

SPECTATOR

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Bulldogs end loosing streak



Mystery student saves woman's life

KIMBERLY MORRIS
News Editor

Charles Hall, a food service employee, got off work around 4 p.m. on Jan. 19. He tried and tried to contact his wife but she never answered the phone. It was far too cold and too far for Hall to consider walking home, so he waited.

Hall entered his house to find his wife suffering from a severe nosebleed. The loss of blood had rendered her too weak to answer the phone or to summon help.

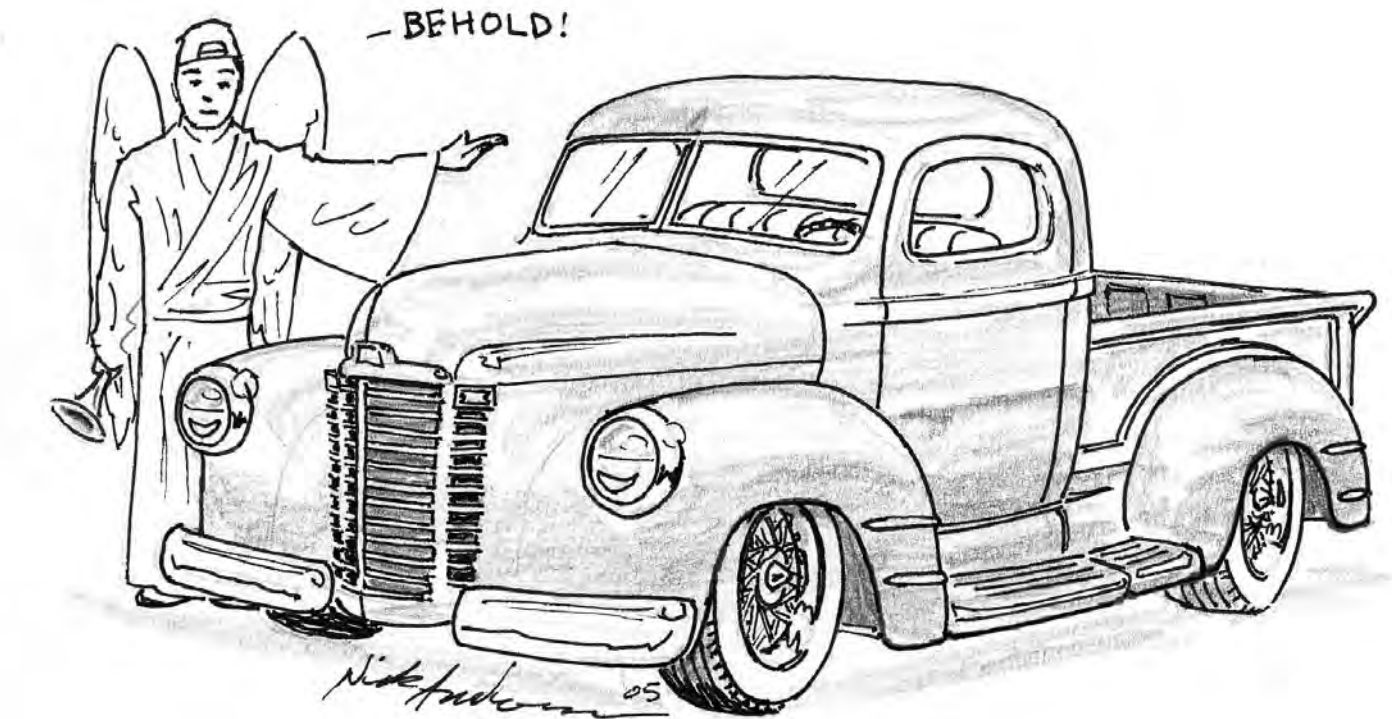
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—Daniel Hudachek
soph Stillwater Minn

The doctor in the emergency room tried putting three plugs in Hall's wife's nose

before finally getting it under control. She was admitted to the hospital for six days to recover from the blood loss and was still on oxygen continually once she was released.

"The doctors said if she had lain unattended for 20 more minutes, she may not have made it," wrote Hall in a letter to the school trying to find out who the student was.



"It's amazing how a little gesture like that can make so much of a difference in someone's life," said Daniel Hudachek, soph. Stillwater, Minn. Because Hall didn't

know about his wife when the student dropped him off he never asked for his name, so he sent a letter to the school trying to find out who the kind soul who gave him a ride was.

Deb Wagoner, executive assistant to the president, said that she had several people stop by wondering if she had found out who the Good Samaritan was. "Altruism among

mankind is all too rare!" said Amanda Smith, jr. Hutchinson. "I think we should use this as an example; a way we can make a difference on a daily basis."

Students get a peek at African American history in the West

KATE DEPUTY
Spectator Staff

Angela Bates gave students a peek into African American history in Kansas at the convo. last Friday.

Bates is not only from Nicodemus, Kansas, the last remaining all-black town west of the Mississippi, but is part of the Nicodemus Historical Society and played an active role in the town's preservation as a National Historic Site. She received an award for lifetime achievement.

Bates travels to many schools in the country talking about the history of African Americans in the West, and even performs a skit called, "Stagecoach Mary Fields," which illustrates the importance of African American women in the West.

Bates told students the details about how the town of Nicodemus was created and why so many African Americans settled there. She spoke about the

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—Tyler Brown,
fr. Caldwell, Id



PHOTO BY KIMBERLY MORRIS

Angelina Bates discussed the movement of African Americans to the west at the convo. on Friday Feb. 11.

and true freedom.

"Her presentation really opened your eyes to the truths and factual information about slavery and African Americans in the West," said Tyler Brown, fr. Caldwell Id.

Nicodemus was created from a vision and after much hardship the town began growing and creating businesses, and by 1885 there were 650 African Americans settled in the

town of Nicodemus.

The town still exists today because of the annual Emancipation celebration. This gives descendants a reason to "come home" and celebrate their history.

The town became a National Historic Landmark by an act of congress, it became a National Historic Site and a unit of the National Park service. The government now takes an active part in the preservation of the town.

"I never really knew about African Americans in the West, but now I have a little background about it," said Tawny Brown, fr. Mount Bethel, Pa.



PREACHER MOSS RETURNS TO MAC

Comedian Preacher Moss will be visiting the Mac campus as part of his "End of Racism" tour. He will be speaking on Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. in brown Auditorium.

The "End of Racism" tour is not just the name of the tour, but a commitment that Preacher Moss hopes his audiences share. His lecture uses comedy to relate his insights on racial understanding vs. racial interaction.

