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Choir tours Midwest

ADRIELLE HARVEY
News Editor

The McPherson College choir left Wednesday afternoon on their annual choir tour. Steven Gustafson, professor of music, was enthusiastic about the choir's preparation for the tour. "I think the choir is ready to go," Gustafson said. "Now it's time to do it, have fun, to make music." The choir is performing at several churches and high schools in Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas. Most of the places they will tour are connected with McPherson College students. The choir kicked off the tour Wednesday evening at the Hebron, Neb., United Methodist church, where junior Seth Schoming's father serves as pastor. Thursday morning they performed at junior Myles Regier's high school in Henderson, Neb. "The concert last night was really high energy and it went phenomenally well," Gustafson said of Wednesday's performance. While on tour, students stay with host families from the churches they perform in. Each student has a partner and church mem-



The McPherson College Singers perform Wednesday night at the United Methodist Church of Hebron, Neb. The singers are a select ensemble consisting of students who are involved in choir. On Sunday, the choir will return to McPherson to perform their final concert after spending several days on their annual choir tour. Students traveled by bus to churches and schools in Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas.



bers pick names of partners from a list. Some families have up to six or seven students staying in their home at a time. Jeremy Hoffman, jr., McPherson really enjoyed his host family Wednesday night. "My host family was great," Hoffman said. "We had snacks and played pool." Other host families took their students on a tour of the town. Other students like Kelsey

Crist, jr., Bennington called it a night and went to bed. The choir will also have the chance to take a break between travel and concerts. "We're going to take some fun time out if we get into Enders, Neb., early enough," Gustafson said. Gustafson said he hopes to take the choir to the lake, which is a short distance from the church where they will perform

in Enders. In Denver, the choir is planning on going out to lunch together. They will also possibly go to a museum that has a human cadaver exhibit or one of the malls in Denver. Tomorrow, the choir will not perform any concerts. Instead, they will spend the morning in the mountains, hiking and mountain climbing. In the afternoon, they will start their trip

back to McPherson, stopping in Quinter on the way. They will perform in Quinter during the Sunday morning church service. Sally Nelson, director of alumni development, and Matt Tobias and Nick Griggs, admissions counselors, accompanied the choir to promote the college and meet with prospective students. The choir's final concert

will be Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium on the McPherson College campus. The concert program includes solos by Jessica Foulke, soph., Lawrence, and Alyson Holman, soph., McPherson. James and Amanda Keith, srs., McPherson, not only sing in the choir, but accompany on the piano as well. J. Keith also directed one song and Schoming played his french horn.

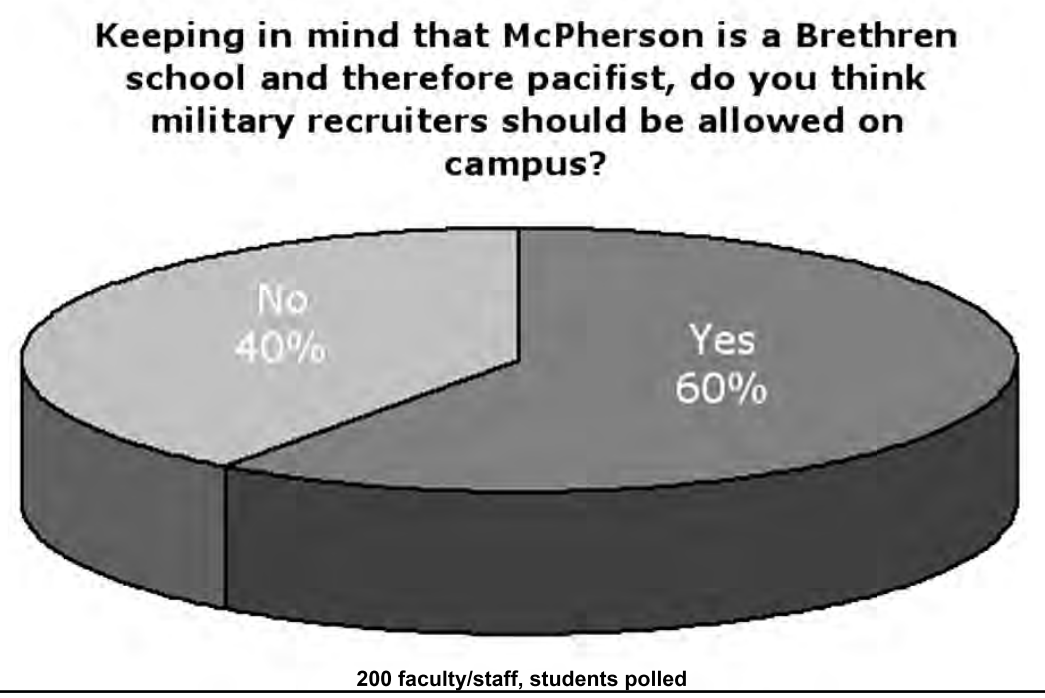
Recruiters not supported by Brethren beliefs

McPherson College unaffected by recent Supreme Court ruling due to exceptions in amendment

LARA LICHTY
Editor-in-Chief

Throughout the past week, headlines across the nation have read, "Ruling lets military recruit on college campuses." Because McPherson College is a Brethren-based institution with pacifistic views, some students, faculty and staff began to worry: Will those involved in the college suddenly begin seeing military recruiters on campus? While it is true that the Supreme Court unanimously ruled against the law schools that proposed the right to prohibit military recruiters on campus last Monday, it is not true that McPherson College will also be affected by this ruling.

education. Why does this not affect the college? The following is one of two exceptions of the Solomon Amendment: "the institution of higher education involved has a longstanding policy of pacifism based on historical religious affiliation." McPherson College was founded by the Church of the Brethren, a strongly pacifistic denomination.



Bruce Clary, associate professor of English, and member of the Church of the Brethren said it is important for the college to maintain the values of its founding denomination. "Our unique identity comes from our reflecting of the values of the Church of the Brethren,"

Clary said. It's who we are." A section in the McPherson College staff handbook entitled "Military Recruiters" states that the college will remain dedicated to the Church of the Brethren and its values of non-violence and peace. It also states that although the denomination has maintained its opposition to war and deters its members from participating

in the military, it also affirms diversity, respecting the consciences of others. Therefore, it reads: "the official policy of McPherson College is to permit official military recruiters on campus, but only when they are specifically invited to visit with a member of the college community." President Ron Hovis supports the mission statement.

activities on campus including posters, advertisements in college publications, special display tables or booths for recruiting purposes or commissioning ceremonies. Students have mixed ideas about whether or not military recruiters should be frequent visitors of the college. Michael Cote, fr., Gorham,

"We do not routinely invite the military on campus, but if a student would like to meet with the military, we will make arrangements for that kind of a visit," Hovis said. "It's a matter of individual conscience. We don't invite the military but we don't bar the military." The policy also states that there will be no enlistment activities on campus including posters, advertisements in college publications, special display tables or booths for recruiting purposes or commissioning ceremonies. Students have mixed ideas about whether or not military recruiters should be frequent visitors of the college. Michael Cote, fr., Gorham, N.H. said they should be allowed on campus. "I don't see a problem with them being here," Cote said. "They're fighting for our country, allowing us to be here doing what we do every day." Eric Read, fr., McPherson, disagrees. "Personally, I don't think they should be on campus since this is a religious affiliated school," Read said. Even if the college had not been founded on Brethren beliefs, it is important to note that being a private institution, the college does not receive any federal aid aside from aid for students, so it is not part of a contract with the federal government in which this ruling applies. President Hovis said no federal money would be at stake even if the religious affiliation was not an issue. "The money flows to the college, through the college, into student accounts," Hovis said. "The college doesn't keep any of it. It is all applied directly to student accounts. Again, there's no federal money to be at stake here."

A tale of contempt and despair

When I'm at home, I like to play this game. I'm not sure it has a name really but for the sake of identification, we'll just call it "What Jordan Hates." We all go around the room and name a person, place or idea that Jordan dislikes strongly. Jordan hates a lot of things; the game can go on for a good half-hour. If you get it right, you get a point. If you get it wrong ... well, we won't go into what happens if you get it wrong.

So in honor of "What Jordan Hates," I have composed my top nine least favorite things, my "Bottom 9 What Jessica Hates" if you will. It was actually kind of hard. I don't hate as many things as Jordan. Dislike maybe, but not hate. Regardless, here is the list.

Guest Columnist



JESSICA FOULKE

You'll probably disagree with me. You'll probably want to hurt me. You'll probably email me. I'll "probably" read your emails.

9. Grass – it's not grass that I hate so much but the things that reside in it. I just want to sit in the grass without being nearly bitten to death by some ants, flies and chiggers. Is that so much to ask?

8. Various classes – I won't say which. It's not important. I just hate some classes. But I love others. I'm complex. Deal with it.

7. Taco Tuesday – normally I would be a fan of Taco Tuesday, but lately, my heart has been ripped out every Tuesday. You see, the Tortilla Soup, the reason for eating lunch in this life, has been letting me down. I never see black beans. Some Tuesdays they don't even have it. LeSigh.

