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## Village simulations impact lives of students

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During fall break, Al Dutrow, associate professor of agriculture, will take his World Food Issues class and others to spend time in the Global Village at Heifer Ranch, where they will get the chance to experience what it is like to live where people suffer from starvation.

"I am going because it is a unique opportunity, and even if I travel outside of the country, it would still be high class," said Lisa Sader, sr., Salina.

At the Global Village, students will experience the life of people living in a third-world country for two days and two nights. Students on the trip will be staying in housing similar to what native inhabitants live in and will eat the same foods. They will also make food with the technology that people have at those locations. Students will get a chance to barter in an open-air market. They will do chores such as taking care of the animals and gardens.

"I really don't know what to expect," Sader said. "I expect they are going to give it to us straight."

According to Dutrow, the village is set up to simulate major areas of poverty in the world.

Students going to the Global Village will go to simulations of Mozambique, the Mississippi Delta or Mongolia. In Mozambique, they will be staying in adobe houses. The people who will be living in the Mississippi Delta will be staying in wood frame buildings or school buses. In the Mongolian village, the homes are called "yurts."

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**-BETH KREHBIEL**

"I would like to go to the [place] that is the least developed," Sader said.

Last year, Dutrow's World Food Issues class also went to the Global Village, but just for one day. The group spent most of their time doing service

work. In each village, one person had to act as though she were pregnant. There, students stayed in a Guatemalan village, urban slums or Africa.

"Staying in the African hut was so much fun, other than the massive spiders," Beth Krehbiel, sr., Pratt, said.

While there, the groups decided to have a potluck and brought foods from each of their villages. The people in the African village supplied stew made from scratch. People in Guatemala provided cornbread,



Beth Krehbiel, sr., Pratt, starts a fire to cook the meal for her village on last year's trip. Krehbiel said she was surprised at how long it took to actually cook the meals. She stayed in the African village while others stayed in the Guatemalan village or the urban slums.

and those in the urban slums brought rice.

"It was really neat to see how much we could get out of so little," Krehbiel said.

The program is run by Heifer International, which is a non-profit organization that sends

animals such as cows and goats to people around the world who are suffering from hunger. The animals are sent because they can supply milk, eggs, wool and other resources. Each family that receives a gift of an animal is to pass the gift on by

giving the animal's offspring to other families in need.

"It's an organization that really works to reduce hunger around the world," Dutrow said.

Dutrow is still looking for people to go on this year's trip. It is open to any student, high

school or above. They will leave Oct. 16 and return Oct. 19. The trip should cost \$150, including travel, lodging and food. Anyone interested should contact Al Dutrow.

## Faculty aids in renovating Templeton



Ross Barton, sr., Golden, Colo., (left) and Dan Hudachek, jr., Stillwater, Minn. (right) repair the 1928 Franklin in Templeton Hall. Templeton received much needed renovations over the summer.

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With the support of a faculty focused on student benefits, the dedication of all who were involved and the right amount of money, Templeton Hall received a much needed internal renovation over the summer. The purpose of the renovation was not for mere aesthetic reasons, but more because "a great program needs great facilities," according to Bud Mounts.

Mounts, director of facility management, was the project manager for the renovation. To

have Mounts in such a position helped McPherson College utilize more funds for direct use rather than paying a management and/or profit fee, not to mention he comes to the school with 35 years of experience in construction.

The main concern with the building was functionality and bringing everything up to code to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (O.S.H.A.). O.S.H.A. requires that in work settings such as the Templeton Hall labs, the lighting must reach a

measurement of 60 ft. candle power. This measurement is calculated by how much light a single candle omits from one foot away.

Before the renovation, some areas of Templeton had only 6 ft. candle power. Thanks to the new "metal halide lighting," the average light output is 80 ft. candle power, which exceeds O.S.H.A. requirements by one third.

Aside from the lighting, the building was completely gutted. Certain fire walls were also brought up to code by installing double 5/8" sheet rock where there was only single. Painters were hired from Wichita to paint every surface from the ceiling to the floors with an extremely bright white that aids in diffusing the light instead of soaking it up. The former colors of yellow, red and brown in every lab were not conducive to light reflection.

Roger Stout, assistant professor of technology, described the previous condition of Templeton in one word: "dingy."

"Clearly the shop has taken a huge step forward. It's been staggering to me how well we've done at upgrading the facilities," said instructor of technology Luke Chennel.

Faculty and staff are not the only ones excited about the

changes; students recognize the importance of such an expenditure.

"It's not like working in a cave anymore. The shop looks more presentable," Myles Regier, jr., Henderson, Neb., said.

The entire project was performed over the past summer with some outside work being brought in, but the bulk of the work was performed by faculty and staff. Any day this summer, Stout, Mounts and Richard Dove, assistant professor of technology, could be seen working hard to make sure things were ready to go for the beginning of the semester. The incredible dedication of these men and the rest of the faculty has brought a "new light" to Templeton Hall. This instills a sense of pride for all of the auto restoration students.

There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony today at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the \$300,000 of changes made to Templeton Hall. Members of the National Advisory Board were present and tours of the facilities were given.

"It wasn't what just one person wanted, it was what the faculty felt would benefit the students the most. This project has met all my expectations and more. It turned out great," Mounts said.

## Wilson to speak at Mac

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The Mohler Lecture Series begins Oct. 2 with Dr. Modena Hoover Wilson. Wilson's lecture is part of a series provided every year.

According to Steve Gustafson, coordinator for the series, the lectures "bring speakers from diverse backgrounds to campus to address relevant life issues and topics." The speakers include theologians, scientists, musicians and political figures. Some of the more famous speakers that have visited McPherson College include "Roots" author Alex Haley, "Bless Me, Ultima" author Rudolfo Anaya and former Comptroller of the currency of the United States from 1966 to 1981, Dr. Elmer Staats, who was also a graduate of McPherson College in 1935.

The series was named in honor of Dr. Robert Mohler who was a long-time faculty member and administrator of the college. The lectures were established in 1975 by Dr. Mohler and his wife, Fern Shoemaker Mohler. The Mohler family still remains very involved in the series and suggests which guests should be premiered during the series.



"The committee for the series seeks input from the family and then makes decisions upon which guests we wish to have on campus. Susan Taylor makes the initial contact with the guest and I coordinate schedules and dates," Gustafson said.

Wilson, a 1967 graduate of McPherson College. Wilson majored in biology and then earned her medical degree. She also taught at John Hopkins School of Medicine. Last year, she became senior vice president of professional standards at the American Medical Association. Dr. Wilson's lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium and is titled "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care."

All students are encouraged to attend the presentation, as there is no cost for students.

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# A home away from home

MEGAN MCKNIGHT



Guest Columnist

Being at McPherson for three weeks, I didn't realize how different it would be here. Salina isn't exactly a big step up from McPherson, but it is my hometown. Everything I have ever known is in Salina, but I packed up all my belongings to move to a place where I didn't know a single person. I was the girl that couldn't wait to get out on her own, who had been taking care of herself for as long as she could remember and was ready to get away from everything that had been so familiar for the past 18 years. When I came to McPherson, I expected something different. I wasn't expecting a KU or K-State, but I wasn't anticipating this either.

I have to admit, sleeping in a strange bed and waking up to shower with four other girls in the bathroom every morning isn't something I've experienced before. I'm used to sleeping with the radio on at night, waking up an hour before school starts, showering in my own bathroom and driving myself to school every day. Coming here was a complete environment change for me. But I think I've begun to settle in.

A large handful of my friends are currently attending KU, K-State or are staying in Salina. When I talk to them during the week they tell me about how huge their classes are (my best friend has over 350 people in one class!) and what awesome parties they went to last weekend. When I tell them how my week has gone, they can't believe that my largest class only has 17 kids and that on the weekend I went to the football game and hung out with some friends afterwards. I think that so far I'm happy with my choice.

A typical Friday night in my hometown would consist of either going to work or the football game and then hanging out with my girlfriends and catching up with some guys later. When there wasn't a football game or some other school function, the girls would still meet up and we would try to find something to do.

Things around here are definitely different. I've been rather impressed with the campus activities that have been hosted these past couple of weeks by the Student Activities Board. I imagine that everyone realizes this town doesn't exactly have a lot of options when it comes to entertain-

ment and having a different type of activity every night for the first few weeks really made me feel comfortable here. From bingo to bowling, everything I've participated in has helped me meet new people and feel a bit at ease with moving here.

This campus has seemed to suck in all the friendly people from around the globe. As I walk to class, the majority of the people that I pass by flash me a smile and say hello. This is something that wasn't common in my high school, let alone my town. Seniority was a huge issue at my school and when I came here I didn't really see that. This whole atmosphere is something I've never quite experienced before. McPherson is full of some of the nicest people I think I've ever met.

Not that long ago I was still a little fuzzy on my decision to come to this school. I knew that I was leaving behind everything I've ever known to start a new chapter in my life. This is the first time I've ever been to a place where I didn't even know

one person. However, the people here have made me feel like I've made the right choice. Even my seminar group makes me feel at ease about everything. A recent dinner at the President's house made me think about

why I chose this school. As I was sitting around the table listening to the people in my group speak about what they enjoy about the school, I thought about why I was here. I thought about how I don't know any other school that does things like this and about how my class got dressed up to walk a couple blocks to eat dinner here. I knew that night that I made the right choice to come here. Even our senior mentor has been amazingly helpful through everything. She has to be one of the craziest people I have ever met, but I mean that in a good way.

McPherson isn't just a college in my eyes. Yes, we're all attending this school to get an education in a specific field so that we can make a career for ourselves. However, here it's much more than just an education. This is a small campus and when you turn around, you see a familiar face and not someone who you look at and think "Who the heck are you?" I realize that I'm going to miss the relationships and lifestyle I had back home, but being at this school sets off a whole new era. I feel extremely comfortable at this school. By coming to a smaller school, I'm not just expanding my knowledge, I'm gaining insight into so many things that I never thought were possible.