His tour takes Moss all over the country and brought him to Mac College last year where he delivered a sidesplitting yet thought provoking performance.

The event is free and open to the public.

Food service makes improvements

JESSICA FOULKE
Spectator Staff

The new-year always brings change, and this year is no exception. This year's changes include adjustments in HDS Food Service, which went into effect Feb. 1.

One of the most controversial of the new rules is that students are not allowed to scan their ID cards for other students.

"I don't agree with limiting who can be scanned onto your card," April Woody, fr., Tescott, said. "Because I pay for the meals, I should be able to choose how to use it."

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, said that if students are allowed to charge meals for other students, the cost of food service will increase.

"The food service counts on students eating 66% of their meals," Rothrock said, "If students end up eating more than that, because they

are charging other student's meals on their account, the food service charges more to the college and those costs get passed on to the students."

This new rule does not include family members of students, who are still allowed to charge meals to their relative's student ID.

Another important change is the closing of the cafeteria at 8:30 p.m., and the discounts at fast food restaurants.

Bryan Grosbach, jr., Gladstone, Mo., said he is pleased with this change. "I think Wendy's Late Night is going to become even more popular. It was definitely a good idea, and the local fast food restaurants will have more business"

"I like this idea, because I know a lot of people aren't impressed with most of the meals, so at least they have another option." said Woody

A food service design committee has been formed, made up of members of the student body, and will meet in mid-February. Students are encouraged to speak with their representatives on the Student Government Association with their concerns and comments.

Despite the changes that may not sit well with some students, it is a general consensus that for the most part, HDS Food Service is doing a satisfactory job in serving the student body.

"Compared to the last food service program I believe this company is doing better at diversifying the food choices," Amanda Smith, jr., Hutchinson, said. "The options are more refined and less bland."

"It's good enough," said Grosbach. "I have never had high expectations for mass-processed food service."

Peace churches begin to plan for alternative service

"Churches begin planning for alternatives to military service," read the headline of the news release Shawn Flory Replogle, campus minister, shared with the campus last Wednesday.

"McPherson College was founded by members of the Church of the Brethren, and the Church of the Brethren is one of the 'historic peace churches believing that based on Jesus' life and teachings, 'all war is sin,'" Replogle said.

As a result of this belief and the current war-time status, a group of leaders from Anabaptist denominations, is sponsoring a consultation at the General Offices of the Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Ill., on March 4 and 5 to

address contingency planning in case of a U.S. military draft.

This consultation of about 80 people is by invitation only.

The idea for the consultation was also in part because of conversations between Selective Service staff and staff of the Church of the Brethren General board.

The church leaders will discuss education on Selective Service requirements, updates on military recruiting efforts, and wide-ranging conversations about alternatives to military service. The consultation will also address how to respond to an increase in military recruitment efforts and how to promote a cul-

ture of volunteerism among youth.

In conversations with the Brethren staff, Selective Service staff emphasized that there is no draft and none is coming, as indicated by statements from the White House and Pentagon in recent months. The conversations are in regards to preparedness only.

"I think it's very important that the Anabaptist churches and those of us with concerns for peace be working together," said Dan McFadden, who represents the Church of the Brethren on the planning group. "While the political parties and leaders continue to say there will be no draft, it's time for us to prepare."

STAFF EDITORIALS

Administration listens well to students

Issue 1: Administration listening to students

Our Position: Great Job! Keep up the good work.

A wise student once said "[StuCo] gives us the illusion that we have power, when we actually have none. And we are forced to abide in this oppressive anti-democratic, functionless society that we call school." Obviously this student did not attend McPherson College.

We have been extremely

impressed with the way the administration listens to the students at Mac and cares about our input.

For example, last semester we complained about the outrageous prices of meals in the cafeteria for off-campus students: \$7. There were also complaints from other students about the lack of hot food left over after practice for those involved in athletics, as well as gripes about the quality of the meals during the evenings and on weekends.

Luckily, we do not attend a school like the one our wise student was talking about.

Administration negotiated with HDS foods and now off-campus student may purchase meals at a more reasonable price, there are better options for late arrivals at dinner, and HDS is making an extra effort to provide better evening and weekend meals.

Another issue that was brought up in an earlier issue of the Spectator was the feeling that off-campus students were being left out of the college experience. Especially after being invited and then uninvited to participate in the Homecoming activities, some non-traditional students were beginning to feel the hairs rise on the backs of their necks.

We would like to commend the administration for taking steps to make off-campus student feel more included in the college experience. Non-traditional students were invited to eat for free during the Mardi Gras and Chinese New Year celebrations. The new option for reduced meal prices was another modification meant to let off-campus student feel more at home.

As we said before, the way the administration staff listens to students here at McPherson College is exceptional. Keep up the good work!

What is one of your main goals for this semester?

"I want to graduate Gum Laude so I need to bring my GPA up a little bit."

Heidi Bailey, jr., Greenville, Ohio



"I want to socialize with others and meet new people."

David Mayers, soph., Chandler, Ariz.



"I want to be able to enjoy more the of the nice weather that is to come."

Tawny Brown, fr., Mount Bethel, Pa.



"I plan to learn how to become a better football player from D1."

Jeff Krehbiel, fr., Pratt



"My goal is to get better grades this semester."

Bethany Lobmeyer, soph., Leoti



DOG BITES



Training and hard work merits eternal rewards

Starting back to school for a new semester of a new year - it is a time for a fresh beginning with new teachers, expectations, goals and desires. By now we all have had the chance to wonder if staying at Mac is really worth it and what we can do to make it the best experience possible.

We all seek our very best. We want happiness and success in our relationships, careers, finances and leisure. God desires the best for humankind also and has a deep interest in each person alive.

Depending on where we look, we may become increasingly dissatisfied as we move from one thing to another and gradually move toward dissatisfaction with life. Or, we may experience joy, completeness, and a satisfying fulfillment based on where we look.

GUEST COLUMNIST Timothy Stangohr



So what is the difference and how can your life be changed to the point where you experience fulfilling completeness? In a word, God. He is the measure by which to examine where our decisions will take us. If we slow down and stop to notice that God has taken care to provide us life and all of the biological things to sustain it, we can begin to imagine how precious we are to Him.