6. "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" – what a worthless Disney movie. It is, no joke, the very worst one. She's a bad heroine, the prince is worthless and its only redeeming qualities are the fairy godmothers, and come on, that's not enough to carry a movie.

5. Super Nintendo – but I love Super Nintendo! It just, it, well, it, I can't stop playing. "Super Mario," has sent me into a pit of

procrastinatorial bliss. (p.s. does everyone like the word I invented – "procrastinatorial" – I love it). No more, Super Nintendo. I hate you. I love you.

4. "The Blair Handbook" – Oh "Blair Handbook," how often have you let me down? Only when it comes to Chicago Manual Style! That's all I write in now and you're so wrong when it comes to that style. I could kick you across the room.

3. Domino's Pizza – so, they put some kind of pepper or something shaped like a little seed, and if I get one of those and I bite down on them, I could vomit almost immediately. It's disgusting.

2. Venison – it's nasty. Seriously. When I was in third grade and at summer camp, the person with the

least-cleared plate had to scrape everyone else's at their table. The only time I ever had to scrape the plates was on the morning they served venison sausage. I still gag thinking about it.

1. Hula hoops – what a worthless toy. It is ridiculous. Half of the population can't even do the hula inside of the hoop and it's just a piece of tubular plastic. What a waste of everything.

So, in 'procrastinatorial' fashion, here are my Top 9 Hated Things. Not quite enough to play the game, but you know, when you do stuff at the last minute, you don't really have a topic, you just want to watch "Best Week Ever", you're hungry, you're tired and you have to work, well, this is as good as it gets. Peace.

Far too much stress, not enough time

It's spring! The cold weather has left us for good. Well, mostly it has anyhow. This is Kansas after all, so perhaps it's best not to speak too soon. Regardless, the weather is gorgeous and everyone wants to get out and enjoy it.

Unfortunately, who has time? Between pre-enrollment, classes, night classes, sports and various other activities, everyone is extremely busy. I just finished a research paper, an analytical paper, learned how to throw cylinders in ceramics and am dealing with 16 credit hours, not to mention the

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ANN MASTERSON

two classes I'm taking for no credit. Add choir tour and the musical to that and is it any wonder the school gives us both a Spring Break and an Easter Break? We need a few free days. In fact, the days we get aren't really enough. We should be given more. How about a randomly assigned day

where nothing has to be done? Strike! Who's with me?

Too bad life doesn't work that way. As people are constantly reminding me, life again will never be as easy as it is now. That is a completely depressing thought by the way, as life is certainly not easy now. Sure, our bills are paid at the beginning of each semester and we never have to worry about starving, but the stress level due to academics, co-curricular activities and just being at a hormonal age begin to take their toll.

I find it remarkably sad that the

prettiest time of year is also the busiest and most stressful. At the beginning of the year, there was stress to be sure, but compared to the end-of-the-year pile-up we experience now, that was nothing. Classes have to be attended, studying must be done and expenses must be paid because in a little more than a month, we're out of time. Finals will arrive and the last of our school payments will be due, not to mention the fees for enrolling.

My advice? Get up an hour earlier than usual. Get something

"GET UP AN HOUR EARLIER."

you would normally not even pick up until later done. Give yourself that little taste of free time. Even if you end up using every minute anyway, you'll still find yourself with a little less stress.

Trust me. You're going to be glad when you can ease that burden.

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• IT'S CALLED THE QUIET ROOM ... NOT THE GO MAKE OUT ROOM.

• MANNEQUIN!

• YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE OFF CAMPUS IF YOU ARE NOT 23! (MAYBE 21)

• FIX DOTZOUR'S WATER. IT TASTES NASTY!

• WE WANT RASPBERRY LEMONADE!

• WHY IS THIS LINE SO LONG AND NOT MOVING?

• DON'T EAT THE CHILI CHEESEBURGER WITH MUSHROOMS.

• I HATE TEACHERS THAT GRADE YOU ON ONLY LIKE FIVE TESTS/PAPERS BECAUSE IF ONE SUCKS, THE GRADE GOES WAY DOWN.

• WHY ARE THERE ONLY TWO HOT GIRLS AT THIS SCHOOL?

• GET WATER SOFTENERS FOR THE SHOWERS.

• I CAN'T REMEMBER THE WORDS!

• PREDICTABILITY IS PROBABILITY.

• YEE HAW!

• THE WEATHER BLOWS ... THE WIND ANYHOW ... A LOT!

• HOOTERS IS A FAMILY RESTAURANT.

• DONATE BOOKS FOR THE HURRICANE RELIEF BOOK DRIVE.

• "THE SNOZBERRIES TASTE LIKE SNOZBERRIES!"

Got something to say? Shout it out!

Drop a note in the Shout it out! box in the S.U. to make your voice heard.
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On the Fly

What is 'tintinnabulation?'

"When 2 beer cans collide at an angle of 0 degrees."

-- Wade Martin, sr.
Dighton



"Is that a real thing?"

-- Eric Wenzel, sr.
Melbourne, Fla.

"When you watch the cartoon 'The Adventures of Tin Tin.'"

-- Louie Schneider, sr.
Arabi, La.



"A form of testicle removal."

-- Jon Bullock, jr.
Wichita

"Paying 10 bar tabs simultaneously."

-- Asia Caruth, fr.
Colorado Springs, Colo.



Actual Definition: the ringing or sounding of bells.

A McPherson College moment...

Welcome to McPherson Caf.
if you thought it was bad
before... just wait.



Good Dog

Although I may disagree with it sometimes, the school seems to at least try and answer my questions.

Easter Break has almost arrived. Yes, it probably will be more of a day for catch-up for most of us but it's better than getting even further behind.



Bad Dog

Has anyone gotten a straight-forward, quick and friendly response to a police inquiry before?

We can't decide whether the B in Easter Break should be capitalized.

Staff Editorial

Anime: curse or cure for geeks everywhere?

We've all heard of the plague of the Kineechiwa Turtle and the Shang-Hai Knight of Blingdom. Or have we? The fact is that there is a secret underground culture, right here on this campus, known as Anime!

Scared? So are we. It has taken more than a few of our personal friends captive and shows no sign of stopping. It lures these poor individuals into a state of embracement, explaining to them that this is a fun and popular activity in which they can find peers to share this hobby with.

Ha! Even at the conventions or costume parades, anti-social stimuli exist around every perilous corner. Come to the drawing booth where you can spend hours in silence sketching your favorite character, or how about wearing a costume to obstruct your sight, vision and vocal abilities while at the same time masking your appearance of humanity from the real world around you.

Yes, friends, the infection is spreading as more and more are lured into this craze everyday. How many of these souls do you know? Will the anime craze come searching for you?

It is our duty as informed members of campus society to break this trend of evil and demise. We must seek forth true peer to peer interaction, even if this is confined to instant messenger conversation.

We aren't going to kid the college and pretend the newspaper staff does not have more than a hint of geeky tendencies in them. However, even we are able to recognize this problem our society faces and meet it dead on.

We believe in you McPherson. Stop the anime plague before it becomes the next SARS epidemic.

Puzzling Photography

Can you identify where on campus this picture was taken?



Photo by Josh Hubin

11th-floor Dotzour Balcony

Torture: locking horns in the quest for truth

For the past few years the question of torture has been a hot topic. Is it wrong? Is it right? When or how should it be used? These are just a few of the questions that spark debate, sometimes heated, amongst Americans.

There are those on the far left that claim the United States is torturing captured combatants like it's going out of style. They say Guantanamo Bay is a warehouse of torture and the American troops are the terrorists. Likewise, there are those on the far right who claim there is no torture going on and captured combatants are basically at summer camp. They hang out and do arts and crafts and whatnot.

Even though I am a staunch Republican, an endangered species on campus, I say both sides are blowing sunshine up the general public's region that does not get much sun.

I will offer this insight as a former Marine who served in the infantry. It is the policy of the United States military, and only a handful of other countries, to follow the Geneva Convention as well as the Articles of War. Both state that torture of captured soldiers is prohibited.

Now when I say that it is prohibited to torture a captured soldier, that means a soldier from another country who has declared war and whose soldiers wear a uniform that identifies them with that country. Terrorists, or freedom fighters for those still hooked on the Kool-Aid, who are not identifiable by uniform and who do not abide by the Geneva Conventions are not, and should not be, protected by the Geneva Convention. I

Guest Columnist



DAVID CADDIN

firmly believe that in some cases torture can be a useful tool that should be, and at times is, used by the United States.

Torture has many forms and does not automatically mean what you see on T.V. or in the movies. Most people think torture means breaking bones, electro-shock, water torture, gruesome beatings, etc. Well, they are right. Not only does this type of torture exist, but there are many countries that use this form of torture even in this day and age.

There are however alternative forms of torture that can be, and are used by the United States and its allies. There is a military unit called Psy-Ops, Psychological Operations, which uses nothing but the cunning of the interrogator and the mental weakness of the subject as a form of collecting intelligence. Within the Psy-Ops arsenal is interrogation, sleep deprivation, loud sounds, flickering lights, etc., and they are all used to break down the subject in order to obtain intelligence.

