Spectator Staff

Student activities seem to have increased since last year. There is more student participation. More prizes are being given away.

Where does the prize money come from?

First, all students are required to pay a student activity fee of \$120. One hundred and ten dollars is designated for activity planning. Of that \$110, \$25 is reserved for the dean of students and the rest, \$85 goes to the Student Government Association (SGA) who then allocates it to other clubs such as the Student Activities Board.

Tracy Stoddart, Dotzour RD and advisor of the SGA and SAB, said that the student activity board receives 20 percent of the student activity fee designated for

SGA. This money is used for every student activity except bowling and movies. The money for bowling and movies comes from the SGA account.

The big prize money for the Halloween Costume Contest and Bingo activities was funded by SAB, whereas money for the residence life competitions at Homecoming came from the residence life account. The money given to clubs and organizations that set up booths at the Homecoming Fair came from SGA.

The prizes for the Halloween costume contest included an iPod, digital camera, and a portable DVD player. The two winners—the Mudhuckers and SAB—for the Homecoming booths received \$300.

SGA and SAB are offer-

ing prizes to encourage greater student participation in activities, Stoddart said. Last year, SGA brought wax hands, musicians and roller skating to campus; however, attendance was still low.

The goal of these prizes and activities is to get students involved, to get more of a variety of people, and to get to know each other, said Lois Davidson, SAB president.

"The majority of the money [students] are putting into the activities and we are getting a chance to get the money back by participating in activities so I think that's good," said Brolyn Spangler, fr., Elkhorn, Wis.

Students wanting to change how the money is currently used, should talk to SGA, Rothrock said.

Hovis presents trustee's report

KIMBERLY MORRIS
News Editor

The Board of Trustees is pleased with enrollment growth, progress on retention of freshmen and upperclassmen, reduction in spending of Board-designated endowment reserves, appearance of the physical campus, growth in a number of academic and co-curricular programs, progress on implementing career oriented liberal arts, growth in donor support and improvement in marketing the college, President Ron Hovis reported to the campus community Monday, Nov. 8.

"In general, the board is pleased with progress on the strategic plan, but they have a sense of urgency on campus regarding the need to grow enrollment with programming that is both effective and efficient," Hovis said at the all-campus briefing.

The Board of Trustees had met in its fall meeting Nov. 4-6. Hovis called the briefing to summarize the board's activities.

Although the board is pleased about many aspects of the college, trustees are not without concerns, Hovis said. They are concerned that new student enrollment was marginal relative to the goals, that several academic and co-curricular programs have small or declining enrollment, and that the current year budget and three-year plan call for use of over \$2.5 million of board-des-

ignated endowment reserves.

In the executive session the Academic and Student Life Committee approved the emeriti faculty recommendations for Larry Kitzel and Robert Neufeld. The advancement committee approved the candidates for the Citation of Merit and Young Alumni recognition.

During the open session the board approved the 2003-04 audit, selected the audit firm for 2004-05, approved the updated budget for 2004-05 and the three year plan, and approved the marketing for sale of some property owned by the endowment.

The committee on trustees examined a list of 49 prospects, pursued an initial list of 14, and scheduled another meeting in December to check progress concerning the candidates for future board membership.

The Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee discussed institutional need and tenure with the Faculty Executive Committee, the cost of instruction study, program reviews, admissions and retention data, residential housing policy and associated financial aid policy, and discussion of a public launch of the campaign.

The Finance Committee discussed the emerging planned maintenance schedule and budget for the next five years.

Executive Committee presented process and timeline for annual presidential evaluation.

STAFF EDITORIALS

Auto restoration program matures and comes of age

Auto restoration students have stepped up to the plate and proved themselves to be more than just "grease monkeys."

Through the recent clean up mission the CARS Club took on, the "auto rats" demonstrated a knack for responsibility and pride in our campus. Even though not all the tire burns in front of Templeton Hall were the handiwork of the restoration students - some marks had been there for years - the CARS Club took responsibility and forfeited a Saturday morning to clean them up.

It takes guts and maturity to clean up someone else's mess just because it reflected negatively on the whole program.

A mere five years ago, auto restoration students were practically segregated from the rest of the campus. With the new bachelor's degree curriculum requirements, "auto rats" are beginning to infiltrate all aspects of campus life. The new requirements encourage more well-rounded students, and graduates of the four-year program enter the work force as more than just "shop technicians" as Jonathan Klinger, director of auto restoration promotions and resources development, pointed out recently.

The advancements made in the auto restoration program lately are commendable. Mechanics are not usually considered "polished," but at McPherson College, automotive restoration is an art.

Fall sports make Mac proud

Each fall sport showed progress throughout the '04 season and made the people of Mac very proud.

The Volleyball team finished fourth in the KCAC conference, an accomplishment never before achieved, and had an overall record of 18-16. Three team members were recognized in the conference.

Entering the season ranked 16th in the NAIA, the Bulldogs had lofty gridiron goals. Unfortunately, the year ended in injuries, unfulfilled expectations and a fifth-place finish in the KCAC, with a record of 4-6. Sixteen members were still recognized for their efforts.

2004 was a season of ups and downs for the men's soccer program. They finished with a 4-4-1 record in conference, good for sixth-place. The team had five players recognized as all-conference.

The Lady Bulldog soccer team fell just short of making the playoffs, finishing seventh, one place better than last year, with a record of 6-11-1. The women's soccer team had three members achieve great things, and were recognized in the conference.

Last but not least, the cross country team also set new highs. Each member of the team set and broke personal records. One harrier competed well at the KCAC meet and earned a spot on all-conference.

The Spectator says "Great Job!" to all of the fall athletes. We look forward to covering your games and meets next year!

What do you hope to achieve in your fall sport next season?

"I hope that the Bulldog soccer team goes above .500 and wins conference of course."

Matt Herber, So.,
Wood River, NE



"I hope that our volleyball team has more team unity next year as well as win conference."

Renee Hall, So.,
Geraldine, AL



"I hope that McPherson football can come home with a championship in 2005."

Troy McBroom, Jr.,
Manteca, CA



"I hope to be in the best shape of my life. I plan to have a record high in goals and for the Lady Bulldogs to place in the top third of the conference."

Victoria Salas, Fr.,
Wichita, KS



"I want our runners to improve, individually and as a team."

Jeff Ford, Fr.,
Kansas City, KS



DOG BITES

President Bush
A uniter, not a divider?

Our world is overflowing with anti-American sentiment fueled by Bush's alienation of our allies and his poorly-planned and near-unilateral invasion of Iraq. Our nation is divided by our differences on what is or isn't being done in regards to our national security, what is constitutional or unconstitutional, and what is right or wrong. Given this situation, I was thankful that the American people were going to have a say in what we believe would be good for the nation and for the world.

Our nation has suffered from hardships including the 9/11 attacks, lost jobs, a struggling war on terrorism, the forfeiting of civil rights thanks to the Patriot Act, and the abuse of the Constitution to cover crimes against Iraqi prisoners. In true American fashion, we turned to the poor, the physically disabled, the gays and lesbians, the Constitution and the rest of the world, and we gave them the finger.

President Bush said during the 2000 campaign that he was a uniter, not a divider. Over the last few years, I have examined our president's ability (or inability) to work with our allies to push for a more peaceful world.

On 9/11, we had the world's sympathy. All humankind was united for that brief moment in time.

Instead of working with other nations to systematically rid the world of terrorists and bring them to justice without killing innocent bystanders, we moved the civilians of Afghanistan, dropping boxes of scrap food as we bombed their country in the hopes of eliminating the terrorists from Afghanistan.

The result? Damaged property, dead civilians, and an opposition to the United States that strengthened and expanded beyond the Muslim world.

President Bush: a uniter, not a divider? Not if you step between him and bombing a country that harbors terrorists.

How's this for irony? Six months after saying he wanted Osama bin Laden dead or alive, President Bush told the press that he wasn't concerned with the biggest threat to the United

GROUND LEVEL
PEDESTAL

Michael Warner



States.

Was he unconcerned because we were in full pursuit of him? If so, why have high-ranking officials from the CIA been resigning so they could speak out against making bin Laden's capture a lower priority than Saddam Hussein?

After \$200 billion and 1,100 lives lost in the battle against terrorism, guess who made a threatening video message for us a couple weeks ago? Osama bin Laden. After the attacks that murdered thousands of U.S. civilians, this man is still on the loose because we wasted our time on a country that posed no threat to us.

In the meantime, we're trapped in a mistake in Iraq. President Bush's infatuation with Saddam Hussein and weapons of mass destruction has led us into a fruitless war and has exposed the flawed intelligence and the flawed reasoning for declaring war.