Illustration by Alisha Gridley

Good Dog

The pop machine survey: finally we get what we really want!

Including off-campus students in Homecoming activities!

Bad Dog

Not enough support for women's soccer!

The empty shell that used to be the Student Union Basement.

Not being able to scan cards for visitors.



## "Love, Angel, Music, Baby" a review

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Gwen Steffani's newest CD, "Love, Angel, Music, Baby" showcases her new identity as a star in pop culture. She is ever evolving in fashion and in music. Those of you who were fans of Gwen's when she performed in No Doubt may not embrace this CD right off, but take it from a long-time fan, this CD does get you in its grasp eventually. Granted, there are a few songs that I do not care for, but this is more because of the genre and not for lack of talent.

Gwen's smooth voice and guests such as Eve and Andre 3000 add flavor and variation to the tracks. Many tracks, full of techno beats and dance hits like "Rich Girl," "Harajuku Girls" and "Hollaback Girl," will keep you going while working out in the gym. There is some strong language, and to fill those who are not in the know in on what a harajuku girl is, many young girls in the Harajuku area of Tokyo, Japan are play-dressing as characters from bands or anime. Harajuku girls are mentioned in a majority of the tracks on this CD, so if you did not understand it, now you will.

All of the tracks have something to offer, from relationships and love, to dreams of life. The track making the biggest statement would be "Long Way to go," featuring Andre 3000. It is about bi-racial relationships and how society's views have not changed much in the last forty years. With references to Martin Luther and lyrics like, "What color is love?" and metaphors such as, "When snow hits the asphalt, cold looks and bad talk come," you have to take it very seriously and really listen to the message being passed on. I have to give kudos to Gwen and Andre 3000 for crossing this bridge with a real statement and with dignity when so many other artists will not touch it or do so in an inappropriate manner.

Gwen has shown her versatility on the album, especially from her No Doubt roots, and she has found a new niche in today's music scene. She stays ever present and someday may be compared to Madonna. She has come a long way from "I'm Just a Girl."

# Religion and McPherson College: Keep it separate or together?

LINDSEY LATHAM



Guest Columnist

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; Or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." -- The First Amendment

Religion to certain individuals may be a practice, to others an exercise, but to most it is a right, a freedom of which they may choose how, what, when and why they want to worship without any question. Once that right is violated, people tend to become uncertain and question their Constitutional right to decide.

Robert Jackson, a past Supreme Court Justice, once said, "The very purpose of a Bill of Rights was to withdraw certain subjects from the vicissitudes of political controversy, to place them beyond the reach of majorities and officials and to establish them as legal principles to be applied by the courts. One's right to life, liberty, and property, to free speech, a free press, freedom of worship and assembly, and other fundamental rights may not be submitted to vote; they depend on the outcome of no elections."

By attending this private institution, most began their educational college career knowing they were entering into a Breth-

ren Church-based campus, but kept in mind that they were not expected to attend the Brethren church nor worship in a Brethren sense. Students knew they had the right to choose whether or not it mattered, but it was the fact that "they had the right, the freedom" that made their choice of McPherson College as their home so significant.

When some McPherson College students were asked if they would have chosen McPherson College had they been required to attend the Brethren Church, seven out of ten students said no, with five of those students basing their choice on the fact that they were not Brethren and didn't feel comfortable worshipping in a denomination they were not committed to.

Students appreciate the rights they have, and choosing their religion is one of those rights. Our campus is made up of a mixture of students from all over the United States, all coming from different backgrounds and cultures. Some are religious, some are not, and not all that are religious are Brethren.

Many students at McPherson College were offered scholarships, whether for academics or athletics, and may not have any other way to pay for school but are of a different religion. If the Brethren religion was required, some students may possibly be forced by their parents or for other reasons to turn down McPherson's offer. Other students may have had several offers from different colleges and made the choice not to attend McPherson because of the fact that they were required to attend a church they were not associated with.

Religion is an important asset to some and a major part of one's daily routine. It is true to say that many religions are similar, but it is also true to say that not one is exactly the same. I believe it is safe to wonder that if students were required to attend a church, learn or worship a religion they did not believe in, whether they would go or if requiring the attendance would just cause problems.

It all comes down to the question, "Do I have the right?" Do I, as an American, have the right to choose whether or not to believe or not to believe in God, the church, my own worship, etc. In separating the church from the school, it gives students that right and freedom of choosing their own worship while receiving a top educational degree.

ANN MASTERSON



Guest Columnist

In today's world, we frequently hear the words "separation of church and state."

Because of such policies, we here at McPherson find ourselves asking whether or not it is okay for our small, private school to emphasize Christianity on campus. One of the events during Freshman Orientation included attending chapel with our seminar groups.

However, I will be the first

to speak up and say that, despite this being a school, I can see no problem with an emphasis in religion. We are not, after all, a federally-funded public school; we are in fact a small private college. The federal government and its policies regarding education have no real weight at McPherson. "But it's immoral!" some will protest. "We can't force religion on people! It's wrong!" Newsflash: clearly stating one's religious preferences and requesting that students take part in it is not forcing religion on them. Students are free to decline to participate in Christian activities on campus. Nonparticipation isn't going to affect a student's grade. Like any other club, the Christian organization on campus simply encourages participation.

Despite having addressed such arguments, I can hear more clamoring for attention. "There shouldn't be any religious affiliations at school!" I don't know why you're attending this college if you believe that. I know that I saw the "Church of the Brethren affiliate" on every pamphlet sent to me by this school. I can understand outrage and defiance when dealing with something like this being sprung on you at the last moment with little or no warning, but come on, people! It has never been a secret that this school is affiliated with the Church of the Brethren.

How can you even pretend to be surprised that the school supports them? I am also aware that the

school included a church listing in our "bucket of chicken" upon arrival. The pamphlet displays 20 different denominations and includes addresses and worship times. This is not a school that forces its belief system on the students. Perhaps all the churches listed are Christian...so what? McPherson is a small town in the middle of the Bible belt. Again, how can you honestly express surprise? At least they have made it easier for other denominational worshippers to find and become active in their own church. As a Baptist, I could understand being irate if they would only allow the Brethren brand of worship here, but this is far from being the case.

In closing, I understand that many must still be struggling with the "separation of church and state" issue which I have so redundantly heard during discussions about this very topic. One will kindly note that this is McPherson College, not McPherson State. Even our name indicates that this is not a school that is tied to the government. However, I reiterate, as a private college, McPherson College is not to be held to the same standards, religiously speaking, as the much larger state schools. As the college does not require participation in church functions, only suggests it, I believe McPherson College to be above reproach in this aspect, especially when one considers the extent they went to warn us before our arrival on campus.

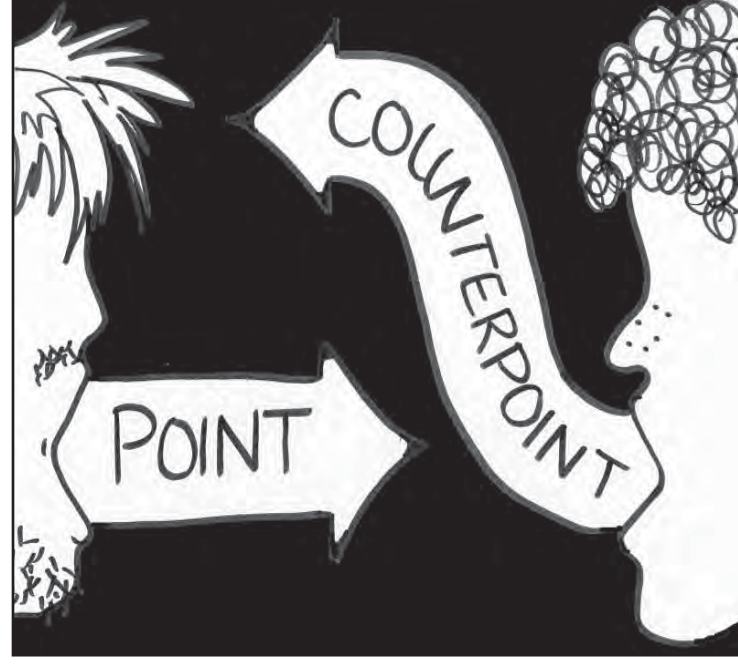


Illustration by Rhonda Hoffer



# A call to arms: Make movie endings good

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Spectator Staff

"What's going to happen? I have no idea how she's going to escape the monster. What?!? She died? Well, that sure was the worst movie I've seen in a long while."

A similar chain of events went through my mind a few weeks ago when watching "The Skeleton Key" at movie night, sponsored by Student Government and Student Activities Board. Unfortunately, even the best of movies can be completely slaughtered with a generic contrived ending. From ancient Greece's "Deus Ex Machina" to today's version of throwing in a multitude of special effects in an effort to confuse the audience into submission, the film industry's lack of imagination and creativity has caused them to practically give up on thoroughly closing a movie. The use of miracles or doomsday phenomenon has not only insulted moviegoers but also those films in which these devices are truly merited.

The two core categories of lame endings are either 1) al-

lowing the advantaged side, usually the evildoers, to triumph or 2) allowing the disadvantaged side to succeed by means of an illogical event.

"The Skeleton Key" along with "The Perfect Storm" and "Open Water" are a few examples of allowing the privileged factions to defeat the protagonists. There is no rhyme or reason behind these defeats, or at least there is certainly no valid excuse regarding the circumstances chosen by the film creators. There are two possibilities of why exactly these negative endings take place. The first of which is that these mischievous harm-wishers somewhere in their twisted minds find it humorous to stun and upset their audiences. They derive pleasure from crushing the hopes and dreams of their would-be heroes and the corresponding audience. Although this reason certainly exists, the more prevalent of the two causes is the fact that

creators write themselves into a trap and do not possess the creativity or intellect to correct their well-written sequence of events that comes before the dilemma. Sadly, because they cannot rewrite what was previously written or come up with an adequate solution to their climatic conflicts, they in essence give up on their film and allow the obvious to happen. Overall, negative endings are often point-

less outcomes derived from their clueless inventors.