Anyone in sports knows that to have a positive desired outcome (winning), there are sacrifices and pains which must be endured. Why do athletes struggle through training, doing things the right way

instead of being lazy and doing whatever feels good and is easy? They have an end goal and an end prize in mind. They want the glory! They are willing to endure short-term pain in order to make a long-term gain of victory. Those who do not really care and look for the easy way out, wish to experience the glory of resting up during training. They experience defeat and find long-term pain of missed opportunities for potential greatness. It is the same way for us if we want the glory of a truly fulfilled life.

death (eternal separation from Him in hell), but, because He loved us so much, He provided a way to escape death. He has provided Christ, a perfect sacrifice, who died in our place and rose again to cover our sins, thus paying our penalty of death and providing us this long-term glory. To experience the glory of heaven, we must ask Christ to take our place.

At this point you may be thinking, what if there is no such thing as heaven and hell and God? Consider as I did the horrible long-term pain you will suffer if you die and are wrong.

I know that redemption is worth the short-term pain of the hard work because I have experienced it. I was miserable at one time because I had rejected God and sinned because it was fun and easy. I paid the consequences and feel incredibly grateful to God for His redemption. I would not have taken this much time and care to write these things if I did not believe them by experience.

Won't you join me in training for the long-term glory of eternal life in heaven?

Good Dog



BAD DOG



Good Dog

Administration for listening to student greivances and doing something about them.

Bad Dog

The "Cheaters" for putting themselves in an easy bracket in intramural basketball.

Student finds witty musical very fulfilling

To those of you involved with the production of the "Broadway Musical Revue," GREAT JOB! I loved every minute of it and am so glad that you had the kind of success you did.

The music was great, and the voices were even better. I cannot even begin to tell you how impressed I was, and I'm no critic but I know good when I hear it.

I thought that everyone fit their parts to a "T" and that made it so fun to watch! It looked like everyone truly enjoyed each other's company and was having a blast doing the show. That kind of chemistry makes the show so easy to watch and love.

I wish I could name names and tell each and every one of you what I

GUEST COLUMNIST Kate Deputy



liked about your part, but I don't think I have enough room for that.

It always amazes me when you hear that someone can sing, but you don't actually really know until you hear them for yourself. I knew you all could sing, but I honestly didn't know the extent of the talent. I wish I could sing half as good as all of you.

It sounds silly but you guys just gave me an overall good feeling after

I walked out of the theatre. I couldn't help but smile the entire time and found myself laughing out loud to some of the numbers.

There was a great combination of sweet and comedic selections. This show couldn't have been put together any better. And I definitely couldn't pick a favorite even if I had to, although the guest appearances by Associate Dean of Records Karlene Tyler, Professor of Music

Steve Gustafson, and Dean of Students LaMonte Rothrock were especially entertaining!

To those of you who missed it, I'm sorry you did, you should try to make the next one and I'm sure it'll be just as good.

There was a recent email sent out talking about school spirit, and I think that these cast members deserve just as much of that as the athletes. You could see the hard work and many hours put into this production. Not just from the performers, but the crew and theatre staff as well. All I can say really is, tremendous job! It was fun!



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Science students value Hubin's character

Dear Dr. Hubin,
As the journeys for some of us come to an end and the journeys of others keep on keeping on, we would like to reflect on your contributions to our educational experiences, your professionalism, personable nature, knowledge and compassion.
At times we as students inwardly reflect upon our experiences at McPherson College and the people involved in making those experiences pleasant. Sometimes, however, we don't necessarily vocalize our gratitude. Therefore, we hope this letter is a symbol of all our gratitude, support, and friendship toward you and your family.

As one of us confessed, "Dr. Hubin and the entire natural science faculty were a major influence on my decision to return to McPherson College and complete my science degree." Your influence on retaining quality students is greatly understated along with the tremendous team that you work with.

We are honored to have and to have had the opportunity to learn from a person such as you. You are an exemplary educator, professional and organized, and personable and compassionate. Your passion for the students and program at McPherson College does not cease to impress us and many others. You have inspired many to excel and have guided many others to become successful.

Personally, you have a passion for your craft and a compassion for your students that is first class. Professionally, you are a knowledgeable educator with an ability to communi-



CURTESY PHOTO

Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Timothy Hubin holds a complex molecule like the ones he works with in many of his science classes.

cate diversely. As a friend, you are understanding and patient, even in the midst of our mental breakdowns and untimely requests.

You and your family sacrifice time to allow students the opportunity to succeed. You give of yourself and your resources to provide students with research opportunities that are first

rate. Your research allows us to obtain a first-hand view of science in the 21st century and the limitless possibilities of improving science to improve life.

As current students and future alumni, we would like to extend our most sincere gratitude and support for all that you have added to our educational and life

experiences. To you and the incredible team of educators in the Natural Science department, we would like to express our eternal indebtedness and everlasting support. Thank you!

Joe Blas and your other Science Students

School Spirit: Let's hear it!

First of all, what is school spirit? Well, it's not really something you can put your finger on. It's that feeling you get when you enter a school, or attend a game. The feeling that everyone is proud of their team, their school and the students that attend there; past, present and future. It's an excitement in the air, an invisible electricity that seems to emanate from everywhere. It's pride, it's camaraderie, and it's the involvement of everyone in the community. It's what sets some schools apart, it's what makes school memories so precious, and even though you can't define it in one word, you know it when you see it, hear it and feel it.

Does MAC College have enough school spirit? According to a recent spurge of emails that have been flying around campus, no we don't. There have been complaints from several students that others are not showing enough team spirit. I've heard all sides of this argument, not only from the emails and I'd have to agree. We do need more Bulldog spirit to be spread around, but not just to the Men's basketball team. Each and every team needs more spirit and support here. Whether it be a sports team, cheerleading,

SGA, or the faculty. They could all use a little more support from the students.

I'm sure that the two gentlemen that started all this only wanted to get some more people at the games and didn't intend to get other's fired up, but that is what they seemed to have accomplished.

I've been to the games and seen the crowd. Yes, that group of students that stands in the front do a great job of cheering for the Men's team, but where are they during the girl's games? Like I said, each and every team needs support.