I spent the beginning of the Iraq war hoping that President Bush knew what he was talking about. He didn't. He still doesn't. Since he declared that major combat operations were over under a huge banner saying, "Mission Accomplished," more than 1,100 American soldiers have perished.

Where are the weapons of mass destruction? Who cares now? We changed the reasoning for war from finding WMD to liberating the people of Iraq.

This is excellent. Now we just need to win preemptive wars on Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Kuwait, Uzbekistan... you get the idea... to liberate people from oppressive governments. Add preemptive wars against nations with WMD, such as North Korea and Iran. Looks like a big task, doesn't it?

Taking all this into consideration, is it any wonder that a CNN poll indicated that only nine percent of people around the world

wanted Bush to lead America for a second term? John Kerry had 77 percent. Others had 14 percent.

Is it any wonder that 90 percent of the cost of the war in Iraq in terms of both casualties and funding are American costs? Many countries are helping to some extent, but not much because these countries are not firm believers in the war.

Some of these countries are starting to pull out, including Poland, whom the president mentioned during the first debate while arguing that there is a "grand" coalition working together to restore order in Iraq.

I'm more scared by our administration's inability to take threats seriously than of a terrorist attack. After all, what did our administration do after discovering that bin Laden was determined to attack the U.S. and members of al-Qaeda were learning to fly planes but not land them? Nothing.

How about the war on our civil liberties? Since 9/11, then-Attorney General John Ashcroft sought over-bearing powers that compromised our civil liberties and our right to due process, all in the efforts to capture terrorists in the U.S.

According to a CNN poll, 36 percent of Bush voters voted for him on the basis of moral values. President Bush, who has voiced a strong pro-life stance, has actually helped increase abortion rates over the last two years because his tax cuts to the wealthy have made it more difficult for financially-troubled families to afford children.

According to a recent study, about two-thirds of abortions happen because of this problem.

Though abortions are still taking place, stem cell research has been on the forefront of issues Bush is attacking. Such research can aid the physically dis-

abled to repair damaged cells in their body and help them function normally.

Plus, if Bush is so pro-life, why is he so pro-death? When he was governor of Texas, he executed more people than any other elected official in America today. Is this what he means when he calls himself a "compassionate conservative?"

Perhaps one of the greatest injustices today is the push for a Constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage.

I'm not about to say that same-sex marriage is right or wrong. However, I know good, kind-hearted gay people. I know about their struggles trying to mesh with today's society. Such an amendment discriminates against their rights to share the same benefits with their partners as married people do. That isn't fair. They did nothing to deserve that.

If people are so afraid that if we allow same-sex marriage it will damage the sanctity of marriage, why don't we try to eliminate Elvis impersonators in Vegas from marrying people who just met that night?

From what I've learned about gay people, it's not something they choose to become. Why should people choose to be oppressed by shallow-mindedness and judgmentalism. It proves there is a commitment there. What's wrong with having commitment in marriage?

The election results hurt so much because America's choice validated everything that I've written in this column.

What hurts even worse is, that of the Bush supporters I have talked with, only three that had reasons to vote for him.

So would John Kerry, a neo-liberal, have been the correct antidote to George W. Bush, a neo-conservative?

No. I don't think either man could have reunited this country.

What I want is to see our parties nominate more moderate politicians who can appeal to broader majority.

However, I would choose John Kerry over George W. Bush to lead this nation anytime.

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Policy change: clear as mud

The new policy change described in the previous Spectator issue has me miffed.

While I understand it doesn't affect me directly, it does affect my fellow students.

The setup previous to this said to live off campus you must be at least 23, married or living with your folks. Now, freshmen must live on campus or be unfairly docked \$3,500.

While few people are affected, it's the reasons given that disturb me.

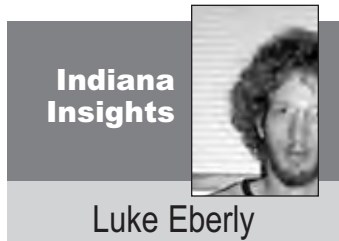
I am sure the administration put a lot of thought into this policy change, and this little rant will not change anything; however, I feel 100 percent positive that I speak for more than a few people here.

The release from Carol Williams, director of financial aid, explaining the policy change stated, "The college believes that in addition to the classroom setting, substantial learning occurs within the residential life of the campus."

"Substantial learning occurs within the residential life of the campus."

Yeah, but a student can learn all that in one semester.

You can learn that people are inconsiderate, sloppy



Indiana Insights

Luke Eberly

and self-centered. Ask the Red Team. They clean up after you every day.

Not me, I live off-campus. I clean my own toilet and vacuum my own floors. I do not have to worry about people puking on my carpet, because I control the people who come in my dwelling.

I don't have to worry about when or where to study.

I live in a neighborhood where the loudest thing is the neighbor's overweight retriever barking at squirrels once every few days, or maybe the guy down the street push-mowing his yard.

The place is quiet 24 hours a day, offering no distractions to keep me from my studying.

While attending school, I am also learning what it takes to run a household. I am learning that dishes do not wash themselves, my bills won't pay themselves, and with school and work, I am learning how to manage my time carefully. I am learning how to juggle

many things at once, all on my own.

And what are on-campus students learning about life in "the real world"? Their burnt-out lights are replaced by Tim and Randy.

Larry, Cindy, and the whole crew cut the grass, and the White Team and Red Team bust their buns to keep the buildings looking presentable.

A retired truck driver washes their plates off at lunch.

On-campus dwellers are spoon-fed a passive existence. To show their gratitude they are loud, obnoxious and irresponsible. Of course, not all are like that. But not only are there those not learning anything; they are making it awfully hard for the quiet, studious types to learn!

The policy's reasoning is Swiss cheese. It is so full of holes. Take any of the off-campus students who have to get by on their own and learn how to manage time and to grocery shop on a budget, compare them to those living in the dorms, and tell me those on-campus students are learning more on campus.

Please, define the learning that occurs on campus. There is a lot of learning

that does not support the Brethren views that are traditionally upheld by the college.

There is no good way to address some of the problems that occur in the dorms, and you may as well let it happen. This is college. But do not force students who have viable options to live surrounded by it just because they're dependents.

This "learning" that you speak of needs to be clearly defined, or I'm not buying a word of it.

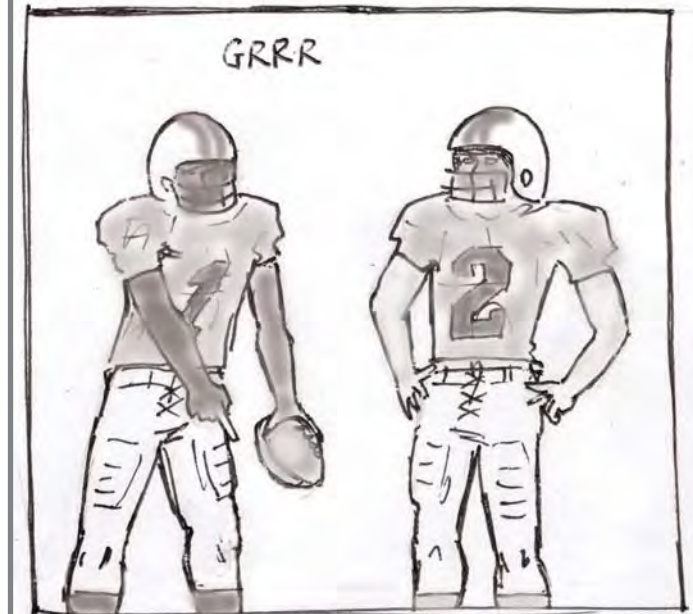
By all appearances, the money the college skims off the price of the meal plan isn't enough. It wants to gobble up a little more.

It's Thanksgiving, and I should be thinking about what I'm grateful for. That's pretty easy.

I'm grateful I came to this college during the few years that the Enlightenment reigned, when I could live in my quiet neighborhood and learn how to live on my own.

I am grateful that I could learn a lot more life-applicable stuff than I ever could in Morrison.

And I'm definitely thankful that I no longer live in Metzler, where my windows rattled at any hour of the day.



Most of us won't be grateful for anything until we have nothing.

Nick Anderson

The Leading Lie

A nation led by Bush

"I am so thankful that America didn't give in to the lies of Kerry," Courtney Roepke, opinions editor, said in the No. 5 issue of the Spectator.

YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING! What about the lies of George Bush, Dick Cheney, Carl Rove, and company? They blatantly lied to the American people, to the United States military troops, and to the United Nations about the so-called weapons of mass destruction, in order to get this country to go to war against a country that was at peace with us. Try dismissing that lie to the mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, and spouses of the more than 1,100 American service men and women who have been killed in Mr. Bush's needless war.