On the flip side, terrible endings are sometimes those that end up too conveniently well. Like those who kill off their protagonists, those who wish to save them also end up writing scripts into a bind. Because

of their rose-colored glasses, creators must save their heroes. However, once again due to a lack of intellect, they have no choice but to end on a sour note. They allow God, miracles or an illogical sequence of events to

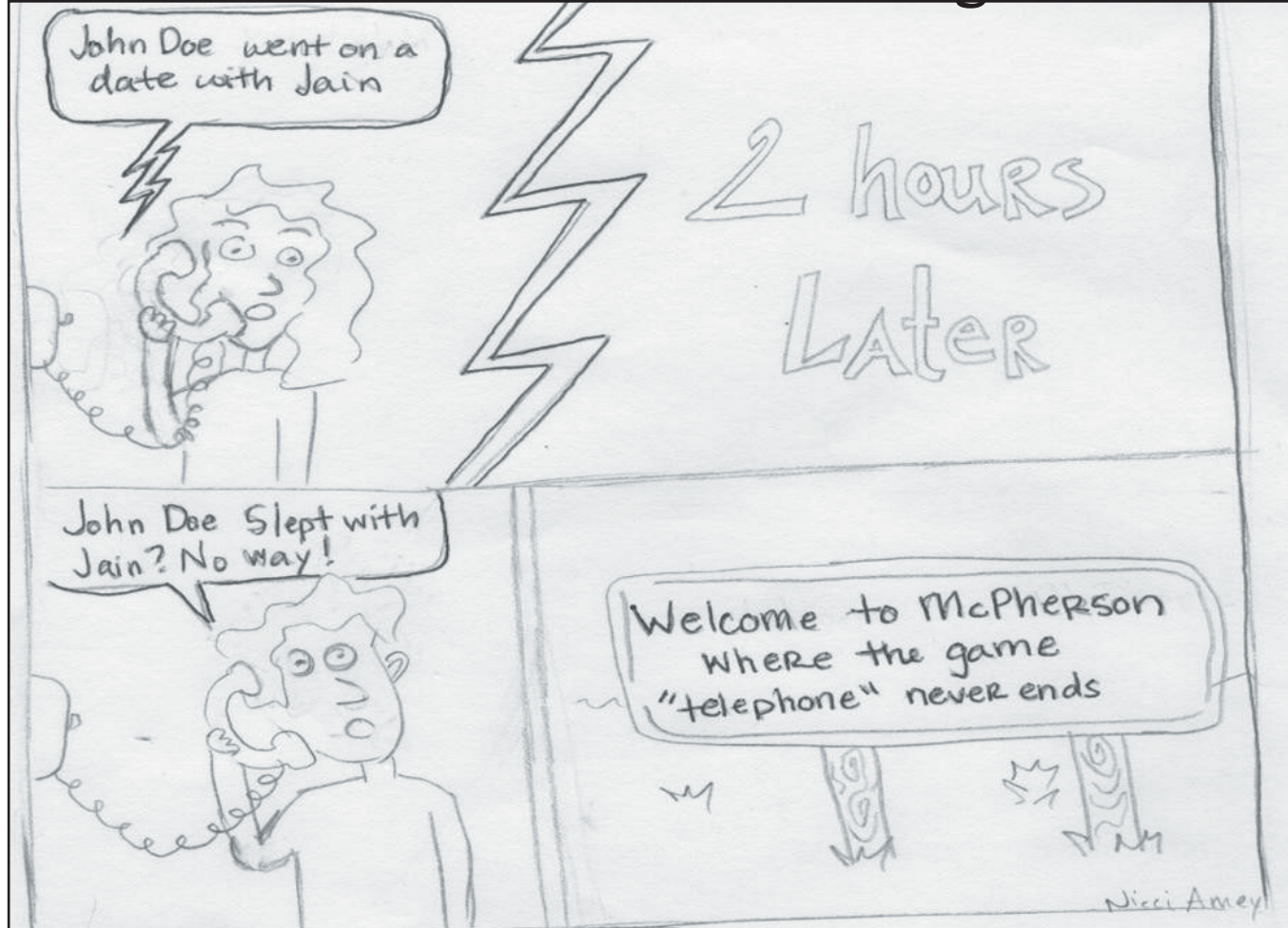
magically allow everyone to live happily ever after. If only the public were so ignorant to buy into this, the strategy might just stand a chance.

One must understand that there are times when standard traits of dreadful closers actually have a place in movies. The overwhelming subject of these exceptions exists when a film is trying to prove a point. For instance, in "War of the Worlds," the generally lame ending actually works because it shows the insignificance of humanity compared to the overwhelming power of nature. Political points, worldly issues and other exceptions to terrible movie endings are trounced upon because of the non-insightful producer.

As one can see, bad movie conclusions are a plague in today's pop culture society that needs to be eradicated before it is too late. Relevant causes for Godly intervention or the defeat of good are thrown into a class where they truly do not belong solely because of this infection. It is our duty as a media literate campus to spread the word about any of these horrendous finales we witness, and hopefully we can make a small impact by increasing the demand for quality films in this nation.

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## a McPherson College moment...



## On the fly

Do you believe that religion should be a central feature of the McPherson College experience?



"No, because there are too many different kinds of beliefs and you might offend someone."

-- Kyle Gruss, fr., Leavenworth

"Well, yeah. I mean come on! The school was founded by the church and is a major part of the school's history."

-- Heather Emery, fr. Fort Smith, Ark.



"No. Religion and education don't have anything in common."

-- Ross Barton, sr., Golden, Co.

"I don't think that religion should be the main focus because some people that come to this school aren't even religious and they might feel like they are being pushed into a religion."

-- Nick McKellip, jr., Nampa, Idaho



# Facebook a disclaimer

STAFF EDITORIAL

As of September 17th, there were 143 McPherson College Students on Facebook. That's 143 people joining a site they didn't even have access to one week ago. If you are one of those lucky (or cursed) enough to have joined <http://www.facebook.com>, you understand its nuances. More specifically, you probably understand how easy it is to keep in touch with other friends that you haven't seen or talked to since high school or earlier. You probably know that you can send people messages, write on their profiles ("walls" for all you Facebook connoisseurs), and for no reason at all, electronically "poke" people. You can figure out who is looking for a relationship, you can find out who is in a relationship. You can find people who are like-minded at McPherson College, whether it be in political views or favorite movies. You can find out who has read "What's the Matter with Kansas" and who hasn't. You can even find out who lives in the dorm you do. Hours upon hours of time are being spent by McPherson College students exploring the intricate details of this fascinating website.

But, McPherson College students, beware. It is fun to see what your friends are doing. It's fun, though pointless, to click on hundreds of profiles and "poke" people. But when this fun prevents you from doing things like homework, hanging out with friends and generally enjoying your college experience, it's a problem. There is a danger, and it's probable, that <http://www.facebook.com> is a waste of time. Highly entertaining, but a waste of time nonetheless. So, this weekend, instead of trying to figure out who at McPherson College thinks "Finding Nemo" is a great movie, go outside! Take a walk to the park and do your homework while feeding the geese. Go hang out in someone's room. Watch "Finding Nemo" or read "What's the Matter with Kansas." Don't allow the wonders of Facebook to keep you from doing the things that are important.

# Mission: Super Glue

JESSICA FOULKE



Conversations with Myself

Last week, I broke a vase that a friend got me for my birthday. I was moving some books on my shelf and it fell right off the edge, smashing into eight sparkling pieces on the carpeted floor. Guilt-stricken, I picked up the jagged glass and set it carefully back on the shelf, determined to correct my grievous error. I couldn't simply throw this thoughtful gift away; I had to glue it back together. Alas, I had no glue with enough strength to put the pieces back together again. So last night I went to the large retail store off of South Centennial Drive. I won't say the name, but I will say that it rhymes with Smal-Fart Poopercenter. I was on a mission. Mission: Super Glue.

After carefully choosing an appropriate super glue, based upon effectiveness when applied to glass and my personal cost restrictions, I decided upon an all-purpose variety, more specifically Instant Crazy@ Glue. It came in a small tube, .07 ounces worth, and seemed perfect for my particular job. As the packaging expressed, it bonded "better on plastic, metal, wood, rubber," and most importantly, "glass." Not to mention that it had a "one drop applicator" and, because I didn't intend on using it all in one setting, a "stay fresh container." Extremely pleased with myself and anxious to get back to the dorms to watch Big Brother, I decided to use the often faster self check-out lane to purchase the glue.

As I scanned the Crazy@ Glue across the scanner and threw it into a plastic sack, I

glanced up at the screen as it flashed, in bright red letters, "Restricted Item." Assuming it was some sort of mistake, I ignored the screen and hit the "pay now" button, preparing to slide my debit card through the card reader - isn't technology lovely? "Please wait for cashier assistance," the computer screen mocked. Confused slightly, I waited as a blonde woman wearing a blue vest ambled over to me. Taking her time, she scanned herself into the system, using what I would assume to be her personal bar code. The screen flashed again, asking for the input of my birth date. As the woman looked me up and down with disdain, she asked me how old I was. I told her the truth--that I was twenty.

"You can't buy this," she snorted. "What?" I asked her, incredulously. "You have to be 21," she told me, as she cancelled the purchase and grabbed the contraband from the plastic bag.

"I have to be 21 to buy glue?" I questioned, in shock and frustration. "Super glue, yes," she stated with such authority that it effectively ended the conversation. She walked away, my Crazy@ Glue gripped tightly in her fingers.