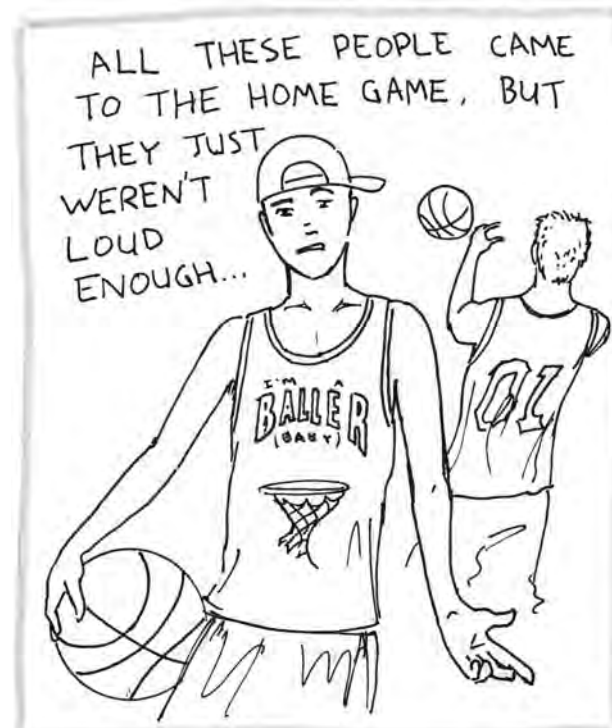
On the other hand I don't see why specific sports had to be put down in the middle of this all. Being a volleyball player myself, I did take offense to one of the last emails sent. This email really just wanted to show that the cross country and track teams need a little more support too, but went around that issue and stated "You can go out and

play a basketball game or a soccer game, or even a volleyball game with little to no training." I don't see why this needed to be said. I would like to see someone go out and play a collegiate level volleyball game with no training what so ever. No, the training to be a good volleyball team might not consist of running miles, but that doesn't mean it's not training. Who is to say that participating in the air alert jumping program and lifting weights three times a week isn't hard enough training. And that's just volleyball. There are so many minor details that lay behind playing a sport such as volleyball. Hard work and dedication goes into every sport here at MAC, not just cross country and track. I'm not trying to argue with anyone about which is the superior sport, because I've been a participant of about every one in the book. I love all sports. I just think this email thing

got a little out of hand.

Let's focus on the real issue: School Spirit. We need more of it right? There are many ways to show that you have school spirit and it's not just being at the games dressed like a player. College is a very busy time in a persons lives. I don't know about you, but I just don't have the time to sit at a game or meet every night. I have to pick and choose the ones that are more important or that I have the most time for. On top of all of my classes and homework, I hold three jobs, have to find time to workout for volleyball, and last but not least sleep. I have to manage my time wisely and basketball games just sometimes don't fit into my schedule, as I'm sure is the case for many students

I liked the idea of the white out last night, at the Friends game. It not only separated the students from the rest of the crowd, it got them involved. There was definitely more standing up and cheering which could be the reason that the game was as exciting as it was. Either way, I'm glad to see so many faces at both basketball games last night, and I hope to see it continue throughout the upcoming tourney and as we start off a new season: track.



Nick Anderson

OPINIONS EDITOR

Courtney Roepke



STUDENT ART WORK DISPLAYED IN FRIENDSHIP HALL

This display shows off Mac students' art work from fall '04 and interterm '05

MICHAEL JARDON
Spectator Staff



Above: Summer Snodgrass' Graphic III assignment. Snodgrass is a senior from McPherson.



"Dirty Girls" is a Graphic Design II project for the soap packaging assignment. It was completed by Julie Miller, sr., Inman.



Above is a Ceramics II project from Rylee Miller, jr., Rangely, Colo.



Carrie Becker, fr., Galva created this piece for her elementary design class. It was for an "assemblage of unlike objects" assignment.



Matapony Collette is a senior from Lecompton. She produced this piece for her photography class.

McPherson throw back

These two letters were written to the editors of the McPherson College newspaper. The first was written on May 1, 1953 and the second was written on September 24, 1954. Keep in mind that these letters were written by students, not faculty members.

Students express opinions on "radical" behavior

Dear Editor:
This article is pertaining to the skits of Tuesday night. Before play day, we were told to use originality, ideas and anything within reasonable limits for these skits. I think students and faculty alike should read this- it might open their minds somewhat.

It seems to me that McPherson College is like a stagnant pool that likes to stay the same lukewarm temperature...

We are so limited with ideas. The mere word,

"dance," is shunned as though it were a sin and if some one has an idea or implication of it in a skit; they are criticized and cut down.

The acts Tuesday evening were supposed to be judged on audience response and laughter. They should have been judged that way then...

Groups of us were discussing the matter and we thought that persons with unbiased opinions from town or neighboring schools would make better judges than those on

our own faculty.

I realize we should not be allowed to go hog-wild, but give us a chance to live a little, because we can't live in a place like this forever.

Dear Editor

Mac College is a Christian college with high ideals, higher in most cases than those in state schools. But although some state schools do not allow girls to wear shorts outside the dormitories, some Mac College girls have been

seen on campus wearing shorts not only outside the dorm but in the administration building and in the college cafeteria.