Where are the family values and religious morals in that? What a masquerade the Bush re-election machine has perpetrated on us! In the pre-election debates, Mr. Bush actually said that Iraq attacked us first! Another lie. Bush, Cheney, and company would have you believe that Iraq is Afghanistan. Another lie! Mr. Bin Laden, who instigated the World Trade Center and Pentagon terrorist attacks, is from Afganistan, and is most likely still hiding out there.

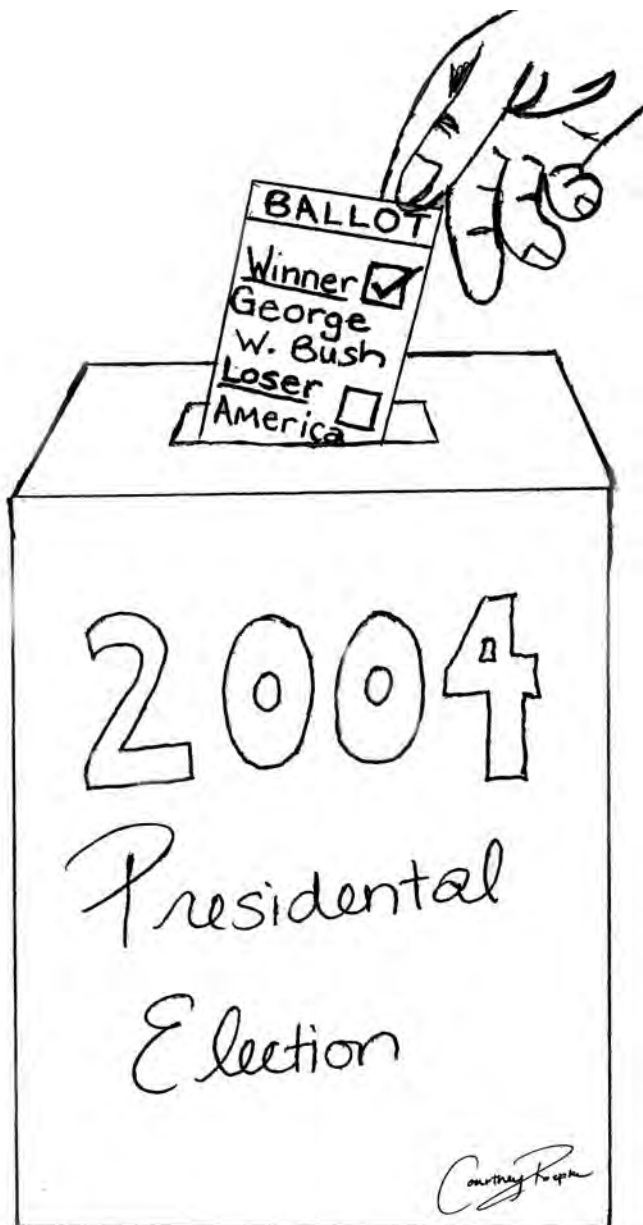
Vice President Cheney, former chairman of Halliburton, Inc., had nothing to do with the "no bid" contract that Halliburton got to feed our troops at grossly inflated prices and to supply over-priced gasoline in the ongoing Iraq war. I guess Ms. Roepke believes that one, too.

The U.S. Constitution says that a candidate for president and vice president cannot be from the same state. When then-Texas Governor Bush chose a



LETTER TO EDITOR

Peter Phillips



vice presidential candidate four years ago, he picked a Dallas, Texas, resident by the name of Dick Cheney. (Halliburton is headquartered in Dallas). No problem. Just lie to the

American people, and tell everyone that Mr. Cheney is from Wyoming, and get him to change his voter registration to Wyoming one week before the Republican convention, so everyone will believe

another lie. That simple little move should have tipped everyone off to this administration's flagrant disregard for the spirit if not the letter of existing laws.

Creation of new manufacturing jobs? Mr. Bush has the worst record of job loss since the administration of President Herbert Hoover during the Great Depression of 1929-32. No problem. Just lie about it.

Change the definition of "manufacturing" so it includes the assembly of hamburgers at fast food franchises. Wow! The Bush administration created 110,000 new manufacturing jobs last month, says Dick Cheney. What he doesn't tell you is those new manufacturing jobs pay minimum wage or just above, at McDonald's and Burger King.

He also doesn't tell you that 200,000 manufacturing jobs were lost in this country, while those 110,000 were being "created." Meanwhile, the Bush/Cheney administration's tax policies encourage more "out-sourcing" of real American manufacturing jobs to China, Mexico, and other third world countries where the pay is 90 cents an hour and environmental protections are non-existent.

Then, Mr. Bush and Mr. Cheney travel to hard-hit states like Ohio and Michigan, where the well-paid manufacturing jobs have left because of Republican tax policies, and Mr. Bush tells the voters of those states that his re-election is good for them and their economic interests. More lies and distortion.

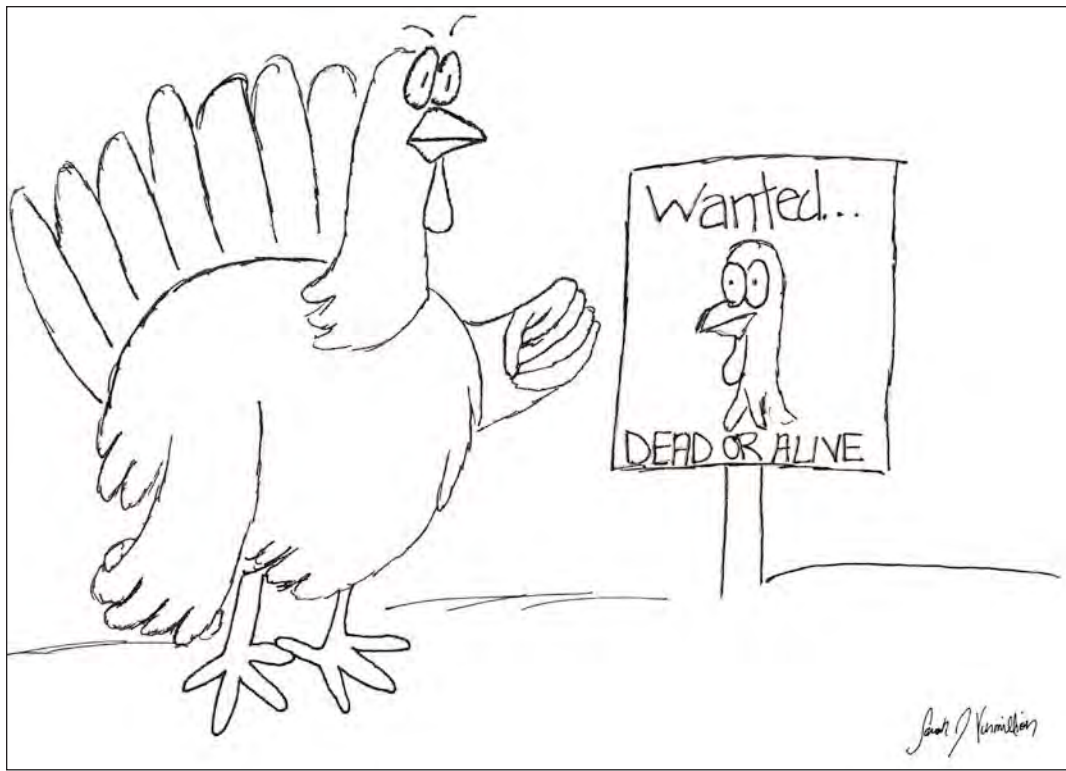
One week before the November election, Mr. Cheney told the American people, in so many words, that a vote for John Kerry would be a vote for more terrorist attacks. Typical lies and distortion. If anything, Bush's war has alienated the rest of the world, and made the United States a hated enemy that is now more likely than ever before to be the target of another terrorist attack.

I'm sorry, but I do not see any great morals or "family values" in the re-election victory of the Bush administration.

Campus contemplates Turkey Day traditions

Faculty, staff
and students talk
about the upcoming
holiday

SARAH VERMILLION
Student Life Editor



What are your favorite Thanksgiving traditions? How do you celebrate Thanksgiving?

Abby Evans, fr., Council Grove: "My grandma and all her sisters get together. There are about sixty of us, in one house in El Dorado."

Jessica DeCavelle, fr., Paola: "All my family lives outside Kansas. So, it's just my mom and my dad and I. My brother is in the Navy, so if he gets to come home, we have a big dinner. If he doesn't, we go eat Chinese food."

Dan Hoffman, associate professor of physical education: "Getting together with family and friends."

Kayla Hargis, fr., Hiawatha: "For me, Thanksgiving is a series of three days of mass chaos. Oh God, it's insane. I have a very large family."