All these are considered forms of torture but we have all had one or more of these conditions. We have all at one time or another been sleep deprived, subjected to loud music unwillingly by a neighbor or asked questions we did not want to answer for one reason or another.

Now I am not naïve enough to say that no physical torture happens. I know there are rogue

soldiers, bad apples or certain agencies that use other tactics as a means to obtain intelligence; while I do not approve of a member of the military going against policy, I do support certain agencies in doing what it takes. My opinion is that if I have to hurt an enemy to save one, tens, hundreds or even thousands of Americans, then by all means torture. I would do it myself if it came down to it.

However, my opinion is only that, my opinion. The Armed Forces of the United States is not in the business of physically torturing those combatants under their incarceration. The few instances that came to light in the media were done by bad apples and those injustices were brought to light and those found guilty were punished. Some forms of torture are necessary and if it saves American lives, then I say go for it.

Anguish of body or mind. Agony. Torture. Have you ever rationally defined what you're talking about when you say "torturing" someone is good or bad? Torture is not a matter of "taste" or opinion. It is "the infliction of intense pain (as from burning, crushing or wounding) to punish, coerce or afford sadistic pleasure." Think about what is "good" or "bad" about inflicting agony on someone for a reason or justification. Torture works. You can break anyone if you are willing to do it. Sadly, crushing, burning and wounding human beings are all very effective.

Here's the rub: destroying the psyche with humiliation and pain gives a torturer sadistic pleasure and fearful power but not justification. The root of the word torture comes from *tortura* 'to twist.' You must be willing to inflict intense pain by

Guest Columnist



CONNIE MILLER

burning, crushing or wounding another human being and accept that your reward will be the twisting of your soul. You will have sacrificed your goodness to your enemy and become what you wanted to destroy. You will become the bad guy. Twisted.

You can argue that torturing people for information can save lives or stop bad things from happening. Maybe you see bizarre pictures of 'torture' being committed in magazines or on the Internet and become desensitized to the images. Are you willing to torture a person for a justifiable cause like security? Perhaps you feel that to flinch away from inflicting pain for security reasons makes you vulnerable to those who delight in inflicting agony on the weak. Maybe you're enraged and want them to 'get theirs' after experiencing the pain, sadness or destruction that they have inflicted on the world?

I would tend to agree with you. Surprised? I wish it was right to inflict *agony* on those who burn, crush, wound, blow up, bomb, decapitate, humiliate and destroy the lives of people and their families. Yet, I cannot condone torturing people, including evil bad guys. It is hard sometimes not to give in to my wish but I don't want to become what they are.

Do you know why I don't agree with our soldiers torturing people? Why do I expect

more of them than I do of the bad guys? I had the privilege of ushering a 1999 Congressional Medal of Honor Society gathering where historian Stephen Ambrose spoke of who the American soldier was on the battlefields of the world. From the beginning of time, soldiers brought horrors to bear on civilians and prisoners. They tortured people. Civilians and POWs expected savagery from armies from the beginning of time, but to Ambrose the American soldier was different. He was a smart, tough fighter who conquered battlefields. However, when the fighting abated he shared medicine, chocolate and cigarettes with civilians and allies. He treated his enemies humanely when they surrendered, and he punished those within his ranks that did otherwise. Like his countrymen, he was compassionate to human need and fed, clothed and housed millions. When people saw an American GI they smiled and knew the good guys had arrived.

No matter what has happened since 1999, I still agree with Ambrose. No matter what people say about "this day and age" or "post 9/11" being different than the past, Americans are still the good guys. They took part in defeating those who built the concentration camps and gulags. They are better than that. Don't believe me? Talk to an American soldier. Talk to someone American soldiers liberated or fought with. The world has always had enough monsters. We need to fight them without becoming twisted. We must remain on the side of good.

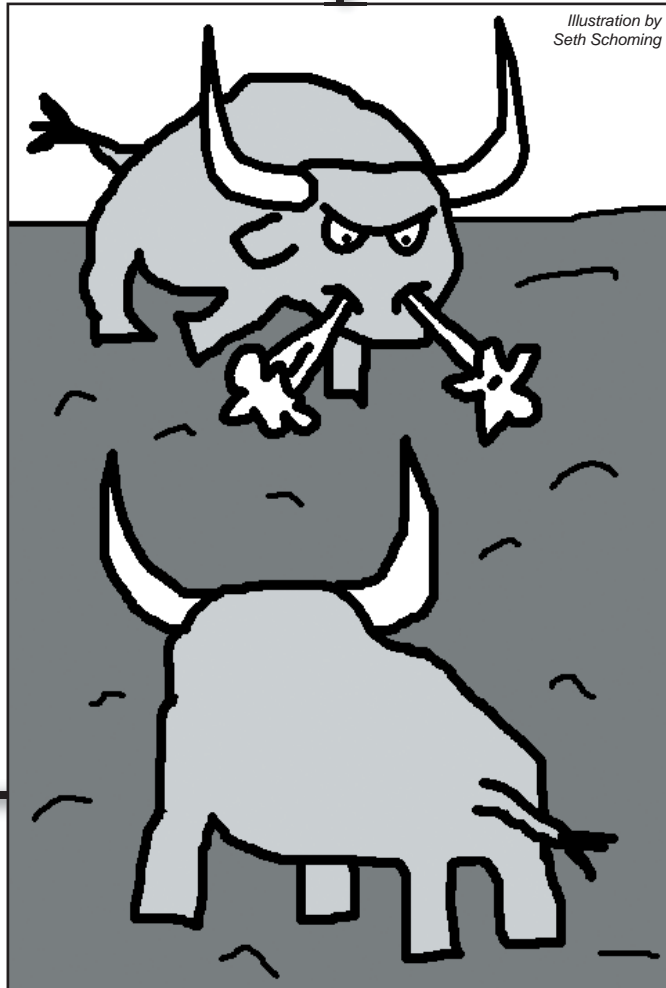
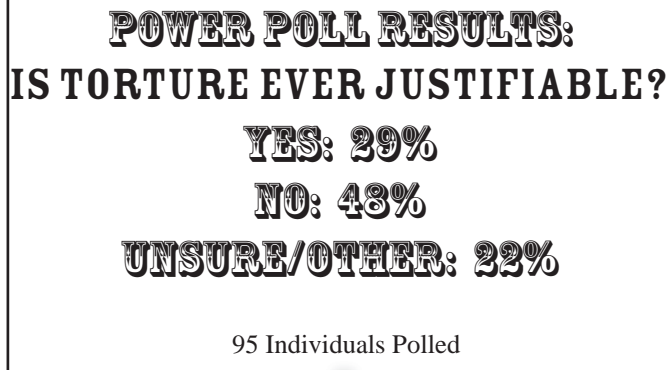


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The Bull Yard



"IT IS ABOUT PROTECTING ONE'S OWN."

tortured whether it is one of our own or someone who has threatened the United States, but I know in the end it has to be done. Either side of the conflict is doing what it feels is the best way to get the answers to its questions. It is about protecting one's own. I know everyone has a side to take and a point of view. That is fine but people don't really know how they would definitely feel about an issue like this until they or someone they care about is in danger.

Mostafa Hassan was abducted in Milan, Italy, taken to the U.S. airbase at Aviano and from there was flown to Egypt, where he was electrically tortured. His present location and condition are not publicly known.

Abdul Jaleel was detained in Iraq by U.S. armed forces then chained to the door of his cell and beaten while he was gagged. On January 9, 2004, he died from this treatment while still chained to the door. The autopsy showed he had several broken bones and his death was deemed a homicide. No charges have been filed against the torturers.

A 14-year-old boy identified only as Mohammed C was detained in Pakistan and sent to the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. There he has been beaten, deprived of

Torture becomes necessary in a world full of terror. As nuclear warfare, terrorist threats and bombings on U.S. soil become more prevalent and come into play on a bigger scale, so must our military tactics to gain needed information to protect our country.

It may seem barbaric to use torture tactics during interrogations and it is horrible to think about. I am not cold-hearted and I know the family of the person being tortured has to feel immense pain over the ordeal. However, I also know that in most cases these people are not tortured fatally and even so, I can live with that if it saves hundreds, thousands or millions of people in my country.

In the United States we may feel that we are one of the most civilized countries, and we are, but there is something innate, primal or even patriotic about protecting our own and believe me when I say that any other country would do and feel the same.

This country gained its freedom through bloodshed and to keep it that way more bloodshed will be required. It is not pretty and it is not a perfect solution but when it works, it works.

We have made an attempt to both gain and keep this country free and have helped other countries in their own struggles for freedom. We give our soldiers, our money and our faith in freedom time and time again. It is obviously important to Americans. Yet we get squeamish if it involves something unpleasant.

I do think lines and bound-

Guest Columnist



HEATHER WILLIAMS

aries can be crossed and the high-level military interrogators and torturers have to be fully trained physically, mentally and emotionally to handle these situations. There has to be checks and balances to make sure torture is only taken as far as necessary.

The interrogators and torturers need to be considered as well. They have to live with the horrific job they have to do for the rest of their lives. They may feel what they are doing is right and believe in protecting the United States but it does not mean they sleep soundly every night. I would give my life or take one to protect those that I love and I would feel justified in doing so. However, I would feel the repercussions for the rest of my life. Nonetheless, if I were put into that same situation again, I would do it again.