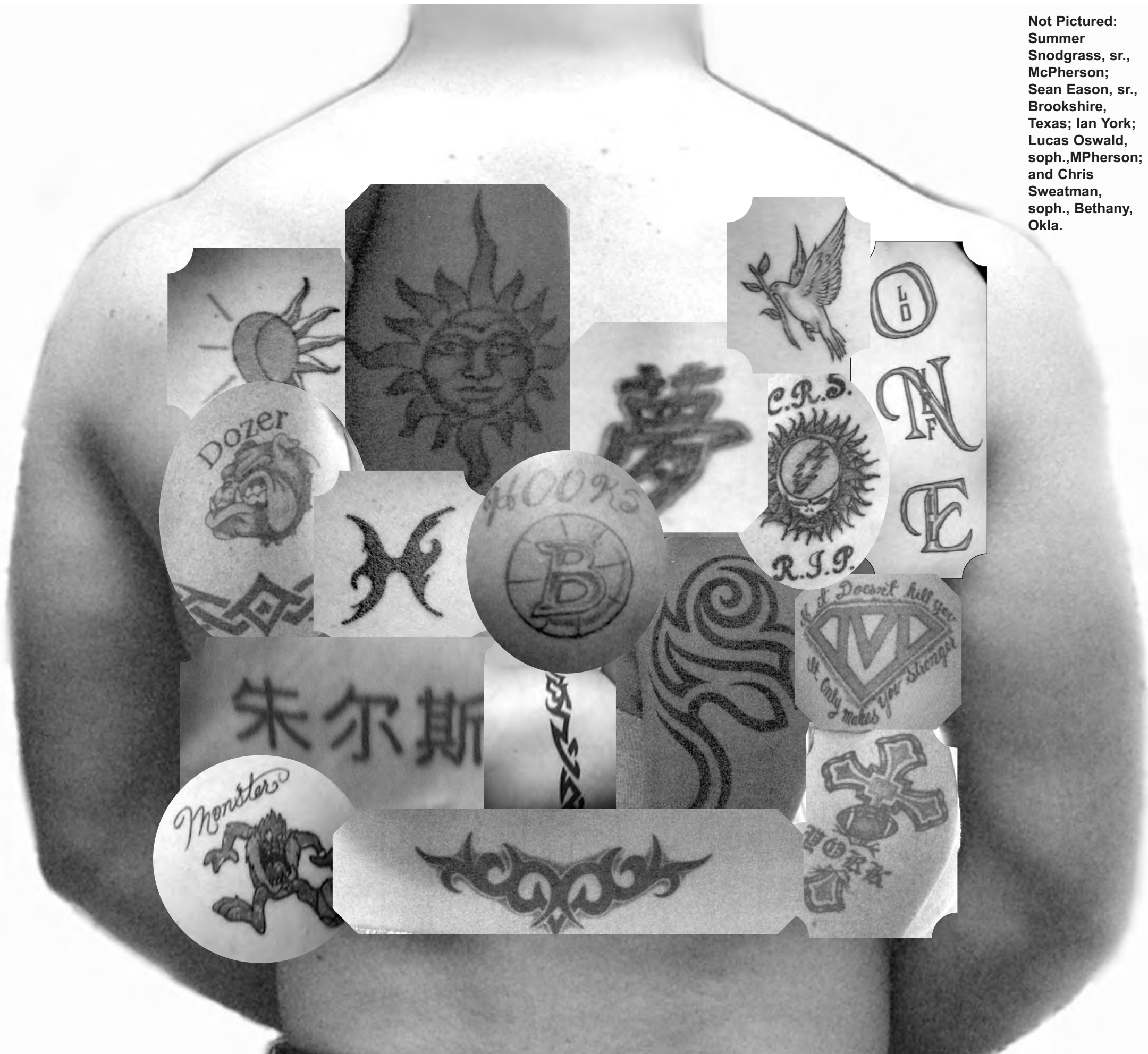
Student and visitors receive a misconception of Mac College from this. Not only do students in general disapprove, but we in particular feel that this practice of wearing shorts on the campus except around the dorm and for individual sport activities should be discontinued.

-Some Mac coeds.

It is amazing to me to think what living in the fifties would have been like. It's also amazing the huge differences there are in a fifty year gap. I could not imagine making someone upset by wearing shorts or expressing my talents on stage.
-Rhonda Hoffert

Body art creates atmosphere on campus

PHOTOS BY SARAH VERMILLION AND MICHAEL JARDON
Spectator Staff



Not Pictured:
Summer Snodgrass, sr., McPherson; Sean Eason, sr., Brookshire, Texas; Ian York, Lucas Oswald, soph., MPherson; and Chris Sweatman, soph., Bethany, Okla.



"I got my tattoo on July 16, 2004. It just symbolizes how much I like basketball. There is not really a story behind it."
-Rebecca Bratcher, fr., Miami, Fla.



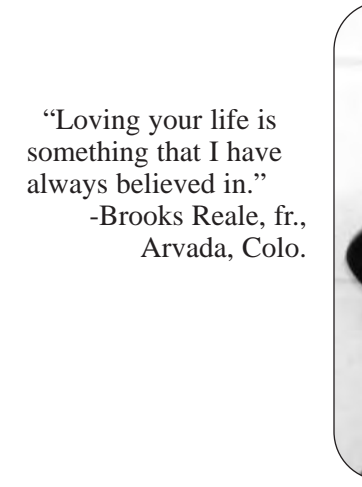
"I drew my tattoo up by myself. It says what everybody calls me. It shows one of my passions. I thought the idea was original."
-Brian Hooks, sr., Garland, Texas



"Getting my tattoo hurt very bad. It was a different kind of pain, but I'd do it again in a heartbeat."
-Julie Wondra, jr., Great Bend



"It's a memorial that all my friends did for a buddy of mine who died. We were friends for ten years."
-Nathan Deel, soph., Baldwin City



"Loving your life is something that I have always believed in."
-Brooks Reale, fr., Arvada, Colo.



"My tattoo shows how super I am. It has my favorite saying on it too."
-Mark Crawford, fr., Brookville



ON THE CONTRARY...

"Why would anyone want to permanently mark his or her body with a tattoo? Traditionally aged students are at a very temporary stage in their lives. A tattoo is not temporary. A lot can change over a lifetime."

I once applied for a job with our government that required a top-secret security clearance. The application included a section on tattoos. Any applicant with a tattoo had to explain in detail why they had the tattoo, what it stood for and their reason (state of mind) for getting the tattoo.

Perhaps this seems farfetched at this point in your life, but you just never know."

-Richard Dove, assistant professor of technology



"I got a cash refund check from the college, so I went out and got my tattoo that day. I just thought it would look cool."
-Cal Tutek, jr., Kingman

"I did it with my friends from home as a senior thing. We all found pictures on the Internet."
-Holly Helm, soph., Conway Springs



Lady Bulldogs fall to Friends

Still looking to end their five game losing streak

MALLORY YUNGBERG

Spectator Staff

The McPherson Lady Bulldogs seem to be finding themselves in a bit of a slump as they fell to the Friends Falcons on Thursday, Feb. 17, 50-63. This is the ladies fifth straight loss. With only one last chance for a home court win the Lady Bulldogs look to defeat the University of Saint Mary tomorrow night. Saturday's game will be the last regular season game.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Southwestern to face a physical Lady Moundbuilder team. After enduring the two twenty minute battle, McPherson still found themselves with a disappointing 71-59 loss. The loss gave Mac an 8-8 conference record and 12-14 overall.

The Lady Bulldogs had a tough first half, when Southwestern went on a 17-0 run. The ladies were able to come back out after a halftime break with more aggression. While the Bulldogs were able to narrow the score margin to within 10 points this was still not enough as they suffered their fourth consecutive loss.

Seniors Danell Brunk and Crystal Richardson led McPherson with 13 points and six rebounds each.

The Lady Bulldogs traveled to Ottawa last Thursday, Feb. 10. Looking to defeat a strong women's program. They returned home, unsuccessfully with a 65-77 loss to the Braves, dropping them into sixth place in the KCAC standings.

Senior guard Brenna Schierling helped the bulldogs with her 19 points in the first half, but Ottawa went on an 11-0 run before halftime and had the lead 41-40 at the half.

The Braves had several runs and at one point had the largest lead of 20 points with less than six minutes to go in the second half. With Schierling closely guarded, she only scored three points in the last half, but the senior finished with a season high of 22 points.