How incredibly frustrating! What on earth are they trying to prevent? The last time I checked, super glue was not a lethal weapon. You hear a lot about people being stabbed with knives that I could purchase from the house-ware department, or even scissors that I could find very near the super glue. I haven't heard a lot about people being glued to death, and even so, think of the sheer number of .07 ounce tubes you would have to purchase to actually slather them completely in glue.

Maybe this giant retailer is on a mission to prevent the unnecessary gluing of products. Thereby, we will have to buy new products from said retailer! It's a conspiracy!

Or perhaps they're trying to keep me

from sniffing super glue. What kind of a sad person chooses to get high by sniffing super glue? The tube is tiny, it is too expensive, and there's always the embarrassing possibility the tube could get permanently stuck in your nose! Besides that, I'm 20 years old! In 11 months, will I instantly become aware that sniffing super glue is bad for me? Will I suddenly understand that I shouldn't try to kill anyone with super glue? The day I turn 21, I will instantly realize that a) super glue is bad when shoved up the nose, b) it's not an effective weapon and c) I should throw everything away often and buy more stuff. Please.

As I stomped out of the sliding glass doors, I was more determined than ever to get some super glue. Smal-Fart was not going to beat me today. "Mission: Super Glue" would be completed, if I had to drive to Hutchinson to do so. I decided upon Dillons, whom I thought would better understand my plight. And that they did. I grabbed the exact same kind of super glue, right down to the green and red tube, and waited in line to pay. The question the cashier asked me: "Do you have a Dillons Plus Card?"

Less than five dollars later, I was gluing the vase back together. It's as good as new and not going to fall apart, as it has some high quality super glue keeping it together. Mission: Super Glue--complete.

So watch what you try to buy at large retail stores off of South Centennial Drive. I know that cough syrup has some alcohol in it, as does mouthwash. I hear that you can get a high from whiteout, from rubber cement, from whipped cream containers. Who knows what's next in this ridiculousness. But if you ever break some special item of yours and need super glue to fix it, I would suggest not wasting your time by heading to Dillons. They're nicer to you there, and you can buy what you need, no matter what your age.



Hey you?

Got something to say?

ANYTHING?

then...

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off-campus: call college, dial 1000, #, then 3116

Shout It Out callers have 30 seconds to speak about any topic they wish.

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• I DO HAVE AN OPINION ON OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS HAVING TO PAY \$200 PER SEMESTER FOR A MEAL PLAN THEY WILL PROBABLY NEVER USE! I CHOSE TO BE AN OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT AND ONE OF THE REASONS IS SO I DON'T HAVE TO EAT THE CAFETERIA FOOD.

• WHOEVER KEEPS DROPPING ICE CREAM CONES OUTSIDE NEEDS TO START AIMING FOR THEIR MOUTH.

• TACOS!

• I MISS DEAN FEASENHEISER.

• I NEVER KNEW THAT A BUG COULD SET OFF A FIRE ALARM.

• I JUST WANTED TO THANK WHOEVER LOCKED THE SPORT CENTER AN HOUR EARLY LAST NIGHT. I AM SO HAPPY THAT I GOT DRESSED AND READY TO STAND THERE AND PLAY WITH LOCKED DOORS.



# Broadening horizons with BCA

Four students share their personal perspectives on the initial feelings while studying abroad



**Agnes Teixido-Grana**  
Barcelona, Spain

Some say that starting somewhere new is the most difficult part. Well, here I am. On August 25th, I started this new period of my life as Agnes Teixido-Grana, a Spanish exchange student and English major in my fourth year at college.

To be honest, I was in absolute panic when I got out of the car and put my feet down at McPherson College.

I had been wishing to come to the United States for years, but once I was here the only thought in my mind was "I'm alone, and I'm definitely afraid."

However, I knew it wasn't at all like me to run away.

Deep inside me I knew that I could make things as difficult or easy as I wanted them to be. So, I decided this was going to be an unbelievably good time.

It isn't easy. I'm far away from the people I love, but I thought it would be worse. There are times when fear seizes me, and I just want to cry, run away or go back to where I belong.

So far I'm truly enjoying my college life; I love the classes I'm taking, even if it means way more homework than I ever had in Spain.

The biggest difference has been the quietness all around. I'm used to big cities, crowds, noise and movement. We all know that this isn't exactly the definition of Kansas. People are home by 2 a.m.; in Spain, we go out at that time! This is definitely too quiet for me.

However, I found a way to lead my usual life here. I already found people who are quite similar to my friends back in Barcelona. (Actually having someone from Barcelona here is really helpful!)

Being in Kansas just confirms one of my strongest beliefs. It doesn't matter where you are as long as you are surrounded by the right people, and I am.



**Shingo Nonaka**  
Sapporo, Japan

My name is Shingo Nonaka. I am a student from Sapporo, Japan. My major is psychology, and I'm a junior.

I started studying English when I was a junior high school student. It was mandatory, so then I didn't like English. Japanese style education is mainly memorizing. We take some exams. That is all. We never discuss social subjects or economic themes. It has not been so important to create our own ideas in Japan until recently. It is changing gradually. I have learned that there are some advantages to attempting that kind of education. I wanted to become a person who can create ideas and express them, so I came here.

Sapporo is a really good city. There are many well-organized buildings and a lot of nature. We can go to a lot of exciting places such as a beautiful park covered by cherry blossoms in spring, a shiny ocean in summer. We can see autumn leaves like flame, and white snow wraps the city in winter. We can enjoy the changing of the city through the seasons.

There are some big events in Sapporo such as the Snow Festival (many snow sculptures are created) in winter and Yosakoi-Soran Festival (it is dance festival and over 200 million people come to Sapporo) in summer.

The difference between home and here is the people, food, environment, everything. I can't choose one, but I think all of the things are connected to people. So people can be the biggest difference.

Japanese culture is a kind of bashful culture. Traditionally, a number of people are really shy when they meet you for the first time. Making a mistake is a shameful thing for us, but it is starting to change.

The best thing here so far is communicating with people. My English is not so good, but since people speak a lot to me, I think I am doing better.

Experiences give people chances to improve themselves, and I hope I can get a broader view here.



**Amanda Harkness**  
McPherson College

I have been in Barcelona for 15 days. The first week I stayed in a hotel with approximately 45 other American students in the program, from schools all over the United States. Now we have all moved in with our host families and have begun our regular classes.

I am adjusting well to the people and way of life. Barcelona is a unique and beautiful city.

Seeing my own culture and nationality from outside of the U.S. has been the hardest thing to deal with. Initially, I felt ashamed to be American. I think many feel that way when traveling abroad.

Now it has morphed into something more positive. I've always been confused about what defines "American culture." It seems so un-unified. Where does one fit in? That is a personal question, and my answer is probably different than yours. I doubt that I will know my answer fully until my return to the U.S.

What I can see and feel right now is what I am missing about our country.

Sports are at the top. I know I am not a typical sports fan to begin with. I never have a team preference, and by no means am I an avid fan of any sport. It is nice to be able to turn on the game, whether it is baseball, basketball or swimming, and it is a great way to enjoy time with friends. It can also be a great stress reliever. Luckily, there is that world passion for soccer.

I miss the music, but that is not hard to find here. For a quick refresher, I just step outside and in seconds a car will drive by blasting the sounds of an artist from home.

Barcelona is a diverse place, for sure, but I miss the diversity of the U.S. Although we come from an array of backgrounds and assorted citizenship statuses, we are all American. I don't deny that there are still many injustices in the U.S., but what I love is how vocal we are about it. In order for change to occur, there must be voices.



**Marc Arnas**  
Barcelona, Spain

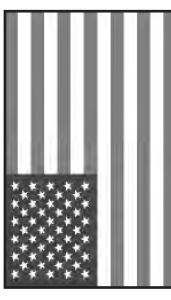
During my second year of school as an English major at the University of Barcelona, I realized I needed a change of scenery. I had been looking into European exchange programs for quite some time, and as I sat down to decide which destination would suit me best, I just so happened to come across a Brethren Colleges Abroad program link on the Internet.

The idea of coming to the United States certainly appealed to me, even though I was somewhat wary of the fact that I did not get to choose which college or university I applied for. I lived in New York for some time as a teenager and saw much of the East Coast and some of the West Coast; however, the Midwest was and still is a great mystery to me. The possibility of exploring an unfamiliar part in the States made McPherson an interesting destination.

When I received the letter of admission from McPherson College, I was both excited and somewhat fearful at the same time. There wasn't a speck of doubt in my mind that being in Kansas for an entire school year would be an incredibly enriching adventure. At the same time, I was not entirely sure I could bear the cultural shock I was about to undergo. I flirted with the idea of turning down the scholarship, but in the end I held myself together and went for it.

For the following few weeks, I grew more worried every time I consulted the map of Kansas in my road atlas. I have always lived in big cities and am used to their ways. Luckily enough, as days went by, the whole idea of moving into a small town in the heart of America dissipated all my previous doubts and reaffirmed my decision.

As of yet, I have not had time to experience any of the boredom I feared I would come across in Kansas. I think having accepted the scholarship and coming here were extremely positive things; I look forward to getting the most out of my experience at McPherson.



## The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEVISED ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCES: CAROLYN HARRIS



Carolyn Harris poses in her new office in Melhorn. Harris is the new professor of computer science.

Which courses do you teach?

Web Interface, Operating, C ++ and Data Structures and Database with Web Design.

What is your favorite fast food place?

Taco Bell, definitely.

Favorite music genre?

70's Rock.

What are your goals for your future classes?

See more students from different disciplines.

How does the McPherson College cafeteria compare to that of the others you have experienced?

It is better.

What is your take on censorship on public television?

People should censor themselves.

Red Lobster or the McPherson cafeteria?

Red Lobster.

I understand your name is Mrs., but are you actually married? Please be honest.

Uh. Yes.