Justyn Shaw, sr., Tulsa, Okla.: "All my cousins come over. The family comes over and we celebrate our November birthdays. We all come together and eat; usually at my house. There is always a lot of food."

Ashlee Douglas, fr., Eureka: "Getting together with my family and eating a big dinner. My grandpa always carves the turkey."

Julie Wondra, jr., Great Bend: "I like playing pitch with my family."

Brandon McCarley, fr., Tipton, Okla.: "Just go to my grandparents' house and eat."

What are your favorite Thanksgiving foods?

Ocie Kilgus, assistant professor of modern languages: "Well, being a vegetarian, Thanksgiving meals have ranged from a very feeble attempt at making a tofu turkey to Thai to Mexican to Ethiopian or to Lebanese food. One tradition that I have been developing since I have been here in Kansas is to try a different ethnic food menu every year and hope that the meal doesn't leave anyone running to the bathroom! That often makes me very thankful!"

Cody Chaffin, soph., Hays: "Anything on Thanksgiving break."

Sheree Kriley, soph., Esbon: "Hamburgers and French fries. My mom makes it special for me, since I don't like the other stuff."

Renee Hall, soph. Geraldine, Ala.: "Homemade chicken and dressing, homemade green beans and homemade cornbread. Anything homemade."

Dave Barrett, associate director of admissions: "My favorite foods are my wife's turkey (the day, of and many days after), my mom's German chocolate cake and Vikki Trimmell's scalloped corn."

Paul Narbaez, fr. Euless, Tx.: "No, Dude. Stuffing and gravy and cranberry sauce and turkey. It's so good, man."

What are you thankful for? How do you show your gratitude?

Stephanie Schmidt, fr., Julesburg, Colo.: "Family, friends and food; the three big F's. I show my gratitude by loving my family, hanging out with my friends and eating my food."

Michael Miller, soph., Bennet, Colo.: "I'm thankful for my loved ones, which are my family and friends, for George W. Bush and for everyone being healthy. I am thankful for snow and for Halo, too. I pray and go to church and hang out with my family to show them I care."

Sarvanda Ruiz-Espinosa, tr., Zempoalo, Veracruz, Mexico: "Because I have done everything I have always wanted to do. If I set a goal, I have always had the privilege and opportunity to make my dreams come true. Like this exchange program, learning English, and studying a degree."

Gwendolyn Mattson, sr., Sterling: "I am glad to almost be done with school. I still go to class to show my gratitude."

Nathelea Stephenson, volleyball head coach and assistant athletic director: "My family and having them around me. That God loves me so much that He would send His son to die for me and knowing that he is the lord of my life."

Jeff Samson, fr., Ludell: "I'm thankful for the break; that I get to go home and see my family and girlfriend."

McPherson
*throw
back*

This article was taken from the November 8, 1974 edition of the McPherson College Spectator. It gives us an idea of how far the entertainment industry has come in the past 30 years.

Flipping Away at Life
Nov. 8, 1974

Nostalgia. Nostalgia is 'in'. Nostalgia is antiques, 50s rock'n roll, Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer and

Pinball Monopolizes Gaming

old Coca-Cola trays. And nostalgia is pinball machines. These brightly painted, musical machines from the dusty arcades of the past have ridden the crest of the nostalgia wave back into the hearts of thousands.

The pinball machine is the ultimate in American entertainment. The fact that the pleasure derived from playing the game is the only benefit of the dime slipped into the machine makes it a classic of our leisure oriented society.

At one time these instruments of entertainment were forbidden to most youngsters because of the alleged connection with gambling. But pinball's name has been cleared for the most part, and the machines have become an accepted sight any-

where people come together.

During the 60s, pinball was a dying entertainment form except for younger people. But with pinball's new surge in popularity the game is fascinating a new breed of addicts with a wider age range.

The pinball table consists of floppers, which the player uses to keep the ball in play, bumpers with designated point values and assorted targets.

Games are won by scoring needed amount of points, accumulating bonus units and by hitting lit "specials." As a last resort, almost all machines feature a matching system by which the last digit of the final score can match the number randomly picked by the machine.

One of the "enduring" charac-

teristics of pinball machines is that each table is a different kind of game. But there are characteristics common to most 'good' pinball machines.

Good pinball machines usually award bonus points or units for hitting some targets. Another popular attraction on tables is "special." These, too, usually require hitting several targets, then hitting the "special" target or running the ball down the "special" lane.

These once "cheap-thrills" are not so cheap any more. Inflation had hit the pinball addict too. In "the good ole days" a nickel bought one play. Today's newest tables require a quarter to buy one play.

The fact remains that pinball is wasteful, and the game will

Its interesting to see that even in the 70s there were people that were "addicted" to games. Much like Halo has sucked in the boys of America.

But hey! At least they were standing!! Today we resort to sitting in the dark on our couches, looking like zombies in front of the TV and gaining our Freshman 15!

- Rhonda Hoffert

probably never lose this reputation. But pinball is as deeply rooted in America's past as Coke, and is likely to survive just as long as the institutions on Mom, apple pie and the flag.

FABULOUS FAD FACULTY

Shane Kirchner

Kirchner is back on campus, but this time, not as a student.

AMY JANTZ
Staff Writer

The Spectator, in a continuing effort to introduce new faculty members to those at McPherson College, is featuring those teachers on this page. The following interview introduces Shane Kirchner, the new associate professor of education.

Spec: Where did you grow up?
SK: I grew up in Cedar Falls, Iowa.
Spec: Tell me about your family.

SK: I am married to Anne who works in the communications office here on campus. We have two children: Christopher, 6, and Hannah, 3, who will be 4 on Nov. 22.

My dad lives in Iowa. My sister Shannon, a Mac graduate, lives in the Seattle area with her husband Nate. They are expecting their first child in January. She is a doctor.

My brother, Shawn, is a professional musician in the L.A. area and minister of music at the La Verne Church of the Brethren.

Spec: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

SK: In our spare time we run a catering business, Cordially Yours. We do about two events per month. We also help with the food for the theatre's

First Nighter's program. What time may be left is spent doing family things.

Spec: What is your favorite beverage and food?

SK: Pepsi is my favorite beverage, and I will eat anything chocolate.

Spec: What is your impression of McPherson and of McPherson College?

SK: After graduating from McPherson in 1992, Anne and I moved to Lawrence for a year, then on to Quincy, Ill. for two years.

We realized that we liked the town of McPherson and our friends were here so we moved back. We have been residents for almost nine years. We like the community.

I have been aware of the college in some fashion for most of my life. My mom was a graduate and I had several uncles attend. As a child we would visit for Homecoming. Then as a youth in the Church of the Brethren, we attended Regional Youth Conference here.

Spec: What is something that people may not know about you that would come as a surprise?

SK: As for something unique, you choose. I am a triplet. I was a BCA student in Barcelona. I taught Spanish at McPherson



PHOTO BY SARAH VERMILLION

Shane Kirchner is the new associate professor of education. He grew up around McPherson college, and now he is one of our new faculty members.

High School for six years. I have also biked across Iowa.

Spec: What are you most excited about when it comes to being a faculty member at McPherson College?

SK: It is interesting now being on the other side of the classroom. I remember very well having a number of my current colleagues as professors. It is fun getting to know them on a different level. I must admit it is

sometimes hard to work as an equal to someone that was once your professor, however. It is just all part of the learning process.

Obviously, Shane Kirchner is yet another example of the well-round-

ed faculty that the student body of McPherson College has the chance to learn from on a daily basis. Thank you, Shane, for taking the time to help others get to know you better.