Do not get me wrong; I am not a violent person. In many cases, as long as both sides can be civil, peace can be achieved by other methods, but there is a problem with this; many other countries do not try to avoid violence. This pushes our hand; we have to react when we are in danger. We do not go to another country to start a war; we do not torture people without a reason. It is instigated by others; we are forced to act upon threats to our people, livelihoods and freedoms.

I feel for anyone who gets

Guest Columnist



GREGORY HILL

sleep, doused with ice water and threatened with castration. He has been held at Guantanamo for more than three years in solitary confinement without charges nor trial.

These are just a few examples of the acts of torture presently being carried out by our government. I believe torture does nothing of value and only causes harm to our country.

Torture does not get reliable information. People suffering pain will say anything, whether or not it is true, to try to stop the pain. This is why confessions obtained under torture are not admissible at trials in U.S. courts. The information gained through torture does not save lives. Such information is useless. Torture does nothing to help win wars or stop terrorism.

Torture damages our image overseas. Norway was part of the coalition in Iraq until the Abu Gharib prison tortures were publicly made known. When it was learned that our government was torturing children to get their parents to talk, the government of Norway withdrew from the coalition and sent its troops home. The case of Mostafa Hassan has damaged our relations with Italy, where a court has ordered the arrest of the CIA agents involved. The use of torture has certainly lost for us the attempt to win

the "hearts and minds" of the people of Iraq and Afghanistan. On the contrary, it gives people reason to hate the United States.

Torture does spiritual damage to the people who inflict it on others. Imagine having to go through the rest of your life knowing you have inflicted sadistic pain on others. Can torturers claim to be Christians? Can a nation that practices torture claim to be a Christian nation? I don't think so. Torture is the opposite of what Jesus said to do. In using torture, we push ourselves away from God.

In addition, torture is illegal. The 8th amendment to the U.S. Constitution is supposed to prevent the use of torture by our government. The Federal Anti-Torture Statute (1994) and the War Crime Act of 1996 make the use of torture, even in wartime, a crime in this country. The Geneva Conventions (1949) and the U.N. Convention Against Torture (1984) make torture a violation of international law, regardless of circumstance. Those who commit such offenses can and should be put in prison. Recent acts of torture carried out in Iraq, Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay and elsewhere by the U.S. government mean that this country's leaders are now criminals.

Showing that we can be as bad as the terrorists does not make this world a safer place. Terrorism will not be defeated by engaging in acts of terror ourselves. We must raise ourselves to a higher standard of behavior than that used by those we are trying to defeat.

I've heard lots of arguments for torture and they always seem like reasonable, general discussions, but they fall apart when you look at details. The story I usually hear is that if you had some bad guy and you knew they had information to save the lives of hundreds or thousands of innocent people, it would be justified to torture the bad guy to get the information.

First, it's double talk. You justify torturing because you claim you know what's in one's head, some information to save lives. Additionally, you justify torture because you don't know the information. The fact is no one knows what is in another person's mind, and torturing someone is always just a fishing trip, hoping one might know something to save lives.

Second, if you think there's some way to identify bad

Letter to The Editor

Kenneth Yohn, assistant professor of history

guys so that we don't torture good guys or innocent people, you're fooling yourself. Imagine how embarrassed Condoleezza Rice was when President Bush told her to go talk to the Germans. American agents kidnapped a German car salesman in December 2003. He was stripped, beaten, hooded, injected with drugs, diapered, flown to Afghanistan and interrogated for five months. He was released on May 28, 2004, because it was a case of mistaken identity. Oops! While he was tortured he claimed that he wasn't a leader of *al-Qaida* but instead just a car salesman. However, wouldn't you expect him to say that? He claimed his

passport was real, not a forgery, but that's a lie you expect from a terrorist.

That brings us to the third real world problem. Torture doesn't work. The basic premise of torture is that people will tell you anything to end the torture and that's what happens. They tell you anything to end the torture. It is no more reliable than flipping a coin.

The case for torture is built in a simplistic black and white, good guy/bad guy world, the world of comic books and Hollywood. Actuality is far more complex and requires a hard look at specific realities and concrete details. When times are dark and voices are preaching simple answers, hate and fear always emerge. The call to torture is just the latest version of this ancient human weakness.

Faculty chimes in on torture

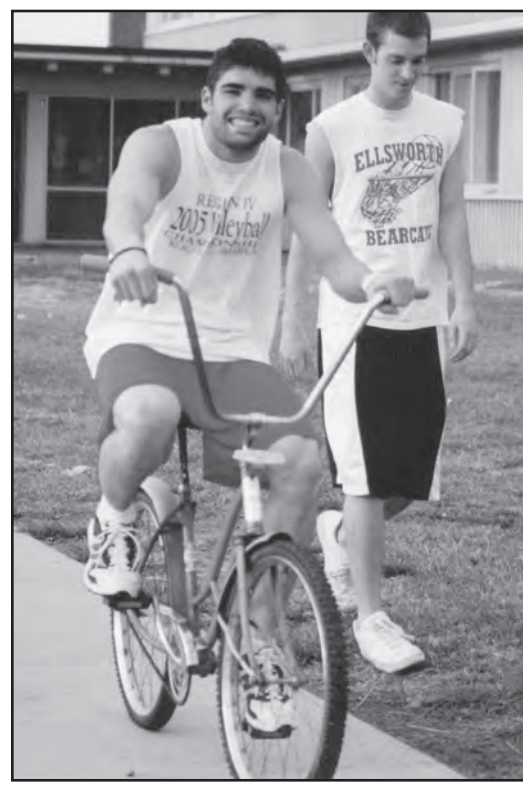


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Left: Some of the little bikes that have taken over campus lately lay piled up outside Dotzour Hall.

Below: Tim Cox, sr., Lyndon, shows off his cool bike as Andrew Paull, soph., Kanopolis, walks beside him.



Above: A chopper-style bike leans against the sign outside Metzler Hall. Anyone got a spare tire?

Right: Nick Shue, fr., Pasadena, Md., and Mason Adams, fr., Bonham, Texas, show off their bikes they compiled from spare parts found at the local dump.



photos by Josh Hubin

Bike craze

KYLE RAJEWSKI
Spectator Staff

The onslaught of spring has enticed many students to dust off their bikes and take English professor, Kim Stanley's advice to "frolic in the beautiful weather." In addition to the fair-weather bike fans who seem to be popping up all over campus, there are a few hard-core bike enthusiasts who have been braving the winter weather for months to show off their tricked-out rides.

The craze began last year when Tim Bender, jr., Highland Village, Texas, and another student got a few bikes from the local dump and fixed them up. A few other students picked up on the trend, but after Bender and Jered Hannawald, sr., Denton, Md., began riding the little bikes around campus at the be-

ginning of this year it caught on like wildfire. "Everybody laughed at us at first, and now everybody has them," Bender said.

Bender said he thinks the bikes have become so popular because "it's super cool!" Hannawald added, "There is nothing else to do around here. It's due to sheer boredom."

Some students brought back the old Schwinn, banana-seat style, while others opt for the more modern chopper look by extending the front forks. Many bikes have different-sized tires on the front or back to give them an odd look. Others are just made to look wired, with the handlebars in all different shapes and sizes. "We try to get the goofiest bikes we can," said Hannawald.

This hobby seems like a good one for college students, as the

expense of building a bike is very low. Students go to the Solid Waste Management Facility east of town and salvage old bike frames and parts.

"We just get a bunch of parts from the dump and put them together," Bender said.

Bender said they ride the bikes until they are destroyed, then they take them back to the dump and get another bike fragment to rebuild. He has even seen parts of his old bikes show up on other student's bikes.

"A lot of people ask 'can't you find a bigger bike?'" Bender said. "But the smaller the bike, the more entertaining it is."

"The only negative thing is people saying 'watch out' as I dust by them," said Mason Adams, fresh., Bonham, Texas, about any hostility he may have encountered while riding his bike.

Summer wedding bells ring

COLLEEN GUSTAFSON
Spectator Staff

Spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner. Several Mac students have found their time being consumed dealing with many not-so-scholastically inspired assignments. Final dress adjustments have been made followed by full makeup and hair run-throughs. Music, orchestration and dance styles have been chosen and practiced. Sacred lines have been scrutinized, rehearsed and repeated in the vain attempt at memorization. And tulle, satin, organza or lace has lined many of these excited students' closets.

No, they aren't all part of some Broadway inspired theatrical production but they are preparing for perhaps one of the most exciting and sometimes stressful events of their life: marriage.

One of the most rapidly approaching summer weddings belongs to Michael Hill of Cedar Lane, Texas and Kim Hernandez from Hutchinson. It will take place on June 3, in Hutchinson at the 10th Ave. Methodist Church.