Other contributors were Brunk who was also in double figures with 11 points and junior guard April Bryley who lead the Bulldogs with nine rebounds.

Saturday, Feb. 5, the Lady Bulldogs hosted the Sterling Warriors. The Ladies played well, but fell to an 78-87 loss. The team was notified Friday evening by coach Mel Wright of his retirement at the end of the season.

"We were kind of hoping it [the announcement] might be just a little more



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Senior Guard Brenna Schierling works against a Sterling defender in Saturdays game. On Feb. 5 The Lady Bulldogs fell to the Warriors in a 78-87 loss.

motivation, but it wasn't quite enough," Wright said.

Before the half, the Bulldogs were only down by six before Sterling went on a 9-0 run to lead 44-29 at halftime.

After halftime, the Bulldogs picked up the pace on the offensive end, and added pressure to the defensive end. With 1:24

left, the Bulldogs were only down by seven. But it just wouldn't hold up and the Bulldogs ended up with another loss.

Brunk led the scoring with a game high of 24 points, Richardson put up 20 points, and freshman forward Becky Bratcher had 11 points. Bryley again led the team with seven

rebounds.

The Lady Bulldogs fell short and took the loss to the Tabor Blue Jays, 83-67, on Feb. 3 in Hillsboro.

Tabor took the lead early on and never trailed. The Bulldogs were down 37-24 at the half.

At the beginning of the second half, the Bulldogs went on a 9-2 run. But the

Lady Blue Jays came back with a 17-6 run of their own. The Bulldogs came back within eight, but Tabor went on another run to make a lead of 17.

Seniors Brunk and Schierling were the only Lady Bulldogs in double figures for the night, with 18 and 14 points respectively.

Cheerleading program to be implemented in the fall of 2005

JEN MARQUETTE

Sports Editor

With all of the recent interest in school spirit, it's only fitting that McPherson College will soon be adding a cheerleading program to the athletic program. Beginning in the fall of 2005 a cheerleading program will be part of the McPherson collegiate athletic program.

Plans for the program began approximately four months ago. With cheerleading already on the admissions mailing documents there had already been a large number of interested prospects. With this in mind, the process soon began to take shape.

LaMonte Rothrock, athletic director, saw a cheerleading program as a great way to increase the female population and to, to even the male to

female ratio knowing that a cheerleading program would consist predominately of females.

Another positive aspect of the program was concerning financial considerations. The cheerleading program will involve modest expenses with high returns. This positive feedback includes an estimated 15-20 increase in female students, improvements made to promote crowd involvement, campus moral and school spirit.

Like all fall sports the cheerleaders will be expected to maintain their GPA as they will be on scholarship. They will also be expected to come on campus in August to train and condition. They are to attend all scheduled home and away events and cannot be involved in any other athletic team program. By the fall of 2006 the program must

consists of a twenty-member squad.

After the idea for the program had been proposed to the Athletic department, the athletic committee and the presidents' cabinet President Hovis approved the proposal in the second week of February.

A search for a cheerleading coach is in the works as Rothrock said that there have been a handful of applicants who he's been in contact with concerning the position.

Rothrock also wanted to recognize the efforts of this years' squad. He has been very pleased with their effort in improving school spirit and commented that their efforts displayed the value of a good program.

"This is an opportunity to not only increase enrollment but to also improve moral on campus," said Rothrock.

2005 McPherson indoor track team begins season

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On Saturday, Feb. 12 the indoor track team traveled the short distance to Bethany College to compete in the a throwing and jumping meet.

Sophomore Dan Hudacheck improved his season best in the 35 lb. Weight throw to 43'9", a collegiate career best.

The Bulldogs made the long trip to Lincoln, Nebraska on Feb. 11 where the meet was hosted by Nebraska Wesleyan University. Nearly 1000 competitors, no one expected this meet to be an easy one.

Although a couple bulldogs managed their best times of the season, the meet turned out to be as tough as it was expected to be.

Head track coach Dave Smith hadn't had too high of expectations. "We performed just like we practiced". He went on to say

"We didn't have enough practice because of the cold weather".

The indoor team is struggling to overcome injuries and sickness, which takes a severe toll when one person's inability to run could mean a relay team would have to be dropped.

Smith said he is hoping for a year in which he can have a full team and get a bulldog into every event. Or to at least have a back up runner for a relay team. That doesn't seem too far off.

This Saturday, the 19th, the team is traveling to Manhattan for the Kansas State University Invitational.

Then on Feb. 26 there is a throwers meet at Southwestern University.

The 2005 indoor track team began their season on the weekend of Jan. 16, traveling to K-State's Wildcat Invitational.

Sophomore Preston Taylor led the way for the team winning the 200-meter and

finishing third in the 60-meter.

Also competing at the meet were freshman Jarrod Smith, Jacob Merrick, and Andrew Paull. Smith finished the 60-meter in 8.36 and 200 28.29, while Merrick competed in the 1 mile 5:13.88 and Paull ran the 600-yard in 1:22.05

"It seems like every time we plan on a relay, we have one athlete unable to compete due to illness or injury. Then, the next week, it's someone else. Our goal (in recruiting) is to build our numbers enough so we have the extra person to drop in there when that happens," said coach Smith of the teams lack of athletes. Outdoor meets begin March 12 at Bethany.

The NAIA Championships will be held in Lexington, Kentucky on March 3 to 5 where sophomore Preston Taylor, who qualified at the KSU wildcat invitational, will be competing in the 60m dash and 200m dash.

Box Scores for mens and womens January basketball games

Men

Jan. 6 @ Sterling	W 75-69	Jan. 20 @ Saint Mary	L 66-71
Jan 8 vs. Ottawa	W 61-48	Jan. 22 vs Bethany	W 74-64
Jan.10 vs. Johnson and Wales	W 70-69	Jan. 27 vs Bethel	W 71 - 68
Jan. 13 vs. Southwestern	W 80-79	Jan. 29 @ KWU	W 60 - 59
Jan. 15 @ Friends	W 61-59	Jan 31 vs. Central Christian	L 63-79

WOMEN

Jan. 6 @ Sterling	L 73-88	Jan. 20 @ Saint Mary	W 89-72
Jan 8 vs. Ottawa	W 84-76 OT	Jan. 22 vs Bethany	W 2-0 forfeit
Jan.10 vs. Central Christian	W 76-67	Jan. 25 vs OK Wesleyan	W 61-53
Jan. 13 vs. Southwestern	L 64-76	Jan. 27 vs. Bethel	W 50 - 48
Jan. 15 @ Friends	L 56-59	Jan 29 vs. Central Christian	W 76-42



PHOTO BY LINDSEY LATHAM

The McPherson Bulldogs come together during a time out at the Southwestern game. The Bulldogs suffered a disappointing 54-77 loss to the Moundbuilders on Saturday, Feb. 12. They ended their losing streak last night in the sports center, defeating Friends 74-68.