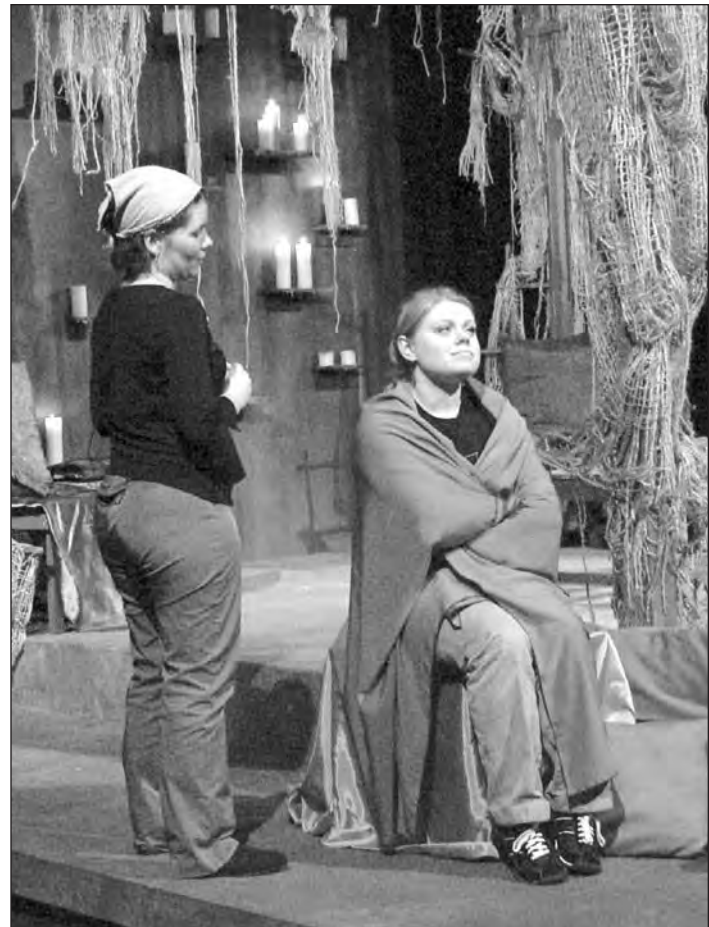
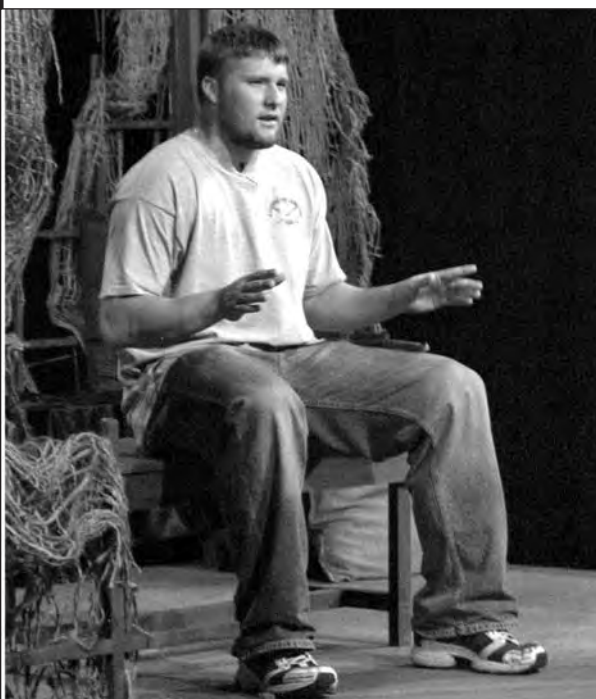
TWO MORE PERFORMANCES OF 'ANTIGONE' SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW AND SATURDAY

The theatre department's presentation is Janelle Klinke's senior project.

MICHAEL JARDON
Photography Editor



Above Left: Althea Harding, sr., McPherson and Lara Lichty, soph., Quinter practice stage presence for opening night. Above: McPherson College theatre department advertises its production of "Antigone." (Photo By Tricia Ritcha) Left: Brandt Busse, jr., McPherson, practices narration.



Above: Maribeth Turner, Sr., Olsburg practices for the upcoming performance. The play is opening this week. Left: Turner rehearses her part as a house maid.

Lady Bulldogs fall to Sterling Warriors in KCAC playoffs

Three receive All-KCAC honors, records broken, history made

LINDSEY LATHAM

Spectator Staff

An upsetting end to a miraculous season would be a good way to describe last Tuesday night when the Lady Bulldog volleyball squad battled it out with Sterling College in the first round of the KCAC playoffs.

The teams were playing for a spot in the semi-final game at No. 1-seed Ottawa. The Lady Bulldogs gave it all they had and played well, but Sterling pulled away with a 3-2 win.

In the first match the Bulldogs never let down their guard, staying on top of the game, never trailing the Lady Warriors. With leads of 8-4, 20-14, 27-19 and a 30-26 win, the Lady Bulldogs were off to a good start. But the Warriors weren't letting down as they stole the next two games from the Bulldogs by scores of 30-17 and 31-29.

Mac played well and never once gave up to the Warriors. Game three forced the Warriors into extra points, but just couldn't get on top. Game four was close for the majority of the game, with Sterling's largest lead being three at 21-18, while McPherson twice led by two.

With the match in danger of slipping away from them, the Bulldogs scored three straight points, tying the game at 21-21. With the score 29-29, senior outside hitter Andrea Gonzales stepped to the net, spiking the 30th point for the Bulldogs.

Following this was a serving error by Sterling, handing the ladies a second win, tying the match play at 2-2 and setting up the deciding fifth game.

After trading leads several times, the Bulldogs led at 8-7. After trailing 13-11, the Lady Bulldogs scored two straight to tie it at 13-13. Seeing the momentum swinging to the Lady Bulldogs, Sterling immediately called timeout.

Mac re-entered the game and served the ball into the net, giving the Warriors a 14-13 lead. Sterling then spiked a ball to the back line, barely scoring the final point to win the game and

putting an end to the Lady Bulldog season.

Seniors Andrea Gonzales and Alexis Garcia finished their Lady Bulldog careers with 13 kills, five digs, a solo and an assisted block, and 11 digs and two ace serves, respectively.

Sophomore middle hitter Jen Marquette led a balanced McPherson attack with 15 kills, one solo and one assisted block, while freshman outside hitter Jessica Miller added a 14-kill, 11-dig double-double.

Sophomore Chandra Mayhan also had a double-double with 12 kills and 16 digs along with six assists. Freshman middle Ashlee Douglas came off the bench to give the Bulldogs seven kills, two solo and two assisted blocks.

Sophomore libero Kelsey Crist picked up 32 digs and chipped in one ace, while fellow sophomore Renee Hall added 18 digs and a kill from her backline position. Sophomore setter Kendra Stephenson rounded out her season with 51 assists, nine digs, two kills, and a pair of blocks, one solo and one assisted.

Although the Bulldogs didn't advance as far as they wished in the playoffs, they still ended the season with new school records. The team also met its goal of being ranked better than sixth in the conference.

During the '04-'05 season, Marquette was named to the "All-Tournament Team" at two different tournaments.

"Having Jenny named to the 'All-Tournament Team' was a great accomplishment," said head coach Nathalea Stephenson.

Marquette was also named to the All-KCAC First Team following the 2004 season.

Kelsey Crist was selected KCAC "Libero of the Week" three different times.

"Kelsey remains one of our most consistent players," Stephenson said. "With the youth of our squad, she has stepped up to become one of our leaders while only a sophomore."

Crist also received All-KCAC Honorable Mention.

Kendra Stephenson was recognized as KCAC

"Setter of the Week" two different times as well as being named to the 2004 All-KCAC Honorable Mention

"The conference wins were nice," Stephenson said, "and the field at Mid-America was very tough, including two Region IV ranked teams (Mid-America and Evangel). As her stats show, Kendra was able to do a good job of getting the ball to our hitters where they could do something with it. That in turn goes back to our other ladies digging and passing the ball well."

School records conquered by the Lady Bulldogs include kills in a match by sophomore Chandra Mayhan, whose 18 kills surpassed the old record of 17. Kendra Stephenson went also shattered the record for most assists in a match with 63. The previous record was 53. Kelsey Crist set a new record for most digs in a match by the same margin, with 42 compared to a previous 32.

Other records for the Lady Bulldogs as a team include beating St. Mary at the University of Saint Mary; beating Friends on the Falcons home court; and beating KWU on their home court.

This season was also the first time that McPherson ever beat Bethel. The Bulldogs also recorded a best conference record of 11-7. They had an 18-16 overall record. The Bulldogs also had a four-game consecutive winning streak.

"Last year we went 18-13, but even though we picked up three extra losses, I'm not disappointed," Stephenson said.

"The teams we played this year were very good, and very strong volleyball programs. Those teams helped prepare us for conference."

"I think we did really well this year," said senior Andrea Gonzales. "Every year the team gets better and I think next year they're going to surprise a lot of people."