Being a computer science professor, do you play any sort of computer or video games? If so, which one do you find yourself playing most often?

Well of course, "World of Warcraft."

Which was a better movie: "Titanic" or "Beauty and the Beast?"

They both stunk, but "Beauty and the Beast" was the better of the two.

Which is scarier, karaoke or public speaking?

Karaoke.

Red Lobster or Six Flags?

Six Flags.

"Star Wars" or the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy?

"Lord of the Rings."

Do you consider yourself a morning or night person?

Morning.

Mall of America or McPherson's cafeteria?

The Mall of America. You are not going to get me to say the cafeteria; I'm sorry.

Six Flags or the Mall of America?

Six Flags.

Where did you go to college?

I attended Southwestern Oregon Community College, McPherson College, Wichita State, and Capella University.

On a typical Sunday night, if you are not busy grading papers, what are you likely to be doing for fun?

Playing "World of Warcraft."



# “God’s Favorite” hits the stage

ANN MASTERSON  
Spectator Staff

McPherson College begins the dramatic year with Neil Simon’s comedy “God’s Favorite,” a reworking of the Bible’s Book of Job. In it, a multi-millionaire encounters a messenger from God in the form of a stranger who tempts him to renounce God. As Joe, the millionaire, refuses to give in to the temptation, the messenger warns him that he will lose everything he holds dear: his money, his possessions, even his family.

Being a man firm in his faith, Joe discounts the warning. As the messenger leaves, Joe discovers that his business has burned down.

It all goes downhill from there.

While the general public may be wondering how on earth a comedy can arise from such a tragic story, it is apparent that Neil Simon has a gift for seeing the humorous in the horrible and bringing such humor to the attention of the masses.

This show is the senior project of Bryan Grosbach, sr., Gladstone, Mo. Because he is a Neil Simon fan, “God’s Favorite” was a natural choice for him. Grosbach reported that he still laughs at the jokes in the show even though he has read the script and attended rehearsals. He also likes the message behind the comedy.

As this year’s first production, it is fortunate that “God’s Favorite” is a show with a small cast. Few people auditioned for the show, some because they were not aware of how soon after arriving at school auditions were held, some because they feared that their schedules and the rehearsal schedule would not mesh.

Fortunately, Rick Tyler, the director of the show, was able to find exactly what he was looking for in those who auditioned. He did, however, express a hope that the next show will have a better turn out for auditions, as the cast is considerably larger.

Tyler is optimistic about the show.

“Joel Grosbach is a God-send in his title role in the show. This is his first major role in a play; he is a natural on stage. His cousin, Bryan, did us a favor in selecting this show for his senior project,” Tyler said.

Joel Grosbach, soph., Enders,



Joel Grosbach, Jessica Foulke and Dan Hudachek rehearse for the upcoming production, “God’s Favorite.” The show will debut next weekend.

Neb., has an interesting perspective.

“I had planned on being in this show, but I had no idea I would be memorizing half of the book myself! This show has proven to be a challenge but will be a great experience in the end,” J. Grosbach said.

Some theatre students think the show ties in perfectly with recent events in the news.

“The show really comes at a good time. It actually has some in-depth meaning as to the devastation that has occurred with Hurricane Katrina in the aspect of how someone can deal with such disaster and keep their faith,” Brandt Busse, sr., McPherson said.

While the play’s progress has gone exceedingly well, it has had its share of tragedy. The cast suffered a loss when the original David, Joe’s eldest son, discovered that his schedule would not allow him to continue in the play.

Seth Schoming stepped in mentioning that the only reason he had not initially tried out for the play was a fear that his schedule would conflict.

Fortunately for the rest of the cast, this did not prove to be the case. Since the switch, the play has progressed smoothly.

Behind the scenes, the drama department created the set, the living room of Joe’s Long Island mansion. Though the costumes are usually made, the costume department went shopping for this show. As “God’s Favorite” is set in the 1980s, hand-making the wardrobe was not necessary. Drama scholarship recipients were required to participate in some way with this and every other show presented by McPherson College. As the cast was so small, many scholarship recipients found themselves assigned to working backstage, helping with First Nighters or greeting audience members when the show opens.

“God’s Favorite” opens next weekend. It runs Sept. 30th, Oct. 1st, 7th and 8th. Not only is it the seasoning opener, but the Homecoming show as well.

With four chances to watch this excellent comedy by Neil Simon, no students have any excuse not to slip in and support the drama department.



Jessica Arnold and Akeisha Kaufman practice their roles as sisters.

## The Cast & Crew

**Joe Benjamin**  
Joel Grosbach, soph., Enders, Neb.

**Rebeka Benjamin**  
Jessica Arnold, fr.,  
La Cynne

**Sarah Benjamin**  
Akeisha Kaufman, jr., Moundridge

**Rose Benjamin**  
Jessica Foulke, soph., Lawrence

**David Benjamin**  
Seth Schoming, jr.,  
Davenport, Neb.

**Mady**  
Jaime Elliott, fr.,  
Kremmling, Colo.

**Morris**  
Dan Hudachek, jr.,  
Stillwater, Minn.

**Sidney Lipton**  
Bryan Grosbach, sr.,  
Gladstone, Mo.

**Director**  
Dr. Rick Tyler

**Stage Manager**  
Brandt Busse, sr.,  
McPherson

**Set Design**  
Dr. Rick Tyler & Travis Walker,  
soph., Coffeyville

**Light Design**  
Seth Schoming

**Sound Design**  
Amanda Smith, sr., Hutchinson

**Prop Master**  
Alex Tyler, soph.,  
McPherson

**Makeup Design**  
Ann Masterson, fr., Hutchinson

**House Manager**  
Wendi Cloud, sr., McPherson

**1st Nighters Liason**  
Akeisha Kaufmann

# A taste of cafeteria life

## Cafeteria workers tell all: from numbers to petpeeves

JESSICA ARNOLD  
Spectator Staff

Every day, approximately 320 students walk in and out of the cafeteria doors. Are any notes ever taken on what exactly goes on to make that possible? The Spectator has gotten the scoop on what’s cooking behind the scenes in the cafeteria.

In order to cater to students’ needs, the cafeteria staff is composed of approximately 15 people who cook, plan and serve meals as well as clean up after students eat.

The biggest job appears to be ordering the food and supplies.

According to Aswin Shrinivas, manager, although the numbers do not compare to Disney World, they are pretty impressive for only 320 students on the meal plan.

Did you know that for one entrée to be served in a mealtime, the staff cooks between 60 and 80 pounds of meat? In terms of beverages, students go through an average of 500 cups of Gatorade each day. Students, per week, eat 160 pounds of bananas and use 50,000 napkins. One hundred forty liters of fryer oil and 36 pounds of dishwashing machine soap are used weekly. Enough pizzas are made and eaten per week to feed every student on the meal plan one whole pizza.

Cafeteria costs for a week alone range from 8,000-9,000 dollars. That adds up to four truckloads of food.

In spite of how much has to be ordered and planned for, the cafeteria workers find good things to say about their work.

Chris Wingrove just started working in the cafeteria three weeks ago. He said he likes the job a lot.

“It’s pretty fun. You get to see and meet a lot of people,” Wingrove said.



Matt Ayers, soph., Knoxville, Iowa, demonstrates to students how much he enjoys his job in the cafeteria.

Tabitha Hall, one of the cooks, likes working there as well. However, her reasons were a bit different. She gets right to the meat of the matter.

“I like cooking, and there’s a lot of variety in what I get to cook,” Hall said. “It’s a lot more laid-back here than in restaurants.”

Matt Ayers, soph., Knoxville, Iowa, enjoys the working environment, his coworkers and cooking when he gets the chance.

“I love making the French toast,” Ayers said.

Shrinivas said nothing makes him happier at work than seeing students eat all the food they get.

“The other employees make it fun; so do the students...at times,” said Jennifer Johannsen, an employee since Feb.

Apparently some students can get a bit cranky when they’re hungry. If students forget their

I.D. cards, the workers have nothing to scan. Therefore, students can’t get in until they get a new one.

“Sometimes it makes them irritated to have to go all the way to the business office for a new card and then come back,” Johannsen said.

The cafeteria workers know more about the student body’s food preferences than you would imagine.

According to the Shrinivas, aside from burgers and pizza, the most popular dish is anything Tex Mex. Johannsen refills the cereal, and according to her, the kinds that have to be refilled the most often include Frosted Flakes and Raisin Bran. The favorite flavor of ice cream is overwhelmingly vanilla.

Not only does the cafeteria staff work their buns off, some of them also have to be in by 6 a.m. Many students wouldn’t want to be seen at that hour.

The staff generally works in different shifts. Some of them come in at 6 a.m. and stay until 3:30 p.m., and the others come in at noon and stay until closing or 8:30 p.m.

With all the work they do, staff members find time to eat as well.

“I usually eat the food. It’s not that bad,” Wingrove said. “We take our breaks after the rushes and eat some.”

So what can students do to better the work of these people?

Ayers says his job would be better if students didn’t always leave it up to the staff to clean up their messes.

Shrinivas would like to see less food wasted, especially untouched food.

That is the glamorous life and styles of the cafeteria workers. They look good beneath their hairnets, but let’s not forget to tip our hats to them once in awhile.

## The Throwback

The Throwback will be a regular feature in this year’s Spectator. Each Throwback will display news items from Spectators dating from the early-to-mid 1900s. The Throwback is researched by Spectator staff member Rhonda Hoffert.

### Once the M.C. students did just what they felt like doing!

Printed on Tuesday, November 10, 1925

Once upon a time—a very good time—the students of McPherson College devoted a whole day to raising the Dickens!

They got up early in the morning, and when they sallied forth no moral in McPherson slept. They refused to attend a single class, and for once the professors found out that it is the students who make up the college.