Bulldogs end losing streak

To face University of Saint Mary for last home game

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The McPherson Bulldogs ended their five game losing streak on Thursday, Feb. 17 when they defeated the Friends Falcons 74-68 in front of an enthusiastic home crowd.

Tomorrow night the Bulldogs will look for their second consecutive win as they face the University of Saint Mary for their last home court and regular season game. Seniors will be recognized Saturday evening as well.

On Saturday, Feb. 12 the 'Dogs were hit with their fifth straight loss as the Southwestern Moundbuilders pulled away with a 77-54 win.

The Bulldogs found themselves in the lead and doing well, but suddenly the "Jinx" was placed upon the rim of the basket and it seemed that the 'Dogs could not hit a shot, while the Builders were able to pull off with a 20-0 run.

The Bulldogs went almost seven minutes without scoring and began missing easy shots, turning over the ball, and not playing well defensively. Taking full advantage of McPherson's down spell, the Moundbuilders found themselves in the lead, ending the half 41-25.

The second half seemed to change the momentum of the Bulldogs as senior guard Roy McDonald and junior Tim Cox came out strong earning 7 straight points combined bringing the score to 56-42.

However, this was not enough to keep the 'Dogs alive and again the Builders were able to put together 16-1 run, ending the game 77-54.

Senior forward Brian Hooks was the only Bulldog to earn double figures with 13 points. Junior Lee Gustafson and McDonald each added nine points and Cox had eight.

The loss continued a two-week drought for the 'Dogs as they fell 9-7 in conference play and 17-9 overall. Now fifth in the KCAC heading into the final week of the conference's regular season.

Already up 34-17 barely mid-way through the first half, the Ottawa Braves stripped yet another win from the McPherson Bulldogs on Thursday, Feb. 10 when the Bulldogs traveled to face the Braves on their home court. The loss dropped them down one more spot to fifth in the KCAC standings.

The game seemed to be over faster than the buzzer went off as the Braves dominated the entire first half. The 'Dogs seemed to struggle tremendously on offense. They only shot 39 percent the entire game.

Leading scorer for the 'Dogs was Gustafson with 20 while McDonald had 13 but this could only help carry the team so far as they lost 76-59.

The Bulldogs fought back and forth only losing or gaining up to six points against the Sterling Warriors on Saturday, Feb. 5, but unfortunately one point would stand in their way of a win as they fell to the Warriors 68-67.

Sterling came off the bench gaining lead on the Bulldogs 10-4 in the first few minutes of the game, but the 'Dogs came back gaining their first of only two leads they would have the rest of the game. The lead only lasted a little over a minute until Sterling came back and



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Senior Guard Cody Rierson goes up for a shot against a Sterling defender as junior Lee Gustafson looks on. The Bulldogs suffered a disappointing one point loss to Sterling on Saturday, Feb. 5

held their lead. The Bulldogs tried to gain points hitting 16 of 20 free throws, but with Sterling nailing 12 field goals including five treys against the 'Dogs who hit 8 of 22 field goals the Bulldogs just could not seem to get anything to go in. Missing lay-ups and wide-open jumpers, the 'Dogs allowed Sterling to pull ahead and end the first half with a 37-34 lead.

On two different occasions the Bulldogs came back to tie the score at 43-43 and again at 50-50, but each time the opportunity came went as they were unable to pull ahead.

The highest lead Sterling had against the 'Dogs was at 61-55 with approximately six minutes left in the second half. In attempt to tie the game once again, Gustafson and Hooks both went in hard to the basket, both scored, and were fouled, but unfortunately, both missed their free throws, thus allowing Sterling to lead the board with a 61-59 lead with 4:22 left.

The Warriors would go on to score once more, but senior guard Cody Rierson would answer back by driving the paint while McDonald would add one of two free throws allowing McPherson to come within one point

from tying once more.

As the score raised for both team and with 18 seconds left Hooks nailed a three from the left side to give McPherson its second lead of the entire game. 67-65

A timeout was called in attempt to slow down the Warrior momentum, but instead they came back onto the court only to hit one last field goal to win the game.

"It was another hard fought game," said McPherson head coach Roger Trimmell. "We were on the right end of four games like this recently; tonight we were on the other end. They (Sterling) hit the shots when they needed to."

Cody Rierson would walk away as the leading scorer for the 'Dogs with 19 as Gustafson added 12 points and 6 rebounds, and Hooks would grab 10 points and 8 rebounds.

The McPherson Bulldogs traveled the short distance to Hillsboro to face the Tabor Blue Jays on Thursday, Feb. 3. Tabor used their home court advantage to pull away from the Bulldogs with a 66-57 win.

Beginning the game well off the bench, McDonald and sophomore guard Jordan Carter could do nothing but hit treys. Midway through the first half, the 'Dogs exercised a 7-point lead with a score of 17-10, but a few more minutes passes and the 'Dogs let down their guard only bucketing four more field goals. The Bulldogs would go scoreless the rest of the half, but the Blue Jays would come back to tie the game at 27-27, then use a lay up to pull two points ahead of the dogs at the half time buzzer.

The second half would begin the same as the first half ended. Even though two ties would occur in the first 7-10 minutes of the game, the Bulldogs began showing their frustrations and exhaustion as the Blue Jays began a 17-1 run. Rierson's one of two free throws was the only basket to put the run to a stop bringing the score to 54-38.

Finally, it was time to re-cooperate as Carter and Cox came off the bench to hit treys and bring the Bulldogs back to life. Adding one more three to the list was McDonald bringing the score to a five-point difference at 3:25 and the Dogs barely trailing.

Tabor then hit seven of 10 in the final minutes of the half and two free throws from Hooks and one more three from McDonald was all the Bulldogs had left.

McDonald finished the game with 19 points on the board, Carter added 12, and Hooks with eight. Gustafson ended the game with six points and a team high nine rebounds.

Senior forward Brian Hooks was named KCAC Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 24-29. A 6'3" forward, Hooks leads the Bulldogs in scoring this season with a career high, 14.8 points per game and ranks second among his teammates in rebounds grabbing an average 6.5 per game.

"It's nice to know when you have a senior like Brian that is capable of taking and making the big shot when you need it," said coach Trimmell.