In the fall of the 2005-06 the Lady Bulldogs will

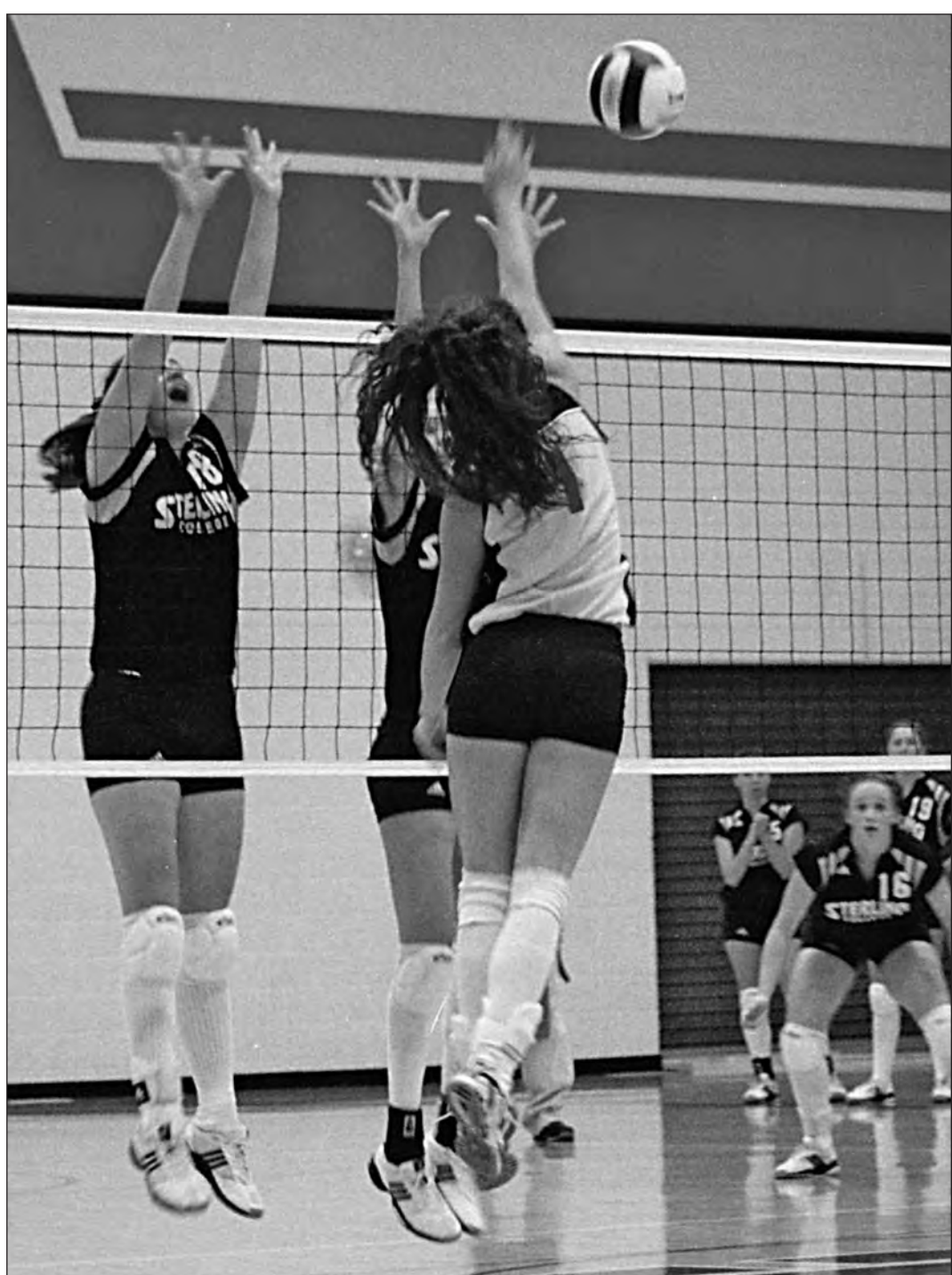


PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Senior Andrea Gonzales finished her career as a Lady Bulldog on Tuesday Nov 9 when her team dropped an upsetting 2-3 loss to the Sterling Warriors.

have to continue their playing without two valuable seniors, Gonzales and Alexis Garcia.

"It's always hard to lose seniors because they bring so much experience to the court," said Coach Stephenson. "These two are so dedicated in making this program successful and better."

Coach Stephenson also said Andrea's and Alexis' maturity, leadership, and skills would be missed.

But Stephenson isn't the only one who will be missing something.

"I'll miss playing organized ball and that fact that I'm not being coached," said Gonzales.

"Thanks for a good season," Gonzales said when asked if she had anything she wanted to say to her younger teammates. "I know you all have massive potential for next year." Stats for this year were remarkable including those of Gonzales with 323 kills, 39 ace serves, 10 solos blocks and 19 assisted blocks out of 124 games. Garcia had 22 ace serves and 253 defensive digs out of 114 games.

Sophomores April Stos had 78 kills in 107 games while Marquette had 259 kills, 75 solo blocks, and 32 assisted blocks in 123 games. Mayhan had 289 kills, 74 set assists, 56 ace serves,

339 defensive digs, 11 solo blocks and 15 assisted blocks in 118 games.

Hall had 213 defensive digs in 101 games. Crist ended this year with 30 kills, 17 ace serves, and 672 defensive digs in 114 games. Stephenson acquired 72 kills, 1,210 set assists, 59 ace serves, 8 solos blocks, and 18 assisted blocks in 126 games.

Freshman Courtney Roepke had 118 defensive digs in 49 total games. Ashlee Douglas had 115 kills, 37 defensive digs, 18 solo blocks, and 19 assisted in 87 games. Jessica Miller had 271 kills, 115 defensive digs, 10 solo blocks, and 13 assisted.

Bulldogs fall short of season expectations

DERRICK MEAD

Spectator Staff

The 2004 McPherson College football program began the season with lofty expectations as the preseason favorite to win the conference.

The Bulldogs dropped the opener at Haskell-a game in which they lost senior running back Lamar Jacobs, ultimately for the season. Injuries seemed to occur more often than not, with senior quarterback Erik Johnson suffering from shoulder and rib ailments throughout the season that eventually ended his year early. Other injuries hobbled the 'Dogs all season long. The result was disappointing 4-6 record.

McPherson went into its final week of the season with its chance of a winning season gone, and simply playing for pride. Mac traveled to Ottawa to face a Braves squad that won the conference last season, but was vastly depleted this season due to its star running back heading for the NFL.

The 'Dogs came out of the gates early, putting up the first score of the game, when senior running back Nick Griggs punched it into the end zone from three yards out with 5:53 left in the first quarter. Two Ziya Gunay field goals led to a 13-0 McPherson lead at the half.

Mac's final score of the '04 season was of the two-point variety. An Ottawa snap over the punter's head was downed in the end zone and scored as a safety for the Dogs. Despite not piling up vast amounts

of yards on offense, the Bulldogs had a 15-0 lead with 11:41 left in the third quarter. But things went downhill from there.

The Braves' offense came alive, stringing together three unanswered touchdowns and two, two-point conversions, one of which was very controversial, taking control and going on to win by the final of 23-15.

Before their season ending loss at Ottawa, the Bulldogs were at Friends University in Wichita, with hopes of a .500 season still alive. Things were looking grim as the Falcons dominated the first half, leading 21-3 at the break. Falcon feature back Aaron Howell put together his own personal highlight film, racking up 204 rushing yards in the first half alone. The 'Dogs had only senior kicker Ziya Gunay's 24 yard field goal to show for their efforts in the first half, but things changed after the break.

Freshman wide receiver Matt Hoffman raced into the end zone from 16 yards out on the second Mac possession of the second half, slashing the deficit to 12. After a failed two-point conversion, the 'Dogs went into the fourth quarter still trailing.

On the first possession of the quarter, the Bulldogs marched downfield, aided by a Falcon penalty, and capped things off with a 22-yard Sean Eason to Troy McBroom touchdown pass. Mac was now trailing by just five, with 12:05 still to play in the contest.

After each team had their share of posse-

sions, sophomore Preston Taylor came up with a timely interception leading to a big opportunity for the 'Dogs. Later in the drive, Eason fumbled the ball into the end zone, but sophomore wide receiver Deke Belcher came out of the pile with the ball for the go-ahead touchdown with 3:15 to go. The Falcons never recovered, as Mac ended their five consecutive road losses with a dramatic 22-21 victory.

Despite the losses and the disappointment this season, there are accolades of some seniors and other team leaders that deserve mention. On the offensive side of the ball, senior Nick Griggs led the Bulldog rushing attack this season, admirably finishing his career by piling up 681 yards rushing, along with six touchdowns. Griggs, along with many of this year's seniors, was a consummate teammate all season long, creating a classy environment within the Bulldog football program.

Despite being staggered with injuries for much of the season, Erik Johnson led the Dogs passing attack, completing 51 of his 135 pass attempts for 605 yards, with six touchdowns, while throwing eight interceptions.

Troy McBroom led a talented group of receivers with 28 catches for 337 yards and three scores on the year. Punter Jacob Walden punted 68 times this season, averaging 37.3 yards per punt. His longest punt was 57 yards.