Hill and Hernandez were first introduced in a math class. Since Hill didn't have the appropriate book, they shared one, as well as study time. After developing a relationship, Hill proposed during the Christmas season of 2004 in his home state of Texas. Since he hadn't seen Hernandez for several months, he surprised her by flying her down to see him. After a day of shopping, the couple took a walk on the beach. Hernandez

began filling Hill's pockets with seashells she found along the way but he had a very special shell for her as well. Earlier, he found two halves still intact, which he lined with black velvet and filled with the ring tied with a ribbon. With his pockets bulging, he asked her if she wanted to trade her shells for one of his. Not knowing what was coming next, she agreed and watched and listened as Hill got down on one knee and professed his love. With a proposal like that, "of course she said yes," Hill said.

Now, when it comes to the decision-making about the wedding, Hernandez believes that it is evenly split between her and Hill. Hill, on the other hand, stated, "I let her make all the decisions because the wedding is all about the bride. We do discuss a lot about it, but pretty much, she has the final say so." They do agree that it has been exciting watching everything come together. They also recognize the stress that has been caused dealing with photographer woes and agreeing where to honeymoon.

Life after the wedding includes living in Hernandez's two bedroom duplex in Garden City while Hill pursues a teaching job.

Jonathan Rothrock, McPherson, and Jaymie Bickford,

Wiley, Colo. have been planning their June 24 wedding that will take place at the McPherson Church of the Brethren. This pair of seniors had two opportunities prior to college to meet each other: church camp and National Youth Conference. However, they didn't officially meet until a holiday break in 2002. Rothrock was attending Manchester College but decided to visit friends at McPherson. As it turns out, the couple had many mutual friends and they were soon introduced. Rothrock transferred to McPherson after attending interterm classes here and the two soon began to date.

About two years later, on December 15, 2004, Rothrock asked Bickford to marry him. The couple decided to take a walk before their evening Marketing final and Bickford recalled it being "freezing cold and windy" the entire trek to the park.

She also felt something was different with Rothrock because, "He wasn't talking very much and kept stopping at random places in the park and then continued on walking." Once they found a not-so-windy spot, Rothrock proposed with ring in hand.

Since the proposal, Bickford and Rothrock have been in a whirlwind of planning, with

most decisions made by Bickford. Occasionally there is a comment from Rothrock, since according to Bickford, "Jon gets asked for his input but usually does not have a strong opinion about anything." She was also proud to report that she has not been accused of becoming the infamous "Bridezilla."

Picking out their gift registry list and choosing Bickford's gown ranked as the most exciting part of the planning process thus far and the repeated need to re-select their invitations ranks the most stressful. After June 24, the couple plans to move to Denver, Colo., find jobs, and hopefully a reasonable condo, and bask in the glow of wedded bliss.

Amanda Smith, sr., Hutchinson, and Caleb Breer, Newton, are also planning a June 24 wedding, which will be at the Grace Community Church in Newton. Smith and Breer were first introduced by friends in October of 2002 but didn't really start talking until late 2004.

"From the time Caleb and I started talking (and talking) on the phone, I knew that he was definitely the type of man I could respect, trust and spend my life with," Smith said.

Breer popped the question on a street in Newton named "Lover's Lane." Smith said she wasn't surprised because

she knew he had already spoken with her dad but she was just about ready to burst by the time Breer finally pulled the car over.

"One of the most exciting parts of the planning process was finding nearly everything on 50 percent clearance," Smith said.

After Smith graduates this May, the couple plans to spend a few months adjusting to married life before moving to Houston, Texas where Caleb will attend the

Universal Technical Institute.

"We're so blessed that God has given us the opportunity to meet our soul mate at such a young age," Smith said.

Our final featured couple is Terry Story of Hutchinson and Heather Williams also from Hutchinson.

They plan to be married on September 23 in a renaissance themed wedding at Dillon's Nature Center in Hutchinson.

Williams claims that she tried meeting Story for months, but "could never seem to get his attention." After "giving up the pursuit," however, she ran into him in a pool hall in which he initiated conversation. They have been together ever since, nine and a half years.

According to the couple, they discussed marriage for a long time, and after three and a half

years of dating, Story gave her a promise ring. A bit "impatient" after another passing year, Williams took the initiative, bought a ring, and, since they are both of Irish descent, asked him to marry her on St. Patrick's Day of 2001. Heather added with a smile, "He was not surprised."

While the bride-to-be has made most of the wedding decisions, the groom-elect has had input on the guest list, the venue and the reception and compromises have been made to fit both planners' needs.

While Williams envisioned an intimate celebration, Story "wanted everyone." Although it has been stressful trying to find a reception hall large enough to accommodate the groom's large guest list, Heather was able to have her intimate ceremony.

Since they have been together for nearly ten years, after the wedding they plan to buy a house, with the goal of paying it off in three years, remodeling it to resell and then buying another in the country.

Finally, Heather added, throughout the planning process it has been both a challenge and a reward seeing how to "get a good deal" on a tight budget.

She recommended to "start planning early" if you take the themed-wedding path. Although it has been tricky finding all the renaissance inspired paraphernalia she wanted, "eBay has been a big help."

Other students planning summer weddings include Sheldon Leppke, soph., McPherson and Amanda Duren, McPherson on June 24.



Jonathan Rothrock and Jaymie Bickford



Michael Hill and Kim Hernandez

Bowls for Hunger

ART STUDENTS DONATE TIME AND TALENT FOR SOUP SUPPER BENEFIT

MANDY MORGAN
Spectator Staff

Seven students lent their time and energy to a most worthy project—the Empty Bowl Banquet.

Students worked since the end of January to make 201 bowls. Jeanne Smith, professor of education and outreach leader, organized the Empty Bowl Banquet, which is one part of many in a year-long crusade against world hunger.

The project is called Hope for the Hungry and has raised almost \$30,000 with the help of the members of the Brethren Church. The banquet will be one of the last events of the year-long project.

“Lots of people have been empowered by this,” said Smith of the endeavor. “It’s one thing we could all get behind.”

The 201 bowls will be used at the Empty Bowl Banquet, which is a unique sort of soup supper in which those who give a freewill offering will keep the bowls at the end of the meal. The profits go to world hunger.

Wayne Conyers, professor of

art, oversaw the making of the bowls.

“The process is not a simple one. Lots of things can go wrong. If you need 200 bowls, you make more than 200—some always crack,” Conyers said.

Conyers also said he was very pleased with the students who helped make the bowls. “These are people who volunteered—that’s important...these students did this above and beyond the requirements of the class. It was neat to have them say, ‘This is for a good cause. I want to be a part of it.’ They did it out of a sense of goodness,” Conyers said.

Mat Ayers, jr. Knoxville, Iowa, took part in making the bowls. “I chose to work on it because I’m helping somebody out...I’m going to be a youth pastor, so it is nice to start working with people.”

Each bowl has “HUNGER Mac ‘06” etched or painted onto the bottom. Interested students, faculty and staff may attend the Empty Bowl Banquet on Sunday, April 9, at the McPherson Church of the Brethren following the morning service.



Wayne Conyers, professor of art, along with art students, Michaela Groeblicher, sr., McPherson, Mat Ayers, jr., Knoxville, Iowa, and Shingo Nonaka, jr., Sapporo, Japan, made 201 bowls for the Empty Bowl Banquet that will take place at the McPherson Church of the Brethren on Sunday, April 9. The Empty Bowl Banquet is part of the Hope for the Hungry project that helps to fight world hunger.

Shingo Nonaka, jr., Sapporo, Japan, concentrates on the bowl he is throwing for the Empty Bowl Banquet this Sunday.

courtesy photos



Mat Ayers, jr., Knoxville, Iowa, said he chose to help with the Empty Bowl Banquet because, as a future youth pastor, it is nice to start working with people and he is helping somebody out.



Above: Senior art student, Michaela Groeblicher, McPherson, and art professor, Wayne Conyers, along with a few other volunteers had to carefully transport the fragile vessels to the Brethren Church from the Hess Fine Arts Center.

Left: Forty-five of the 201 bowls wait to be shipped to the Empty Bowl Banquet.

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW MORRISON HALL RD:
ANDREW GUSTAFSON

TOLAN LICHTY
Spectator Staff

Going to the movie theatre or purchasing the DVD a couple months later?

Buying the DVD

Do you have any advice for future “historians?”

Go to class and don’t ask stupid questions.

Wendy’s or McDonald’s?
Wendy’s

Do you have a favorite TV show you have been truly devoted to lately?

Hogan’s Heroes

Do you have any interesting or unusual hobbies or pastimes?

I like to watch a lot of old TV shows, “I Love Lucy” and the “Andy Griffith Show,” just to name a couple. I also play ultimate Frisbee and am involved in every intramural sport offered.

Favorite band or singer or musical genre?

Metallica, but none of their stuff past the Black album

Buying or burning CDs?
Burning

Was there a particular time during your life when you felt as if you were a hero for a day?

The day I was married and also the day when our intramural basketball team beat the coaches.

Did you have an idol as a child?

Don Knotts

What did you major in at MAC?

History



photo by Tolan Lichty

The Throwback

Researched by Rhonda Hoffert

From the Editor’s Scrap Book

October 10, 1948

Norman, Okla. - (ACP) - Blotters reading, “If you like the smell of our steaks, try one,” is the novel way in which a San Diego restaurant owner will advertise his meat dishes if Dr. Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy at the University of Oklahoma, can help him.