Some of the more enterprising Platoes (students) confiscated an old loose-jointed truck—the noisier the choicer—and fastened a long string of used tin cans to its posterior mechanism. Then someone crunk up the old truck, the driver opened the throttle and the cut-out, tickled the horn and started off in high.

Away they raced, over the noxious knobs of Euclid. They made more noise than a troupe of Scandanavian bell ringers, and of a variety far less refined. They dashed clear to town as fast as the truck would go, and yelling at the tops of their voices. Then they rambled back to the Hill and began all over again.

Everybody was collegiate that day; even the ministerial students did things they have never confided to their congregations. It has been said the matron did the Highland Fling on the railing of the dormitory porch, and that Dr. Kurtz stuck his finger in Mrs. Fahnestock’s right eye and exclaimed, “Oh, excuse me—I meant to poke your left eye!”

There was more activity on the campus than there is at a Holy Roller revival, and there was less studying done on the Hill than is done in Arnold Hall. One would have thought the students were celebrating the first wedding anniversary of Miss Else Pokrantz.

Miss Pokrantz said it wasn’t her that had got married,—not by a pocketful of boa constrictors! The Bulldogs hadn’t beaten the Swedes recently. Miss Ada Kurtz hadn’t made a hit in the movies, and of course Miss Edith McGaffey hadn’t bobbed her hair!

But everybody was celebrating because it was Armistice Day in 1918 and the horrible world war was over. However, tomorrow is Armistice Day. And that can be taken by the faculty as a hint, a suggestion or a threat.



# Injuries plague campus

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Spectator Staff

With the arrival of the fall sport seasons, injuries are an ever present danger for athletes. On an average day, there are over 20 to 30 athletes getting therapy, doing strengthening exercises, prevention exercises, getting taped or icing aches and pains.

"It's about the average amount of people in the training room," said Christa Blose, a student trainer.

McPherson College has two certified trainers: Rob Azelton and Sheryl Peters. Assisting them are seven students: seniors Christa Blose and Lee Gustafson, juniors Kimberly Koharchik and Jeremy Hoffman, sophomores Tyler Stewart and April Woody and freshman Lacy Johnston.

"Since football has such large numbers, we are constantly busy. But overall, the percentages of injuries in each sport is fairly equal," Peters said.

There are roughly four to five football players who will not compete per game. The majority of the injuries are minor and still allow the athlete to compete.

Peters and Azelton both encourage people to use the proper techniques, warm up and stretch to prevent injuries; but sometimes the injuries cannot be avoided. The athlete is just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Occasionally, athletes are still injured despite every precaution taken by the trainers. Sometimes injuries are the result of poor techniques or overuse, which is very difficult if not impossible for a trainer to correct.

There are a wide variety of injuries that are occurring from a simple sprain to a tear. The ankles and knees are the most common injury with the athletes.

Injuries are incredibly difficult from sport to sport, especially when the team has very few members who can fill in for someone who is injured.

"The injuries definitely affect the (cheerleading) team! The team has the ability to perform some of the most elite cheerleading stunts at the collegiate level, but due to injuries and the number of people involved, performing to their ability is hard," said Tia Leach, cheerleading coach.

Athletes aren't the only students using the training room. Students who have had surgery or sustained an injury outside of collegiate athletics are coming in and getting therapy, strengthening and icing.

Peters and Azelton have a wide variety of tasks to perform. Not only do they spend time in the training room, they also travel with the teams and treat injuries on the road. Athlete or not, most students will be seeing the trainers this year.



Freshman football player, Kyle Gurss, sports crutches after a knee injury early in the season. Many athletes have been plagued by serious sports injuries this semester. The college is staffed with two full-time trainers who travel to each away game.



## Upcoming events

TODAY

Soccer @ Oklahoma Christian University 4/6 p.m.

Volleyball @ Mid-American Nazarene Tournament

SATURDAY

Cross Country @ Tabor Invite 10 a.m.

Football @ Ottawa University 1:30 p.m.

Soccer @ Oklahoma Baptist University Tournament

Volleyball @ Mid-American Nazarene Tournament

MONDAY

Soccer @ Bethel College 6/8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Volleyball vs Sterling College 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

JV Football vs Independence C.C. 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Soccer @ University of St. Mary 2/4 p.m.

Volleyball vs Ottawa University 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

NO SCHEDULED GAMES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

Cross Country @ Oklahoma St. Jamboree 8 a.m.

JV Volleyball vs Otero J.C. 10 a.m.

Football vs Southwestern Assemblies of God University 1:30 p.m.

Volleyball @ Bethany College 2 p.m.

Soccer vs Bethany College 6/8 p.m.

## Not every game is a home game

MALLORY YUNGBURG  
Spectator Staff

Student athletes juggle many activities. On top of getting all of their homework done, making it to all of their classes and going to practice, they might have an away game. They might get home later than what they expected.

Traveling to different places where the sports teams play may have an effect on some students, but it may not affect some student athletes at all.

"Traveling doesn't really affect me that much, but if it is really far away then I do my homework on the bus," volleyball player Jessica Miller, soph., said.

Christa Blose, sr., plays basketball and softball.

"Traveling makes it tougher to get your homework done because you are either on a bus or a van. Also, if the trip is lengthy, you can get tired and worn out from the trip there and back," Blose said.

When students become athletes, they have to get used to the new responsibilities they have. However, most student athletes understand their new responsibilities. They have to keep their grades up so they are able to play their sport of choice.

LaMonte Rothrock, athletic director, said that there are guidelines as to how far a team is able to travel. A team can travel as far as 250 miles or less one way on an away competition. In the next week, the college will participate in six away competitions.

Today and tomorrow, men's and women's soccer will be traveling to Oklahoma to play Oklahoma Christian University and Oklahoma Baptist University.



Freshman Steven Tucker boards the bus, while junior Matt Herber and freshman Jeffery Dillon wait outside at 8:00 a.m. Saturday to leave for their game against Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

sity. On Oct. 1, Cross Country will travel to Stillwater, Okla. to run in the Oklahoma State University Cowboy Jamboree.

At first, the teams traveled in vans, but the college has started to use buses, which is a big step up. They use of buses for many reasons, some of which are that they are safer than vans, the students have more comfort, so doing homework is easier and so coaches don't have to worry about driving home from the game if it is a long trip.

"It's pretty easy to travel because most of our games are not too far away. And if the

games are far away, then we try to take some movies or something. We just want to make sure that the boys are comfortable," said head football coach David Cunningham.

To help pay for the buses, each year a budget is created. Rothrock also said that they try to never have three competition days in one week. The college tries to focus on the conference schedule first.

"When there is a big weekend or a tournament, I can see how it (traveling away) may affect a student athlete, but it doesn't really affect me as much because

I try to keep up on my work. I like to travel and go to different places, but I still have to keep up on things," basketball player Abby Suiter, jr., said.

Being a student athlete can get a little difficult when traveling to the different places to play their game, but it is something that they have to deal with if they want to play. When sports teams travel to different areas to play, students learn just how much they can handle.

## WEEK IN REVIEW

MAC FOOTBALL 33, BETHEL COLLEGE 24

The first half didn't look good for the Bulldogs. The team was out-gained 217 yards to 97 yards.

The team's defense tightened up and the offense got into gear as they turned the game around by scoring 19 points in the fourth quarter. Leading the way was Kris Smiley who had two touchdowns.

The game ended on a 75-yard interception return for a touchdown by sophomore defensive back Brendan Nether-ton, which ended the game and Bethel's hopes of a last minute

comeback.

MAC VOLLEYBALL 3,

KANSAS WESLEYAN 1

The Lady Bulldogs came into the game hoping to pull off the upset. The team was able to roll over Kansas Wesleyan in four games, thanks to the play of sophomore Jessica Miller who had ten kills and lead the team with four aces and 21 digs.

MAC VOLLEYBALL 2,

AVILA UNIVERSITY 3

The Lady Bulldogs came out strong against Avila opening a

two games to zero lead. The team couldn't close the door as they dropped the last three games of the match. After winning the second game 31-29, nothing seemed to go right for the team as they averaged only eight kills over the last three games. The team had 12 service errors and 13 general ball handling errors for the match.

MAC VOLLEYBALL 3,

UNIV. OF ST. MARY 0

The Lady Bulldogs had no problems handling St. Mary's on this night. The team was able to sweep St. Mary's in three games. The team was

WOMEN'S SOCCER 3,

MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN 0

The Lady Bulldogs have been lighting up the scoreboard the last three games. After scoring four versus York Colege and three at Oklahoma Wesleyan, the team scored one goal in the first half and two in the second half to win at Manhattan Christian College Monday

MEN'S SOCCER 1,

OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN 0

The Bulldogs made the trip down to Oklahoma last Saturday and came back with the victory and the first shut-out of the season. Sophomore Michael Davis posted his first shutout on the season while making 11 saves. The only goal of the game was scored by junior Orlando Dominguez with approximately 20 minutes left in the game.



# Men's soccer to play four games in six days

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In preparation for the upcoming conference games, the Bulldogs will travel to Oklahoma this weekend to face Oklahoma Christian University on Friday, Sept. 23 and Oklahoma Baptist on Saturday. With one of the teams currently nationally ranked and the other coming from a nationally ranked past season, McPherson will definitely be challenged.

"We try to make our non-conference schedule as tough as possible to prepare for conference," said head coach Doug Quint. However, he seemed quite confident with his teams' ability to play well on the road.

"We have a better away record than at home and I'm sure we'll play hard this weekend," Quint said.

On Monday, Sept. 19, the Men's soccer program traveled to Manhattan for their third game within a five-day period. They suffered a 1-2 loss to Manhattan Christian College. The Bulldogs overall record now stands at 3-3-1.

The Bulldogs' goalkeeper, Mike Davis, came up big against Oklahoma Wesleyan last Saturday; Davis posted 11

saves in his first shutout of the season.