Kicker Ziya Gunay nailed six of his nine

field goal attempts this season, never missing from inside 37 yards, with that being his longest made attempt (done twice) on the year. As for senior Sean Eason...Well for those of you who know football, you probably know of Kordell Stewart, more affectionately known as 'Slash.' Need I say more? Eason did everything he was asked to do, playing whatever position needed, and playing it well. Although he didn't lead the team in any one statistical category, he proved to be a consummate player for his team.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Bulldogs intercepted an impressive 18 passes this season. Mitch Maginot and Preston Taylor both picked off four passes apiece. Geoff Davis and Lamar Holmes had three of their own, Lucas Lanning snatched two interceptions while Colt Knigge, and Brandon Smith each had one as well. Maginot and Knigge also recovered two fumbles, while 12 other Bulldogs each recovered one fumble this season. Jared Ratzlaff wasn't far and away the leader in the tackles category with 174 total tackles. Alex Holtry was second with 73. Ricky Gottschalk anchored the Bulldog defensive line this season, leading the team in sacks with eight- including three against Southwestern.

Although the Bulldogs fell short this season, these players, along with what is sure to be many others deserve credit for their effort and hard work during the season.

Bulldogs open season with 3-1 record, to face rival Central Christian

DERRICK MEAD

Spectator Staff

After opening the season with two victories on the road in Lawrence and Denver, the Bulldogs were ready for some home action when they tipped off the McPherson Classic last weekend. The 'Dogs went into their latest contest on Saturday night, facing the York College Panthers from Nebraska, who were coming off a 21-point loss to Bethel College the previous night.

The 'Dogs struggled offensively all night, shooting just 34 percent from the floor, while hitting only 3 of their 17 three-point attempts. Lee Gustafson, 6'6" junior, was solid all night long, showing enormous heart and effort. Despite being visibly drained from carrying the workload for much of the night, Gustafson poured in 22 points and pulled down nine rebounds.

Senior guard Roy McDonald came through with 18 points, despite shooting 36 percent for the night. While Gustafson kept McPherson in the game, the 11-point deficit with just over two minutes to play proved too much, despite a feverish

Bulldog rally at the end.

The 'Dogs ran off nine consecutive points in a span of less than a minute, and came up with some key baskets late in the game, but the 'Dogs weren't helped by their abysmal 58 percent shooting from the free throw line. At the end, Panther free throws and a defensive lapse on a long inbounds pass sunk Mac, as York handed them their first loss of the season, 63-67.

The 'Dogs tipped off last Friday night against a Haskell team they had previously defeated handily to open the season. Haskell forced the 'Dogs to battle for the win this time, sticking close for much of the way, trailing 37-30 at the half. The visitors never got any closer in the second half, with the Bulldogs holding on for a 75-61 victory.

Senior swingman Brian Hooks led McPherson with his second consecutive double-double, posting 16 points and 10 rebounds. Senior guard Cody Rierson chipped in 13 points and snatched five steals, while junior Gustafson added a solid contribution with 13 points and eight rebounds of his own. The

win propelled the Bulldogs to a 3-0 record to start the season, leading into their Saturday evening match-up against York.

The now 3-1 Bulldogs will look to put the York defeat behind them as they move on and travel to Oklahoma City, to participate in the Southwestern Christian Classic where they will face host SCU on Friday, followed by Mid-America Christian on Saturday.

Hooks will look to rally the troops and help get them back to their winning ways.

"This week we just worked on focusing a little more on team defense, and stopping the penetration," Hooks said. "If we do that, and rebound a little better, we should come away with some wins."

The 'Dogs next action in the Sport Center won't come until Dec. 9, but they do visit cross-town rival Central Christian College here in McPherson this coming Tuesday, Nov. 23.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Junior Lee Gustafson led the Bulldogs against York College with 22 points and nine rebounds- while senior Cody Rierson looks on.



Lady Bulldogs grab first victory at MANU Classic

VICTORIA SALAS

Spectator Staff

The '04-'05 Lady Bulldog basketball program grabbed its first victory of the season in against Olivet Nazarene of Illinois. It was a close contest in the consolation match MidAmerica Nazarene Classic as the Lady Bulldogs pulled out a two-point victory, 88-86.

Senior transfer and Mac scoring sensation Danell Brunk scored a game-high 26 points and had nine rebounds, along with the game-winning shot with less than a second to play. Crystal Richardson, 5'9" senior forward, scored 19 points and had 7 rebounds. Others accounted for the win was junior center Ashley Kline with 12 and freshman guard April Woody with 10.

In the first half, the Bulldogs trailed by an 18-point deficit. Olivet Nazarene attempted 30 three-point shots in the first half, building a 43-41 lead. The ladies stepped up defense to limit Olivet to only 14 of those attempts and hit 8 of 9 free throws to take the lead by half time, 47-43.

In their first game of the Classic, the Bulldogs suffered their third loss of the season to host MidAmerica Nazarene University, 79-56.

Richardson and senior Brenna Schierling did not play in the match, but were replaced by junior Christa Blose and freshman Becky Bratcher. MANU held the lead at halftime, 43-27. McPherson made 37.5 percent of their field goals while MANU made 44 percent.

In the second half, McPherson ran into foul trouble and let MidAmerica hit 9 of 11 free throws. Bratcher scored an impressive 11 points while Kline hit 10 points and a team record high of nine rebounds.

The Lady Bulldogs lost their second match of the MANU Classic to the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in a close 71-62 game. The girls shot an improved 42 percent in the first half and trailed 37-34 at halftime.

Richardson and Bratcher led with 12 points each. Woody scored 11 points and Blose with 10 off of the bench.

Other standout performances came from Kline with 8 points, 12 rebounds, and 7 assists. Junior transfer April Bryley had 8 rebounds and 4 steals. McPherson ended up hitting 23 of 57, while USAO hit 25

of 67.

Some wondered what Coach Wright's philosophy was when he scheduled his girls to play the preseason number 1 ranked team in the NAIA.

Southern Nazarene University smashed the Lady Bulldogs 91-46 in Bethany, Oklahoma. McPherson was limited to only 18 points in the first half; SNU had already scored 44 points.

Richardson was the lone Lady Bulldog to make it into double digits that evening with 12 points. Bryley added nine to the board while Kline again crashed the boards, grabbing an impressive 10 rebounds.

Tomorrow, Saturday, November 20th, the Lady Bulldogs will travel to Hays, KS to take on Division II, Fort Hays State University.

Ford leads Bulldogs, receives All- KCAC Honorable Mention

JEN MARQUETTE

Sports Editor

McPherson College's cross country squad finished their 2004 season on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at Lincoln, Nebraska's Pioneer Park in Lincoln, Neb. course. The five men and one solo female represented the college by competing in the NAIA Region IV championships.

The weather proved to be perfect for the 17 women's teams and 18 men's teams, creating a definite national- race atmosphere.

Sophomore Bethany Lobbmeyer started well, running her best opening mile of the season, finishing the 5K race with a time of 26:27.94.

For the first time this season, freshman Jacob Merrick crossed the 8K finish line first for the Bulldogs, with a time of 30:22.17. Junior Bryan Grosbach followed with a time of 31:29.72. Bulldog anchorman Jeff Ford, suffering from a reoccurring leg injury, finished behind Grosbach with a time of 31:54.75.

Freshman Chad Richert ran his best of the season, finishing with a time of 32:24.45.

First-year head coach Dave Smith was very proud of the entire team, their attitude, work ethic, and success this year.

He felt the men were a season ahead of what he thought they would be and as for the women, he felt they ran well and worked hard.

One of Smith's goals for the season was to have a scoring team at the conference meet. Not only did McPherson's harriers accomplish that, they placed in the top half of the team race. With only five male runners their margin for error or injury was non-existent. However, the Bulldogs were able to overcome these set backs and come together for a successful season.

Freshman Jeff Ford, who led the Bulldogs in all but two meets this season and finished 15th overall at the KCAC championship meet received All-KCAC Honorable Mention for his first-year performance at the collegiate level.

"With a year running the longer distance, and a good year of base work between now and next fall, the possibilities for this group are almost boundless. They've found they can make the adjustment to the distance, and what it takes to compete at this level. By adding to our numbers, we can make practices more competitive, and with gradually increased work load in training we should be ready to make another step up the KCAC ladder," said Smith anticipating the next year.

2004 Men's and Women's Basketball

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NOVEMBER

20 @ Fort Hays State University
22 **Avila University**
23 @ Central Christian
30 @ Emporia State University

NOVEMBER

19 @ Southwestern Christian
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Automotive restoration program making improvements

CURRICULAR AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IMPROVE PROGRAM

JAYMIE BICKFORD

Spectator Staff

Changes in the auto restoration and technology program over the last five years have resulted in significant increases in enrollment and the general growth of the program.

In 1997 the auto restoration and technology department saw a significant increase of support when Jay Leno began to recognize and contribute to the then-small program. Only a few years later, in 1999, the department would take a dramatic turn. That year had seen only approximately five freshmen enter the program. The program was in dire need of revampment in order to get back on track, and the five auto restoration and technology department faculty members resigned.