Dr. Bienfang has been asked by the restaurant owner to provide him with cooked meat odor to “scent” blotters. Each blotter would have a picture of a meat dish served by the restaurant and would contain the smell of meat also.

Intrigued by this pharmacy professor’s prediction of “odoriferous advertising,” the Chicago Herald-American had cartoonist Paul Plaschke do an imaginative picture of the possible sequences.

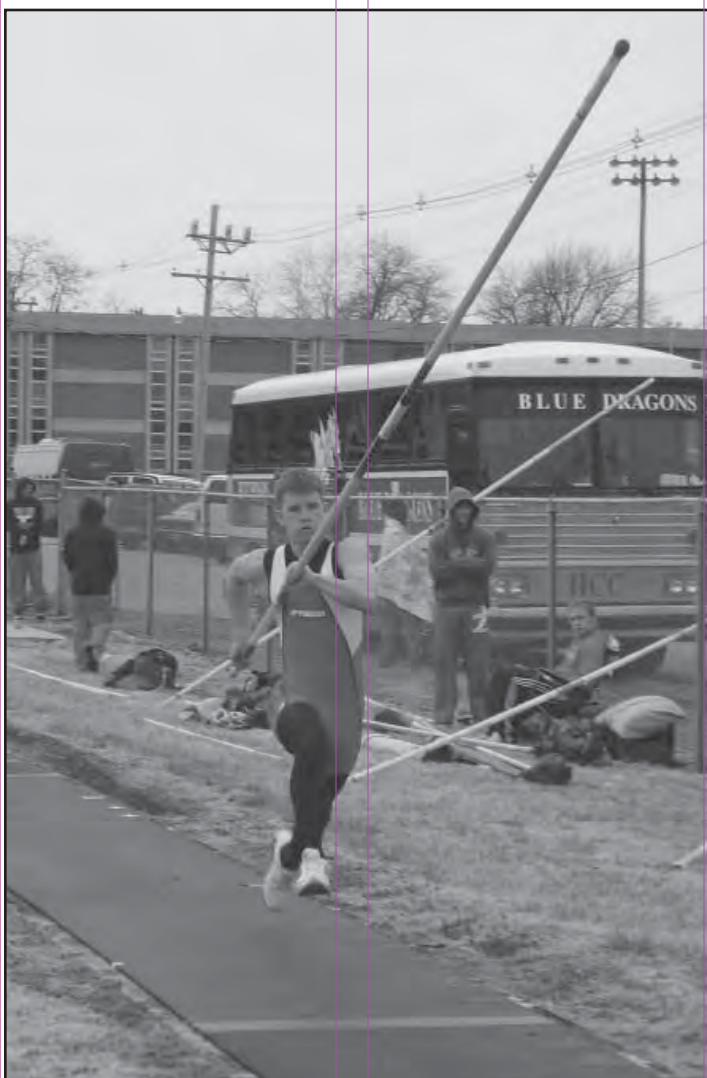
An Associated Press story out of Norman, Okla., quoted the professor as saying, “it’s not impossible to duplicate any food odor.”

He himself could readily whip up a chili odor that would have you reaching for a cracker and a spoon, said the pedagogue, Dr. Ralph Bienfang, of the University of Oklahoma.

Plaschke’s cartoon depicted a tired businessman, who thought he had no appetite, racing for the icebox after sampling a variety of fragrances in his evening paper - fresh bread, beef stew, mince pie, etc.



Jacob Merrick, soph., Clearwater and Brent Bailey, fr., Simla, Colo compete in the 3000-meter Steeplechase. McPherson hosted the traditional home invitational last Saturday. photo by Bryan Grosbach



Jarred Smith, soph., Wright, competes in the pole vault. Smith is a second year pole vaulter for the men's track team. photo by Bryan Grosbach

Track & Field:

Men finish second at home invitational

MALLORY YUNGERBERG
Spectator Staff

Tomorrow morning the track and field team will participate in the Friends University Invitational in Wichita. Events begin at 10 a.m.

Last Saturday the team held its only home meet of the season.

For all of their hard work and determination, the Bulldog men finished second with 137 points and the women finished seventh with 38 1/2. The team brought home gold in six events.

"The meet went well. (Events went off) right on time and all events, with the normal small glitches, went well," Head Coach Dave Smith said.

"Many people did a lot of hard work in preparing the fa-

cility, throwing areas, food, hurdles and timing system. We appreciate the support of the parents, MAC students, faculty, staff and the McPherson community."

Some of the highlights of the day were the many first place finishes for the team.

For the women, taking first place in the 400 hurdles was Beth Krehbiel, sr.

For the men, first place finishes were in the 4X800-meter relay, unopposed, the 1500-meters by Tolan Lichty, fr., and the 800-meters by Tim Cox, sr.

Brent Bailey, fr., Simla, Colo. also won the gold in the 3000-meter steeplechase with teammate Jacob Merrick, soph., on his heels in second. Troy McBroom, sr., also had a season best jump of 22' 1 1/2", his first collegiate win in the long jump.

The women did well. Krehbiel placed third in the 100-meter hurdles and fourth in the high jump. Callie Coberly, soph., entered the 100-meters for the experience and ended up finishing second and also placing fifth in the 200-meters.

Placing fifth and sixth for the women in the 1500-meter run were Ashley Mitchell, fr., and Megan Meyer, fr. The women's 4X100-meter relay placed fourth. Sheila Bevan, jr., placed sixth in the discus.

Smith was impressed by the throwers as well.

"The throwers performed well almost all with season best and some near personal best," Smith said.

Running for the men's team, Jordan King, fr., qualified for his second national meet in his second try at the 110 High hurdles. He finished fourth behind

several of last year's national qualifiers in a time of 15.00 seconds.

In the 5000-meter run, the men's team finished second, third and fourth with Merrick, Bailey and Lichty leading the pack early in the race.

Coming in second in the 10000-meter run was Bryan Grosbach, sr., fourth was Brent Caswell, fr., and fifth was Ben Cole, fr.

Brooks Reale, soph., was able to grab third in the 100-meter dash. Sean McCrae, fr., placed fifth in the 400-meter dash.

The men's 4X100-meter relay placed third and the men's 4X400-meter relay came in second.

Zane Walker, soph., placed third in the high jump and Dan Hudachek, jr., placed fifth in the discus and second in the hammer.

BULLDOG NATION

MEN'S BRACKET CHALLENGE CHAMPION:

WOMEN'S BRACKET CHALLENGE CHAMPION:

1. Gad Jacobs 150 (tiebreaker) (Memphis)
2. John Chenault 150 (Connecticut)
3. Lucas Lanning 144 (Texas)
4. Jace Labato 136 (Gonzaga)
5. Alan Childress 134 (North Carolina)
6. Mark Tobias 134 (Connecticut)
7. Mandy Yungeberg 124 (Villanova)
8. Jacob Walden 124 (Duke)
9. Mallory Yungeberg 122 (Connecticut)
10. Robert Garcia 120 (Connecticut)

1. Lucas Lanning 236 (Duke)
2. Mandy Yungeberg 224 (North Carolina)
3. David Barrett 222 (Duke)
4. April Bryley 218 (North Carolina)
5. Jon Rothrock 210 (North Carolina)
6. Ricky Gottschalk 208 (Tennessee)
7. Mark Tobias 196 (Ohio St.)
8. Cy Rolfs 192 (North Carolina)
9. Mallory Yungeberg 188 (LSU)
10. Nate Hadachek 186 (Tennessee)

MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPION:
FLORIDA
(0 picks)

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPION:
MARYLAND
(0 picks)

Yungeberg makes history

BRYAN GROSBACK
Sports Editor

On March 17, Mallory Yungeberg, soph., became part of McPherson College softball history as the first pitcher to throw a no-hitter in Lady Bulldog history.

"I didn't realize that I had a no-hitter until the next morning when I was back home and my dad had said something to me about it. I was excited when the last out was made because it was my first win for

the season and we played great as a team," Yungeberg said.

The Lady Bulldogs beat Oklahoma Wesleyan University 9-0. Yungeberg struck out three and faced two batters over the minimum in the time-shortened five-inning game.

Yungeberg was also named KCAC Pitcher-of-the-Week for her performance.

"It is an honor to say that I threw the first no-hitter in school history, but I couldn't have done it without my teammates," Yungeberg said.



Intramural Basketball



Brian Weiser, soph., Salina shoots for his team, Fun 'n Gun during intramural basketball. photo by Josh Hubin

Softball

Team looks for first conference victory

ANGELINA FIORENZI
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs played their second conference game versus Southwestern on Wednesday. The team was defeated 10-11, 5-13.

The Lady Dogs opened conference play this Monday with a double-header against Friends University where they fell to Friends 5-3.

Carrie Koch, fr., got herself on base by hitting a single, Shay Skahill, jr., was walked by the pitcher and Erikki Viehman fr., was hit by a pitch allowing both to get on base leaving the lady bulldogs with bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth. Jessica Yates, fr., drove a double bringing in both Koch and Skahill.

Pitching, Yates ended the game with striking out ten, walking two and only giving up seven hits.