"Offensively, we are creating a lot of chances in every game we play. There are certain times we look so dangerous, and we just need to learn to reward ourselves for all that hard work. At the same time, defensively, we are playing really well in the field of play. Teams are struggling to find goals on us during play," Quint said.

The team had a record of 3-2-1 the last two weeks, while only giving up eight goals.

Quint said that even though they didn't come out on top in all of their games, they played good games and did some nice things. The team play is improving everyday, according to Quint. This next week will test the team as they play four away games in the next six days.

"The team itself has great chemistry. I've been impressed with how well the young freshman have stepped up to the plate and mixed in with the returnees," Quint said about his young players' success.

With games in Oklahoma, at Bethel and at Saint Mary, the team will have the chance to step up as conference play begins.

## "BARE"-ING THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT



Freshmen (from left to right) Adam Hammer, Alfio Previtera, Brent Bailey, Kevin Felix, Ryan Heller, Tyler Burd, Nathan Fowler and Ryan Gifford show school spirit after they painted "Bulldogs" across their chests for the football game at Sterling College.

contributed by Ryan Heller

# Fixing the college one athlete at a time

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One day, while running at practice, you step awkwardly. There is a big pop followed by a lot of pain in your ankle.

What do you do? You notice that you can't put much weight on your foot and it is starting to swell.

Coach pulls you off the field and tells you to go see the trainer. Who are the trainers?

On the average day, anywhere between four to 24 athletes will walk through the doors of the training room between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. where athletic trainers Sheryl Peters and Rob Azelton spend most of their day.

Peters and Azelton are willing to help out any student who has an injury or a question about an injury.

Some of the most common injuries that Peters and Azelton deal with are in the knee and ankle region.

"Injuries depend on the sport, and all sports have injuries," Azelton said, as he checked to make sure that Peters and he have enough supplies for the day.

They use many of the supplies daily, especially tape.

"I would say we probably go through eight to ten rolls of one and a half inch tape and also that much specialty tape," Peters said.

The training room has approximately 12 different kinds of tape. Each roll is a different size or serves a different function for a different body part. The training room also sees

approximately 20 to 40 bags of ice that will walk out of the room attached to some part of the body on any given day.

"I wish I had a quarter for every bag of ice and roll of tape that went out of here. I won't have to work," Azelton said.

Peters and Azelton are not the only persons employed by the college. There are also seven student trainers that help Peters and Azelton at different times during the week. Both agree that seven is a good number of student trainers to have staffed.

"It would be nice to have a person from each team," Azelton said.

"Or three from no team," Peters added.

All of the student trainers are involved in other activities, which makes it hard sometimes to know how much help will be around. There is no way of telling how many people will walk into the training room each day.

The average day for the training staff is long and hard. Both Peters and Azelton will work up to at least ten to 12 hours a day and typically 60 to 70 hours a week. These days tend to start at either 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. and don't end until the last soccer player in off the field late that

night. So why do they do it? Why do they want to be trainers?

"I enjoy sports, so it was a way to stay involved. Each day is different," Peters said.

Azelton credits his decision to become a trainer to a coach he had in high school. Not having the chance to play sports in college, Azelton chose training as the next best thing. Of course, there are some perks to this job.

"I get the best seat in the house to every home event, especially last week's football game, until I had to start working," Azelton said with a laugh.



Rob Azelton (left) holds a bag of ice while Sheryl Peters (center) checks an ankle one afternoon in the training room. They are the certified trainers for the college.

photo by Liz Wagoner

# Volleyball to travel to Mid-American Nazarene Tournament

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Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs are gaining momentum and hope to shock the other schools in the KCAC conference as they continue their season.

"The girls have improved in their coverage of the court when the opponents are attacking and hitting in all directions," Nathalea Stephenson, head volleyball coach, said.

The girls have been working on other skills such as blocking and timing the ball in order to seal the block.

According to Stephenson, with every game, a different player has stepped up to be a leader. Jessica Miller took this role at the Bethel game on Sept. 15. The game did not go the way the Lady Bulldogs wanted; they were defeated in four games 25-30, 21-30, 30-26 and 23-30.



Sophomore Ashley Douglas goes up for a block against Kansas Wesleyan Wednesday night.

photo by Jeremy Hoffman

Despite the loss, the stats still showed that the girls have the talent to go up against any team.

Jennifer Marquette finished the game with 11 kills, three solo blocks and two assistant blocks. Miller also had a strong hitting game, racking up 17 kills and three assistant blocks. On the defensive side, Kelsey Crist had 17 defensive digs along with Chandra Mayhan's 12 digs.

Two days later, against the

University of St. Mary, the outcome was to the team's favor. The Lady Bulldogs won three games.

Miller and Marquette again had a powerful hitting performance and Crist and Mayhan proved that the back row is no problem for them.

Now the team is focusing on the upcoming Mid-American tournament.

"This tournament will be very good for the girls to be a part of since some of the teams are ranked in conference," Coach Stephenson said.

Playing these teams will help build the already strong team into an even more dynamic one. The team's one major goal is to go into the tournament and come out with as many wins as they can obtain.

This is also a good opportunity to see which players will stand up and become the leaders for the whole team.

Regardless of how the players do individually, expectations are high for the girls to do well. Tournament play will begin at 11 a.m. today. The team will also be playing in Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

After the tournament, the team is back home Tuesday night versus Sterling College.

# THE BOX SCORES

## Football (1-1)

MAC 0 6 0 0 = 6  
@Sterling 21 7 10 7 = 45  
LEADERS:  
Passing: Luz 8-18-0-49  
Rushing: Jacobs 10-48, Housman 2-38, Smiley 4-28 (1TD)  
Receiving: McBroom 4-30

Blocks: Marquette 1  
MAC 30 31 19 24 11  
Avila 23 29 30 30 15  
LEADERS:  
Kills: Miller 14, Mayhan 10, Marguette 9  
Assists: Stephenson 41  
Aces: Morgan 2  
Digs: Crist 35, Miller 15, Hall 8, Douglas 7  
Blocks: Marquette 5

SAVES: Davis 5  
MAC 1 1 0 = 2  
York 1 1 1 = 3 OT  
GOALS: First half - Asad (McAleer) 8:33  
Second half - Asad (Dominguez) 33:38  
SAVES: Davis 8

Rinke 11:26  
SAVES: White 8

MAC 3 0 = 3  
@ Okla. Wesleyan 0 1 = 1  
GOALS: Buhl, Buhl (Salas), Rinke

MAC 1 2 = 3  
@ Manhattan Christian 0 0 = 0  
GOALS: First half - Buhl (Salas)  
Second half - Salas, Engquist (Buhl)  
SAVES: White 5

## Cross Country

Friends Invitational @ Lake Afton  
Tolan Lichty 28:44 - 26th  
Brent Bailey 28:55 - 29th  
Jacob Merrick 30:11 - 45th  
Ben Cole 35:38

McPherson Invitational  
Tolan Lichty 30:27 - 6th  
Jacob Merrick 31:10 - 13th  
Brent Bailey 31:34 - 18th  
Bryan Grosbach 33:23 - 36th  
Ben Cole 36:15  
Team score: 111 - 4th place out of eight complete teams

LeAnne Schmidt 24:41  
Megan Meyer 26:21

## Women's Soccer (4-3)

MAC 1 0 = 1  
@Manhattan Christian 1 1 = 2  
GOALS: Bell PK  
SAVES: Davis 23

MAC 2 0 = 2  
Greenville (IL) 1 4 = 5  
GOALS: Buhl (Miller) 30:06, Engquist (Buhl) 10:11  
SAVES: White 2; Story 6

MAC 30 22 30 30  
@KWU 26 30 26 18  
LEADERS:  
Kills: Marquette 14, Mayhan 12, Miller 10  
Assists: Stephenson 37  
Aces: Miller 4, Morgan 3  
Digs: Miller 21, Crist 16, Douglas 11, Mayhan 11  
Blocks: Douglas 3

## Men's Soccer (3-3-1)

MAC 1 0 = 1  
Greenville (IL) 0 1 = 1 OT  
GOALS: Bell 44:03  
SAVES: Davis 14

MAC 1 5 = 6  
@Central 0 2 = 2  
GOALS: First half - Asad (Garcia) 1:00  
Second half - Asad 19:36, McDaniel (McAleer) 18:07, Garcia 16:12; Tucker 15:42, Tucker (Reyes) 5:57

## Volleyball (4-4)

MAC 25 21 30 23  
Bethel 30 30 26 30  
LEADERS:  
Kills: Miller 17, Marquette 11, Douglas 8  
Assists: Stephenson 38  
Aces: Miller 3, Douglas 3, Stephenson 3, Middlemist 3  
Digs: Crist 17, Mayhan 12, Hall 9  
Blocks: Marquette 3

MAC 30 30 30  
@St. Mary 28 18 24  
LEADERS:  
Kills: Miller 15, Mayhan 13, Marquette 8  
Assists: Stephenson 38  
Aces: Stephenson 5, Morgan 4  
Digs: Crist 19, Mayhan 12, Hall 7

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# Mac welcomes alumni for honors convo

Teachers to be honored for outstanding service

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
News Editor

Honors convocation has become a key element during Homecoming weekend. Throughout the year, the honors convo is just one of at least four convocations that students are required to attend.

"We've done it for many years as a way to recognize our young alumni," said dean of faculty Laura Eells.

This year, Reverend Gail Erisman Valeta, a 1981 McPherson graduate, and Dr. Floy Detweiler, a 1975 McPherson graduate, are the recipients of the two alumni awards.

Each year, students and faculty have the opportunity to nominate one tenured teacher and one non-tenured teacher for the Outstanding Teacher Award. The award came about as a recommendation in May of 2002 by the Education Policies Committee. The presentation of awards to the two teachers has become another important part of the convocation.

Eells is thrilled to be able to play a role in the convocation.

"I get to announce them (the awards) on honors convo," Eells said.