"They did not have a shared vision as to where the program would go," said Steven Gustafson, provost and dean of the faculty at the time of the resignations.

The spring of 2000 brought in a new program director, Robert Vaughn, along with other new faculty members, who began to make significant changes to the academic side of the program. Previously, students were only offered an associate of technology degree. They took one nine-hour restoration or technology class each semester, along with two other three-hour classes.

Such a curriculum excluded those students from the real dynamic of the liberal arts experience and tended to isolate them on campus. To offer those students that experience, Vaughn and his staff revised the curriculum, moving the program away from the two-year associate's degree toward the four-year baccalaureate degree.

Students can now earn a degree in historic automotive technology, automotive management, automotive design, or automotive communications.

General education requirements accompanied the introduction of the bachelor's degree options. This has had the effect of integrating auto restoration majors into the liberal arts experience and broader participation in campus life. Restoration students now take two four-hour restoration or technology classes each semester and the remainder of their credits are general education classes or other classes

outside their major.

The most recent administrative changes have been the restructuring of the department's director's position. Instead of one director over the entire department, there are now three. Garrick Green is chair of the department. Chris Paulsen serves as project manager, and Jonathan Klinger as director of auto restoration promotions and resources development.

Starting with the incoming class of 2005, future students will no longer be able to receive an associate's degree. The program will only offer bachelor's degrees.

"The effect of this change will benefit students as a whole. They will have a more well-rounded education and be able to enter the work force as more than just a shop technician," Klinger said. "Shop owners have expressed an interest in more polished graduates."

Despite this change, interest in the program is still growing tremendously. So far this year, 470 prospective students have expressed interest in the auto restoration program for the fall of 2005. Of those 470, 41 have already been admitted to the college; however, they have not yet been admitted to the auto restoration program.

Because of the continuous growth of the program and the increase of student participation, the department is planning to remodel its principal facility, Templeton Hall, in order to accommodate all the students.

The renovations will increase lab space, improve the appearance, and increase the safety and lighting, said Klinger. Templeton is the original building built when program began and was not designed to accommodate the nearly 100 students now enrolled. The renovations will allow the program to continue to give quality education to students.

As the program continues to expand, so do its financial contributors. Over the past few years, the program has seen many companies provide the college with substantial financial funds to help support the automotive restoration department. Some of those companies include Mercedes Benz, NBC Studios, and the Barrett-Jackson Auction Company.

Mercedes Benz contributed \$100,000 in 2002.

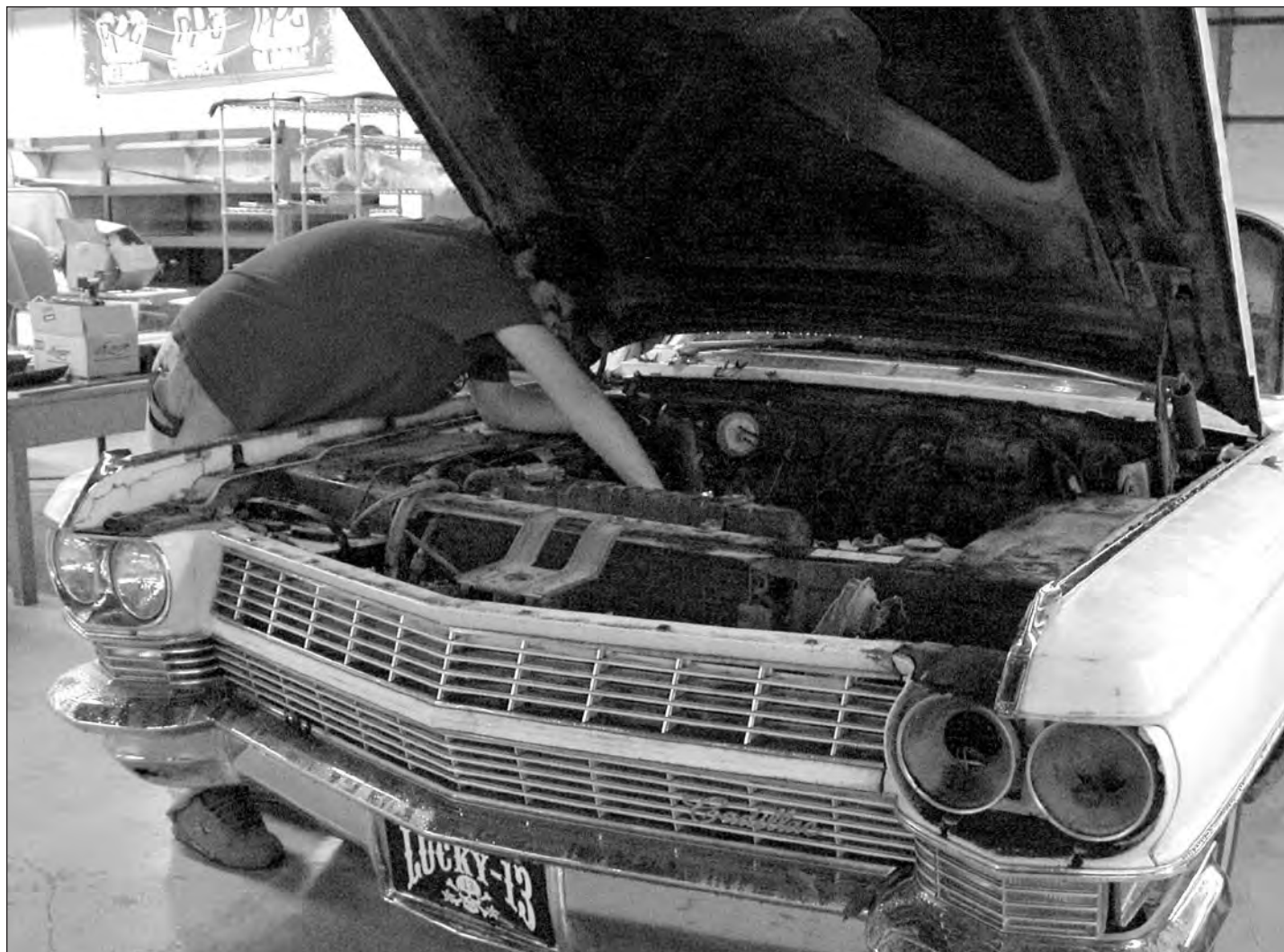


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Steve Tolkacevic, fr., Ellicott City, Md., pulls engine heads from the block on his Cadillac during open shop in Templeton Hall. Open shop is available for students to work on their own projects from 6:30 to 9 on Thursday evenings.



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Derrick Ward, soph., Palos Heights, Ill., uses a little heat to treat problems on a straight axle from his Model A.

The Barrett-Jackson Auction Company contributed \$100,000 on Oct. 12 through the Barrett-Jackson Car Search, a reality TV show that aired on the SPEED channel. Craig Jackson, the owner, designated the funds for two \$50,000 endowment scholarship funds in memory of his brother and father. In January, the Barrett-Jackson Company will be hosting their annual car auction where the proceeds of the sale of a 1969 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray convertible

will be donated to the program.

The auto restoration program at McPherson College is the only one in the world that offers a bachelors degree in antique auto restoration.

Cars Club removes unsightly tire burns

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In response to a warning last month from LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, about tire burns on campus, the CARS Club cleaned the burn marks from the street in front of Templeton Hall.

"Since the tire burns - fairly or not - reflected poorly on the McPherson College Automotive Restoration program, the CARS Club will take the lead in cleaning them," CARS club president, Shane Welp, Garrick Green, faculty chair of the department, and all active club members decided.

Five club members donated one of their Saturday mornings to the task.

Those helping remove the marks included Jeff Reitz, fr., Wellington; Jered Hannawalt, jr., Denton, Md.; Kevin Barden, soph., Etna, Calif.; Joe Sook, soph., Derby; and Gene (Joe) Dickhudt, sr., McPherson.

"In order to show the college that we are not a wild bunch of untamed 'grease monkeys,' Joe stepped up with the help of four students and

cleaned up our area," Welp said. "In fact, he rented the equipment on his own dime, asking for no reimbursement from the CARS Club budget."

The clean-up crew rented a 3,500 psi "commercial grade" power washer fitted with a special "zero-degree" spiral cleaning tip.

"I think they did a nice job of following up and taking care of the problem," Rothrock. Said. Rothrock also said that seeing the time and energy the CARS Club put into cleaning the tire burns has the potential to deter students from making the same mistake in the future.

"Our hope is that since we have showed enough concern to clean the burns that it will cause whomever might be responsible to reconsider before being tempted to do it again," Dickhudt said.

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