The second game did not end in favor of the Lady 'Dogs either, losing 3-1. Hitting, again, was the problem. Senior Ellie Miller ended the three-inning drought with a double.

Still scoreless going into the seventh, senior Ellie Miller stepped up once again with a

single; Taylor Parsons came in a pinch runner. Parsons then advanced with the single hit by Mandy Yungeberg.

Finally, thanks to a ground out to second by Jessica DeCavelle, Parsons scored for the Lady 'Dogs. Mallory Yungeberg struck out four, allowing six hits while pitching the entire seven innings.

At the Sterling Invitational Tournament three weeks ago, the team finished 2-1 overall beating Oklahoma Wesleyan University and Newman University and falling to Graceland University.

The team crushed Oklahoma Wesleyan University 9-0 with an awesome pitching performance by Mallory Yungeberg, soph., who pitched the first no hitter in McPherson softball history.

Erikka Viehman, fr., hit to bring in Carrie Koch, fr., and Jessica Yates, fr., Silver Lake.

Shalyn Skahill, jr., started off the Newman game for the Lady Bulldogs by giving up only one run. Coach McCormick brought in Yates to close the game.

Jessica DeCavelle, sr., were the only players to hit off the Newman pitcher more than once. Kelsey Crist, jr., and Abby



Photos by
Josh Hubin

Evans, soph., also contributed to the team at the plate.

"We feel confident in going into conference Thursday. We have a strong team and we have been ready since January," Skahill said. "We are very competitive and aggressive and that's what makes us a strong unit."

The team is also aware that conference play will not be easy, and the team will have to work hard to come out victorious.

"I think the teams will be tough. We can't underestimate anyone in our conference. We all want the same thing-to be KCAC champs." Skahill said.

Top: Christa Blose, sr., attempts to tag out an opponent during the Mid-America Nazarene game.



Right: Katie Hill, jr., hits in the game against Mid-America Nazarene

Athletes opt out of competitive sports

TRICIA RITCHA
Features Editor

Nearly 50 percent of the students at McPherson College participate in a college-sponsored sport, but of the remaining 50 percent, there are many athletic students who, for one reason or another, choose not to participate in collegiate sports.

Reasons for not participating vary from lack of time to lack of a preferred sport. Some students don't participate because they associate college sports with D1 talent level and don't think they are at that skill level, said LaMonte Rothrock, athletic director and dean of students.

There are many athletic students in the technology program, but they came here for the auto restoration experience and not the athletic programs.

Many students participate in sports for the first year or two of college and then quit to concentrate on other things. "I

would say the most common reason students quit playing collegiate sports is due to the huge time commitment participating on an athletic team entails," said JD Gravina, head women's basketball coach.

"Unless an individual has a deep love for the sport, teammates and competition, they will simply decide it isn't worth it. A woman's basketball player at McPherson puts in about 15-20 hours a week. There are many things a college-aged kid could be doing with those hours. It takes a special person to be a student athlete," Gravina said.

David Cunningham, head football coach, said serious injuries, as well as lack of playing time or disagreement with coaching philosophies or decisions may also be factors that cause students to quit playing college-sponsored sports.

Jamie Schropp, jr., Assaria, was one of the athletes who played a sport her freshman year of college before decid-

ing to focus her time on school. Schropp pitched for the softball team and ended the season with honors. She says she doesn't exercise a lot but she pays close attention to what she eats.

The reason Adam Hammer, fresh., Mahwah, N.J., does not participate in athletics here is because McPherson College does not have the sports programs he is most interested in. He played hockey in high school and said he would have participated in wrestling if it was offered.

Even so, Hammer still makes a point to stay in shape by lifting weights and running regularly. "I've always been in shape and it's difficult to see my body go to waste," Hammer said.

Rothrock said there are many factors to consider when choosing which sports to offer. He researches the effects different sports have on the academic environment, enrollment, as well as the cost of particular programs at other NAIA schools, independent Kansas colleges

and some of the small colleges in the surrounding states.

Some of the sports Rothrock has researched recently are tennis, golf and baseball. Tennis, which will be reinstated next year, was selected as the newest MC sport because of the high academic achievement that characteristically accompanies it. In the past when MC offered tennis, participants enjoyed an 83 percent graduation rate over a 20-year period.

Golf was passed over because there is not a good competitive league in Kansas for golf squads, especially for women. The level of attraction for female students is a considerable factor in this choice considering the overwhelming male to female ratio MC has suffered for a long time.

Callie Crist, jr., McPherson, also opted out of collegiate sports because her favorite sport was not offered. Crist was a state-level tennis player in high school and plans to play next year, but decided not

to play basketball, in which she also participated in high school, in order to devote more time to her studies.

In order to stay in shape, Crist gets up every morning and either runs outside or goes to the Hess Fitness Center at the local hospital where her mother works. "I feel that exercise is an important aspect of life," Crist said. "It helps me balance out my daily schedule and relieve stress."

Baseball is the sport that Rothrock said he is most often asked about, but MC has chosen to reject this as a potential athletic program because of the time commitment it requires of its athletes. The current league schedule forces students to miss 1/3 of their class days.

Derrick Ward, jr., Pelos Heights, Ill., is a dedicated runner but he chooses not to participate in track or cross-country. Instead he is constantly training for the next marathon, averaging 55-70 miles a week. He has run the Chicago Mara-

thon and plans to run in a few in Europe during his internship this summer. Ward says he runs for the challenge. He also appreciates the long-term goal a marathon requires, the friendships he has made and the opportunity to travel.

For students interested in beginning an exercise program, the college has an exercise room that stays open from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. There are treadmills, step and stride machines, stationary bikes, universal weight machines, and free weights with detailed instructions. No training is needed to use the exercise room and it is open to all students, faculty and staff.

Another exercise method offered on campus is intramurals. Rothrock said the college is planning on expanding the intramural program by including more non-traditional sports next year such as ping-pong, pool, badminton, racquetball, pickle ball, card games and board games.

Box Score

Track & Field

McPherson College Invitational

Men's Team Scores

Tabor 163
MAC 137
Bethany 85
Friends 79
Bethel 70
Sterling 43
Ottawa 34
Kansas Wesleyan 14

Results

100 Meters
3. Reale, Brooks 11.02
6. McBroom, Troy 11.12
10. Shue, Nick 11.58
200 Meters
9. King, Jordan 24.35
Reale, Brooks 24.69
Smith, Jarred 26.17
400 Meters
5. McCrae, Sean 52.05
800 Meters
1. Cox, Tim 2:02.43
6. Paull, Andrew 2:07.49
1500 Meters
1. Lichty, Tolan 4:22.88
5,000 Meters

2. Merrick, Jacob 17:59.75
3. Bailey, Brent 18:06.32
4. Lichty, Tolan 18:17.80
10,000 Meters
2. Grosbach, Bryan 41:32.69
4. Caswell, Brent 43:06.18
5. Cole, Ben 46:19.02
110 Meter Hurdles
4. King, Jordan 15.00
400 Meter Hurdles
7. Walker, Zane 1:09.18
3,000 Meter Steeplechase
1. Bailey, Brent 11:13.05
2. Merrick, Jacob 11:15.05
4x100 Meters
3. Shue, King 44.00
McBroom, Reale
4x400 Meters
2. McCrae, Shue 3:28.69
Paull, Cox
4x800 Meters
1. McCrae, Paull 10:24.57
Cox, Bailey
High Jump
3. Walker, Zane 6' 3"
4. Cox, Tim 6' 1"
Pole Vault

Smith, Jarred 9' 0"
Long Jump
1. McBroom, Troy 22' 1.5"
Shot Put
Taylor, LaJerrick 35' 1.5"
Discus Throw
5. Hudachek, Dan 132' 9"
Hammer Throw
2. Hudachek, Dan 142' 6"
Javelin Throw
7. Taylor LaJerrick 151' 4"

Women's Team Scores

Bethany 150
Tabor 114
Friends 80
Sterling 78.50
Kansas Wesleyan 59
Bethel 41
MAC 38.50
Ottawa 29
Results
100 Meters
2. Coberly, Callie 13.26
200 Meters
5. Coberly, Callie 29.43

Softball (6-15, 0-4)

800 Meters
10. Mitchell, Ashley 2:53.10
1500 Meters
5. Mitchell, Ashley 5:52.28
6. Meyer, Megan 5:55.26
5,000 Meters
7. Meyer, Megan 22:33.76
100 Meter Hurdles
3. Krehbiel, Beth 17.03
400 Meter Hurdles
1. Krehbiel, Beth 1:14.69
4x100 Meters
4. Johnston, Coberly, 54.16
Krehbiel, Miller
High Jump
4. Krehbiel, Beth 5' 0"
6. Johnston, Lacy 4' 10"
Triple Jump
6. Johnston, Lacy 32' 9.25"
Shot Put
7. Bevan, Sheila 36' 1"
Discus Throw
MAC 0
@ Newman 8
Javelin Throw
10. Miller, Katie 97' 10"

What to watch for



Saturday

Track & Field @ Friends University
Invite 10 a.m.
Softball vs. Kansas Wesleyan 1 & 3 p.m.