According to Eells, convocations have also become a way to "set students up for a life of success."

Eells is supportive of convocations for two main reasons especially.

"There ought to be broader op-

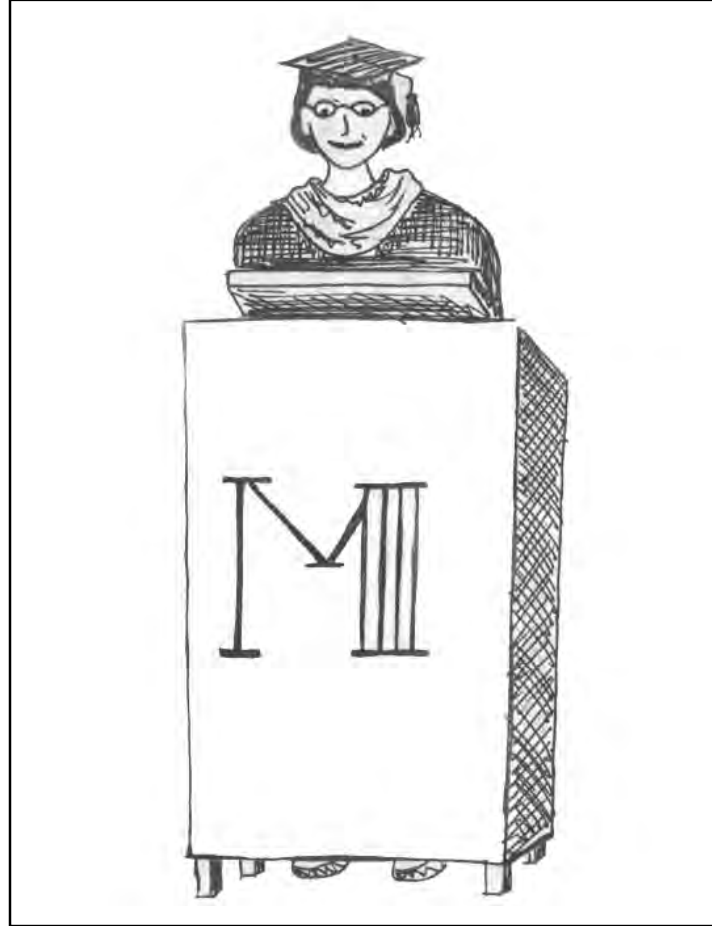


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portunities for student involvement," Eells said. "It's another way of identifying our distinguished faculty."

At the end of the convo, the senior Homecoming candidates will also be recognized. Afterward, students will be expected to partici-

pate in the Homecoming alumni panel discussions.

The discussions will feature alumni of McPherson College speaking about their advancement in a certain field, what they were involved with during their time spent here, various activities they participated

in and their specific areas of study. Those areas are divided into the following categories: humanities/behavioral science/history, fine arts, natural sciences, business, auto restoration and education.

"Panels are based on successful people, successful alumni," said director of Career Services Chris Wiens.

The panels are meant to help students with their future plans and decisions, therefore students should attend the area that most interests or most relates to them.

"Students are welcome to ask questions. That's what we want. We want it to be interactive," Wiens said.

As for the day's schedule, students' 1:30 p.m. classes will be switched to 11:30 a.m. to accommodate for honors convo. All classes that are scheduled after 1:30 p.m. are cancelled so that students may attend the panels.

For faculty and staff, honors convocation is normally formal, and although formal wear is welcome for the students, it is not required.

"Honors convo is usually a very formal occasion. All the faculty wear their caps and gowns," Wiens said.

Eells also mentioned one of the upcoming convocations to be held in the spring. During this particular convo, the Professor of the Year Award will be announced. This selection is made by students who are nominated to Who's Who Among American College Students.

## NEWS



# Kansas among top Facebook users

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When www.facebook.com enrolled McPherson College two weeks ago, students joined a community of over 3.5 million students from roughly 900 schools. The Facebook fad touched down in McPherson on Friday, Sept. 9 and quickly sparked much of the student body's attention. For the first two days of enrollment, McPherson averaged one new registration nearly every hour and thirty minutes around the clock. Presently, roughly a third of the student body is listed on the Facebook network.

Facebook was founded just

19 months ago in Feb. of 2004. The founders, Mark Zuckerberg, Chris Hughes and Dustin Moskovitz, were all undergraduate students at Harvard University. It took only a few weeks for their social-networking craze to sweep the Harvard campus, and from there, other Ivy League schools answered the call and sought the trio's prized creation. Seven months from its humble debut at Harvard, Facebook's membership cracked the one million mark.

The three had left Harvard, recognizing the potential for revenue which the site yielded, and sometime between the fall of 2004 and spring of 2005, Zuckerberg met up with

Sean Parker, founder of Napster. Their introductions led to Zuckerberg receiving \$500,000 from another internet entrepreneur, Peter Thiel, who founded PayPal. The die was cast and Facebook now had the capital behind them to make even larger waves in the sea of young internet users across the country.

According to an article published a week and a half ago by U-Wire, a company specializing in facilitating shared dialog and information between college students, nearly half of all the students in Kansas are listed in Facebook, making it one of the most Facebook-abundant states in the country in terms of percentages. Facebook's top

school for membership nationwide is the University of Kansas, located roughly two and a half hours away in Lawrence. KU boasts a Facebook membership of 16,823 students, which represents 70% of their student body.

McPherson's roster of students listed on Facebook provides a diverse list of opinions as to the advantages of the service.

"[Facebook is] good because you can talk to your friends back home," Sean McCrae, fr., Marietta, Ga. said.

Brent Tilton, fr., Hutchinson, also appreciates the network's ability to facilitate conversation.

"You can interact with stu-

dents on campus and communicate," Tilton said.

Tyson Prince, soph., Honeoye Falls, N.Y., who contributed significantly to McPherson's inclusion in Facebook, stretches the bounds of Facebook to a more idealistic level.

"Facebook helps expand the college community by allowing students to easily interact with each other," Prince said.

McPherson has stepped into the swarming sea of "pokes" and "walls," two featured components of Facebook, and with the combined vigor of both the campus and the creators of Facebook, it has become the new, cutting-edge fad on the Internet.

## Plans set for Homecoming competitions

Student services has released the plans for the Homecoming Competition. Seven teams will compete: one from each of the dorms, one for the staff, one for the faculty and one for off-campus students. Teams will be awarded prize money that will go to their programming budgets. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Oct. 3 – Food Relay at 6 p.m. in the Dining Hall

(13 members for each team)

Tuesday, Oct. 4 – Trivia Contest at 8 p.m. in Mingenback

(two teams of five)

Wednesday, Oct. 5 – Float Competition at noon in the SU

(unlimited)

Thursday, Oct. 6 – Cheer Night/Bonfire at 10 p.m. at the College Courts

(unlimited)

Friday, Oct. 7 – Challenge Course at 9:30 p.m. at the Gazebo

(20 members)

Students who are interested in joining a team should contact dean of students LaMonte Rothrock.

# Career Center to host career expo

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Spectator Staff

Need a job? As busy college students, many find it difficult to cut time out of their day for a part-time job, an internship or volunteer work. However, many students do not have the option of not working.

McPherson College's Career Center, located in Miller Library, gives students a place to set up jobs, internships and volunteering opportunities that they need to become well-rounded and experienced.

Internships are offered on and off campus. Some are

paid, while others are taken for credit. Some students do them just for the experience, which is often a valuable part of an internship. It is the school's goal to have 85% of students experience an internship before they graduate. Last year, 88% of McPherson's graduates had some form of internship experience.

Having both the experience and connections made with an internship opens doors during and after college.

But it is not just about internships. Career Services is hosting an Opportunities Expo on Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Mingenback. There will be

opportunities for students to become acquainted with possible careers, internships, part-time work, volunteer work and even graduate schools.

This event is not designed just for business students or upperclassmen. It is relatively informal and does not require scheduling. However, any student looking for employment, higher education or service opportunities should show up with their resumé and should dress nicely because employers will be able to interview students on campus after the expo.

To find employment, students can go to the career page on the

McPherson College website and click on the link "Intern/Job Opps." Community businesses list jobs that are available.

There will also soon be a link to a list of internships that the Career Center keeps track of. Do not wait for the businesses to come to you, head to the Career Center to look for specific jobs based on your interests and experience.

For students who do not know what they want to do for a career, Career Services may be helpful. Students may take an assessment to determine their strongest areas, helping to direct them down a certain path.

## Movie on the Lawn

Jesse Beaird, jr., Olathe, and Christina McPherson, jr., Nampa, Idaho enjoy "The Longest Yard" outside the Student Union. SAB sponsored the movie night. The board has also hosted a variety of other activities this year including a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament, a sand volleyball tournament, Twister on the lawn, bingo and Trivial Pursuit.



photo by Adrielle Harvey

## On the Go With SAB

Don't forget \$2 Tuesday movie nights at the McPherson Cinema! Bring your Mac ID!

Playing this week:

Flight Plan  
9:10

Just Like Heaven  
9:20

March of the Penguins  
9:25

Exorcism of Emily Rose  
9:35

Debit Cards will no longer be accepted by the theatre to pay your admission.

Remember the first Friday of every month is free Cosmic Bowling at Starlite Lanes. 10:30- Midnight Bring your Mac ID!



## Keeping Up With SGA



SGA has made changes about the rechartering of Mac College Clubs. Each club will now have to:

\*\*Recharter every year.

\*\*Provide a list of current members. (\$10 per member is allotted.)

\*\*Submit a budget to the treasurer. He will then be able to figure club assistance into the SGA budget if assistance is needed.

\*\*Maintain their own budget as well as any over-spending.

The results of the election are in!

Freshmen Reps:  
Ashley Laudick  
Eric Sader

Bittinger Rep:  
Kim Middlemist

Metzler Rep:  
Brent Bailey