Students expand horizons

Groups travel to Peru, Europe and New York

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This past interterm, several students had the opportunity to expand their horizons as they made trips to different parts of the globe.

Peru

One group of students, led by Drs. Herb, professor of religion and philosophy, and Jeanne Smith associate professor of education, traveled to Peru and was able to see the Incan ruins at Machu Picchu.

They flew into Lima, Peru and then went to Cuzco, the capital of the Incan Empire. A former monastery served as their hotel in one location.

The journey to the heights of Machu Picchu at around 8000 feet above sea level was made in part by a magnificently beautiful train trip through parts of the Andes.

Dr. Herb Smith describes the scenery as ethereal, commenting that Peru claims the driest desert, the second highest mountains, and the largest rainforest in the world.

The group watched a Quechuan Shaman perform an ancient healing ritual, spent time at a market, and heard traditional music, all representative of the Andean culture. Reflecting the value of service, the group also presented a donation of funds and supplies to a small village school.

"The need sounded so exaggerated in my mind as they talked about children cherishing a simple pencil," said Rebecca Stover, sr. Quinter. "I was amazed, and humbled to see how true the situation really was; to see a makeshift school in such need. I was overwhelmed with the reaction of the Andean people-delighting in things we take for granted."

Europe

Students enrolled in Topics in World History traveled to Europe accompanied by Dr. Kenneth Yohn, assistant professor of history. These students



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The group of students who accompanied Herb and Jeanne Smith to Peru pose for a picture at Machu Picchu.

had the opportunity to examine cultural development in a historical context by visiting six different countries.

Each student chose a country to focus on, did some additional research and exploration, and then reported to the class after the return home. The countries included England, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, France, and the Netherlands. The trip also gave them the chance to ponder the greater worldview of communication as well.

One unanticipated plus was that they were part of a tour group consisting of people from several other countries including: South Africa, Australia, and India. This offered the students more interaction and communication with people of other cultures.

New York

Alex Tyler, fr McPherson, and Nick Griggs, sr Colorado Springs Co, were part of a group of students that went to New York to experience the Theatre. There, the group spent seven days, seeing nine shows and one opera. Among the shows they saw were, "The Lion King," "La Cage aux Folles," and "Gem of the Ocean." They said a fun diversion was playing a big piano with their feet at FAO Schwartz. They received a tour of The Metropolitan Opera House and also found time to visit a wax museum.



COURTESY PHOTO

The group gets their first look at Machu Picchu on their trip to Peru during interterm

NCP visits Ecuador

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The New Community Project, including Alicia Schoen, fr McPherson, traveled to Ecuador Jan. 3 to 13. The group was led by David Radcliff, NCP director and included students from Manchester and Bridgewater.

They stayed in a rainforest encampment. While in Ecuador the group met with several tribes including the Siona and Cofan tribes.

"We were able to visit a Cofan village, where we

spoke with the shaman, and played with the children," said Schoen. "That was an unforgettable experience."

The group got a chance to learn about and see the effects of drilling oil in the rainforest. They also learned about different medicinal plants. They got a chance to observe the bird and wild life populations. Schoen said that her favorite thing about the trip was "being able to see the great variety of flora and fauna that lives only in the rainforest, everything from toucans, parrots, and monkeys to alligators, deadly

snakes, and tarantulas."

"I would definitely go again because I know I experienced and learned only a tiny bit that the rainforest had to offer," said Schoen.

Later this year NCP plans to have learning tours of Guatemala, Honduras, "Cancer Alley" in Louisiana, and Denali National Park, Arctic Village, Alaska. Anyone who might be interested in any of these tours should contact David Radcliff at 888-800-2985 or e-mail ncp@newcommunityproject.org.

NEWS BRIEFS

Hart to present lecture on Native American history

"Sand Creek to Walnut Creek: Cheyenne History and Culture in Kansas 1864 to 1868," is the title of the lecture to be presented by Lawrence H. Hart in Mingenback Theatre on Feb. 20 at 3:30 p.m.

The lecture is sponsored by The Center for Religion and Science.

Hart is the executive director of the Cheyenne Cultural Center Inc. in Clinton, Okla. He has also been a lecturer, writer, human rights advocate, mediator, historian, preservationist and Cheyenne Tribal Elder.

In 1958, Hart was initiated and seated as a traditional Cheyenne Peace Chief for the Cheyenne people.

Hart received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Bethel College and from the Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Religious Heritage Lecture features Brown

Dale W. Brown, Ph.D., will speak on the topic "Another Way of Believing, A Theology for Brethren," at the annual Religious Heritage lecture on Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

The subject for the lecture is based on Brown's book, of the same title, which is scheduled to be published this spring.

Brown will emphasize the importance of accepting, respecting and celebrating all belief systems while noting why the Brethren Church historically sets itself apart on two basic principals: the Church of the Brethren as a New Testament church and as a non-creedal church.

After the lecture Brown will be signing his published books and will be happy to discuss his lecture in depth.

Wright announces retirement

Mel Wright, professor of physical education, who has coached women's basketball at McPherson for ten years announced his retirement from coaching on Friday, Feb. 4.

While coaching at McPherson College his team took 4th place in the KCAC in 2001-2002. He is also the co-sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Even though he is retiring from coaching he is still planning to teach part-time at McPherson College.

There are plans to recognize him at half-time of the men's basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 19, which is the final regular season home game.

Cafeteria celebrates cultural holidays



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Students celebrate Mardi Gras in the cafeteria on Tuesday, Feb. 8 during lunch.

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Ok, here's a riddle. What is purple, yellow, and green, and is a giant, non-stop party? Mardi Gras!

In honor of Mardi Gras, the cafeteria was decorated in purple, yellow, and green on Feb. 8. There were streamers and flags adorning the wall and traditional music to complete the mood.

In addition to the decorations HDS food service helped students celebrate by making traditional Cajun food. Students could test their taste buds with gumbo; however, there were still the options of pizza or burgers for the not-so-brave students.

At the original celebration, in New Orleans, La.,

many women show certain body parts in order to receive beads. Luckily, that was not one of the traditions encouraged at the Mardi Gras celebration on this campus. Students only had to walk in the door, steal beads off the tables, or pick them up off the floor.

Chopsticks, the Chinese Zodiac, and music were what adorned the cafeteria Wednesday Feb. 9.

Chopsticks were available to those who wanted to try eating with them, whether you had Chinese food or not. The Chinese zodiac was used as place mats at the tables, so people could find out what their animal is, and its personality characteristics. This year is the Year of the Rooster.