Tuesday

Softball vs. Sterling 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Softball @ Central Christian 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

SGA board selected

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Student Government Association (SGA) elections took place Tuesday for the 2006-2007 school year.

The 2006-2007 Student Government board is: Brent Bailey, fr., Simla, Colo., president; Eric Sader, fr., Augusta, vice president; Sheila Bevan, jr., Macksville, secretary; Jamie Schropp, jr., Assaria, senior Representative; Amy Porter, soph., Quinter, junior representative; Kim Middlemist, fr., Holton, Bittenger representative; Erin Donigan, fr., Osage City, Dotzour representative; and Ryan McAleer, soph., Broomfield, Colo., and Nick Jones, Gahanna, Ohio, at large representatives.

The election process begins with a mass e-mail to all the students informing them of



Bailey
President



Sader
Vice President



Bevan
Secretary



Schropp
Senior Rep.



Porter
Junior Rep.



Middlemist
Bittenger Rep.



Donigan
Dotzour Rep.



Jones
At Large Rep.



McAleer
At Large Rep.

the upcoming elections. Those who wish to run must be full-time students and not be on academic probation.

Interested and qualified students must contact a current SGA member and obtain a petition from the secretary. They have two weeks to get a minimum of 15 signatures and turn the petitions back in. The following Tuesday elections take place. Past elections have used a paper ballot, but this year's election process was done over the Internet.

A few of the candidates sent out e-mails and hung posters around campus in hopes of obtaining more votes. Students may have noticed candy in their mailboxes with a pa-

per that said 'Brent Bailey for SGA President' attached to it and also posters around campus asking you to 'vote Jessica Foulke for president'.

Bevan said SGA allows her to become more active on the McPherson campus.

"I've been part of SGA for about two years," Bevan said. "I wanted to be in SGA to be more involved on campus and interact with students."

Bevan ran for secretary and although she was the only student up for the position, she still had to have a petition with at least 15 signatures.

Over the next year SGA plans to accom-

plish a few goals.

"We are reforming the constitution and have added two members to the board (members at

large)," said current SGA president Rhonda Hoffert, jr., Golden, Colo.

SGA is also planning activities for the upcoming **Earth Day**.

"We also are working on at the moment, Earth Week, in celebration of Earth Day," Bevan said. "We are in the process of planning certain activities that will happen that week."

Another election will be held at the beginning of next year to fill the remaining positions for SGA.

Students who wish to contact SGA with their concerns or suggestions can contact either a member of the board or via e-mail.

Outgoing Internet limit decreased

AMANDA KEITH
Spectator Staff

Last night, three students were automatically blocked from using the Internet because they reached the outgoing limit of 50 megabytes.

The new limit was re-instated after Cox Communications cut off cable modem access to McPherson College because of a letter they received from Home Box Office (HBO). HBO detected that large files were being uploaded from a computer on campus. The files included episodes of the copyrighted television show "The Sopranos." Cox Communications requested that the college disable access to the computer.

Dave Gitchell, director of computer services, and Andy Ullom, assistant director of computer services, increased the outgoing bandwidth limit to 100 megabytes on Feb. 7, because they felt it would give students more flexibility. Students who use webcams and participate in off-site gaming can hit the 50 megabyte limit quickly.

The problem arose because uploads of 100 megabytes are more easily detected by companies which track violations for companies like HBO.

"Most students don't understand that people can see what they're doing," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

Rothrock understands why students are interested in downloading files; he downloads music on a regular basis. The difference is that he uses legal means to obtain files, such as buying music from iTunes. Many other services like Napster and MSN offer legal music downloads.

Before this semester, many students got blocked from the Internet without knowing why. Computer services received endless complaints from stu-

dents who share files. Some students unknowingly have their Internet set up so that off-campus computer users can upload files. This ties up the campus bandwidth and causes students to lose connections early without knowing why.

On Jan. 18, computer services created two web pages that pop up to inform students why they are being blocked. One website tells them that the limit has been reached and who to contact with questions. Internet access is cleared at midnight of the same day. The second website pops up if worm or virus activity is detected on the computer. In this case, the student must contact computer services to take care of the problem before regaining access.

New students have the most difficulty with the Internet, but with the new website pop-ups, more questions are answered immediately.

"We haven't been getting as many calls since we created the web pages," Gitchell said.

One of the reasons the bandwidth is limited is to allow students a fair amount of access to the Internet. The college does not condone illegal activity, but according to Ullom they do want to "provide an atmosphere where students are responsible for their own actions."

The penalties for violating copyright laws include severe fines and up to 10 years in prison. Violations only affect the individual, not the college.

Other small colleges completely block the ports that allow students to use downloading services and send letters to students if the college detects a copyright violation. Because McPherson College controls the limit, they don't feel the need to send letters to students.

"We are not interested in monitoring programs like iTunes," Rothrock said. "We are very liberal compared to other schools."



photo submitted by Ross Barton

Alex Smith, jr., Olathe, stands next to a 1931 Cadillac V-16 in the shop at RM Auctions and Restorations in Canada. This car was one of nine made in that year and asking price is \$400,000. Cars are typically sold unrestored out of the showroom. Then the buyer is offered RM's restoration service. C.A.R.S. Club also toured the Henry Ford Museum and the GM Heritage Center in Detroit, as well as the Indianapolis 500 Museum. The trip took about 30 hours round-trip.

C.A.R.S. visit museums

Auto restoration students travel to Canada, Detroit

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The Henry Ford Museum and the GM Heritage Center were the focus of 24 McPherson College students who traveled to Detroit last weekend.

These students are members of the College Auto Restoration Students (C.A.R.S.) Club, which formed in the 1970s.

The students also crossed the line into Canada to visit the RM Auctions and Restorations company, then stopped at the Indianapolis 500 Museum on their way home.

"Quite a few of the students had never been to that part

of the country," said Chris Paulsen, project manager and instructional assistant. "It was really an opportunity to hit three big car museums in one place."

Paulsen and personal counselor Kelli Johnson accompanied the club on the trip.

Paulsen said the main purpose of the trip was "just to see some different car collections in a different area. The Henry Ford Museum is one of the best-known collections of cars."

Paulsen added that several McPherson graduates are now employed by the Henry Ford Museum and at least one student usually interns there each

year.

Ross Barton, sr., Golden, Colo., said fundraisers such as annual car washes helped to support the trip. One such car wash will take place this weekend.

Paulsen said C.A.R.S. has not taken a trip like this in about four years. The funds that have built up during that time in addition to the students picking up the rest of the cost made the trip possible.

Barton said the club's next project is the seventh Annual Car Show on May 6.

"We'll be having about 150 cars along with a 1911 Stanley Steamer and a 1950 Woody Wagon," Barton said.

The weekend after the car show, auto restoration students are looking forward to Mystery Ride.

Mystery Ride is a new activity C.A.R.S. Club is trying this year. Students are to take off with a car-full of students, following a rough course with vague directions, looking for particular items.

Afterward, students will end up at a restaurant and prizes will be given out.

"We'll probably have them driving up and down the same street several times looking for different things," Paulsen said. "Kind of as something to do on a Saturday afternoon or a Sunday afternoon."

Student Services plans new activities for third annual campus blowout

JEN MARQUETTE
Spectator Staff

Student Services has been preparing the third annual campus blowout, scheduled for Friday, May 12.

Activities will begin around 10:30 a.m. on Friday. A community-wide parade will take place in downtown McPherson.

McPherson County celebrates a holiday dubbed 'All Schools Day' in which grades K-12 are dismissed from regular class to enjoy a day of fun. McPherson's campus blowout works in conjunction with McPherson

County's All Schools Day.

After the parade, students can return to campus for lunch, which is planned for outside, weather permitting.

Afternoon team competitions will begin after lunch. The team competitions will take place at the McPherson College stadium. All new activities have been planned for this year with no repeat activities from previous years.

"We definitely took suggestions from the paper we had posted inside the student union," said Tracy Stoddart, Dotzour Hall resident director.

Along with the team competi-

tions in the afternoon, individual competitions will take place throughout the day.

McPherson's Alumni Development office is helping with the planning of dinner and the senior "drive-thru" where all students graduating this spring can drive down the main campus sidewalk and through the gazebo.

A game night is planned for any students interested.

Following game night, there will be fireworks at Wall Park hosted by McPherson County.

Campus blowout will conclude with a movie on the lawn, weather permitting.

Campus blowout is designed to allow students to relax and have fun before finals week and to keep students on campus during that final weekend.

It is also a time to share with friends and to make some final memories.

If there are faculty or staff members willing to help with campus blowout, contact Tracy Stoddart.

"We are still looking for any help from faculty or staff that we can get," Stoddart said. "It would be greatly appreciated. A day like this requires a lot of work and we would love for some extra help."

News Briefs

Book drive supports schools hit by hurricanes

McPherson College is working with "Books from the Heart" to obtain books for schools hit by hurricanes in the past year. During April, drop boxes will be placed in the library and in Melhorn to collect grades 9-12 fiction and non-fiction books. The book drive also includes educational DVDs and videos.

April is National Poetry Month

Submit a poem online to support McPherson College's third annual Poetry Month Project. Prizes will be given to four winners.



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